



PLAN TOUR — Chamber of Commerce members have been invited to a special preview of the new Federal Reserve Bank building tomorrow from 2 till 5 p. m. Howard Carrithers, left, vice president in charge of the El Paso branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, greets Milton Hopper, Chamber industrial department head, while pretty Carolyn Wahler, clerk, looks on. A group of bank executives and Hopper discussed plans to make all Chamber officials and members welcome to the bank preview.

Water Rates in Valley Higher Than in Cruces

District Charges Are Lower Than Those In Force in Fabens Privately Owned Setup

Water rates in the Lower Valley are higher than those charged in Las Cruces but lower than those in Fabens, a privately owned system.

If an expected 30 per cent reduction goes through this week, Valley rates will be lower than Las Cruces rates and only slightly higher than those charged now by the El Paso Public Service Board.

The El Paso Water District's minimum charge is \$3 for 5000 gallons of water and 48 cents per thousand for the next 11,000 gallons. The cost decreases to 20 cents a gallon after 36,000 gallons over the minimum.

Fabens Water Co.
Under District rates now charged, 10,000 gallons cost \$5.40. If rates are cut about 30 per cent, the charge would be about \$3.78.

Las Cruces charges \$2.50 for a minimum of 3000 gallons and 28 cents per thousand for all water after that. A resident using 10,000 gallons of water pays \$4.46. All utility charges in Las Cruces are discounted 10 per cent if paid before the 10th of the month, which would bring the bill down to \$4.01.

The Fabens Water Co., a privately owned firm, charges \$3.50 minimum for 4000 gallons. The next 6000 gallons are 50 cents per thousand; the next 40,000 gallons, 40 cents a thousand, gradually decreasing to 20 cents a thousand

E. P. Naturopath Fined, Sentenced

Richard W. Curtis, naturopath, was fined \$275 and costs and sentenced to one day in jail on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Judge M. V. Ward of County Court-at-Law handed down the sentence after Curtis pleaded guilty late yesterday. The costs amount to \$25.

Curtis already has spent a day in jail, following his arrest at his El Paso office Dec. 2.

County Attorney Jack Fant said Curtis was charged specifically with offering to treat hemorrhoids for Ben Laney, investigator for the Texas State Medical Board, last June.

Curtis was arrested and a search warrant issued after he offered to treat Deputy Sheriff O. R. Clark in December. Clark pretended to have an intestinal disorder.

Mr. Fant said a civil injunction barring Curtis from further practice of medicine, issued by 41st District Court, will remain in effect. Associates said Curtis plans to move to Nevada.

His arrest was part of a statewide crackdown on naturopath healers.

Red Skelton 'Out of Danger' After Heart Attack

By United Press
SANTA MONICA, Calif., Jan. 7.—Comedian Red Skelton was reported "out of danger" today at St. John's Hospital where he was admitted a week ago near death from an acute "cardiac-asthmatic" attack.

The water systems and bondholders will meet in Hotel Cortez.

At 2 p. m. a meeting will be held in Hotel Cortez between attorneys and officials of the water systems and the City Council.

At 7:30 p. m., the district's board of directors will meet at the District office with rate survey engineers to study rate reduction.

An election to fill three posts on the District's board will be held Tuesday.

Twelve persons, including the three incumbents, Mr. Pennington, Ernest Winter and David Surratt, have announced their candidacy.

Wants Separation
A trio pushing for a merger of the two systems, announced as a team yesterday. They are Ed Lang, Forest Young and Rodney Davenport.

One candidate George Denton, said he was not in favor of such a consolidation.

"I believe we will be better off later if we keep the two districts separate," he said.

Legal advertisement for the election appeared in the Valley Independent, a Fabens newspaper. Joe Morgan, attorney for the District, said election was advertised in the Fabens paper because of the cheaper rates. The advertisement is necessary to meet requirements of the Texas law, he said.

Dennis the Menace



"Who's Margie? An' does Mrs. Wilson know you're always thinkin' of her?"

Not Interested

Patterson's Relatives Shun Court of Inquiry

Relatives of William and Margaret Patterson, long missing without trace, today announced from Chicago they have no intention of coming to El Paso and seeking a court of inquiry into the most baffling case of vanished persons in the history of the Southwest.

They gave no reason for reversing their decision to press the search for the couple who on last March 6 left their home at 3000 Piedmont avenue and were swallowed by an undetermined fate.

Mrs. Mildred Patterson Boris, sister of Mr. Patterson, who is a telephone exchange supervisor in a Chicago suburb, told The Herald-Post by telephone:

Will Do Nothing

"We have no intention of doing anything at all about it."

She had said in November that if Mr. and Mrs. Patterson did not return to El Paso or disclose their whereabouts by mid-December she or another member of the family would come here and seek action that might disclose a clue to what became of the missing couple.

But today Mrs. Boris said, "We'll just wait and let them come back when they want to."

Mrs. Boris declined to say what caused the change of intentions. She said she and other relatives have not heard from Mr. and Mrs. Patterson since they disappeared. She said emphatically she has no idea where they are.

"We have no information at all about them," she said. "We do not know where they are."

Mrs. Boris volunteered no information beyond replying to questions, and appeared eager to end the conversation.

Besides Mrs. Boris, Mr. Patterson has another sister, Mrs. Ruth Kissel, and his father, Luther Pat-

Press Club Sets Gridiron Show

Members of the Press Club of El Paso will see a re-run of the 1957 gridiron show at their first meeting of the new year starting at 7 p. m. Saturday in Gillespie's Wyoming Inn of 920 Wyoming street.

The program will include a cocktail hour, buffet dinner and the gridiron show that lampoons public officials, businessmen and others who made the news in El Paso during the past year.

Admission is free to all members and a \$3 charge is made for husbands, wives or other guests. The Press Club is staging a membership round-up drive through a committee including John Phelan, Bill Montgomery, Nancy Miller, Carolyn Paternoster and Bob Ingram.

Membership is restricted to men or women actively engaged in writing, editing or broadcasting news, advertising and public relations copy, and to instructors in journalism. Former members, regardless of present occupation, are eligible for 1958.

There will be a very short business meeting in connection with Saturday's dinner-show.

Mrs. Patterson's most precious possession, also was left stranded when the couple disappeared into oblivion.

Veteran investigators agree that Tommy, cared for at the D. L. Cady Animal Hospital at 2101 Texas street since Sept. 3, is the best tangible evidence that Mrs. Patterson had no idea she was going away for a long time.

One of Mrs. Patterson's closest friends said, "Margaret would no more have left Tommy uncared for than a mother would have abandoned an adored baby."

Telegram Final Word

A telegram sent from a Dallas telephone pay station near Love Field at Dallas March 15 and signed "Pat" was received by Herbert Roth of 4110 Darwood drive. It gave instructions that D. G. Kirkland, then manager of the El Paso branch of Duffy's Photo Service, be named manager of Patterson Photo Supply at 113 East Main street, that Mr. Roth should serve as business manager, and gave certain other instructions on business matters.

Mr. Kirkland managed Patterson Photo Supply for a time, probably more than a month, and then left El Paso to live in Lubbock when he became president of Duffy's Photo Service with headquarters there.

Mr. Roth has been in charge of the Patterson business, but is reported as having an interest in Duffy's Photo Service.

Two close friends of the Pattersons, Cecil Ward and Nathan Diamond, went to Sheriff Hicks in August and asked him to order a search made for the Pattersons. Sheriff Hicks broadcast a missing persons report on them, and assigned an investigator to look into the case.

No evidence has been obtained as to the reasons why the Pattersons disappeared, or what means of transportation took them away. Their automobiles were left here.



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