

County Sued in Fatal 1978 Hayride Accident

A lawsuit has been filed against Bartholomew County and Donald and Douglas Bean on behalf of those injured and the youth killed in an October, 1978, hayride accident on Baker Hollow Road.

Richard Eynon, attorney for Doris Dollarhide, Patricia Ann Perdue, Steven Dale Perkins, Darlene Simpson Perkins, Goldie Simpson and Benjamin Albert Simpson, all of Route 5, filed the case in Clerk Betty Essex's office Wednesday.

The suit involves a hayride accident which occurred Oct. 27, 1978, on Baker Hollow Road.

Eddie Perdue, 16, was killed instantly and eight others injured when the wagon of young persons broke through a guard railing and fell down a 20-foot ravine.

Dollarhide, Route 5, is listed as the parent and natural guardian of Perdue, who died in the accident.

In the accident, Darlene Simpson suffered a broken back; Benny Simpson lost an eye and suffered a broken jaw; Patricia Perdue suffered a broken jaw and collarbone and Steve Perkins suffered a broken back.

The plaintiffs are asking for a reasonable amount of damages for the injuries sustained, Eynon said. No figure for damages is stated in the complaint. In February, 1979, the plaintiffs had presented a claim to the commissioners for \$750,000 for damages. That claim has not been paid, Eynon said.

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