

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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September 26, 1961.

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Fred:

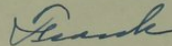
I regret sincerely that it will not be possible for me to be at the dinner honoring you on the evening of the 29th.

I called your splendid service to the attention of the Senate and am enclosing page from the Congressional Record.

I will be looking forward to visiting with you in Pittsburg later this fall.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Frank Carlson

FC/MF

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September 27, 1961

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VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Fred:

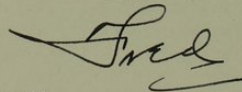
I purposely did not use a title in addressing you. After seeing the long list of those you have earned and hold, it just didn't seem practical to settle for any one.

Fred, very seriously, congratulations on a wonderful half-century of making friends in Southeast Kansas -- and making friends for Southeast Kansas. You can take great pride in knowing, I think, that many, many achievements made by the area can be traced directly to your interest and support.

Too, no one knows better than you the tradition in Kansas of producing a rare breed of newspaperman who, through the pages of his newspaper, molds opinion far more effectively, and sometimes more widely, than those in cities far larger. So far as I am concerned, you not only are carrying on this tradition but are one who has helped to make it.

Gordon Evans feels the same way. The reason he isn't able to tell you so in person on this occasion is that he is in Europe. But on behalf of both of us, best wishes for many more years of success.

Sincerely,



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



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WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Sept. 24, 1961

Mr. Frederick W. Brinkerhoff,
Editor,
Pittsburg Headlight,
Pittsburg, Kans.

Dear Fred:

I was MOST interested to read in Editor & Publisher the other day that Pittsburg was going to honor you on your 50th anniversary as editor of the Headlight.

Of course I wanted to be among the legion of newspaper people who will wish you God's speed on that occasion.

As one of your ex-students I well remember many of the things that Kenneth Simons wrote about you in his biographical article. I wish it were possible to drop in for a handshake Sept. 29.

By a coincidence I was telling a young lady associate of mine at the Union-Bulletin about the time Mrs. Brinkerhoff was startled as she sat reading a paper while you were engaged in writing an editorial one evening when I was on the Sun's staff at seeing a partially garbed linotype operator come forward intently looking for a rat and with a bar of linotype metal in his upraised hand. That would have been enough to cause anyone to think the linotype operator might be slightly demented.

Please remember me to Mrs. Brinkerhoff.

I was in Wichita early last month for a few days with my wife to visit my parents and my younger sister who lives there. The older sister came in the next day after we arrived. We had been with her in N.Y. the previous 10 days. My wife's attendance at the National convention of the Photographers Association was the occasion for my being in N.Y.

While in N.Y. I called at the office of Editor & Publisher, my visit having been the second day in their new quarters. Mr. Brown, the editor, said I was the first visiting fireman to call on them in their new quarters.

I'll never forget some of the things I learned in Pittsburg under your tutelage. I certainly wish you all the best of everything and hope Pittsburg honors you as you deserve Sept. 29.

Most sincerely yours,

Claude M. Gray

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Associate Editor
Union-Bulletin



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Dear Fred

Thanks for your letter and the clipping with Mrs. Nicholas' photo - She is growing very feeble but the greatest lady yet -

It was great to be included in your wonderful party - I would not have missed it for the world - Pearl looked fine and enjoyed every minute of it -

You are a wonderful individual, striving always to help your neighbor at the expense of your best personal interest - I am proud to be counted as your humble friend - Please keep me on your list -

Sincerest regards -

Bill Deramus -
10-10-61 -

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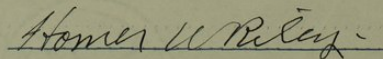
P R O C L A M A T I O N

CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS

While the newspaper editor often calls attention of the readers to outstanding examples of community service, it frequently happens that because of his unique position, such service to the community by the editor himself goes unrecognized.

So in tribute to F. W. Brinkerhoff, editor and manager of The Pittsburg Headlight and Sun, who has devoted 50 tremendously active and useful years to the city, community and state, I hereby designate September 29 as "Fred W. Brinkerhoff Day" in Pittsburg. I urge the city to join in paying respects to this remarkable citizen and the good things he has accomplished his half century of unstinting labor and leadership.

As Mayor of Pittsburg I urge the citizens to recognize the outstanding service and signal contributions he has made to the community and state by giving special attention to the "Fred W. Brinkerhoff Day" program at the College at 11 A. M., Friday, September 29, being conducted in his honor.



Homer W. Riley, Mayor.

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Pittsburg Headlight and Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

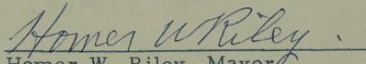
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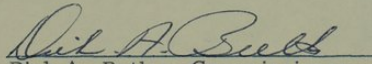
The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pittsburg would like to take this opportunity to extend to you our sincere congratulations upon your completion of 50 years as editor of the Pittsburg Headlight.

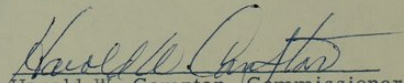
Good government in any city requires that there be available an alert, progressive, and civic-minded newspaper. It has been our good fortune to serve the citizens of Pittsburg with the full cooperation of such a newspaper. Through you and the Pittsburg Headlight and Sun our task has been made much easier. An enlightened citizenry is necessary if we are to have good government. Through your leadership we feel the citizens of Pittsburg are much more aware of our problems and are much more understanding of our operation.


Again, we would like to express our appreciation for the 50 years of civic leadership you have provided our community.

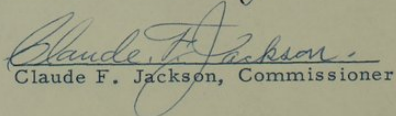
Yours truly,


Homer W. Riley, Mayor


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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
For Editorials, 1952

NATIONAL BETTER
NEWSPAPERS CONTEST (NEA)
COMMUNITY SERVICE
First Place, 1949

BEST EDITORIAL
Third Place, 1959
Third Place, 1957
Second Place, 1949
Second Place, 1948

HERRICK EDITORIAL AWARD
Honorable Mention, 1956
Third Place, 1949

GENERAL EXCELLENCE
Honorable Mention, 1954
Honorable Mention, 1946

TYPOGRAPHICAL EXCELLENCE
Honorable Mention, 1958
Honorable Mention, 1956
Honorable Mention, 1954
Honorable Mention, 1946

N. W. AYER & SON
(F. WAYLAND AYER CUP)
TYPOGRAPHICAL EXCELLENCE
Finalist, 1950

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION
EDITORIAL DIVISION
Award, 1949

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL
Public Interest Award, 1949

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
FARMER COOPERATIVES CONTEST
SPECIAL EDITION
Second Place, 1947

INLAND DAILY PRESS ASS'N
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE AWARD
PUBLIC RELATIONS
First Place, 1953
First Place, 1952
First Place, 1950

TYPOGRAPHICAL EXCELLENCE
Third Place, 1955
Honorable Mention, 1949
Second Place, 1947

LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE
First Place, 1958
Third Place, 1956
Third Place, 1955
First Place, 1953
First Place, 1951
Third Place, 1950
Third Place, 1948

FEATURE PICTURES
Honorable Mention, 1951
Second Place, 1951

MISSOURI PRESS ASS'N
GENERAL EXCELLENCE
Honorable Mention, 1959
First Place, 1958
Honorable Mention, 1957
Honorable Mention, 1956
First Place, 1953
Third Place, 1951
First Place, 1950
Honorable Mention, 1949

BEST EDITORIAL WRITER, 1952

BEST FRONT PAGE
First Place, 1952

TYPOGRAPHICAL IMPROVEMENT
First Place, 1954

BEST FARM COVERAGE
Honorable Mention, 1957
First Place, 1956
Honorable Mention, 1954

BEST EDITORIALS
Honorable Mention, 1959
Second Place, 1958
Second Place, 1957
Second Place, 1956
Second Place, 1954

BEST LOCAL PICTURES
Honorable Mention (2), 1955
Honorable Mention, 1954

SPORTS PICTURE
Second Place, 1951

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BEST FEATURE STORY
Honorable Mention, 1951

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Mexico, Missouri

Oct. 9, 1961

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
The Sun & Headlight
701 Locust
Pittsburgh, Kansas

Dear Fred:

Dad and I were with you in our hearts when your wonderful town and state -- and far better they are for it -- paid tribute to one of the great men of our profession -- you, sir. And what a wonderful career is your's. You've served the high causes so well inspiring your readers and your friends, all, to do a better job serving freedom, decency, the worth-while.

How proud we are of you and to have you for our friend.

And how very much we wished we could have been with you there that day.

Sincerely,

Robert M. White II

RMW/dhs

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OCTOBER 9, 1961

DEAR FRED BRINKERHOFF:

THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THE CEREMONIES AT PITTSBURG WERE ALL "OURS." WE WOULD NOT HAVE MISSED THEM. AND BOTH MARION AND I WERE IMPRESSED BY THE DIGNITY AND EXCELLENCE OF THE PROGRAM.

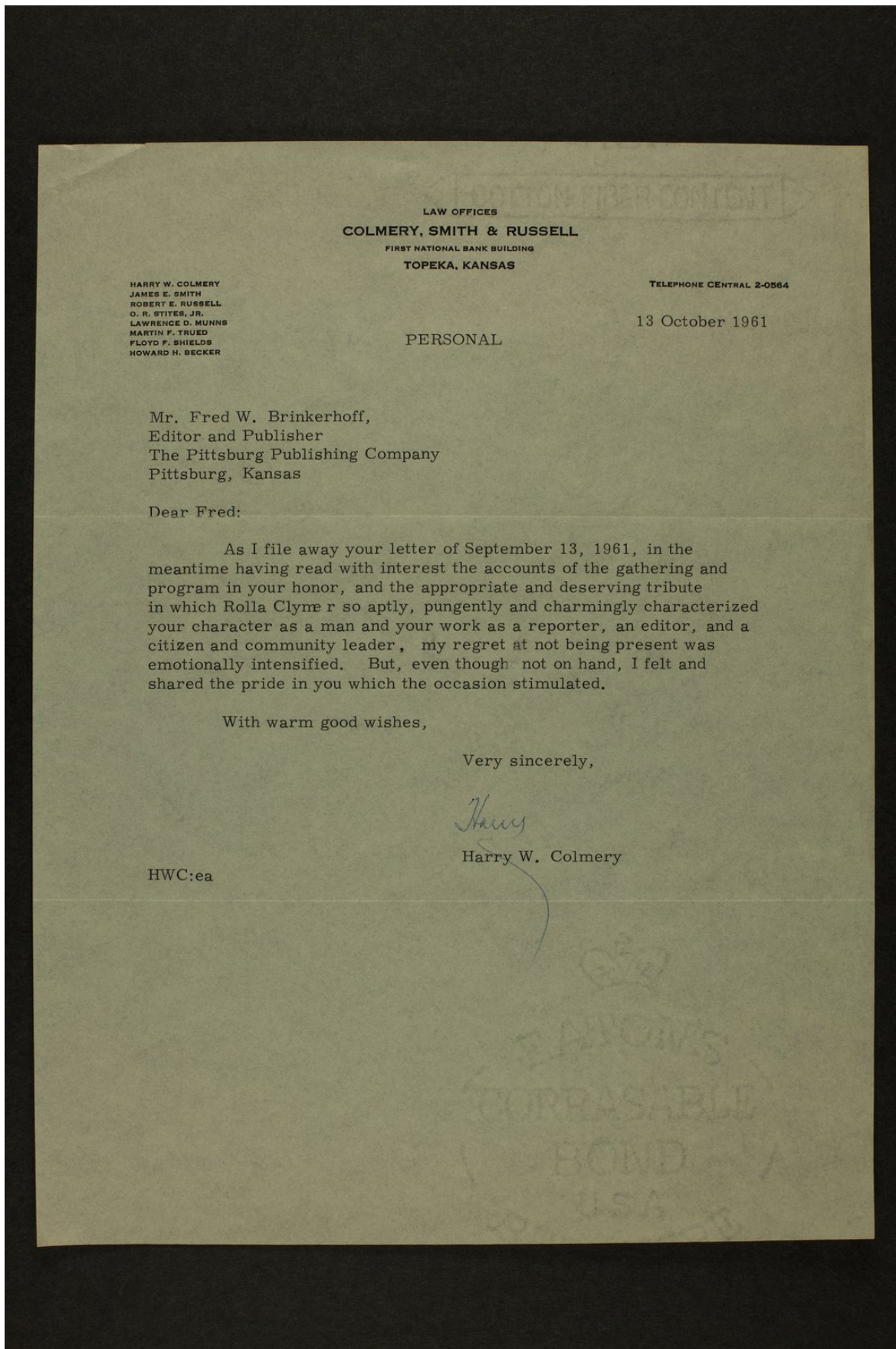
SORRY, BUT WE DID NOT SEE MRS. BRINKERHOFF. I MADE INQUIRY AND LEARNED THAT SHE IS IMPROVED, BUT THE PERSON I ASKED DID NOT KNOW, APPARENTLY, THAT SHE ATTENDED THE CONVOCATION AND IF MENTION WAS MADE OF IT FROM THE PLATFORM MY EARS BETRAYED ME, AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE.

BECAUSE THERE WAS NO SPEAKER'S TABLE AT THE LUNCHEON WE ASSUMED THE STUDENT SINGING WOUND UP THE AFFAIR AND WE SKIPPED OUT TO MAKE THE LONG DRIVE HOME BY DAYLIGHT. WE ENJOYED ALL OF IT. WE MET SOME OF FRIENDS OF COLLEGE DAYS. I KNOW THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN A SATISFYING EXPERIENCE FOR YOU.

SINCERELY,

Wm. Anthony II

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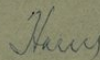
Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff,
Editor and Publisher
The Pittsburg Publishing Company
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

As I file away your letter of September 13, 1961, in the meantime having read with interest the accounts of the gathering and program in your honor, and the appropriate and deserving tribute in which Rolla Clymer so aptly, pungently and charmingly characterized your character as a man and your work as a reporter, an editor, and a citizen and community leader, my regret at not being present was emotionally intensified. But, even though not on hand, I felt and shared the pride in you which the occasion stimulated.

With warm good wishes,

Very sincerely,



Harry W. Colmery

HWC:ea

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November 21, 1961.

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,
The Pittsburg Sun & Headlight.

Dear Fred:

The time approaches to pick someone to receive the White citation for journalistic merit. And it's my pleasure to start the ball rolling by picking you, with sincere hope that you will serve, as chairman of the selection committee.

I am asking Rolla and Angelo to serve with you. Both were on last year's committee. As a preliminary, a letter will go to all members of the executive committee asking them to send nominations to Burt who will forward them to the three of you. *These are for guidance and not binding on the committee.*

Burt says that ground rules were agreed upon in 1956 when Rolla was president of the foundation. These are:

1. To qualify for the award a person must have been engaged actively in the newspaper profession in Kansas for at least 25 years. The recipient may be a man or woman.
2. The person must have attained outstanding recognition for accomplishment as an editor and/or publisher.
3. The person may be from either the daily or weekly field. In the succession of choices it is not necessary that these be alternated from year to year.
4. The selection committee should be guided in its choice by qualities of leadership the recipient has displayed, in accord with the language of the award: "A Kansas newspaperman who exemplifies the William Allen White Ideals in Journalism and in service to his profession and his community."
5. The selection committee is to consist of three trustees of the William Allen White Foundation, to be appointed annually by the president, one designated as chairman. It shall be the duty of the committee to consider all candidates who, in its judgment, measure up to the specified requirements and to make a choice therefrom.

The citations have gone to Charles Harger (deceased), Will T. Beck, Brinkerhoff, Clymer, Scott, Dolph Simons, Oscar Stauffer and Marcellus Murdock.

Fred, I will surely appreciate word from you that you will serve as chairman of the committee.

Best regards,
E.W. Johnson
E.W. Johnson

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To:
Executive Committee Members,
William Allen White Foundation

Dear Fred:

. . . the fable is told of the whale that chases a Polaris submarine down and up, under the icecap and through the seas. Every time the submarine fires a missile, the whale passes out cigars.

But this is serious: mind-searching, let's say, for a whale of an idea. Cigars are incidental, but available.

Needed is your response with:

1. A nomination, if you please, for the White citation of journalistic merit--awarded each February to someone active in the newspaper profession in Kansas for at least 25 years. Burt Marvin will send your nomination to the selection committee.
2. Your ideas for projects, programs or procedures that can be used to put more umph and go in the Foundation. Can we accomplish more than we have in the past?

The nominations should go directly to Burt at Lawrence. Your other ideas will be welcomed by either Burt or me (c/o The Olathe News). They are all needed by December 15.

Thanks for anything you say for the good of the order.

Best regards,

Ernie Johnson
J.S.

E. W. Johnson, President
The William Allen White Foundation

Fred: I understand Ernie already has written, asking you to serve on the selection committee.
Burt

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Dec. 15, 1961

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Give me your idea as to how we should operate in carrying on our assignment. You thought it would be best if we could get together and talk it over and decide. If we do that, I assume the best plan would be to have Angelo invite us to Iola which would give each of us a drive of around 75 miles.

I had thought--and this was done the last time I "chairmaned" the committee--we might each make out a list of five prospects and send the lists to each of the other two. After mulling over the lists for a few days we could ballot for one, two and three and see where we get.

Or, with these lists at hand, we could mull them over and then arrange to meet.

Let me know what is your pleasure.

If you still have that list I handed to you at Topeka, would you jot it down for me.

I got home on schedule 11:25 a.m. Wednesday. I thought we had a very good day. I noticed that Roger has hooked on to a job and I am glad. I am assuming he will be able to donate some time to the board's office in order to take care of any ragged ends that are bound to jut up.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Saturday evening

Dear Fred:-

If we try to make this selection by mail, it will take forever. We should name our men as soon as possible in order to give him and the one who presents him sufficient time to prepare their addresses.

I suppose a conflag at Iola is in order as you suggest. If the weather settles a bit, we may plan a meeting there some afternoon after Christmas. I think we will do better to have a discussion among ourselves rather than to operate by some other method.

I have had no new thoughts. At Topeka you wrote down the names of Reed, McLaughlin, Austin, Briles and Bertha Shore. I added Marion Ellet. Picking a woman would be a departure, but is deserving of consideration.

I'm doggone glad Roger got that job. He has been after it for a long time. He is most deserving and it's fine he can hook up with the bankers' association. That's a good outfit.

I am away behind with all my work, and am down here tonight boning on my news review. I shall spend a lot of hours on it before January 3, which is the first date I give it.

So long--and keep off the slick places.

Yours always,

Rae

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Dec. 20, 1961

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I think it will be all right to have a session in Iola some time after Christmas. I have a letter from Angelo in which he, with his usual preciseness, inquires whether we should await "nominations" by "trustees." He is off on this because Johnson said he was asking members of the executive committee for suggestions, which is a small body. It will be all right to obtain these suggestions but we do not have to wait until we get them to do some thinking.

I am going to send him the list that I made up there with your addition and suggest to him that we get together at Iola at a time we can pick a little later.

If Angelo has a reaction to this plan, I will advise you immediately.

I appreciate your point about a meeting. It will be best. But two or three years ago when I handled the matter with Simons and Beck we made up a list by mail--each of us made a list and then we consolidated them--and then we balloted. The first ballot told the story.

We will see what Angelo says about the letter I am sending him which I have outlined to you.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWR:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Dec. 15, 1961

Angelo C. Scott
Iola, Kas.

Dear Angelo:

Our committee should function as soon as possible. I would be happy to have any suggestions as to the manner in which to operate.

I talked to Clymer in Topeka Tuesday. He thought we should get together. If that is done, the best deal I see is for us to come to Iola some day since it would mean a drive of about 75 miles for us.

The other plan is one I used when I occupied the same place a few years ago. I suggest we all make out a list of five or ten prospects, send copies to the other two, mull them over a few days and then take a ballot on one, two and three. Then we could distrib to the results and take a second ballot unless someone had three firsts.

This system would be by mail.

However, making out lists and sending them to each other would be useful even if we decide to have a meeting.

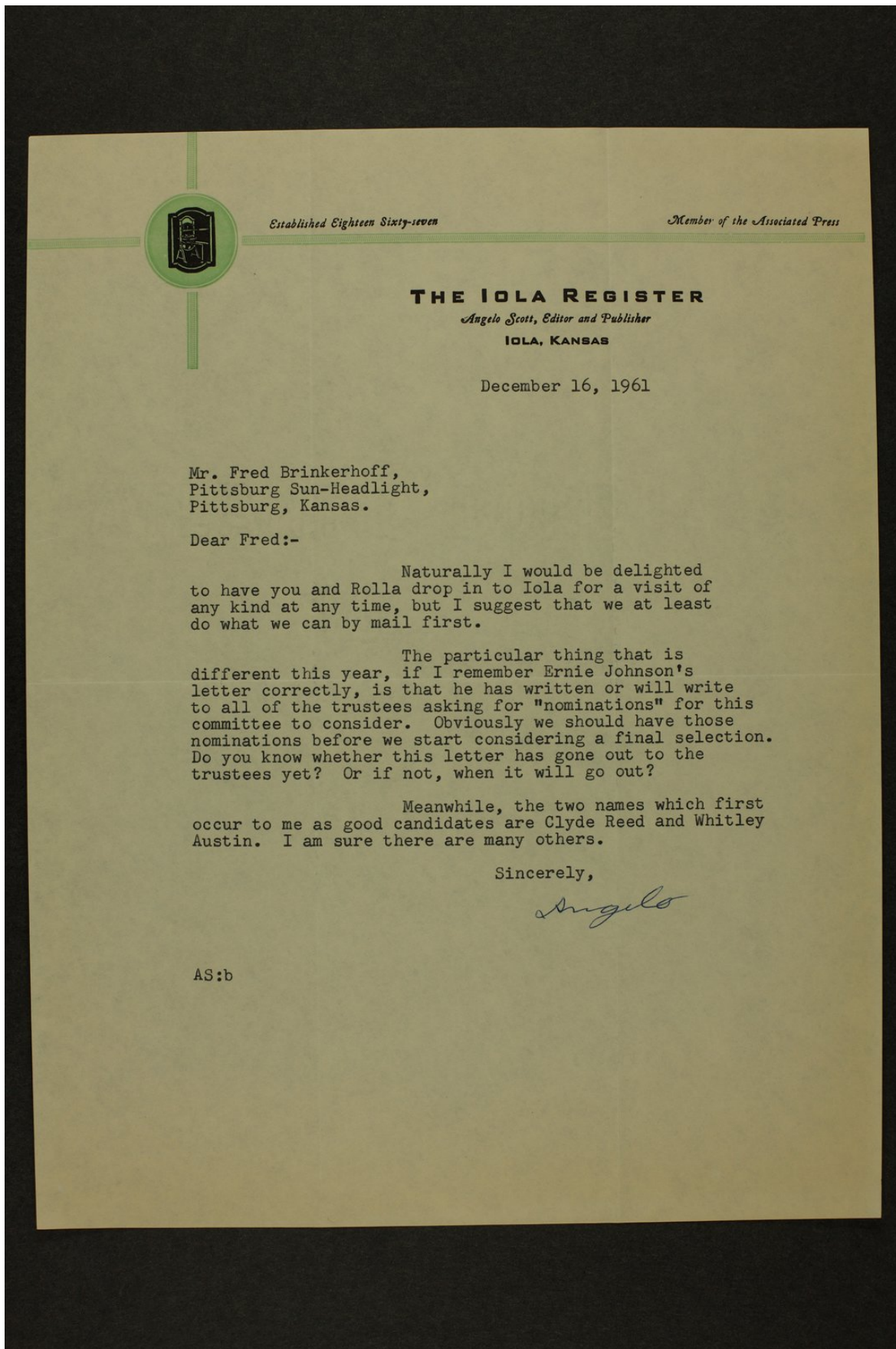
Anyway, give me your idea.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:1s

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Dec. 20, 1961

Angelo C. Scott
Iola Register
Iola, Kas.

Dear Angelo:

Johnson said he was asking the executive committee to send in suggestions. The number of trustees is so large that it would not be practicable to poll them. The letter went out since one came to me. So I know that the committee members have it and I assume Marvin will be transmitting results to me soon.

I have a letter from Clymer in which he suggests we have a meeting in Iola some time after Christmas. This is agreeable with me and I assume it will be with you.

But I am here transmitting a list that I made up at Topeka the other day while we were at the Centennial board session to which Clymer added the last name. I am sending it to you not for a formal decision but for contemplation. The list follows:

Clyde M. Reed
Drew McLaughlin, sr.
Whitley Austin
E. A. Briles
Bertha Shore
Marion Ellet

Ham suggested these last two would be a departure but the suggestion is "deserving of consideration."

If you have some names to add for preliminary consideration, send the suggestions to Clymer and also to me.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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December 27, 1961

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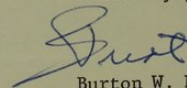
Dear Fred:

Our poll of William Allen White Foundation executive committee members for nominees for the Kansas editor citation February 9 did not bring too great a response, but here are those we received --- from Hub Meyer, Dolph Simons, and Oscar Stauffer. Ernie Johnson tells me that you have consented to be chairman of the committee responsible for selecting the man to be cited and that Angelo Scott and Rolla Clymer have consented to serve with you on the committee. So I am enclosing copies of the nomination letters for you, and sets also are going to Angelo and Rolla.

Ernie and I agree that it would be desirable if you could give him your decision by January 10. It also is understood that the nominations by executive committee members -- an innovation this year -- are to be regarded simply as assistance to the committee and are not binding. I believe Ernie set out the ground rules for the selection in his earlier letter to you.

We deeply appreciate your willingness -- and that of Angelo and Rolla -- to give your time and thought to this matter, and we shall look forward to learning your decision.

Sincerely yours,



Burton W. Marvin
Director

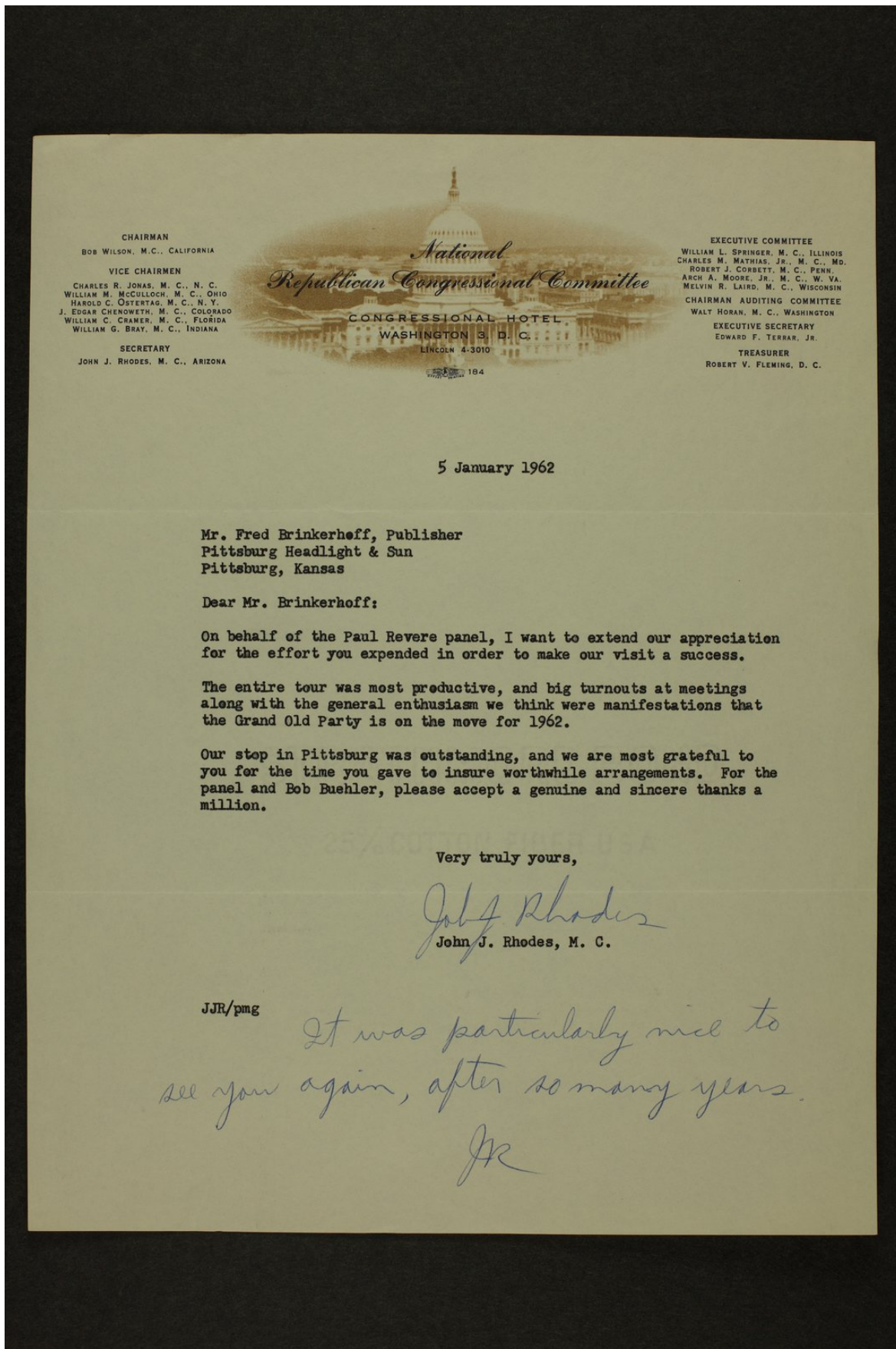
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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 17, 1962

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

They are still having a hell of a time in various newspapers concerning the new Fifth District. They are talking about McVey running for reelection. If he runs, he will run for election. Some of the papers have said that McVey represents the Fifth District. I have two or three times pointed out that the present Fifth District has four representatives, Ellsworth, Shriver, Breeding and McVey. I have pointed out that politically the new Fifth District has been created but so far as Congress is concerned the new Fifth District will not be anything until January next.

Of course, the present m. c. would like to make it appear that he is your congressman and Emporia's congressman and so forth. I understand that Shriver corrected the idea that McVey was representing Lyon County now.

One of our fellow newspapers in a political story yesterday said something about nine counties being "added" to the Third. I took care of that in an editorial which I sent back tonight for publication tomorrow.

The AP story about Finney's announcement yesterday was all confused and had McVey as the present congressman from the Fifth. You probably did not know but I called the AP and protested and they sent out a couple of paragraphs as a substitute, which I suggested.

If Fribley runs I am going to be for him. If he does not, I look upon Finney with favor.

Why don't you help dissipate this confusion with a rouser about the new Fifth District being represented in Congress by four men now.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

PS: Pearl is about the same. The weather has been pretty bad on her and caused considerable pain.

FWB

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 19, 1962

Joe Skubitz
Adm. Assist. to Andrew F. Schoenpel
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

The speeches of Nixon and Kennedy arrived and I thank you for them. They will be excellent in my files.

I am writing to Miss Voth thanking her for sending me the Biographical Directory. You will be surprised at the number of times this directory comes into use in this office.

Tell me about Andy. I wrote to Marie sometime back but, of course, I did not expect an answer from her. There is a tremendous amount of concern on the part of Andy's friends. And it is for Andy and not for any other reason.

Robert Firney of Humboldt has announced for Congress. Bill Fribley is considering the matter seriously. The present congressman from the Third District--and I hope you have watched my editorials trying to keep the records straight--has not made formal announcement out here. But he evidently intends to give the impression that he is the representative from the new Fifth. That is the matter I am trying to keep straight. Incidentally he has notified some folks out here that Senator Goldwater is coming out to make a speech at KOAM-TV quite soon and he is doing it for McVey. If you do not know about this, you might see whether there is anything to it through contacts with Goldwater's office. He called out here to ask a friend of ours to put on a coffee for Goldwater at the TV station.

We are having some real winter.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 19, 1962

John J. Rhodes
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Thanks for your note the other day. I was considerably put out with several things that happened in connection with the visit of the Paul Revere panel. In the first place there should have been delegations from all over our district and that we did not have. We tried to give you as good a hearing as was possible but nearly all the folks there, as you undoubtedly noticed, were from Crawford County. I was proud of our Crawford County Republicans who took an interest.

I was most happy to have a little visit with you again. I had noted through the years your progress in Arizona and Washington. Your father was one of the older men with whom I became well acquainted in the earlier years, and I always enjoyed my contacts with him.

With great hopes for achievements this year and my kindest regards to you.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 20, 1962

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

If you were going to write a letter to your congressman today, to whom would you address it? Would you send it to Congressman Shriver or Congressman McVey?

In 1960 Shriver was elected representative from the Fourth District for a term that would expire next January. Butler County was a part of the Fourth when that election occurred. So were Lyon and four other counties in Shriver's district. The legislature changed the district lines but it could not change congressmen. Therefore, the congressmen elected in 1960 will represent until January the districts from which they were elected, and that means the counties therein, until next January. In the meantime Kansas counties regrouped will elect congressmen from their groups. So far as the make-up of the House of the Representatives is concerned there will be no change in districts until next January when the congressmen elected in November take their seats. So that is what I meant when I said that two counties of the new Fifth are taken off the present Second District and one is taken off the present Fifth.

And that is what I meant when I said that Shriver, Ellsworth, Breeding and McVey all represent parts of the new Fifth District.

To make it a little more simple, suppose you were asked to name the congressman from the new First in the western half of Kansas, who would you name, Dole or Breeding?

If you do not think I have made this clear, write to Shriver and ask him if he still is representing Butler County in the House or if it is McVey.

We are having winter too. We had seven and a half inches right before last on top of two or three. We have some more promised. The only thing I can say is that I put on snow tires early last month and without a sizeable snow I would never have known whether I made a good investment. Now I know. I did.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Rolla A. Clymer--2--Jan. 20, 1962

I hope we have some decent weather Feb. 10 so we can get to Lawrence.

Pearl is continuing to have trouble, some of which we are sure is due to the weather.

I am running your piece on Pat Beezley today. It was fine and is entitled to a good reading over here which it will get.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWP:1s

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Dear Fred:-

I am a bit confused about the Fifth district and its situation. ~~Any~~ candidate, such as Finney, running for office, will be the Fifth district congressman, if elected. I get all the rest of it except just where do Ellsworth, Shriver, Breeding and McVey come in as representing this district? If these four, why ~~not~~ also Avery and Dole?

I shall be glad to back you up in your contention--but I need to know the answer to the above two questions.

I like your friend, Fribley, and would be glad to be for him.

This snow storm is hell. We have been buried--even if Khrushchev did not *do* it. Business all over town is dead for a few days. Now, according to forecast, we are just awaiting another storm. What do you think St. Swithin might do about all this?

Am sorry to learn that the weather has been rough on Pearl. I surely wish the patient girl might be relieved.

Let me know the answers to the questions I asked, and I shall do my best to back you up.

Yours,

Rae

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Monday, Feb. 5

My Dear Fred:-

Thanks for your letter. The Tom Thompsons were a mighty fine family. I don't believe I shall ever cease cherishing the memories of all of them. I used to hear from Mrs. T. rather often until, I guess, she weakened so much she couldn't write any more. Bolk and Sophie and Pip--what a trio they were -- the kind of folks many of the boys in the newspaper business of today never will know.

Am also glad you liked the White ~~not~~ piece. It has occurred to me that none within the state has seized and gone on with the honors he held when he laid them down.

I, too, expect to be at Lawrence Friday--and also at the Lincoln Day deal at Independence a week from today. This last ought to help get us on our way as a new district near the start of an election year.

I hear a lot down this way about Ed Arn running for senator. Wichita thinks it has to have a candidate--and Ed is it so far. Many of the boys are beating the drums for him. In my view, though, he cannot win a party nomination. I think some of the sins of his crowd--notably the Wes Roberts affair--are bound to rise up and smite him. All my friends of the oil crowd at Wichita--notably Ermie Shawver--are strong for him. I rather stand alone around here in my opinion. I would like to know what you think about it. Why can't some of these old boys of the old days, who were hellers, be content to rest upon past successes? Well, they never do--and will just have to learn the facts of life the hard way.

It's cool today--but dry and bright. I think folks would take to the hills if another heavy snow came along. I cared for your Pittsburg coyote and Old Nosey in the col. for tomorrow.

Am right sorry about Pearl. I hope you can surely get that pain stopped for her.

I'll be seeing you.

Yours,

Rac

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF KANSAS

BOURBON, LINN, AND MIAMI COUNTIES

HARRY W. FISHER, JUDGE
RETIRED

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WM. H. BAYLESS, CLERK
MOUND CITY, KANSAS
AMY ARMSTRONG, CLERK
FORT SCOTT, KANSAS
ETHEL J. HUNT
PAOLA, KANSAS

Historic Old Fort Scott,
February 6, 1962.

Fred W. Brinkerhoff,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Fred:-

Thanks for the newspaper record of the Grand Jury Matter. It is very interesting. I believe you asked me for comment upon the proceedings. Our hind sights are so much better than our foresights and in this matter it is now difficult to place ones self in the position of the judge before the matter developed.

You have heard the saying among lawyers that a lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client. I do not imply that Judge Musser was foolish. nBht I can see that through the needling of Graham for so long a time he probably did not give cool thought to legal proceedgres.

The action was premature. Instead of answering I would have thought that thre should have been filed a motion to dismiss. It is my opinion t hat in Kansas a judge has no discretion upon calling a jury when sufficient petitions are filed. The paper indicates that Judge was intending to pass upon the merit of the petition.

"Judge Musser told the Supreme Court ---The court must answer the question, "does the petition present matters sufficient to justify an investigation"----" I do not belæeve that is the law in Kansas. I believe the supreme court in view of the running fire of Graham as narrated might have thought where was some ground for refusing to callthe jury and they were giving the judge an opportunity to present such matters. The order to call the jury or give reason for not doing so is the customary and proper order to make when a petition is presented and considered.

In the first plade the petitions were not properly drawn. A proper petition is simply for the call ing of a grand jury. ,It does not specify any particular purpose and the action of the grand jury cannot be limited by the petition or any thing else the petitioners or the court can do.

"A grand Jury shall hereafter be ordered drawn---when a petition praying for said grand jury, and signed by taxpayers-- shall be presentedk to the judge-- at least 40 days before--- the term at which the jrand jury may be desired by the petitioners"

RS 62-901.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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MARSHA NOBLE, REPORTER

I had petitions presented in both Miami and Bourbon Counties. The law does not indicate how the judge shall satisfy himself the petitions are signed by the required number of taxpayers. In each case I appointed a committee to advise me consisting of the Treasurer and one of the active petitioners and one tax conscious disinterested taxpayer, not a petitioner. The first petition was found not to be adequate. But as soon as the report was filed I ordered the jury not waiting out the end of the time. (That is on the good petitions)

Grand juries are expensive and seldom turn up any thing upon which to render a true bill, but it is one of our cherished legal rights, and if the proper number of taxpayers petition there is nothing the judge can do to forstall the proceedure. In your case the whole thing was in the press in a tone that the judge had to be forced to call the jury. I am sorry for this but after all it will not hurt Judge Musser I am sure. He was trying to do his duty and did but got whickered into an unfavorable position. When some two or three thousand dollers is spent an nothing turned up then the judge will be the top man in the controversy.

I had sent to Judge Musser on his request the instructions I used in my grand juries., I wish you would read them.

So until I see you again all good wishes,

Harry W. Fisher
Harry W. Fisher.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence



HARRY DARBY

KANSAS CITY 15, KANSAS •

February 8, 1962

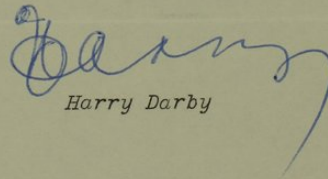
Dear Fred:

I value the friendship that warrants the article which appeared in the February 2nd issue of The Pittsburg Headlight, concerning my receiving the "Kansan of the Year" award -- thank you for the very generous and certainly complimentary remarks!

Receiving the award was one of the nicest things to have happen to me and I do appreciate it -- certainly it's more than I deserve. Thank you for your note of congratulations.

Edith joins me in sending our regards to you and Pearl.

Sincerely,



Harry Darby

HD:we1

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

P.S. - We all missed you at the William Allen White affair -- especially did I and I am wondering about Pearl, thinking possibly you needed to stay home with her. Let me know about her when you have time. Our very best to you both!

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Tuesday

Dear Friend:-

I have been intending to lead
you to the woodshed for some time. Here goes:

Why in thunder are you always
writing pieces about George Hart? He's a first-
class dub, a false alarm, a sort of a sly and
greasy Fred Hall. He lives on the sort of
neighborly publicity you give him. Few people
take him seriously. Even the Demperats suspect
something is radically wrong with him. If nobody
talked about him, he would die off fast as a
political figure. Yet you feed him the bread
of life by writing serious pieces about him and
his aspirations.

Why can't you ignore the cuss and
let him arrive rapidly at the oblivion for which
he is headed?

Now having smacked your fanny, I offer
you hugs and kisses.

I thank you for the kind reference
you made to El Dorado in your blood donor piece.
We have a group of well-organized workers here
who really get the job done.

Yours,

Rac