



BEAUTY AHEAD—*first plantings in the El Paso Municipal Rose Garden were put in place yesterday and today. City Parks Horticulturist T.G. Harris, foreground, is in charge of the garden which eventually will display almost 4000 rose plants.*

**Municipal Garden, Planting Starts
ROSES TO BLOOM
IN RECLAIMED AREA**

4000 Plants Due In Transformation

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Two hundred fifty rose bushes have been planted in Memorial Park to mark the beginning of the El Paso Municipal Rose Garden.

Planting was started yesterday. The job will be completed today.

Four years of planning have gone into converting a once dusty parking strip into a three-level area of flowers, grass and decorative art.

When the garden is completed, it will contain almost 1000 rose plants and will be a living example to El Pasoans of what can be done with the flower.

Many Varieties

Many of the 250 roses in the first planting have not yet gone on the market.

There is the creamy white Angel Wings, the red Heat Wave, Ruby Lips and Texan. There are groupings of the yellow Isobal Harkness and Green Fire and the delicate pink Lipstick.

An unusual rose is the Nearly Wild, a single pink rose similar to a wild rose. These flowers will be massed around a grey marble and white concrete wall.

A half dozen of the roses were given as memorials, The Lower Valley Garden Club, the Kern Place Garden Club, the Golden Hill Garden Club donated money for the display.

Donate Plants

El Paso nurseries have given plants. Roses are from Armstrong Nursery, the Green Thumb, Black's Nursery, Cross Nursery, the Del Norte Flower Mart and Smith of Hemet.

The El Paso Rose Society is acting in an advisory capacity.

The rose garden, which covers about three quarters of an acre, is formed of three terraces connected by stairways of stone. The entire area is surrounded by a six-foot-high mesh fence.

The upper terrace backs against Wheeling street. The north fence at the back of the highest terrace will be covered with climbing roses. Honeysuckle and Queen's Wreath will hide the fence at the east. There is an unobstructed view into the rose garden from Copia street.

A 12-foot square building, walled in white-painted iron lace, will be built on the upper terrace. The center terrace will feature a

marble statue of a cherub and the bottom terrace will have a birdbath, a lily pond and a sundial among the roses.

The whole area between the flowers will be grass. Three types of grass have been combined to give a lawn of rich and hardy texture.

Three hundred loads of earth were moved into the park to fashion the terraces which are defined by stone walls. The first planting of the roses is completed and it is hoped the grass will be in place by the end of the month.

A seven-man crew, under direction of T.G. Harris, city horticulturist, had charge of the planting. Four men were on the fence crew.

The garden will be open on weekdays from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. On Sundays, the hours are from 1 to 4 p. m.

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