

David Marshall Mockabee

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Mockabee. On Friday, July 22, 1938 at Providence Hospital, David Mockabee, the beloved son of Paul and Emma Mockabee. Funeral service at the W.W. Chambers Co., southeast funeral home, 517 11th street southeast on Tuesday, January 26 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.



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District Traffic Claims 4th Child Victim in Week

David Marshall Mockabee is Crushed Between Truck and Auto Driver is Arrested on Drunken Charge

13 of 49 Killed on Streets so Far This Year Have Been Youngsters

The fourth child victim of traffic accidents in the past week died yesterday afternoon at Providence Hospital, despite valiant efforts to save his life through blood transfusions.

The victim was 12-year-old David Marshall Mockabee, 1 L street S.E., who was crushed between an ice truck parked in front of his home and an automobile driven, police said by Walter Jackson, 27, colored of 24 B street S.E.

The child's mother, Mrs. Emma Mockabee, was among a number of persons who offered their blood for the transfusions.

Young Mockabee died about 2:30 p.m. A companion Edwin Schneider 15, of 337 D street S.E., was inside the ice truck when the accident occurred. He was thrown to the ground and suffered scalp cuts.

Driver is Arrested

Police arrested Jackson as the operator of the death car and charged him with driving while drunk. He was held for a coroner's inquest, the time of which will be set later.

The Mockabee boy's death was the 49th traffic fatality so far this year. It occurred less than 24 hours after 9-year-old Robert Williams, 402 Forty-third street N.W. was killed by an automobile near his home while riding a sled on wheels.

Alarmed by a new high record in child fatalities during the first six and a half months of 1938, Inspector William E. Holmes, in charge of traffic enforcement, issued special instructions to patrolmen last night.

The patrolmen were told to halt children riding bicycles double or riding scooters or wagons in the street.

The officers also were ordered to take the names of children who seemed in danger and to notify their parents.

Thirteen Children Killed

Thirteen children under 16 have been killed in Washington by automobiles since January 1, or more than 26 percent of the total number of deaths.

Meanwhile a coroner's jury which investigated two traffic deaths yesterday ordered a man and a woman held for Police Court under the negligent homicide act. The two held were drivers of cars which collided at Longfellow street and Georgia avenue N.W. on July 7. Vincent J. Casey, 27, of 2325 Fifteenth street N.W. was killed in the accident.

The drivers were Mrs. Susie Jean Gelder, 22, of 2325 Fifteenth street N.W., operator of the car in which Mr. Casey was a passenger, and John W. Everett, 2, of 18 Rittenhouse street N.W. They were released on \$500 bonds each.

The same jury absolved Newitt Vanhook, 44, colored, of 211 Morgan street N.W. of blame in the death of 3-year-old Joseph Lee Davis of 122 E street S.E. The child was struck Wednesday while crossing the street in front of his home by a Bureau of Fisheries truck operated by Vanhook.