

Woman, Afoot, Killed in Crash

Mother of 7, Going to Church, Hit as Cars Leap Curb

Mrs. Josephine Kuzma, 40, of 1213 Midland av., mother of seven children, was on her way to attend Palm Sunday services at St. Josaphat's church Sunday morning, with a prayer book and rosary in her hand.

At Midland and Cleveland avs. two automobiles collided, both machines leaping the curb. Mrs. Kuzma, crushed between a concrete lamp post and the radiator of one car, was killed.

Two occupants of one of the machines were severely injured. They are Mrs. Irene Koschinek, 27, of 1166 Second av., who suffered a fractured collarbone and ribs, and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, 24, of 1715 State st., cut and bruised on the head.

In Frenzy, Attacks Driver

Stanley Kunza, hearing the crash and seeing the crowd, ran to the scene. He pressed through the crowd and found that his wife was the victim. In his frenzy he attacked Arthur Kaczmarek, 19, of 1480 Ninth av., driver of the death car. The two were separated by a policeman.

Kaczmarek and William R. Smith, 40, of 1715 State st., driver of the other machine, were questioned by the police for several hours and released for further questioning by the district attorney's office. Dist. Atty. George A. Bowman later released them until the inquest.

The automobile driven by Kaczmarek, who was alone in his machine, was southbound on Midland av. Smith was headed west on Cleveland av. The machines, witnesses said, were traveling fast. Each tried to swerve to avoid hitting the other.

Knocks Down Billboard

The cars sideswiped and plunged across the sidewalk. The Smith automobile knocked down a billboard and stopped in a vacant lot.

More than 100 persons, mainly worshippers on their way to and from church, collected at the accident scene. Patrolmen Clarence Reise and Paul Stachwiski kept the curious from pushing too close.

It was with difficulty that the Kaczmarek automobile was shoved back to release Mrs. Kuzma. She was taken in a south side police ambulance to the county emergency hospital but was dead on arrival.