

Confusing Questions In Patterson Mystery

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the Belson children on a finger and Mrs. Belson became concerned as to whether the cat had been vaccinated against rabies. She asked Mrs. Sherwin about that, and was told the D. L. Cady Animal Hospital at 2101 Texas street would know.

Time to Inquire
When the cat was taken to the Cady hospital, it was where it had been many times. Dr. Cady and his assistant, Wendell Broughton, immediately recognized the cat as Tommy. They had performed operations on the cat, had kept it many times when the Pattersons went on trips and were dumounded that Mrs. Patterson had gone away without sending Tommy to the animal hospital as she always had done previously.

Tommy is still at the animal hospital. Those in charge of the Patterson business have expressed doubt the cat is Tommy, the Patterson cat. They have not looked at the cat. They have not paid for its care.

Mr. Ward and Nathen Diamond, owner of Diamond Cleaners and Laundry and long friend and fishing companion of Mr. Patterson, decided in August it was time to obtain official help in locating the Pattersons.

Mr. Ward and Mr. Diamond put the matter up to Sheriff Jimmie Hicks. Sheriff Hicks broadcast an all-points missing persons report on Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. He turned the search over to Deputy Sheriff Sgt. John Frizzell.

The fact that the Pattersons were long missing became public. Thousands of words have been published on the mystery since the first report was published late in August.

But not the slightest trace of verified information has been forthcoming about the missing couple — where they went, how they went, why they went, where they are today — nothing.

Left Fur Coat
Investigation of the mystery of the Pattersons has turned up some items of evidence supporting the theory that the couple had no idea they were going away for days, weeks, months

Months passed and there was no further word from the Pattersons. Persons who made inquiry of the Patterson store operators as to the whereabouts of the Pattersons said they were told at first they had gone to a photographers convention in Washington, D. C., then were told they had gone on a trip to Florida, and were told the Pattersons were expected to return in December.

In the meantime, about a month after the Pattersons disappeared, Mrs. Patterson's cat, Tommy, a nine-year-old cat of orange and white color, showed up at the Patterson home.

If Cat Could Talk
Mrs. Nathan Sherwin of 3940 Piedmont avenue, next door to the Patterson home, said the first she knew Tommy was there was when her small son told her, "Tommy is at home!" She said she went out and saw the cat, and that she was amazed to discover Mrs. Patterson had gone away without providing for the cat "she loved like a mother loves a child." The cat was seen from time to time by other neighbors, all recognizing it as Mrs. Patterson's cat.

If Tommy the cat could talk, what could he tell about what he heard or saw? What stirring tale could he tell about the last hours of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson in El Paso?

About the middle of August the Patterson home was rented to Lieut. Col. Philip Belson, a British officer, and his family. The Belsons have rented the house until Dec. 15, the duration of the time they expect to remain in El Paso.

They took Tommy the Cat in for a while, but it nipped one of

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and possibly years—for a period still uncertain.

They left expensive clothes, including a fur coat, with cleaners and a furrier, and this apparel is still in the cleaning and fur shops.

They left their telephone, gas and electrically connected, and these were not disconnected and changed from their name until the Patterson residence was rented in midsummer.

They made no change of mail from the Patterson home address. The residence mail was not changed until April 27, a month and 21 days after the Pattersons disappeared, and the change was made to the Patterson store. There is no evidence the change was made by the Pattersons.

Father Not Informed

They did not inform Mr. Patterson's father, Luther Patterson, or the two sisters of the missing man they would be away from home a long time. These relatives in Chicago have had no word from the missing couple. The father was exceedingly close to his son and daughter-in-law. He made them a present of the home at 3000 Piedmont avenue—but has heard nothing from them since they vanished.

They fully intended to attend the spring convention of the National Photographers Assn. in Washington, D. C., and made reservations at a hotel there. The telegram from Dallas gave instructions to cancel the reservation. Officials of the hotel can find no record of the cancellation. The Pattersons did not attend the convention.

The Pattersons did not leave a shred of evidence in El Paso that they knew they were going away. On the contrary, every phase of the case disclosed to date indicates they vanished by surprise—surprise to themselves as well as to every person who knew them.

The missing persons lookout

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"Margaret M. Patterson, white female, 48, five feet four inches, 110 pounds, red hair. Both wearing expensive jewelry. Both good dressers. Last seen El Paso March 5."

Use of Militia Enters E. P. Case

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to the New Mexico Guard, that the Guardsmen were being paid by the Federal Government, that they were in training on a Federal reservation and using Federal equipment. These circumstances show the Guard is part of the Army, Judge Thomason held.

The Government disagreed and appealed.
Since the fatal 1955 accident, President Eisenhower has called out the National Guard to enforce racial integration in Arkansas schools.

Wyndham K. White and William Kerr Jr., attorneys for the survivors of Mr. Snow and Mr. Prager, are expected to argue that the Little Rock situation demonstrated that the commander in chief, President Eisenhower, considers the National Guardsmen Federal troops.

Robert Pine, first assistant U. S. attorney here, will present arguments for the Government.

Differences Hit State Measures

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control and water bills passed by the two chambers.
The Senate yesterday passed a bill requiring registration of persons practicing professionally before state agencies and returned it to the House which concurred a Senate amendment and sent it to the Governor.

Senator Frank Owen of El Paso and all El Paso representatives—Miss Maud Isaacks, Malcolm McGregor and Richard White—voted in favor of the House bill on final passage.

Both chambers then turned to passing resolutions. The House passed one asking House members of the water conference committee to insist upon including in the bill an amendment exempting any impoundment of up to 200 acre-feet of water for any purpose from state control.

The Senate passed a House-approved resolution warning President Eisenhower to keep Federal troops out of Texas schools. Two senators attempted to temper wording sharply criticizing the Supreme Court.

Senators Abraham Kazen Jr. and Grady Hazlewood said a phrase charging the U. S. Supreme Court "upheld the right of anyone to preach overthrow of our Government" was not in keeping with the "dignity of the Texas Legislature." Their efforts failed.

The House adopted four resolutions criticizing oil importing companies.

The House approved a Senate-

passed bill permitting issuance of revenue bonds by cities of 350,000 population or more for the purpose of building a baseball stadium. It was called an attempt to help Texas land a major league franchise.
Daniel's second special session opens at 10 a. m. tomorrow, after the first ends at midnight tonight.

Developers Challenge Water Board Figures

Developers of the proposed Coronado Country Club addition today challenged Public Service Board estimates for furnishing water service there.

The Board had said it would cost \$213,900 to install water lines, tanks and roads needed to supply water to the proposed Country Club and 400 homes.

Spokesmen for the developers were Engineer Duke Beard and Contractor Charles Leavell. They said they thought the estimate was too high.

The Board agreed to review their figures with engineers retained by the developers, and to discuss a possible solution later.

Just! Laika Dog

By United Press
SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 12.—Unarmed civil and military authorities today were looking for the practical joker who parachuted a dog into a Santiago suburb Sunday, touching off a rash of reports that Sputnik II had ejected its canine passenger over Chile. Police took custody of the parachute and the dog, which was unharmed by the drop.

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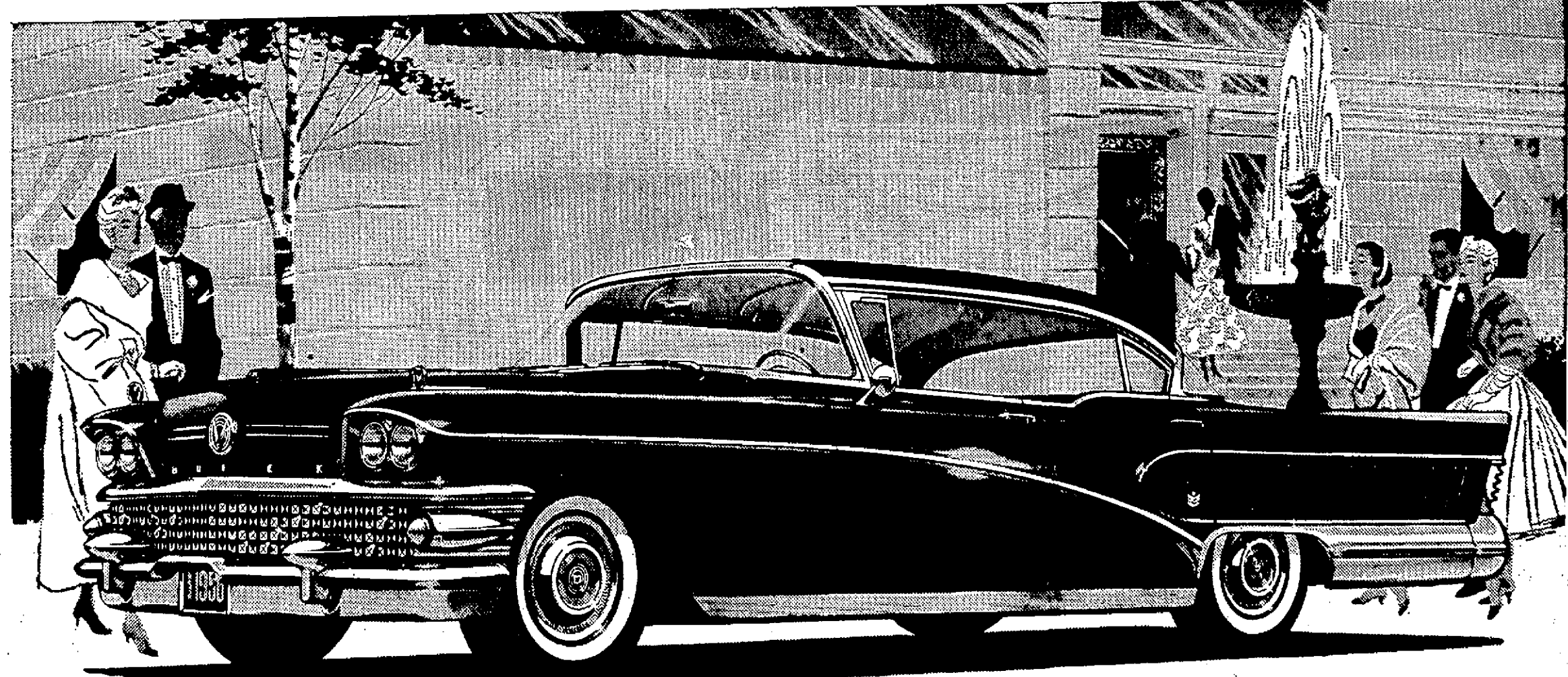


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