

James Randolph Oliver (- July 3, 1925)

Oliver. Suddenly, Friday afternoon, July 3, 1925, James R., the beloved son of Peter R. and Irene E. Oliver, in his 4th year. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 1136 Abbey place n.e., Monday afternoon, July 5, at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

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Death Car Brakes Found Effective Two Autos That Killed Children in Perfect Condition, Police Inquiry Shows

Four year-old James Randolph Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Oliver, jr., of 1136 Abbey place northeast, playing near his home yesterday afternoon, was knocked down by the automobile of George F. Dempsey, 3014 Earl place northeast, and killed. Death resulted from a fracture of the skull while he was being conveyed to Sibley Hospital.

Stirred by the killing of the child, the second fatality of its kind in 18 hours, M.O. Eldridge, director of traffic, Capt. L.C. Moelier, his assistant, and Capt. E.W. Brown of the Traffic Bureau made an investigation of the accident and reached the conclusion that it was unavoidable so far as Dempsey was concerned, the child having run from behind a parked car directly in the path of Dempsey's machine. An inquest will be held at the morgue today.

Car's Brakes Effective

Examination of the car that killed the child disclosed that it was in perfect condition. . . .

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G.F. Dempsey Freed In Death Of Child Exonerated From Blame for Auto Accident Fatal to Four-Year-Old Oliver Boy

George F. Dempsey, 3014 Earl place northeast, was exonerated by a coroner's jury yesterday in the case of the death of 4-year-old James Randolph Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Oliver, jr., 1136 Abbey place northeast, who was killed when Dempsey's automobile collided with him near Third and M streets northeast.

According to eyewitnesses, Mr. Dempsey, who is a foreman at the Chestnut Farms Dairy, was driving east on M street near Third street, when the child, from behind another car going west, ran into the side of Dempsey's car.

T.L. McNamara of the Traffic Bureau showed the jury a diagram of the streets and told them of the general lay of the land in the vicinity of the accident. Officers George P. Walte and W.C. Lewis, also of the Traffic Bureau, testified that the brakes on Demsey's machine were found to be O.K."

The eyewitnesses were Joseph M. Norvell, colored, 456 O street, and Clarence W. Culp, 520 M street northeast.