# Dawson's car kills boy, 5; accident witnesses quizzed

WASHINGTON

The date for an inquest into the death of a five-year-old boy who ran under the wheels of Congressman William L. Dawson's (D-Ill.) automobile at Columbia and Ontario Rds., NW, Tuesday is pending a report from the Accident Investigation Unit.

Dr. A. McGruder McDonald, District coroner, said witnesses must be interviewed before it can be determined whether or not there is enough corroborative evidence to warrant an inquest.

If there is not sufficient evidence a certificate of accidental death will be issued, as is usual in such cases, according to the coroner.

He is expected to make a final decision today (Friday) after examining the report.

The child was identified as Joseph D. Foushee of 1019 First St., NE, who was visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lucas, of 1726 Columbia Rd, NW.

Funeral services for Joseph will be held at 1 p.m. Final rites are being arranged by Johnson and Jenkins home at 4008 Georgia Ave., NW.

Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

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POLICE SAID little Joseph Foushee ran from between parked cars intending to cross Ontario Rd., NW, into the right side of the congressman's car. The automobile's right rear wheel passed over the upper part of the boy's body.

The 74-year-old congressman told police that he

REP. WILLIAM L. DAWSON
"Never saw the boy"

was returning home from an errand to a nearby grocery and was driving south on Ontario Rd. when he heard a thud and a scream.

"I felt the rear wheel run over a bump and I thought it was a child's toy or something in the street.

"I never saw the child," he added.

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OBVIOUSLY upset by the experience, he said that he has offered his condolences to the boy's parents, Marie Foushee Couch and James D. Couch, whom he described as "fine people."

Currently he is formally charged with homicide pending a decision by the coroner as to the necessity of an inquest.

Police said Joseph and a cousin were playing a version of cops - and - robbers in which the cousin was supposed to be a motorist caught speeding. The cousin said that Joseph had run to his grand parents home to get a pencil to write a "ticket" when he was struck by the car.

HORACE SPRIGGS
Face of an innocent man

# —Innocent man

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cook. I slept an average of 2 hours per night.

Q.—ARE YOU bitter?

A.—No. At first I was but it wore off.

**Q.—How does it feel to hear yourself sentenced in prison for a crime you didn't commit?**

A.—It was something like a nightmare. Even when I was arrested I kept telling myself that they (police) would find the right man tomorrow and things would be alright.

When the judge gave me the nine years I couldn't believe it. Still I kept saying it's just a mistake and things would be straightened out shortly.

**Q.—Have you ever been in trouble before.**

A.—Yes

**Q.—What kind.**

A.—For different things.

**Q.—Can you explain the difference in being convicted for a crime you are guilty of and one you are not. How do you feel in each instance?**

A.—Yes. When you know you are guilty, you accept it because you know you must pay for wrongdoing.

But if you are innocent, it's something else. You hear about it happening to other people, but you say it could never happen to you. When it does, you just can't believe it.

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**Q.—WHEN YOU found that your pleas of innocence were falling on deaf ears, how did you feel?**

A.—It's a hurting thing.

**Q.—When the prison doors slammed closed behind you for what was to be nine years, what was your reaction?**

A.—It was like walking in a dream. You feel that you will wake up in a minute and find that it isn't true. After all, you tell yourself, dreams, good and bad, do end sometime.

**Q.—Did you do much thinking?**

A.—Every second of every day and every day of every month.

I couldn't sleep, so I worked and thought. When days stretched into weeks, weeks to months, months to years, I never stopped thinking.

Because of the lack of sleep, I started having severe headaches. I took so many aspirin the inmates became concerned about my health.

They would write to the officials and doctors about my headaches.

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**Q.—Have you benefitted from this experience?**

A.—Yes.

**Q.—How?**

A.—I have learned to forgive and forget. I have come closer to God. Before, I wasn't much for praying. But then disappointment and frustrations became too much.

I began praying nightly and it became a little more bearable. Yes, you could say I am a changed man.

(At this point, Mrs. Spriggs put in: "And thank goodness, it is for the best.")

**Q.—Have you had any trouble adjusting to your new life?**

A.—Yes. Everywhere I go people stare at me. Many of them perfect strangers, offer me congratulations and express sympathy for me. This makes me very uncomfortable.

I dislike being treated as something special or people feeling sorry for me, but that's the way it is.

**Q.—Do you find it easy to talk to your wife and children?**

A.—Of course my wife understands, there's no problem there. But it is a little hard with my youngest daughter—Beulah, 11.

It's hard to talk to "Babbit! She isn't able to understand. The older child, Juanita, 12, is no problem. "Pinky" doesn't have any problem forgetting.

**Q.—Do you feel your family will suffer as a result of this incident.**

A.—Definitely. You know how those things are. People will be people. To some, this places a stigma on my family.

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**Q.—Since this incident, will you make an effort to keep track of your movements?**

A.—You can believe I will. Every hour of every day I will be able to tell where I've been and where I'm going.

**Q.—Did you have an alibi on the night this incident took place?**

A.—Yes. Nobody listened. My wife and landlady told them where I was, but they weren't believed either.

**Q.—Has your faith in justice been affected by this experience?**

A.—Most definitely.

**Q.—How?**

A.—My case proves without a doubt that a man can lose his life while being innocent of any crime

**Q.—Do you have a solution.**

A.—Yes. More thorough investigation. If they had investigated my case they could not have help but see that I was innocent

(Sgt. Joseph Judd, of the Western District, who got permission from Capt. Wade Poole, commander of Western, to investigate the case in the Eastern District, agrees with this statement.

(Sgt. Judd said if all concerned had investigated the case properly, the three-year-mistake would have never happened.

He said complete investigation would have showed that Mr. Spriggs was "the man who called the police in the first place. The accused man also went to the home of Mr. Ford and asked him if he (Spriggs) was the man who robbed him before police entered the case.

(It would have shown, the sergeant said, that on the day after the alleged robbery, Mr. Spriggs borrowed a quarter to go to work.

(A man who is supposed to have $300 in his pockets would not have done this, the veteran officer stated.)

**Q.—How did you get along with other inmates?**

A.—At first it was a little rough. Everything and everybody seemed to bug me at the beginning. But I later found it was my fault. I just couldn't accept the idea that I belonged there. But they are a bunch of swell guys. After a while I got along very good.

**Q.—How was the food?**

A.—It was fairly good. We ate such things as ham, chicken, eggs, bacon, sausage, beef and always potatoes.

**Q.—Could you have served the nine-year sentence, knowing you were innocent.**

A.—No. I would have been in the insane asylum long before then.

**Q.—How did you feel when your case came to public attention?**

A.—It's hard to explain. It's like being on an airplane when it lands, your stomach leaves you.

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**Q.— DID YOU become impatient while waiting to be pardoned?**

A.—Definitely. Every day I was looking to see someone bring in that piece of paper.

I wouldn't stop looking until we were counted in at night.

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**Q.—Did you do much reading?**

A.—Not too much. At first I read a lot but then I started suffering with those headaches.

**Q.—What did you read?**

A.—I read a few novels, and some law books. But the law material was a little hard to come by. You had to get it under the blanket.

**Q.—Whom do you credit most for your freedom?**

A.—My mother - in-law, (Mrs. Carrie Robinson.) Without her, it would have never happened.

Of course, you can't overlook Sgt. Judd and Milton Allen, attorney. It was my mother-in-law who got them on the case.

She is a good, Christian woman and never doubted my innocence. She never stopped in her efforts to get me out.

**Q.—What are your plans?**

A.—At present I'm helping a nephew paint. I would like to go in the painting business with him, but I haven't got the money.

Before this happened, I was a chauffeur for a construction company. Mr. Allen gave me money to get my chauffeur's license. But I like painting and hope we can open up a business.

But there's no money. I haven't made much during the last three years.

Sgt. Joseph Judd, whose superior policemanship led to the pardon and release from the Maryland Penitentiary of Horace Spriggs this week, will receive a merit award.

# —Bucs take

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covered wall in left.

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THE BLAST broke up a seasaw battle that had moved into the bottom of the ninth deadlocked at 9 - 9. It also crystallized a Pittsburgh dream that had haunted the recesses of Forbes Field since 1927.

That was when another Yankee team had erased another Pirate team in four straight series games to the utter humiliation of Pittsburgh.

Mazeroski's was one of three home runs produced by a club that had managed only one — that too by the second baseman — in six previous contests.

The others, important at the time, were contributed by Hal Smith and Rocky Nelson. They paled considerably, however, when Yankee power kayoed Vern Law and Roy Face, the best Buc pitchers, and overcame a 9-7 lead to tie the game in the top of the ninth.

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THE PIRATES put together a pair of two - run innings to waltz into a 4-0 lead by the third. Their first hit of the game was a homer by Nelson with Bob Skinner on via a walk. This accounted for two runs.

They added the other two in the second when Bill Virdon delivered a two - out single that produced Don Hoak and Mazeroski.

New York rebounded to pick up a run on Bill Skowron's homer in the fifth followed by a 4-run outburst in the sixth.

Bobby Richardson's single and walk to Tony Kubek were followed by Mickey Mantle's "bleeder" out of the reach of Dick Groat to get one run over.

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YOGI BERRA appeared to puncture Buccaneer hopes with a towering blast into the rightfield seats to tally Kubeck and Mantle ahead of him. They went on to add two more runs and take a 7-4 lead in the eighth, but then it was the Pirates's turn to bounce back.

They did so with a 5 - run rally in the eighth, keyed around an ulcerous, two - out, two - strike single by Roberto Clemente and Smith's prodigious circuit smash.

The dramatic Pirate eighth opened with Gino Cimoli pinehitting for Face and delivering a single to right.

Virdon followed with a grounder to shortstop that took a bad hop for a base hit. Playing for a tie, manager Danny Murtaugh called for a sacrifice and got it from Bob Skinnin.

NELSON, WHO had homered early, could only loft to short right for the second out. Then, with two strikes against him, Clemente beat out a dribbler to first scoring Cimoli, and Smith came through with his wallop over the left fence.

Not yet done, the Yankees made it 9-9 in their half of the ninth on successive singles by Richardson, Dale Long, and Mantle.

The Mazeroski clincher followed.

The series was sent its full seven game course when New York took the Wednesday contest 12-0 to snarl matters at 3 all.

Whereas the Pirates had rebounded followed crushing defeats in second and third games, the Yankees did a little comeback job of their own after losing the 4th and the 5th.

STENGEL'S HITTERS took up where they had left off on their last appearance at Forbes Field. They pounded many of the same pitchers — Bob Friend, Tom Cheney, Fred Green, Clem Labine, etc. — in storming to another overwhelming victory.

The Yanks had left here with a walloping 16-3 beating under their belts and celebrated their return with an equally devastating 12-0 triumph.

Wednesday's high spot was a five - run third inning in which the Bombers batted around and clobbered Friend and Cheney for a triple, double, and three singles.

They added two runs in each the sixth, seventh and eighth, to complete the route which had started with a lone tally in the second.

Meanwhile Whitey Ford was coasting to his second shutout of the series. It was he who tossed the 10-0 humiliation at the Buccaneers last Saturday.

NEW TOOLS

# ...but all a barber needs are clippers, scissors, razors'

WASHINGTON

Congressman Robert W. Kastenmier (D-Wisc.) plans to continue investigation of racial policies practiced in the barbershop of the New House Office Building, a spokesman in his office said Wednesday.

Arthur Waskow, the Congressman's legislative assistant said future steps to be taken by the Congressman could not be disclosed until Representative Kastenmier returns to the District from a trip to Wisconsin.

"But he is not happy with the situation," Mr. Waskow stated.

The "situation" was discovered when a volunteer worker for the Congressman, Ronald Gault, 19, was refused service in the New House Office Building on grounds that the shop did not have the necessary equipment to cut his hair.

A. E. RIDGELL, superintendent of the House Office Building, who is in charge of the barbershop said this is the first time the question of serving colored has arisen and no policy has been established.

He pointed out however that young Gault was not entitled to service anyway since he is a volunteer worker and not on the Congressional payroll.

But had Gault, an American University student, been on the Congressional payroll, he would probably still have been turned down because of the "different" equipment needed to give him a haircut.

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J. GEORGE STEWART, architect of the Capitol, whose office blueprints policy for such matters could not be reached for comment but his executive assistant, Philip Roof, stated the question would have to be determined on the Congressional level.

"We wouldn't want to handle it," said Mr. Roof, "because it might cost the jobs of the white barbers who are getting along in years and can't learn new methods."

He explained that previously, colored Capitol employees have been served at the barbershop in the Old House Office Building where colored barbers cut the hair of a mostly white clientele.

All the barbers in the New House Office Building are white.

Mr. Roof said his office had it on the authority of the Armed Services that different methods and tools are used in giving haircuts to colored men.

"They get a part cut in their hair whereas white men get parts combed in theirs," Mr. Roof explained.

If Congressman Kastenmeier decides to push the matter, the decision will be up to the House Office Building Commission, headed by the Speaker of the House, Mr. Roof disclosed.

MR. WASKOW, the Congressman's legislative assistant, said Congressman Kastenmeier is definitely going to pull the matter.

He conceded that young Gault had no right to a haircut because of his status as a volunteer.

"But now that the question of race has come up, Congressman Kastenmeier is not going to ignore this," Mr. Waskow stated.

He said he had also heard that different methods are used on colored clients but added.

"If there is a difference, then the barbers employed ought to be qualified to handle all types."

A BARBERSHOP owner, of the Barbers' Board, who spent 25 years giving haircuts to whites and 20 years serving colored, was asked what tools he used to ply his trade.

"All you need are clippers, scissors and a razor, no matter whether the man is baldheaded or bushy haired.

"The difference is in the 'know how' and the only way to get that is through experience. There is no special training.

"You have to have 'know how' whether you're cutting a white man's hair or a colored man's.

"If a white barber has never cut a colored man's hair, all he has to do is tell the customer so and go ahead and try. You do the best you can.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK got off to a good start here Monday as Mayor J. Harold Grady, right snips ribbon on City Hall Plaza, assisted by Fire Chief John J. Killen and Miss Robin Davis, Miss Maryland.

# Tawes non-committal on Grady sales tax plan

Gov. J. Millard Tawes said at his press confeence Tuesday he would wait to see what the Baltimore County City Council did before further considering Mayor J. Harold Grady's proposed metropolitan sales and use tax.

"The action taken by the City Council last night" Gov. Tawes said, "depends on similar action by the Baltimore County Council.

"Therefore, I consider there is no proposal yet for a special session of the General Assembly."

Asked if he would call the special session if the Baltimore County Council asked it in a resolution such as passed by the City Council Monday evening, he said:

"I don't know. I would have to study the whole thing. Something new has entered the picture, extending the proposal to cover a use tax."

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GOV. TAWES, in answer to other queries, said:

1. He thought Kennedy was still ahead of Nixon in their debate."

2. If the Republicans did carry Maryland in November, that would not influence his decision whether to run for reelection.

3. He still favored the Welsh reapportionment plan, which would give the heavily populated areas of the State more representation in the House of Delegates;

4. There had been no word to him that Kennedy would return for campaigning in the State before the Nov. 8 general election.

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POLITICS

# Dixon bill chances

By MAX JOHNSON

Let's take a long, frank look at chances for passage of the Dixon public accommodations ordinance:— which was again placed before the City Council Monday evening.

**At the outset, it should be remembered that this same City Council rejected this same ordinance just five months ago.**

The Dixon ordinance, in essence, would make it unlawful for any person to be denied services or accommodations in any public place in Baltimore — solely on the basis of his race, color or religion.

And it would change the name of Baltimore's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to Equal Opportunity Commission — giving this agency jurisdiction to check compliance with the law.

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NOW — ANOTHER vital point to recall is that Councilman T. Dixon has again introduced this ordinance without consultation with city Administration leaders.

**This action has drawn sharp criticism in the past around the City Hall — particularly from those who felt this highly controversial proposal might have been shaped into some acceptable form.**

A public accommodation ordinance palatable to enough members of the strong opposition in the City Council to insure passage.

While Mayor J. Harold Grady and City Council President Philip H. Goodman campaigned on a platform that included favoring such open accommodations — this thinking still strongly prevails.

This time, Mr. Dixon did have an appointment to discuss his ordinance with Mayor Grady — but cancelled it.

All of which brings us to the Mayor's reaction after the ordinance was introduced.

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MAYOR GRADY said:

"Toward the close of the City Council session in June of this year, I used all my influence with members of the City Council to obtain passage of an even more liberal bill than that passed.

"We succeeded in strengthening the employment features of the bill (that portion of Mr. Dixon's previous ordinance giving EEOC court and subpoena powers) but sentiment of the City Council would not go beyond this enactment.

**"While I am still in favor of strong and more liberal legislation in this area, I can't truthfully say at this time I can detect any change of attitude of a majority of the City Council in reference to the Dixon proposals.**

"But I will continue my efforts to persuade members of the City Council to look favorably on these proposals.

"And I will be delighted to sign any such ordinance that can achieve majority support in the council."

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SO — MAYOR Grady, with his fingers on the pulse of the City Council, says he sees little hope for passage of Mr. Dixon's ordinance at this time.

**Even though the Administration normally controls a slim majority Council vote.**

But the Mayor was careful to pinpoint this lack of enthusiasm directly on "the Dixon proposals" — rather than rule out chances of some legislation in this area.

Maybe this is significant. I don't know.

I do know though, from close observation of this City Council, somebody is going to have to do a lot of community-arousing and Council lobbying to get Mr. Dixon's ordinance out of the Judiciary Committee with a favorable report.

Should this occur, then more of the same work as it would then face the certain Council floor fight.

**But right at the start, Mr. Dixon's ordinance is causing concern in one city agency established to bring about the same ordinance purposes.**

The Mayor's Committee on Human Relations wants jurisdiction over administering any public accommodations laws passed — rather than EEOC.

Now ain't that something to fuss about? Ugh!

# Clark alumni plan association

Plans for a Baltimore chapter of the Clark College Alumni Association were discussed Friday by a group of Clark alumnae and Dr. James P. Brawley, president of Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.

**Present at the meeting, held in the home of Mrs. Juliet Bragg, at 507 Cumberland St., were:**

Mesdames Barbara Council, Bonnie D. Lee, Vernice Reynolds and Elvuma Ford

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ALSO ELLIHU NORRIS, the Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison and the Rev. Mr. Hall.

All alumni of Clark College are asked to participate and may contact Mrs. Bragg.

# Jackie Robinson in Nixon rally Oct. 24

Jackie Robinson is scheduled to be guest speaker at a Nixon-Lodge rally Oct. 24, at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St.

The affair will be sponsored by the Human Rights Committee for the Election of Nixon-Lodge, of which George L. Russell Jr. is chairman.

CUB SCOUT Gold Bass Jr. of Pack 560, Union Baptist Church, and Fireman John Franklin of Firehouse No. 4, anticipate on-coming fire calls at the "watch desk." Trip was in connection with Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15. Twenty-eight boys and their leaders made the trip.

# Expressway reroutes North Avenue traffic

Because of the erection of the new Jones Falls Expressway bridge over North Ave., the Department of Transit and Traffic has announced approved detour routes until the completion of the bridge.

**Beginning Oct. 13 and for five or six days later, traffic on the North Ave. bridge will be cut down to one eastbound lane between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

The use of Mt. Royal Ave. and Charles St. is recommended.

After steel is erected on the south side of North Ave. and work moves to the north side, the westbound traffic should divert via Maryland Ave., Oliver St. and Mt. Royal Ave.

**In approximately two weeks, North Ave. between Howard St. and Mt. Royal Ave. will be closed between 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.**

Motirists then should use the same detours mentioned above or take advantage of the recently opened Cedar Ave. bridge which provides an east-west route through Druid Hill Park to the north.

# District airman assigned to Maxwell

Airman Third Class William A. Harris, son of Mrs. Ruth B. Harris of 784 Harvard St., NW, has arrived at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, and has been assigned to duty with the 3800th Air Base Wing.


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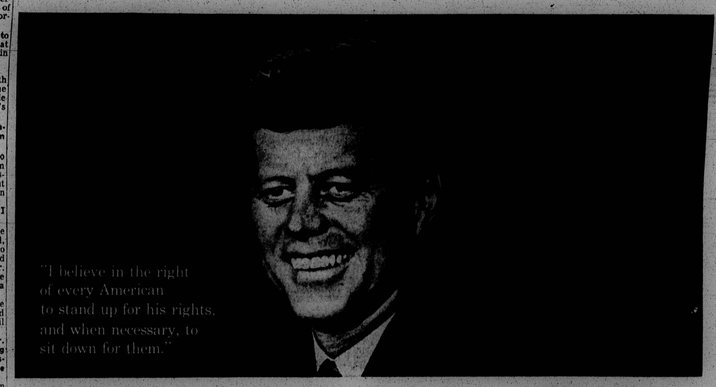


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