

September 19, 1923.

Mr. W. P. Clement, President,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Fellow Highwayman:

Enclosed find check from George W. Marston for \$150; M. F. Heller for \$50, Mrs. F. M. White for \$100.00 and my own check for \$50.00 as an evidence of good faith in San Diego's promise to put up \$1500 to help in the good work.

Write me a letter from time to time, every week or so, as to what is being accomplished and it will help me very much here.

I assume that you are enthusiastic over this work. I believe it is the only thing to do but I do not believe in much publicity as there is no use antagonizing Phoenix any more than possible. We are handling this entire matter here as an individual effort and do not believe it should be a Chamber of Commerce matter.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in the near future.

Some money has already gone to J. E. Franklin at Yuma and we are asking to have that transferred to you to be spent as judgment dictates in the brushing and grading of the road Casa Grande to Gila Bend.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

cc- Monte Manfred
Esco Bayton

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Sept. 21 st 1923,

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
Fletcher Building
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Yours 19 th at hand this morning with the following checks made payable to my order as Treasurer,
The Marston Company \$150.00 M.F.Heller \$ 50.00
Mrs.M.F White 100.00 Your own 50.00
a total of \$350.00 which has been deposited for the purpose of expending on the S.P.Cut off, Road Gila to Casa Grande which road is so badly needed to divert the traffic through Casa Grande, Yuma and into the Imperial Valley, which we could not do without the completion, and I want to congratulate Mr Hunt on putting this thing over.

Our people in Arizona, that is the people south of Phoenix were ready for this move, and I am told that Tucson has come through in fine shape, We have to this time raised in our little town of 500 people, and who are very hard up \$1,000 and have it in the Bank for the County Engineers use, we raised this money on the 19 th in a few hours work by three of our individual workers, this was really the first that was known to the majority of the business men, and they were taken away with the idea, realizing that it was the greatest thing that has come our way for many years.

I want you to know that we Arizonians fully appreciate your moral and financial assistance in putting over this road program, that we have been fighting for the past four years. I personally have spend a great deal of time and money in trying to get this road built, have had two bills introduced into the legislatures, but they were always kicked out, because Maricopa County did not want the road, and was in the majority,

Again thanking you, and your good people, and hoping to soon have the pleasure of making your acquaintance I am.

Yours very truly,

W.P. Clements
President.

To those who have subscribed send copy
of weekly report of Smith telling them that
he is the county engineer of Pinal County
in charge of this work and also copy of
President' Clement's letter

October 6, 1923.

Mr. W. P. Clement, President,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clement:

Enclosed herewith find checks as follows to
help along the good work:

✓ Claus Spreckels	\$100.00	
✓ J. L. Russell	15.00	Cashier U.S. Nat'l Bank
✓ Globe Grain & Milling Co.	25.00	
✓ Wholesale Grocers Ass'n	50.00	(signed E. E. Garnett)
✓ Brunswig Drug Co.	25.00	
✓ Schiefer & Sons	25.00	
✓ Sanitary Ice Cream Co.	25.00	
✓ Western Metal Supply Co.	50.00	Total \$315.00

The Material Men's Association advised they have
sent you \$100 direct, and several checks, I believe have
been sent to Yuma by mistake, which will be forwarded to
you shortly, with more money to follow later.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KIM

J. E. Franklin
Ray Gould
W. C. Smith
Geo. Buxton
Monte Mansfield
J. M. White

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Yours sincerely,

(signed) ED FLETCHER

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Oct. 9 th 1923,

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
920 8 th St
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr Fletcher:-

Yours of 11th with enclosures as mentioned, and I wish to thank you for the amount of which was \$315.00 which have been credited to the Road fund for the use of County Engineer Smith on the Casa Grande Gila road, I will say that they are getting along with the work in fine shape, and by the first of the year we are going to have a road there that will divert a great lot of travel through to the southern route.

This makes the following remittances from San Diego,

Sept. 21	\$350.00
Sept. 24	100.00
Oct. 8	<u>315.00</u>
Total to date	\$765.00

Thanking you and the people of San Diego for the help, I am.

Yours very truly,

W.P. Clements
* W.P. Clements, Trustee for Road funds.

send copy to White Gored & Hall

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

October 14 th 1923,

Mr. Chas. L. Dix, President,
San Diego Hotel Mens Assn.
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr Dix:-

Yours 11th at hand with check for \$150.00 as contribution from the Hotel Mens Assn. for the Gila semi-Casa Grande road fund,

I have this day credited the same to the road fund, and wish to thank you for the contribution, and feel that we will all be well paid for the investment that we are making in this road.

I am sending Mr Fletcher copy of this letter that he may be thoroughly conversant with the matter.

Thanking you and your association, I am.

Yours very truly,

W.P. Clements

President.

Copy
Ed Fletcher.

October
Seventeenth
1923

Mr. W. P. Clements,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clements:

Inclosed find copy of letter from George
Buxton, my personal friend from Douglas, Arizona,
which is explanatory. Please treat confidential.

If you need Douglas' and Bisbee's back-
ing, it might be a good idea for you to get in touch
with Buxton. You see he states it is due to a mis-
understanding.

What is being done toward bringing that
Benson-Tombstone Cut-off to Lordsburg, and what are
the possibilities of that route? Also, how much short-
er is it?

Yours very truly,

EF:AM

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

October 31 st 1923,

Mr Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr Fletcher:-

Yours 29 th at hand with copy of
letter from Deming, and will say that we are sure on the
right tract when we are building the Borderland road, and
with this in , in good shape we will sure get the business and
Phoenix, or other points cant stop them.

I sure appreciate this letter for this
kind of stuff sure helps to keep up the local courage, and
keeps them working.

I was talking to Smith today and he says
they are right about the County line now with the grading,
and will be gaveling a portion of it soon, ppeparing it for the rains
which should soon be on us.

from our county line to Gila will be easy and
fine road material right at hand.

I guess he is keeping you posted on the
progress.

Thanking you for sending this to me, I am.
Yours very truly,

W. P. Clements

cc - Mrs. Gould
Mr. White.

November
Thirteenth
1923

Mr. W. P. Clement, President,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clement:

Enclosed find check for \$100.00.

The Clearing House committee of the banks of this city have promised \$500 this week, which will be sent to you. This puts San Diego over the top with a larger subscription than we promised, I believe.

It seems to me your Casa Grande-Maricopa people should make the effort of their lives to finance this road to completion. What is the State of Arizona doing to help out. I heard they were friendly to this project and would help out financially and with the rent of a caterpillar.

Will you please let me have an itemized statement of the subscriptions that have come from San Diego?

Yours very truly,

EP:KLM

cc- Mansfield
re Smith

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Nov. 15 th 1923,

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr Fletcher:-

Yours 13 th with check for \$100 and wish to thank you and have this day sent notice to Engineer Smith.

I am enclosing herewith complete list of the San Diego contributions so that you can complete your records, I trust that the other \$500. will come forth as you suggest, as it will be a great help in the financing of the Road.

I will say that not a dime of this money collected is spent or going to be spent in this County, but from our County Line to Gila Bend, as we have no help so far from Gila Bend or Maricopa County, our County has already spent on this road about \$15,000, but as you know cannot spend County money from this County in another County and Maricopa will not do a thing on it, but we have an arrangement with the State Engineer in a confidential way that he will put a crew on this road and help us after the first of the year if we get it in reasonably good shape so I am told. In any case I do know personally that the State Highway department are favorable to this road and I feel sure will help us soon on it.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Clements
President.

SHEET NO. _____

ACCOUNT NO. _____

TERMS.

NAME Casa Grande - Gila Bend Road Subscriptions

RATING.

ADDRESS from San Diego, Business men.

CREDIT LIMIT.

W.P.Clements, Trustee. Casa Grande,

November 21, 1923.

DATE		ITEMS	Folio	v	DEBITS	DATE	ITEMS	Folio	v	CREDITS	Dr. Cr.	BALANCE
9	19	The Marston Co.			150.00							
		M F Heller			50.00							
		Mrs F.M.White			100.00							
		Fletcher			50.00							
9	24	Material Mens Assn.			100.00							
10	8	Claus Sprekell			100.00							
		J.L.Russell			15.00							
		Globe Grain Milling Co.			25.00							
		Wholesale Grocers			50.00							
		Brunswick Drug Co.			25.00							
		Schiefer & Sons			25.00							
		Sanitary Ice Cream Co.			25.00							
		Western Metal Supply Co.			50.00							
10	15	San Diego Hotel Assn.			150.00							
10	15	San Diego Con. Gas & Elec Co.			100.00							1 015. 00

Mr. W. P. Clements,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clements:

Did J. E. Franklin send you the \$50.00
that the San Diego Hotel sent him for the Casa
Grande-Gila Bend road?

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

ACCOUNT NO. _____

NAME

ADDRESS

SHEET NO. _____

TERMS

RATING.

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Dr. Cr.

BALANCE

*Memo
Peters*

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Nov. 23 rd 1923,

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr Fletcher:-

Yours 21 st at hand and will say that Mr J.E. Franklin, sent me a check for \$50.00 from a man by name of Fuller, which I credited to the Yuma sheet, which by the way is all the funds that has been received from Yuma.

Yours very truly,

W.P. Clements
President.

CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.,

November 24, 1923

Mr. W. P. Clements, President,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing check for \$500.00, being donation of the Clearing House Association of San Diego to be used in construction work of the highway called the Southern Pacific Cut-Off from Casa Grande to Gila Bend.

This donation was granted upon the ardent solicitation of Colonel Ed Fletcher, who is an untiring worker in the cause of good roads, and we trust that the completion of this section of the highway will serve to more closely link our respective districts. Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Yours very truly,

R. H. Gunnis
R. H. GUNNIS
Secretary

RHG:FR

cc: Col. Ed Fletcher

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Nov. 28 th 1923,

Mr. R. H. Gunnis, Secretary,
Clearing House Assn.
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of yours 21 th with draft for \$500 as contribution on the Casa Grande - Gila Bend Road.

Allow me to thank you for this donation in the name of the people of our little town as well as other communities along the Southern Pacific, I was over the road from here to Yuma the other Sunday, and will say that they are getting along very nicely with the work and this road or cut off will bring lots of people from the East via Yuma and San Diego that would not go that way were it not for this cut off.

I too trust that this road will be a help in bringing closer together the people of Arizona and the people of Southern California.

Again thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Clements
President.

Copy to
Mr. Ed. Fletcher.

*cc - E. B. Gould
Davidson
White
Silvers
Belcher*

November 26, 1923.

Mr. W. P. Clements,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clements:

Would you kindly write a letter to J. E. Franklin and ask him whether the \$50 that was sent should be credited to the Yuma account, or did it come from Mr. Sam Porter of San Diego? If so, it should be credited to San Diego's subscription. Mr. Sam Porter of the San Diego Hotel told me that he had sent \$50 to J. E. Franklin.

I wish you would write me about the other subscriptions, and did you receive the \$500 from the Clearing House Association of San Diego?

If I get a list of the subscriptions as to the amounts, from the different towns, I will then be in a position to help you, I believe.

Yours very truly,

RF:AH



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No. 9608

NOVEMBER
 30
 1923.

MR. W. P. CLEMENTS,
 Casa Grande, Arizona.

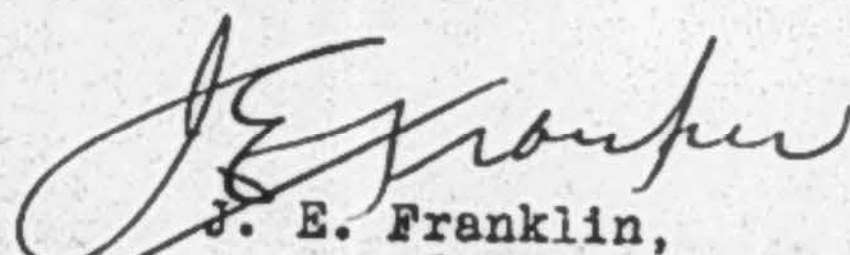
Dear Sir:--

Referring to your letter attached:

The \$50.00 was to be credited to the San Diego account and the San Diego subscription.

You know the jack-pot Yuma got into in connection with this job, and I don't want to write it in a letter, but you were at some of the meetings and I know from your conversation with myself and other people that you understand just what happened.

Yours very truly,


 J. E. Franklin,
 President.

JEF:R

W. P. CLEMENTS, PRESIDENT & CASHIER

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C. A. CLEMENTS, ASST. CASHIER

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Dec. 1st 1923.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
 San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr Fletcher:--

Answering yours 26 th I will say that I took this matter of donation of \$50.00 which Mr Franklin sent me, and he tells me that it should be credited to San Diego, as per his letter attached hereto, and I have this day transferred to the San Diego sheet. with this your total to date is \$1,565.00

I have before me copy of your letter to County Engineer Smith of the 27 th, and I will be only to give you what information I can on this that may help you out.

You say what about this man Hunt?

Thats just what I would like to know, and I will tell you very frankly that in my opinion he is a good started, but a darn poor finisher. In my conversation with him, his talk to the Yuma Chamber of Commerce meeting, which I happened to have the pleasure of attending he told us that San Diego would come through with at least \$1,500 which has been true, El Centro with a thousand Brawley with a thousand, Calexico, and imperial about the same, and he also told us, both Smith and I that Yuma would come with at least \$1,500, but after attending the Yuma meeting, I could see that Hunt did not know what he was talking about, and that if every place was on a par with the feeling in Yuma, we were all blowed up, for there was a sentiment in Yuma, that they were scared to death of Phoenix, and I told them the sooner they mustered up the guts to tell Phoenix where they "Yuma" stood on this matter the better they would be off, for so long as Phoenix had them scared just so long would they roll them.

So far as I know Hunt has not attempted to raise a dollar in Tucson, Casa Grande, Gila, or Yuma, only in the beginning getting some one warmed up to do it, which was a mighty good thing to do, and I think we will all be well paid for our efforts before long. I do not know anything about what Hunt has been doing for some time, as he has been over East of Tucson some where, went through here a few days ago, but from what I heard that he said, I think he needs a real good talking too, and have him settle down and finish up what he has started.

We have collected in our little town a trifle over a \$1,000, and without the aid of Mr Hunt, he is not responsible for the collection of one cent of the money, a committee of the local Chamber of Commerce and Citizens took a list and solicited the money in two half days.

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Second Page, Ed. F.

So far the only money ~~made~~ to my personal knowledge is the \$1,565.00 from San Diego, and the \$1,000 from here, not one cent has come into my hands from any other source, or place.

It does seem to me that Mr Hunt should be impressed with the fact that he is the man that should make the collections in Imperial Valley, but I personally, doubt if it would be the wise thing to do, for I am afraid he does not always represent things just as they are, and that is just what a man has to do to do anything and not have a come back from some where, in any event we should try and arrange to have this matter looked after in the Imperial valley for they are interested in this just the same as we are.

I have not seen Hunt since the next day after he was in San Diego when you were going east, and am really not acquainted with his movements, only by hear say, he is like a flea, when you think you have him, you havent.

I will try and get in touch with him and see what I can learn from him, as to what money he got, where he got, and from whom, also what he did with it.

So far Smith has had nothing to do with the raising of funds, only to talk to the heads of some Organizations, or some road building heads, mostly to men who are interested in building roads, He is a very busy man, and I surely appreciate the time and work he has given on this Casa Grande Gila road, and I want to cooperate in every way that I can with him and others to see that this road is pushed right through.

You no doubt know that Mr. Smith was working on this road between here and Maricopa long before Hunt ever showed up, so that Hunt cannot claim that he is responsible for this work, on the other hand Hunt came along and seen what this road when opened up really meant to the Southern Route, and he immediately fell in line, and no doubt, done some good work, but there is such a thing of spoiling some of it, so I think as you suggest we should check Mr Hunt very closely,

So far I have heard nothing from Tombstone, but will try and check him over there as I know people over there through whom I can check him, and I will do this right away.

Mr Smith as you know is working for the County and has a mans job on his hands, and I dont think we should call on him to go to imperial Valley to solicit funds, though I am sure he would be very willing indeed to go down there at most any time and meet with representative men and go over the matter with them, and then leave the collection matter with them.

I want to say to you that we are getting adollars worth of work and then some for the dollar, and the vouchers will show for it, when the job is completed.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Clements

December 5, 1923.

Mr. W. P. Clement, President,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clement:

Answering yours of the 1st, Mr. Hunt was here yesterday and has pledged his word to stay with it now to help you and Mr. Smith in gathering up the rest of the finances to complete the road from Gila Bend.

He says he has not collected a cent from anybody but paid all his own expenses all the time. He has certainly put one over in getting that road built from Lordsburg to the Arizona line and my advice to you is to let him rave but work him where you can in collecting money.

I told Hunt to be sure and have everything sent to you.

He is today stirring up El Centro, Brawley and Calexico. I am coming over to see you in the next 30 days. Keep me posted as to whether Hunt accomplishes anything. If he doesn't I think Smith should be sent down to Yuma, El Centro, Calexico and Holtville. Being a county engineer he carries a great deal more weight than Hunt. Get Smith to have a committee come over and see what is being accomplished. That is the best way. I should say.

From reports I have had Hunt has really done a wonderful work between Benson and Lordsburg along the S. P. cut-off. It just takes that kind of a man sometime to give them a thrill and set them going. Hunt is undoubtedly a great dreamer but he has a wonderful idea of advertising the S. P. cut-off which makes me grin every time I listen to him. My advise is encourage him but let no one get tied up to him. You can learn from the dumbest sometimes.

Smith carries weight and I again repeat he should be sent to the Imperial Valley; if possible you ought to go with him and antify them to come and look the work over.

I understand that Tombstone, Bisbee and Douglas are simply wild now by the construction of the S. P. out-off and kicking themselves that they did not fall in line in helping out your plan. I am sure under Smith's management we are getting \$1.10 for every dollar we put into the job and it is a pleasure to work with you and Mr. Smith in putting over this good work.

Please keep me posted on the money, where it comes from.

I am going to do a little quiet work writing to Yuma, Imperial Valley, Tucson in your behalf, but the main thing is to keep it out of the papers and keep the Phoenix crowd guessing where the money is coming from. I prefer the less said about it the better.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Smith and glad to hear he is getting a committee from Tucson over to look over the work.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

Dictated Dec. 3d

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Dec. 30 th 1923.

Col. Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Col. Fletcher:-

We had a lovely visit in San Diego, fine trip to El Centro, and there met a fine bunch of fellows, and they said they would get busy on this matter of funds for this road.

I noticed this little clipping in the Arizona Republican today, and thought it might be of interest to you, and your people, also I would ask that you get after the Boys in Imperial Valley and tell them how important it is that we get this road through as soon as possible, and let some of the traffic get going this way, then we will get free advertising from those fellows.

We are also sending one of these clippings to Caudry at Yuma, and think this will put him on his ear, for he was so sure that they would not be double crossed on this thing, this will let him see the light a bit I think, this road is bound to come and no one can stop it.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Clements

December Twenty-six

1923

Mr. W. P. Clement, Pres.,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clement:

Glad to get your letter of the 20th and will write immediately to my friends in the valley. My suggestion is that you get a number of clippings from the Arizona Republican of December 20th and write a personal letter to each one of them, asking for facts and calling attention to the article in question. Please write the following:

M. C. Blanchard, Holtville
Callexico Chamber of Commerce
Robt. G. Gouree, 3575 Oregon St., San Diego. (he is the man who is the head of that cotton development between Gila Bend and Aztec).
Chamber of Commerce, El Centro.

My advise to you is to also keep right after Tucson, Douglas and Bisbee but talk on other lines. It seems to me Florence should come in on this. I see by today's Los Angeles papers and San Diego papers that the State Highway Commission of Arizona is bragging about the completion of their road Phoenix to Yuma. Keep me posted and I will follow the work up and do everything I can to help.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Dec. 29 th 1923,

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mr Fletcher:-

Carbon copy of your letter to Mr Bert Gaudry of Yuma, at hand and wish to thank you for this, as up to this time we had not heard a word from Yuma or Imperial Valley since our return, but just a few minutes ago, I got a Telegram from Yuma to the effect that they were on the job and raising funds, I will quote the telegram so that you can see that they have finally woken up " Yuma, Ariz Dec. 29 th

W.C. Smith County Engr. Casa Grande, Ariz.
The Gang are out digging you up some finances today, will hear from us about tuesday,
signed L.W. Alexander. "

Mr Alexander is in hearty accord for this movement, but has had his hands tied, he is the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, we are down to two days finances, and have not had the funds to rush this as we would like to have done, but are going right along with the work, Smith was here yesterday and I told him to go along, and if our outside friends did not come through I would try and dig up enough to complete a trail into Gila,

Our little town is loyal to the man on this proposition and we are going to see that its completed, and this means everything to Yuma, and Imperial, and they should stand behind us on it and help us and I really believe they will too, and with your letter of the 24 th in hand they will sure go to work just as Yuma has done, according to the telegram I have quoted.

We are having awfully heavy rains, and road conditions are very bad, no crossing at Gillespie dam for week now and from present prospects no crossing for two weeks more, so you can see how important this road is to the traveling public.

With kindest regards, and wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, I am

Yours very truly,

W.P. Clements

January 3, 1924

Mr. W. P. Clements, Pres.,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clements:

I ran over to Yuma and Imperial Valley Saturday and Sunday last and they have pledged me at least \$1,000 at Imperial Valley, and \$500 out of Yuma, possibly more.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I am

Yours sincerely,

RF:KLM

cc- Mr. Smith
Mr. Mansfield

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Jan. 7 th 1924,

Mr. H. O. Blanchard,
Holtville, Cal.

Dear Mr Blanchard:-

Yours 5 th at hand with check for \$200.00 to be placed in the S.P. Out off Casa Grande to Gila Bend, fund, which I am acting as trustee for.

I wish to thank you for this contribution, and trust that the other towns in Imperial Valley will follow, as it seems to me that this is a very important link in the highway covering the southern route, as it saves so many miles.

I thoroughly realize your own problems in the road matters, as I have been over the different routes, and know the necessity for work on all of them, therefore as you say its very hard to ask that your people divert money from their own immediate need to some foreign roads, as we might say.

Thanking you and the people of Holtville for this help, I am.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Clements
President.

*Copy
E. F.*

CASA GRANDE VALLEY BANK

CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

Jan. 11 th 1924.

Col. Ed. Fletcher:-
San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Colonel:-

I wish to inquire of you about Mr Don Smith who is promoting Areal landing fields, he has made application to the local Chamber of Commerce for them to finance the marker and operator station, which will cost them about \$300, but before we invest in this we would like to find out something in a confidential way who this man Smith is, and who he represents, has he any money behind him.

I would thank you to tell me what you can of him at once, as I must make a report to the chamber as soon as possible, Smith was in here and spoke so highly of you, and told what you had done for him, I felt sure you could give me the information desired.

With kindest personal regards, I am.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Clements
President.

January 21, 1924.

Mr. W. P. Clements,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Highwayman:

Answering yours of the 11th, my advice to you is to go slow with Mr. Smith and make no promises, and see how things develop. Simply mark time, and let it go at that for the present.

My investigations have not gone far enough to warrant me in backing him as yet.

By the way, what money are you getting in Imperial Valley and Yuma, and how much more in sight? How much more are you going to need, and when are you going to have the road roughly graded to Gila Bend? I want to punch up some of these other fellows and help you all I can.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AH

January 28, 1924.

Mr. W. P. Clements,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona

My dear Mr. Clements:

Inclosed find copy of letter to Mr. Smith that is explanatory. I hope to see you on Wednesday, the 6th.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

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Mr. W. P. Clements, Pres.,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clements:

I have written letters to several banks in
Imperial Valley, also to business men and hope you
will get some benefit from it in the shape of
increased subscriptions.

Have a letter from the Hotel Barbara Worth
that they will send you a check for \$100 immediately.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

cc- Mr. Smith

January 31, 1924.

Mr. W. P. Clements, Pres.,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clements:

Enclosed find checks amounting to \$55.00
also copy of letter from Bert Vaughn of Jacumba. I
asked him for \$100 and he will send the rest soon.
Write him a nice letter, please.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

February 8, 1924.

Mr. W. P. Clements,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Clements:

Was sorry that I could not be with you longer on our trip, but the following is what has been accomplished:

We were pledged \$500 by Tucson, the money to be turned over to you immediately. The restaurant man at Maricopa intimated that he would give \$25 or \$50 more, and he should be followed up.

At Gila Bend they agreed to build the bridge at their own expense under Mr. Smith's supervision if we can get the timbers, and I have a telephone call in to talk to Dr. Gillespie. I am sure that he will donate the timbers.

W. O. Ekins at Asteo will give \$25 or \$50. Write him a letter please.

I held a meeting yesterday morning at Yuma. I asked them for \$200, but it was over-subscribed in a few moments, and will send you somewhere around \$275 or \$300.

I have asked Blanchard at Holtville to send another \$100.

I held a nice meeting at the luncheon yesterday at El Centro, asked them for \$500, and as near as I can make it out, they over-subscribed, and you will get \$600 or \$700 from El Centro I hope. They also said that they would go after Calexico for \$200 or \$300 more.

The road should be put in as good condition as it can be before the rain and enough money held back to have it dragged in good shape after a rain. Smith knows more about that than I do.

I do feel that your people should put a little more into the pot and create a fund to keep that road in condition until either by act of Legislature or some other plan, the road can be taken over and maintained

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Mr. W. P. Clements,
Casa Grande Valley Bank,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith, Cashier's Check for Five Hundred (\$500), for Road Improvement program.

In event that further funds are necessary, please advise and will endeavor to raise more.

Very truly yours,

W. A. TONDRO

Chairman Road Committee

cc - Mr. Blanchard



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as a state road. This should be an inspiration to you, and you ought to keep after the Pinal Board of Supervisors until they cement those dips and surface the necessary road complete from the Pima County line to the Maricopa County line, and see that the work is rushed.

With kind personal regards, and sorry that I could not be with you longer,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AH

cc. Monte Mansfield
cc. Mr. Smith

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