

San Diego, California.
October 9th, 1919

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Room 5, Court House.
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find letter from the W.C.T.U. which is self-explanatory. My suggestion is that a letter be sent along the following lines, if approved by Mr. White and yourself:

That the letter was received too late to take any action as suggested. That our report was o.ked and accepted by the Board of Supervisors and the election called for the 12th of November. That we are very much surprised to receive a protest from the W.C.T.U. at such a late date, particularly owing to the fact that we had a conference with the W.C.T.U. representatives, who tentatively agreed that the paved highway be extended only to Nestor. That we have lived up to our part of the agreement.

I don't believe you can make it any too strong, for it is certainly a breach of faith on the part of the W.C.T.U. if they get out and fight the paved highway simply because it goes in the direction of Tia Juana, particularly after they have tentatively agreed to a paved highway as far as Nestor as a necessity for that section of San Diego County's future development.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm
encl
cc FMW

copy to Fletcher

October 14, 1919.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union,
854 - 12th Street,
San Diego, California.

Attention: Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard, Pres.

Dear Madam:

Your favor of the 2nd inst., concerning road to be improved to Tia Juana, or to some point in that vicinity, did not reach this office until today.

The report and recommendation of the Highway Commission as to the road or roads to be improved was closed and filed with the Board of Supervisors September 26th. Had your letter been received promptly it would have been too late to recommend any change, the matter being entirely out of the hands of the Commission for the purpose of any change.

The report has been approved and accepted by the Board of Supervisors, and the election called for the 12th of November.

This Commission is surprised to receive a protest from the W.C.T.U. at such a late date, particularly owing to the fact that we had a conference with the W.C.T.U. representatives who tentatively agreed that some compromise, probably the ending of the road at Nestor, would be the best result. This Commission has fulfilled its part of that understanding, even although its action has been construed, and perhaps with some justice, as failing to give the best of service to all of the people.

Very truly yours,

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

By _____
Chairman.

November 17th, 1919

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman, Highway Commission,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Sefton,
regarding R. C. Hodgson, which is self-explanatory.
Let us talk this over at our first meeting.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm
encl

Box 71 Ent Sm Diego

San Diego, Calif.
Sept. 18, 1919

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Court House,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find letter which was
received at this office, from Walter M. Sharp.

Will you please acknowledge
this?

Yours very truly,

ef/bm

22 November 1919

County Highway Commission,
San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton, Chairman.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find letter I have received
from the Operating Department.

[From]
WILBUR JURY
NOV. 20, 1919
CSM

I think this is an important matter, and that we should cooperate with the City officials. It is customary in all of our dam construction that every carload of cement is tested, and it is quite expensive. Then again, Mr. Jewett will be invaluable to us, and we should employ someone to test the sand and select the proper rock.

Mr. Jewett is a man of reputation, and I believe he should be employed, but not until such time as we commence to let contracts - several months hence. Any engineer that we employ, I am sure will appreciate the value of the services of a man of this character.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

December Ninth,
1919

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman,
Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find letter from R. B. Holdsworth, San Luis Obispo, which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

EF/dm

December 12th, 1919

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman, Highway Commission:
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find letter from W. S. King,
which I wish you would put up to Mr. Norton.

King is a licensed surveyor, and I
have known him for thirty years. His surveys
have been accepted by both title companies.
He is certainly reliable, and the only objection
to him is that he is hard of hearing. He is a
San Diego man and his work is very accurate. I
cannot speak too highly of him.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm
encl

December
Twentieth
Nineteen
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Mr. Sherwood Wheaton, Chairman,
County Highway Commission,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find petitions for our
future reference.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

February
Ninth
Nineteen
Twenty

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
County Highway Commission,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find clipping from the Imperial
Valley Press, which is explanatory, and which I
think should be brought up before the next meeting.

I see by yesterday's Associated Press
dispatches that all papers in the Valley had joined
in asking the resignation of the Imperial County
Commission owing to their advocacy of black base.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

SHERWOOD WHEATON, CHAIRMAN
ED. FLETCHER
F. M. WHITE
H. M. MORTON, ENGINEER

538 UNION BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 6280

HIGHWAY COMMISSION
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., February 10, 1920.

Col. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth Street,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your motion, with reference to the Escondido
matter, is quite long and in the nature of a letter; so
much so that it is hard to change the phraseology without
perverting its meaning. Hence, I have adopted the plan
of quoting the motion in full in the reply to the Escon-
dido Chamber of Commerce.

I have an idea that this action will cause
some controversy, both outside and inside the office, so
I would like the unqualified approval of both yourself
and Mr. White before forwarding the reply. I shall hold
the letter until I have this advice, by telephone, or
otherwise.

Yours very truly,

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

By Sherwood Wheaton
Chairman.

SW-M

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11 February 1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
County Highway Commission,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find clipping that will be
of interest.

Yours truly,

EF:KLM

February Twelfth
1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman,
Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Answering your letter of Feb. 10th, would
say, I suggest that the reading be as follows:

"I beg to say that your communication and
the petition was considered by the Highway Commission,
also the same petition for Washington Avenue, and for
your information will say it was the unanimous opinion
of the Commission that the Chairman be authorized to
write the Chamber of Commerce at Escondido, etc."

I expect some controversy on the outside, but
was not aware that there was any controversy on the in-
side. If there is I should like to know what it is.
I suggest the matter be held in abeyance until our next
meeting.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

February 12, 1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman,
Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed is letter which I received
from Raymond G. Osborne, regarding work
in his testing laboratories.

Yours very truly,

ef/bm

March
Eleventh
Nineteen
Twenty

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
County Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Will you please have brought up the
question of our inviting the San Francisco office
of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads to come down
here and make a recommendation to us on the type
of road to build. Let's take it up at the next
meeting.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

26 February 1920

County Highway Commission,
Union Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.

Attention Mr. Wheaton

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find letter from A. B. Fletcher,
which is explanatory, and which I think should be
read at the next meeting of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

(Correspondence with Senator Chandler relative to data
for Fresno County highway system.

March 16, 1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman, Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find letter to Mr. Ream,
from A. C. Fulmer, County Surveyor, of Riverside
County, which is for your information.

Yours very truly,

KLM

March 16, 1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman,
Highway Commission,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed is a letter which was received
from the City Recorder of Tillamook, Oregon.

Will you please take this up at our next meeting?

Yours very truly,

RF/bm

encl

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Office of

A.C.FULMOR, County Surveyor
Riverside, Calif.

February 19th, 1920

Mr. J. A. Ream,
Warners Springs, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of yours of
the 17th inst., addressed to the Riverside County
Highway Commission.

Our Highway Commission has expended
the funds voted for building highways and according
to law is no longer in existence. We built two
different types of pavement between Beaumont and
Mecca, one an oiled mecadam pavement, so called,
four inches thick and fourteen feet wide. This
pavement was built out of rock crushed from boulders
found adjoining the highway, and cost approximately
\$4,000.00 per mile. This pavement, of course, would
cost a great deal more at the present day. It was
built in the year 1815 and is giving very good service.
Its present cost would probably be \$10,000.00 per
mile, at least.

Between Indio and Thermal we built a
concrete road four inches thick, fifteen feet wide,
1-2-4 mix, at a cost of \$13,499.00 per mile. This
road was built in 1918, and at the present time is
giving very good service with practically a very
small maintenance.

Yours very truly,

A. C. Fulmor

ACF:C

Road Superintendent

March 17, 1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman,
Highway Commission,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Will you please, without fail, send out
official invitations to the Board of Super-
visors, to start on the inspection trip at
eight o'clock Tuesday morning. I will get in
touch with Mr. Foster personally, but think
the invitation should be in writing.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

My Dear Col.

Sorry I failed to
connect with you today—

I have written the
invitation, as suggested, to the Bd
of Suprs, - Mr White concurring.

I do not feel that I can
again write the Suprs about a
Testing Engineers, having in mind
the efforts already made, and the
present status of that matter.

I think, however, that a decision
in this case, as well as in a number
of other important & pressing matters
will be hurried & simplified by this
trip, hence it is quite important
that the trip be taken. Please

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do what you can to bring it
about - I said in the invitation
"as far north as Los Angeles
County, at least" - I think that
may be far enough - I hope so,
because I believe a more
extensive trip would arrive at the
same result, and it would save a
lot of money.

Wheaton

3/19

4 PM

March
Twentieth
1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton, Chairman,
County Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

I got hold of Foster and explained the matter to him, and he said he would go Tuesday. District Attorney Utley wants to go also. I saw Mrs. Greene and she accepted for Tuesday. I telephoned Mr. Westfall and he is going, and wants to take his wife with him.

I told them all that while I could not speak authoritatively, I did not think the Commission intended to go any farther than around Los Angeles, possibly Santa Barbara way for a day, or about a three day trip, arriving home Thursday night.

Personally I would like to go if I can.

The County will unquestionably furnish one car, and possibly two. It looks to me as if there would be about three cars.

As there are to be ladies in the party, I think it would be nice to ask Mrs. White to go, also my sister - and how about taking Mrs. Wheaton.

Have written Foster if he can supply one car and possibly two. Cannot Morton go with his car, and is there not another car that the Highway Commission can use in case of emergency, so there will be no expense excepting hotel bills.

I tried to get you four times yesterday and files.

Yours very truly,

EP:KIM

cc-Mr. White

SHERWOOD WHEATON, CHAIRMAN
ED. FLETCHER
F. M. WHITE
R. M. MORTON, ENGINEER

HIGHWAY COMMISSION SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., March 20, 1920.

My dear Col. Fletcher:

In regard to the proposed trip next Tuesday, I have communicated with Mr. George A. Rogers, the contractor who is doing some work on Harbor Boulevard, Los Angeles, and who is quite friendly with Supervisor Foster. I think he would be a good man to go around with the party, and, incidentally, he can show us the work which he has under way. (Heavy Concrete *James X*)

Would suggest that we get in touch with Mr. Jonathan Dodge, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, and ask him to go around with us a little.

on Tuesday Have written County Surveyor McBride, of Orange County, suggesting that we would like to have him meet us about lunch time, and go with us over a few miles of the Orange County highway system, installed under his direction a few years ago. If we can get to Santa Ana by noon, or a little before, have lunch there, see Mr. McBride and look over some roads, then proceed to Los Angeles, arriving there by 4 or 5 o'clock, that is probably all that can be done the first day. Wednesday morning we could meet Mr. Rogers and Mr. Dodge, and view whatever they might suggest.

I am told that the Los Angeles Road Department is too deeply interest in Willite for us to spend much time with them.

could Thursday, a trip ~~will~~ be made to Lebec, on the Tejon Pass. If this is not agreeable, we might take some other side trip which could be agreed upon.

Yours truly,

[assumed
WHEATON]
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HIGHWAY COMMISSION
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.,

[APRIL, 1920] 4 minutes
by copies of minutes
at April 21st } 1920
April 26 }
enclosed }
CSM

My Dear Miss Fletcher.

I purposely refrain from passing

road matters to the Colonel, until he is better; - but some time, when he feels well; Tell him there is a growing sentiment to follow the present travelled road south of Chula Vista, and not go into the Gray valley and under the SD & a subway; that we had a delegation meet with us last night. They presented a petition carrying over 200 signatures, asking this. It looks as though such a change would greatly do away with rights-of-way trouble, and give general satisfaction except to Sharp & his immediate neighbors. We ought to dispose of the matter soon.

What does he think about it -

Also.

Gordon Gray & others are active in an effort to have the Coronado branch, leave the main line at Palm City, instead of at Nestor. They are in wire communication with Mr. Kethner concerning it. This will probably come up soon. What does he think about that? -

My love & sympathy for him

Wheaton

May 5th, 1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman, County Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

My sister read me your letter, and I agree with you that we should take the present traveled route from Chula Vista to Nestor. Whatever you and White do - starting from Palm City instead of Nestor - is satisfactory to me. I am out of it, and have no feeling in the matter, whatever. Good luck to you.

If we can save \$10,000 or \$15,000 on the Palm City Road, and \$10,000 on the other road, Chula Vista town, so much the better. The one trouble is, that we may be making trouble for ourselves elsewhere, at some future date. However, I may be mistaken. I hope to be with you again in a few weeks.

I certainly appreciate your and Mrs. Wheaton's calling.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

PAVING PROPOSITION DISCUSSED AT MEETING

(Special to The Union)
ESCONDIDO, May 25. — An enthusiastic meeting of about 100 residents of Escondido was held at the chamber of commerce here tonight at which speeches were given by Sherwood Wheaton, chairman of the county highway commission; F. M. White, a member of the commission, and Engineer Morton.

All three spoke of the paving proposition and during his speech Wheaton said that with the exception of one or two places the inland road between Camp Kearny and Escondido would be paved. These two strips, according to Wheaton, cannot be paved owing to the fact that the highway commission has not the right of way over them. It is planned, however, to condemn these parts in order that the whole road may be paved. A vote of confidence was given Wheaton by the commission.

May 26th, 1920

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Chairman, County Highway Commission,
Union Bldg.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed find suggestion of a letter from the County Highway Commission to the Board of Supervisors. My mind is a little hazy, but I know Morton can fix it up right if it is necessary to write any letter at all. But in a general way, it covers my idea, excepting of course, giving as many illustrations as possible as to the failure of Warrenite.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

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Union May 26 [4/1920] com

Dear Sir - I did not make the statement as quoted with reference to Inland Route -

The vote of confidence was hearty & unanimous for the Commission, no individual was mentioned. Mr. White & Mr. Morton were present -

I know this reputation is not necessary. Where you are

concerned - but I wanted
to make it. That's all

Wheaton
5/26

May
Twenty-seventh
Nineteen
Twenty

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton, Chairman,
Highway Commission,
San Diego, California.

My dear Wheaton:

Thanks for your note of the 26th.

I only heard good reports and everything
went fine at Escondido, and you handled the situation
well. Am sure we are going to have no trouble
with at least a majority of the Supervisors, as
I have been in touch with all of them.

Yours very truly,

BF:KLM

July 23, 1921.

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
County Highway Commission,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Wheaton:

Enclosed find statement that may be of
interest.

Yours very truly,

EP:KLM

SHERWOOD WHEATON, CHAIRMAN
ED. FLETCHER
F. M. WHITE
R. M. MORTON, ENGINEER

533 UNION BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 5250

HIGHWAY COMMISSION
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., Oct. 7th, 1921.

Col. Ed Fletcher, Highway Commissioner,
920-8th Street,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am sure that the prime idea in your mind in your plan to get some surfacing done on the new roads is for the protection of the roads. I am sure we all agree with you in this and I do not want you to get the idea that our talk of this morning showed a lack of co-operation on my part to this end.

The points which I made are, I think, correct and very close to the facts. When a road is built by this Commission, accepted by the Board of Supervisors and turned over to them, the final payment having been made, I regard it as entirely out of our hands as much so as any dirt road in the county.

I think any tax payer could successfully enjoin the Commission from spending this particular bond money in surfacing, or any other maintenance work, after the road had been accepted by the county.

I know that Dr. Good's road fund is in excellent shape. The proper place to use some of it is for the protection of any road which shows distress within his district, and now, (and this is the point of this letter) I want to ask you to devote your efficient energy not to further a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that the Highway Commission do the work, but to devote your energy directly to Dr. Good, so that he may do it, and do it as soon as the weather will permit, and with the money which he has in hand for such purposes.

Yours truly,

SW:GT

c.c. Mr. F.M. White

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Sherwood Wheaton
Chairman

10 October 1921

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
Highway Commission,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Wheaton:

Answering yours of October 7th, will say that I do not agree with you that we have no right to spend any money surfacing paved highways, and I do not agree with you that after the Board of Supervisors has accepted, and the final payment has been made, that we cannot spend Highway Commission money for surfacing.

If your argument held good, then we could spend no additional money for paving any of the highways that we have graded, and which the Supervisors have accepted. The point I make is this, if the County Highway Commission and the Board of Supervisors desire to spend some of this bond money for surfacing the paved highways, it is legally within its rights.

I am convinced that the roads will have to be surfaced at some time with a wearing surface, and feel that \$4,000 or \$5,000 could not be expended to better advantage than making these demonstrations at the present time. It serves the double purpose of covering some faulty work which should be protected immediately, and it is an experiment that the sooner it is started, the better it is for all parties in interest.

It goes without saying that if I can get Dr. Good to do this work at his own expense, I shall be very glad indeed, and I will do what I can to convince Dr. Good that he should do it at his own expense.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

cc-Mr. White

January 13, 1922.

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
County Highway Commission,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Inclosed find letter from the Automobile Club of Southern California which is explanatory.

Yours very truly,

January 17th 1922.

Mr Sherwood Wheaton

Mr Ed Fletcher ✓

Mr F.M. White,

Gentlemen:

Copy of
I am attaching hereto the semi annual report ending
December 31st 1921, for your files, and same should be acted upon
at the next meeting of the Commission.

Yours very truly

D. H. Fraser

Secretary

September 14, 1922.

File 120-5

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
3553 - Sixth St.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Sherwood:

Let me know what you have to say in
relation to this. - What your impressions are.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

3553 = 6th St.

San Diego

8/15-29

Dear Ed.

Been a long time since I
had a permit at Cuyamaca.-

I never go Sundays or Holidays -
but would like to go this year, Tuesday
Oct 1 - and probably once or twice more
during the season. How about it?

Yrs

Sherwood Wheaton

August Twentyfirst,
1 9 2 9

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
3553 Sixth Street,
San Diego, Calif.

Friend Sherwood:

Am glad to get your letter of the fifteenth.

This will serve as a permit for you to use the
cottage at Cuyamaca Lake.

As the Irrigation District now owns the lake you
will have to pay for the privileges but I am more
than happy to let you have the house at any time
when not in use.

Telephone my secretary, Miss May, and she will
let you know when it is vacant.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

August Twenty-third,
1 9 2 9

Mr. Sherwood Wheaton,
3553 Sixth Street,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wheaton:

Answering yours of the twenty-second it is true we reserve the hunting, fishing and boating rights on the lake but the Irrigation District gets their percentage of the receipts each month. While we control the privileges we don't keep all the money by any means.

I will be glad to let you have the house at any time .

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AK

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General Correspondence - Wheaton, Sherwood



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