

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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May 29, 1962

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fred:

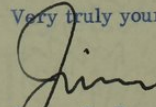
I have nothing special to report but I simply did not want to lose touch with you.

Martha and I came through the Semple attack without injured feelings and with considerable political advantage. Your support in our behalf was no less than we expected from such a loyal and kind friend.

I think we are getting organized on a more complete basis and I am still quite optimistic as to the future. We cannot expect to match our opponent in the terrific spending in this campaign but from many friends and supporters, we have received small contributions which will permit us, I hope, to make a sensible and representative campaign.

My very best wishes to you and I hope Mrs. Brinkerhoff is comfortable and experiencing a steady improvement.

Very truly yours,



James B. Pearson
United States Senator

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100th YEAR
COMMEMORATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
NATIONAL CEMETERY NO. 1

IN FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

CENTENNIAL OFFICE:
15 N. MAIN STREET
FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

June 1, 1962

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES
ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1962

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

Dear Brinkerhoff:

I am enclosing a folder telling of the centennial next November 10th in commemoration of the establishment of the first National Cemetery in the country in Fort Scott.

Judge Harry Fisher has appointed me chairman of a committee working on the centennial--our job is to get, if at all possible, the Post Office Department to issue a commemorative stamp which we feel the occasion warrents. To our knowledge the Department has never previously issued a stamp in honor of the many national cemeteries throughout the country and we feel that with this commemoration of National Cemetery #1 surely now is the time for such a stamp.

We know of your intense interest not only in Southeastern Kansas, but of things historical. We are soliciting your assistance and cooperation and any suggestions you may give us which will be helpful. This event certainly has nation-wide significance since such a stamp would honor not only the Fort Scott cemetery, but all of those throughout the country.

Watson Marble, before he left for Europe, planned to write you regarding this and solicit your assistance, but since the idea of a commemorative stamp came up only a day or so before he and Sally left, time did not permit him to get a letter to you. He did, however, write Senators Carlson and Pearson and Representatives Ellsworth and MacVey. If you would write them, we would indeed appreciate it and perhaps the Governor too might help get this stamp issued. As I mentioned above, this is not a Fort Scott matter alone, but certainly of state-wide interest since in our state we have this first cemetery.

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Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff

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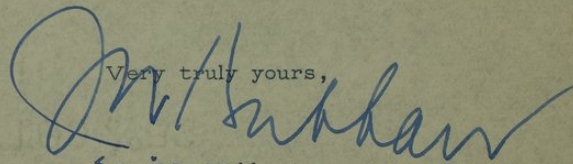
I am writing Ed Rees who you know was chairman of the Post Office Department in the House for many years and also the Senators and Representatives.

We will appreciate your support and suggestions. We realize the time may be short as planning for these stamps is done months in advance.

My uncle, Rees Hughes, showed me the fine editorial you wrote not too long ago. It did the trick--I see he is now a candidate and let's hope he is successful.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,



J. W. Hubbart
Chairman Commemorative
Stamp Committee

JWH/ja

Enclosure

P.S.

It is supposed that President Eisenhower will be the Speaker at the event. Senator Carlson feels there is a strong possibility he will accept the invitation.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

June 9, 1962

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I think I told you that Inks was here and spent quite a bit of time with me going over the files so that I could satisfy him that the guy at K. U. put out a lot of misleading information. Inks wanted to do something to make amends. So he asked me to write a statement which would be an outline for him and that is what I did. What he will do I do not know. They never did respond to my request for information as to the cost of half a page. Inks said that since this thing happened he had gotten all sorts of comments on the K. U. guy, Mencher, and they were not complimentary. However, Mencher is leaving K. U. Wescoe reportedly is glad he is going and I suspect many others are too. Dr. Marvin is maintaining an aloof attitude on the matter. Maybe he is afraid of getting burned. But he did go over to Topeka and spent a good part of a day with Inks going over the papers.

I believe it will be quite some time before Inks runs another story of this kind. He admitted to me that he gave it only a cursory look when it was sent to the printers. I told him that was a hell of a way to edit a magazine. However, I felt sorry for him because he always had been a friend of mine and I think he sincerely regretted that he had permitted this thing to happen.

I saw your piece on Dr. Reed and agreed with what you said. I talked to the doctor yesterday and he tried to solicit my support for Ed Thompson. I told him I would give the matter my heartfelt consideration, that I would have an open mind on the subject and that if I decided in his favor I would go all out for Thompson. Furthermore, I told him that my influence with you is such that you would be with me.

The "Fifth" District congressman, McVey, was here today. He paid me a visit during which we discussed not one word of politics--except the Kennedys and Massachusetts.

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Rolla A. Clyer--2--June 9, 1962

I understand from several close sources that our friend, Ed Arn, was very much excited and angry about Effie's goof. One friend, a high Kansas official, told that to me. Another got it that Arn got hold of Effie herself and read the riot act to her--told her to keep her big mouth shut. I hope the folks do not forget what happened.

We had a beautiful rain this morning, except that we did not need it. This was sidewalk bazaar day and the bazaar would have got soaked if the boys had not carried it in quickly. But the sun came out and so did the bazaar.

Pearl is not having it so easy these rainy days. She has quite a bit of pain in the left hip which the doctors cannot reach.

This is Saturday night and Lois is due to go, so good-by.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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June 12, 1962

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I was distressed over the news about Jess. Art Nevins was in here yesterday and he talked to me about Jess. He said that Jess seemed to be getting along all right and that he had cut out the liquor. I had heard about that weakness some time back. But when he started the little column I thought perhaps he had overcome it and had turned over a leaf.

This is the first I had heard about the AP matter. I did not know that he was unhappy. For years he has sent me his proxy for the annual meeting and I have taken care of it.

However, I do not know how long it has been since I have visited with him. I had heard some of his behavior and was sorry about it. I feel sorry for his mother. I wish there was something I could do to help. I do not know what it would be. Old Jess was a close friend of mine for 50 years. I do not know whether you know it or not but Jess and I worked together on the Ottawa Herald in the Henry Allen-Bert Miller days. I have had many evidences of his sincere friendship.

I had noticed that Jess was not attending meetings such as the KPA and AP meetings. In my judgment attendance at them as much as possible is a must. Getting together with contemporaries in the state is tremendously important, to my way of thinking. A fellow loses something when he fails to keep in touch with the fellows.

What was his complaint about the AP? The UP is making hard efforts to sell service in Kansas and has I assume made an attractive offer to Jess.

Old Reed called me today. He said that Statesman Ed told the fellows he would file before the end of the week. Such action is ~~as~~ silly as anything can be. He will not get enough votes to justify a tally sheet. However, those he gets will largely come off of the incomparable McVey. McVey was at a women's meeting at Baxter last night. So was Skubitz. They put Skubitz

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Rolla A. Clymer--2--June 12, 1962

up first among a number of candidates and McVey was the closing speaker. When Skubitz was introduced he presented Mrs. Skubitz. All the other candidates called on had their wives and presented them. When they came to McVey, he said he was glad to present his staff. He had three there, the Wellington woman who has taken a job with him, an Independence woman and a young fellow. He did not present the lady from Indiana. McVey told of a meeting at the White House on the zinc-lead matter. He said he was the spokesman. When he quit Skubitz arose and said he desired to clear up an error. He said McVey was not the spokesman for the group. The spokesman was Ed Edmondson of Oklahoma. Skubitz told the women that he and Carlson's man, Stafford, were in the party, representing their senators and knew who did what. Whereupon McVey corrected himself and insisted that he was spokesman for Kansas.

Skubitz is filing Thursday and sending out statements to the newspapers today so that the weeklies may have them this week. Nearly everybody publishes on Thursday. I think it is a fair little statement. I labored with him to keep it short. McVey's as you know is quite long and typically McVey.

This is a busy week. I am raising advertising rates and subscription rates at the same time. Mail subscriptions in the trade territory go to \$9 and to \$13 out of the territory. Our ad rates go up a dime on local display and a penny a line on classified and a penny a line on national. We have reached a point where something had to be done.

It is too bad about Sue Harris. I am wondering what effect her death will have on Jack. He has been home only a week or so from a trip to Poland. Addison Meschke told me last night that he had been out at Hutchinson at the weekend and said Jack ~~was~~ was leaving again for some long jaunt.

That Centennial audit ought to be coming out pretty quick, I would think. I am still interested in finding out what happened to the medallions.

George Hart wrote me that a reporter on the Eagle is on the payroll of Saffels and told Hart so and said it was with the approval of Dick Long. I do not know anything about it.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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C O P Y

The McNally Pittsburg Mfg. Corp.
PITTSBURG, KANSAS

June 15, 1962

Hon. James B. Pearson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have been greatly concerned with the prevalent talk that the President will develop a policy toward the cutting of taxes.

As a matter of politics I am concerned that the Democratic administration will reap the political rewards for executing a policy which for many years has been the objective of the Republican party.

My primary concern about the prospect of a reduction in taxes is the fact that this will increase the debt still further because, despite a reduction in revenues which the tax reduction will cause, there is no indication on the part of the Democratic administration that there will be a reduction in the free spending policies which they have been following.

It would seem politically unwise for the Republican congressmen to resist a reduction in taxes at this late date since they have been talking about reducing taxes for many years. At the same time, it would seem to me that Republican congressmen have an excellent opportunity to gain political stature by combining their strength with the strength of conservative Democrats in an all-out effort to restrain the liberal Democratic administration in spending money.

If congressmen generally have the impression that the American public is unconcerned about government waste of money, they have missed the target considerably. There is real grass roots indignation about government waste.

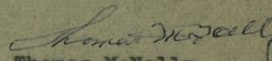
This indignation, it would seem to me, provides an excellent opening for the Republican party to reassert its traditional strength as the conservative party.

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Hon. James B. Pearson
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NAIL TO THE REPUBLICAN MASTHEAD -- A CUT IN TAXES -- NOT BY
ADDING TO THE PUBLIC DEBT BUT BY TRIMMING UNNECESSARY GRANTS
TO MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND MANY OTHER POLITICAL GRANTS.

Yours very truly,


Thomas McNally

TM:pw
cc: Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff ✓

Note: Same letter to:

Hon. W. E. Miller
Chairman
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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Frank Carlson
Hon. Walter McVey

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June 21, 1962

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

Dear Fred:

The enclosed statement sent to and by Bill Stauffer doesn't explain itself to us worth a damn. We didn't get any Rexall ad in our comic section, also damn. Consequently I am returning your nice check without without any damn check from us, unless you think we should. Let me know.

As a Republican born Conservative I should be for Henry Belton for Governor and for Hayden Crawford for U.S. Senator, which I am for both. For why? to promote conservation (Heaven's! that's Bob Kerr's theme) and to stimulate what is commonly referred to as a two party system in some areas of the nation.

As to whether or not I will be very militant in the matter is doubtful at the moment. I am a personal friend of both Bill Atkinson (whom I helped mightily to defeat four years ago in favor of Howard Edmondson, and also Mike Monroney, who claims to be the newspaperman's friend. As a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education whose term expires next year and who sort of enjoys the prestige said to accompany the job, I may just lay behind a log and let everyone think I am aiding and abetting their causes by saying nothing for them, if you know what I mean. I don't.

Frankly, there is more than just casual talk that both of these Republicans have a good chance to win this year. Gary Democrats are mad that they were pushed away from the tit and talk about staying away from the polls or even voting for the Republican governor. Monroney has been such a hell of a New Dealing Socialist in his voting records that even the Democrats are revolted a little. But this is Oklahoma and a great many party wounds are healed when the moment of decision arrives in the polling booth.

I don't know yet. When I do I'll cut you in.
Sincerely,

Beachly

"A Prize-Winning Newspaper In A Growing City"

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June 22, 1962

Addison H. Meschke
Director of Highways
State Office Building
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Addison:

Do not forget about our 69 highway fish fry at Pleasanton next Friday. The meeting is set for 3 o'clock. We are expecting you. Ray will be there for the meeting and will leave at 4:30 o'clock to go to Chanute. The business will be out of the way by the time the fish are ready for distribution and consumption. The dinner session is always enjoyable and we have story tellers some of them pretty rank. But you will enjoy yourself and we will enjoy having you.

This show goes on rain or shine. For years we met on the banks of the historic old Marais des Cygnes near Trading post at the big bend of the river and often we met in the rain which fell on both the just and the unjust through a leaky roof of a clubhouse. But now we use the armory which defies the elements.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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June 22, 1962

Drew McLaughlin
Paola, Kas.

Dear Drew:

Thanks for sending me the editorial tearout. I had already noted it and laid it aside for perusal. I think you have a good point.

I note with great satisfaction that your newspapers have the appearance of great health and I hope Paola appreciates them as they deserve.

I read your "after forty-two years" with interest as I do all your stuff and many of the things you are writing about I recall vividly.

That fellow Beck--he really is a marvel. His durability is monumental. I have always thought it was tragic that Mabel could not have lived to go along with him in these years.

We have only one contest in this county in the primary. Two fellows are running for the Democrat nomination for sheriff. They are asking for a most hopeless honor.

I know you will note Arn's speech today out at Smith Center. After talking about conducting a campaign on high principles and avoiding personalities he proceeds to jump on Pearson as an unknown in Kansas and a newcomer who knows nothing about the state. This adds to the delineation given by Effie of Oklahoma who said that Pearson was lazy.

You may not have noticed it but the Wichita Eagle last Sunday carried a significant story by Jock Reid, its Topeka correspondent. Reid wrote most comprehensively of conditions ahead of the filing deadline. He very fairly told about the Democrats being hopeful that Arn would be nominated and he recalled the Wes Roberts episode and some other things. This is indication to some that sentiment in Wichita is not for Arn.

Pearl is having trouble with pain which doctors have not been able to do anything about--pain in her left hip, about which I think I told you. It strikes her when she is up and disappears a few minutes after she has gone back to bed. We are hopeful we can reach the trouble.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Drew McLaughlin--2--June 22, 1962

Thanks for sending me the paper. If you would like to have an exchange arrangement I would be glad to make it. We merely exchange checks at the same rate. I do not know whether you want to be bothered with our paper every day but I certainly want yours and do not want you to go to the trouble of mailing it.

Hope we can be together for a visit soon and that you will be down at Pleasanton next Friday for our regular US69 fish fry.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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June 23, 1962

Gordon Martin.
Topeka Capital
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Gordon:

You have a good political piece but I note you made the error so many others are making, including Hon. Alvin McCoy. You say "the Fifth District (the old Third)." This is not correct. The old Third comprises one-half of the new Fifth--nine counties out of the eighteen. Six of the new Fifth counties have been taken off the old Fourth. Two have been taken off the old Second. And one has been taken from the old Fifth. McVey is not the incumbent congressman in the Fifth at all. He is congressman from the old Third and will be until Jan. 1 next. The first congressman from the new Fifth will take office Jan. 1 next.

This is important in the literature of the present campaign because McVey has pounded away for months on the idea that he is running for reelection and that he is entitled to a second term. If McVey is the incumbent in the Fifth District, who is the incumbent in the new First?

This could be important in the campaign.

Hope you have recovered from your hospital vacation.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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A. L. SHULTZ
POLITICAL NEWS
HOTEL JAYHAWK
TOPEKA, KANSAS

June 27, 1962

F. W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

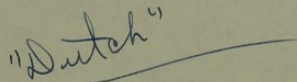
Dear Fred:

Would you please give me your confidential appraisal of one of your Crawford County legislative candidates, T. D. Saar, Jr., who is a candidate on the Democratic ticket from the 22nd district? For my information would you please list him as a conservative, extremist or radical. The source of my information of course will be held in strict confidence.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Brinkerhoff and do drop in for a visit whenever you are in Topeka.

Best regards, and many thanks.

Very sincerely,



A. L. SHULTZ.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

D *Dutch Shultz*

June 28, 1962

Dear Dutch:

T. D. Saar, jr., who has signed up to run against Rees Hughes for the legislature is an engineer on the Kansas City Southern. So far as I know, this is the first time he has shown any political interest although it appears he may have been a talkative Democrat. He has no public record and my guess is that he is a firm union man without ever having taken much part. I do not think I would know him if I saw him, although probably I have met him somewhere. It would be needless to worry about him because Hughes should have an easy walking time.

I will tell Pearl this noon about your note. She has been having some difficulty for several months with pains on her left side which the doctors have not been able to reach yet. It only hits her when she is up and when she goes to bed it disappears in a few minutes.

This is quite a listless campaign so far. Possibly it will warm up a little.

You never did tell me what you thought about Effie and her bad break--her secret speech out in the country which did not keep secret.

I will be seeing you some of these days.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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BOB DOLE
6TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

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RUSSELL, KANSAS

June 30, 1962

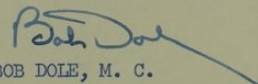
Mr. H. H. Spencer
211 National Bank Building
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Thanks so much for your letter of June 27 and deeply appreciated your comments concerning my efforts in connection with the defeat of the Kennedy-administration farm bill.

Certainly agree with you that the cattle industry is an example of what can be accomplished without governmental interference and I have often pointed this out to those who have written me on the farm problem.

Sincerely yours,


BOB DOLE, M. C.

BD/ek

*Brink.
Someone must have
read my letter.
The reply is refreshing
THH.*

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

July 5, 1962

Harold H. Spencer
National Bank Building
City

Dear Harold:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter and also the letter from Bob Dole. Dole, incidentally, is one of the most persistent, and I think effective, fighters against the Kennedy farm legislation. He will have a big fight this fall with Breeding in the new and big First. Breeding is a millionaire wheat farmer from Morton County and he has been able to work wonders with Republican wheat farmers in the matter of votes. I hope that Dole will take him down the line in November.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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July 10, 1962

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I am sorry. I was certain I had written you since I really did. Perhaps the prolonged dissertation I gave you last mid-month threw me off.

I read your report on the visit of the great statesman from Parsons to your office to the "Congressional clerk." He told me that last night he met up with Thompson at Bartlett in Labette County. Joe was the speaker, so invited by those in charge of the meeting. Thompson appeared and the lady chairman advised him that he could have three minutes but that Skubitz was the speaker. Whereupon Skubitz told the chairman that he would be glad to divide his time and that Thompson could have half of his time or even more. But the distinguished chicken man just stood up in the audience and said a few words. Whereupon Skubitz made the speech and concluded with a report on himself and his activities. He said that the valiant warrior came up to him later and told him he made a good speech.

There is a strong feeling that Thompson will see the handwriting on the wall--although I do not fully agree with that--and pull out of the thing. The idea is that he would rather do that than be shown up as a bad loser. The race for last place is between Thompson and General of the Army Brownfield.

I am wondering what you hear about Arn. Sometime back he canceled out his advertising order that he had for WIBW at Topeka. Then yesterday our KSEK manager told me that Arn had a schedule for KSEK but had canceled it out. I hear reports that the big money which was promised Arn has dwindled. There is more than a little indication of that.

You undoubtedly noticed that Les Hagaman came out for Pearson. My information is, and I think it is highly efficient, that Pearson has been coming up steadily as the campaign goes on.

Did you get an envelope with McVey's frank containing a statement about persons interested in entering foreign service?

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Kolla A. Clymer--2--July 10, 1962

It was under date of June 29. Probably you threw it in the wastebasket as I did mine. But you should have looked on the back side. On it was a news release from Iola containing the statement about Royal Cox coming out for McVey. This is a complete violation of postal regulations. But what is a violation of postal regulations to a formidable, courageous and never-say-die shorts fighter like McVey?

Pearl is getting along about the same. I think the pain she has been suffering on the left side and which the doctors cannot solve is less than it was and I am hopeful that we can get her out for some rides right away. She has vetoed going out previously because we think she feared the pain would come on in the car. But we could stay close to home and get her back within a few minutes. She had a birthday Saturday. Betty and Richard came over from Winfield the day before so she had about three days of parties. She was down for dinner in the dining room on the eve of her birthday.

I have had a dream that Reed and myself picked you up and drove over to Abilene to get some Sand Springs watermelons, the best in the nation. It was just a dream. We have talked about going over to Thayer where the second best melons are grown. Maybe that is how I got the dream.

How about the new dog--the Sgt.'s successor? Maybe you did not know it but our King is going to Joplin for an exhibition.

Sorry again that I have neglected my correspondence. I will try to do better.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Monday

Dear Fred:-

Bro. Ed Thompson was in Saturday and set me straight on the congressional nomination. He says he is the only candidate in the whole kaboodle who is getting up signs--10,000 of them--over the district, and he has two crews (one headed by his own son) working hard at this nefarious practice.

He also says the Republican side of the race lies between him and McVey. Brownfield is a nobody, and Joe Skubitz is just a congressional clerk. All he ever did was to follow somebody's else orders; he never had a thought of his own. Ed was free in saying that he has the time and the money and that he is really going to show this new district how to cut the mustard.

I thought you would like to know what's in store.

I haven't heard a dang word from you in three weeks. Are you offa me, or something?

Rac

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

July 12, 1962

W. G. Parrott
Estes Park, Colo.

pm 1596
Dear Bill and Pauline:

If you folks are too warm out there, you should come to Pittsburg for a vacation --covers every night and very little trouble in the daytime. Also we have had lots of rain distributed nicely so that we get the most value out of it. In other words everything is fine here from the weather standpoint, for which we should be very grateful.

I hope you read my editorial on Farlington lake. I had some immediate calls from some of our mutual friends who are interested in the lake. Also I assume you saw the story about the skin diving carnival which a statewide organization is arranging to put on up there Saturday and Sunday next week.

In short, Farlington is on the move, even if Kennedy has not been able to get the nation on the move as he promised.

Pearl is getting along very nicely. I believe the pain in her left hip is not as severe as it was when it hits her. Dr. Rose of Medical Center was here after we had taken some x-rays and he has not reported on his observations. The x-rays were clear and gave no indication of the trouble. Pearl read Pauline's card with the usual interest and laughed when I suggested that you should come to Pittsburg for a cooling off.

William, if you would like to help Jim Pearson out, you might send me something and both he and I would appreciate it. And if you would like to assist Joe Skubitz, that would be highly appreciated too. I will pass such assistance along to Joe.

I am quite confident that we can carry this county for Pearson. It is a cinch that Skubitz will carry it but we want to make the vote as large and as nearly unanimous as possible.

Take care of yourselves, both of you, and give some consideration to the matter of spending a month cooling off in Kansas.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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A. L. SHULTZ
POLITICAL NEWS
HOTEL JAYHAWK
TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 16, 1962

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

Dear Fred:

Thanks most genuinely for your good letter which gave me exactly the information I desired regarding T. D. Saar, Jr. I am most happy to have this data, and appreciate your kindness in giving me such a thorough fill-in.

I am, of course, most anxious to see Rees Hughes nominated by a large majority and hope if it is possible that I may be of service to him here.

I would like to have your late appraisal of the congressional situation in your District, and hope you will find occasion to drop me a few lines before the primary.

Please feel free to call on me at any time, and know that my best regards go to you and Mrs. Brinkerhoff always.

Very sincerely,

"Hutch"

A. L. SHULTZ

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

July 16, 1962

W. L. White
The Gazette
Emporia, Kas.

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing a couple of pieces of mine on Skubitz, one just Friday and also tearouts of pieces from Reed and Chanute which you might have missed. The leaflet which the Skubitz office is sending you contains an earlier piece of mine which probably contains more of what you want than the others.

I shall have some more concerning the race in the Fifth as time marches on this summer.

Glad to hear your voice.

I'll read your new book as soon as I can get a little time. Reports on it are fine.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

July 23, 1962

A. L. Shultz
Jayhawk Hotel
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Dutch:

Rees Hughes has no opposition for nomination. Saar, who has the Democrat nomination by default, is a union man injected into the situation by railroad union bosses. He has about the same chance of beating Rees as Joe Poizner has of beating Carlson.

This is my appraisal as of this morning of the Congressional situation:

Skubitz will get 90 to 95 percent of the votes cast in the Republican primary in Crawford County. Two years ago the total was more than 5,000. Layden, school superintendent at Frontenac who never had been in politics before and whose acquaintance over the county was limited, polled twice as many votes as McVey and the other three candidates combined, or 3,257. Neither Thompson or Brownfield will get a teaspoon full. Where McVey is going to get any votes here I do not know. I know of only one man who is for him and he is a nitwit bankrupt who knows nothing about politics but is trying to run the campaign for McVey. To show you how little he knows he has devised a campaign buffet-reception for McVey here in Pittsburg Thursday night after McVey handshakes a few places in the county. Formal invitations were sent out under the name of a chap by the name of Levi Smith who has been on county relief. The nitwit said he did not want to make a public meeting out of this. They sent invitations to 400 persons. He said they wanted the snobs. I cannot see where there will be a dozen persons there. The charge is \$2.75 per registration.

Unless I am terribly off base, Skubitz is going to win easily. Every report I get from Montgomery County is that Skubitz will carry that county. The women alone will give the county to him, I am told. I think he will carry Labette. McVey apparently has no friends to speak of there and his wife, of a well known Labette family, has innumerable friends who are dead anxious to swat McVey. Cherokee County should go strongly for Skubitz. He will carry Bourbon and I think Neosho as well as Wilson. Up district my reports are good from Woodson, Butler, Coffey and Lyons. In Allen, Fees and his crowd are supposed to

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be supporting McVey. But there are strong supporters of Skubitz up there. Your old county, Greenwood, is reported in good shape. Stew Newlin told a fellow the other day that Skubitz would carry Sumner. He should get a good vote in Cowley. My reports are that there is no home pride in Brownfield this time. He went away the next day after the primary two years ago and has been back once or twice before he returned a couple of days before the filing deadline.

Probably you have noted the newspaper support. Practically every newspaper in the district is for Joe. These include the Parsons Sun, Coffeyville Journal, Winfield Courier, El Dorado Times, Emporia Gazette, Chanute Tribune, Fort Scott Tribune and various other smaller papers and, of course The Pittsburg Headlight and The Pittsburg Sun.

Hub Meyers at Independence is for Skubitz and may announce so in the paper but he has given Skubitz a big play. Newlin is for Skubitz but I do not know whether he has said so in the paper yet or not. Floyd Ecord at Burlington is for Skubitz. I think Angelo Scott would like to but his local situation interferes.

That is my appraisal at this time.

There is practically no change in Pearl's condition. But I am grateful that she does not lose any ground. I have passed on your word to her.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

A. L. SHULTZ
POLITICAL NEWS
HOTEL JAYHAWK
TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 24, 1962

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

That was a tremendously interesting and instructive letter which you sent me under date of yesterday. I am most grateful to have it, and it reassures me greatly as to the situation in your district. On the basis of your appraisal it looks as though Skubitz will win rather handily, and should prove a most valuable member of our delegation. Joe is wise in political affairs and knows how to meet problems as they develop.

I am most happy to know that Rees Hughes is going to be nominated by an overwhelming vote, and I am sure he will be a most valuable member of our legislature. Rees and his wife are outstandingly fine people, and not only are wise in their judgment but possess personalities which will command respect and a strong following. I hope if there is anything I may do in his behalf you will let me know.

Your breakdown of conditions in the district is most impressive and I do thank you so very much. Hope you will be coming to Topeka very soon and will plan to come by for a visit. It looks as though McVey is a dead duck, and I can think of very little blame that cannot be traced to his own doorstep.

It is my notion that the senatorial thing is a horse race and that Pearson has come up rapidly during the last several weeks. I have been particularly impressed with the strong editorial support which he is receiving in your district, and am candidly of the notion that neither candidate will come out of Shawnee County with more than a rather nominal majority, considering the strong campaign both of them have made. I am very definitely of the opinion that we will have a relatively light vote, in view of the indifferent attitude of most voters as they approach the various contests.

Please remember me to Mrs. Brinkerhoff, and my best regards to you always.

Very sincerely, *A. L. Shultz*

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

July 25, 1962

Edward T. McNally
McNally Pittsburg Manufacturing Corporation
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is the editorial which I promised to send you.

Supplementing what I said in the piece: For many years prior to 1908 this part of Kansas, Crawford and Cherokee counties particularly, had been giving the attorney general a lot of pain in the matter of law enforcement--prohibitory law enforcement. Prohibitionists over Kansas had been directing a hot fire against Governor E. W. Hoch and the attorney general. At that time I think there were 26 open saloons in Pittsburg. That number may be a bit high but there were plenty of them, many of them on Broadway and on Third and Fourth streets. Stubbs came in as governor and started a hot campaign for law enforcement. The supreme court, as I recall it, held that the attorney general had to obey the orders of the governor. An office for an assistant attorney general was established in Pittsburg. The assistant had some helpers. There were two objectives in that connection. One was to keep watch on local officers and force them into action. The second was to take direct action by raiding the joints. The saloons by that time had been closed out. They gave way to what we called "joints." Stubbs made a big splurge in his campaign to drive sin out of southeastern Kansas. As a result Crawford and Cherokee counties got a lot of attention. Stubbs, or somebody, named southeastern Kansas the "bad lands." That was the background for what followed. Politics could not be kept out. Republican leaders down here were opposed to Stubbs. They cooked up a lot of trouble politically. Since the Balkans of Europe were trouble makers in the European situation, somebody one day called southeastern Kansas the "Balkans." The name took hold, quietly at first but steadily. Eventually newspaper writers were referring to this section as the "Balkans." In Topeka there are those who credit me with originating the term. I am sure that is not true. I was around Topeka quite a bit in those years but the name Balkans was not well established. I was in Pittsburg when the name was being well established in 1912. I never discouraged the use of the term. In fact, I conceded its value by adopting its use. It was so much more dramatic, romantic and dignified--and somewhat truthful--than the bad lands that I thought it was well to promote it.

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Edward T. McNally--2--July 25, 1962

As the years went on the name was firmly established and strange to say our neighboring counties to the west hooked on and have been proud to be designated as part of the Balkans.

That is the true story, so help me.

Incidentally there have been calls to the historical society for information which the society passed on down to me.

Two years ago Hodding Carter, Mississippi editor who has become quite well known over the nation for his articles in the Saturday Evening Post was a speaker at the K. U. White award day. He attended the luncheon where the award was made to Marcellus Murdock. Murdock referred to me in his acceptance as being from the Balkans. Some weeks later I had a letter from Carter asking me what was meant by the Balkans. Others have been interested. So the term is known over the country, is not the reason.

In short, this is the story of the birth of the Balkans.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

July 26, 1962

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas
Dear Fred;

Thanks for all of your favors. As you know, I am not in as close touch with politics as I used to be but, for whatever it is worth, I think the situation on Joe Skubitz is good, at least in our end of the world.

And I am delighted to see how many of the newspapermen down in the Balkans followed your lead and came out for him.

I have never met the incumbent but all reports are that he is a very sad sac and somewhat disreputable.

Very best regards,

Bill

W. L. White

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