

Janet Mae Farnham

(- 14 Jun 1926)

Farnham. Suddenly, Monday, June 14, 1926, Janet Mae, daughter of George L. and Hazel W. Farnham. Funeral from the Cleveland Park Congregational Church, 37th and Lowell sts. N.w., on Wednesday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

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Auto Kills Child Dashing In Street

Janet Farnham, Daughter of Minister, Hit by Car of Mrs. Conrad Syme

Mrs. Vevie Syme, wife of Conrad Syme, former corporation counsel of the District, residing at 3178 Macomb street, was driver of an automobile that killed 2-year-old Janet Farnham, daughter of Rev. George L. Farnham, pastor of Cleveland Park Congregational Church and president of Cleveland Park Community Association, in front of 2005 Macomb street, about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Syme was driving west on Macomb street in the direction of her home, and a number of children, little Janet Farnham among them, were playing on the sidewalk, when the latter is said to have run from the sidewalk so suddenly that Mrs. Syme was unable to bring the machine to a stop in time to prevent the fatality.

Capt. Ebner H. Inmon, U.S.M.C., who arrived on the scene just after the accident, examined the body and said he believed death resulted almost immediately after the child's head struck the asphalt pavement.

Police booked Mrs. Syme as held for the action of the coroner and paroled her in custody of her husband. Dr. Joseph D. Rogers, acting coroner, viewed the body, heard statements as to how the accident happened and will conduct an inquest at the morgue at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Mrs. Syme Cleared Of Auto Death Blame

Coroner's Jury Finds Killing of 2-Year-Old Janet Farnham Was Unavoidable

Two-year-old Janet Farnham, daughter of Rev. George L. Farnham, came to her death as the result of an unavoidable accident when knocked down by an automobile operated by Mrs. Vevie Syme of 3178 Macomb street, Monday afternoon, on Macomb street west of Connecticut avenue, according to the findings of a coroner's jury at an inquest at the District Morgue today.

Mrs. Syme, who is the wife of former Corporation Counsel Conrad Syme, told the story of the fatality in the coroner's jury as follows:

"I only remember seeing the little thing dart out in front of the car. I felt it go over the little girl. I don't know how far the car went after that, it just seemed as if they came together."

Testimony was adduced showing the brakes of the car in perfect condition during a test immediately after the accident.

Rev. Mr. Farnham, father of the child, is pastor of the Cleveland Park Congregational Church and president of the Cleveland Park Community Association.

E. Russell Kelley, assistant U.S. attorney, represented the government at the inquest; Charles A. Douglass appeared for Mrs. Syme, Coroner J. Ramsay Nevitt presided.