

# PATROLMAN WHITE DIES OF INJURY IN VALLEY CRASH



V. O. (Bill) White

**Calls Name of Wife and Four-Day-Old Baby, Whom He Saw Only Once, in Semi-Consciousness Shortly Before His Death**

**DRIVER OF AUTO RELEASED ON \$500 BOND**

**Two Officers Injured While Chasing Speeding Car Sunday Afternoon; Victim Had Organized Children in School Patrol**

V. O. (Bill) White, 33, county highway officer, today died on the same floor of Masonic hospital where his wife is recovering from the birth of their four-day-old daughter, Willie Mae.

Mr. White saw the baby for only a few moments after its birth Sunday. While hurrying down the valley on his motorcycle to tell his friends he was a father, he and O. B. Pearce, county highway officer, noticed a speeding automobile swerving from side to side of the road.

They gave chase and caught up to the automobile.

Mr. Pearce was thrown from his motorcycle and cut about the head and shoulders when the automobile swerved to one side to miss another.

Mr. White was unable to clear the two machines, and he was thrown beneath his motorcycle. His right leg was fractured below the knee, and he received internal injuries.

### Driver Arrested

Capt. Allan G. Falby arrested the driver of the automobile, Robert Seegrave, lower valley, a few minutes later.

Seegrave was one of White's closest friends.

He was charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated and causing an accident in a complaint filed with Peace Justice M. V. Ward. He was released today from county jail under \$500 bond signed by Sam Watkins and Atty. W. H. Fryer.

Mr. White was rushed to Masonic hospital after the accident and placed in a room on the same floor with his wife. His leg was fractured so badly that physicians operated and placed a silver band around the break to hold the bones together.

Before he lapsed into unconsciousness yesterday, Mr. White requested that his wife not be told of the seriousness of his injuries. He asked to see the baby, but physicians refused the request because of his condition.

### Called for Wife

Several times while he was semi-conscious he called the baby's name and asked for his wife. Mrs. White was in no condition to be taken to his room. She became hysterical when told of her husband's death.

Only a few doors from White's room the baby slept in the children's ward, unaware of the death of her father she will never see.

White was a member of the highway police department for seven years. He was a favorite of lower valley school children whom he guarded on the highways from reckless drives. White assisted in organizing the school boys' patrol that watched the crossings during recess and before and after classes.

He came to El Paso in 1925 from Bynum, where he was born and educated.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White; a brother, L. L. White, Las Cruces, N. M.; four sisters, Mrs. E. V. Davis, Phoenix, Ariz., and Evelyn, Doris and Lucille White, all of El Paso.

The body was removed to Peak Hagedorn mortuary.