Mr.Forrest Marren, San Diego Union, San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Marrens

Enclosed find copy of the semi-annual report of the manager of the Brendway of America for your information.

Yours truly,

March 15th, 1929.

Mr. Porest Warren c/o San Diego Union San Diego, California.

My dear Forests

Enclosed find copy of my letter to MacMullen, for your information.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. Forest Warren c/o San Diego Union San Diego, California.

My dear Warren:

Enclosed may be of interest.

Iours sincerely,

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I arrived in San Diego, a boy 15 years old, 40 years ago the 12th of September. My cash assets amounted to \$6.10. I put \$5 of it on deposit in the San Diego Savings Bank. M. T. Gilmore was cashier, and in fact he was the whole San Diego Savings Bank crew, as I remember. After I had made my \$5 deposit, Mr. Gilmore commenced to question me as to where I cam from. When I teld him Massachusetts, he said he was from Maine. Then and there we struck up a friendhip that has lasted all these years.

I struck him for a job after depositing the \$5 and he gave it to me. How well I remember getting my first \$5 gold piece for two or three days! work cleaning up his back yard and cleaning out his cellar.

Mr. Gilmore has certainly been an inspiration and friend these many years; also my good friend, George W. Marston, and many others,

I remember well Broadway only extended to 17th Street and ran into a big hill. I remember seeing the engine fired up which pulled the train up to the college subdivision, starting at about 16th and B and thru City Park up to what is now known as the Normal Heights section. I remember well the old cable road that ran up Sixth Street to Mission Park.

I commenced working for Nason & Company at \$5 a week and broke an axel in front of Cline & Mumford's grocery store at 5th and Broadway when I struck a 2 ft, hole that first winter after a rain.

I remember Reuben De Guile, who had a three seated surrey located at 5th and Broadway who had a sign "Tiajuana, Round Trip \$1.00, 75¢, 50¢, Take your choice". Some paid \$1.00, some 75¢ and others 50¢, the passengers joking each other on the way down about the price paid. There was about two miles of sand in the Tijuana River bottom. When they struck this sand, Reuben would stop his team and solemnly announce "\$1.00 tickets keep your seat; 75¢ tickets walk, 50¢ tickets, push". Needless to say everyone paid the balance of the dollar and Faben proceeded to Tijuana,

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September Eleventh, 1 9 2 9

Mr. Forrest Warren, c/d S. D. Union, San Diego, Calif.

Dear Forrests

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

Yours truly,

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October 3rd, 1929.

STATEMENT FOR MR. FORREST WARREN.

San Diego is surrounded by mountains and desert from San Diego to Yuma. Occurrer Humt of Arisona asked me to join in with him in calling the comvention at Yuma in 1910, We each appointed our delegates. We had to go by train to Yuma thru Los Angeles, twenty-two delegates, including U. S. Grant, Jr. and Fred Jackson from San Diego.

We organised the San Diego-Arizona Highway Association. I was elected president.

Our first job was the building of the bridge, Arizona, California and the Government each paying one-third. California had to raise the money by private subscription and turn the cash over before construction of the building was commenced. San Diego and Imperial Counties raised all but \$5000 of California's share of the cost, which was \$25,000.

Flatcher and Jackson raised \$60,000 by private subscription from San Diego citizens to build the Mountain Springs grade in 1912, a present to Imperial County. The new state highway is built on the identical grade which we located at that time.

I raised very dellar of the money to buy 46 car loads of lumber for the Sand Hill road and demonstrated the feasibility of a short out thru the sand hills to Puma. Imperial Valley laid the planking. It shortens the distance across the continent 45 miles, as well as 45 miles between El Centro and Fuma.

In 1916 Yuma County could not sell its highway bonds except at paramere was a deficit of \$25,000 to make up so San Diego and Imperial Counties, by private subscription, wrote out their checks for \$18,000 and made the Yuma County supervisors a present of this amount.

Douglas, Bishes, Tocson, Time. El Centre and Colèmico have all dome their part in fighting for a Maticual highway. We should not quit until Svery foot of it is paved from here to El Paso and the Atlantic.

Implessed find circular covering trip to Ste Augustine and Savannah. You are finilar with the Broadway of America trip. Read Norld's Work for September, Page 65 to 70, and you will see where I am given credit nationally for National Highway work. That article is the

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