

January 21, 1922.

Mrs. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mrs. White:

I acknowledge receipt of your checks for \$1,000 in favor of the Southern Title Guaranty Company in the matter of the Kaufman loan. I had until noon yesterday under my written agreement with Mr. Jennings to acquire the Kaufman property for the sum of \$5621, the amount of the judgment and costs.

Yesterday Mr. Jennings was not anxious to have me exercise the option. In fact, I had to deposit the money with the Southern Title Guaranty Company, together with a copy of my contract with Mr. Jennings before noon yesterday, which I did, and then notified him to come through. He came into town, and saw that he was not in a position to back out legally; and the result was - yesterday afternoon I had he and his wife put a deed in escrow in the sum of \$4600, and paid him the \$1,000 and got rid of him for a year. But the \$4600 must be paid within a year, or he gets the deed to the property back again.

Inclosed herewith find note of \$1,000 signed by Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman, also copy of lease that I have made with Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman, all of which is explanatory.

This letter is to certify that I am holding as your protection the equity in the Kaufman property subject to the Jennings obligation - \$4600.

I shall make every effort to dispose of this property at an early date to pay first - the Jennings obligation, second - the obligation to you of \$1,000 and interest, and third - save an equity for the Kaufmans.

Attached hereto is the copy of the agreement between Mr. Jennings and myself, also separate letter of Mr. Jennings in relation to release in case of sale of part of the property, all of which is explanatory. As Mr. Jennings' own attorney drew up this agreement, and Mr. Jennings signed it, I did not

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August 10, 1922

Mrs. F. M. WHITE,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mrs. White:

I acknowledge receipt of a check for \$2,000 in relation to the Encinitas property - 80 acres. I have put the check in the safe and will hold it until I am able to give you a clear deed to the property.

I don't know as I acknowledged receipt of the \$1200 heretofore paid by you, but if not, this will be the acknowledgment, and pardon my delay.

Mr. Cable's affairs were so badly mixed that I have been nearly seven weeks clearing the title to the property which has been sold to Los Angeles parties, and it is only within the last two or three days that the deal was consummated. I hope no complications will come up that will prevent clearing the title and consummating the deal in which you are interested. If the titles are not perfect I will refund the \$1200 already received, and your check which is my safe will be returned.

I am Thanking you for your interest in this matter,  
Yours very truly,

EE:KLM

see fit to call his attention to the fact, which I believe to be true, that as a last resort before our time expires, we can ask for a release of ten acres, which includes the house, barn, orchard, pumping plant, and distributing system by paying \$200 per acre, leaving the raw land to revert back to Mr. Jennings. However, I hope that it will not be necessary to take such extreme measures in Mr. Kaufman's behalf and for your own self protection.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and note, and I hope what has been done will meet with your approval.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH



**Ed Fletcher Company**  
Fletcher Building  
920 Eighth St.

San Diego, California

February 4, 1925.

Mrs. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mrs. White:

Inclosed find letter from our friend Carpenter that is interesting.

Yours very truly,

*Ed Fletcher*

EF:AH

( copy )

ELMO A. CARPENTER & SON

Taft, California Jan. 26 - 24.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir and Friend:

I am this eve in receipt of your letter and am pleased to learn that the property is moving. I expect to be down next Fri. and will probably see you next Sat. I will ask for reservations on the following property and will release same immediately upon the parties failure to comply with their promises

Lot 25 Block 1 Avocado acres for John Morgan  
Lot 6 Block 1 Cardiff Hts. for Edward Friday  
Lots 9 and 10 Block 1 Cardiff Hts. for Prof. James A. Joyce  
Lots 11 & 12 " " P. B. Noock

Edward Friday expects to turn his money in this week. Morgan, Joyce and Noock have seen this land made their selection and at their earliest convenience will get their wives to look at it. I expect to bring Mrs. Noock next week. Prof. Joyce has commencement exercises next Fri. and can't get away with his wife until a week from Friday. Morgan is furnishing a house before he can come with his wife. All these people will buy and all have plenty behind them to ~~properly~~ properly develop. I expect to bring a good load Friday. As ever,

Your Friend,

ELMO A. CARPENTER

June 19, 1925.

My dear Mrs. White:

It was mighty sweet of you to write me as you did today. You give me too much credit. It is an easy matter to dream things, but it must be a wonderful satisfaction to you, and it certainly is to me, the realization of the development of Mt. Helix.

To me Helix has never been quite as thrilling as last night - the balmy air, protected from the cold breezes of the ocean, the lights of the city, all lights out except the blaze which flooded the stage. Carrie Jacobs Bond helped to make the picture. How wonderfully clear every word she said.

I was not thinking particularly, however, of last night's performance, but the possibility of the future with 5000 people sitting there spellbound with it all hearing some great artist. The natural location and beautiful surroundings all blending together must inspire anyone there to their highest pitch.

To me, going to Mt. Helix is likened to a pilgrimage and it certainly is an inspiration for thoughts of a more spiritual nature and a higher standard of living.

It was a good lesson for us to be there and watch how they handled the situation, to see their errors and benefit thereby.

It brought a smile when Brother White said that it will only be used for Easter services. The beautiful surroundings, the inspiring atmosphere, with the wonderful improvements that you and your brother have made cannot help but create a desire in others to make that pilgrimage, and we must give them an excuse for so doing. In fact, they will want to, for every true artist or one who has that proper spirit and ideal of better things will naturally be enchanted with it all. I don't see how you could have done anything that will give more pleasure and be more of a help and inspiration to mankind than what you have done on Mt. Helix.

It is a busy day for me, but I find so much pleasure in writing you just how I feel and to express my appreciation and thankfulness for what you have done. It is an inspiration to me to better do my part.

Sincerely, your partner,

EF:AH

Mrs. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

March 10, 1926.

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter from  
H. A. Hall, which is explanatory and for your  
information.

Yours very truly,

KLM

January 5th,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find my invitation to the Manufacturers  
and Employers Association of San Diego.

Are you going?

Yours truly,

EF:AK

1020—9th Street,

January tenth,  
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My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of letter from General  
Webb, that will give you a laugh.

Sincerely,

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

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January 16th, 1929.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Whitcomb that I  
am sure you will enjoy.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

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January 17th,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear F. M.:

Enclosed find letter from Hansen and one from Mrs.  
Miller,

What do you think of it?

Yours truly,

EF:AK

Frederick M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California

January 21, 1929.

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th Street,  
San Diego, California.

Innote the letter from Mr. Hansen and  
also Mrs. Miller, which I return to you.

I do not see how you could tie this  
property up that they wish to use, for if you have  
a chance to sell it, it would no doubt interfere  
with the sale of the property.

Outside of this, however, I have no  
special thoughts on the matter and leave it entirely  
to you.

Yours truly,

*F M White*

February 20th,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written to Mr.  
Robinson that is explanatory and for your information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

Copy

Dear Robinson

We are all so sorry you have taken the  
 action you did in resigning from the Club  
 as director and hope you will reconsider it  
 + allow your reinstatement and election as  
 director. We have pulled together for so many  
 years + you have done so much to help. That we  
 want you with us at this critical time in  
 the Club's affairs - your going off the board  
 at this time may cause the banks who are  
 carrying the Club's notes to perhaps call some  
 of the loans which none of us want at this  
 time, as a special favor to me I want you  
 to reconsider and go back on the board at this  
 time - please give your careful attention  
 + let me hear from you or arrange to do so on my  
 return, I can have a <sup>Thursday</sup> lunch with you  
 Sincerely  
 F. M. White

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February 20th,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of telegram from Ayres, also  
 copy of my letter to Bledgett and Hotchkiss, for  
 your information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK



February 21st,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
San Diego Athletic Club,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear White:

Enclosed find letter from Toberman. I think this  
is a cracker jack of an idea.

I asked him to tell me what to do and I don't know  
but what we had better go at a membership campaign.

Talk it over with me the next time you see me.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

February 25th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear White:

Will you take up with Mr. Bencini the matter of  
planting cotton around Patterson. I am enclosing  
letter from Harbell regarding this.

Mr. Douty is with the Commercial Bank of Batterson.

I don't think Mr. Bencini ever sent a man up there  
as promised.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl

1020—9th Street

March fifth,  
1929.

My dear Fred:

I appreciate more than I can say what you are doing for the Athletic Club. I only wish I were in financial shape to do it at the present time, but it is not in the cards. However, I want to voluntarily assume one-half of any losses that you and I may jointly make, if any ever do occur in connection with the Club.

Sincerely your friend,

Mr. F. M. White  
San Diego, California.

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March Seventh,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
208 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed please find two checks covering the Wilson payment of principal and interest to February 23rd, 1929.

The first check of interest amounting to \$15.08 was credited to your account and should have been forwarded to you before but in checking over the contracts it just came to my attention.

Yours very truly,

MEF:AK

March Nineteenth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written Mr. Jones  
that is explanatory.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

March 28th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
Wausau, Wis.

My dear Fred:

Just a word to let you know we held our meeting  
yesterday. Dick Robinson was there and apologized  
for his past action, but said it was on account of  
Coker and he thought he ought to resign and as  
long as he forced Coker to resign. He thought  
Coker was going to run again and that he should.

Judge Sloane's opinion was read. As usual, Rhodes went  
off his trolley, but we quieted him down and everything  
went thru in a legal way. I had both Jones and George  
Neale's resignations. The resignations were accepted  
with regret and we nominated the three directors,  
Parker, Robinson and Rhodes in the usual way for the  
three year period and they will be elected next Monday.

Sullivan had agreed with me that he would nominate George  
Parker for vice-president, but Robinson appearing and  
attending the meeting of the directors, Sullivan had  
changed his mind and proposes to nominate Dick Robinson  
for first vice-president. I am hoping to change his  
mind before next Monday.

We took in six or seven new members on Monday and only  
one resignation.

Am preparing an advisory ballot and have sent it to  
Sloane for his approval. Each vote will be numbered and  
we will have an absolute check. The questions to be  
voted on are attached.

I hope you will have a pleasant trip and will return to  
us in good health and happy.

Give my kindest regards to the folks.

Sincerely your friend,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

March 26th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

Attached is letter I received from F. H. Jones, for  
your information.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

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SHOULD BE CUT OUT ENTIRELY=

F M WHITE

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

1020 Ninth Street,

April First,  
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My dear Fred:

Enclosed find articles on the Easter Services that will be of interest.

You no doubt got my telegram.

This morning's Union describes it better than I could. It was hard for us all to go but we don't regret it now.

The theatre never was more beautiful. The sunrise was remarkable. While we did not see the sun its reflected rays were magnificent. It magnified the height of the mountains themselves and seemed to bring them fifteen to twenty miles nearer. A most respective audience attended the services and Dr. Campbell was at his best.

With kindest regards to all and assuring you that we will be glad to see you home again, I am

Sincerely

Mr. F. M. White,  
Wausau,  
Wisconsin.

April 2nd, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
208 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

I went to Los Angeles last Thursday and on my way home Saturday night by train, I picked up the Sun and saw my name mentioned in connection with having donated the land for the nature theatre at Mount Helix.

I gave no authority to allow the use of my name and did not know I was to be mentioned, and the joke of it is they stuck in a picture of me as well which is over twenty years old. I am sorry it was there and would not have had any mention of my name under any circumstances. I am going to find out who mentioned me and the reason for it. It was certainly without my authority and I regret that it was done.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF

cc to Cyrus Yawkey

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 3rd, 1929

MR. F. M. WHITE,  
c/o CYRUS YAWKEY  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

IREY MAIRE AND ALEXANDER ELECTED COUNCIL CAMP KEARNEY BONDS WENT OVER FIVE AND HALF TO ONE ATHLETIC CLUB ELECTED YOU PRESIDENT ROBINSON AND RHOADES VICE PRESIDENTS SULLIVAN WENT BACK ON ME REGARDING PARKER FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE SENT OUT TO ALL MEMBERS BY MAIL INCLUDING QUESTION OF VOTING BY PROXY QUESTIONNAIRE IN FINE SHAPE AND INCLUDES ACCUMULATIVE VOTING SPLENDID WEATHER HOPE YOU IMPROVE ON YOUR CRIBBAGE GAME WHILE AWAY

ED FLETCHER

C. G. Ed Fletcher Co.,  
1020 Ninth Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

April Fifth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written Mr. Hansen that will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

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:F M WHITE.

April 8, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find picture taken before daylight,  
with the indirect lighting on the cross, also picture  
taken while Dr. Campbell was making his address, all  
with my compliments.

Undoubtedly it was the largest gathering  
that ever took place at Mt. Helix.

Sincerely,

EF:KLM

April Twenty-sixth,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find deed which we have executed covering a  
portion of Lot 61 for reservoir purposes.

It is going to cost \$10,000 to do this work and we  
are getting the district to do it for nothing  
which solves our water problem for Mt. Helix for  
ever.

Kindly sign and have it acknowledged on Saturday  
or Monday. Miss May will take the acknowledgment.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

April Twenty-sixth,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find letter from King which please see  
me about the next time we get together.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

May Second,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

The enclosed are the pictures that Wright took and I  
would not buy the camera if I were you.

Yoursvery truly,

EF:AK



May 10th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

I am enclosing copies of my letter to the People of Encinitas and to the San Diego Herald, which will be of interest to you. Please return these to me after reading.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

May Tenth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Fred Sutherland that may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

May Sixteenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written Mr. Levett  
that is explanatory.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

May 16, 1929.

Mr. Joe Linda,  
San Diego,  
California.

Dear Mr. Linda:-

As has been the case with practically all of the Social Clubs organized in different cities, it has been hard and strenuous work for a few years after they have been organized, to get them in a satisfactory financial condition.

Your Athletic Club has been able to function fairly well, but your Directors feel that the membership should help at the present time, to lighten the financial load and secure enough members so that the dues will more than cover the operating expenses.

It has been the aim of the Directors of your Club to make the financial burden on its members, as light as possible, and so far we have had only one assessment.

At a small meeting last Monday Evening, of some of our Life and Charter Members, with the Directors of the Club, a plan was formulated whereby the members can be of great assistance to us in carrying out a simple direct plan to put the Club on a sound financial basis. This plan, if followed, will put practically no financial burden on its members and will clear up our financial needs at the present time, and will result in there being no deficit in the operating expenses of our Club, and will reduce, considerably, our indebtedness on the underwriting of the unsold memberships.

We are inviting you to join the Directors and a few of our Life and Charter Members to a dinner to be given Monday Evening, May 20th, at 6:30 o'clock P. M. to go further into this matter, and will be pleased to have you join us at this Dinner Meeting.

Very truly yours,

SAN DIEGO ATHLETIC CLUB,

*F. M. White*  
F. M. WHITE,  
PRESIDENT.

May Twentieth,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find statement covering the second installment of taxes due the La Mesa and San Dieguito Irrigation Districts which are due in June. This is to comply with your request for same this morning.

Sincerely yours,

MEF:AK

CUYAMACA  
SOLANA BEACH  
FLETCHER HILLS  
PINE HILLS  
GROSSMONT  
AVOCADO ACRES

ED FLETCHER CO.  
1020 NINTH STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

May Thirty-first,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear White:

Enclosed find letter from Mrs. Carpenter.

I think what we had better do is to ask Mrs. Carpenter to turn the land back to us and when we resell it again we can refund her what actual cash her husband has in the property. What do you think about it?

Kindly return Mrs. Carpenter's letter.

Yours very truly,

*E. Fletcher*

EF:AK

*Any arrangement you want  
to make will be OK for me*

*6/1-29*

*JMS*

June 1st, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

This will serve as a life permit for you to use Eagles Nest as your own.

You are the only man, outside of our family, to whom a permit of this kind will be issued, but it is given with the greatest pleasure, so feel as if you own it, and my representatives at Eagles Nest will so recognize this permit.

Sincerely your friend,

EF:GMT

June Fifth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
c/o Willis Fletcher,  
Phi Delta Theta,  
Eugene, Oregon

My dear Mr. White:

The enclosed telegram was brought to us by Charles after you had left and as we did not know where you were to be in Los Angeles or San Francisco I am sending it forward to Eugene Oregon c/o Willis and hope that it is nothing that should have had immediate attention.

I hope you will have a comfortable trip up and I know you will have a happy time with the family until you leave them at Portland.

Sincerely yours,

MEF:AK

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DECIDE TO DO ON OPTIONS TELEGRAPH OFFICE IS OPEN HERE=

F. M. WHITE

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

June 21, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White,  
Hazelhurst, Wis.

Dear Fred:

We arrived home last night late, after a most wonderful trip. We certainly wished that you were along. It was a joy forever. The roads were perfect. We left, as you know, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon were taking moving pictures of Old Faithful in Yellowstone. That night we were over at the Grand Canyon.

Most of the roads were blocked with snow, but it was perfect at Grand Canyon. We took moving pictures and stills of big bears on the front porch of the house where Catherine slept and Catherine is also in the picture.

Returning we were thru Brice Canyon and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, also Kaibab Forest. You cannot imagine how much the roads have been improved. We were two hours from Marysdale to Brice, which took us, you will remember, about seven hours. I counted 285 deer in one bunch from our front porch. We have moving pictures of it all.

Zion was hot as Hades, but beautiful. We went down to Boulder Dam and it alone is worth the trip. Coming thru Death Valley it was 112. Not one of us on the entire trip caught even a cold or was under the weather.

Have had a conference with Mr. Parker. He has sold 55 or 40 memberships.

For some reason he feels that a meeting should not be called quite yet, and I felt under all of the circumstances it was not up to me to insist upon a meeting except subject to his approval.

I got General Strong's application today.

The folks are all well. Give my kindest regards to the Yawkeys and drop me a line.

Am sorry to say that I am almost stunned over the decision of the Supreme Court, copy of which is herewith enclosed as published in this morning's Union. How the Supreme Court can take away the water rights from parties who have owned them for 48 years is more than I know. The case will undoubtedly go to the Supreme Court, and there will be blood shed if they ever attempt to take that water away from the La Mesa people. They will never attempt it in my opinion, but some compromise must and will be made.

Enclosed find an account of the deplorable accident at the Nature Theatre. I don't know what to say only this - the quicker you deed this property to the county and get relieved from the personal liability responsibility, the better it would be for everybody.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

June Twenty-fourth,  
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Mr. F. M. White,  
Hazelhurst,  
Wisconsin.

My dear Fred:

Answering your telegram of the twenty-fourth I just saw Parker and practically all the directors are out of town and he has asked for some delay before calling the meeting.

He is working every day and has, I believe, between 40 and 50 new memberships.

I telephoned to Evans and he says everything is going along nicely.

Savage came up to see me this morning on other matters so I asked him what was being done regarding San Pasqual. His answer was that the city were not asking for any extension of time, but letting everything lapse but right immediately after the election they hope to settle with the contractors and in that way have sufficient funds to take up again the question of acquiring all the lands within the 395 foot contour, including yours.

The election is on July sixth.

I think everything is about ready to settle with the contractors immediately after the election but not before. I am hopeful that everything is coming out alright.

Savage is going to get a favorable report in side of a week he says showing how much money has been put into the Lake Hodges system and it came out in the papers that the city's equity in San Pasqual valley was large, and should be protected.

I don't think he has any idea of giving it up and will make

# YAWKEY LUMBER COMPANY

WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

June 28th, 1929.  
Friday

Col. Ed. Fletcher,  
Ninth Street,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Fletcher:

I received your letter of June the 21st and was very much pleased to know that you reached home safely after such a wonderful trip. I want to thank you for taking me along as far as Portland and if you enjoyed the trip as much as I did after you left, it was certainly worth while.

I notice the decision in regard to the Guymaca Water Company's properties and it does not seem that such a decision could stand in the higher courts. I hope the case is appealed to the United States Supreme court and, in the meantime, there may be some compromise made that will be satisfactory to all parties.

I sent a message to the San Diego Athletic Club thinking the meeting would be on the evening of the 25th, but, from your letter, this meeting has been postponed. Mr. Parker, no doubt, has the matter well lined up at the present time and his judgment should prevail on the best way to proceed.

In my message to you I asked what the state had decided to do in regard to the options in the San Pasqual Valley. I hope they have asked for an extension and that this matter will be adjusted in a satisfactory manner to everyone in the near future.

I expect to leave Hazelhurst on the evening of July the 14th and to leave Chicago, perhaps, on the 18th or 19th for Portland, taking seven or eight days on the auto trip down.

I find the telegraph office at Hazelhurst is open and any messages would reach me there before the 14th.

Mr. & Mrs. Yawkey and myself came down from Hazelhurst yesterday morning and will return this evening. So far, I have landed one ten pound muskie and will, no doubt, make the Tomahawk river trip twice again before leaving.

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a favorable report that the whole thing be acquired and developed next.

I am simply snowed under, old top.

Will write you again soon and hope you are having the time of your life.

Give my kindest regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

BOND

6/28/1929

I am having a very pleasant visit with the Yawkey and Woodson families; Mrs. W.H. Yawkey from New York also being at Hazelhurst at the present time.

*Fred*

FMW.:JAS.

July Fifth,  
1929

Mr. F. H. White,  
c/o C. C. Yawkey,  
Hazelhurst, Wis.,

My dear Fred:

I just received your letter of the twenty-eighth today. I have never been any more busy in my life.

Bert Mack, Director of Public Works was here. I was with them for two days in Mexico. Everything is coming fine in highway matters, the whole thing is settled - the matter of building Rose Canyon road immediately, the state to put up the money and the city to reimburse them December 15th.

I am getting along fine with the formation of the Oceanside-Carlsbad Irrigation District and taking over the water rights of the Canfield Estate.

We are getting our breath after the paramount right case has been decided by the Supreme Court and we are all petitioning for a rehearing.

What the future has in store no one knows but we are hoping to have the Government intervene as they are a party to this matter and have been from the beginning. I refer to the Indian Service and there is some hope of getting into the Supreme Court of the United States. In the mean time they can't take any water away from us for years.

Mr. Parzer has plans for brining up the membership and says he will have assistance that will undoubtedly put it over. We are waiting to hear his report next Monday.

I was absent last Monday but they held a meeting any way and were unanimous of opening up three or four floors to the ladies. It seems it is being done every where of necessity on account of finances.

The Santa Monica Athletic Club and the Hollywood Athletic



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have both been absorbed by the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Not so good.

They also, as you know, control the Long Beach Athletic Club.

The options have been allowed to laps and nothing will be done on San Pasqual until after the election. If that carries their next move is to compromise with the contractors and hope to have enough money then to tie up the lands in San Pasqual.

Congratulations on your landing a muskeel! I only wish I was there.

Give my kindest regards to the dear folks.

My cousin landed here with his family and the measles. They are corralled across the street in the Doble house.

Eugene was second yesterday and won a junior cup in swimming around the Oceanside pier. There were two sets of swimmers - the seniors and the juniors. Something like over 100 went into the race. It was about half a mile. He came second in the juniors and sixteenth in the seniors. It was a wild, rough day with the surf six and eight feet high. He sure proved himself a duck.

Mrs. Fletcher and I went over and looked at the garden yesterday and it is in splendid shape.

We are having wonderful weather here. I hope you have been satisfied there.

You will hear from me in a few days.

About when do you expect to arrive in Portland also San Diego. Please keep me posted.

The moving pictures of the trip are wonderful and you and your friends shall enjoy them on your return.

Colonel Copley sent his check in for \$1000 yesterday and I turned it over to the Club.

Parker has done mighty well. He has forty or fifty pledges already.

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Well old top, Miss May is standing here waiting for me to sign some papers so good luck to you.

Drop me a line once in a while.

Sincerely your friend,

EF:AK

July 6th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
c/o C. C. Yankey  
Hazelhurst, Wis.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Fithian, that is  
explanatory.

He comes to me well recommended and I recommend that  
we try this out once.

As they want to get started in August, I suggest you wire  
me at my expense on receipt of this if it is agreeable  
or not.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

July Ninth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
Hazelhurst,  
Wisconsin.

My dear Fred:

I got your telegram this morning.

The city election is not until July 16th. I will wire  
you the returns. I think it is going over big.

I have been subpoenaed by the Supervisors and Court to value  
the Santa Margarita Ranch.

Am snowed under and am leaving for Los Angeles to meet  
Sullivan of the Spreckels Company and Chandler at 10:30  
so am going by airplane leaving here at 8:30 this morning  
so you see I am busy.

Will write you one more letter and send it air mail.

All are well here.

Send me your address in Portland and date of arrival  
so I can keep in touch with you.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely your friend,

EF:AK

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July ninth 19

To MR. F. M. WHITE

Street and No. Hazelhurst

Place Wisconsin

~~TELEGRAM RECEIVED~~ ~~ELECTION NOT UNTIL THE SIXTEENTH~~ ~~ALL~~

~~WELL HERE~~ ~~SENDING AIRMAIL LETTER CARE STEVENS HOTEL CHICAGO~~

KINDEST REGARDS TO ALL

ED FLETCHER

Chg. Ed Fletcher Co.,  
1020 Ninth St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE  
NUMBER

July Ninth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
c/o Stevens Hotel,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of telegram I sent today.

You must have gotten your dates mixed up. The bonds will carry three to four to one on the sixteenth.

I was subpoenaed by the Board of Supervisors in the Santa Margarita case.

Enclosed find copy of my testimony, submitted in writing. I made a monkey out of Charles Hardy. As soon as we got through he said, "Well we cant controvert the statements to a dead man", inferring that no offer was ever made for the ranch. I answered, "I assumed, Mr. Hardy, that I was talking to a gentleman".

There was a big mob there and I tell you it will be interesting to see the fight develop but I question very much if we will get any where in particular.

It just seems like it is one thing after another and things keep busy in the little town of San Diego, something developing to keep you busy. I think that is what you say from time to time.

I am crazy to see you back home.

I had to go to Los Angeles yesterday by airplane to bring Sullivan and Chandler together.

Keep me posted on your movements.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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ED FLETCHER=

SANDIEGO CALIF=

FIND IT NECESSARY TO CHANGE PLANS FOR MY RETURN AND WILL  
 REACH LOSANGELES JULY SIXTEENTH MATTER WITH FITHIAN WILL  
 HAVE TO STAY OPEN UNTIL MY RETURN PLEASE ADVISE OTHICK HE  
 WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE PORTLAND TRIP ALSO ZUMWALT TO HOLD

MAIL=

F M WHITE

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

July 17th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
 208 Upas Street  
 San Diego, California.

My dear F. M.:

There seems to be some error regarding Fithian.  
 They got a bum steer from Los Angeles. Enclosed  
 find letters and telegrams that are explanatory.

I think we should give him one opportunity to make  
 good so long as he does his own financing.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
 Encl.

July Seventeenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

I asked the Chamber of Commerce to look this man  
up. Enclosed find their report.

Please treat this confidential and write me a  
letter that you don't want to give any authority  
as the matter might be complicated by turning it  
over to the Supervisors, or any other excuse.

Kindly return the chamber of commerce letter.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AJ

CUYAMACA  
SOLANA BEACH  
FLETCHER HILLS  
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**Fletcher Company**  
1020 NINTH STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

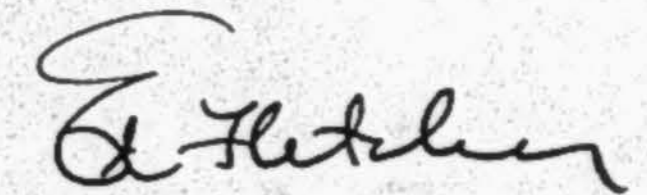
July 20th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

You better write me a letter or sign the enclosed  
so that I can check up now and find who has been  
farming the Prentice land and get some rentals  
this coming year.

Yours very truly,



EF:GMF  
Encl

July 22, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

I went to church yesterday.

The enclosed was distributed to each one of us. It seems all of the churches are behind Fithian from what I have been told.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

July 27, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

I have had a nice letter from Belcher, in a general way approving the plan. Please keep it confidential.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

August Third,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Sloane that is  
explanatory, and for your information.

Also, enclosed find clippings from the local papers  
that you have probably not seen.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

August Fifth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find letter from Mrs. Carpenter that is  
explanatory.

I suggest that you do this. I am very sure I can  
sell the land for more than enough to net you \$1000  
an acre in the next few months. It should net you  
\$1500 an acre.

I am now paying a 30% commission and sold some lands  
like them for \$1500 an acre the last week through  
Captain Snell. In other words, your land should  
net you \$1200 an acre. How do you feel about it?

I am going to see you through in this thing.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK  
Encl.

August Eighth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find copy of San Diego Herald and also copy  
of letter from Sloane & Belcher..

I handed in my resignation as chairman of the Campaign  
committee of the Community Chest but they refused to  
accept it.

Everything stated in that article in the Herald is a  
lie. Enclosed find copy of my letter to the Community  
Chest.

What do you think about it?

Yours very truly

EF:AK

J. RUSSELL WHEELER  
572 MARSHALL STREET  
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

August 16, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White, President,  
Benson Lumber Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:-

I will greatly appreciate your opinion of the  
ability of Herbert E. Wheeler, as executive and salesman.  
He formerly lived at San Diego, and I understand you knew  
him well. He is residing in Florida at present, and I  
hope to induce him to return to Wisconsin to take charge  
of a canning plant in which I am interested.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Wheeler  
per HW

Zimmerwalt.

HW

M619K

7-10-29  
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August Twenty-sixth,  
1 9 2 9

Col. Fletcher:

No one in this office knows this man. Mr. Zumwalt of the Benson Lumber Company informed me as follows:

"We have had no word of him since 1910. He is reported as having come from Milwauki, Los Angeles and Iowa. He was employed by the Wheeler J. Baily Co., then by Wheeler Chase Accounting Company which would indicate that he was quite a promoter. Later on he incorporated the Jackie Coogan Inc. He did own some property but transferred most of it to his wife and later sold out.

He then left San Diego and we did not hear of him until this inquiry."

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Please read this tax matter and return to me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

August Twenty-seventh,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. White:

Colonel Fletcher handed me the letter from Mr. Wheeler  
and asked me to find out who he was.

I have written the enclosed letter for your signature  
which I hope meets with your approval.

Respectfully yours,

AK

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September 20th 19 29

To MR. F. M. WHITE

Street and No. C/O CONGRESS HOTEL

Place CHICAGO, ILL.

RHOADES FAILED TO SHOW UP THURSDAY AS I PROPHESED ADJOURNED UNTIL

TODAY DECLARED ROBINSONS SEAT VACATN ELECTED SULLIVAN VICEPRESIDENT

WILL HOLD MEETING NEXT MONDAY MORNING WITH MITCHELL PRESENT AND APPROVE

REVISED BYLAWS ENTIRE SUPREME COURT BENCH FOR TWO DAYS LISTENED TO

PARAMOUNT RIGHT ARGUMENTS AND ASK THAT NEW BRIEFS BE FILED EVERYTHING

MOST ENCOURAGING HAVE A GOOD TIME WILL WIRE YOU VIA WAUSAU

ANYTHING IMPORTANT

ED FLETCHER

Chg. Ed Fletcher Co.,  
1020 Ninth Street,

San Diego, Calif.

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE  
NUMBER

September Twelfth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find note from Ed Jr. for your information  
regarding the Prentice property.

I have written to Geo. Daley about renting the  
Prentice property.

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM:AK

September 14th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

The bankers have passed on you for \$750 and they  
turned your card over to me to collect.

I feel they will be mighty fortunate if you give  
them what you gave last year, \$501. No matter  
what you give, I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

EF:GMF  
Enclosure.

1927-750  
1928-750  
1929-501  
1930-200

September 18th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find copy of letter you wrote Robinson  
in 1928 that is pretty well to the point.

Sincerely,

EF:GMF

September 23rd, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
c/o Mrs. C. W. Yawkey  
Wausau, Wis.

My dear Fred:

I assume you received my telegram care of the  
Congress Hotel, Chicago, telling how Rhoades  
deliberately repudiated his promise to be at the  
meeting Thursday so a quorum was not present.

Dick Robinson is automatically and officially out.  
Sullivan was elected first vice president in his  
place. Parker saw Rhoades Thursday night in the  
Club. Rhoades said he had been out of town and agreed  
to meet with us Friday noon. He repudiated this  
promise so we went to work and approved the contract  
with Andrews and set a meeting for eight o'clock  
Monday morning. Mitchell came home Saturday night  
late.

We all met this morning at eight o'clock, had the  
necessary two-thirds vote, we both telephoned and  
wrote Rhoades, sending him a special delivery letter,  
but all to no avail. He would not come to the meeting  
this morning so having enough votes, we amended the  
by-laws and sent Parker to Los Angeles to meet the  
Corporation commissioner at a nine o'clock engagement  
Tuesday morning.

We had quite a rain here the other day and the rain  
came in to the Club. We found the cause of it was  
Rhoades flagstaffs. He had broken thru the floor and  
had cracked the coping and both flagstaffs will have  
to come down immediately. There will be some consider-  
able expense in putting them up again. We have made  
temporary repairs.

All the directors of the Club are 100% against Rhoades  
now excepting Robinson. Robinson is going to make a  
fight at the next annual meeting next March to be  
re-elected again and he is going to fight for a he-man's  
club so I have been told.

Mr. F. M. White -2-

9-25-29

Many thanks for your subscription to the Community Chest.

I had a couple of days rest at Eagles Nest. Went up with Mrs. Fletcher, Lawrence and Lilian, but came home Sunday night with an abscess in my ear, which has been giving me considerable trouble today. We caught three beautiful trout a foot long, each of them, Lawrence two and Lilian one, enough for a nice trout breakfast.

Lawrence and Lilian left today for home. Willis sailed Tuesday on a freighter for Europe, Steve has gone back to Oregon and Ferdinand leaves this week, so we will have a mighty small family after this week.

Edward had a bad attack of blood poisoning from an infected stringray bite and is on crutches. Sister Mary is some better and is down to the office part of the time.

I hope you are having the time of your young life. If anyone deserves a good time, you do. My wife, after you left, told me of the letter she had written you and told me of your wonderful reply. I can't thank you enough for it.

Belcher leaves today and the banks only gave \$15,000 this year instead of the \$18,000 to the Community Chest. I can see clouds ahead and I will have to commence pounding Whitcomb on the back in the Advance Gifts Campaign. McMullen sent me two checks for \$1000 each from the Union and Tribune with his compliments. Is it not a scream? I see McMullen is signing all the checks now instead of Wheeler. I wonder what's up. Mrs. Wheeler has found out what is the matter with her and has gone on a new diet. She has been at a Santa Barbara sanitarium for two weeks.

Sullivan and Guymon both pledged \$200 to the campaign expenses. I thought Sullivan was going to give \$500. Nothing can be done until the first of October and then I will try and get by with the advances of only \$1000 on the campaign and make the rest of the dig up if it is a possible thing on the understanding that it is just a loan to be reimbursed from the campaign funds.

With kind regards, Old Top,

Very sincerely your friend,

EF:GMF

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September 26th 1929

To MR. F. M. WHITE

Street and No. c/o MR. C. C. YAWKEY

Place WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

~~SOBRY MISSED TALKING WITH YOU SENT TELEGRAM CONGRESS HOTEL LETTER~~  
~~WAUSAU GIVING NEWS WITH TWO THIRDS MAJORITY AND MITCHELS HELP~~  
~~REVISED BYLAWS ADOPTED SAME AND HAVE FAVORABLE APPROVAL OF CORPORATION~~  
~~COMMISSION SO PARKER SAYS WE EXPECT FINAL APPROVAL NEXT MONDAY~~  
~~ARRANGING MEETING BANKERS AND BUSINESS MEN EVERYTHING READY~~  
~~FOR ANDREWS CAMPAIGN SAW SANDIEGO SAVINGS BANK YESTERDAY~~  
~~ROBINSON SURE IN DUTCH WITH THEM FOR REPUDIATING ENDORSEMENT~~  
~~EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY AWAITING YOUR RETURN THINKXX BELIEVE~~  
~~SANDIEGO SAVINGS BANK WILL DO AS FIRST NATIONAL DID CARRY THINGS~~  
~~OVER UNTIL AFTER JANUARY FIRST EVERYTHING GOING WELL COMMUNITY~~  
~~CHEST SEND AIRMAIL LETTER STATING DATE OF YOUR PROBABLE~~  
~~RETURN HERE KNOW YOUR HAVING GOOD TIME TAKE YOUR TIME~~  
~~RETURNING ONLY WISH I WAS WITH YOU KINDEST REGARDS TO ALL~~

ED FLETCHER

CHG, Ed Fletcher Co.,  
1020 Ninth St,

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

CYRUS C. YAWKEY, PRESIDENT,  
AYTCH F. WOODSON, SEC. & TREAS.

**YAWKEY LUMBER COMPANY**  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

*M 1682*

October 1st, 1929.  
Tuesday

Col. Ed. Fletcher,  
Ninth Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fletcher:

It was very nice of you to wire me at Chicago and also write me fully about Club matters. I am very glad to know you got matters ~~as~~ as planned and hope you have a decision from the Corporation Commissioner and allow you to proceed on the lines that were arranged for before I left.

Mr. Rhoades is a misfit in the Club and he should either resign or be removed from this position. At the present time he is doing everything he can to prevent proper adjustment of the Club finances, and is a trouble maker instead of a help.

I reached Chicago on Saturday morning and left Saturday evening at 11:30 for Miles City, Montana, where I joined Mr. Yawkey and his party Monday morning. I had one of the finest trips I ever had with this party, which consisted of about twenty business men and the different men who had charge of the Power Company's operations in Montana and Dakota. They had their own sleeping car but took their meals out at different places. We stopped at Rapid City over two nights at the hotel. A wonderfully fine hotel and a prosperous country. South Dakota, in which I had never been before, was a revelation to me and one of the finest agricultural sections I have ever seen.

The Light and Power Company, of which Mr. Yawkey is President, is extending its operations through the different towns and own a gas territory about seventy-five miles long. They will, in the spring, run a line of 100 miles of pipe to Bismarek, and another about the same length to Williston, and their company is in a wonderfully good position financially and otherwise.

I go, with Mr. Yawkey, next Monday, October 7th, to Minneapolis, where we are guests of Mr. Winton at his hunting club about sixty miles from Minneapolis. We will stay there until Friday, when I will go directly from Minneapolis to Chicago, and Mr. Yawkey will return to Wausau. We expect to get a good many canvasback and other large ducks, and have a real duck hunt.

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PLEASE HAVE ANY LETTERS AT HOUSE FROM WM YOUNG AND BRO

FORWARDED TO ME AT WAUSAU WILL CALL YOU LONG DISTANCE FROM

WAUSAU SATURDAY EVENING=

F W WHITE.

*10311*

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Col. Ed. Fletcher ---2---

10/1/1929

I thank you very much for attending to the mail I telegraphed you about and which reached me Monday morning.

I will be in Chicago at the Congress Hotel the 12th and 13th, anyway, and probably reach San Diego about the 17th. May stop at Phoenix on my way out for a day.

If anything should occur that you would like to reach me while at Minneapolis, address mail or message care Mr. C.J. Winton, 1026 Security Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

Sincerely yours,

FMW.:JAS.

| CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED |                 |
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| DOMESTIC                 | CABLE           |
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| DAY LETTER               | DEFERRED        |
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

October Third, 1929. 19

To MR. F. M. WHITE,  
c/o CYRUS YAWKEY

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place WAUSAU, WIS.

CORPORATION COMMISSION YESTERDAY ISSUED NECESSARY PERMIT      ANDREWS

WORKING ALONG SPLENDIDLY      PARKER RETURNS FROM OKLAHOMA CITY

NEXT TUESDAY      ARRANGING FOR MEETING WITH BANKERS WEDNESDAY RE

ATHLETIC CLUB MATTERS      SOLD NO STOCK YET      TODAYS MARKET ABOUT

EIGHTY      ALL GOING WELL HERE      WIRE DATE YOD EXPECT RETURN

HERE      HAPPY DAYS

ED FLETCHER

Chg. Ed Fletcher Co.,  
1020 Ninth Street.

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE  
NUMBER

# YAWKEY LUMBER COMPANY

WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

October 7th, 1929.  
Monday

Col. Ed. Fletcher,  
Ninth Street,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Fletcher:

Just received your message of October 6th. Am glad to know that the Sutherland suit is about to be settled. Also thank Mrs. Fletcher and yourself for the birthday greetings. I did not know anyone knew I had a birthday except myself.

The result of the Club matter with the corporation commissioner is very satisfactory and the papers that were made out in judge Sloan's office were evidently all right. I note that you will have a meeting with the bankers this week, and others will follow.

I am leaving with Mr. Yawkey tonight for Minneapolis, where we will hunt on lake Emily about sixty miles from Minneapolis and take the train back Friday evening. I will go directly to Chicago, while Mr. Yawkey will return to Wausau.

We have everything necessary for duck hunting, and I have an offer of enough guns to equip a regiment.

So far, my trip has been a wonderful one; perhaps the best that I have ever taken, so that when I get back to San Diego I will be in fairly good shape to help you solve some of the problems that seem to be always coming up in this city.

In regard to the preferred stock I left with you, would say, that both Senator Wright and Mr. Lynch were purchasing this stock, when I left, at 84 and 85, and if the support in the market of the entire stock, that has been arranged for has started operations, both the common and preferred stock will advance within the next thirty days. Hope before you sell much of this stock you will get in touch with Mr. Mancini or Senator Wright or Spicer, so that you will get the highest market price for the same. I take it that it will not be necessary to dispose of much of it before the first of November.

With best regards to all of the Fletcher family,  
I remain  
Yours sincerely, J. M. J.

AIRMAIL

October Eighth,  
1929

Mr. F. M. White,  
Congress Hotel,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Fred,

Answering your letter of the first, we were glad to hear from you and know you are having a good time.

My hands are full indeed.

I assume you got a copy of my telegram to Wausau stating that we had the permit from the Corporation Commissioner. Parker had to go to Oklahoma but will return today. We will have a meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday.

Andrews is whipping everything in shape for the campaign.

Community Chest has been keeping me more than busy. Enclosed find clipping from Monday's Union regarding Community Chest. I have a remarkable organization but it is Hell to say the least.

What makes me disgusted is that I was so close to the picture and my own interests involved that I could not do the same thing for the Athletic Club. I feel it would be a failure unless some outsider handled the San Diego Athletic Club campaign.

I had a talk with Groswaite, Credit Manager of Barker Brothers. He has promised to come down this week and go over everything with us in the matter of extension. I have asked him to carry on with us until our campaign is completed.

There have been three or four more arrests in the Grand Jury investigation on the booze matter. Stanley Hale was arrested both by the Government

17th or 18th St  
Copy of memo is to be sent



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on indictments of the Grand Jury. He is out on \$5000 bail. It looks as though Mayor Clark might be involved, I am sorry to say but hope not. Perhaps he went too far for his own good in helping out the American Legion.

We had 700 out to our Community Chest meeting yesterday. I think our organization is better than last year but money is tighter. The banks cut down their subscription \$300. We lost three or four other subscriptions and still we are a thousand dollars ahead over last year at this time. It is almost too good to be true - our Community Chest campaign so far. We have raised about half of it.

Belcher deserted us two weeks ago and went east. Pfeferkorn is doing well. Whitcomb went away for a week and was to San Francisco last week. This crippled us somewhat in our advance gift work.

Money is frightfully tight but I have been able to dig up enough to take care of my current bills without attempting to borrow.

The last offer on Pacific Cotton Seed preferred is 81. It seems they paid a dividend recently otherwise it would have been 85. Common is selling at 70. I have tried out five different organizations. Two did not buy at all, two bid 80 and one bid 81. Have made no attempt to sell anything yet but we will have to for Andrew's fund for his campaign expenses.

Things are picking up a little in real estate and with easier money on the New York market prospects look a little bit better.

Thank heavens money is down to 6\_ and I hope it will stay there.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

October Ninth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find letter from Evans and a copy of my answer in reply.

It just beats Hell how business keeps up.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

October 21st, 1929.

Mr. F. H. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find check for \$150 in the Cary matter.

If there is anything more coming, let me know.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

October 22nd, 1929.

Mr. F. H. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

I am enclosing copy of letter I have received  
from Horace E. Rhoads, for your information.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

October 26, 1929.

Mr. F. H. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, California.

My dear White:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Slagle that is explanatory. Will you kindly sign the enclosed deed.

I already have the Slagle deed to you covering the 2-1/2 acres on the south. I am making Mr. Slagle pay for all expense of transfer and the certificate of title will be continued showing the Slagle property in your name all without expense to you.

The consideration of this exchange, of course, is the building of a new house.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

November 5th, 1929.

Mr. F. H. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find letter from C. J. Holliday of the Bank of Italy and copy of my reply.

I asked Holliday to go after Robinson and this is his first step toward doing it.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

Dictated but not reviewed by Colonel Fletcher.

November Fourteenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find check for account of Prentice  
interest as per your statement.

You told me to use my judgment about the  
three acres on the west slope of Helix.

Murray was delinquent and had traded his  
interest to a Mrs. Berenson without our  
knowledge or consent. The whole thing was  
illegal. I have cancelled the contract  
of sale to Mr. Murray and cleared the slate  
and am making a new deal with Mrs. Berenson  
in the form of a lease with an option to  
purchase so that if she falls down we wont  
have to go into court to clear title.

She will pay all taxes and \$45 a month rent  
and will have an option to purchase within  
three years at \$7400 which will more than  
pay for any losses of principal and interest  
which was due us under the Murray contract.

In the meantime, she is to properly take care  
of the property and we will figure out some  
way to, a little later on, help her to finance  
or get some one else to finance the building  
of a home but will make no obligation to dig  
up any money without first taking the matter  
up with you.

I will keep you posted.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

November Twenty-first,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. White:

Enclosed please find statement for the full  
amount of taxes showing the first, second and  
total for all taxes due.

I have sent bills to three of your contract  
purchasers on Cardiff Heights asking them to  
send us direct the taxes due.

Should they fail to do so I will notify you  
but I think they will pay as usual.

This leaves a total for the year of all your  
state, county and district taxes amounting to  
\$2400.01.

If there is any further information you would  
like I shall be glad to furnish it.

Yours very truly,

MEF:AK

November 21, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. White:

In going over your account today I find that thru an error we sent you, last April, \$500.00 from G. N. Chamberlain. He paid off a \$1,000 note due on April 2d. This note was in favor of Ed Fletcher and you had no interest in same, but as the property stood one-half in you and one-half in Fletcher when the sale was made, our bookkeeper sent you one-half of the payment.

By looking at your records you will find that the \$11,000 obligation of Chamberlains was divided as follows:

|        |               |      |                 |                |                   |      |
|--------|---------------|------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------|
|        | \$1,000       | note | to Ed Fletcher, | due            | 4/2/29            |      |
|        | 1,500         | "    | "               | "              | 4/2/30            |      |
|        | 1,500         | "    | "               | "              | 4/2/31            |      |
| \$5500 | 1,500         | "    | "               | "              | 4/2/32            |      |
|        | <u>11,500</u> | "    | "               | Mary Y. White, | due April 2, 1933 |      |
|        | 2,000         | "    | "               | "              | "                 | 1934 |
| 5500   | <u>2,000</u>  | "    | "               | "              | "                 | 1935 |

At your convenience will you please send us your check for \$500.00 to correct the error.

Yours very truly,

ED FLETCHER COMPANY

By

KLM

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

~~XXXXXX~~ December 3rd, 1929

To MR. F. M. WHITE

Street and No. c/o MUTUAL COTTON & OIL COMPANY

Place PHOENIX, ARIZONA

TELEPHONE ME HERE FRANKLING SIX TWO NAUGHT FOUR IMPORTANT

ED FLETCHER

Chg. Ed Fletcher Co.,  
1020 Ninth St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

SENDER'S ADDRESS  
FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE  
NUMBER

December 4th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. White:

By accident I asked for the statement showing the amount the Club has paid for power, steam and light since the 1st of March, 1928, when the Club opened, to date.

The following is the statement:

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| March, 1928, | \$1511.72 |
| April        | 1305.58   |
| May,         | 1237.53   |
| June         | 1180.30   |
| July         | 1111.20   |
| August       | 1113.55   |
| September    | 1155.91   |
| October      | 1167.82   |
| November     | 1422.13   |
| December     | 1579.20   |

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|---------------|---------|
| January, 1929 | 1637.10 |
| February      | 1709.07 |
| March         | 1511.27 |
| April         | 1358.02 |
| May           | 1027.21 |
| June          | 968.01  |
| July          | 948.55  |
| August        | 901.39  |
| September     | 939.64  |
| October       | 928.62  |

Please take note that Mr. Ellison was with us until the 1st of April, 1929, since then Mr. Evans has been in charge. I think this is one of the most striking evidences of the careful management of Mr. Evans that we could possibly secure to show his efficiency.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF

TOTALS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL MONTH FOR TWENTY-ONE MONTHS SINCE THE CLUB HAS BEEN OPEN FOR POWER, STEAM AND LIGHT

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
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~~TOTAL FOR 21 Months.~~

Copy of this letter sent to

Mr. Evans, Manager  
Mr. George Parker  
Mr. Richard T. Robinson  
Mr. Glen Mitchell  
Mr. E. T. Buymon, Jr.,  
Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.,  
Mr. Horace E. Rhoades  
Mr. H. A. Sutherland  
Mr. F. M. White

December Fifth,

1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find photos that may be of interest and  
remind you of a most enjoyable trip.

With kind personal regards and hoping we can  
again duplicate it with better success as far  
as geese are concerned, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

December 7th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear Fred:

Senator Wright told me that Mr. Bencini was coming down Monday. Won't you please see him about a life membership in the Club?

We are still \$15,000 from our goal and there is grave danger of the Club closing its doors. We certainly will have to close if we fail in our \$125,000 campaign.

The dead line is next Tuesday. Can you not get Mr. Bencini to take a life membership? If he has a regular membership, let him turn that in on account.

Jerry Sullivan, Jr., Senator Wright, G. H. Whitney, John Forward, Jr., Harrison G. Sloane, Sterling Judson, George Marston, A. P. Johnson, Jr., and a number of others have taken these life memberships, conditional on the drive being successful.

We only have 11 left. It can be paid for at the rate of about \$80 a month next year, 12 months to pay for it in.

It is a life or death matter for the Club. We must go over the top on our drive for \$125,000 next Tuesday. Plead with Mr. Bencini to help us out at this critical moment as it will be a calamity to San Diego to have the Club blow-up.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:GMF

December 9th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

My dear White:

As per your request, I write confirming my statement last night, is:

That in case you do not decide to sell the Harbell and Prentice properties to the City at the discount offered, I would sell my interest in the equity of the Prentice property for \$5000, you to assume the \$70,000 note recently given thru your brother, C. W. Yawkey.

I will also take \$9500 for my equity in the Harbell property, or \$14,500 in all, payable as follows:

\$5000 down by the 28th of December 1929, and \$9500 in the form of a note payable April 15th, 1930 at 6% interest.

You can give me a check dated the 28th of December before you leave, if you wish, which I will hold until that time and use it for my taxes.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF



INTERVIEW OF F. M. WHITE, PRESIDENT  
SAN DIEGO ATHLETIC CLUB

The critical period in the history of the life of the Athletic Club is past. We have more than reached our goal of \$125,000 in the campaign for the sale of dual, charter and life memberships which ended yesterday thru the splendid efforts of the membership of our Club.

We planned months ago to put on another campaign after the first of the year for associate, corporation and non-resident memberships in the sum of \$75,000. We shall not stop until we have attained our goal.

We are now making the plans for same late in January or early in February.

We now have approximately 1300 members, not including the dual memberships recently sold.

The charter and life memberships, issued in conformity with our constitution, are all sold and I predict a good waiting list soon.

I am sure we will be successful in our final drive next year for corporation and associate memberships. With this completed, no athletic Club on the Pacific Coast will be better financed.

I consider the successful operation of the Athletic Club of major importance to the city and am more than delighted to see the best business men of this city buy life memberships.

The Club owes a debt of gratitude to life members of the Club, Mr. A. H. Andrews of La Jolla and Geo. S. Parker of San Diego for their wonderful success in putting over, thru

the members of our Club alone the successful campaign that ended last night.

Col  
 Dec 9 - 29  
 Ed Fletcher  
 Interest paid on Prentice note  
 from Oct 29 to Nov 29 to First Nat  
 JTB BK 379.16  
 your 1/2 - 189.58

JM White

J.K.  
 J.Y.

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 1711  
 JM White

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 379.16

December 11, 1929.

Colonel Ed. Fletcher,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

In regard to the ownership of the Harbell and Prentice land in the San Pasqual Valley, I understand that there is a general impression that you are interested personally in these lands with me.

I wish to advise any one interested in this matter that you are not interested financially, or in any other way, directly or indirectly, with either of these parcels of land.

I have paid for them and own them individually and no one except myself has any interest in them.

Sincerely yours,  
 JM White  
 F. M. White.

FMW:S

December 18th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
206 Upas Street  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed find extension of time in the Reed Lumber  
Company right-of-way matter.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF

December 18th, 1929.

My dear Fred:

Just a word to let you know that I am thinking of you  
and we are both wishing you many happy returns of the  
New Year.

The enclosed formidable document is one expression of  
our appreciation of your friendship and we send it to  
you with our love and affection.

I was in San Francisco and saw Encel, also his right-hand  
man, and got a stipulation until February 15th, 1930  
in the Reed Lumber Company right of way matter.

In the meantime, Encel is sending his best man up there  
to personally make an investigation and report. I won't  
say that we can compromise this matter satisfactory to  
you, but at least we can try.

We have had no rain, but I was in rain for two days in  
San Francisco.

Was down to the ranch and had a fine duck hunt with R. C.  
Force at his ranch nearby. I shot three geese. Had  
the time of my life. I slipped and fell and sat in three  
feet of water, but that did not make one bit of difference.  
The geese shooting was worth it all.

The old town is moving along. The newspapers are full of  
the charter fight. I have kept out of it, but Mary C. B.  
has jumped in and favors the new charter. Ed, Jr. says it  
is going to be beat four to one, but I think it will be a  
close shave. I shall vote for the charter on general  
principals, because Belcher, Sullivan, and others have  
asked me to, but my heart is not in it, particularly because  
they left out the Board of Public Works clause, which I  
think is vital to the City's best interests.

I know you are in good hands and I want you to feel that more  
than ever do I appreciate the wonderful kindness you have  
shown to the entire Fletcher family, to say nothing of your  
service to this community and particularly the Athletic Club.

Come home feeling rested and ready to carry on.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely your friend,

Mr. F. M. White  
Wausau, Wis.

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December Twenty-first,  
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AIR MAIL

Mr. F. M. White,  
c/o Mr. Cyrus Yawkey,  
Wausau, Wisconsin.

My dear Fred:

Just to relieve your mind will say I have gotten in touch with Superior Judge James thru his Deputy Wilson and you have nothing to worry about serving on the jury.

I told him you were out of town, would not return until some time late in January, in all probability, so forget it.

The new charter was defeated with about 8300 in favor and nearly 14,000 against. I predicted ahead of time that there would only be 22,000 votes cast, that it would only be 9000 in favor and 13,000 against so I came pretty close to it.

I kept out of the fight entirely and did not allow my name to be mentioned. I am glad of it too.

Enclosed find copy of letter from Harrison Sloane regarding the San Diego Athletic Club that is explanatory. We will have to have the resolution changed next Monday to conform.

My understanding is that all the banks are satisfied and I am very sure that everything will be carried out according to your wishes in the matter of the banks accepting the new notes.

We have not had a drop of rain. San Francisco, Sacramento Valley have had a lot. We have had no heavy frosts, in fact, have had splendid weather. Owing to no rain those farmers in dry farming new potatoes have not had any chance to do any planting with the result that our acreage land for potatoes looks better this year than last from a standpoint of a profit, frost conditions being light, which I hope will be the case this season. We expect some good rainy weather early in January.

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Andrews and Parker are getting ready for the campaign in five or six weeks. They seem to be hitting it off together very well.

Mighty little real estate moving but I hope to see things open up early in January.

Charley said you wired for pepper limbs and berries by air mail. He thought it was terrible to spend \$2.00 for this purpose and wondered if you would stand for it or not. I told him I was sure you would.

I am working now on two propositions to settle the Hallward-Davidson situation and keep the half million dollar bond issue for the State College from coming up by working out my original plan of putting a temporary plant for a few years. It looks as if I was going to win out in both cases.

Dr. Gillespie of the State Board of Health approved the plan in my conversation with him and Bert Meek is trying to tell the State Board of Control what to do. Meek sympathizes with us in this matter.

Well old top, brush up a little on your cribbage - see if you can't get some new points back there to spring on me because you know it is a long time since you have ever beaten me in cribbage and you will have to approach from a new angle to win.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and asking you to drop me a line about when you expect to get back here, I am

Sincerely your friend,

EF:AK

December Twenty-sixth  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
206 Upas Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

I sent a copy of the enclosed to each one of the City Council and Judge Conkling. This is just for your information.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

December Twenty-eighth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. F. M. White,  
c/o Mrs. F. W. Joslyn,  
225 Lancaster Street,  
Albany New York.

My dear Fred:

First, I want you to know that we missed you as well as three of our boys, Charles, Lawrence and Willis, on Christmas. We had a cable from Milan, Italy from Willis saying that he is o.k. and will sail the last of January for home.

Charley spent his Christmas with the Tobermans and Lawrence with Mr. and Mrs. Force.

We have not had a drop of rain since you left and no indications of rain for the next ten days.

We have 150 to 200 acres in potatoes. They are doing nicely. We have had no frost and it looks as if we may get by the frost period but one never can tell. We have had splendid weather, the best I have ever seen.

I have been to San Francisco once and also another trip to Sacramento. On my last trip to Sacramento it is to fight this College sewer. They are trying to put over a \$500,000 bond issue against the property owners to make us pay for the sewers and its perpetual operation and maintenance. The city and county are both passing the buck. They said the State Board of Health demanded a permanent sewer to the ocean.

I called a conference in Sacramento with my friend, Bert Meek, sitting in and the Director of the Public Health told them that the sewage condition could be properly handled to the satisfaction of the State without the expense of a sewer at this time.

However, the State Board of Education are insisting upon a sewer to the ocean at this time. We got a delay however, and the State authorities are coming down to investigate. We had a "monkey in parrott time" there

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Cummings is giving up the management of the El Cortez and going to San Francisco. In a way, I hate to see it although it may turn out for the best.

Colonel Copley was here three or four days. I had a nice visit with him. He leaves tomorrow for the east and will return about the first of February. He wanted to be remembered to you.

While I was up north the Board of Directors of the Athletic Club made some slight change in the resolution on the recommendation of Sloane, covering the membership contracts but I guess it is all right.

I have not been able just to find out what it is but if Sloane recommended it I felt sure it was all right. The only thing that I could gather was they made a mistake in off-setting your subscription and the obligations of the club to you but it is a small matter, for my understanding of the resolution is that outside of any monies necessary for campaign expenses all the balance of the money goes to pay off the notes of the Club.

George Parker tells me that he has shown the set-up to the San Diego Savings Bank and the Bank of Italy and that they are satisfied.

I had a letter from Sloane saying it was very questionable if Robinson could be held for his share, if new notes were executed by the Club without Robinson's signature and accepted by the Bank it would put us in a precarious situation to hold Robinson.

The San Diego Savings Bank is going to hold the old note out of courtesy to you and I and let the monies come in and apply on account, showing an over-due note all the time. This solves the situation and protects us with Robinson.

Parker is going to tell this to the other banks and suggest that they do likewise. He is very sure the Bank of Italy will do that.

None of the Banks are pressing us or making us any trouble.

You will be glad to know that the Warner Brothers have

with two of the supervisors, Dr. Hardy and the State crowd.

This district to pay for sewers included Linda Vista Mesa almost to the top of the Poway hills and clear out to Fletcher Hills, 17,000 acres of which has no water or chance of getting any.

I am sure if this sewer district goes thru it will be on an entirely different basis than the Supervisors and City officials originally planned. Just one more of those fights and as you know there is something doing here all the time.

I know you had as enjoyable a Christmas as you could under all the circumstances and was mighty happy that you were with your dear friends again at this time.

You will be glad to know that the litigation between the city of Los Angeles and Owens River people is practically settled. The City of Los Angeles is paying up about 4500 acres of water bearing gravels and paying between \$300 and \$550 an acre for it.

I sent this information to Savage and the city council, mailing you a copy up to the house. That ought to teach them something regarding the value of San Pasqual Valley.

I told Judge Conkling that you would not sell for eighty cents on the dollar at this time. There is every indication that they did not intend to take over any other property now excepting yours. I told Judge Conkling that you would not be back until the last of January and I think they are going to let the matter go until that time.

In the meantime, everybody has filed their claim against the city.

Arizona Highway Commissioner Gardner of Tombstone was here yesterday. We gave him a little luncheon and he gave us a good talk on National Highways in the Scouts Friday meeting.

I have been asked to speak at Tucson at the annual chamber of commerce meeting on January seventh and will probably fly over there in a government plane. I have invited Mayor Clark to go. We will fly over the afternoon of the seventh and come back the morning of the eighth.

signed up to take the half block between Sixth and Seventh facing on B and build immediately a million dollar theatre opposite the Athletic Club.

Virginia was the happiest girl ever on Christmas and you certainly helped to make it so for her.

Big times are doing down at Agua Caliente today. Special trains are running thru for the opening this year. The hotel is so over-crowded that over 80 Pullman and diners are already side-tracked down at Agua Caliente to take care of the holiday rush. They certainly put in a wonderful development there.

We were going down to the opening today but the boys rather listen in to the Stanford-West Point football game.

Well old top, on receipt of this letter don't fail to write me a letter and let me know about when you expect to return. You will sure be welcomed back again.

With kindest personal regards and love from all the family, I am

Sincerely and forever your friend,

EF:AK

*Air mail*

December 30th, 1929.

Mr. F. M. White  
c/o Mrs. F. W. Joslyn  
223 Lancaster Street,  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

Enclosed find letter which I just received from the Division of Highways.

I think it is a mistake to let this case go to trial until Mr. Giger makes a final report to Encel so as to see what kind of a compromise, if any, can be worked out of it.

You will be glad to know that all the banks have agreed to extend the notes, keep the old ones, and take their pro rata share as it comes in. Regarding the \$15,000 note which you and I signed, I am sending the Bank of Italy the interest and asking them to do likewise.

Please let me know by return mail whether you want the case to go to trial or to have it go over. I don't know that anything can be done, but I promised you I would see what could be done and I think there is a possible chance to get together.

You should send me by air mail your answer on receipt of this so that I can give them plenty of notice in San Francisco that the case will not go to trial at the present time.

There is so much snow and cold up there, I don't think that Mr. Geiger wants to go up there at this time of the year.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

March 21, 1932.

Mr. F. M. White,  
223 Lancaster,  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

Don't take such a blue outlook on things out here. You don't know how terrible they are, but I am enclosing a little verse that I want you to read every day. It will make you feel better.

I got my share of the money from the El Capitan sale but we had to pay nearly \$6,000 of it to the government. Stern's share is \$18,000. I owed on open accounts here around town nearly \$10,000 that it was vital for me to pay to keep my credit good, and I paid. Then I owed \$8,000 more deferred interest and money collected for the banks which I had to pay, and right now I am skating on thin ice, with only \$2,000 in the bank. Every bank that I owe money to is protected two to one by real estate contracts.

I cannot help but feel the worst of it is over, but it is going to be a long, hard pull. I have had to let two-thirds of my property go for taxes. I owed \$57,500 to Timken. He tried to bluff me but I called him. Offered him a deed to the property that cost \$75,000, and he gave us an extension until January 1st, 1935 simply by paying the interest.

Things are in a dickens of a mess. My wife is doing the washing. Belle and Mary are doing the work in the kitchen and Louise is helping out where she can. We fired the cook and second girl months ago and have only a \$30.00 a month woman to wash the dishes and do the dirty work. Eugene is mowing the lawn. We are down to first principles again. It is a dickens of a note when we have 6 to 8000 acres of land on which we do not owe a nickel and cannot borrow a nickel on it or sell at any price, - but things must change.

Lynch was in today. He wants me to take him up to Cayamach Lake and show him the properties in which you have an interest up there. To give you some idea of how hard up they are - Lynch has offered to sell their building at Cayamach Lake for \$4,000, or take \$4,000 in trade, land or house and let in town - something that cost Bancini \$15,000 or \$20,000. I think I will make the exchange so that next time you and I will sit on the front porch and tell them to go when the Bancini house. I can trade him plenty of land.



Frank seems to think he owns everything and wants to buy him out and has even agreed to take land in exchange for the stock. He likes our coast lands immensely. I will keep in close touch with him, also with Jimmy, and keep you posted. I have an idea we can straighten this thing out and tell him to go where the wind blows. I might switch around a trade here that will eliminate him entirely from the picture and put you back in again, unless you are going to fight just because you want to fight.

Sister Mary has gained eleven pounds and getting along great. I hope to heaven that you will write me in a few days as are getting better.

I helped to put over the postoffice bill and will make \$3,000 or \$4,000 within the next three or four months, which will help to carry on.

Enclosed find copy of resolution that the city council passed, to my utter amazement, and unanimously. You can have a good laugh over it. E. S. Post, for many years our engineer, is now chief engineer of the U. S. Indian Service, and thru him I was able to bring the government and city together on El Capitan matters.

Belcher, Tinker and Julius Hagenbach went with me to Eagles Nest. They caught 27 trout in 20 minutes. We spent the night there and had a good time. Tinker is getting better. Ben has been a sick man. He told us he was worth 125,000,000 four years ago, that his stock dropped from \$120.00 a share down to \$22 a share and he was only worth about \$3,000,000 now. Since then his stock has gone down to 18 and he does not know where he is at. Even Harston who subscribed \$500 to the Salinas Park turned them down the other day and told them he would pay when he could. Fear William R. Keeler — all of his stores are empty at 5th and Ash and for two blocks on Fourth Avenue between A and C on the west side. Oh boy, things are bad here, but we might as well be cheerful and make the best of it.

Give my kind regards to the folks and for heaven sake write and tell me how your arthritis is.

In closing let me tell you what I read in the Literary Digest. — "A handsome brunette who had never been sick in her life was rushed to the hospital. A fine looking doctor was called into the case, and said to her — 'You have acute appendicitis'. She answered: 'I came here to be examined, not admired'." Mary Louise sprung this on me: 'What is the difference between a worm, an old man and a young man? The answer is they are all the same, a chicken gets them all.'

Well, old top, here's to you.  
Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

June Seventh  
1 9 3 2

Mr. F. M. White  
Hotel New Yorker  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

The First Securities Company of Los Angeles yesterday bought in the San Diego Athletic Club property at its face value, \$412,000 and have signed a contract to sell the property to the new San Diego Club on a basis of \$1000 a month on principal and 6% interest with nothing but interest to pay until the first of January, 1933.

The San Diego Club has been organized, everything has been approved by the Corporation Commissioner and there is no profit in it for anybody.

Last night you were elected an honorary life member of the San Diego Club.

Their first move now is to see that our affairs are straightened out and we cannot thank Rhodes and Sanders enough for what they are doing.

Bless your heart I hope you are feeling better after your operation and I hope to see you on Saturday, June 18th, in New York. I am sending this letter by air mail.

My address will be Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, arriving there next Monday morning.

I hope to pull out of Chicago Thursday night, spending the day with my brother Steven at Penn State College and see you Saturday. I will spend Sunday with my sister Susie in Massachusetts and go west Sunday night.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

Suite 1029  
Bank of America Building  
June 15 1932

Mr. F. M. White,  
Hotel New Yorker  
Room 2260  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear F. M. :

I returned from the North two or three days ago and received your letter of June 4th. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Miss Moss, but I have heard many nice things of her, and am sure her husband is to be congratulated.

I am sorry indeed that you have had this bladder trouble. I know something about what it is. I feel sure that when you get over the effects of your operation the arthritis will be very greatly improved.

I understand that Col. Fletcher is going on to New York to see you, for which I am very glad.

I have not written you as often as as much in detail as I should have liked. The truth of the matter is that we have been completely swamped with one or two very important matters, which have taken a lot of stenographic services, and I have saved everything I possibly could to relieve the girls.

On account of Col. Fletcher's visit to you I think that I need not explain more than very briefly the situation with regard to the Athletic Club.

It is still my conviction that we should avoid litigation. Litigating on membership liability against hundreds of defendants, most of whom would require separate actions, would be a tremendously expensive affair.

Just to determine what the proportionate liability of each member might be involves most intricate questions. Unfortunately the Club was not very particular about legal details, and I am inclined to think that many of the memberships were absolutely void, being issued in violation of State corporation Permits. Every time one membership is voided the proportionate liability of each other member is changed. Only the Courts could ultimately determine which memberships were void and which were not. Unquestionably many members would require that there be established first which memberships were valid and which were not on each day from the organization of the Club to date. That would then give the proportionate liability for the debts created on any particular day.

Then the question, which we have discussed so frequently, as to whether or not your signing of the notes was a contract of suretyship or a contract of guaranty, would have to be determined. It is doubtful whether either side would be satisfied with the decision of any Court this side of the Supreme Court. While we are strongly inclined, as previously indicated to you and to Col. Fletcher, to believe that yours is a contract of guaranty, we cannot, of course, do other than give this as our best opinion. It is possible that the Supreme Court might think otherwise.

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We have prepared these matters so thoroughly that we do not hesitate to proceed at once with litigation. We believe that we convinced Curtis Hilmyer and the present attorney for the Club, Mr. Saunders, of the correctness of our opinion. Mr. Saunders stated in my office the other day, after careful investigation of the method of handling: "Well, I don't see that you left a stone unturned in protecting the situation for your clients, and I think anyone will have a hard time upsetting it"

Your problem is a practical one. Dick Robinson has completely changed front. He has suffered very heavy loss by taking one-third of the responsibility on these notes. We are fortunate indeed that we got that one-third. He has now informed me definitely, through Mr. Gordon Price, that he will have nothing further to do with the matter. Therefore, you and the Colonel will have to stand the expense of litigation yourselves.

I have always felt, and still feel, that the best bet is to work with the present directors of the Club and their attorneys in trying to get as many people as possible to voluntarily pay their proportion of this just indebtedness.

I may be altogether too optimistic. Maybe I do not understand human nature, but I have heard literally dozens of people say: "I think F. M. White and Col. Fletcher have had an awfully rotten deal, and I think the members of that Club ought to get together and see that they are at least partially reimbursed. White gave his life blood to that institution, and they have treated him scurrilously — not the fellows that are in there, but that old gang of crooks upon whom he relied so confidently. They were jollying him up and taking his money away from him, and he was too much of a gentleman to know that there were fellows like that in the world."

Now, those may not be the exact words, but they are certainly an accurate composite picture of what I hear on every side. I therefore believe that it would be worth our while to attempt some of these collections just as soon as things pick up a bit. We have the absolute promise of assistance from the present officers, directors and attorneys for the Club, and I personally feel like taking the chance that they will make good on their promise. If they don't we are no worse off than before.

Another thing that you must understand. Our position has not in the least been prejudiced by these delays. You remember when you first came to me with this matter I told you that it would be impossible for anyone to start suits against these members within the time allowed by law; that it would take too long to determine who were liable and how much each was liable for.

I told you frankly that I would go into the matter and see if there was not another way out. This I did carefully, and determined that our only chance was to take up the notes, for which we were in any event liable, and then maintain that as guarantors we had created a new obligation upon which the statute would be running from the date of our payments to the bank. My opinion is that our position is correct. I just want to call your attention to the fact that we didn't have anything else to do in any event, and it was just fortunate for us that we had that particular opportunity to attempt to protect our interests.

As to Pacific Cottonseed matters. I of course know of the receivership. I, too, believe that Coberly is a fine man, and that he will

do what he can. I am afraid Mr. Lynch has been pretty hard pressed. Confidentially, I notice that the bank examiners have questioned his responsibility for his notes and guaranties to The First National Bank.

McKee told me that his losses had been terrific. He didn't say so definitely, but he rather intimated that Spicer and Bencini between them had pretty nearly "taken him to the cleaners".

Gordon Gray called me up yesterday and wanted to have a photostatic copy of the original of your affidavit. This I declined to give him without your consent. Will you please instruct me in that regard.

Wright and McKee are evidently pressing their suit against Gray. I believe that you should be a careful spectator during that litigation, and profit by anything that may develop therefrom. This will save very great expense and litigation. If Gray prevails you may have the same opportunities. I suggest that, if the trial is not too long, I have my assistant, Mr. Adams, attend every session of that trial. It ought not to be protracted. In the meantime I would not indulge in any litigation.

May I apologize for the rambling character of this letter. I am leaving for San Francisco on some important business for the Spreckels Companies, and will not have an opportunity to read this over, but I am asking my secretary to sign it for me and send it along to you by Air Mail.

I certainly hope this finds you well on the road to recovery.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) RALPH E. JENNEY

REJ/ea.  
Original by Regular Mail  
Copy by Air Mail.

July Eighth  
1932

Mr. F. M. White  
223 Lancaster  
Albany, New York.

My dear Fred:

I attended the directors meeting of the Club Tuesday night and they passed a resolution instructing Sanders to prepare a letter to be sent out and subject to Mr. Jenney's approval asking for a voluntary assessment to re-imburse us for what they owe us.

They have \$39,000 in open accounts due the Athletic Club, also \$21,000 house accounts, for food and rooms. There is \$2500 in Los Angeles. What we can collect is a question.

Since the first of January everything has been on a cash basis and they have only lost forty five cents in bad accounts. Within the next thirty days this whole thing should be ready for execution.

All the board is sympathetic and Rhoades has taken an entirely different and splendid attitude in the whole matter.

I hope to have Mr. Jenney and Mr. Sanders get together on a letter to be sent out to all the members of the club that are legally liable and soon.

Mr. Lynch called on me again Wednesday. I think he is ready to make you an offer to give you a receipt in full as far as he is concerned if you will turn over the property to him in the trust deed. He would not consider putting up a dollar. I told him the least he should do was to pay the legitimate expense that has been incurred since the trust deed was signed by you. He thought that he should only pay from the time the trust deed was written but I will get some proposition out of him and submit it to you and Mr. Jenney within a few days.

Sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

July Twenty-ninth  
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Mr/ F. M. White  
223 Lancaster  
Albany, New York

My dear Fred:

Mr. Lynch called on me today to discuss the matter of a trade where I am furnishing real estate in exchange for their interest in the Bencini house and furnishing at Cuyamaca. The plan is for me to furnish \$6000 worth of real estate for their equity of \$10,000 that they have in the building and furnishings. The chances look good for closing the deal.

During the course of the conversation the question of Mr. Lynch and you getting together on a settlement without Lynch foreclosing, came up. I tried to get Mr. Lynch to pay \$5000 and down as low as \$2500 in cash to you, giving you a receipt in full and you transferring the property in trust to him. Lynch absolutely refused to budge but before he left the office I convinced him, I believe, that it would be foolish not to pay you at least what he would have to pay as attorney's fees to foreclose on the trust.

I will bet you a new hat that if you will write me a letter saying that if he will cancel you out in full and give you a clean bill of health you will take whatever it costs to foreclose in cash and cancel the trust deed turning it over to him.

I told Lynch your title was clear on everything, both up the coast and at Mt. Helix, that there was only delinquent taxes and a small paving bond on the Encinitas property. Mr. Lynch insisted that you must pay all the delinquent taxes. I told him it was out of the question; that you had paid out money for the installation of new pipe lines, clearing of land and grading; that you did not have a dollar to pay these taxes with and it was a waste of time even writing about it.

My advice to you is to write me by return mail a proposition along the lines of your getting a complete release from him also cash to the amount of the cost of foreclosure and transferring everything to him, and let me see if I cannot close this transaction without going thru the hands of attorneys that will want to take it all.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Since writing the above I talked with Ralph Jenney. I told him just what Lynch said and I am sure that Jenney is heartily in favor

Aug 1 - 1932  
223 Lancaster St  
Albany N.Y.

My dear Fletcher  
and  
January

I am in receipt of Mr Fletcher's Letter  
of July 29th touching on my matters  
with Mr Lynch. Both of you gentlemen  
know that I hold Mr Lynch in  
high regard & esteem that I would  
not do any thing that would  
Mr Lynch any trouble of any kind  
in the settlement of our matters,  
The suggestion made in Mr Fletcher's  
Letter as to a full and final settlement  
of all matters with Mr Lynch is the  
only way to save perhaps Long T.  
Expensive litigation & trouble for  
a foreclosure was made. The question  
of my liability in different matters  
would have to be determined, this then  
would of course have to be a  
of success on my part I would be  
as far as Mr Lynch as I propose to  
be now so it would be a large expense

take a long while with nothing gained  
for either, I do not want such a  
condition of affairs with Mr Lynch  
and I am sure Mr Lynch does not.  
I thought when going through the two  
major operations in the New York  
Hotel, if I had paid out a very  
serious state of affairs would have  
developed between us and I am sure  
the suggestion made in Mr Fletcher's  
Letter, third paragraph, should be  
carried out and the deal between  
Mr Lynch, should be amicably adjusted  
and our friendly relations always  
continued. I will signued any time the same  
Sincerely  
F M White

Fletcher  
Please give a copy of your letter of  
July 29 & a copy of this letter  
to Mr Jenney - If I get nothing out  
of my capital out lay for 1930-31 then  
taxes should be off set. It's all I can do  
any way

Suite 1029  
Bank of America Building  
August 6 1932

Mr. F. N. White,  
223 Lancaster Street,  
Albany, New York.

Dear F.M:

I have had one or two long conferences with Col. Fletcher, and we had a long conference on last Monday, August 1st, with the Directors of the Athletic Club.

You will recollect that they agreed to assist us in attempting to collect, without suit, the pro rata sums owed by the various members of the Athletic Club -- this help, however, to be forthcoming only upon completion of the drive for transfer of memberships from the San Diego Athletic Club to the San Diego Club.

At the time this promise was made, there was an intimation, although not made definite, that this would be accomplished by August 1st.

At this meeting, they told us that only about one-third had as yet made the transfer, and they were, by resolution at that meeting, fixing August 31st at midnight as the dead line, beyond which time no further transfers could be made. They then promised that they would be prepared at that time to assist us.

Now the situation today is exactly what it has been for some time past, and I just want to repeat one statement which I have made to you and to Mr. Fletcher many times in the past. That is this:-

There have been so many irregularities and so much illegality in connection with the issuance of memberships by the San Diego Athletic Club that I cannot tell -- nor can anyone else -- what memberships are legal and what are not. There are some, of course, that were issued originally which seemed to be perfectly legal. Thereafter the Club began to issue all sorts of different memberships under all sorts of different conditions, without proper legal authority therefor. Apparently no attempt

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was made to make the issuance of these memberships conform to the Permits.

You understand that each man is liable under membership liability only for his proportionate share of the proper obligations of the group. That is, if there are one thousand members on any given day, each member is liable for one one-thousandth part of those obligations. Patently, if you only have five hundred members, each member's obligation is double; and so forth and so forth.

Now you first must determine how many legal memberships there were in order to get the divisor. Likewise that condition must be determined for every single day upon which there were obligations created, so that the liability for each particular obligation may be determined.

The way one would proceed would be thus: they would determine first all dates upon which obligations were created. Suppose there were a hundred of these obligations. What memberships were legal on each one of those one hundred days must be determined next. That can only be by expensive and long protracted litigation. Each member would have to be sued separately, for all practical purposes, because the problem for each separate member differs from that of each other member.

After the legality of these memberships is established, then there must be determined the merits of each particular case of liability, that is, whether or not the membership liability exists as to each particular obligation.

There are no assets in the San Diego Athletic Club now, except an equity in the furniture, which is small, likewise about \$40,000 in accounts receivable, the collectibility of

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which is extremely doubtful, as they are house accounts. Gentlemen, if they are such, have tried to pay their Club obligations if they could, from time immemorial.

The old San Diego Athletic Club would undoubtedly be willing to accept these notes so as to toll the Statute, as far as the Athletic Club and its remaining assets are concerned. But this would do very little good. There would be no membership liability by that process, since the law was changed last August.

I have held this letter up for a few days, waiting Mr. Fletcher's return from Los Angeles, and I had a talk with him this morning. He feels that to start suit now would interfere with everything he has been doing toward getting voluntary help from the Club people. I feel that he is right. If we file suit, the present Directors will not render any assistance in collection.

This means as a practical matter that you will never be able to collect these obligations which will outlaw so shortly. Mr. Fletcher feels that there is only about so much money to be secured anyway, and that in the long run you will get just as many dollars, and apply them on the other accounts.

He may be perfectly right in that. I would like to have your definite instructions, however.

As you know, I do not take active court cases. I have done everything I could to bring about a peaceful settlement of these matters. Col. Fletcher plans to turn them over to Hugh Saunders, who is the attorney for the Athletic Club, and give him a percentage for collecting them. Saunders, being the attorney for

Mr. F. M. White

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the present Club, can get further than anyone else, because his fellow Directors will assist him where they wouldn't an outsider.

He will write them enclosing my opinion as to their liability, and Fletcher feels that he may be able to secure likewise a like opinion from Curtis Hillyer.

Re LYNCH

Mr. Fletcher tells me this morning that you have reached an agreement with Mr. Lynch, under the terms of which you have agreed to turn over the property covered by the Trust Deed to Mr. Lynch in return for a small item equivalent to certain expenses.

Will you kindly give me briefly the details of this agreement, so that I may either prepare or pass upon the settlement agreement.

You would be surprised and greatly pleased, I am sure, to know the number of people who have asked me about you, knowing that I saw you in New York, and you would likewise be much pleased at the uniformly complimentary way in which they have spoken of you. Even Mr. Lynch said, "Mr. White is as fine a man as I know". I think that is wonderful.

So now the thing for you to do is to get hale and hearty and come back here and enjoy your friends.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

RALPH E. JENNEY

August 17, 1932

Mr. F.M. White,  
225 Lancaster Street,  
Albany, New York

My dear Fred:

I have received a copy of Jenney's letter to you under date of August 6th. I agree with nearly everything that Jenney has said, with two reservations. One is, my recollection is that Jenney first suggested to me that Sanders be paid a commission for collecting the voluntary assessments, that he was too busy and his charges were too high to do that work, and with his knowledge and consent I went to Mr. Sanders and made the arrangements. I really think it is the best thing to do.

Second, I told Mr. Jenney that I had your letter, that I was trying to close with Mr. Lynch for you, and that before any deal was closed your instructions were to have him draw up the papers. McKee rang me up. I did not ring him up - and said he was the attorney for Mr. Lynch, that before the papers were drawn up and signed he was instructed to investigate and see whether you did not have an interest in the Prentice property, so over the telephone I dictated a letter to Mr. Yawkey, and Mr. McKee heard the dictation and approved it before it went. As soon as Mr. Yawkey replies that you have no further interest in the property, I am sure Lynch will sign up.

For the love of Mike do not tell Jenney, or a human being that you have deeded these other properties to me. What I am trying to do is to save something out of the wreck for you, and we had better let sleeping dogs lie. Give Lynch what properties that are included in the deed of trust, get a final settlement from him and receipt in full, and than, thank God, if things go all right there will be something out of the wreck for you.

The situation here is worse than ever, with nothing selling at the present time, but I see things are picking up a little in the East.

With kindest personal regards and hoping to hear from you soon that you are feeling fine, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

Col. Fletcher left the office  
before this was transcribed.

KLM

REJ/rr

August 31, 1952

Mr. F. M. White,  
223 Lancaster,  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

Mr. Jenney and I attended the meeting of the Athletic Club Directors and a committee from the new club yesterday. The directors of the new club, as I have previously written you already committed themselves definitely to assist us in sending out a letter urging the members who were liable to each pay his share, and I am very sure that this will be done eventually, - but the committee of the new club attending yesterday's meeting was a new angle and as Rhoads explained it he did not want the new club committee on his neck, therefore we had to get their approval.

We believe we sold them the idea of the fairness of it all. Mr. Jenney made a splendid presentation and I did the best I could. Sanders' partner Jacques corroborated as to the law but the committee would take no final action in our presence and it was agreed that we would meet on Wednesday at 5 o'clock. Today we get a letter postponing the meeting until next Tuesday.

I have gone over all of your matters with Mr. Jenney. Your last day for filing suit against the club on your own notes expires the 8th of September. The meeting they have called is on the 6th. Jenney tells me there is no personal liability as far as your notes are concerned - that all you can sue, if you did sue, was the Athletic Club and they have no assets. The Athletic Club has lost all interest in the property and the second mortgage bonds own all of the furniture. With no personal liability on the part of the members of the club, according to the Act of the last Legislature which went into effect on the 15th of last August, it seems to me more useless and a waste of money to file any suit relying wholly on our claims from a moral standpoint, and appealing to the members along those lines.

It may be that there will be a solution of the problem at our meeting next week Tuesday night, but I felt it was imperative that you should know the facts, and am sending this letter by air mail. I never wrote you with more sorrow in my life. We will be lucky if we can get 50 or 60 percent on the legal obligations of the members thru the bank obligations, but have not a show on earth for your white alley on the personal money that you lent the club, and in my opinion it is a waste of your time to bring a suit.

Albany Sept 3 - 52

Dear Fletcher

About two months ago you wrote Mr Saunders would protect my Loan to the Club & not allow them to run out under the three years time - The way things have turned out from your last letters it looks like a total loss for any amount <sup>my</sup> I have against the Club but of all the claims with some of the other notes were bundled together some attorney might take them claims on a % basis, as long as any of our interests <sup>interfere</sup> with the plans for the new Club. There will be no headway made to help us - Will write further in a few days  
JMS



Sunday Sept 4 - 32

Dear Fletcher  
Your letter of Aug 31 - Tar 3 I do think  
Either you or Mr Jimmy are correct  
for a judgment against the Club is a  
judgment against its members and  
as my claims were all made before  
the new law went into effect the  
members are liable, on this basis  
the taking up of the notes at the Banks  
was made before any the new  
law went into effect so the old  
members would be responsible if  
looks to me as if Rhoads + Saunders  
are blocking the sending out of  
the long planned letter to the old  
membership + will continue to do  
so as it will interfere with their

plans on exchange of the old for  
the new membership, I believe they  
are now ready to block this letter from  
going out + trouble with the Banks  
will follow. It is as bad a mess as  
it could be, with help promised all along  
from Rhoads + Saunders + now firm.  
I think perhaps a receivership put  
in some time ago would have forced  
an assessment + collection from  
the old membership of enough to  
have cleaned the debt - however  
as you + Jimmy have worked  
now a year on the mess with  
no results except to be blocked by the  
new lot of men - change on every  
move you have tried to make I  
can see no help for the situation  
The next move by Rhoads will be on  
to make the 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage bonds worthless  
when they will be completed -  
I have not taken in your letter with Jimmy

-2-

For your own satisfaction you had better confer with  
Jenny by wire or air mail and get his reaction. I will write you  
a long letter on other matters soon.

Lynch was in yesterday and told me that as soon as  
McKee gets back from the North the probabilities are he will  
instruct McKee to draw up an agreement of settlement between you,  
along the lines that have been arranged.

Hoping that you are gradually getting stronger, and  
for the love of Mile don't lose courage, my friend. I refuse to  
be downed and if anything things are picking up a little here.

Sincerely your friend

EF:KLM

Chandler  
copy  
Robinson letter  
+ ~~letter~~ to REC

September Sixth  
1932

Mr. F. M. White  
223 Lancaster  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

Answering yours of the third regarding Sanders statement two months ago. I only told you what he stated at the meeting and as Jenney said to me the other day, there are mighty few in this old town who have not turned yellow. My hope and prayer is that after we get back to normal Jenney will tell me that I am one of the very few. I am striving to that end.

Recently Sanders and Rhoades have said that every dollar of the Athletic Club debts are going to be paid. Only time will tell but we will have to leave it to them.

To protect yourself and be able to claim stock holders liability Jenney informs me you should have filed suit or created a new debt before the 16th of August, 1931 on your own obligations. If you bring suit for what the Athletic Club owes you you are going to have a cross complaint for having spent many thousands of dollars, in all probabilities, illegally as a director of the club. This is the information we get thru the Corporation Commissioner and would involve all the directors of the club and get no where, for now there is no stockholders liability and a suit should have been brought before August 16, 1931.

The club has no assets. The first mortgage or trust has been foreclosed wiping out all equities. The second trust bonds have only the fixtures as security without any personal liability and with no stockholders liability so why sue and throw good money away after bad. I agree with Mr. Jenney that there is only one thing to do and that is to play along with them and get the most out of them that we can.

Above all things what we are trying to do is to get a list of the membership. My understanding from Mr. Jenney is that only those who were members of the Club on August 6th when we made a settlement with the banks and it began a new obligation are responsible and can be forced to pay in court if they have any money. Unfortunately probably 50% of those responsible such as life, charter and regular members can pay. It is a hell of a mess and I am deferring to Ralph Jenney's judgment in the matter and agree that his plan to date is right.

September Eighth  
1 9 5 2

Mr. F. M. White  
225 Lancaster  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

We have been making a big fight threatening suit and I am glad to inform you that the San Diego Athletic Club Directors have passed a resolution which keeps alive any rights that you may have in your claims against the Club. Jenney will undoubtedly send you a copy of the resolution.

I am sure that Jenney and I will have some good news for you soon.

Your letter of the 4th just received and I will see Jenney again but I am more hopeful that we are going to get our money than any time within the last year after my talk with Rhoades yesterday. We have a luncheon engagement with Rhoades and Sanders Monday noon made at their request.

Yours very truly,

EF:ASK

From every indication, Fred, the directors of the San Diego Athletic Club spent many thousands of dollars illegally. The Corporation Commissioner thinks so and he has been very busy but the Corporation Commissioner has not even felt to bring a suit. My advice is to let sleeping dogs lie.

Write and tell me how you are feeling. I hope you are getting stronger and for the love of Mike get a grip on yourself and take a new lease on life.

I am going through hell but I don't propose to let them down me. I have to put about 25% of my strength into other things to keep from going crazy, and I am having a lot of fun doing it.

I am working my secretary to death but keep grinding out articles on national highways and the Southern States. I enclosed find articles in the Los Angeles Times on the California State Division which should be made thru San Diego County, a terrible mess.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

Dear Fleet

Both you & Junney have the wrong slant on debt of Club to me running out about Sept 10 - The open ac amount paid to Jarras of about 3500. The amount due me from 8000<sup>Security</sup> pd on ~~Bank~~ Bank, amount of due on 15000 on same note due us. balance of this note now in BSI of America, all had been taken up by us making at the time a new obligation <sup>except</sup> my straight open 9 of 3500 which needed no action, the Club was liable fully on all these amounts

and

Sept 10-32

Dear Fleet

When there was some sun shine in your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> I am unable to foresee results from action of Club in not allowing my loans from being out lawed except perhaps a little different slant of Club directors to our interests which for their own protection may force them to do some thing they dont want to do or up to now blocking every move you & Junney made expecting from their promises they would help put through. Hope things may clear up for the better <sup>soon</sup>.

and

Albany Sept 16-32

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October 1, 1932.

Mr. F. M. White,  
c/o Mrs. Francis W. Joslyn,  
223 Lancaster Street,  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:-  
Martin and Sutherland of the Security Bank  
are on my neck. They are not satisfied with the  
security from the old San Diego Athletic Club notes,  
in addition to which they have 55 shares of Mutual  
Oil Company and 1040 shares of the preferred Pacific  
Cotton Seed Products Company, but they insist that I  
put up \$12,000 or \$15,000 worth of real estate, pay  
up the interest and something on principal if possible.

I have reached the point where I haven't  
enough money today to pay salaries. I am having the  
time of my life. Have you any suggestion to make?

Rhoads telephoned Sutherland that, if a legal  
way could be found to advance the money and pay the  
interest on these notes, the San Diego Club would do  
it.

Without any knowledge on my part and wholly  
on his own initiative, Jenney, at the last meeting,  
recommended that the San Diego Club take over the ob-  
ligations of the Athletic Club of Robinson, White and  
Fletcher covering a period of years and pay us 50% on  
the dollar. I never was more surprised in my life but,  
from the way things are looking, we would be damned  
lucky to get 50% on the dollar, the more I think about  
it, Jenney wrote a letter to Rhoads along those lines and  
Rhoads said that he personally was favorable to it. In  
his letter Jenney said that that was what he would recom-  
mend to you and to me. There is no obligation but of  
course it comes as a terrible shock to me, after everything  
that has happened heretofore.

The new club is actually getting along and making  
a little money above expenses. With the return of normal  
times I am sure the darned club will be on its feet again.

Mr. F. M. White  
#3  
10-1-32

My son Charlie and Jeanette and their two  
boys are living on \$200 a month. His salary has been  
reduced \$50 recently.

Marston just sold his interest in the 211  
acres at Point Loma, which cost him \$23,000 in cash  
two years ago, for \$200 to Oscar Cotton rather than  
pay any more assessments or taxes. Marston has had  
up and it's a crime.

Belcher took the chairmanship of the advance  
gifts committee of the Chest, also for the Republican  
campaign, and then appointed me his first assistant  
and left two weeks ago on a vacation, leaving me to  
do the work. He told me that I could attend to my  
business nights and Sundays.

It's pathetic, the things that are being un-  
covered in this drive.

I am enclosing article on the water question  
that may be of interest.

Property is selling here at 20% on the dollar,  
any amount of it, and for half the assessed value.

I haven't been able to pay two-thirds of my  
taxes but thank the Lord I have five years to work it  
out.

Enclosed find clipping of the Appellate Court.  
I am mighty sorry to see this decision go this way but  
it might as well be taken to the Supreme Court now.  
Judge Slocane certainly misled us in many ways and Wright  
and McKee, as well.  
Do you take any daily newspaper and what paper  
is it?

Mary is doing all the cooking now. We got a  
darky boy for his board and lodging to wash the dishes  
and clean the yard. Catherine and Mary Louise and Sister  
Belle all help. I think that we are a happier family  
now altogether than we ever have been before, for we all  
know it's either fish or cut bait.

10-1-32

Mr. F. M. White  
#4  
10-1-32.

Thank God these notes have not outlawed and a suit for personal liability does not expire until almost two years from now on the bank notes that we took up a year ago last August.

There is no question but what the directors violated the Corporate Securities Act and could be prosecuted for many illegal things which happened on that board of directors. Jenney admits this and, if we get into litigation with the Athletic Club, that will be used against us. We had poor legal advice, there is no question about that. It was wholly illegal paying Andrews that money, as the law distinctly states that we cannot pay it out only as and when the money comes in.

McKee is drawing up the papers now for you and Lynch to sign along the lines we have agreed on and they will be forwarded shortly, covering the cancellation of all obligations, in consideration of your giving him the properties included in the trust.

Harry cannot earn enough money to take care of the family so Catherine and the three children are at our house always once and sometimes twice a day for their meals. He has only averaged \$50 a month for the last six or eight months and is completely broke.

Right and left out here people are committing suicide and completely broke. Marston is very badly hit. You remember the Dyer who owned the 22,000 acre Cuyamaca Grant and built that beautiful home? His brother, a prominent banker, recently committed suicide and Dyer is losing the whole property on an \$85,000 trust deed. - It cost him half a million and his last price was \$7.00 an acre. His partner, Smyth, whom you remember, sold his interest to Dyer in the Cuyamaca Grant and stuck it into a subdivision and not alone has lost everything but there is \$100,000 indebtedness against it.

Poor C. E. Toberman has lost his El Capitan Theatre, Roosevelt Hotel, the big warehouse, his bank corner, and they are now pouncing on him for his endorsement of a \$250,000 note on Outpost. He has lost \$2,000,000 and is completely broke, trying to sell his house for anything he can get.

Mr. F. M. White  
#4  
10-1-32

I do hope you are getting back into form again, old top.

I have had to follow Jenney's advice and Lord, if he can't pull us out, nobody can, but he sure knocked me off the Christmas tree when for the first time he sprung it on me in the presence of Rhoads that we take 50% on the dollar and even at that Rhoads says he is not sure the San Diego Club would assume that obligation now, but we will try to work it out some way.

With kindest personal regards and hoping to hear some good news from you,

Sincerely yours,

P. S. I don't see how you can do anything to appease Sutherland and Martin. You may think of some way out. I will just have to fight it out and, if they want to sue me, I will go through insolvency.

10-1-32

October Fourteenth  
1 9 5 2

Mr. F. M. White  
225 Lancaster  
Albany, New York

My dear Fred:

I think I told you that at one of the meetings with the Athletic Club Committee, out of a clear sky Mr. Jenney, without my knowledge in advance, proposed a settlement of 50¢ on the dollar, the new club to take over the obligation. I protested at the time but on second thought assumed that what Jenney recommended to you I ought to take his advice although it goes against the grain for the following reasons:

First, The new San Diego Club, if it assumed these obligations, would want a five year contract paying for the present interest on \$25,000 or \$30,000, hardly enough to take care of the interest on our different notes at the bank but God knows it would give us a breathing spell.

The new club would pay the principal as and when they made a profit in the operation of the San Diego Club over and above certain fixed charges. They are operating the club today \$6000 a month less than it was operated for several years and are making a little money. With the return of normal conditions they feel that they will have no trouble in paying out but there is no stockholders liability and the only security would be the assets of the club as and when they acquired any assets.

The advantages of these are -

First, The Bank would undoubtedly be satisfied to extend and renew the notes if the interest is paid.

Second, The agreement with the San Diego Club would give us the right to cancel this agreement at any time if they did not keep up the interest.

Third, We would have the right to bring suit on stockholders liability before the time limit expired, October 7, 1934, so we would be in the same position as we are now with probably the members of the club in better financial condition than they are today for the situation in San Diego is pathetic.

November Eighth  
1 9 5 2

Mr. F. M. White  
225 Lancaster  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

Answering yours of November second I am returning papers.

At the request of Lynch before he would agree to release you he insisted upon having a judgment search made to see whether there were any judgments against you or whether you had any property in your name. I told him that you did not but he insisted upon the search and the result is he is going to give you \$250 and take the property and give you a receipt in full for all your indebtedness directly and indirectly he has against you.

Things have gone so bad here since you left that I don't consider what you are turning over to Lynch worth \$25,000 and if it was sold under the hammer today it would not bring \$10,000.

A two story building on Seventh Street between C and Broadway recently sold for \$35,000, a 50 foot lot next to Gildred and values have gone down in this whole town 60% to 80%. You can buy almost anything for its assessed value in San Diego, not its appraised value.

My rents at Ninth and Broadway have gone down from \$1500 a month to \$350 and I can't collect that. Jenney has been sick for two weeks having had his adenoids and tonsils out but is getting better again. I will see him as soon as I can and have a talk with Mr. McKee who is back after being away two weeks.

As long as Jenney has been off the job we could do nothing with the Athletic Club. I owe the Bank of America \$110,000 or \$120,000. They are demanding that the two corporations, the Grossmont Park Company and the Morse Construction Company endorse my notes and put up another \$100,000 worth of security and the whole thing be done this week or they will file suit. This means insolvency for me but I told them to go ahead I would not do it. You will not have the disgrace of going thru insolvency but I will from every indication.

I suppose you realize that your lack of ability to help me out in any way leaves me with between \$30,000 and \$35,000 of Athletic Club notes to pay which is utterly out of the question and what the banks

If we do not accept something like this the following is the picture.

Our only recourse is to sue the Athletic Club. They will not give us a list of the stockholders so we will have to go into court first and force that.

Second, we will then have to put in experts to determine what the amount is and the amount is charged in accordance with the date that they became a member or resigned. It will take a Philadelphia lawyer to figure this out.

The minute we file suit they would enter cross complaints and allege and be able to prove that a good deal of money was spent by the directors illegally. It will take \$5000 at least to carry on this litigation and will have to be put up in advance. I don't think Jenney will bring this suit as his heart is not in it.

I begged of them the other night to give us the list of members so that we could write a private letter asking those who could afford to pay to pay. I told them that 10 or 15 had come to me and wanted to pay their share but Rhodes and Saunders and in fact all the committee said absolutely no. "If you do this it will kill the San Diego Club." They have given me until next Monday night to give an answer about accepting the San Diego Club offer.

I am sending you this letter by air mail. I don't know what to do. Jenney told me that the thing to do was for three or four men to get control of the Club thru the Los Angeles bank and it would be a money making proposition. Three hundred thousand dollars, in my opinion, would buy the \$400,000 mortgage from the Security First National Bank.

The Los Angeles Athletic Club has blown up completely. They have lost 8000 members. Their stock is down to \$2.

Toberman, father-in-law of Charley, has failed completely and he will be lucky if he don't land in jail. He has been thrown into insolvency and charged with dissipation of assets and mismanagement. Where he will land nobody knows.

Please telegraph me your point of view on receipt of this letter so I will get it without fail by Monday.

Sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

will do is more than I know. As soon as I can I will consult Jenney.

The blow that kills father is your note which you signed to the Security Trust & Savings Bank without my knowledge years ago. You told me it was amply secured but they insisted upon my endorsement. I know that you were sincere about it at the time and in no sense am I trying to hurt your feelings but the fact remains it is the last straw that breaks the camels back and they are going to file suit in a few days.

I cannot even pay the interest on anything any more so it is the devil take the hind most.

I sympathized with you as much as a man one to another could when your house of cards went to pieces. Now I need your sympathy.

The Bank of America are hard game. None of the old men are there or have any influence whatever. They have brought down a man from Anaheim who is manager of the bank now. His name is Cotant, and a chap in San Francisco named Wente is dictating to Cotant so our old friendships are gone and we have no influence and the Bank of America are as cold as fish.

I wish to God I could get out of California and sit on the side lines but my roots are here, my family are here and I will probably be crucified by the bankers.

Please treat this letter in confidence and under no conditions show it to Jenney. He is the attorney for Mrs. Strong. She has been demanding her pound of flesh. She has never given up a dollar. My contract with her calls for \$1000 a month and while she cut the payments down to \$750, \$500 and \$400 a month in cash yet she made Mrs. Fletcher and I give her our notes for the balance and these are out against us.

Stern is busted and he is trying to blackmail me now.

Nearly everybody is busted out here and I would not know where to go to get \$1000 today.

We owe the First National Bank about \$125,000 or \$150,000. They have around \$250,000 to \$300,000 in real estate contracts as security. They are in the real estate business now but they have treated me find and they know I can sell the real estate better than they can.

The San Diego Trust & Savings Bank have been nasty and we owe them the least of any, around \$30,000.

It is impossible to borrow any money on anything.

I have done what I could to re-elect Hoover. Belcher has kept me busy for two months on the Community Chest and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Republican Central Committee neglecting my business terribly and the whole thing has got me into such a mess it is hard for me to sleep



nights and get any rest.

How I would like to start off with you, Evenson and Mrs. Fletcher again and leave town forever. But our children pulls us back and I have got to keep on fighting as best I can. Today I have not \$150 in the bank with \$5000 worth of local bills to pay and which way to turn I do not know.

I have told you more than I have any human being, the shape we are in so I know you will keep it confidential.

I am being put on a cash basis every where and it is only a short time if I don't dig up some money in some form everything we have will be attached.

Gilmore is mighty fine. He is putting Ferdinand thru college this year. Steve is working in a gas station for \$80 a month. Quite a come down for a college graduate but he is a good sport. I cannot send Gene to college on account of no money. He is out of high school and is looking for a job. Mary Louise has quit school and is learning to cook. She has a young man that is paying a good deal of attention to her.

Sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

November Twentieth

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Mr. F. M. White  
225 Lancaster  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

The expected has happened. The Bank of America with a new manager has filed suit against us for the Athletic Club notes amounting to \$10,000 or \$11,000. He has also brought suit against me personally on my notes and also one of \$4500 against Grossmont Park Company. They have also filed notices of default foreclosing on our property at Cuyamaca Lake, including the Lodge and all the improvements, the Eighth Street house, a lot of property at Solana Beach and the Marshall Ranch, 700 acres.

Davidson has no influence any more. He is down and out financially and is not even keeping up the interest on his note. Bradley is out and has taken over the business management of Col. Copley's property.

The Security Bank Martin and Sutherland will undoubtedly bring suit this week, on your notes which I endorsed. The San Diego Trust & Savings Bank have sufficient security on our notes which security I gave them so I don't think they will sue.

There is nothing you can do. I know you would do it if you could old man but it looks like the beginning of the end unless I can get some quick action.

The damn Athletic Club is the cause of it all. I am paying Timken \$157.50 a month to keep from being thrown out of the house we live in. After putting \$50,000 in to it Timken would not take the property back and give me a release but I had to put up another \$8500 worth of real estate contracts as additional security. I don't intend to let the thing down me. I am not thinking of suicide but oh boy, I have my problems, from now on.

Am sending you some avocados just to let you know that I am thinking of you and hoping you will forget everything as much as you can and get your health back again is the prayer of the entire Fletcher family.

Having no other troubles Charles F. Stern is trying to blackmail me from every indication on that old Murray deal, threatening suit on the Murray notes, forgetting that he never put a nickel into Cuyamaca, only went on some notes with the Cuyamaca Water Company behind it as well as my fortune and his, mine being 5 times as much security as his, he has already been paid \$158,000 clear profit but has another \$100,000 in sight if times every get back to normal.

However, I have called his bluff, told him to bring on his suit and my attorney says we have him licked to a frazzle, both morally and legally. Stern is dead broke, a discredited man in Los Angeles and I think he has stopped mighty low.

With kindest personal regards to all.

Always your friend,

EF:ASK

November Twenty-eighth  
1 9 5 2

Mr. F. M. White  
225 Lancaster  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

Mr. Frank Lynch was in my office Friday and I never saw him any madder in my life than he was then. The way Wright and McKee have handled the matters and particularly the settlement between you and he, is terrible. In his presence I took the matter up with the Southern Title Company and Mr. Sears has prepared the necessary quitclaim deed for your signature.

Enclosed find letter from Sears which is explanatory.

Mr. Lynch has agreed to pay \$200. He says Mr. McKee agreed to foreclose for \$100 but he is willing to pay \$200, you to pay for this certificate which will cost \$57.50. Mr. Sears says to put this deed in escrow with the Southern Title Company with instructions to deliver it to Frank Lynch on receipt of \$142.50 less the fee for drawing the enclosed deed which will be about \$2.50, so you will be getting about \$140 out of it.

In the instructions to the title company there should also be put the following conditions:

- First, that the old trust deed note be cancelled and returned to you.
- Second, that you are not furnishing any title to the property in Lot D. Cuyamaca Rancho as specified in this agreement. I am referring to the one-eighth interest in and to the 828 acres in Lot D. Cuyamaca Rancho. This property was never deeded to you and never should have been put in the record but as long as it was recorded it has got to be cancelled from the record.

There are a number of things pertaining to this that I can exercise in getting the settlement and my suggestion is that you send me the quitclaim deed and let me handle this matter thru Mr. Jenney and arrange it so that the money from the title company goes direct to you. I will attend to that, as well as get a complete release from Mr. Lynch.

Enclosed find copy of letter I have just written Wright and McKee that is explanatory. I will see that this quitclaim deed is delivered when we have a receipt in full from Mr. Lynch approved by

Mr. Jenney and what ever money there is to go to you direct from the title company. I don't want to touch the money because the Security Bank is going to file suit in all probability against each of us at once.

Please let me have the quitclaim deed back by return mail.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

November Twenty-ninth  
1 9 3 2

Mr. F. M. White  
223 Lancaster  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Fred:

The supreme court of the State decided in the favor of the city and the San Pasqual options and contracts are void. The decision came down yesterday. I am mighty sorry to see the decision go adversely to you and Mr. Yawkey. Certainly Wright and Sloane did not know what they were talking about when they advised you as they did in the matter.

I have written Mr. Yawkey today and informed him of the decision.

Regarding the eight foreclosure suits and suits against me on the Athletic Club notes of the Bank of America. They are finding out they are in the real estate business and it is just possible that a compromise can be made by putting in a lot of additional security and staying the thing over for a year. They demanded \$125,000 additional security which of course I did not have based on their values and they also insisted upon the Grossmont Park Company and Morse Construction Company signing notes of Ed and Mary C. B. Fletcher. This, we positively turned down. Will keep you posted as to the outcome.

The Bank of America suits are something like \$14,000. I went Fred Sutherland's note with two or three others. He is dead and the Estate is insolvent. They got judgment against them. Russell of the U. S. National Bank, U.S. Grant, Harry Gavin and I are the victims. That seems to be working out however, and we will probably get out of that without costing a dollar.

I stayed off a \$1500 law suit yesterday by digging up \$250 so all my time now is in dodging and planning and revamping with no real estate selling.

I wish I could write you better news but things are not so good here.

Thank heaven the family are all well.

After putting \$50,000 in our place at Fourth and Walnut Timken would not take it back and made me put up \$8500 additional security so we are holding on by our eye teeth now by paying \$137.50 interest each month, the same as rent. I hope things are picking up in the east and that you can write me something encouraging.

With kind regards,  
Sincerely yours,

December 19, 1932.

Mr. F. M. White,  
c/o C. C. Yawkey,  
Wausau, Wisc.

My dear Fred:

McKee returned from a two months' law suit in Fresno last Friday and we met at two o'clock today with Jenney, McKee and myself present.

Jenney left the signed quitclaim deed of yours with McKee. They are putting it through the title company; although Jenney tried his best to get the \$142.50 out of them Lynch would not put it up until the certificate of title was brought down and everything is being put in escrow. I was hoping they would take the quitclaim deed and pay the money but they refused.

There is one discrepancy that is coming up that you want to be on your guard about. You executed the trust deed to Lynch. A little later, early in 1931, we got an opportunity to sell a small piece to Myers, one to Pennington and the other to Covington, altogether about two acres. You signed the deeds to this property and practically all the money that we received from these sales went to put in the new pipe line from Lake Helix, also the clearing and road construction.

You will notice that I sent you a quitclaim deed to sign, not a grant deed, and the deed that they now have is only whatever right, title and interest you may now have. If either McKee, Lynch or Jenney write you on the subject, what you want to do is to write back and tell them that money from these small sales was used in building the new big pipe line from Mt. Helix, for the clearing and road building, and at the time you signed the grant deed to the three pieces as shown on this map, you had every reason to believe that you would get the matter settled up without the trust deed everygoing on record.

The trust deed was not put on record for many months after you had signed the deeds to these three small lots, as shown on the enclosed map. As I remember it, we had sold this property to Myers, Covington and Pennington long before you ever signed the trust deed to Lynch. That is my recollection without looking at the books.

Will keep you posted and rush the title certificate as fast as I can.

Mr. F. M. White

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Jenney just told me today that the San Diego Club had been round soft-soaping him and offered him a life membership in the San Diego Club, on account of his hard work and what he had done trying to straighten out the troubles of the club, I assume.

I met with them last Monday night and they unanimously agreed not to turn over even the list of memberships of the club so that a friendly letter could be written out, soliciting the members to pay their just share.

I thought I would not start anything until after the first of the year but we are going to find out a way to get the list of that membership and write a letter in your name and mine, asking them to pay their proportion, or know the reason why. They are in a delicate situation themselves financially now. Things have been going from bad to worse and the bank in Los Angeles can shut down on them any minute.

With kindest regards to all, and mighty glad that you are with your home folks again at Wausau, feeling better,

Sincerely yours,

EF/RC

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223 Lenaster Street,  
Albany, N. Y.

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