

Pioneer Educator Dies at 84; Rites Scheduled

Servando Y. Esquivel, who pioneered as an educator in both Mexico and El Paso, died late yesterday at a El Paso hospital. He was 84.

Professor Esquivel was born in Coahuila, Mexico, and attended school in Laredo and at Marvin College in Missouri. Returning to Mexico, he joined the faculty of Colegio Palmore in Chihuahua City, a business school, in 1897.

Established Courses

He established the first commercial courses taught in Chihuahua. When Pancho Villa went on the rampage the school was closed and Mr. Esquivel fled to El Paso. In 1913 he opened his own Palmore Business College on North Oregon street near the old YMCA, later moving to 519 Prospect street.

His El Paso school taught business courses in both English and Spanish. Over the years his students, both in Chihuahua and El Paso, made their marks. These included Governor Teofilo Borunda of Chihuahua, Methodist Bishop Juan N. Pascoe of Mexico, and former Juarez Mayors Antonio J. Bermudez, Rene Mascareñas, Antonio Corona and Margarito Herrera.

With advancing age, Mr. Esquivel closed his El Paso school in 1952 and retired. His school building at the Prospect street address, converted into an apartment house, bears the sign, "Palmore."

Given Medal

In 1959 Mr. Esquivel was made a member of the Order of Altamirano, Mexico's highest educational award, and was given a medal, certificate and cash award by President Lopez Mateos.

Mr. Esquivel is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josephine Esquivel; a son, Dr. Sandy Esquivel of Austin; and two daughters, Mrs. Vera E. Escudero of New York, and Mrs. Martha Hahn of El Paso.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow at Harding and Orr Montana Chapel with the Rev. George W. Burroughs officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.