

Longtime Demo Leader Here Dies



C. A. LONGUEMARE

Charles Albert (Carl) Longuemare, prominent Lower Valley farmer and former chairman of El Paso County Democratic Executive Committee, died in his home near Ysleta-Friday. He was 75.

Mr. Longuemare was born in Otero, N. M., May 25, 1879, and moved to El Paso with his family when he was five. During his early youth he delivered a newspaper route for The Times.

He counted among his newspaper clients John Wesley Hardin, who in the 1890s was rated at the most deadly gunman in Texas because of his fantastic speed and skill with a brace of six shooters.

His first meeting with the notorious Texas gunman was when, as a Western Union messenger boy, he was given a collect message to deliver to Hardin.

He recalled how Hardin, after paying him for the telegram, told him never to bring him another collect telegram.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Longuemare took an active part in the Democratic Party. He was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in 1950 and re-elected in 1952. Last April he announced he was retiring from politics because of ill health.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Longuemare of El Paso, Ysleta, one brother, Noel, also of Ysleta, and two sisters, Mrs. James Mooney of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Julius A. Raterman of El Paso.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Harding and Orr Funeral Home.

He has the son of the late Charles Longuemare and Palmyra Dalton Longuemare. His father pub-

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lished the mining industry newspaper "Bullion" in the early 1880s, with office in Socorro, N. M., and El Paso.

In 1888, Mr. Longuemare was named as mascot of a West Point Cadet Corps organized in El Paso, and given a gray Confederate suit. He joined the Border Rifles at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, and stayed with the company until the outbreak of World War I.

Later he entered the fuel business, and was a bookkeeper for the Watts Water Co. for many years.

Mr. Longuemare also was a former employe of the Texas Liquor Control Board in El Paso.