

**CHATEAULAIN, Tenn.**—A young Chateaulain police officer died Saturday afternoon in a crash at 10-49 A. M. today, thus ending a promising career. The young man was in the driver's seat of a patrol car when it lost contact with his socially prominent wife while driving on the highway.

Dr. Joseph B. Crawford, 34, had been hospitalized since he was injured in the crash. His wife, in the bed room of their home, was told of the accident by a telephone call.

An investigating physician said Mrs. Crawford, 28, daughter of Dr. J. B. Crawford, Jr., town vice president, died from a fractured skull.

Police said notes found in the bedroom indicated the couple was on an extended visit to the town because of financial difficulties.

Dr. Crawford was reported to be a devoted husband and father. He realized briefly yesterday that he might be leaving his wife and children, but the physicians said his condition was not serious.

Dr. Crawford, a specialist in gynecology and obstetrics, was a member of a local clinic for 10 years. Officially at the time he died he severed his connection

with Saturday. They gave no reason for the crash.

The body of Mrs. Crawford was discovered by Sgt. M. J. Herman, 7, Midwestern of New Orleans. Her husband arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with the Crawfords and their children, ages 7 and 5, Bruce, 13 months.

Dr. and Mrs. Crawford had been married for about ten years. They had three children.

At the time of the accident, he was a native of Louisville, Mo. C.

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