

Copy to Col. Jones

La Jolla, California.
October 29, 1928.

Mr. F. M. Lockwood,
Manager City Operating Dept.,
City Hall,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lockwood:-

There have been two recent publications in the San Diego Union concerning the Torrey Pines Grade. The first was October 25th, headed: "Torrey Hill Road Route Selected" in which it is stated: "The route for the new road meets with the approval of Ellen B. Scripps, over a part of whose property it will run," says Lockwood". In Sunday's Union, in the development department, there is a long article dealing with the Pershing Drive and the Torrey grade, in which it is stated: "The route for the proposed road around the Torrey Pines hill has practically been decided upon, under agreement with representatives of Ellen B. Scripps, through whose property a part of the road will pass."

The use of Miss Scripps' name in these publications has annoyed her as she has not given her approval nor have her representatives, Mr. Crandall and myself, entered into any agreement with you or anyone else concerning the matter. As these publications seem to emanate from your office, I am writing to you with the hope that you will see to it that no similar reference to Miss Scripps is hereafter made. Otherwise, I will be under the necessity of sending a communication to the Union and any other newspapers making similar statements. They might be embarrassing to you and I wish to avoid that, if possible.

It was the understanding of Mr. Crandall and myself

when we last saw you, that you would do nothing in this matter without further conference with us.

My understanding is that the Park Board has not been consulted about this matter. When you are ready to move, I suggest that a joint meeting be arranged between the Park Board, yourself, Mr. Grandall and myself, and any others whom these parties may desire to invite for a consideration of the whole subject. It seems to me little short of disgraceful that the main artery into San Diego should be in the condition in which it is now. I refer not only to the Torrey Pines grade and mesa roadway, but to portions of the road through La Jolla and southward into the City. On the eastern side there are now four approaches to the City, two of them (El Cajon and University Avenues) being fine, broad entrances. From the north there is but one -- narrow and in bad condition. Yet the probabilities are that five foreign cars pass over the north entrance to one that passes over the four eastern entrances. The first time we have a severe Pacific storm, particularly if it is accompanied with a high tide, I expect to see the beach portion of the coast highway go out.

Sincerely yours,

copy to Miss Scripps

J. C. Harper