

# Man Hit by Craig's Campaign Auto Dies; Police Try to Conceal News of Accident

Harry Houghton, 28 years old, of 334 West Forty-seventh Street, died in the Lenox Hill Hospital early yesterday from injuries suffered when he was run over by Controller Craig's campaign automobile in Central Park on Saturday night.

Extreme efforts were made by the police to hush up news of the accident. At the Lenox Hill Hospital last night it was said the Arsenal Police Station in Central Park had been notified as soon as the injured man was admitted, and that a uniformed officer from that precinct went to the hospital. Lieutenant James Hart, in charge of the Arsenal Police Station, denied last night, however, that any report of the accident had been received.

Thomas D. McCarthy, former United States Marshal and Controller Craig's campaign manager, said the accident occurred about 8:30 o'clock on Saturday evening, when Mr. Craig was on his way from his home at 120 Riverside Drive to address a meeting at the Town Hall in West Forty-third Street.

"Mr. Craig was accompanied by Walter O'Neill, confidential inspector in the Finance Department, and Thomas Kelly, his chauffeur," said Mr. McCarthy. "They were driving south on the East Drive when a man stepped sud-

denly out of the shrubbery and started to cross the roadway. The automobile knocked him down.

"Mr. Craig, Mr. O'Neill and the chauffeur jumped from the automobile. Mr. O'Neill hailed a passing taxicab and took Houghton to the Lenox Hill Hospital. Mr. Craig had an appointment to meet Mrs. Craig before he spoke at the Town Hall meeting and continued on his way downtown after he had seen the injured man started for the hospital."

Houghton then was not thought to be badly hurt. Later Mr. Craig learned the injuries were serious, and went at once to the hospital.

There, it was said, the Controller and Mr. McCarthy did everything they could for Houghton. They called in two outside physicians, Dr. Hermann Fischer and Dr. Martin Rehling, for consultation with the two house physicians on the case, Dr. Wallace Spiegel and Dr. Julian L. Rogatz. They also provided special day and night nurses.

The hospital record showed that Houghton's injuries consisted of both legs broken, fractured right forearm, second, third and fourth ribs on the right side broken, shock and circulatory failure. Houghton was a bookkeeper, unmarried and lived with his parents.