

L. A. Bensinger Killed by Auto; Two Boys Die

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Louis A. Bensinger, 70 years old, proprietor of a chain of billiard parlors and bowling alleys in Chicago, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile at Grace street and Sheridan road. He died at the Lake View hospital.

Mr. Bensinger, whose home was at 3800 Sheridan road, had gone out for a walk with his dog about 4 o'clock. Both left the east curb and started across the street, when a car driven by Sigrud Eide, 42, a carpenter living at 1124 North La Salle street, struck them. The dog also was killed.

Eide was held by police pending an inquest this morning. He said that Bensinger walked directly in front of his vehicle.

His Start Unsuccessful.

Born in Louisville, Ky., in 1858, Mr. Bensinger came to Chicago in 1876 and opened a small billiard parlor on the present site of the Majestic theater on Monroe street. The business was not financially successful, and he disposed of it. Later he went to St. Paul, where he engaged in the real estate business with even less success, the venture ending in bankruptcy.

Returning to Chicago, Mr. Bensinger went into partnership with the late Jake Schaefer, for many years a billiard champion, at 67 West Madison street. When that alliance was dissolved, he secured Clarence Green as another partner, and they opened a recreation place on Clark street near Jackson. Eventually the company controlled eight such establishments, here and in Milwaukee. Several months ago Mr. Bensinger retired in favor of his son, Norman E. Bensinger.

Mr. Bensinger's nephew, B. E. Bensinger, is president of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company.

Mrs. Lillian Bensinger, his wife, and Norman, his son, are the only surviving members of the immediate family. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 o'clock at Rosehill cemetery.

Two Boys Are Killed.

This death and two others during the day raised Cook county's 1928 motor toll to 309.

Ralph Dodrin, 7 years old, 510 North Hamlin avenue, was killed when an automobile driven by Frank Clemens, 821 Wellington street, struck him as he attempted to cross the street at Ogden and California avenues. Clemens was held by the Marquette police.

Theodore Laska, 3 years old, 4527 South Mozart street, was fatally injured last night when he was struck by an automobile while playing in the street in front of his home. Bruno Pembrach, 4513 South Mozart street, driver of the car, was held.