

## El Paso's First Charities Worker Dies In Stockton

Mrs. M. L. Hill, for a number of years connected with the Associated Charities in El Paso, died April 22 in Stockton, Calif., as the result of injuries sustained when she was struck by an automobile Tuesday, April 14. She died without regaining consciousness. Word of her death was received here from her daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. A. South, also of Stockton.

Mrs. Hill was 77 years old, a native of Texas. She is survived by her sons, James M. Hill and Craven A. South. Her funeral occurred April 24.

The death of Mrs. Hill will recall to many who have interested themselves in the problems of the poor in El Paso, that she was our first Associated Charities worker in the days when the Woman's Charity association headed a general effort to put El Paso's public alms on as kindly, prompt and scientific a basis as possible.

A little gray figure, modest, keen, strict, she was merciful, devoted and generous. She proved capable of what was asked of her, to do all that could be done to make El Paso Charities quick and kind as the Christian ideal, and work them at the same time into lines of the modern science of social service.

El Paso was most fortunate in this first field officer of charity. She studied our peculiar problems with an earnest will to do the best thing for the poor, and also for El Paso. She was a good friend to the city.

An earnest Christian, a widowed mother devoted to a little son, she carried on the work for several years, but the task increased rapidly beyond her strength. Opportunities for schooling her boy were offered by her California people, and she left El Paso, never to return. We must not forget her fine help here. Our pride in our charities today makes us only the more certain that we owe to this soul who has gone on her way, our thanks and prayers.