

to the raid and pretended that he was expecting to meet a party that was coming from the direction of Pecos. The night before the hold up he built a fire out on the open ground in plain view of the rough mountain section where the raiders were lying in wait. Then in the morning he went away. After all was over, it was easy to discern that he had been a spy and that the fire was a signal that all was well.

The commander in charge of the bandits was known as Placedo Villa Nuevo, easily identified by his unusual height and the leprous-like spots on his face and neck. He was generally recognized as subordinate of Pancho Villa, the famous general and leader of the Mexican revolution. He died within a few days after the raid at his headquarters camp in Mexico, and rumor has it that his death was caused from shot gun wounds received during the raid.

After this raid Mr. Brite had a substantial fort erected, and placed in it a powerful searchlight to comb the hill sides and a machine gun to make a prolonged stay of undesirables uncomfortable. The searchlight will light up the darkest corners of the canyons leading to the rim rock and on to the Rio Grande. Besides building up with foresight his ranching interests, Mr. Brite has always manifested interest in the development of Marfa. In the spring 1930, he erected a modern hospital building. The structure is concrete re-inforced with steel and lined with a four inch gyp tile, modernly heated with an oil burner hot water system. It covers a

front of 35 feet with a depth of 90 feet.

It was leased by Drs. Peterson and Peterson and opened in May same year.

The Doctor Petersons have equipped the hospital with the most modern of hospital equipment, the institution being capable of handling the average emergency and hospital cases. There are registered nurses in attendance at all times. Though the hospital is privately operated, it is open to all licensed physicians, thus giving the patient the preference of their choice.

The rooms are divided into examining and treating rooms, minor operating room, major operating room, laboratory, X-ray room, electro-therapy room, patient rooms, diet kitchen, and quarters for the nurse. The hospital records show quite a variety of cases of surgical, hospital and obstetrical nature. In the Hospital's three years of existence it is proud of the support given by the people of the Big Bend country. It is enjoying patronage from as far west as Van Horn, as far north as Kent, and as far south as Presidio. This covers an area of four thousand, four hundred square miles.

In 1931 Mr. Brite erected a beautiful store-office building of the same type of construction and heated by the same system.

From that little camp, located at the foot of the Capote Range forty-eight years ago, the Brite territory covers hundreds of sections and thousands of pure-bred hereford cattle range over these vast acres.

Mr. Brite is a strong man, but this strength is tempered with kindness and justice.

A Friends Greeting

R. W. Ginter

I'd like to be the sort of Friend that you have
been to me
I'd like to be the help that you've been always
glad to be
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute
of the day
As you have meant old friend of mine, to me
along the way.

I'd like to give you back the joy that
you have given me
Yet that were wishing you a need I hope
Will never be
I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who
Travel on
Undaunted in the darkest hours with you
to lean upon.

I'm wishing at this very time that I,
Could but repay
A portion of the gladness that you've strewn
along my way
And could I have but one wish this year,
this only would it be
I'd like to be the sort of friend that
you have been to me.