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"THE SYLLABUS IS THE LAW"—ANOTHER WORD*

In a recent decision of our Supreme Court of Appeals² the court wrote a syllabus which, not without significance, it is believed, contains only the following statement:

"The owner of an automobile, maintained for a family purpose, permitted its use by his son; the son invited into the automobile two persons as his guests; one of them operated the automobile, and while doing so the other was injured. The declaration, in an action by the injured person against the owner, his son, and the guest driver, which alleges that the automobile was negligently operated 'at the direction and under the management, supervision and control' of the son states a case of legal liability for the injuries sustained as the result thereof, against the owner of the automobile, his son, and the guest operator."

* Former discussions of this same topic, to which the present note is only an appendix: "The Law" — in *West Virginia* (1940) 47 W. VA. L. Q. 23, and "The Syllabus is the Law" (1941) 47 W. VA. L. Q. 141.

¹Eagon v. Woolard, 11 S. E. (2d) 257 (W. Va. 1940).