

Mrs. Ralph Connell, Southwest Pioneer, Dies In California



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El Paso friends yesterday were advised of the sudden death of Mrs. Ralph S. Connell, pioneer southwest dairy operator and for 14 years a resident of El Paso, of lobar pneumonia at the Beverly Hills hospital Sunday.

In an effort to reach Beverly Hills before her mother's death, Miss Collier Connell, graduate of the Radcliff School for Girls and last-quarter senior at Stanford university, was delayed 13 hours when her plane became lost in a snowstorm over the California ridge route. She failed to reach Beverly Hills in time to see her mother alive.

Mrs. Connell was a picturesque figure in the prosecution she waged against her husband's murderers in his spectacular assassination in Tularosa 18 years ago.

She established Connell Farms, model dairy plant at Fort Bliss, and the first to be established in the southwest. The farm repeatedly took prizes in western and national dairy expositions.

Mrs. Connell moved to Beverly Hills three years ago to make her home with her daughters.

She became ill at the home of a daughter, Mrs. James Brown, the former Florence Connell, who also is a graduate of the Radcliff School for Girls, Saturday. She is survived by her two daughters and two granddaughters, Helen and Marion Brown.