

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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This is correspondence to and from newspaper editor and publisher Frederick W. Brinkerhoff. The bulk of letters date from the 1940s and 1950s. His first newspaper job was with the Ottawa Herald, after which he worked for the Fort Scott Republican, Chanute Sun, Chanute Tribune, Kansas City Star, Pittsburg Headlight, and the Pittsburg Sun. Brinkerhoff was also vice-president and a director of Stauffer Publications as well as director of Capper Publications Inc., the Topeka State Journal Company, and Newton Publishing Company. In addition, he was vice-president of the KSEK Broadcasting Company in Pittsburg. Brinkerhoff was well known as a journalist, serving as president of the Kansas Press Association in 1935 and as chairman of the Kansas Associated Press in 1946-1947. He also served as a member of the Pulitzer Prize jury for editorial writing in 1950 and 1951. In 1956, he received the William Allen White award to a Kansas editor for journalistic merit. Active in community affairs, Brinkerhoff was a member of the board of the Pittsburg Public Library, served as chairman of the Pittsburg Industrial Commission, and was on the board of directors and served a term as president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce. He was also active in Republican party politics. Brinkerhoff was interested in the history of the state and served as president of the Kansas State Historical Society in 1944. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and grouped alphabetically by individuals with whom Brinkerhoff was in frequent contact, including Roy F. Bailey, Arthur Capper, Rolla Clymer, Harry W. Colmery, Harry Darby, Jess C. Denious, Myron George, Merl Huffman, Clyde M. Reed, Richard W. Robbins, Andrew Schoepel, and Oscar Stauffer, among many others.

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C O P Y

THE FIRST STATE BANK
OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS

May 16, 1958

Mr. W. W. Barnard, President
First National Bank
Oswego, Kansas

Dear Mr. Barnard:

Clyde Reed, candidate for Governor of Kansas, needs no introduction to bankers of Southeast Kansas. You are familiar with his record, his ability, and his interest in our area and the entire state of Kansas. His record of service is exceptional.

Community and business leaders throughout the state are taking an active lead in the Clyde Reed campaign in an effort to put Clyde in the state-house.

I urge you to actively support Mr. Reed and his campaign in your community. I make this recommendation in the interest of electing an outstanding and capable citizen to the Governorship of our state.

The Reed campaign is faced immediately with the necessity of raising considerable funds for the purchase of highway signs. Needs are estimated at about \$6,000.00 to buy an adequate list of highway signs to be placed throughout the state. Possibly this is one way in which you may wish to help. Contributions may be mailed to me for this purpose.

Your efforts will go a long way toward making Clyde Reed's campaign a success.

Yours truly,

(Jay N. Patmor)

Jay N. Patmor

JNP:lp

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Aug. 16, 1958

W. C. Parrott
Estes Park, Colo.

Dear Bill:

I did not call you back the other night because I could not obtain, and have not done so yet, Louis Rothschild's private number. It is inconceivable to me that any dumb bell on a telephone board for the department of commerce would not have known about the undersecretary.

You have read the stories of the developments on this thing, I know. So I do not need to review them. I have delayed writing you because there was no great hurry to get to Rothschild. Now, however, we would greatly appreciate it if you would go through with your talk to him. He has the final word on this road situation. He can put an end to the foolish talk about changing the designations that have been set up. If they make one change in the designation, then the federal fellows will be up against it from then on. As long as the designation stands, Kansas City-Ottawa-Emporia, for Interstate 35 as set up several years ago, we are in no danger.

Louis will remember, I am sure, about his visit to Pittsburg and the big meeting we had. He will have no personal reason at all for favoring Goodrich and his crowd over on 169. As you have noted Kansas City, Kas., is in with all the rest of us in the seven counties comprising our association.

You can tell him that this whole deal was cooked up by Tulsa which is now as always fighting Oklahoma City. The Kansas turn-pike leads out through Topeka and Wichita and down to Oklahoma, north of Oklahoma City. What Tulsa wants is a route north such as the one Goodrich proposes.

Goodrich has been with us all along. At a Kansas City meeting last November Deeking told us that this 69 project was a "must" of his administration. Now Goodrich who has been telling us all along of his interest in the designation of 69 deserts. It is interesting to note that this desertion came after the Oklahoma primary had made a Tulsa man the Democrat candidate for governor.

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W. G. Farrott--2--Aug. 16, 1958

Goodrich has been saying that the Senate subcommittee of which Senator Kerr is a member had looked into the Interstate 35 designation, Ottawa to Emporia, and questioned the wisdom of going ahead with it. According to Goodrich, this committee had decided to ask that No. 35 be stopped at Ottawa. My information, including perusal of a letter from Senator Kerr to Oklahoma friends, is that Kerr believes the federal road authorities will not abandon this route. I think this matter should be mentioned to Louis so he will know that development. Anyway, your talk with Louis should get the job done for us.

Reed won a tremendous victory. What he did has put the Republican party together again in Kansas. I am positive that he will be elected. He got the biggest majority that any candidate for the Republican nomination for governor has ever received in a contest. He made a wonderful campaign. He was in every county and he was going from morning to night shaking hands in addition to making two or three speeches a day. You will be interested in knowing that Crawford County's contribution to this campaign was right at the top. I think there was not more than one other county--if any--that beat us.

I have not heard anything about Goldcrest for a couple of weeks. Nobody seems to say anything about it. Just what they are doing I do not know. They had a meeting of "stockholders" at which officers and directors were elected. I am sure you saw that in the paper.

As I told you, I am planning to relax and read or maybe read and relax. It was thoughtful of you to remember me with this volume.

Jack went to Margaret's funeral and also to Fort Scott for the burial. Jimmy did not attend the funeral. Margaret's brother, Morris, was there. The other brother, down South, did not come. They divided up the personal effects and the rest of the stuff will be distributed through the terms of the will. I understand she left one-sixth of what she had to the Episcopal church.

It is cloudy today and, believe it or not, I hope we get some rain.

You ought to come back next weekend for the party down at Youse's place.

Regards to Pline.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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Sept. 15, 1958

W. G. Farrott
Box 1477
Estes Park, Colo.

Dear Bill:

I was wondering if you talked to Louis Rothschild. He was in Kansas City the other day but I did not make connections with him. These Goodrich fellows are going to the federal road men pretty soon.

Here I come again: Reed and Myron George are now campaigning for election. Naturally you will want to take part in the battle for the good and the true. The campaign for George you made possible two years ago got results over in these two counties. George is in better shape in these counties than he was then but it still is going to be necessary to do some extra work for him.

You should be home today. We are having a party tonight and the big beefy boys from Columbus will be here.

Regards to Flibe.

Yours in the faith,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FNB:ls

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Sept. 27, 1951

John Quier
Quier Market
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear John:

In the distribution of cards in the campaign to raise funds to open the last mile of the East Fourth Street road over in Missouri yours came to me.

I do not know whether or not you are fully familiar with this project or not. In the 40 years that I have been in Pittsburg, 40 years and a few days as editor of The Headlight, I have been connected with most of the road projects. And there has been none in all these years that was of so great interest to the business men of Pittsburg in every line as this one. The fine improvement on North Broadway that is now going on, widening 69 to the 7-mile corner, is very important. But for you and for me bridging the Big Muddy and opening up the last mile on the road to Golden City is of much greater importance. It will mean the addition to our trade territory of a population of 2,500 persons. All those who live north of the East Fourth Street road in Missouri are ten miles closer to Pittsburg than to Joplin. And obviously those who live south of the road for three or four miles are closer to Pittsburg than to Joplin. Joplin has fought every effort of ours to open this Fourth Street road and give our Missouri friends and neighbors a highway directly into Pittsburg.

Now we have a project to finish up the last mile including the bridge. A bridge that never was used over in a distant part of Barton County was obtained. It can be moved to the Big Muddy in the mile mentioned and erected and this mile be graded and surfaced for between \$7,500 and \$8,000. So about 50 men were enlisted in the solicitation of merchants and other business men in Pittsburg. And I happen to be one of those men. As I said, they have given me your card and the card says that it would be mighty fine if you could put \$25 into this business promotion.

I am, I think, the last man in Pittsburg who would seek a dime from my friends and customers for an unnecessary cause. But I really think this is a business proposition that Pittsburg

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John Quier--2--Sept. 27, 1951

cannot overlook. As I said before the most important roads for us here in Pittsburg--for you and for me--are the roads that bring in the folks from the country. I favor such roads ahead of highways to Kansas City or Topeka or any other city. It is vastly more important to bring farmers from Beulah and Monmouth and Opolis into Pittsburg than it is for me to have an all-weather road to Kansas City or Topeka. In other words my own community comes first and it is merely good common sense to make it possible for folks around Pittsburg to get into Pittsburg easily.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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WILFORD RIEGLE
LAWYER
SUITE 1 PALACE BUILDING
EMPORIA, KANSAS

June 29, 1948

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

As you know I have announced my candidacy for Justice of the Supreme Court, Position Number 7. I hope that you will be able to support and help me. I know that a word from you among your many friends will strengthen my candidacy immeasurably. I want to see and meet as many people as possible over the state but the time is so short that I know I can not see everyone and get into every community. I believe that my record of public service during the past 23 years entitle me to favorable consideration at the hands of the voters of Kansas. I would appreciate receiving any information you have or suggestions that you want to make which will help me along the way.

For your information I am enclosing a partial statement of what I have done in the past years.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes always,
I am

Sincerely yours,

RWR/JR

Wilford

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Aug. 25, 1948

Roy A. Roberts
Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Roy:

Do not take time to read the enclosed editorial I ran today except the part that I marked. I am dealing with the situation of the state Republican party as it gathers itself together in a feeble effort to follow the law and justify the existence of the party council. In brief what I have said was that there will be those who will urge Republicans to declare for repeal, there will be others, probably in the largest number, demanding a declaration against repeal, and then there will be the others asking that the platform be so written as not to take a stand. I am of the latter group for the reason that I gave--as both of us agreed in our last conversation on the subject. Prohibition repeal is not a partisan issue. Both of the other groups will hammer away so loudly that the boys at Topeka may over write themselves in trying to show that the party should not be committed to either side. In other words those in charge of the writing like a hell of a lot of having commendable courage. So they are likely to become foolish. What they should do is write two or three sentences that will cover the whole thing, stand boldly upright and read it clearly to the convention and demand its adoption.

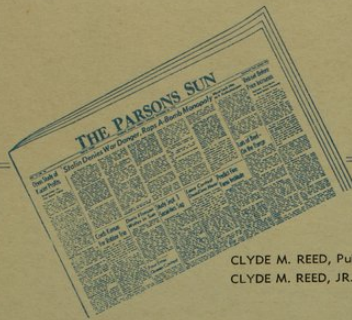
I thought maybe you might want to strike a blow for common sense and courage in this matter, if you have not already done so.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE PARSONS SUN

PARSONS, KANSAS

September 1, 1948

CLYDE M. REED, Publisher
CLYDE M. REED, JR., Manager

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg
Mr. Angelo Scott, Iola
Mr. Fred M. Harris, Jr., Chanute
Mr. R. M. Seaton, Coffeyville
Mr. H. A. Meyer, Jr., Independence
Mr. William Frailey, Arkansas City
Mr. Sidney Harris, Ottawa
Mr. Rolla Clymer, El Dorado
Mr. W. W. Keith, Winfield
Mr. George W. Marble, Fort Scott

Gentlemen:

It has been suggested that the newspaper business in these parts is in such a state of threatening red ink that a meeting of all heads is both advisable and necessary.

To that end, The Parsons Sun is sending this invitation to the gentlemen addressed with the thought that a session of this kind can be held in Parsons on Saturday afternoon, September 11.

That date was chosen because neither the football season nor the campaign will be underway and vacations of all publishers able to keep ahead of the sheriff and rising expenses should be over.

The program is briefly this:

A luncheon at the Parsons Country Club starting at 1 p.m., with an earlier hour for gathering also advisable but not entirely necessary, (Glenn Cunningham will not be here).

Then a business session at the same place, in a private meeting room, to discuss whatever problems should be discussed at this moment.

The luncheon, etc., will be on The Parsons Sun. Not for that reason, but for others quite obvious, it is our belief the meeting should be confined to publishers and/or general managers.

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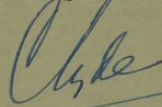
Please let us know at an early date if you will be present, since arrangements will be necessary. I should say that a deadline of Wednesday, September 8, would be helpful.

If you have questions which ought to be talked out and wish some sort of an agenda for the afternoon fat-chewing hours, send them along with your acceptance.

It will be noted that for the most part, those in attendance are publishers from the Bloody Balkans, also known as the Third District. It will not be necessary for outsiders to bring either guns or police protection. We can guarantee their journey across the border will be entirely without violence and their stay in this region will not be disturbed by either Temperance Tornadoists or feuding politicians.

The Queen City of Southeast Kansas beckons you! The date is Saturday, September 11.

Sincerely,



Clyde M. Reed, jr.

P.S. Winnie won't be here, either!

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR

October 12, 1948

Dear Fred:

Dewey is going to be here, as you know, Thursday night. He gets in at 5:30 P.M. and leaves at 10:00 P.M. I am throwing a little shindig for the newspaper men on the train - about seventy-five of them - starting promptly at 6:30 P.M. in the Grill at the Muehlebach. We will go from there to the Hall. I would love to have you come down if you can.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Roy C Roberts

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

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Oct. 15, 1948

Roy A. Roberts
Kansas City Star
Kansas City 17, Mo.

Dear Roy:

Arriving home after a couple of hard days in Chicago I found your invitation to the dinner for the newspaper fellows Thursday night. It was impossible for me to make the trip to Kansas City. Harry called me and he said he would convey the word to you that I couldn't make it.

I ran up to Fort Scott and heard Dewey make an elegant 15 minute speech up there. It was a great crowd and I think Dewey has made almost a perfect campaign.

Thanks again for remembering me as you always do.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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Dec. 15, 1948

Clyde M. Reed, Jr.
The Sun
Parsons, Kas.

Dear Clyde:

Thanks for sending me your dissertation on Ratner. You saw The Sun's headline. I am enclosing The Headlight's headline which maybe will not please you as well. Read it and weep.

Just got in a few minutes ago from New York where I served on the AP nominating committee. We put our friend Richard the lion hearted at Coffeyville in to run against the sitting member. I just told Dick that what we were doing was paying a tribute to Mrs. Seaton.

Pearl told me when I got home and before I came to the office that your photographer, the AP prize winner, had met with an accident. I just read the piece in our paper. That is certainly too bad.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT KANSAS

COMMITTEE:
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 21, 1949

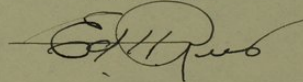
Dear Fred:

Under separate mail I am sending a copy of the Congressional Record for Monday that contains some statements I made on the floor of the House. I thought you might like to look them over. It may be that you receive the Congressional Record regularly and already have noticed these items.

Mr. Truman was inaugurated with a lot of pomp and splendor. It was a gala event. The largest crowd that ever attended an inauguration was in town this week.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,



Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Editor
The Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

February 11, 1949.

Mr. Roy A. Roberts, President
The Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Roy:

I have your note of February 7 and have read the editorial which accompanied it. It might interest you to know that I had it reprinted in the Congressional Record of yesterday - February 10. For your convenient reference, a page from the Record is enclosed.

I agree completely with the philosophy of the editorial expression. In fact, I have been working on that basis practically throughout my whole Senate experience, and especially since the end of World War II. In recent weeks somebody asked me for a definition of what the Republicans should do and I answered very briefly as follows:

A. To insist upon maintaining a solvent national treasury, which would involve a decrease in government spending.

B. To provide limits to President Truman's "Fair Deal" program, so as to avoid further increase in federal bureaucracy and any further interference with our daily lives.

C. To maintain, in the public interest, the main principles in the Taft-Hartley Law.

The thing which alarms, almost terrifies me, is the creation of an atmosphere in which public spending constantly increases virtually without limit or question. The miracle election of Harry Truman as President was due more to his own individual effort than to any other cause, unless it would be failure of the Republican party and its candidate to give the 80th Congress credit for what it actually did. As a matter of fact, the 80th Congress was above the average in efficiency and accomplishment of the various Congresses in which I have served. As I said to Bob Taft the other day,

"In the 80th Congress, we won a legislative battle, and lost a psychological war."

With that he agreed. Truman took full advantage of this situation. I think he could have been effectively challenged, but he was not, which makes the situation more difficult.

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Mr. Roy A. Roberts - 2

February 11, 1949

I do not think that Harry Truman will be vastly different from here-
on than what he was in the past. He came to his low political state by
doing wrong things, and doing right things wrongly, being awkward, con-
fused, and sometimes wholly without perspective. He is still all of
those things. He limited his circle of advisers to a few men close to
him, none of whom were particularly wise or experienced. I do not think
the number of advisers will expand or improve.

If the way it is starting out is any indication of what it will do,
the 81st Congress will make the 80th Congress look respectable.

I will be very happy to go along with the Star on the philosophy
which was stated in the editorial.

With my best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

/s/ Clyde M. Reed

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

February 23, 1949

Mr. R. A. Clymer
% El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla,

Why don't you load your editorial gun with high explosive ammunition and take a pot shot at Truman's new social security program as it effects Kansas?

I opine that Kansas will come out of the little end of the horn of this project. The people whose votes Truman is buying will in the long run suffer the most. Relatively, Kansas has kept her nose fairly clean as far as running into debt to support "ham and eggs". Now, we are to be penalized for being thrifty.

I note that as a "self employed farmer", I will get full benefits of social security. Won't that be ducky! I was brought up on a farm where the motto was "work or starve".

Surely enjoy your editorials. They are tops. I got a kick out of the way you handled the Flint Hills pasture burning question. You handled it wisely. At our Flint Hills ranch, our neighbors, all around us "burn" and always end up by burning us. We have no dilemma.

Truman's new program will go along ways further to wipe out State Governments and towards "totalitarian Federalization".

I believe that it was in Junior year in High School, I read something in the original Greek about "fearing Greeks particularly when bearing gifts". Truman's new social security program is just another Trojan horse as far as Kansas is concerned.

More power to you and to your typewriter.

Sincerely yours,

RWR:bd

Richard W. Robbins.

P.S. When will Kansas people learn that as far as Kansas is concerned there is no such thing as "Federal aid"? We pay far more Federal taxes than Washington can possibly send back to buy up and corrupt our electorate.



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

February 23, 1949

Governor Frank Carlson
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Frank,

In the matter of Truman's new social security program, your social welfare director, Frank Long, is quoted in the press as follows,

"Frank Long, social welfare director of Kansas, said the proposal would be welcome since the state could save \$1,716,000 a year on its own "general assistance" program costing \$3,432,000 annually".

Other states, as quoted in the press, are not so enthusiastic:

Florida: Governor Fuller Warren, "It's very desirable, but I do not believe the state can afford it".

Maine: Governor Payne commented, "This phase of the proposed Truman program has a definite trend toward socialism".

Oklahoma: Governor Turner: "I can see no way in which Oklahoma can expand its present service".

Pennsylvania: a spokesman for department of public assistance said the state now is granting "home relief" for which it bears total cost, but would be opposed to any system of variable federal grants under which the wealthier states would get the smallest percentage of aid".

Texas: John Winters, welfare director, said under present state law Texas could not join such a program since its state constitution provides state funds be used only for needy aged, blind and children. Winters said any aid increase in benefits "would result in reducing old age assistance rolls".

Enclosed is copy of a letter I am sending our mutual friend, Rolla Clymer.

I can't help but wonder if your social welfare director has thought this thing through as far as it affects Kansas.

I would be interested in Mr. Long's further comments.

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Robbins.

RWR:bd
cc: Mr. Frank Long
Social Welfare Director
Topeka, Kansas

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

John Redmond
EDITOR DAILY REPUBLICAN
Burlington, Kansas

Mr Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg,
Kansas

Dear Fred:

A friend of mine from Pittsburg, whose name I can never remember more than 15 minutes, called me over the phone this morning when he was passing thru Burlington, to ask how my dam projects are coming along.

When I told him I had promised to attend a meeting at Oswego Thursday night of this week and talk about the dams and things, he said he wished I would write you and ask you to be there or to have some one from the Headlight there and get the picture of the project. The meeting is to start at 7:30, but I don't know where. The promoters said they would give it considerable publicity.

Part of your county is in the Neosho watershed, altho the flood don't bother you but you doubtless have a lot of readers who are interested.

So far as I can learn, the project is moving along and we are assured that there will be a flood control bill and that we will have a chance to be heard, but that the hearing would not be until after the first of April. We are getting our dope ready and expect to have the projects authorized at this session.

Hoping that you will take a night off yourself, and come to Oswego Thursday night, I am
Sincerely

John Redmond
John Redmond
March 15
1949

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EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT KANSAS

COMMITTEE:
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Congress of the United States
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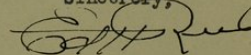
March 15, 1949

Dear Fred:

Here is a copy of a statement I made yesterday on legislation to provide for sales tax in the District of Columbia--this to help take care of a deficit that otherwise will be charged to the federal treasury. The deficit is between 12 and 15 million dollars.

I thought you might be interested in looking it over.

Sincerely,



Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

March 16, 1949

John Redmond
Burlington, Kas.

Dear John:

I do not know who the Pittsburger could be. But the fact that he would call you and make the suggestion interests me. It is not going to be possible for me to be at Oswego tomorrow night. But any project which is built around you has my approval.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

March 21, 1949

Edward H. Rees
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for sending me the tearout containing your speech on the District of Columbia tax situation. The country, in so far as it shows any interest at all, undoubtedly is in favor of making "Boomtown" pay a proper proportion of its own governmental expenses.

I expect to be seeing you the latter part of next month when I come to Washington for the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT KANSAS

COMMITTEE:
~~CHAMBERLAIN~~
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 25, 1949

Dear Fred:

I am enclosing a sheet that I have torn from the Congressional Record, that contains a statement I made in opposition to a bill considered Monday that provides, among other things, for the spending of 40 million dollars to make plans and to purchase sites for post office buildings in every Congressional district in the United States.

We all need post office buildings, but it seems rather strange that in order to make sure every Congressman is satisfied, that we insert in the bill a statement which provides that at least one new site shall be purchased in each district, in addition to those already designated.

I thought you would be interested in looking this statement over. It smells considerably of "pork barrel" tactics.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

July 2, 1949

E. H. Rees
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

I understand they have moved the House of Representatives over close to your office and you will not have to spend so much time going to sessions. In other words this is an economy move, even though it is costing the tax payers \$5,000,000.

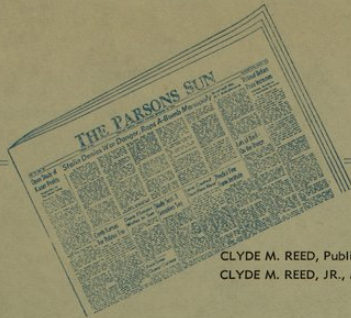
You have been making that trip to Pittsburg for a long time. When this cool session is over--cool to Harry--I hope to see you. If you will give me notice of about ten days, I will be glad to cook up a civic luncheon for you.

I appreciate your comment on my piece about the party's difficulties. I will say this that unless we try to modernize ourselves to the extent of taking in younger leaders who can influence young voters, we will be continuing on the downward path. I reiterate that the situation of the party in Kansas in the last two years has been depreciating tragically. I think you realize that what Bradney and I did in the spring of 1948 was highly beneficial to the party. There are some of us ready to continue the renovating process.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls



CLYDE M. REED, Publisher
CLYDE M. REED, JR., Manager

THE PARSONS SUN

PARSONS, KANSAS

July 23, 1949

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
The Headlight and Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Sir:

Your challenge is herewith accepted!

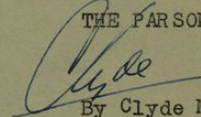
We will defend the lowly prune 'til the last drop (of that delectable juice). If that means disturbing the peace and quiet that has prevailed in all precincts of the Kansas Balkans save one, we are ready to pay the price. The honor, veracity, sagacity and reputation of The Prune must be spared at all costs.

In fact, if all mayors, chiefs of police, ice cream peddlers and others would follow the daily ritual, there would be much less trouble in the world--especially certain parts!

Our answer is enclosed. Deponent rests.

Sincerely,

THE PARSONS SUN



By Clyde M. Reed, Jr.

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

August 2, 1949

Mr. H. R. Fatzer
Attorney General
Topeka, Kansas

Personal

Dear Dick:

This a somewhat belated letter of appreciation for the courageous manner in which you have handled the Parsons situation. I know that the decent citizens of Parsons are behind you and are happy that an unhealthy condition is about to be cleaned up.

Some of the things which have taken place the past few weeks were unexpected, but then it's always difficult to predict the actions of a deluded man. I realize you have been subjected to a lot of unnecessary pressure because of these events, but the way in which you have refused to be swerved from a course of action against dishonest and corrupt officials has won increased admiration for you here and, I am sure, over the state generally with those who know the facts.

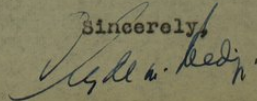
I have heard much commendation, too, for the thorough, dispassionate investigation conducted by Ted Varner, and for the work of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. And as for Joe Anderson, well I would go to hell for him if he asked and would stay there if he downright insisted!

The police department is on its way to being straightened out under the leadership of the acting mayor, who is a forthright, honest and capable man though new in public office, and the new chief of police who enjoys an excellent reputation in the community.

It's been a hectic period but, thanks to you, Parsons is going to have clean and decent city government and that means a lot.

CMRJ:rfp

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Sept. 13, 1949

E. H. Rees
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

Tell me when it will be possible for you to come down here and attend our fall dinner meeting of the county committee and all other Republican friends who desire to be present.

We developed the idea several years ago of giving a dinner for the committee members and making it possible for any other Republicans to buy tickets for the dinner. Andy Schoepel has been here once. Once or twice we have had other outsiders. This would be your opportunity to pay us a visit and the Republicans down here would be delighted to meet you and hear you. You can set the meeting for any time in September and October with these exceptions: From Sept. 22 to Sept. 29 I will be away. Again from Oct. 16 to Oct. 18, inclusive, I have to be out of the state. Otherwise, if you will set a date we will proceed to put our committee meeting at the same time.

There are 112 members of the committee. Normally we have in the neighborhood of 200 attending the dinner.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT KANSAS

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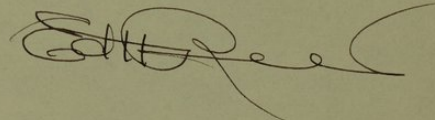
Dear Fred:

I appreciate your invitation to attend your fall meeting of the Republican Committee. About the best I can suggest is that I will be glad to be with you if a meeting can be arranged after the present session is over.

I will return to Washington next Monday. It looks as though we ought to be through in four weeks. In any event, I will keep in touch with you and will be glad to arrange a date to suit you as soon as I get back to Kansas.

Thanking you again for all of the courtesies you have rendered and with kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff,
c/o The Pittsburg Sun,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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THE KANSAS REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE

November 3, 1949

F. W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

I want to extend an invitation to you to attend our Republican Organization Rally in Topeka, on Friday, November 18.

This occasion is sponsored by the Republican State Committee as a gathering of Republican party workers pointing toward the campaign of 1950. Guy George Gabrielson, Republican National Chairman, will be the principal speaker at a noon-day luncheon at the Hotel Jayhawk Roof Garden. The day's program will begin at 10 o'clock when Congressional District Meetings will be held under the guidance of Republican District Chairmen.

Governor Carlson, National Committeeman Harry Darby, and others representing the various Republican organizations will also be on the program.

From the response already in, I am sure we will have a great meeting with Republican workers here from all over the state.

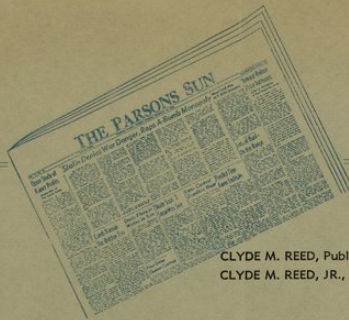
Certainly, no other group plays a more important part in the determination of Republican policy and activity than the Republican Press in Kansas. I hope you can be with us to help make medicine for a Republican Victory in 1950.

Sincerely,

Wes Roberts
State Chairman

WR JW

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence



THE PARSONS SUN

PARSONS, KANSAS

December 9, 1949

CLYDE M. REED, Publisher
CLYDE M. REED, JR., Manager

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Headlight & Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Your editorial on the Axton case was done with your usual excellence and the issues were clearly outlined. I appreciate your kindness ~~and~~ respect to me.

Because of our involvement in the case and since it is still pending before the court, I have steered clear of publishing any comment, to avoid giving Mr. Rooney and his associates an opportunity to bellyache. Their string has about run out.

That was a rip snorter from Brother 'Scott at Iola, wasn't it?

Sincerely,



Clyde M. Reed, Jr.

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