

Charles A. King, Jr. (- 1 Nov 1928)

King, Charles A., Jr. On Thursday evening, November 1, 1928, shortly after 8 o'clock, Charles A. King, Jr., aged 14 years, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. King. Funeral service Monday, November 5, at 10 a.m., from Nativity Episcopal Church. Friends and relatives invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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Boy, 14, At Play, Crashes To Death

Charles A. King, Jr., Loses Grip While Swinging on Bar at School

While swinging from an iron bar over the stairs leading to the basement of the Wallach-Towers School yesterday, Charles A. King, jr., 14-year-old Hine Junior High School student, lost his grip as he reached the topmost point of the arc described by his body and crashed head first onto the concrete steps. He died a few hours later at Sibley Hospital from a fractured skull. Several boys who were playing with him at the time said this morning that he had already leaped at the bar and swung and was trying to repeat the feat from a higher step when he fell. He lived at 1367 E street southeast.

School authorities say that the boys are forbidden to swing on the bar. Several of the students were engaged in the dangerous play yesterday. The Hine Junior High and the Wallach Towers Schools adjoin.

A group of boys were returning to their classes at the end of the midday recess. One of them jumped to the bar and swung. Then Charles tried it. Realizing that their playmate was seriously injured his companions ran to the school building and told a teacher.

The unconscious boy was carried into the building and Dr. J.O. Pyle, who lives nearby, was summoned. The boy's father, Charles A. King, chief of correspondence and records of the Geological Survey, was informed of the accident and arrived soon after the physician.

The combined efforts of Dr. Pyle and Dr. Paul S. Putzki were unavailing, and Charles died at Sibley Hospital a few minutes after 8 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Ethel King, mother of the boy, was near a breakdown this morning. Charles had one sister, Ethel, 16 years old, a student at Eastern High School.

The bar from which he fell extends from an iron railing around the top of the stairs to the wall of the building. It is about midway from the top of the stairs to the bottom. No funeral arrangements had been made this morning.