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VANDALISM
Is a parent liable for the vandalism or other wrongful acts of his minor child?

At common law the mere relation of parent and child imposes no liability on the parent for the wrongful acts of his minor child. In the absence of statute, the liability of the parent must be predicated upon evidence that the child was acting at the time as

the servant or agent of the parent. At common law the mere relationship of parent and child does not alone make a parent answerable for the wrongful acts of his minor child.

A statute enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1961 authorizes the recovery of damages not in excess of \$300 from parents of any minor under the age of eighteen years,

living with its parents, who shall maliciously or wilfully destroy property, real, personal or mixed.

This statute obviously has a two-fold purpose: first, to provide some practical hope of recovery for innocent victims of juvenile vandalism and, second, to induce greater control by parents and ultimately to reduce incidences of vandalism seemingly so popular with teenagers at the present time. The statute imposes liability upon parents which did not exist at common law and will probably be strictly construed.

A large number of other states have enacted similar statutes in recent years.

The greatest difficulty in obtaining a judgment against parents is going to be the words "maliciously or wilfully" used in the North Carolina statute.

An eleven-year-old boy, living with his parents, set fire to a school building in Kinston and damaged the property to the extent of \$3,000. Upon demand by the Kinston City Board of Education, an insurance company paid the full amount of the damage under the provisions of its fire

Sgt. Ramsey On Vietnam Duty

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam — Sergeant Charles E. Ramsey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ramsey of Kings Mountain, N. C., is on duty at Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam.

Sergeant Ramsey, a heating specialist, is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Forces. He previously served in Austin, Tex.

The sergeant is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

insurance policy.

The insurance company in turn instituted an action against the boy's parents to recover \$500 by virtue of the 1961 statute. The North Carolina Supreme Court in 1963, in holding the statute constitutional, held that the insurance company by paying the full amount of the loss sustained by its insured, could "jump into the shoes of" the Kinston City Board of Education and institute an action against the parents of the eleven-year-old boy to recover damages of \$500 pursuant to the provisions of the 1961 statute.

Two Accidents Are Reported

Buddy Shuford Rankin, 51, was treated for injuries following a two-car wreck in Kings Mountain, police report.

Sgt. David Corn, who investigated, said that Lloyd Phifer, 78, of route 1, said Mr. Rankin failed to stop for a red traffic light and the Phifer vehicle struck the second car in the left side and Rankin's vehicle slid into a utility pole. Damages totaled \$575.

A 1968 Mercury Station Wagon owned by Thomas J. Redmond rolled from the Cherokee St. Parking lot into a Chevrolet operated by George W. Sellers, of Margrace road. Mr. Sellers was making a right turn off Mountain on Candler, police said. Damages to the Sellers auto were estimated to be \$250. The owner of the parked vehicle was reportedly in a barber shop across the street from the parking lot when the accident occurred.

Veterans wanting jobs or job training get priority consideration if they contact their local State Employment Office.

"King David" To Be Staged In Charlotte

The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte will present "King David" by Arthur Honegger on Saturday, May 3, at 8:15 p.m. at Owens Auditorium.

The 150 voice chorus will be accompanied by a 45 piece orchestra and will be under the direction of Donald Piott, chairman of the Music Department of Davidson College.

Featured soloists will be Nadia Witkowska, soprano, well known to New York City Opera audiences for her performance of Gil da in "Rigoletto" and the Countess in "The Marriage of Figaro". She has appeared with many of the country's finest opera companies, and also with the Lindsburg (Kansas) Bach Festival.

Kenneth Riegel, tenor, has had the important leading role in two highly acclaimed national tours of Benjamin Britten's "Curlew River". His appearances throughout the country in oratorio, concert, and opera alike have been numerous, and include the American premier of Hans Werner Henze's opera "The Stage King", and the Duke in "Rigoletto", and the title role in "The American premier of the Mozart opera 'Lucio Silla'."

Gwynn Cornell, mezzo-soprano, grew up in Charlotte, N. C., and has sung as soloist for every major Mass, Cantata, and Oratorio. She has appeared with the Masterwork Chorus, the Contemporary Chorus, and her experience in opera is extensive, having sung Susuki in "Madame Butterfly" and the title role of "Carmen".

Narrator for "King David" will be CBS television correspondent Charles Kuralt. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he was editor of The Daily Tar Heel, the student owned newspaper. He joined CBS news as a writer in 1956 and became a correspondent in 1959. Since that time, he has traveled extensively throughout the world and the United States reporting on people and places that are of unusual interest. He is featured on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite in a series "On the Road With Charles Kuralt". His appearance with the Singers is sponsored by WBT-WBTV of Charlotte, N. C.

Returning to recreate her role as "The Witch of Endor", which she performed with the Singers in 1963 will be Dorothy Master-son. Since 1954, she has directed and managed the Mint Museum Drama Guild in Charlotte, N. C. She has appeared as an actress in some of the major stock companies in this country, including over 1,000 performances at the Flat Rock Playhouse. Mrs. Master-son has been chosen for "Who's Who in American Women", 1969 Edition.

Members of the Singers heard as angels will be Peggy Baird, Nancy Ferrell, Constance Henry, Bobbie Lewis, Raymona Miller, and Sophia Trakas.

Some 141,000 hours were given by broadcasting and entertainment personalities ("Bedside Network" volunteers) at Veterans Administration hospitals last year.

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