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## Confusing Questions Unanswered in Patterson Mystery

By CLIFF SHERRILL

Where are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson? Why did they disappear like magic from their home at 3000 Piedmont avenue the night of March 5?

Did they leave voluntarily? By ruse or trick? By compulsion, under threat of instant death if they didn't go?

If they left voluntarily, what was the reason?

If they left by force or threat, who forced or threatened them?

And if they disappeared by force or threat, what was the motive of the person or persons guilty of the force or threat? Robbery? Extortion? A desire to keep the Pattersons from telling something they knew?

These are among questions that remain unanswered in one of the greatest mysteries in El Paso's history.

The questions apparently are no nearer answers than they were when it was first made public last August that Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had vanished from El Paso without leaving any information about where they went.

The only word that is credited with having come from them was a telegram sent from Dallas last March 15.

That telegram was sent to Herbert Roth of 4110 Dartwood drive. Mr. Roth is an accountant who had done

considerable work for Mr. Patterson in connection with the Patterson Photo Supply business at 113 East Main street.

Mr. Roth never has released the contents of the telegram for publication.

He did disclose the general contents of the message. The substance of the message consisted of directions that Mr. Roth serve as business manager of the Patterson store, that D. G. Kirkland, then manager of Duffy Photo Service in El Paso, be named manager of the Patterson store, and certain other directions as to the handling of the Pattersons' affairs.

These included directions that a trailerhouse owned by Mr. Patterson be sold and the money used in the business of the store, and that the Patterson home be rented for nine months at least.

The telegram was telephoned to the Western Union office in Dallas from a pay station in the vicinity of Love Field and was paid for in nickels, dimes and quarters. One report said the telegram bore the name "W. H. Patterson" and another report said it bore the name "Pat."

Here is a brief of the established facts relating to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson just before they disappeared.

Cecil J. Ward, owner of Ward Motor Clinic at 2600 Wyoming street, and Mrs. Ward were at the Patterson home the night of Monday, March 4. Mr. Ward and Mr. Patterson worked together on a boat Mr. Patterson was building in the garage of the Patterson home. They were putting a glass surface on the boat. Among other tools, they used an electric sanding machine to smooth the wood surface of the boat.

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Patterson were together in the living room of the Patterson home. They spent the evening in general conversation. Mrs. Ward said she insisted that Mrs. Patterson wash the dinner dishes together, but Mrs. Patterson turned that down, saying she preferred to just sit and talk.

"Margaret (Mrs. Patterson) never mentioned anything at all about plans for a trip," Mrs. Ward said.

Mr. Ward said Mr. Patterson said nothing about any intention of making a trip.

"On the contrary, he talked about what we would do on the boat other nights during the week, and about plans for fishing and doing a lot of other things during

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson in latest known photograph.

## Resident Shoots At Peeper; Hold Wounded Man

A man with birdshot in his left leg was in City jail today. George Victor Gonzales, 27, of 223 Luke street, faces a possible \$200 fine in Police Court where he has been charged with violation of the "Peeping Tom" ordinance.

A man was shot by Charles Seely of 4016 Tompkins avenue. Seely heard a noise outside his house while his wife was in the bathroom. He took his shotgun and left by the front door. He caught a man looking through the bathroom window.

Seely asked him what he was doing. The man fled. Seely fired a blast which knocked him down. He got up and started running again.

A second blast wounded Dr. William J. Hoy of 4015 Morehead drive. The William Beaumont Hospital doctor was not seriously wounded and said he would treat himself.

He said he was walking home and saw the window peeper run by the Seely home.

Police found Gonzales' driver's license underneath the window of his home.

City detectives arrested Gonzales a half-hour later at his home.

Detectives said Gonzales refused to talk until he got a lawyer.

His case is scheduled to appear sometime this week.

## Mother Hangs Four Children

TORONTO, Nov. 12.—A 27-year-old mother and trained nurse, whose four small daughters were found hanged yesterday in her basement was scheduled to undergo medical examination today.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Mason Snow, now the wife of the Rev. George W. Burroughs, and her children \$55,000. He awarded Mr. Prager's widow and their children \$45,000.

The Government contended the Guard was not part of the Regular Army, even though it was on maneuvers at Ft. Bliss at the time.

**Support View**

Several previous court decisions had supported the view that the National Guard, except in war, is not a part of the national armed forces.

Judge Thomason based his ruling on testimony that the Pentagon in Washington was giving orders

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for our differences in separate lobby Post.

Pick 'em all right and win \$500

Grid Guessers: Get Busy If You Want That \$500

The gridiron season is nearing an end, fans, and time's awasting in the Herald-Post's \$500 Football Contest.

You can still win the big prize and have a big season picking the winners.

The eighth contest of the season in the big \$500 Herald-Post event will be run off this week.

The fourth and final quarter is about ready to start. Grab your pencils, make your selections and let's see if the ball doesn't bounce your way this week.

The 15 games in this week's Her

ald-Post Contest will be published tomorrow on Page 1 of The Herald

Post.

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Gang Breaks Vow, Beats, Kicks Man

The truce of South El Paso teenage gangs to lay down their arms was shortlived.

Five youths, who refused to name their gang, beat and kicked Fred Razo, 35, of 400 South Oregon street, late yesterday.

Police found Razo standing

down the street with both eyes bleeding. He told police one of the youths approached him and asked for a nickel.

**Assault Him**

When he refused, four youths came across the street and assailed him.

Police cruised the area with Razo in their patrol car. Razo pointed

the youths out as they were standing on the corner of Fifth and Oregon street.

One was carrying a butcher knife.

**Lucky 13?**

The youths are believed to be Lucky 13 members since South Oregon street has been the traditional ballyhoo for the gang.

They are Maximo Anaya, 17, of 1731 Doniphan drive; Francisco Alva, 18, of 324½ South El Paso street; Raul Garcia, 19, of 1001 South Florence street; Eulalio Lopez, 17, of 1119 South El Paso street; Sylvester Esparza, 21, of 1612 South Stanton street; and Lupe Reyes Torrez, 15, of 1008 South El Paso street.

**Council Gathers**

The President meanwhile presided at a record-sized meeting of the National Security Council and a large staff of advisers.

The meeting called specially,

was held as key Administration officials began to form definite plans

for a new budget sufficient to meet threats to American security.

The Security Council meeting

lasted an hour and a half. Present

were 61 persons in addition to the

President. It was held in the broadcast room of the White House because the usual meeting place, the cabinet room, was too small.

**Park Bill Signed**

Plans are to make the area a state park.

The measure, introduced in the

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law. Senator Frank Owen of El

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ceremony.

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**SUL ROSS PRINCESS**—Miss Phyllis Jean Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Bent, N. M., will represent Sul Ross State College as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival here Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Miss Lee, a graduate of Tularosa High School, was assistant editor of the school annual in her junior and senior year and student council representative. She was active in the band, chorus, pep club and was chosen Football Queen. She is sponsored by the Tularosa Chamber of Commerce.

There's always someone who is willing to sound off on an unsound idea.

So Santa is ready—are you?



**LITTLE LIZ**

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