

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 Schoeppel, and Oscar Stauffer, among many others.

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Feb. 6, 1962

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I expect to be at Independence for part of the day Monday.

As I told you before, I plan to have most of the newspaper fellows from the new Fifth come over to Pittsburg some day this month for a get together. I will try to get the date set right soon. It will not be a candidate rally. It will be a vocal jamboree and sort of mass diagnosis of the situation. In fact, I just think that we ought to get together for a sort of acquaintance promotion session. I can make it either a dinner or a luncheon, which would you prefer?

Ed Arn for senator--that is silly. Ed had a chance to be a good governor and, as I said at the time, I think he tried but he had hard luck with friends, followed their instructions and went out and nobody cared. I gave him help in his race for attorney general. Against the fact that one of my closest friends, the late Clan Burnett was managing Mayberr's campaign and a further fact that Les Hagaman was a close friend and had for his leading supporter my friend, Youse, I supported Arn. I think the records will show that Crawford County did very nicely by Arn. But the friends he chose down here were not those I would desire to map out our political future. I hate to be against anything my old friend, Ernie Shawyer, favors, but I cannot say a kind word for Arn's candidacy.

I am of the opinion that Pearson will "take" very well with the people of Kansas. If he goes along as he started, as a country boy naturally would in getting to Washington, he will have a big appeal to the rank and file. Furthermore, with Anderson's popularity and prestige counted for him, he will have a big advantage. And, of course, he will have a big voting advantage in Johnson County as they really vote for home men. That fact will offset the Wichita advantage.

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Moreover, where is Payne, the pain? He wants to go to the Senate. Now is his chance and I hope he takes it. It will give me great pleasure to express myself on him again. And, of course, if it appears necessary, I can do the same about Arn.

The big danger I see to Pearson is Avery. Avery is a good campaigner. He is a sort of combination Frank Carlson and Andy Schoepfel.

I hope that everybody will see the light and let Pearson have a chance without a serious fight.

An interesting thing I recalled this morning is that in the primary fight two years ago between Anderson and Boyd, Claude came in one day to remark that he had got some first hand information from Johnson County that Anderson was in trouble there. He said that his information was that Anderson's county was going to take a swat at its own boy. But you will remember the election returns. Anderson's county piled up a tremendous vote for Anderson and got him the nomination.

I plan to support Pearson, not only because I think he is as promising a senator as anybody mentioned but because Anderson did the wise and decent thing himself and Anderson would like to have Pearson nominated.

In the new Fifth--Joe Skubitz talked to me a long time in Topeka and he is going to run. Finney is in and Fribley probably will not be. McVey will undoubtedly file but who cares? At the present moment I think Skubitz will be the best bet and I intend to support Skubitz unless Fribley gets in. My word has been out to Fribley for a good while and Joe is familiar with that fact. Finney has sound ideas but I do not think he can get over with the common folks. Joe can get next to all kinds of folks. He has a good personality.

The Headlight last night carried on the front page a story of a Democrat fight in the new district. You should be interested in the story. They put on a reception and dinner for Hargis over at Parsons Saturday night. Saia was advised of it ten days ago and so he put on a big dinner here in Pittsburg Saturday night at the same time for Spiegel.

This is all for this time.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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PS Pearl is not having as much trouble as she did ten days ago. But she feels the affect of weather changes.

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WALTER L. MCVEY
3d DISTRICT KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
MRS. VELMA GRAHAM HULETT

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

February 22, 1962

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Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Publisher, Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

Since I have just recently returned from the State of California where I have been making speeches at the request of the California State Central Committee, I was particularly interested in reading your editorial in the Wednesday, January 17 issue of the "Pittsburg Headlight", entitled the "The Way to Lose." You are to be commended on your keen observations of the California political situation, for it is obvious to a visitor of that state that there is a great deal of intra-party strife among the Republicans. As you state, "If California Republicans really want to put California back into the Republican column, they will have to resort to exercising good sense. And that is something which demands a cessation of party warfare."

I might add that these same words might sometimes be used in Kansas, as well as in practically all other areas of the United States. Generally speaking, the Republican organization does not seem to be as strong and cohesive as the Democrat organization. Perhaps we have more rugged individualists within our party, but the political facts of life remain that organization can only be defeated by organization, and there is little doubt that the present Democrat organization is the strongest that has ever existed.

Very truly yours,

Walter L. McVey
Member of Congress

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1962

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

The Department of State is holding Foreign Policy Briefing Conferences for the information media periodically as a means of helping to keep the American public informed about the foreign affairs of the United States.

The important developments since August 1961, when the last such conference was held here -- developments in Southeast Asia, in the Congo, at the United Nations and elsewhere -- make it seem desirable that another meeting be arranged at an early date.

I am, therefore, pleased to invite you to join us in a Foreign Policy Briefing Conference at the Department of State in Washington on March 26 and 27, 1962. Like the previous sessions, it will be conducted on a background basis.

The conference will include briefings by principal policy-making officials of the Department of State and other principal agencies of the Government. Details will be mailed to you shortly.

President Kennedy and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the issues which face us around the world. I hope you will be able to attend, or to designate an appropriate member of your staff to attend in your place.

I would appreciate your directing your reply to Mr. Luther J. Reid, Director, Office of Special Projects (Room 4831), Department of State, Washington 25, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Rusk

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

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March 1, 1962

Alvin McCoy
Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Alvin:

I suppose we can all see now who will be Arn's administrative assistant in Kansas if he should go to the Senate.

Three or four years ago Arn broke out with a terrible blast against the party and Schoeppel when he tried to be named a federal judge. I think you can have the thing chased down up there very easy. I would have a hard time of it down here. Could you arrange to check it out so that we can get the date the story ran. It would be easy for me to handle if I can get the date.

In Topeka the other day I asked Turrentine if he remembered what Arn said in his disappointment when he was mad at Andy and at the party. Turrentine could not remember but said he did get a dim recollection. But he said he did not have the item in his files. I did not know then that he was for Arn. Maybe he did not either.

In our grand jury episode down here a \$200,000 damage suit was filed against KOAM-TV. For some reason the AP did not use the story although it was given to them. The plaintiff is Joe Gendusa, attorney for the county welfare department, former acting postmaster and a very active Democrat. This fellow Graham was permitted to run wild on TV charging crookedness against several, including Gendusa. Now the owners of the station--one-third of which is owned by the Joplin Globe--are being asked for damages.

Life in the Balkans is generally lively and usually very confusing.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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[Skubitz]

March 4, 1962

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Governor:

I am writing you this letter because I need your help in this campaign. I solicit your personal support but I ask also your uniquely effective aid in convincing the voters in your area that I would be a good congressman. If, through your efforts, only a dozen of your friends and neighbors became my supporters, my election would be assured.

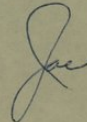
In asking your active help, I submit for critical examination my qualifications, my experience, and my intimate knowledge of what is required for effective representation of our people in Washington. Most party leaders in Kansas know my background and I hope you do too. Our problem is to make sure the voters in the Fifth District know something about me.

A few highlights of my background are set forth briefly in the enclosed brochure. Will you tell the people in your area what you know about me -- that I am Kansas born and educated -- that for 19 years I have had no other task than shuttling back and forth between Kansas and Washington to deal with the State's problems in the Nation's Capitol -- that few indeed in our State have a more intimate awareness of the Fifth District's problems and the know-how to do something about them?

Governor, only you can get these facts to the voters in your area since they look to you for information and guidance. In return, I pledge you my solemn word that if I am elected, I will serve the people of the Fifth District with integrity and intelligence -- that no one will work harder, longer or more conscientiously in their behalf.

I want to win, of course, but win or lose, I shall not forget your help and I thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Encl.

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March 5, 1962

Joe Skubitz
c/o Senator James B. Pearson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

I think you got out a good letter and undoubtedly will be hearing favorably from it quite soon.

There are no developments to note. Bill has not decided what he is going to do. Finney has been a few places. You should know more back there about McVey than we do here.

Pearson had a good weekend down this way--at Parsons, Baxter, Columbus and Chanute. I was at the luncheon at Columbus--116 persons were there. He is quiet, somewhat timid, but I thought he did a good job talking.

Regards.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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March 6, 1962

James I. Robertson, jr.
Executive Secretary
Civil War Centennial Commission
700 Jackson Place, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This is to offer some observations concerning the Civil War Centennial situation in Kansas which I thought the commission should have.

Kansas' Centennial was in 1961. Four years ago the governor, acting on his own, named a Centennial commission. In a few months he announced that the Kansas Centennial Commission also would be the Civil War Centennial Commission. But it was discovered later that a legal status that could not be provided by the governor's designation would be required for our operations. The legislature enacted a law creating a Centennial commission board of directors to which appropriations could be made by the state. The commission members were named by the governor. I was named one of the fifteen directors. But nothing could be done about the Civil War Centennial. A proposal to the next legislature for the creation of a small Civil War commission with practically no expense involved was killed. So as the situation now stands Kansas has no official connection with the Civil War Centennial.

While there were several incidents in Kansas during the war that could be commemorated, there was only one battle between uniformed troops. That was the battle of Mine Creek where the Federals wrecked the Confederates under General Sterling Price on Oct. 25, 1864. The battlefield is twenty miles north of Fort Scott. Fort Scott was the objective of Price in his retreat from Westport which he sought to turn into a raid on Kansas. Quantrill's raid on Lawrence Aug. 21, 1863 is the principal one of the other incidents that Kansas can commemorate.

The war maps show that Mine Creek is the farthest west battle of the Civil War, the field being five miles west of the Missouri-Kansas line. Up in Linn County in which

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James I. Robertson, jr.--2--March 6, 1962

the Mine Creek field lies, organization has begun for the Centennial commemoration and some of us are lending what help we can. We are hopeful the legislature a year from now will give some substantial help to the Linn County folks.

This is written merely as information that I thought you would like to have. I was one of those named early as a member of your advisory commission.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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8 March 1962

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

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

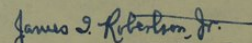
Thank you very much for your appreciated letter of March 6. I had no idea that the Kansas Commission had been somewhat muzzled by legislative action.

While relatively few engagements were fought in Kansas, certainly the state made invaluable contributions in men to the causes of both North and South. If nothing else, the role of Kansas soldiers should be commemorated during this Centennial.

If you will but tell us how we can help to activate a Civil War Centennial Commission in your state, we will do everything within our power to assist you. I plan to be in Little Rock on April 8-9; could I perform any service for you during that period?

Please believe me when I say that we are most anxious to assist you in every way.

Cordially yours,


JAMES I. ROBERTSON, JR.
Executive Director

JIR/mm

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March 10, 1962

Luther J. Reid
Room 4831
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Reid:

I have the invitation from Mr. Secretary Rusk to the briefing conference scheduled for March 26-27.

I am appreciative of the opportunity here offered but owing to illness at my home it is necessary to send you my regrets.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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JOHN T. GIBSON
GENERAL MANAGER

The Delta Democrat-Times

Greenville, Mississippi

March 12, 1962

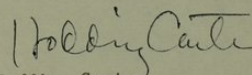
Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Publishing Company
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

The explanation was delightful. I think "The Balkans of Kansas" would make a delightful little piece for something like the Ford Times, which is interested in odd Americana tidbits.

It was thoughtful of you to send me the clipping and amazing that you remembered that I was curious about the phrase.

Cordially yours,



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March 14, 1962

Mrs. Andrew F. Schoepel
Westchester Apartments
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Marie:

Joe Skubitz was in a little while ago. He is getting ready to start his active campaign and is setting up his residence in his mother's old home here. He is enthusiastic about his coming fight. If Bill Fribley does not get in, and I am of the opinion he will not, I am quite positive that Joe can win. He certainly will not have formidable opposition on the part of McVey. I still believe that McVey in view of everything that has happened will not file. There is a tremendous feeling against him everywhere in the old Third and he is not any better known in the new counties than is Joe. The other man, the first to announce, Finney, does not seem to be making any progress, nor do I believe he will.

A new McVey story went into the news Monday. Mrs. McVey was injured in a motor car wreck. Quite naturally she was identified as the estranged wife of the congressman. The divorce action will be set up soon, which will not be to the benefit of the congressman.

Our friend, Effie, is out strong for McVey and also for Arn. She is putting the blame for the McVey trouble on Mrs. McVey, saying that she deserted Walter and came home from Washington. But she does not explain why Mrs. McVey came home.

I intended to write you but in my rush I am sure I did not. One of my most sincere regrets was my inability to be in Wichita to pay my last respects to Andy. I had arranged to drive up with Clyde Keed. The fog was so bad that morning that I could not see the street from my house. I could not get to Parsons safely. Clyde went and had a bad time on the road. I wanted you to know why I could not make it. Of all the men in Kansas political affairs through my long years no one was as close a friend of mine as was Andy. I so regarded him and I know that Andy looked on me as a sincere and loyal friend. That is a source of great satisfaction to me. It is still difficult for me to realize what has happened. The word from Washington created grief in our house that was genuine. Pearl would not believe it and was affected tremendously.

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Mrs. Andrew F. Schoepel--2--March 14, 1962

Again to you our deepest sympathy.

Pearl is about the same. She does not go back. Occasionally we think she makes some progress.

If you are ever in this area, we hope you will give us a little visit.

Finally, if I can be of any service to you, I shall expect you to call.

Sincerely,

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March 16, 1962

James I. Robertson, jr.
Executive Director
Civil War Centennial Commission
700 Jackson Place, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

It is most interesting to note you will be in Arkansas early next month. Would it be possible for you to come here for a little conference about Mine Creek?

I would set up such a session at old Fort Scott and have a group from Linn County just to the north meet there with interested Fort Scott folks.

As I told you, the battlefield is twenty miles north of Fort Scott. Linn County citizens, in Pleasanton, Mound City and other parts of the county, are already starting plans for an appropriate commemoration of the battle. A visit of this kind from you would be the finest possible encouragement of the project.

I think unless it would interfere with your schedule, coming here on your way back from Little Rock or going to Little Rock would not seriously inconvenience you.

I am sure we will have a Kansas commission set up either by the governor or by the legislature in time to function during the last half of the Centennial period.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 19, 1962

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

With the assignment of office space, Room numbers 6309 through 6321, telephone Capitol 4-3121, ext. 4774, and with the completion of the organization of the staff, I thought this would be an appropriate time to report.

I have been assigned to the Senate Rules Committee and to the Senate Interior Committee. These assignments are very favorable to a junior Senator. In fact, I am greatly encouraged by the friendship and courtesies that have been extended to me by my Senate colleagues. One of the most important aspects of my job is to make friends for Kansas.

In spite of the organizational problems in Washington, I have made several visits in Kansas. After one week in office, I attended the Young Republican meeting in Kansas City, Kansas, a foreign policy discussion at the Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, a Republican meeting at Fort Scott, Kansas and Lincoln Day at Independence. Two weeks ago I toured Southeast Kansas speaking at Parsons, Columbus and Chanute. We also attended coffees on this trip held at Baxter Springs and Erie. The reports were favorable.

Next week I will attend meetings at Great Bend, Larned, Kinsley, Dodge City and Garden City. The following weekend another schedule has been arranged which will take me to eight counties over a period of three days.

We are seeking to appoint a campaign advisor in each county. I am much encouraged by our progress in this regard.

Soon a newsletter will be distributed and radio and TV tapes sent out to Kansas stations.

It is, of course, difficult to fulfill my Senate duties and at the same time undertake a full campaign. But both must be done. Reports here indicate Congress will be in session until our Primary election date in August. I am therefore most appreciative of your help.

Very truly yours,



James B. Pearson, USS

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EXecutive 3-3300, Extension 641

March 19, 1962

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Publishing Company
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I appreciate very much your invitation of March 16 to come to Pittsburg commensurate with my visit to Little Rock and to discuss plans for the Kansas Commission in general and the commemoration of the battle of Mine Creek in particular.

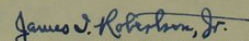
Since I have no commitment from my April 9 conference in Little Rock until an address in Louisville, Kentucky, on the evening of April 11, I see no reason to prevent my being at Pittsburg and Fort Scott on April 10. With your permission, therefore, I shall so schedule it.

I will make necessary travel plans to be in Pittsburg sometime early on the 10th. How I will arrive (and depart) will depend solely on available travel means. I prefer to travel by train but will fly if I have no other choice. If you can offer any suggestions along these lines, I will be deeply appreciative.

Prof. Dudley T. Cornish at Kansas State College in Pittsburg is a good friend of mine and might have valuable ideas to offer on a commemoration of Mine Creek.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you next month, and with all good wishes,

Cordially yours,


JAMES I. ROBERTSON, JR.
Executive Director

cc: Alan W. Farley

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March 20, 1962

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Publishing Company
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

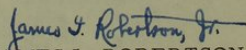
Since my letter to you of yesterday, I had my travel agency work out the best possible travel arrangements for me relative to my April 10 visit with you and the good people of eastern Kansas.

As it now stands, I will arrive in Joplin, Missouri, via Central Air Lines flight 144 at 9:46 a.m., April 10. Please let me know where to go from Joplin.

Since you stated that we would go to Fort Scott to confer with the folks there, the travel agency has reserved me a Pullman berth on the Frisco Railroad train #105, which leaves Fort Scott at 1:02 a.m. on the morning of the 11th. Therefore, after our conferences late in the afternoon or early in the evening, I can proceed to the train station and await my train without anyone being obligated to "keep me entertained."

If for any reason these plans are not suitable, advise me at once. They best fit my travel plans and give me what I consider maximum time to be with you.

Cordially yours,


JAMES I. ROBERTSON, JR.
Executive Director

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

Office of
THE DEAN

March 21, 1962

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

Dear Fred:

Ralph Lashbrook, head of the department of technical journalism at Kansas State, tells me that the young lady who made the "carrots" misspelling on The Salina Journal was an Oklahoma State graduate who was admitted provisionally for graduate work in journalism at Kansas State and was dropped at the end of one semester because of poor scholarship. She was not a journalism graduate of either K.U. or Kansas State, the two units under consideration currently and I understand she was not a journalism graduate of Oklahoma State.

I agree with your editorial contention (in Monday's Sun) that schools of journalism graduate persons with gaps in their knowledge. So do colleges of liberal arts. We should strive to avoid this, and I can assure you that we incorporate considerable history and political science and basic grammatical and composition work in our courses because of the deficiencies we encounter when the students come to us. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at K.U. says to its students that they have met the English requirement with the four courses taken in the freshman and sophomore years. Those are the four courses the student has had -- and must pass -- before coming to us. We encourage our students, all juniors and seniors, to take more English because we think they can benefit by more, but my point in reviewing the facts regarding English requirements is this --- the two words "liberal arts" do not provide a magic solution to the problem, as Whit Austin implies.

You will note that the faculty of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Public Information has requested a detailed examination of the school and its program by a group of Kansas journalists. We believe two benefits could grow out of such an examination. First, Kansas newspaper people would find out what courses we offer and what is included in them. Second, we would hope for constructive criticism that would help us to improve our program and to make sure that it is designed to meet a need.

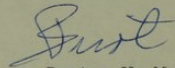
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We think that we have some reason to be proud of some of our graduates, and among these are people who say frankly that they learned some things here that helped them in their work. We also think that we had to rise up and speak our piece when Whit called us incompetents and referred to the William Allen White School as a disgrace. As Rolla Clymer says in a Tuesday editorial, it may be quite interesting to watch Whit stir up the animals, but these "animals" happen to be people such as I who are in this work by choice and dedication and who object to being treated like animals.

We do hope, as a result of this fuss, that some Kansas editors will manifest some direct interest in our program, and we in turn want to respond to the needs of the newspapers.

Sincerely yours,



Burton W. Marvin,
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THE PARSONS SUN

CLYDE M. REED, Publisher

PARSONS, KANSAS

March 22, 1962

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Mr. H. A. Meyer
Mr. George W. Marble
Mr. Dwight McCreight
Mr. Robert Pratt

Gentlemen:

Please pardon the carbons, but they are simply a means of expediting the dispatch of a letter on a thought I have in connection with the Mid-America Industrial Fair scheduled for Parsons in July.

Each of us individually might attempt special editions on this event, but it seems to me if we pooled our efforts and got out an identical edition we all could realize not only more advertising linage but also serve better the purpose of publicizing our area's industrial resources and Mid-America's efforts.

My idea is that we would have an early meeting to discuss a plan whereby we set up a joint rate, covering all daily newspapers in the Mid-America area; work out the mechanical details and then proceed to sell advertising in our own towns for the single edition to manufacturers and other interested firms. Each of our staffs would contribute news and pictures.

The edition would be assembled in one of our shops, which would be compensated on a mutually agreeable basis, and page mats furnished to each of the others so they could print the editions on their own presses. This in itself may take some mechanical adjustments and in the case of the four flatbed dailies in the area, some other form of co-operation with them.

It appears to me that with an area-wide edition, we would have an excellent selling tool and also would be serving the Mid-America region with a comprehensive review of industry which should be an eye-opener to all of our readers.

Your reaction would be appreciated and if you think it is advisable, we could have a meeting to explore the idea further and to talk about some of the arrangements and the obstacles, if any.

A copy of this letter is not going to Angelo Scott because he is out of town for the time being, but of course Iola would be included.

Sincerely,

Clyde M. Reed

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March 23, 1962

James I. Robertson, jr.
Executive Director
Civil War Centennial Commission
700 Jackson Place, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am delighted with the arrangements you have made. We will meet you at the airport at Joplin and we will come back here and then go on to Fort Scott. We are setting up a luncheon at Fort Scott which will be attended by a group of Fort Scott persons and a group of folks from Linn County who have already started plans for Mine Creek. At the luncheon we can discuss the proposed commemoration of the battle.

Furthermore, you will be shown the old fort establishment at Fort Scott and I assume you would be interested in taking a hasty glance at National Cemetery No. 1. Then we can go on up to the battlefield and also we can see the site of the Marais des Cygnes massacre and the monument in a little cemetery. You will be on the most historic soil in Kansas--right where the Civil War began.

I note that you plan to leave Fort Scott on the Frisco at 1:02 a.m. That is the Florida train and I assume your route would be to Memphis and then over to Louisville. May I suggest that an easier routing would be by train from Kansas City. I have asked Alan Farley to check the railroad facilities and should be hearing from him immediately. If these facilities are better we can get you to Kansas City early in the evening. I am sure Farley will come down to Fort Scott and you can go back to Kansas City with him. If he does not, we will have someone else take you up there. That will be much better for you than the plan you suggest. When I get the word from Farley who can check on it up there easier than I can, I will give you the information.

We are delighted that you are going to make this visit and I speak for the folks of Fort Scott and Linn County too.

Your friend, Dudley Carnish, was happy when I told him of your letter and he will be among those present.

Sincerely,

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F. W. Brinkerhoff

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EXecutive 3-3300, Extension 641

March 26, 1962

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Publishing Company
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

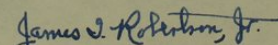
I am delighted with the plans you have made relative to my April 10 visit in Kansas. Especially am I happy at the prospect of seeing the historical sites in your area. The itinerary as you have outlined it seems to fit my own schedule nicely, and I appreciate your efforts along those lines.

I sincerely hope that Alan Farley can work out a better travel route to Louisville via Kansas City, although the travel agency here told me that no train service is available to Louisville from either Kansas City or St. Louis. Unless I hear differently from you, therefore, I will let my present reservation (to Louisville via Memphis and the 1:02 a.m. Frisco) stand.

Is there anything I can do or bring with me for the conference you have set up? Please do not hesitate to make any suggestions along these lines.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,


JAMES I. ROBERTSON, JR.
Executive Director

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Topeka, Kansas
March 26, 1962

Dear Associated Press Member:

Clyde M. Reed, editor and publisher of the Parsons (Kansas) Sun, has been nominated to represent newspapers of less than 50,000 circulation on the Board of Directors of the Associated Press. A group of Kansas publishers, who know Reed well and whose names appear below, requests your consideration of his qualifications.

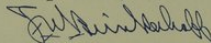
Reed worked his way through college as a stringer for metropolitan newspapers and went to work as a reporter on the Parsons Sun upon graduation. He is former chairman of the Kansas Associated Press group, former president of the state press association, former president of the University of Kansas Alumni Association, and now serves as chairman of the Board of Regents which governs all state institutions of higher learning in Kansas.

He is 47 years old, a hard worker, writes nearly all of the Sun's editorials and publishes one of the outstanding small-city newspapers in the Middlewest.

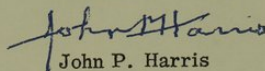
It is our earnest belief Clyde Reed would be a valuable member of the board of directors and contribute to strengthening the news service and increasing the efficiency of the operation.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Respectfully,



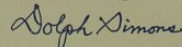
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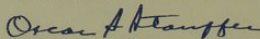
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March 27, 1962

Burton W. Marvin
School of Journalism
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Burt:

Thanks for your letter. There is no excuse for a college of liberal--or conservative--arts turning out with degrees persons who are delinquent in the fundamentals. A chap is not educated who does not understand English, grammar or even spelling.

Some years ago I had an interesting round with Kenneth McFarland when he was superintendent of schools at Topeka. A niece of mine, a senior in the Topeka high school, abused spelling in a letter. Kenneth was somewhat excited about what I said. The girl had been in the Topeka schools almost all the time.

I have frequently had reporters with a spelling handicap who had come out of high school and college. Nothing is more disgusting than to run into misspelled words in the copy of a college graduate.

But I do not believe that schools of journalism should have to teach orthography and the fundamentals of English and of grammar. I realize, of course, that the trouble lies down below the college level. I think the public schools should teach more grammar and orthography and mathematics and less art and drawing and music, if something has to be sacrificed to provide more attention for these simple but highly necessary branches of education. That is a problem for school boards and for administrators and not for universities or schools of journalism.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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March 29, 1962

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg, Kansas

Greetings:

Last night at the Elks, I vividly recalled the events of a number of years ago when a concerted and fruitless effort was made to unsettle you as trustee. Last night the job sought you - - -

In these days of crackpots, freeloaders and liberal spenders of other peoples' funds, it is comforting to know that for the next five years the Elks will be guided with the wisdom of your experience and sound judgment.

Rather than congratulate you on your election, we Elks should congratulate ourselves in having the benefit of your continuing service.

Sincerely,

Joe
J. P. Gendusa

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 29, 1962

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

The past week the Senate has been subject to a filibuster on the part of Senators from the Southern states against a constitutional amendment outlawing the poll tax as a qualification to vote in Federal elections. As a co-sponsor of this amendment I was very pleased yesterday when the Senate voted the required two-thirds majority for its passage.

Last Friday I attended three meetings in Wichita and spoke to a Republican dinner in Great Bend. That same night I had a short interview over the Great Bend TV station. Saturday I spoke at a breakfast in Iarned and attended a coffee in Kinsley. Later Saturday I spoke at a luncheon in Dodge City and completed the trip with a wonderful meeting in Garden City.

Next Friday I shall speak to the Young Republicans in Topeka and also at an evening meeting in Lawrence. Saturday there will be a coffee in Burlington; a luncheon and speech at Council Grove and I shall be in Wichita again for the Goldwater Dinner. The following Monday there is a coffee scheduled in Paola and a luncheon speech in Ottawa. That night I will give the principal address at the annual dinner of the Emporia Chamber of Commerce.

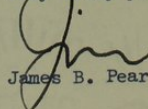
I am pleased to announce the appointment of Cliff Hope, Jr., of Garden City as our State Campaign Manager. Cliff will do a great job.

This week we are sending out our first radio tape to thirty-four Kansas stations and we are likewise distributing the first TV tape which will deal with the budget deficit and the mounting national debt.

Some progress is being made towards the distribution of a newsletter. However, we are required to build a completely new mailing list and this is, of course, most difficult.

Campaign Chairmen have been selected for approximately half of the counties in the state and I am greatly encouraged by the willingness of so many persons to take an active part in this campaign.

Very truly yours,


James B. Pearson, USS

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CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

March 29, 1962.

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

Dear Fred:

As weather kept me from attending the meeting of the Kansas Press association I missed what I was counting on--a short visit with you. I was in Topeka the Saturday before Kansas Day but only the earliest arrivals were there. Had an opportunity to ride up and back that day and it was agreeable because I missed the big jam.

For weeks I have not heard a word about Mrs. Brinkerhoff. I have been hoping that she is gradually rounding to. Those rebuilding progresses are slow and take an immense amount of patience coupled with courage.

My personal admiration for both Marcellus Murdock and Dan Anthony is great. Frankly, they do not seem to fit into the proper scheme of the White Award. At least two others who received it hardly measured up.

As I have written you before you and Rollie Clymer top the list of the ~~xxxx~~ award winners. Both of you meet the specifications as I interpret them.

My acquaintance with Bill White started in the 1890's and down through the years we were together in Kansas affairs. Bill drove in to see me before he got into the race for governor. In 1912 I had many letters and phone calls from him about the Roosevelt campaign. He wrote me to help get a parole for Holland Finney---White said he was a sick man and wanted to get that out of the way.

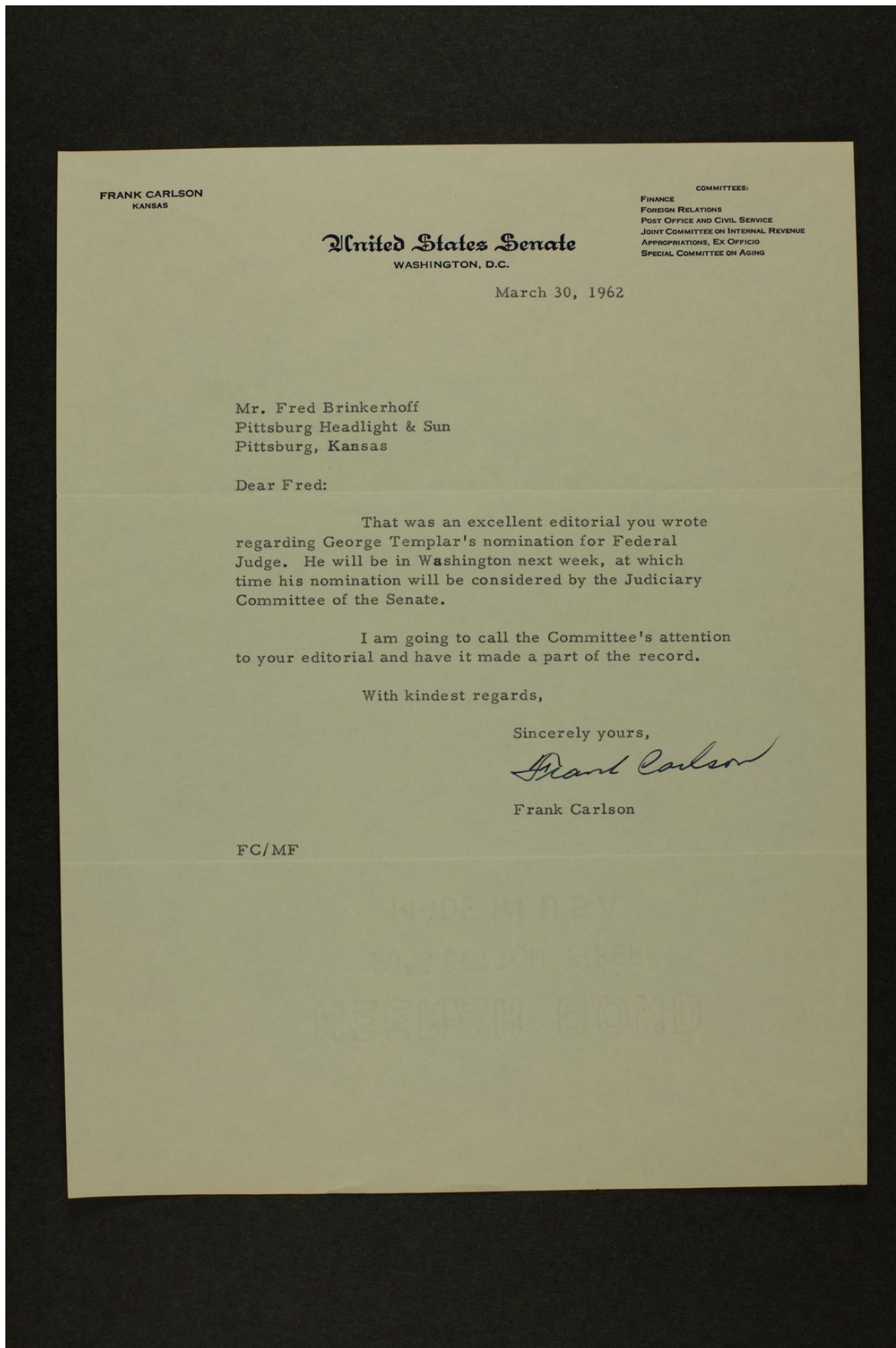
I fear that members of the White Foundation committee did not know Bill White and understand his ideals. Some of the committee came on after Bill eased up or was gone.

To my joy I am able to be on the ball every week. Write court house and other first page stories. Tuesday forenoon I write editorials, Here and There and Notes and Comments before going to lunch--more than five columns. Could not foresee a year ago that I would be doing almost full time now.

Heartiest good wishes to you and Mrs. Brinkerhoff.

Sincerely,
Drew McLaughlin

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FRANK CARLSON
KANSAS

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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March 30, 1962

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight & Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

That was an excellent editorial you wrote regarding George Templar's nomination for Federal Judge. He will be in Washington next week, at which time his nomination will be considered by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

I am going to call the Committee's attention to your editorial and have it made a part of the record.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank Carlson

Frank Carlson

FC/MF

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

March 31, 1962

J. P. Gendusa
Professional Building
City

Dear Joe:

Thanks awfully for your note. I, too, recall the hot battle that was waged to liquidate me many years ago.

I am greatly concerned about the future of our lodge. No organization, or business institution, can run forever with a deficit. The lodge is spending more money to operate than it can take in. Hence it is drawing on the reserve that was built up to take care of emergencies and provide additional revenue. When the reserve is gone, something will have to be done.

It seems very clear to me that some changes will have to be made in operation and the dues will have to be raised. A reasonable increase in dues will not hurt anybody.

As matters now stand until we get a tenant for the building, the trustees will have an income of only about \$700 a year. And that will decrease when another bond is cashed.

I considered very seriously until Wednesday afternoon sending a letter and having my name withdrawn. But several of the fellows were so anxious for me to stay that I gave in.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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