

# El Paso educator Hibbard Polk dies

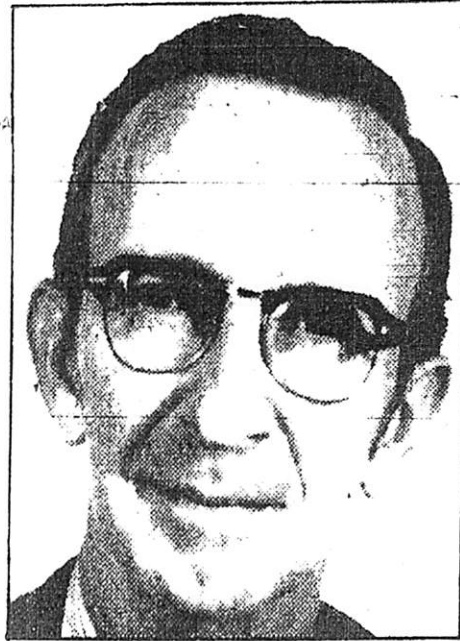
Longtime El Paso educator Hibbard G. Polk died early today after an extended illness. He was 65.

Polk began his 41-year El Paso teaching career at Bowie High School in 1940 and was principal of Franklin, Lamar, Hillside and Bonham schools before becoming a district administrator.

**HE SERVED AS EPISD** personnel director 1955 to 1964, director of secondary education to 1965 and assistant superintendent for instruction until 1972.

He was appointed associate superintendent of the Northeast area in 1972 and served until 1975, when he advanced to associate superintendent of the district through 1978. He was deputy superintendent from 1978 until his retirement in June.

Polk, a native of Abilene, was named Father of the Year in 1960, and also was awarded the Valley Forge Schoolman's Medal of Freedom, Award for Outstanding Contributions to Interfaith Understanding, Unselfish Service to Youth Award in Human Relations, the Administrator of the Year Award and, in 1978, the Human Rights Award.



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**POLK ELEMENTARY** School, 940 Belvidere Drive, is named for the outstanding educator.

He is survived by his wife, Sue, and two sons, Barnard Polk of El Paso and Jackson Polk of Silver Spring, Md.