

# Edgar Cadwallader, Pioneer Of Southwest, Dies At 79

Edgar E. Cadwallader, 79, prominent agricultural leader and long-time resident of Mountain Park, N.M., died Tuesday in Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo, N.M., following an illness of one week.

A member of the family for whom an elementary school in El Paso is named, Mr. Cadwallader was born in Louisburg, Kan., in 1882 and moved with his family to El Paso. In 1902, the family moved to the Sacramento Mountains and his father named the village of Mountain Park.

Mr. Cadwallader attended New Mexico A&M, now NMSU, where he played football and was a leading member of the team in the first game between the Aggies and University of New Mexico Lobos.

He was instrumental in organizing a vegetable co-op in the Mountain Park area and, in the 1930s, organized the well-known Cadwallader Orchards featuring the pick-it-yourself cherry orchard. Also during these years he helped construct CCC camps throughout the mountain area.

Mr. Cadwallader was elected to the charter board of directors of the Las Cruces, N.M., Production

Credit Association and served 27 years. He was the Wells Fargo agent for several years, an early member of the New Mexico Game Protective Association and a local food administrator during World War I.

He is survived by three sons, Edgar Allen Cadwallader of Silver Springs, Md.; Jon T. and James K. Cadwallader of Mountain Park; one daughter, Mrs. Ward Curtis of Las Cruces; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one brother, Jay F. Cadwallader of Hatch, N.M.

Funeral services will be at Mullins-Hamilton Chapel at 10 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. F. J. Seddon, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso at 3 p.m. Thursday.