

Court Sets Year's Limitation In Filing of Negligence Suits

HARTFORD, Dec. 25—(AP) The Supreme Court of Errors ruled today that persons who sue for personal injury on the grounds of negligence must institute suit within one year from the time the negligent act is committed.

The ruling dealt a death blow to a suit against Sears, Roebuck and Co., brought by a New Britain youth who lost his right eye in an air rifle accident three years ago.

The injured youth is Raymond Vilcinskis. He was hit by a pellet fired by Robert Varkal of New Britain on Aug. 27, 1953. Varkal bought the air rifle at Sears and Roebuck Dec. 9, 1950. Vilcinskis claimed the store

was negligent because it sold the rifle to a minor in violation of a New Britain ordinance. The store admitted this was true, but raised a technical defense that the statute of limitations had expired, because the accident happened three years after the sale.

Chief Justice Ernest A. Inglis, who wrote the unanimous Supreme Court opinion, said Connecticut law "is plain" that a one-year period of limitation applies in negligence cases. And, he added, the one-year period starts from the time the negligent act is committed, as in this case the sale of the gun.

One purpose of this law, said the Chief Justice, is to prevent the unexpected enforcement of "stale claims" against persons who have been thrown off guard by "want of prosecution."

In another opinion today, the Supreme court held that the Aetna Casualty and Surety company is not required to satisfy judgments totaling \$18,700 obtained by four plaintiffs in Superior court 12 years ago.

The four plaintiffs, Francis Sablone, Charlotte Rathbun and Marion Cadoret of Hartford and Doris McCarier of West Hartford, sued the late Joseph A. Rathbun, Jr. of Hartford when they were driving in the latter's car Jan. 1, 1942.

Rathbun was driving his sister's car at the time of the accident, but had an Aetna liability policy which gave him protection while driving another car, except those registered in the name of any member of his household.

Aetna refused to satisfy the judgments because of this exception clause, so the four plaintiffs took the company into court.

The Supreme court, in an opinion written by Associate Justice Raymond E. Baldwin, said Aetna's position is correct because Rathbun's sister was considered a "member of the household" as specified in the exception clause.

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ON TELEVISION TODAY

6:15 A.M. Off the Air	6:15 A.M. Off the Air	6:30 A.M. Off the Air	6:45 A.M. Previous Day Kids Today
7 A.M. Good Morning Today Off the Air	7:30 A.M. Good Morning Today Off the Air	8:30 A.M. Capt. Konaruro Off the Air	9 A.M. Sitara Off the Air
9:30 A.M. Amos 'n' Andy Off the Air	9:30 A.M. Garry Moore Off the Air	10:30 A.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air	10:45 A.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air
11:15 A.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air	11:15 A.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air	11:30 A.M. Strike It Rich Off the Air	11:45 A.M. Strike It Rich Off the Air
12:15 P.M. Love of Life Off the Air	12:15 P.M. Love of Life Off the Air	12:30 P.M. Search for Tomorrow Off the Air	12:45 P.M. Search for Tomorrow Off the Air
1:30 P.M. Stand Up Off the Air	1:30 P.M. Stand Up Off the Air	1:45 P.M. World Turns Off the Air	1:45 P.M. World Turns Off the Air
2:15 P.M. Our Miss Brooks Off the Air	2:15 P.M. Our Miss Brooks Off the Air	2:30 P.M. House Party Off the Air	2:45 P.M. House Party Off the Air
3:15 P.M. Big Payoff Off the Air	3:15 P.M. Big Payoff Off the Air	3:30 P.M. Bob Crosby Off the Air	3:45 P.M. Bob Crosby Off the Air
4:15 P.M. Brighter Days Off the Air	4:15 P.M. Brighter Days Off the Air	4:30 P.M. Edge of Night Off the Air	4:45 P.M. Edge of Night Off the Air
5 P.M. Little Marie Off the Air	5 P.M. Little Marie Off the Air	5:30 P.M. Gene Autry Off the Air	5:45 P.M. Gene Autry Off the Air
6 P.M. Early Show Off the Air	6 P.M. Early Show Off the Air	6:30 P.M. Early Show Off the Air	6:45 P.M. Early Show Off the Air
7 P.M. News Off the Air	7 P.M. News Off the Air	7:30 P.M. News Off the Air	7:45 P.M. News Off the Air
8 P.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air	8 P.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air	8:30 P.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air	8:45 P.M. Arthur Godfrey Off the Air
9 P.M. Millionaire Off the Air	9 P.M. Millionaire Off the Air	9:30 P.M. I've Got a Secret Off the Air	9:45 P.M. I've Got a Secret Off the Air
10 P.M. Drama Hour Off the Air	10 P.M. Drama Hour Off the Air	10:45 P.M. Drama Hour Off the Air	11 P.M. Drama Hour Off the Air
11:15 P.M. Late Show Off the Air	11:15 P.M. Late Show Off the Air	11:30 P.M. Late Show Off the Air	11:45 P.M. Late Show Off the Air

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