

Theatre Manager Blinded By Attack; Sues Assailant

A \$750,000 lawsuit was last week filed against a 15-year-old boy whose attack on a local theater manager resulted in total blindness of the victim.

Blinded by the attack is Jack McDonald Wren, 28-year-old manager of the Stadium Theater who was viciously beaten on July 25 when he attempted to quiet the youth, Bruce Jensen, who was creating a disturbance in the theater, the lawsuit states.

Filed by Attorney Boris Woolley, the suit charges that Jensen "did wrongfully violate and assault the plaintiff, and did beat him about the head, face and eyes."

The suit further states that Wren was wearing eyeglasses at the time the youth struck him and that bits of the broken lens entered his eye, causing blindness. Wren had lost the sight of his left eye in an accident which occurred when he was three-year-old, according to his wife of two months, Mrs. Jean Lovelady Wren. Mrs. Wren is named as co-plaintiff in the suit.

The attorney named Jensen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jensen, as co-defendants in the action.

Poison Oak!

Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.
Los Angeles County Health Officer

Unless you wish to have burning memories of your vacation days spent in the woods or hills, take care to avoid direct contact with poison oak and ivy. If you are susceptible to the allergen (poisonous substance) produced by these plants, violent inflammation of the skin, accompanied by severe itching, will be the result of exposure.

The usual symptoms of plant poisoning are itching and redness of the skin which occur within a few hours or even days after exposure. Superficial burning sensations and water blisters follow. In severe cases, these blisters or blebs become very large and the surrounding flesh, especially where the skin is loose as around the eyes, becomes very swollen. This swelling may last for days or weeks depending upon the severity of the attack.

As a precautionary measure, it is well to be able to recognize these plants. Poison oak and ivy are practically identical. Frequently "oak" leaves and "ivy" leaves may be seen on the same plant. The notched leaves of both grow in groups of three. In the spring they are a delicate scarlet; in summer a glossy green, but in the autumn they turn to lovely reds. Both species grow as small upright plants 3 or 4 feet tall and also as creepers or climbers. The Far Western variety of poison oak sometimes reaches a height of 14 feet. Rarely do these plants exist above a 5000 feet elevation.

To prevent poisoning, you should, after an outing in suspect areas, take a thorough bath using plenty of soap and water. Some authorities advise washing the skin with swabs of cotton well moistened with alcohol but care should be taken to use a fresh swab after each wipe so that the poison will not be spread over the skin. Outer garments should be washed or cleaned. There are several greaseless ointments on the market which provide protection against the rash and relief from the maddening itch. Greasy ointments simply provide a means to extend the area of irritation and should be avoided.

Immunization can sometimes be established by medication which can be taken either by mouth or by injection. Even when not wholly effective as a preventative measure, this will lessen the duration and seriousness of the irritation.

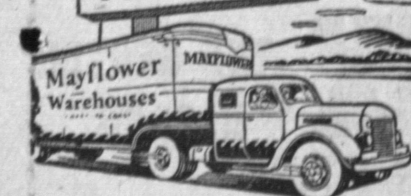
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Dan Desmond, currently the ways and means chairman of the Torrance Moose Lodge, has been nominated for the post of Associate Vice-president of the South-Central District of the Moose Association, according to Joseph Platt, club official.

His nomination and appointment are to be considered at the State Convention of the Moose, to be held in Long Beach on August 18, 19, and 20.

Abe Robinson, James Stiles, Henry Blackburn, and Platt will serve as delegates to the convention, it was disclosed.

The first national nominating convention in American history was held by the Antimasonic party on September 26, 1831, in Baltimore.

Harbor Student Wins in National Art Exhibition

An oil painting by Don Carter, commercial art major at Harbor Junior College, won second place honors in the first annual National Exhibit of Junior College Paintings held in Boston June 23-28, according to word received today by Raymond J. Casey, Tech Director. The second place painting, titled

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"Through the Fence," was painted by the Tech student, who is a graduate of San Pedro high school, as part of his training in the commercial art course offered at the local college, and was entered in the contest upon the recommendation of Harold A. Jones, Tech commercial art instructor, Casey said.

Art work by students from 41 junior colleges in 22 different states was displayed in the exhibit which was administered by

officials of Colby Junior College in New Hampshire.

Carter is the third Tech student to win an award in the art field during the past three months. Dean Hesketh, Tech photography major, was notified on July 28 that he had been awarded one of five \$2000.00 scholarships in the field of photography by the Los Angeles Art Center School, and Toshi Goto, Tech art major, was awarded a summer session art scholarship by the same school.

Hazard Drive

Special squads of California Highway Patrolmen will soon be moving into areas around the state which have the most serious accident problems, Patrol headquarters in Sacramento reported.

Designated as "special enforcement units," the squads will work closely with each area's regular Patrol force in efforts to push the traffic death and injury curve downward.

Sunburn or Suntan?

Many people ruin their vacations by trying to get a good tan the first day. Instead, they get burns that redden and blister their skins or even put them in the hospital. You can prevent painful and ugly sunburn by following a few simple rules.

Look out for the noonday sun. The higher the sun, the worse it burns. Remember that ultra-violet light rays are responsible for the burn, not the heat of the sun. Look out for reflected glare from water and sand. Don't get careless on hazy days. Remember that the sun can burn cruelly even when the sky is overcast. Know your own skin. People with fair skins are quicker to burn than brunettes. Some people burn every time they stay out in the sun, and never tan; others merely freckle.

Time your sun baths. Fifteen minutes the first day, and 15 minutes longer each following day, is enough for most people. Children burn more quickly than adults. Babies under 2 years, and delicate children of any age, should get no more than 5 or 10 minutes at first. Increase their time by about 5 minutes each day.

Use a suntan preparation to help you get a protective tan without burning. Remember, though, that it gives only partial protection. Some people prefer an oil, while others like a cream or a lotion. Before starting on your vacation, buy a good suntan preparation. While sunshine is healthful for most people, it may be harmful to an elderly person, or one with tuberculosis, heart trouble, or other serious disease. An annual medical checkup before vacation time is a good idea for everyone.

If you get sunburned, call a doctor if the burn is severe. Blis-

ters are easily infected, and sunburn can make you very sick with chills, fever, and even delirium.

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