

P.O. box 1173

Dec. 5, 1946.

Mr. George R. Smith,
206 Colo. Savings Bank Bldg.
Colorado Springs,
Colorado.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

I was sorry indeed that I was so long in sending in my check, and now for the first time since I have been insured with you, in fact the first time ever, I have a call. Last week I was in Taos, New Mexico on a job. I was returning from the Harwood Gallery where I was working, to the residence where I was staying and as I drove along a very narrow street, a truck turned out from the curb without signaling and struck my rear fender, ruining it and tearing off the rear bumper guard and the moulding trim. I stopped immediately and the driver tried to insist that I was driving too fast. This wasn't possible as I had just come out of a narrow street with a stop, and had just shifted into high gear. The driver's name was Bill Martin, the truck belonging to Bennett's Transportation Co of 217 N. Second St., Raton, N.M. with a Colorado license, 1 T 6930. A witness, Miss Evelyn Shuler of Raton, is willing to testify in my behalf. I reported this to the Taos police, (no officer could be found at the time of the

accident) and the officer requested me to get an estimate of repair on the damages. This I did from the Al Garage of Taos and their figure was \$35.40. On my return here I tried repeatedly to get Mr Vandervort on the phone so that he could see the car. Again this evening I am unable to get an answer so I think I should report this to you at once. I have also written to the Bennett Co in Raton, and told them I was reporting the accident to you.

As I had the right of way, the driver also did not signal, and as he hit me when my front wheels were well past him, there is no question but that the Transportation Co. should pay the damages. I hate to get my nice new car damaged, and I assure you that the fault was in no way mine.

Will Mr. Vandervoort be taking care of my insurance now that I am in Santa Fe? In all probability I shall stay here.

I trust that the fact that I was late with my check and that this happened during that time, will not cause any difficulty. As soon as I get this book finished, I shall be leading a more settled life.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter, I am

Very truly yours,