

# Jack Vowell, Civic Leader, Dies In Home



**JACK C. VOWELL**

Jack C. Vowell, prominent El Paso contractor and well-known for his work with the annual stock show and rodeo was found dead in his home, 201 Sunset, about 9:10 p.m., Tuesday.

Police said Vowell, who had a history of heart trouble, had apparently been dead several hours when found. The death was from natural causes, police said.

Mr. Vowell, 70, was serving as chair-

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man of the board of Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc., at the time of his death. He had long been active in the annual event and had been credited by many persons as being one of the driving forces behind the show's growth to one of the best in the nation.

In 1968, Mr. Vowell was named to El Paso County Historical Society's Hall of Honor.

Mr. Vowell was president of Vowell Construction Co., and Vowell Material Co., and a nationally known contractor. He had been an outstanding leader in El Paso Community over the years and contributed to the growth and welfare of El Paso in numerous and varied ways.

He was a three-year letterman in football of the University of Texas and served as football and basketball coach at the College of Mines (now the University of Texas at El Paso) in 1922 and 1923. Mr. Vowell was an active supporter of U. T. El Paso.

A native Texan, he was born in Sherman on July 24, 1899. Then in 1908, his family moved to El Paso. He attended El Paso public schools, the Virginia Military Institute and the University of Texas.

In 1927, he entered the contracting business with El Paso Bitulithic Co., was later manager of West Texas Construction Co., and then was western dis-

trict manager of Texas Bitulithic Co. In 1945, he organized the Vowell Construction Co., and the Vowell Material Co., and was president of those companies until his death.

Mr. Vowell had been a member of El Paso Chamber of Commerce, served on its board of directors. He was a charter member of board of directors, Goodwill Industries of El Paso, and of Employers Association of El Paso, and was a past president and board member of El Paso Heart Association.

His public service functions included: first chairman of El Paso County Board of Development, 1948-55; first chairman and member of Highway Coordinating Committee; vice chairman of El Paso Airport Board and member of Cotton Estate Advisory Committee at U. T. El Paso. He was a worker and leader in the Boy Scout Program on a local and national level. He has been awarded the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo.

Mr. Vowell was a member of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, a 32nd Degree Mason, member of El Maida Shrine, a member of El Paso Sheriff's posse, and past director of El Paso Country Club.

He is survived by his widow Daurice Vowell; a son, Jack C. Vowell Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. F. David Anderson, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were pending.