

CASH RECEIVED FROM OLD SPANISH TRAIL MEMBERSHIPS, WEST TEXAS

A Report to Members

August 20, 1933

Four years have passed since West Texas became a part of the Old Spanish Trail movement. In this period a great deal has been done to establish the Old Spanish Trail as a national transcontinental highway. In West Texas the towns have contributed very well in proportion to their ability. It is not always realized, however, that the San Antonio-El Paso distance embraces 593 miles, and that the towns are small and scattered and that gross revenues, in consequence, figure out very small. The record shows a total of \$5,790.50 received from West Texas memberships for four years, August 1, 1919 to August 1, 1923. This is an average of \$1,447.63 per year. \$1,447.63 a year will not take care of much field work, auto and hotel expenses, salaries, etc., in addition to the expenses at Headquarters.

Headquarters will be glad to give to any member detailed information respecting these finances.

The road from San Antonio to El Paso should be re-marked, but this would cost \$1,500.00. Constant effort should be kept up to get the remaining counties into construction. Service Maps should be kept in circulation nationally and many other things should be done to make the West Texas country known to the people, and comfortable for travel.

Headquarters have tried to use your money wisely. The real embarrassment is the problem of getting enough money to carry on the work as it should be. Any suggestion you can make would be appreciated for this is not a personal organization but in so far as we can make it, an organization to intelligently serve its members.

593 ms. from San Antonio to El Paso represent more than one-fifth the distance across the continent. \$1,447.00 a year from one-fifth the mileage would represent, at the same rate, about \$7,200.00 for the whole mileage. Maybe this will help make clear how difficult it is at times to find the money to give the service we want to give.

This report will help the membership to realize the difficulties of the Headquarters office. Members can help more if they will put all their support behind the Old Spanish Trail and help establish a strong West Texas organization. When West Texas members give their support to the numerous "road-runners," "map makers" and "highway promoters," they weaken the one organization that should be strongly built to serve their interests.

TOTAL RECEIVED, FOUR YEARS; ORANGE TO EL PASO

West Texas,	\$5,790.50
East Texas, see other side,	6,181.37
San Antonio,	11,123.55
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Average per year, \$ 5,775.10