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# Tommy the Cat Again in Mystery

## Abandonment Of Patterson Pet Probed

### Missing Man's Sister Shocked to Find Animal Left Alone

By CLIFF SHERRILL

Tommy the Cat was brought back today into the mysterious disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson as the silent but most substantial evidence that the Pattersons faded out unaware they were not to return soon—if ever.

Margaret (Mrs. Patterson) never intended to leave Tommy to shift for himself—she couldn't have known she was leaving him like that," said Mrs. Nathan Sherwin of 2940 Piedmont avenue, next door to the Patterson home at 3004 Piedmont.

Left Cat With Neighbor

The baffling matter of the abandoned cat was revived when Mrs. Mildred Patterson Boris of Chicago, sister of the missing man, learned for the first time Mrs. Patterson made no provision for Tommy's care.

In a telephone conversation with The Herald-Post, Mrs. Boris was asked: "Why did Mrs. Patterson leave Tommy without providing for his care?"

"Margaret left Tommy with the next-door neighbors where he is receiving good attention," Mrs. Boris said.

"Who told you that?" "The men at the store (Patterson Photo Supply Store) told me by telephone. They said Tommy is being cared for by the next door neighbors, where Tommy was left by Margaret."

Mrs. Boris was informed that this was untrue, that the neighbors were amazed when they discovered Tommy at the Patterson home and the Pattersons long gone.

In a voice that indicated shock at this information, Mrs. Boris said, "I don't know what to do except wait."

Shortly after that telephone conversation, Mrs. Boris called a trusted friend in El Paso and they talked for 40 minutes. Mrs. Boris said if the situation appeared to justify such action, she and her father, Luther Patterson, would come to El Paso immediately and join in an all-out investigation.

She was advised to "wait until more information develops."

No Other Neighbors

When informed that Mrs. Boris had said the Patterson cat had been left with "the next door neighbors," Mrs. Sherwin, whose home extends within 10 to 12 feet of the Patterson home, said: "We had no idea Mr. or Mrs. Patterson were absent until many days after they were gone. They never at any time left Tommy with us."

There are no close neighbors on the other side of the Patterson residence.

"When we learned that Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were away, we still did not know Tommy had been left behind," Mrs. Sherwin said.

"The first we knew Tommy was there was when my small son saw Tommy and came and told me, 'Tommy is at home! I went to see, and there was Tommy. We know Tommy well. But he couldn't stay around our house much, because our dog, Queenie, chased Tommy. Queenie never hurt Tommy, but she would chase him, and Tommy would go racing home.'"

Mrs. Sherwin said she was dumbfounded.

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Miss Carmen Romero holds Patterson's cat Tommy.

## Grand Jury Blasts Old Jail System

### Urges Police To Continue Mayor's Reforms

The El Paso County grand jury today condemned conditions in the City jail under former Police Chief John Risinger under which prisoners got drunk on smuggled alcohol and engaged in orgies.

The report handed to District Judge William E. Ward at noon when the grand jury completed its term of office, noted that Mayor Raymond Telles has ordered measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and urged "constant surveillance" by the chief of police—a post now filled by Howard Jones—in maintaining "top security" in the jail.

Fatal Stabbing

City prisoners are now housed in the new City-County building. The grand jury investigated the conditions which led to the fatal stabbing of Carlos Leyva and the wounding of Maximo Amaya and Pedro Serrano by Jesus Gonzalez.

The grand jury reported it found no grounds for indictment of Gonzalez, who apparently acted in self-defense after interfering in an effort by the others to force another prisoner, Jose Garcia Magalanes, to submit to perverted sexual acts.

The report, in part, stated: "It is made clear from this record that some or all of the participants in this fight had access to alcohol and wine that somehow was brought into the jail tank. It further appears that at least in the case of one of the inmates in Tank No. 6 barbiturates or 'goofballs' were in his possession. Various types of weapons such as a knife and an ice pick and so forth were found among the participants in this fight."

Couldn't Hear

It appears that the jailor was unable to hear or see what took place in this tank until after Carlos Leyva had been fatally stabbed and he was able to hear the screams of this mortally wounded prisoner.

At such time the jailor enlisted the help of other police officers, the wounded were sent to the hospital and the other members of the tank were interrogated to determine what had occurred.

"The Grand Jury finds that due to the circumstances no person or persons can be charged with the offense of murder as the outgrowth of this fight. However, the Grand Jury cannot pass over this matter without expressing its deep regret that such conditions, as described (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

## Rabid Puppy Spreads Fear On Mobile Street

A case of jitters broke out on Mobile street after Humane Society officials reported a quarrelsome puppy was rabid.

Animal wardens said seven children who had contact with the pup started rabies shots this week. Neighbors mentioned nine more who were frightened into taking the 14-shot Pasteur rabies series.

Starts Probe

Gordon Hale, Humane Society general manager, said he has started an investigation to find out if the dog was smuggled into El Paso from Juarez.

"If the pup was brought across the river, we will notify the quarantine division of the Border Patrol," he said.

The puppy, a brown-and-white mongrel named "Tuffy," or "Toughy," belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Silvestre Valenzuela of 3403 Mobile. The dog, which was killed by a car, was in the early stages of rabies, Mr. Hale said.

"I'm afraid a minor wave of hysteria is breaking out on Mobile," said Mr. Hale, commenting on unconfirmed reports that still more Mobile dwellers were flocking to doctors for rabies shots.

The puppy's first victim was 14-year-old Robert E. Smith of 3409 Mobile, reported on Oct. 24 by his mother, Mrs. R. E. Smith. Humane Society officials said the puppy was not "hot" with rabies then, but quarantined in Oct. Valenzuela property for observation.

Girl Bitten

The pup later bit Juan Gallardo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valenzuela. "They were supposed to keep the puppy penned up," said Mrs. Smith, "but the dog continued to run loose. I don't know how many children he may have come in contact with."

Her daughter, Lenny Smith, also taking the shots, said: "Everybody hated that dog because it was so mean."

After the dog was killed, the head was removed and sent to Austin for laboratory analysis. The report showed a few tell-tale "negri bodies" that indicate rabies.



SANTA'S HELPERS—T/Sgt. Eugene Campo, left, and M/Sgt. James Edmiston begin collection of "Toys for Tots," annual Marine project, which is incorporated with Handy Santa's work.

## Handy Santa Happy; Plea for Aid Answered

Handy Santa is all smiles today. He knows that his project—to repair old toys for poor little boys and girls for Christmas—will succeed.

Members of the 19th Rifle Co., U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and other kind-hearted El Pasoans, who read about Santa's need for help in The Herald-Post Tuesday, have answered Santa's plea.

Handy Santa is sponsored each year by the El Paso Boys' Club and The Herald-Post. Old toys, collected at El Paso fire stations, are repaired and given to poor children at Christmas.

Turley in Charge  
O. D. Hightower, executive director of the Boys' Club, set a meeting of volunteers for Monday at 7 p. m. in the club at 801 South Florence street.

Capt. Thomas D. R. Turley, commanding officer of the Rifle Co., will be in charge of the project for the Marines.

"Toys for Tots," an annual Marine project, will be incorporated with the Handy Santa project. Marines will provide a truck and driver to help pick up toys from collection points and help, too, in supervising repair of old toys.

Boys—members of the club—will do the repair work. But they need adults to organize and supervise the work and give a word of advice occasionally.

The Marine training center is at 1313 Indiana avenue and Lieut. Cochran is inspector-instructor.

Mr. Hightower said that Neal Arthur, director of training at Standard Oil Co., volunteered time along with Border Patrolman Richard Gernack, who has had Boys' Club experience, Texas Western College Professor George Seale and TWC Student Manuel Padillo.

Volunteers Named  
"I'm very encouraged," Mr. Hightower said. "It's possible we may also be able to get the help of some of the members of the Parents' Club."

"We need every bit of help we can get. The more the better."

Mr. Hightower said toys will be distributed to needy children whose names have been cross checked by the Community Service Council of El Paso so there will be equal distribution.

Names of needy families from one welfare agency are checked against names of families on other agencies' lists so that children will not receive toys from more than one agency.

## Snow, Cold Hit Northern Rockies

A cool air mass from the Pacific spread clouds, rain, and snow flurries across the Rockies and Northern Plains today to usher in the first day of November.

Snow flurries were largely confined to the Northern Rockies during the night while rain showers pelted the Northern Plains. Drizzle and showers also hit much of the desert Southwest and the Central and Southern Rockies.

Clearing skies prevailed over most of the eastern third of the country with the departure of a widespread rain system.

## Ike to Speak From Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 1.—President Eisenhower will come to Oklahoma City Nov. 13 to make the first of his forthcoming addresses to the nation, it was announced here today.

It will be the President's third visit to the Sooner state.

The President's announcement came in this message to Gary. "Governor Gary, I warmly appreciate your renewed invitation on behalf of the state of Oklahoma to participate in its semi-centennial celebration which ends Nov. 16."

## Little Liz

A career girl is one who gets a man's pay by working for it.



## Premier Better After Operation

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1.—A grenade splinter was removed from Premier David Ben-Gurion's leg this morning and his condition is satisfactory, a hospital source said.

The 70-year-old Ben-Gurion has been in the hospital since a deranged man lobbed a grenade to the floor of Parliament Tuesday.

He is expected to remain in hospital another day or two.

## Pvt. Hitler Denies That He Is Dictator's Kin

Pvt. Siegfried Hitler today assured Ft. Bliss officials he is no relation of the late Dictator Adolf Hitler of Germany. He said he made no such claim in Juarez.

His denial paved the way for his marriage to Guadalupe Cardosa, 16, of Juarez.

The 19-year-old soldier was quoted by Civil Registry Judge Jorge de la Fuente of Juarez, to whom he applied Wednesday for a marriage permit, as saying he was a "blood nephew" of the Nazi Fuehrer.

When this got back to Ft. Bliss, young Hitler's superior officers were not amused. They said the soldier's military "duties" might prevent him from getting married and that, furthermore, if Hitler did boast such relationship he would soon find himself out of uniform.

Called on the carpet, young Hitler today told his battalion commander he never made such a statement.

Ft. Bliss officials, without making a thorough genealogical study, were inclined to believe him.

They pointed out that Dictator Hitler's real name was Schickelgruber. So far as they could determine, Adolf had one sister, who died in Austria before the Ft. Bliss soldier was born.

Judge de la Fuente said the couple can be married Saturday in his office if permission is received from the Mexican government for a Mexican citizen to marry a foreigner.

Ft. Bliss officials already have given Private Hitler permission to marry. However, a lieutenant will question Judge de la Fuente about Private Hitler's quoted claim to kinship with Adolf, and will witness the ceremony.

Young Hitler was born in Puerto Rico of German parents.



ANTHONY PRINCESS—Miss Rosalie Dolores Enriquez, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray G. Enriquez of Anthony will represent that community in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival. The Texas Western College student, who was graduated from Loretto Academy in El Paso, has been active in school and college affairs. She was vice president of the student body while at Loretto. Her favorite hobbies are swimming and horseback riding, together with dancing and playing the piano. She has a horse, Hurricane, which she used to enter in roping and barrel racing contests.



CARRIZOZO SUN PRINCESS—Miss Glenda Sue King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. King of Carrizozo, N. M., will represent Carrizozo as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival here. Miss King, a student at Denver University, is being sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce. The brown-haired, brown-eyed Miss King is a graduate of Carrizozo High School. She is active in church work and is a past worthy advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is majoring in elementary education at Denver University. Her hobby is playing the piano.

## Keel Laid For Newest U. S. Atomic Sub

GROTON, Conn., Nov. 1.—The keel of another atomic-powered submarine, USS Scorpion, was laid today without fuss or fanfare at the General Dynamics Corp.

No ceremony marked the welding of the keel plates of the 252-foot, 2700-ton Scorpion, one of the seven Skipjack-class subs authorized so far by Congress.

The \$59 million craft is being built on the same ways which birthed the USS Nautilus and the USS Skate.

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