

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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THE PHILLIPS COUNTY REVIEW

PUBLISHED BY THE BOYD FAMILY
PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS

April 18, 1963

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

Dear Fred:

It occurs to me that as chairman of the Kansas Press Association's Public Information Committee, you might be able to offer some guidance to the new mayor of Topeka.

He is very new, and while his decision to hold closed meetings of the city council does not violate the public record law we persuaded the legislature to pass some years ago, his action is difficult to justify ... especially in our Capitol city.

As one of Kansas' most distinguished editors, your opinion might carry substantial weight with Mayor Gerlock.

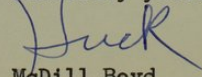
The work of our association's "Right-to-Know" committee under your guidance while I was president of KPA was certainly the most noteworthy achievement during "my year", and the "closed meeting" announcement at Topeka might start a trend toward secrecy in public affairs that is contrary to KPA's policy.

I am not thinking in terms of prolonged publicity, but you might be able to achieve a "meeting of minds" with Mayor Gerlock that no one else could.

My own experience as chairman of the Board of Regents would lead me to believe that public affairs can, and should be conducted without secret meetings. We adhered to an "open door" policy at that time and it caused us no inconvenience.

But my opinion would probably have no weight with Mayor Gerlock. I believe that yours would.

Sincerely yours,



McDill Boyd

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April 22, 1963

McDill Boyd
Phillipsburg, Kas.

Dear Huck:

I have taken account immediately of the incident at Topeka but my reaction was different. I think the city commissioners not only have a perfect right, either two of them or all of them, to confer about the city's business in private. But they have no right, as we in Kansas insist, to transact any business except in open meetings. Open meetings mean open to the public, which includes newspaper representatives.

What this new mayor meant, I believe, was that the commissioners would hold a conference before regular meetings and such conference would be in private. Had he said such sessions were merely conferences for talk he would not have aroused the public as he did. Better still, had he said nothing it would have been better.

The Pittsburg city commission has long had conferences before sessions to gain a better understanding of matters coming up at the meeting. But meetings where business is transacted are always open to everybody.

I noted that the new mayor in Topeka trying to recover from his bobble now says the conferences will be open to the public too. That renders the informal conferences useless so far as their original purpose is concerned.

Very few persons know that a meeting of a governing body in Kansas or any other official group does not have to be open. Most Kansans believe that such sessions of the city commission, school board and such like have to have open doors. They do not. And that is the reason we have been trying to correct this situation by legislation.

Thanks for writing me about this matter. I wrote two editorials on it, one following the original announcement and the other following the announcement that the mayor had changed his mind.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

McDill Boyd--2--April 22, 1963

Maybe I will see you at Wichita. I have a reservation for Thursday night but it is very difficult for me to get away from home over night.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE McNALLY PITTSBURG MFG. CORP.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS
April 22, 1963

EDWARD T. McNALLY
PRESIDENT

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I'm sending the attached to you and to other friends here in Pittsburg to forestall the publicity that inevitably arises when there is a dispute between the Government and a taxpayer. You will observe that in this case the Government is the defendant. We are suing for the return of taxes paid by us under protest.

Yours very truly,



Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
307 West Jefferson
Pittsburg, Kansas

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MEMORANDUM AS TO LITIGATION BY AND BETWEEN THE McNALLY PITTSBURG
MANUFACTURING CORPORATION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOW
PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

On the 21st day of December, 1961, the Internal Revenue Service assessed McNally Pittsburg Manufacturing Corporation and its subsidiaries a very substantial tax under Section 531 and 532 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 for its fiscal years of 1956 to 1959, inclusive.

These sections of the Revenue Code permit a tax to be levied, in addition to the normal corporate tax, where a corporation has accumulated funds beyond the reasonable needs or the anticipated needs of its business when such accumulation is for the purpose of avoiding payment of individual income tax by the shareholders of the corporation on such funds accumulated by the corporation.

Our corporation paid the tax and has filed suit against the United States of America for recovery thereof on the legal ground that the accumulation of the liquid assets in question was necessary and needed for the future demands of our business.

The domestic demand for coal washery equipment declined all through the decade starting with 1950. We foresaw this decline in demand and consequently believed that there was a need for diversification and for entry into foreign markets for coal washery plants. We believed that this was necessary in order to stay in business and to utilize our plants and keep our employees working, and pursued the policy of conserving liquid assets so we would be in a financial position to do these things. In 1961 these objectives were accomplished with substantial investments in India, on the one hand, and in the acquisition of the Kennedy Van Saun Company for markets outside the coal industry on the other.

In formulating and executing this policy, we took into consideration the responsibility we feel we owe to our many stockholders. Perhaps, contrary to public belief the McNally family has always owned less than fifty per cent of the stock of this corporation.

Tax evasion is not an issue in this litigation. The Internal Revenue Service took the position that the corporation had accumulated funds beyond its needs. We feel that this position is wrong for good, sound conservative business reasons. The case will be tried on this issue of fact in the United States District Court at Fort Scott, Kansas, about May 1st, of this year, unless there is an unforeseen postponement of the trial.

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WM. H. AVERY
1ST DISTRICT, KANSAS

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.
April 23, 1963

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ROBERT D. BUEHLER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

Dear Fred:

I appreciate your clipping the editorial that you wrote on February 27 relative to Bill Miller's speech at the Lincoln Day meeting in Independence.

As the senior Republican in Kansas, I know that you were not surprised for him to pay tribute to the members of the Kansas Congressional delegation and other Republicans in public office who were present at the Lincoln Day meeting. I agree with you that it sounds a little tiring to those of us who usually attend the meeting, but it is the general conclusion that it might be helpful to Republican candidates.

I had forgotten that Bill Miller has included Mrs. C. Y. Semple on this list, but it would be a natural thing for him to do, of course. Since I had extended the invitation to Bill Miller last August to come to the meeting, I should probably take the responsibility for this apparent error. I will mention it to him so that he may govern himself accordingly at any subsequent appearance he might make in Kansas. Despite this reference of his part, I felt he did a tremendous job at the Independence meeting and that Republicans were more enthused after that meeting than at any other time I had attended the Lincoln Day rally.

I naturally observed the editorial just above the one that you referred to. Since we have been observing the 100th birthday of several important events of the Civil War era here in Washington, I was quite interested to know that the last known survivor of the Quantrill raid on Lawrence had recently passed away. By coincidence, I drove to Ft. Scott on 69 Highway just last Wednesday and stopped to read the several historical markers along the route marking the battle of Mine Creek. Actually, this battle was more significant to the outcome of the Civil War than is generally accorded by most historians, in my opinion.

Yours very truly,



Wm. H. Avery
Member of Congress

WHA/mr

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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April 26, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The Kansas legislature has just created a Kansas Civil War Centennial Commission. The governor has not yet named the five members. As you may recall, the Kansas state centennial commission was also the Civil War centennial commission of Kansas. But our state commission terminated July 21 last year. Now we have a new commission and I will let you know as soon as the governor names the members and it gets set up in business.

The legislature was told, and the bill itself contains an explanatory preamble, that Kansas had two events that were entitled to national attention in the matter of the Civil War observance. One is the battle of Mine Creek in October of next year and the other is the Quantrill raid on Lawrence in August, this year.

You will be interested in knowing that one fellow in the legislature made a heck of a speech against the bill. He thought we ought to drop any mention of the Civil War since he said it stirred up old feelings. He said it was not his understanding that Price was defeated at Mine Creek. He later admitted to Nyle Miller that he did not know very much about history. But he wanted to make a speech and he made it. He said he had friends on the side of the Confederacy.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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April 27, 1963

William H. Avery
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I appreciate your letter. All reports I had on Miller's speech at Independence were good. But I was disappointed in his endorsement of a woman in Oklahoma as Republican national committeewoman for Kansas. He ought to know the truth. Not only should he know that she lives in Oklahoma and there is no denial of that at all and could not be but that she has bolted the ticket in Cherokee County for years. She put up money to try to beat Bill Fibley in the election as well as in the primary. I think we pretty well put the finishing touches on her when we reported the speech she made last spring abusing Jim Pearson and Mrs. Pearson.

Under the Kansas law she is not eligible to be a precinct committeewoman. As a matter of fact, her place was made vacant when the legislature passed a law requiring that a precinct committeeman or committeewoman must be an actual resident of the precinct.

The legislature passed a little law setting up a state Civil War Centennial commission. This is to establish our connection with the national commission so we can get national publicity for the observance of the centennial of the Quantrill raid next August and the battle of Mine Creek a year from next October. You are right about Mine Creek. It was the farthestmost western battle of the war and the battle map of the war so shows. Federal troops practically destroyed "Pap" Price's army and threw him across the line. He was trying to turn a retreat from Westport into a raid on Kansas, the objective being Fort Scott.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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JOE SKUBITZ
5TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

COUNTIES:

ALLEN	GREENWOOD
BOURBON	LABETTE
BUTLER	LYON
CHAUTAUQUA	MONTGOMERY
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COWLEY	SUMNER
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COMMITTEES:
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

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

April 29, 1963

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff, Editor
The Pittsburg Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

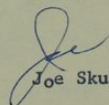
Dear Governor:

My best thanks for returning the questionnaire. One suggestion in particular will prove helpful. Confidentially, one question was an invitation for the editors to kick if they thought I was trying to use free newspaper space as a political soap box. None did.

The futility of this job often overwhelms me. I try to not let it get me down but often wonder what the wash will look like after it emerges from the ringer 10 or 20 years hence. The Congress is dragging its feet in a dreadful manner and getting very little done. The explanation for this is quite simple - it requires much more time to waste money than to save it.

Thus it may be late this fall before I have the honor of beholding your presence in Pittsburg. Meanwhile, take care of yourself and don't work too hard.

Sincerely,


Joe Skubitz

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1963

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Within a week or so your advertising manager will receive materials promoting youth fitness. These are being distributed by the Advertising Council for the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

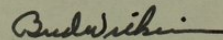
In recent years the physical fitness of American youth -- or the lack of it -- has become a serious problem. The trend towards city living, mechanization, and the growth of passive forms of recreation all have conspired to eliminate vigorous physical activity from our lives. As a result, many of our children have not developed strong, agile bodies.

If America is to remain dynamic and strong, this situation must be corrected. We believe the solution is more and better physical activity programs for all boys and girls. We are asking all schools which do not have physical education programs to initiate them, and we are asking those which already have programs to place more emphasis on the development of strength, endurance, and agility.

Progress during the 1961-62 school year was heartening. Statistics relative to this improvement have been quoted by the President. These gains would not have been possible without the support of the nation's newspapers. This, however, is the critical year in the effort to improve the physical fitness of our girls and boys. Your help again is needed.

We hope you will use the materials from the Advertising Council, and we hope you also will find other opportunities to remind parents and school officials of the importance of physical activity programs for our children.

Sincerely yours,



C. B. Wilkinson
Consultant to the President
on Physical Fitness

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburgh Publishing Company
Pittsburgh, Kansas

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

April 29, 1963

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Sorry about neglecting you. I thought several days ago I would get a note off to you. As I told you, I am going to come over there some day when Harold Doty is making a 1-day trip. So I have been expecting him to call me most any time.

You will be distressed to know that Bradney had an operation in a hospital at Columbus Saturday afternoon. The doctors operated for appendicitis but discovered they were wrong. There was something else wrong and I did not understand from Bradney's secretary just what it was. But he was much better this morning although he is a very ill man. He was up here for an hour or so last Wednesday or Thursday morning. But he had trouble Friday and the doctor put him in the hospital for an operation. He has had more than his share of trouble and I am alarmed about him.

Pearl has had some stomach trouble during the last two weeks. She was affected about a day at a time including yesterday. But she insisted on getting up and ate a hearty dinner last night and she is very well today.

I have been all right except for some dental trouble. I had a tooth filled Wednesday and it may take and it may not. If it does not there will be a coming out party for me.

I am surely planning to get over there and if Doty does not get around to it I will bring Reed and we will be over to see you when you move.

I made a reservation at Wichita for Thursday night but since Reed was not available I decided not to make the trip. I feared it might be what you said.

This is moving week in Topeka although there has been much moving for two or three weeks. The Capper's Weekly is being printed on the new press today. The press was given a dry run last week. We are having a painting of Oscar to hang in the new building. The plan is to have the formal opening about June 1. I note the AP spring meet will be up there. That will be good. It will give everybody a chance to see the building.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Rolla A. Clymer--2--April 29, 1963

I hope my suggestion for a "see the hills" tour and celebration will affect your corporosity favorably and that Old Nosey will approve.

Did you note that the Civil War Centennial commission bill went through?

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

May 7, 1963

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

Dear Jim:

Just a word of advice:

You are sending statements to the newspapers with writing on both sides of the sheet. For instance, the one "for week of May 6." Newspaper copy is always written on one side only for reasons that are obvious. Newspapers getting the statement mentioned are likely to discard the same rather than make a copy of the back side.

So use only one side of the sheet and you will get better attention.

If this were going merely to individuals, it would be all right to use both sides, of course.

I have an editorial today about the private life of public men being a matter of public interest and concern. The reference is to our friend Rocky. I note that many of our leaders, including two or three here in Kansas, are saying that Rocky's marriage was a private matter and should have nothing to do with politics. I am saying that it is not whether the marriage should have any effect on a man's public aspirations but whether it will. It is silly to say that the public is not concerned or interested about this marriage and the circumstances surrounding it. Their being interested and concerned means the public will have its own opinion. Surely the Republicans will not be in such shape that they will have to nominate a man for President who has married a divorcee with an 18-month old baby.

With kindest regards to the Pearsons.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Oklahoma Press Association

3601 N. LINCOLN / JA 4-4421 / OKLAHOMA CITY 5
9 May 1963



Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
HEADLIGHT & SUN
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

The Oklahoma Press Association, in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Fair, sponsors an annual newspaper contest, aimed at promoting interest in the improvement of Oklahoma's newspapers.

Due to your outstanding knowledge and experience, you have been recommended to us to serve as a judge for the 1963 Oklahoma State Fair Newspaper Contest.

Incidentally, our entire contest is being judged by Kansas newspapermen and Oklahoma newspapermen will judge your contest.

Enclosed is a copy of the 1963 rules. We would like you to judge Event 5, Division I, Editorial.

This is not a large contest, as contests go, but values are great. Each judge is asked to fill out a comment sheet on each entry, thus enabling each newspaper to receive constructive criticism concerning their entry.

All entries will be forwarded to the Oklahoma Press Association Central Office and we shall forward them to you in one package, the middle of July. We will appreciate having this list of winners and all comment sheets back in our hands within two weeks after receipt by you.

Enclosed is a return postcard on which to indicate whether we can count on you to judge this contest for us. Thank you for your consideration of this request. The Contest Committee and the Oklahoma Press Association hope you will be able to serve as a judge.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Mackensen

Ed Mackensen, Chairman
State Fair Better Newspaper
Contest Committee

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

May 13, 1963

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff,

I would like to extend my thanks to you for providing the money for my scholarship. It made me very happy.

It is through the generosity of people like you that many students are given the privilege and opportunity of attending college.

My parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Beda, would also like to extend their thanks and appreciation.

Thank You again

Yours truly,
Miss Christina Beda
Cherokee, Kansas

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Republican National Committee

1625 EYE STREET, NORTHWEST • WASHINGTON 6, D. C. • NATIONAL 8-6800



WILLIAM E. MILLER
CHAIRMAN

May 15, 1963

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Publishing Company
Pittsburg, Kansas

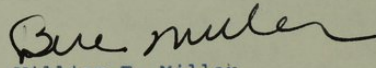
Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Our mutual and good friend, Bill Avery, has talked to me about your comments regarding my speech in Kansas last February.

I most certainly did not intend to offend any Republican and I certainly appreciate Bill talking to me with respect thereto.

I send you my best wishes.

Sincerely,



William E. Miller
Chairman

WEM:dm

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

May 21, 1963

Andrew J. Gray
Richland, Kas.

Dear Andy:

I picked up Ham's bomb and am throwing it here in southeastern Kansas. It is more than a good idea. What the Democrats need is a candidate for governor with a sense of humor, an inclination to be charitable, hospitable, sociable and with the ability to run the job if he happened to be elected. I am sure Clymer will agree with me that he had these things in mind.

I am tickled to be asked to Richland for your fair. It will give me a chance to make that visit we talked about. I can think of nothing more appropriate than the idea you suggest about the old Kansas, Nebraska and Disaster, with respect to the general theme of homecoming. There is nostalgia by the carload all along that honored line. Fix the day and tell me.

It was a delight to meet Georgia Neese and you up there the other thing. I thought our party was perfect, both at the plant and at the soda pop bars. I was delighted for Oscar's sake. I think it would be very difficult to find a more beautiful layout for a newspaper publication than that one. I have been associated with Oscar for nearly 36 years and can appreciate his feeling at this time. Somebody asked up there the other night in a group of which Oscar was a member, when the plans were made to build the new building. I spoke up and said "23 years ago." That was when we bought the State Journal.

Highest regards to you both.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Andrew J. Gray

RICHLAND, KANSAS

23 May 1963

Dear Br'er Brinkerhoff:

Thanks so much for accepting the invitation to be our Home Town Orator. It is no bromide to say that I think your talk will be right in the groove.

The fair is early this year--July 25, 26 and 27. The final day is a Saturday, and I think that a 4 p.m. appearance would be fine. It will be staged, as we did with RAC, watermelon-style on our front lawn. The porch will be your podium.

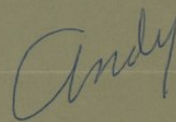
I shall keep in touch with you in this regard. The wheat harvest will be over by June 20th, and then it will be fair-planning time till the Big Event.

Our mutual friend Dolph gave that RACKish editorial a play, with additions and deletions. I am NO^t letting it interfere with the Fair! If you did use anything, I'd like a tear-sheet for my Freudian file.

Georgia Neese and I always have a loose latchstring...so come along, anytime.

You are kind.

Sincerely,



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

P.S.
OUR
BEST
WISHES
TO YOUR
BRIDE!

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

May 25, 1963

Andrew J. Gray
Richland, Kas.

Dear Andy:

Enclosed is the page showing the use of Clymer's Gray for governor piece. My own observations will be along in a few days.

That front porch idea is perfect. Remember McKinley and Harding? Or maybe you can induce Jay Gould's successors to put a private car on the rear end of a K. N. & D. freight train and arrange for a whistle stop. Remember Truman?

I will be looking ahead excitedly to July 27.

I hope to have a visit with old Ham at the AP meeting in Topeka Sunday night and Monday.

Regards to the Grays.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

May 28, 1963

William E. Miller, Chairman
Republican National Committee
1625 Eye Street, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

• Dear Mr. Miller:

Thanks for your letter concerning the matter about which Bill Avery talked to you.

Owing to another engagement I could not be at Independence last February when you were there, one of the two or three Lincoln Day meetings I have missed. But Joe Skubitz and others who were there were greatly impressed by your speech.

So it was with regret that I heard that you had made the remark that we should keep Mrs. Semple on the job. I have been in the game long enough to understand why you sought to say something nice about the local boys and girls. I was not sure that you knew about Mrs. Semple. But I am surprised that Harry or some of the others had not advised you concerning her status. Mrs. Semple lives in Oklahoma. She was long a precinct committeewoman from a precinct in Cherokee County, our neighboring county. The Kansas legislature enacted a law which makes it necessary for a precinct committeeman or committeewoman to live in the precinct he or she represents. Mrs. Semple had to resign because she lives in Oklahoma. She is not eligible to be a precinct committeewoman in Kansas but she is national committeewoman from Kansas. This is ridiculous.

Secondly she has repeatedly fought Republican nominees for office in Cherokee County during the last ten years. This includes a Republican candidate for state representative, now the Republican floor leader, Bill H. Fibley. In the election last fall she was opposed to Joe Skubitz who was elected to Congress. I will not bother you with other details which can be filled in by any of the Kansas boys. I do want to impress upon you the fact that she lives in Oklahoma. That should be enough to justify her expulsion from the committee and she will not resign.

I noted the other day that Mrs. Brooks, widow of Wayland Brooks, had resigned as national committeewoman from Illinois because

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William E. Miller--2--May 28, 1963

she had moved to her old home in Idaho.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

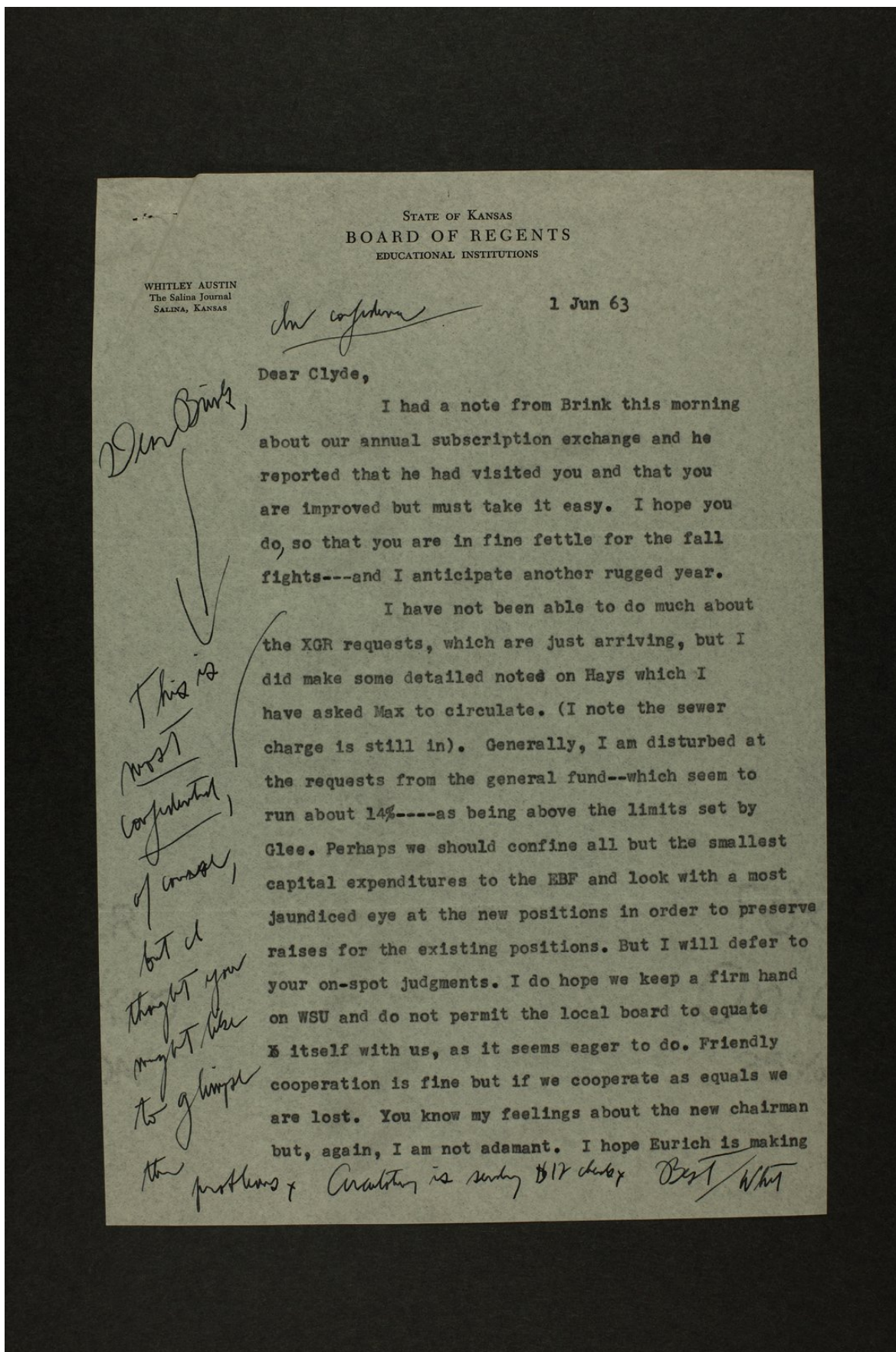
With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF REGENTS
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

WHITLEY AUSTIN
The Salina Journal
SALINA, KANSAS

Copenhagen
progress on the budget director. It would be most helpful if we could have him on the job on or before 1 Sep in order to help with the WSU budget and to prepare him and us for the governor's budget hearings. I think the budget director is the key man in our future. If necessary, the board can meet in July AND August or, it could delegate such decisions to a 3 or 5 man committee that can meet during the summer.

I am flying in the morning to Copenhagen and will be back by 28 Jun. In the meantime, take care of yourself.

Cordially,

cc: Bickford

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

The Maryville Daily Forum

Maryville, Missouri

M. W. STAUFFER
Publisher

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Dear Brink:-

Your letter relative to portrait at hand. Two days previous I had a similar from Ben at Nevada, which was the first I had heard of it. Neither of you mentioned the proposed cost of the portrait, hence I don't know yet as to that rather important item of Hall's latest BIG idea.

I wrote Ben and told him I agreed with him, and would not buy a portrait for his office at all. See no point to it, and would not entertain the idea for Maryville, even if I had had the privilege. Wonder if Bill got the Hall message at G.I. and will ask when I talk to him.

Funny thing, I found out recently that Hall has contacted various papers each Xmas. (including you) G.I. and York for sure, and maybe others, for a donation for Xmas. present for Oscar. And never once has he ever contacted me, and I didn't know a thing about it until Bill mentioned same about a month back, Easter to be exact. Rather a 'screw' thing I believe and may bring it up at next board meeting for clarification. Wonder, if he ever contacted Ben. So happens that Maryville is 100% owned as is Pittsburg, and the others. Yet, he gets York in on the Xmas deal which means that Oscar is giving Oscar a present, as he is minority up there, too.

Rather a minor and insignificant matter I will agree, but also a sort of mystifying proposition as others of his are. Wonder, if he is out of "drying-out" home yet? Oscar told me about Hall's latest liquor problem last Friday evening over there. Wasn't that a hell of a note, let him out one day so he could attend bldg. opening, but sent along a guard with him, to ride herd. Frankly, I am surprised that Betty has put up with many things, for many years, and she certainly has my sympathy. And Dad Oscar's too, I might add.

Yours.

M.W.S.

P.S. Son Bill had a rather tough decision to make a week ago, and I don't know if he did right or not. Evening-Sunday, New Mexican, at Santa Fe is owned 100% by a guy "Robert McKinney" who is an ambassador someplace and also, ambassador under Truman, too (evidently a Demo.) His Gen. Mgr. went to hospital several weeks back and turned up with cancer, and is gone for good. By some contact or other, this McKinney got hold of Bill to come down and take over, and the final result was \$4000 bucks more than Bill is making at G.I. and some sort of bonus arrangement on top of that. Bill told me over phone he turned it down finally, because there never would be change to buy in, and then the ambassador could be coming back sometime soon (don't know how old he is) and then he and wife thought they greatly preferred G.I. and Nebr.

over Santa Fe & New Mexico.

I sure hope your leg is dropping out of it. I didn't know about that.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

June 5, 1963

Marion W. Stauffer
The Forum
Maryville, Mo.

Dear Marion:

\$175.

Such an expenditure would be outlandish, even if I did not have a very fine picture.

About Christmas, for three or four years he has been doing that to me. One year Merl returned the check, on Oscar's orders, since he was embarrassed. For two years the check was not returned.

This is just an example of what happened. Three years ago, I think it was, Oscar was given the William Allen White award. It happens that I not only received this award but was an officer of the foundation board and, as I know you will understand, had something to do with the proceedings. Quite suddenly I get a big letter from Independence advising me that this honor had been arranged and urging me to attend the ceremonies.

I am mystified too as I know Pete is. I don't know how much longer the situation can continue. I feel tremendously sorry for the girl and I think that is why OS puts up with things as he does. But it cannot go on, I am sure.

Bill made a proper decision. He was in a beautiful spot and it will get better all along. I think it would have been a bad deal at Santa Fe with, in fact, no financial advantage. The more I see of the boy the greater respect I have for him and the greater confidence I have in his future. I hope he will never get the auction notion of jobs.

We have installed a new manager at KSEK. Thad Sandstrom gave us one of his men, Gerald Holley who is a graduate of Baker University and has been at WIBW for three years. We have been the most unfortunate folks in the world trying to operate that station. Thad had it on the go and in fine shape, had nearly paid out the indebtedness when he went to Topeka. Topeka needed him, of course, and he has demonstrated what can be done for us up there. I am hopeful we will get straightened out down here. I feel a responsibility for the station but, as you know, I have been handicapped by a lack of knowledge of radio. I have had to depend

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on what these fellows report to me and it was misplaced confidence.
The new man seems to be the man we have needed for a long time.

I have been having a lot of trouble with my leg. It is not the
break but the fact that the leg was in a cast for so long. I
have had a breaking out on my ankles and lower legs which we think
now we have under control.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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Andrew J. Gray
RICHLAND, KANSAS

6 June 1963

Dear FWB:

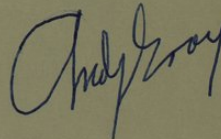
Its official! On behalf of the Fair Board, which met last night, we extend the invitation to be our Home Town speaker at the fair. The date will be Saturday, 27 July. The time, tentatively, will be about 4 p.m., but we'd like to have you earlier--we want you to visit.

Seriously, I am trying to put together a clam-bake* after your apperance on the front-porch rostrum at chez moi, which means our diggings. Anyway, we'll have a time. I am going to invâte a few people from Topeka and elsewhere. Americana on the march. I'll be sending full details as they develop. And we appreciate your acceptance.

Can you imagine RAC eating a clam? And not a Flint Hill oyster, by any means!

With every good wish from Georgia Neese and,

Sincerely,



Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

June 7, 1963

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fred:

I hope this finds you fully recovered from your injury and that Mrs. Brinkerhoff is steadily improving and gaining strength and comfort.

As summer comes to Washington, the legislative pace seems to quicken. The tax reduction bill should be through the House and ready for Senate consideration some time in July. Of course, events and changing times often direct the attention of Congress and I certainly anticipate a very rugged and emotionally civil rights battle in the weeks ahead. Then again, with the defeat of the wheat referendum, members of Congress are under great pressure from some quarters to pass new farm legislation. The question is - what kind of farm legislation would be acceptable and, more important, in the best interest of the nation?

Actually, only three major bills have passed: the National Debt Limit, the 1964 Feed Grain Bill and the Draft Extension. In addition, the Senate has passed and sent to the House the Mental Health Bill, Youth Employment Act, mass transportation legislation and the wilderness system. Perhaps this is not much of a score.

For my own part, my committee work has accelerated and with more work to do, I am somewhat more satisfied than I was in the early days of this Congress.

Yesterday I spoke on the Senate floor concerning our proposal to build a supersonic air transport which points up some of the great inconsistencies of the government's efforts. At the risk of boring you, I am enclosing a copy herewith and hope that you will have time to read and comment on the same.

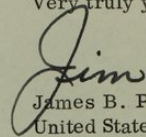
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Mr. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg, Kansas

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Martha and the kids are fine. They all intend to return home as soon as school is out here the latter part of June and we hope to see you soon.

Very truly yours,


James B. Pearson
United States Senator

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Thad M. Sandstrom
General Manager

June 8, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff

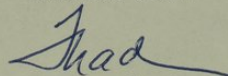
We had an excellent session in Pittsburg Friday. Late in the afternoon, Jerry and I took a quick trip over to Joplin and met with KODE manager, D. T. Knight, and we are on the road to working out a combination national sales plan which should help us to compete with KOAM.

Much of the clean-up work at the station is pretty well along, but a lot remains to be done. I told Jerry that since he had the basics out of the way, the thing to concentrate on now is sales and collections.

I think it would help keep me posted if you could put me on the list for receiving the Headlight or the Sun each day. This way I could jog Jerry up about various items.

It was good to see you -- thanks for arranging the luncheon. I will try to get back down the latter part of the month.

Cordially yours



Thad M. Sandstrom
General Manager

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