

Raymond C. Poston

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Child Eats From Lye Box

Raymond Poston, Removed to Casualty Hospital, Will Recover

While playing about the floor of the kitchen at his home yesterday morning, Raymond Poston, the two and a half year old son of Mrs. Ruth Poston, of 148 Morris road, Anacostia, found a box of lye, a portion of which he ate. He had swallowed but a small amount of the poison when his mother was attracted by his screams. The little fellow had crawled under the table and was lying on his stomach.

Mrs. Poston called up the police substation, and the child was removed to Casualty Hospital. His condition is not serious.

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Two 15-Year-Old Boys Lose Lives In The River

Easby Thompson and Raymond Poston Victims of Accidental Drowning Near Bridge

Two fifteen-year-old boys, Easby Thompson, 482 M street southwest, and Raymond Poston, 415 Huntoon place southwest, were drowned in the Potomac river not far from the south end of Highway bridge yesterday afternoon. Police were unable to find any witnesses to the drowning and therefore were unable to determine at what time or under what circumstances the boys lost their lives.

Early in the afternoon the boys were seen at the 11th street wharf on their way across the river, and an acquaintance who saw them advised them to return home. The boys, however, refused to follow his advice.

Several boys visited the Virginia shore and went in bathing. One of them stepped on a body. He told his companion of the incident and they recovered the body of Poston before the arrival of police of the harbor precinct.

Following the identification of Poston and the finding of a second cap on the shore, came a report of the absence of Thompson. Police of the harbor precinct dragged the river and recovered Thompson's body about 10 o'clock.

It is thought the boys were wading or playing on an improvised raft on the water, when they went overboard beyond their depth. Neither boy had removed his clothing. Coroner Nevitt decided the drowning was the result of accident.