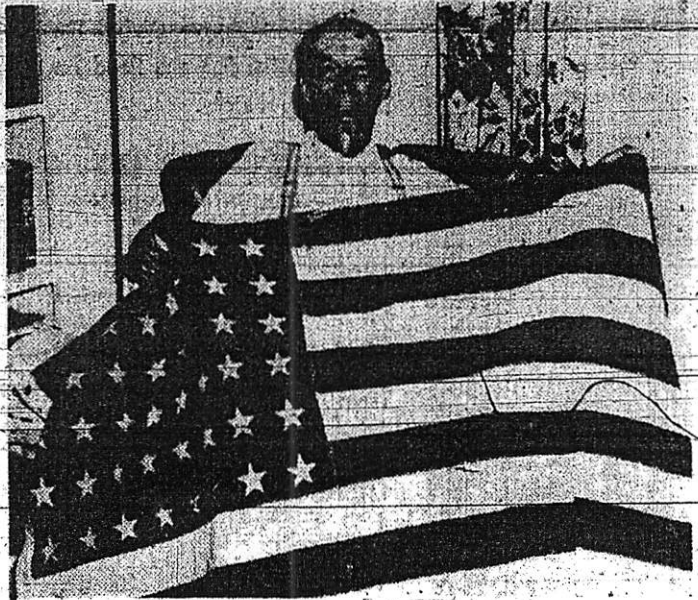


Joe Burrus, Pioneer Ysleta Farmer, Dies After Illness



TREASURED FLAG — Joe Burrus, who died Friday, in a picture taken recently, proudly displays an American flag given him by The Times as a subscription bonus in 1913—(Times Staff Photo)

Joseph Burrus, 81, Ysleta resident for the past 40 years, died Friday in a local hospital following a short illness.

Mr. Burrus, born in France, came to the United States in 1898. In 1905 he came to the Southwest and settled in Ysleta.

For seven years in El Paso, he worked as machinist for the old Galveston, Hattiesburg and San Antonio railroad, now the Texas and New Orleans.

He bought a farm in Ysleta, and traveled to work in El Paso each day, driving a horse and spring wagon over the old Spanish Trail. In 1914, he left the railroad shopst to work on Elephant Butte Dam. He was in charge of the repair crew.

He treasured an American flag, given to him by The Times in 1913 as a subscription bonus. He claimed the record of having the longest continuous subscription to The Times.

He was an active member of the Ysleta Catholic Mission and also was an active member of Ysleta Lions Club. He was a life member of the Future Farmers of America, and retired this year from El Paso County School Board after having served 20 years.

Mr. Burrus is survived by two daughters, Sister Louise of the Sisters of Charity, St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. A. J. Hulbert, Ysleta, and a son, the Rev. Ernest Burrus S. J., who is now in Rome, Italy; two brothers, and two grandchildren, Doc and Kathleen Hulbert, both of Ysleta.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Harding and Orr, Funeral Home.

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