

*File with  
Torrey Pines  
applications*

3 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.  
Sept. 18, 1922.

Mr. Henry C. Ryan, Pres.  
Park Commission,  
San Diego, Cal.

My dear Mr. Ryan:

I understand that a new and beautiful rest station for motorists is to be established at Torrey Pines, thru the generosity of Miss Ellen Scripps, and that you will need a competent man and woman to take charge of it.

As an old citizen of San Diego, and its historian, as well, may I take the liberty of giving the heartiest possible recommendation to Mr. & Mrs. William W. Hevener for the two positions at your disposal in this connection?

Knowing them both as I have known few other persons during my life, I can assure you that you would make no mistake and never have cause to regret your action if you saw fit to give them the appointment.

Mr. Hevener is one of the best gardeners and handy man with tools I have ever known. He is absolutely trustworthy and conscientious to the last degree. He would take the utmost care of the property, without sparing himself at all, and always have a cheerful word for everybody who came along.

Mrs. Hevener is gifted with the best social qualities and would make an ideal hostess and housekeeper. If any cooking is to be done, that also is one of her strong points, as I can testify from many delightful experiences.

In fact, I can hardly find words to express the confidence I feel in the ability of Mr. & Mrs. Hevener to serve you satisfactorily and meet all demands that could be made upon them in this position.

I am writing also to the other members of the commission.

Faithfully yours,

*W. E. Smythe*

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