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'Pattersons Dead, I Believe,' Says Closest Friend

Garage Owner Visited Their Home Afternoon Before They Vanished

EXCLUSIVE!

This is the last of two articles probing the depths of the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a wealthy El Paso couple. From officials and friends, Herald-Post reporters have collected every known fact.

The disappearance—six months and one day after—remains a mystery. But these two articles give the most complete background on the puzzle gathered thus far. —The Editor.

By BRICE ARMSTRONG

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Probably the last person to see William Durrell (Pat) Patterson and his wife Margaret was Cecil Ward, "Pat's" closest friend in El Paso.

At least, he's the last one who will talk about it. The time was March 5, about 2 p. m., at the Ward Motor Clinic, 2600 Wyoming street.

"They drove by here in the Cadillac and asked me to go see an air cooler at their house," Ward said later. "I went with them and got back to the garage about 4:30 p. m. Everything was normal and nobody said anything about leaving town."

"I was supposed to have gone to 'Pat's' house that night to help him work on a boat, but didn't make it. We even made plans to work on his boat most of the evenings that week."

When Ward stepped out of the Pattersons' car that March 5 afternoon, he little realized he was taking part in a mystery which has baffled him—and dozens of his friends—since.

No one word has been received from the Pattersons in six months. Not one has come forward to pinpoint their whereabouts. As explained yesterday in the first of these two articles on the missing couple, "Pat" Patterson was born in Chicago 53 years ago. He kicked around the country several years working as a "barker" in carnivals, sold specialty items on the streets, and was a street photographer when he and Margaret M. Patterson arrived in El Paso about 1940.

Talked His Way to a Loan

"Pat" talked a local businessman into lending him some money without security. He parlayed it into the money-making Patterson Photo Supply Co., which did more than \$350,000 worth of business last year. His credit was good.

He was a top-notch photographer, and Margaret Patterson handled the business end. Herbert Roth became his accountant, D. G. Kirkland of Lubbock became his friend, and Dave Smith became his attorney.

"Pat" was a loud-talking, high-living fishing enthusiast. Sometime in February "Pat" was involved in a brawl in a Juarez nightclub when a waiter refused to serve a drink to the good-looking Mexican girl sitting with him. The fight didn't amount to much, witnesses said.

On the morning of March 6—the day after Ward last saw the Pattersons—Kirkland drove "Pat's" Cadillac into the Ward Motor Clinic and said "Pat" wanted it fixed up. Kirkland told Ward that the Pattersons had left on a vacation and would not be back for a few days.

'Didn't Think Anything About It'

Ward said Kirkland told him he (Kirkland) had been to the Pattersons' home the night before. Ward remarked that he should have been there too, to help work on the boat, but hadn't felt good and didn't make it.

"I naturally didn't think anything about it at the time," Ward said later. "Now, after six months, I believe they're dead—either or both of them."

On March 15, Roth received a telegram from Dallas. It was signed merely "Pat."

The telegram instructed Roth to rent the Patterson home, sell his house trailer and "use the money in the business." It also said Kirkland would be manager of the Patterson Photo Supply Co., and Roth would run the business end.

Roth and Kirkland rented the home, through Rogers and Belding, real estate agents, to a British couple, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Philip Beison, for four months.

The house trailer has been sold. Investigators said they haven't determined what has happened to "Pat's" Cadillac. Before her disappearance, Margaret signed the company checks. Roth signs them now.

Can't Trace Sender of Telegram

Sheriff Decker in Dallas said his investigators later found out the telegram had been sent from a pay station near Love Field and, therefore, no original existed in the sender's handwriting. In other words, anyone could have sent it.

Yet, Attorney Dave Smith says the telegram is no fake, that it is from Patterson. Smith says the telegram contains things which only he and "Pat" knew about.

But Smith also says he hasn't seen "Pat" since long before he disappeared from El Paso. Smith has made extensive efforts on the Q. T. to find "Pat" and Margaret. None has been successful. "Pat" had told Smith he wanted to incorporate his business with himself as head, then retire to Mexico for at least three years.

Although "Pat" had been in business since 1944, it wasn't until 1955 that Smith, as his attorney, filed an "assumed name" petition in the County Clerk's Office formally giving notice that "Pat" was doing business as Patterson Photo Supply Co.

This step was necessary to start legal work for incorporation. But "Pat" never went ahead with his plans to incorporate.

Frizzell Assigned to Find Them

Sheriff Hicks assigned tight-lipped Deputy Sheriff John B. Frizzell to find the Pattersons. The tall, hulking deputy frankly admits their disappearance is one of the most baffling cases he has had in his 17 years as an officer.

For one thing, Roth and Kirkland are reluctant to talk to either Frizzell or the press. Roth, when questioned, usually replies sharply: "No comment."

Kirkland lives in Lubbock and says he hasn't been in El Paso since some time in June or July, even though he was named in the telegram signed "Pat" as manager of the photo firm here.

Smith, although a long-time acquaintance of Sheriff Hicks, has several times snapped: "Even if I knew where they were, I wouldn't tell the newspapers or Jimmy Hicks."

Deputy Frizzell finds the attitudes of Roth, Kirkland and Smith intriguing.

A source heading an organization whose business it is to find people recently said the Pattersons were at a Texas sanatorium. The source, who refuses to reveal his name for publication, said "Pat" entered the sanatorium at Margaret's urging.

When asked why officers could not confirm the Pattersons were at the hospital, the source said: "Private hospitals are well-paid to give their patients complete privacy. It's obvious they are doing so."

Which gives birth to another mystery: Neither "Pat" nor Margaret have drawn on their bank accounts since their disappearance. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Faubus Orders State Police To Face FBI

Arkansas Governor Says Officers Will 'Discuss Evidence'

By JAMES E. FLINCHUM
United Press Staff Correspondent
LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 6

Defiant Governor Orval E. Faubus announced today that he has ordered Arkansas state police to discuss with Federal authorities "certain evidence" upon which he based his decision to use state troops to prevent integration in Little Rock.

The governor said he has replied to a telegram from President Eisenhower with a promise that "I shall co-operate in upholding the constitution of Arkansas and the nation."

The President's wire to Faubus said: "The Federal Constitution will be upheld by me by every legal means at my command."

And, as official sources later confirmed, that could mean only that school integration must proceed as the law has prescribed.

There was command in the wire: "You and other state officials—as well as the National Guard, which is, of course, unformed, armed and partially sustained by the Federal Government—will, I am sure, give full co-operation to the United States District Court," the wire said.

Faubus made public the text of his response to the Chief Executive, who had urged the governor to allow the integration at Little Rock's Central High School to proceed, through an executive aide.

The governor has not appeared personally since Wednesday when he entered his heavily guarded mansion.

A Federal judge has set a hearing. (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

Plan to Expand Spanish Teaching

A new and broader program of teaching oral Spanish in the El Paso Public Schools will be started Sept. 16, Superintendent Charles said today.

Classes in conversational Spanish will be offered all grade school pupils on a voluntary overtime basis.

Both regular teachers and persons who are not certified but who are fluent in Spanish and English will be instructors. The classes will be held twice a week. Last year oral Spanish classes were held once a week for pupils in the first through the sixth grades.

Here's how the new program will be run—

First, second and third grade pupils will study oral Spanish twice a week from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Pupils in grades from the fourth through the eighth will study it twice a week from 3:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Normally the first three grades are dismissed at 3:30 p. m. and the others at 4:30 p. m. Thus the pupils will put in an extra hour after school on Spanish.

Previously, only certified teachers taught Spanish. By classing it as an extra-curricular activity, the schools can get qualified instructors who lack teaching certification. (Continued on Page 6, Col. 6)

Folks Aren't Angry

Little Rock Could Never Be Ft. Sumter of 1957

By DICKSON J. PRESTON
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 6.—Little Rock's residents, regardless of how they feel about integration, are appalled by the light in which their town has been cast by this week's ruckus over letting Negroes into Central High School.

This reporter has yet to find one person—white or Negro—who agrees with Arkansas Governor Orval E. Faubus that "violence" was imminent if the school board's plan to start gradual integration was carried out.

Little Rock, they feel, just isn't that kind of a place. It was not cut out to be the Ft. Sumter of 1957—which is what Governor Faubus has tried to make of it. In the past it has been, comparatively speaking, a happy easy-going city in which race relations—especially for the South—were amiable.

Many of the city's 30,000 Negroes, who represent about one-fourth of the population, vote regularly. They have had—again for a Southern city—good job opportunities. Local bus segregation was ended some time ago.

Some business leaders feel privately that the headline publicity Little Rock has received as a

Government Loses GI Home Loan Suit

Sergeant Gets Prison Term In Shooting

Found Guilty Of Assault; Cleared In Bigamy Case

Army Sgt. Aria Brewington today was found guilty by a General Court-Martial Board of assault in the shooting of Mrs. Carol Ann Williams and was sentenced to six months at hard labor in the Ft. Bliss stockade.

He was found innocent of bigamy in his marriage to Mrs. Williams last April at Las Cruces.

In addition to the stockade sentence, Brewington, 26, was sentenced to forfeit \$70 monthly in pay for the six months.

Military authorities said he automatically is "busted" from sergeant to private.

She Will Marry

Mrs. Williams, 20, who resumed her maiden name of Tuthill after she divorced Army Pvt. Arnold Williams in a Juarez quickie divorce, declared after Brewington, was sentenced:

"I intend to stay right here in El Paso near this man I love. We'll be married as soon as we are allowed to be married—maybe in the stockade."

Before sentence was imposed, Brewington told the Court Martial Board of nine commissioned officers:

"I want to stay in the Army. In the future I intend to think things out deliberately before acting. I'll never handle any more guns except the guns in line of duty."

Private Williams, 24, whose home is Ft. Gordon, Georgia, was asked after Brewington was sentenced what he thought of the outcome and he said:

"I don't know what to think." The General Court-Martial Board deliberated the case an hour, and asked Law Officer Lieut. Col. T. Kough for clarification of the difference between simple assault and assault by culpable negligence.

The verdict found Brewington guilty of assault by deliberate negligence. Even so, this was a much less serious offense than the aggravated assault charge originally filed. The sentence could have been five years on the original charge.

The General Court-Martial Board, with Col. Kinball Smith as president, first announced its verdict, then retired to fix the sentence. It was announced the conviction was by a two-thirds vote of the board members.

Three of Brewington's commanding officers were called to the courtroom before sentence was passed to make reports on Brewington's record. Each described him as "a good soldier, a good sergeant, with no previous record of misconduct."

Liquor Party and Vice Bared At Hearing in Jail Murder

Witness Tells About Prison Fight

A sordid tale of smuggled liquor parties and prisoners armed with sharp knives in the City jail unfolded today at an inquest hearing in the fatal stabbing of Carlos Leyva and wounding of two companions early yesterday.

Peace Justice Charles Windberg ordered police to "hold for investigation" Jesus J. Gonzales, 30, and Florentino Flores, 20, jail inmates. They took the witness chair to describe the killing of Leyva and wounding of Maximino Anaya and Pedro Serrano, both 17. They are in serious condition at El Paso General Hospital.

Arms Scarred

Judge Windberg said he would withhold his inquest verdict until statements can be taken from Serrano and Anaya.

Gonzales, known as "Chuy El Viejo," his arms scarred by old knife wounds and decorated with tattoos, said he stabbed all three of the wounded in a fight which started when he tried to protect 17-year-old Jose Magallanes from a vice assault by Serrano.

"I had drunk about a cup and a half of alcohol from a bottle which had been brought in," said Gonzales. "There was also a large tin can full of alcohol mixed with something which others were drinking. I do not know who brought the liquor in."

Beaten and Bloody

Gonzales said Serrano kept making advances to Garcia and beat him when Garcia refused. He said he stopped Serrano and went to his cell and went to sleep.

It was about 12:30 a. m., said Gonzales, when he was awakened again by Serrano beating Garcia and trying to force him into a cell.

He said he came out of his cell and found Garcia had been beaten and was bloody. Gonzales said he again told Serrano to let Garcia alone and went back to his cell.

Then Serrano, Leyva and Anaya came to his cell and "jumped me," Gonzales said. "I started fighting. I hit Serrano and he dropped some kind of a weapon, a knife made of a nail or spoon. One of them was on my back and the other two hitting me. I got the knife and started stabbing. I cut all three of them. I knew there were other weapons in the jail but that was the only one I saw at that time."

"Why did you stab them?" asked



IN SLAYING — Jesus Gonzalez, left, and Florentino Flores, held in city jail killing.



Jose Garcia, witness. Carlos Leyva, slain.

Assistant District Attorney Larry Welch appeared neater than the other prisoners. He is serving out a \$15 fine imposed Sept. 4 for being drunk last Sunday.

"To protect myself and to protect Florentino Flores, who had drunk last Sunday, come up and was helping me fight the others off," said Gonzales. "Flores took the witness stand and corroborated Gonzales. Flores said he did not see Garcia get beaten up but saw him with bruises on his face and blood on his shirt."

"I was in the shower washing my clothes," said Flores, who

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Five-Day Weather Out of Tune, But—

TEMPERATURES 2-4 degrees above normal. Normal minimum 55-60 north and 66-74 south. Normal maximum 82-91. Little daily change. Precipitation locally moderate and scattered thundershowers; otherwise, light or none.

DISTRICT 13

Temperatures 1-3 degrees above normal. Normal minimum 66-76. Normal maximum 82-91. Little daily change. Precipitation locally heavy near the coast; otherwise, generally moderate and scattered thundershowers.

DISTRICT 12

Temperatures will average 4-8 degrees above seasonal. Mostly small day to day temperature changes. Generally fair weather except for local afternoon and evening thundershowers.

DISTRICT 31

Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers, mostly east portion. Temperatures averaging slightly above normal.

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RESCUERS FIND BODIES

SAINT GIRON, France, Sept. 6.—A rescue party has found the bodies of three French Alpines who disappeared Saturday on the slopes of the 9318-foot-high Mont-Vallier Peak, it was announced today.

Singer Tops Talent In 'Miss America' Contest

By United Press

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 6.—A church choir singer who is all mixed up geographically won last night's talent round at the Miss America pageant with a hilarious, off-key rendition of "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier."

Gloria Ruth Rupperecht, 19, daughter of a Lutheran minister, entered the contest as Miss Indiana. But she was born in Chicago and lived in Winston-Salem, N. C., before moving with her father to St. Petersburg, Fla., two years ago.

Miss Rupperecht now attends Valparaiso University in Indiana, her stopping-off point to the state contest which she won.

She conceivably was the first contestant in history of the pageant to win a talent competition by singing off key. Her three-minute act which earned her a \$1000 scholarship was that of a scared young soprano making her theatrical debut singing "My Hero."

Miss Georgia—tall Jody Elizabeth Shattuck—20, was judged the finest among 17 swim suit competitors as she swept down the 120-foot runway in a white satin creation gold threaded about the bodice.

Miss Shattuck, 5-feet, 9-inches tall and 130 pounds, blue-eyed and blonde, had 37-24-35 measurements. She attended St. Lawrence University and the University of Georgia for one year each. She was born in Pittsburgh.

Once again, it took high comedy to win the talent division. Miss Indiana had to win out over excellent performances by Miss Vermont, displaying her own paintings in an original skit with original

respectively Wednesday night.

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Gloria Ruth Rupperecht

music; Miss North Carolina's comic treatment of a news celebrity before the cameras; Miss Idaho's solo from "Die Fledermaus"; Miss Utah's violin presentation; Miss Nevada's piano solo; Miss Maryland's reading of a letter to her parents and Miss Minnesota's excerpts from "My Fair Lady."

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U. S. Judge Rules No Fraud Shown

El Paso Agency Wins Contest Over Veteran Cases

The Government today lost its \$104,754 suit against DeWitt and Rearick real estate agency, 24 of its salesmen, and the Mortgage Investment Co.

Federal Judge R. E. Thomason, ruling in favor of the defendants, found no evidence of fraud in their sale and financing of houses through GI loans, as charged by the Department of Justice.

The U. S. had sought recovery of penalties of \$2000 on each of 49 house transactions involving loan guaranties, and \$6754 from the Mortgage Investment Co. "illegally" received as loan gratuities from the Veterans Administration.

The Government's suit charged DeWitt and Rearick, in support of veterans' application for a loan guaranty and gratuity, had submitted false certificates that the veterans intended to live in the houses thus financed.

Government Charges

"The veterans (in 49 cases) did not intend and never did occupy the houses," the Government petition charged. The allegedly false certificates caused the VA to grant loan guaranties and to pay a gratuity of \$100 each on some of the loans to the Mortgage Investment Co., the suit charged.

According to the Government DeWitt and Rearick and Mortgage Investment Co. were "unjustly enriched" through excess profits on resale of the houses and through the gratuities.

A gratuity is a percentage of a loan to which a GI formerly was entitled under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944. It was paid to the financing company for the veteran's account after closing of a loan.

Rules on Record

Judge Thomason noted that the law was passed to encourage home ownership by veterans and to unduly benefit real estate agents and money lenders. "This case involves a violation of the spirit but not the letter of the law," he held.

Judge Thomason ruled the record shows that all the veterans acted in good faith when they certified they expected to occupy the houses, "and the defendants had a right to rely upon the representations made."

The judge continued: "There is no evidence that at that time there was any fraud, collusion, financial payments or promises, or prearranged agreements covering the resale of the houses before occupation."

"It is also admitted by the parties that after the Veterans Administration issued its commitment to guarantee the loan, and before the loan was closed, the veteran informed DeWitt and Rearick that due to his change of circumstances, he had abandoned his original intention of occupying the house and desired to sell same."

"The depositions show this (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Fabens Cotton Festival Pictures

Fabens Cotton Festival style show pictures are on Page 16 today.

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