

# Businessman John Jagoe dies at 91

Longtime El Paso businessman John Henry Jagoe, who owned and operated grocery stores and filling stations during the late 1920s and early '30s, died Friday. He was 91.

Born in Niagara Falls, Canada, and raised in St. Thomas, Ontario, he came to El Paso in 1912. Beginning as a stenographer on the Michigan Central Railroad, he became an engineer for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He retired from the railroad in 1922 and became an American citizen in 1923.

He owned and operated two grocery stores on Texas Street and Cleveland Street for several years. He then bought the Goodyear Tire company and filling station on Campbell Street. During World War II, he bought the Hill, El Paso Tent and Awning Company.

Jagoe was one of eight businessmen who organized the charter for the Southwest National Bank. He served as vice president and board member for several years. Also, he was a board member of the First City Bank.

Jagoe also was active in civic affairs. He was past potentate and life member of the El Paso Maida Shrine Temple, past director and past impresario of the Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 34, and past president of the Southwestern Sun Carnival Association and Sons of the Sun.

He was a member of the El Paso County Sheriff's Peace and was deputy under Mike Sullivan. He was a member of the Pioneer Association and the Vagabond Travel Club, and he was a 45-year member of the Downtown Rotary Club and served as its president for a time.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Elizabeth; daughters Anna Kinnear of Jasper, Texas; Betty Barefoot of El Paso; and a son, John H. Jagoe Jr. of Houston. He had 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Restlawn Cemetery with Masonic services by El Paso Masonic Lodge No. 130. Arrangements are by Harding-Orr and McDaniel's Montana Avenue office.