Suit against Dover

board is dismissed

The Dover board of education has been dismissed as a defendant in a \$30,210 damage suit filed in common pleas court by Charles Beckley Jr. of RD 3, Dover, for an injury he received in an industrial arts class.

Judge Raymond Rice signed the entry dismissing the board Monday on the grounds that the complaint failed to state a claim against the board. John Woodard, Dover solicitor, had argued that the law does not give students the right to sue boards of education.

Other defendants are Dover Supt. William Kinneer, Robert Schrock, high school principal, and Paul James, an industrial arts instructor. Atty. Richard Hanhart has filed mo-

tions requesting dismissal of the men as defendants, contending school boards and district officials are not liable for

non-malicious accidents involving judgment and discretions of the district employes.

Atty. E.K. Wright, who represents Beckley, claimed the youth was never given instruction on the use of a safety guard for a table saw in an industrial arts class. One of Beckley's fingers was amputated while he was operating the saw when the instructor was out of the room. Wright had suggested that because schooling is mandatory, the board and school officials are responsible for the safety of the students and liable if acci-

dents occur.