

## Belle Carter Barnes

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**Barnes, Belle C.** On Monday afternoon, July 29, 1929, at her residence, 2721 Adams Mill road, Belle C. Barnes, daughter of Mattie Jackson and the late Oscar B. Hook and mother of Marie B. Barnes. Funeral from Padgett's funeral parlors, 121 11th st. s.e., Thursday, August 1, at 11 a.m.

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### **Woman Takes Own Life By Gas In Kitchen**

#### **Mother Leaves Note to Daughter Asking Forgiveness for Suicide**

Addressing a note to her daughter, in which she asked forgiveness, Mrs. Belle Carter Barnes, 53 years old, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by inhaling illuminating gas in the kitchenette of her apartment, at 2721 Adams Mill road.

Police reported that Mrs. Barnes took a rubber tube from the bathroom shower into the kitchen, connected it with a stove burner and placed the other end in her mouth.

The daughter, Miss Marie Barnes, 25 years old, a Government employe, discovered her mother on the kitchen floor when she returned from work. The note left by the elder woman also contained the wish that "the Lord would forgive" her.

Although Mrs. Barnes ascribed no reason for her act in the note, the daughter told police she had been brooding recently over an automobile accident which killed two of her friends several years ago.

Mrs. Barnes and her daughter lived alone in the apartment while the elder woman was employed by an upholstery company here.