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INTERVIEWEE: Lorenzo G. Alarcón (1901-)
INTERVIEWER: Minerva Sánchez
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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

(Community leader and resident of San Elizario, Texas.)

Born in San Elizario on February 17, 1901; went to school in Los Portales, became a schoolteacher by accident (was a law student but saw that there was a shortage of teachers in San Elizario); studied at San Houston Teacher's College, Sul Ross University, Texas College of Mines (UTEP), UCLA, and obtained bachelor's, master's, and an administration certificate from Sul Ross; taught for three years; then became superintendent; has been with the San Elizario School District for 44 years; has been Executive Democratic Chairman for San Elizario for 26 years.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Biography; the founding of San Elizario in 1683; the Salt War of 1877; Billy the Kid and the San Elizario Jail; Loretto School; first flour mill in San Elizario; church fire; oldest pecan tree in Texas.