

MOTHER DROPS

Benjamin Skinner, 5 months old, 4455 Emerald avenue, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon when his mother, Mrs. Lillian Skinner, accidentally dropped him from her arms at North avenue and Austin boulevard into the path of an oncoming truck. The child rolled under the wheels of the vehicle and was crushed.

A passing motorist placed the child and his hysterical mother in his auto and drove to the Presbyterian hospital, where the baby died. The Austin police started a search for the driver of the truck, who fled during the excitement after the accident.

Toll Is Raised to 513.

With two other deaths during the day, Cook county's 1927 motor toll was raised to 513.

Adam Lepeicki, 56 years old, 3456 Auburn avenue, was the second victim of a crash Wednesday night which has aroused Coroner Wolff to demand the elimination of a hazard at the scene. He died yesterday. Anna Norkus, 12 years old, 5421 South Neva avenue, was killed instantly, and four others were injured as their automobile plunged into a 25 foot gulch where Harlem road ends at 66th street, near Argo.

Willkam Wesnor, 32 years old, 3148 Auburn avenue, driver of the car, was going east in 63d street. The street is closed for repairs east of Harlem road, so he detoured south on Harlem. The route provides for turning east again on 65th street, but this is little more than a trail and is not marked. Wesnor missed it and hit the end of the road a few blocks farther south, plunging into the ditch.

Ask Mark for Detour.

A coroner's jury, under Deputy John J. Dedrick, inspected the scene and advised Argo authorities and the county highway department to mark the detour.

Charles Hanson, 50 years old, a tailor, of Riverside, was fatally injured in front of 40 Quincy street, Riverside, where he was struck by a car driven by Mrs. R. Manz, 5143 Crystal street.

Pedestrians received warnings from two sources during the day. Chief of Police Hughes issued a bulletin declaring that figures show a wanton carelessness on the part of pedestrians for their own safety. Charles MacDonald, secretary of the Chicago Safety council, in addressing a meeting of a committee of the council, said that 70 per cent of the pedestrians killed by automobiles are struck while jay-walking.