

Mrs. Metcalf Found Dead In Home

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Mrs. Madelyn Birney Metcalf, 52, owner of the Myers Company and daughter of the late H. L. Birney, one of the founders of El Paso, died in her home early Sunday morning.

The long-time resident of El Paso was found unconscious near her bed at 9 a. m. by Mrs. Felipa Castro, a maid. Mrs. Castro summoned Mrs. Mamie Howell, a nurse attending Mrs. Metcalf's mother. Mrs. Howell was unable to revive Mrs. Metcalf. Members of the El Paso Fire Department also were unsuccessful in an attempt with their resuscitator.

Dismissed from Hotel Dieu Hospital less than two weeks ago, Mrs. Metcalf had suffered migraine headaches for some time. She was pronounced dead by an El Paso physician at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Metcalf was born in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8, 1901. After graduation from El Paso High School, she attended Mrs. Mason's School for Girls in Tarrytown, N. Y.

Her father, who died a number of years ago, was a pioneer in the development of American highways and has been given much of the credit for getting U. S. 80 to pass through El Paso. He was an originator of the "Broadway of America" title given to the highway.

Mr. Birney, a prominent banker, founded the Myers Companies in El Paso and Fabens, Texas; Las Cru-
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ces, Hatch, Carlsbad, and Artesia, N. M. and Chihuahua City, Mexico.

During his long civic career he served as a director and large stockholder in the State National Bank, president of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and was principal owner and a director of the First National Bank of Fabens.

An active supporter of the First Methodist Church and many other local churches and charities, Mr. Birney also served on the board of regents of Southern Methodist University.

Mrs. Metcalf, once a widely known pianist and vocalist, was a member of the First Methodist Church and the PEO. Much of the responsibility of control over her father's activities passed on to her after his death. She had resided for several years at 911 Cincinnati St.

She is survived by one daughter, Nancy Metcalf, presently a student in New York and her mother, Mrs. H. L. Birney, confined to a local hospital.

Funeral arrangements by Kaster and Maxon were pending. The family has requested no flowers.

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