

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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February 3, 1942

William Allen White
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Mr. W. A. :

Thanks and thanks again for what you said. I have no hankering for public office. Certainly, even if I did want to be governor, I would rather not be governor and have you say what you have said than be governor and have it impossible for you to say those things. That is an awkward expression but I know you know what I mean. You are always doing things for me and I am greatly indebted to you.

I wish that you would have somebody tear out a couple of corners of the editorial page with the piece on it. I want to send one to our old friend, Bert Miller at Battle Creek, under whom I served my cubship at Ottawa and who has remained for these nearly 40 years one of my closest friends.

With kindest regards to Mrs. White and yourself

Sincerely yours,

FWB:vg

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. L. WHITE, PUBLISHER
EMPORIA, KANSAS

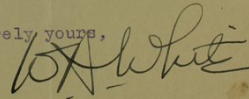
February 4, 1942.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I have asked the office to send you a half a dozen
copies of the editorial page. I am glad you liked the
piece.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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

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Topeka, Kansas
February 10, 1942

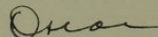
Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Headlight & Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

Shawnee has increased its circulation revenue \$1,000 a month by increasing the subscription price. I do think with the continuance of the war we are going to have to look to circulation for more of our revenue. Is there anything we can do at Pittsburg to increase our circulation revenue? I doubt right now the feasibility of raising the rate of our city circulation, but I was wondering as to the country circulation.

We have an exceptionally good circulation man at Shawnee--McKowan, a young chap who has been with our papers there ever since we took over The News in '29. He is now circulation manager and is doing a bang up job. Would it be helpful if he came up and spent a couple of weeks at Pittsburg? I am just raising the question and wondering what you think about it.

Cordially yours,


Oscar S. Stauffer

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ASSOCIATED PRESS AND OTHER SERVICES

The Grand Island Daily Independent

MEMBER AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

February 12, 1942.

G. A. WINTERS
GENERAL MANAGER
ARCH W. JARRELL
EDITOR
R. D. CHAMBERLAIN
ADVERTISING MANAGER
EARL O. PEELER
CIRCULATION MANAGER

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,
Pittsburg Publishing Co.,
Pittsburg, Kans.

Dear Fred:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th in regard to the circulation statement which Oscar showed you while you were in Topeka.


The direct expense item shown on this statement covers salary and other circulation expenses for the year 1941. If you will refer to the Yearly Profit and Loss Statement, I think you will find it described as "Circulation Expense."

You might be interested in knowing what we are figuring on doing in Grand Island as regards circulation. We are figuring on increasing our mail subscription rates \$1.00 per year, our city carrier circulation 3¢ per week, and out of town carrier circulation 2¢ per week. We will give the city carriers 1¢ out of the 3¢ increase, and the out of town carrier boys 6/10 of 1¢ out of the 2¢ increase.

I am inclined to think that one thing which tends to increase the expense at Pittsburg is the fact that Rowe and Abbott are paid forty percent commission on all mail circulation and, of course, you pay the city carriers a much higher rate. We have about two-thirds of our city carriers paying us 2¢ per copy for the paper.

I am very glad to learn that you like Dr. Raitt, and I can truthfully say he was quite popular in Grand Island not only with his church, but also with the business men. I am sure he will be a success in the Methodist Church in Pittsburg.

Yours truly,



G. A. Winters.

GAW:MF.

CIRCULATION A WORLD RECORD FOR CITIES OF THIS SIZE

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SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Topeka, Kansas
February 12, 1942

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

Dear Fred:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 11th. I am finding out more about whether Shawnee can spare McCowan for two or three weeks and if so will let you know, and then he could come when you are ready for him.

It seems to me $2\frac{1}{2}$ months supply of newsprint ought to be a very goodly amount, and I would not get more than that on hand.

You will notice in the circulation data on income and expense, which George Winters prepared, that the various papers saved approximately ^{the} percentage below after deducting direct expenses, mailing, delivery of papers, newsprint and second class postage:

Grand Island	25%
Pittsburg	8%
Shawnee	15%
Arkansas City	32%
Maryville	41%

You can see even comparing Shawnee, where the situation is similar to Pittsburg, the amount saved after paying expenses is out of line. Of course the newsprint cost is something that can't be changed except as we run tighter papers, and you, by virtue of having less circulation than Shawnee, have a newsprint cost of \$2,361 less than Shawnee, also your delivery of papers is \$1,400 less than Shawnee, and your second class postage \$4,000 less. But your mailing expense is \$900.00 more and your direct expense is \$3,000 more. The biggest difference seems to be that

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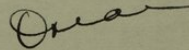
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you took in \$4,000 less revenue on circulation than Shawnee. All of those things can be studied and perhaps we can change some of them.

I will be interested to learn your reactions after you have given some thought and study to this.

With every good wish, I am,

Very cordially yours,



Oscar S. Stauffer

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Topeka, Kansas
February 23, 1942

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

Dear Fred:

Enclosed are the figures on circulation which you can be studying so that we can go over them next week when we meet in Kansas City. One thing that might be worth considering, and I say it merely as a matter of weighing and considering---75% of the Sun's circulation now is outside the city and the reverse is true of The Headlight. It might be, instead of servicing both papers in outlying towns we could make it a one paper service to outlying towns. Another thing, it may be that we could discontinue country solicitors due to the tire situation, and have just as much circulation by handling it by mail and thereby getting more net for the paper as well.

There is a wonderfully interesting story as regards circulation on page 3 in Editor and Publisher of February 21, in which it goes on to say that 200 dailies raised their circulation rate. Think the whole information is very highly enlightening.

I am also enclosing a copy of the letter I am sending to Ward congratulating him on his fine work.

With best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Oscar S. Stauffer

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CIRCULATION DATA ON INCOME & EXPENSES YEARS 1940 AND 1941				
	<u>YEAR 1940</u>		<u>YEAR 1941</u>	
GRAND ISLAND				
Circulation		64,927.99		65,279.60
Expense				
Direct Expense	9,322.52		9,944.01	
Mailing	2,071.85		2,370.54	
Del. of Papers	6,386.66		4,907.31	
News Print	28,475.32		28,233.93	
2nd Class Postage	3,632.13	49,888.48	3,782.75	49,238.54
Excess or Net		15,039.51		16,041.06
INCREASE IN NET				1,001.55
PITTSBURG				
Circulation		44,880.15		46,107.86
Expense				
Direct Expense	10,701.47		10,817.16	
Mailing	2,929.68		2,891.04	
Del. of Papers	4,731.36		4,850.36	
News Print	20,681.28		21,533.98	
2nd Class Postage	2,149.01	41,192.80	2,333.29	42,425.83
Excess or Net		3,687.35		3,682.03
DECREASE IN NET				5.32
SHAWNEE				
Circulation		50,640.88		50,196.81
Expense				
Direct Expense	8,816.89		7,590.29	
Mailing	1,880.31		1,962.59	
Del. of Papers	5,270.67		6,237.62	
News Print	24,279.68		23,894.94	
2nd Class Postage	2,643.57	42,891.12	2,748.65	42,434.08
Excess or Net		7,749.76		7,762.73
INCREASE IN NET				12.97
ARKANSAS CITY				
Circulation		21,114.06		21,266.95
Expense				
Direct Expense	2,931.03		3,122.29	
Mailing	555.08		600.84	
Del. of Papers	1,184.42		1,183.84	
News Print	8,922.24		8,473.58	
2nd Class Postage	1,070.08	14,662.85	971.44	14,351.99
Excess or Net		6,451.21		6,914.96
INCREASE IN NET				463.75

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MARYVILLE			
Circulation		16,745.05	
Expense			18,384.51
Direct Expense	4,995.52	5,084.25	
Mailing	945.64	1,096.03	
News Print	4,577.66	4,168.19	
2nd Class Postage	449.85	460.11	10,808.58
		<u>10,968.67</u>	
Excess or Net		5,776.38	7,575.93
INCREASE IN NET			1,799.55

PERCENTAGE OF NET AFTER EXPENSE

	<u>YEAR 1940</u>	<u>YEAR 1941</u>
Grand Island	23.14%	24.57%
Pittsburg	8.21%	8.00%
Shawnee	15.28%	15.46%
Arkansas City	30.55%	32.51%
Maryville	34.49%	41.20%

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ANGELO SCOTT
THE IOLA REGISTER
IOLA, KANSAS

March 13, 1942

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,
Pittsburg,
Kansas.

Dear Fred:-

This is just to pass on to you the information that at a meeting of publishers from Iola, Chanute, Parsons, Coffeyville, and Independence last week, we decided unanimously to raise our rural circulation rates from \$4 to \$5 a year, effective April 1. Parsons has already announced the raise, the rest of us are announcing it approximately March 23.

The Register and the Independence Reporter have raised from 15 cents to 20 cents a week in Iola and Independence; Coffeyville has raised the local carrier rate from 65 cents to 75 cents a month (and already is sorry he didn't make it 85 cents); all of us either have or soon will raise what small town 10-cent-a-week carrier circulation we have to 15 cents. No raise thus far put into effect has caused a circulation drop anywhere near proportional to the increase in cash.

I just wanted to give you this report for whatever value it may be in working out your own future plan.

Sincerely,

Angelo Scott

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Morning papers delivered by car on South route daily.

<u>Town</u>	<u>No. of papers</u>	<u>No. of miles</u>
Opolis	27	11
Crestline	26	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Columbus	257	10
Turck	29	5
Carona	20	6
West Mineral	98	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Roseland	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Scammon	257	3
Weir	276	6
Cherokee	290	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicopee	18	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pittsburg		4
Total	1308	85 $\frac{1}{2}$

Morning papers delivered by car on North route daily.

<u>Town</u>	<u>No. of papers</u>	<u>No. of miles</u>
Arcadia	222	
Liberal	129	
Ianthia	13	
Lamar	6	
Garland	14	42
Frontenac	218	8
Minden	80	
Nashville	7	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mulberry	411	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Croweburg	35	3
Arma	239	3
Franklin	100	2
Girard	878	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brazilton	18	11
Hepler	70	8
St. Paul	40	23
Erie	54	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walnut	205	13
Pittsburg		33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total	2739	180 $\frac{1}{2}$

Evening papers delivered by car on South route daily.

<u>Town</u>	<u>No. of papers</u>	<u>No. of miles</u>
Chicopee	12	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cherokee	67	8
Columbus	101	14
Scammon	16	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Weir	60	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pittsburg		12
Total	256	54 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Evening papers delivered by car on North route daily.

Town	No. of papers	No. of miles
Franklin	31	8
Arma	88	2
Croweburg	10	3
Arcadia	30	8
Mulberry	94	6
Liberal	28	8
Minden	35	10
Frontenac	159	8
Pittsburg		11
Total	475	64

Grand Total Papers Delivered by Car.

	No.	No. of miles
Headlights	731	118½
Suns	4047	266
	4778 (per day)	384½ (per day)

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Total number of papers delivered by BUS.

Town	No. of papers	
Girard	175	(evening)
Ringo	8	"
St. Paul	24	"
Erie	44	"
Mc Cune	78	(morning)
Total	329	

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Weekly Summary of morning papers by carrier:

City	10804 @ 1 1/3¢ per copy to carrier
"	741 @ 1 1/4¢ " " " "
Out of City	1686 @ 1/2¢ per copy to carrier
"	9282 @ 1 1/4¢ per copy to carrier
City dealers	1240 @ 1¢ per copy to dealer
"	72 @ 2 1/2¢ per copy to dealer

Weekly Summary of evening papers by carrier:

City	5299 @ 1 1/4¢ per copy to carrier
"	14908 @ 1 1/2¢ per copy to carrier
Out of City	1005 @ 1/2¢ per copy to carrier
"	4356 @ 1 1/4¢ per copy to carrier
City Dealers	419 @ 1¢ per copy to dealer
	96 @ 2 1/2¢ per copy to dealer

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June 30, 1942

William Allen White
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. W. A.:

Once in a while Frank Mott makes reference to what he says were attempts to influence Clyde Reed not to run for senator in 1938. Of course you recall the incident beginning at your home. Several of us there were for Clyde but were anxious that he get in and run if he intended to run. I was delegated to go over to Parsons and tell it to him to his face. I made clear that we, his friends, had no other candidate and wanted no other candidate but we did insist that he get in or get out. I have been trying to recall just who the fellows were at your home that day. I cannot recall that Frank Mott was in the party. Merely for the purpose of keeping the record straight, I want to call Frank's attention to the truth.

Sincerely yours,

FWB/vg

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. L. WHITE, PUBLISHER
EMPORIA, KANSAS

July 1st, 1942.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:-

Your letter of June 30th came in the absence of Mr. White, who is out of town for a few days. I am forwarding it on to him and I am sure you will hear from him at his first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

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

Clarice Lambert, Secy.

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. L. WHITE, PUBLISHER

EMPORIA, KANSAS

July 10th, 1942.

Dear Brink:-

Pardon me for delaying so long the answer to your good letter. I was out of town when Frank Motz wrote his piece about Clyde, and did not see what he said.

Of course, no man ever entered a race for anything in Kansas or anywhere else that someone didn't try to keep him out, and of course the people who try to keep a man out are the men who don't like him - and sometimes a few of his real friends.

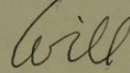
I don't know of any of Clyde's real friends who tried to keep him out, never heard of one who did. I certainly did all I could to help him and to keep him in the race. I don't know what Frank is talking about. If you can recall the date, I will go into the files and get the names of the fellows who met in Emporia for I think I printed them in the paper. It seemed to me a pretty good lot. It must have been some time in the spring of 1938, in the early spring. If I could know exactly what Frank said, I could answer more intelligently.

With warm regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

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

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July 11, 1942

Dear Mr. W. A:

I have your letter of July 10. The little gathering to which I had reference was the luncheon you gave for Dean Ackerman. I do not know what the date was. I think it was the day after an AP meeting in Topeka and you asked several to come down. Several of us got together after the luncheon and talked about the senatorial thing. We were alarmed because Clyde was not out at work. It was agreed that I would go over and see him, being near by. It is not very important except that Hots has several times made the statement that Reed's friends tried to get him out of the race. Our whole plan, as you will recall, was to get him all the way in or all the way out. We preferred that he would get in. We thought that he owed it to us to go to work.

Don't go to any trouble about this. It may be that only you and Henry and myself decided what to do that day but it is also possible that someone else was in on it.

As I said before, it is not very material except that I want to set Frank straight.

Sincerely yours,

FWB/vg

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. L. WHITE, PUBLISHER
EMPORIA, KANSAS

July 14, 1942.

Dear Brink:

I remember now that meeting in Emporia you speak of. I called it. Something like twenty people from all over the state, Clyde's friends and mine, assembled. There wasn't a dissenting voice to the opinion that he should run.

Of course some of his friends who wanted other candidates to run tried to keep him out but none of his true friends tried to keep him out. I hoped he wouldn't run and said so, because I felt that he didn't have the physical strength to go through with it. So did a lot of the boys. But it wasn't for political reasons. It was because they loved Clyde and didn't want to see him commit suicide. But when he decided to go in, we all helped him heartily and I tried as well as I could to take the burden from him.

After which he consulted Ed Thompson and I was an orphan child.

I also tried to keep Landon out of the fight two years ago but for entirely different reasons and I think his campaign justified my reasons. And I don't suppose he has a friend in the state who has any political sense, who does not agree that Landon would have been stronger this year if he had not taken on the fight last year.

This is not a confidential letter. Wherever you think it will do any good, use it. Andy seems to be picking up on his own. He won't owe Alf Landon more than a pleasant look and he knows what we all know that until some time in April

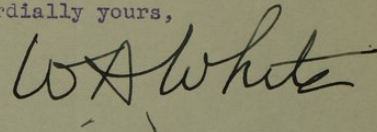
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#2--Mr. Brinkerhoff.

Landon was trying to get someone else to run. The last talk I had with Landon, he warned me against Schoepfel, and don't you think that Andy Schoepfel wasn't wise to what was going on in the Landon inner circle.

With warm regards to Mrs. Brinkerhoff in which Mrs. White joins, I am, as ever

Most cordially yours,



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

WAW/MY.

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. L. WHITE, PUBLISHER
EMPORIA, KANSAS

July 18th, 1942.

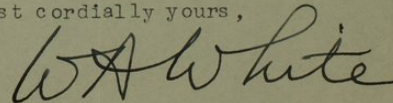
Dear Brink:-

I am interested in Andy Schoepfel's candidacy and, with a few friends, I want to buy a page in The Headlight and a few other papers in his behalf. I can send you a mat covering the advertisement. Please wire me collect what your bedrock price will be for this advertisement. Remember, you are dealing with the Worthy Poor!

This advertisement is entirely independent of the Schoepfel-for-Governor organization. They may or may not have other advertising. I do not know. I am going on my own. Need I say that I shall appreciate the best rate you can give me?

With warm regards, I am

Most cordially yours,



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

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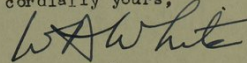
September 21st, 1942.

Dear Brink:-

I am sending you herewith a copy of Bill's book; also a
mat of Bill. I wish you would read it. Condensation of it was in
the Reader's Digest. If Bill were here he would autograph it and
he would be glad to do it any time you see him.

With warm regards in which Mrs. White joins me, I am

Most cordially yours,



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

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FRANK CARLSON
6TH DIST. KANSAS

C. W. HAMILTON
SECRETARY

COMMITTEE
WAYS AND MEANS

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

November 23, 1942

Mr. F.W. Brinkerhoff,
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

Many thanks for your letter of November 20th. I was delighted with the election on November 3rd and it was a real honor to carry every county in the district. Ellis County, as you know, is pretty much Democratic. In my opinion the election was most wholesome for the entire nation.

I was glad to get your statement in regard to the extension of the Bituminous Coal Act. So far I have heard nothing on it, but am positive our committee will handle it before it expires in April. It is my thought we will take it up sometime after the first of the year.

I hope business will require your making a trip to Washington and this is your invitation to lunch.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Carlson

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 1, 1943

Frank George
Altamont, Kas.

Dear Frank:

I have a letter from one Venton Townsend at Mount Valley. He has a complaint about alleged treatment by the police here in Pittsburg. Would you be kind enough to tell me who this man is and what sort of person he is?

If you desire, anything you tell me will be confidential.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Pittsburg Headlight & Sun
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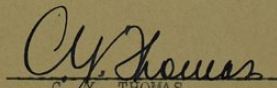
Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Our Commanding Officer, Major George H. Ross, is being transferred to the staff of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants at St. Louis, Missouri and has to report there January 11, 1943.

On Saturday evening, January 9th, at 7 o'clock, we are asking some of our friends to have dinner with us at the Hotel Besse in Major Ross's honor.

We would be happy to have you drop us a note to the effect that you and Mrs. Brinkerhoff can be with us for this occasion.

Very truly yours,


C. Y. THOMAS
General Manager

CYT/r

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 4, 1943

George D. Barnett
Regional Representative
War Production Board
Mutual Interstate Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Thanks for your letter of Jan. 2. I can appreciate your view point.

As a matter of fact, which, however, is something that you cannot consider, the amount of money yet to be spent on this silly project to get any sort of a surface on it that can be used, is twice as much as would be required to do a resurfacing job on the present route of 160 from Strass to No. 7 highway west of Pittsburg. In my own private business I would say that similiar conditions would require me without hesitation to abandon a project that I had started and found not feasible and a waste of money. I would see no need to continue wasting money because some money already had been wasted. But, as I said, I appreciate your view point.

I am enclosing a clipping from yesterday's Sun dealing with the latest phase of the "playboy" highway. A little more rain and the two creeks would have taken out that part of the fill which has been run up, which, of course, would have been too bad.

Thanking you for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Sister M. Lelia 1-5-42

St. Anthony's Hospital
Dodge City, Kansas

Mr Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Kansas:-

you will please
find \$1.00 enclosed for
the continuation of the
sum sent here, as far as
that much does it. I am
thanking you and wishing
you and staff a pleasant
and prosperous New Year.
very sorry over the way
you felt about Mr Carmel
in the past, I was in no
way a party to whatever
it was. Your Boys were
always treated right by
me. Sincerely

Sister M. Lelia

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 5, 1943

W. P. Lambertson
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Some time back I had occasion to editorialize on something that you had said or had done. For the life of me now, with so much editorial matter behind me I cannot remember the incident or the time. But evidently it was not December. Tom must have been thinking about the piece which probably was in October or beyond that. When you start your stuff in the C. R. again I will be watching for it. You fellows ought to have a fine time down there this winter, with a group of Democratic insurgents to help you along. I would call to your attention yesterday's special election in central Missouri where a Democratic state senator died. A Republican was elected by a handsome majority overturning the normal Democratic vote. His election tied up the Missouri senate, 17 to 17. The trend that was demonstrated in November is still a trend and getting trendier every day.

Ask Tom about the piece and I think you will find he was referring to an earlier effort of mine.

With best wishes for a good time.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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P.S.: I am returning the letter from the Fredonia man for your files. I think he is making a good nomination for 1944.

FWB

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2-W. P. Lambertson

P.S.: For the second time: Between the time the letter was dictated and the time it was transcribed I opened the Fredonia Herald which had just come and I noticed an editorial and news story concerning the death of your correspondent. I am enclosing the same feeling that you would be interested.

FWB



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

THOMAS D. WINTER
3d DIST. KANSAS

SECRETARIES:
FRED SIMKIN
NAOMI SCHOTTO
MARJORIE BURR

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.
January 5, 1943

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HOME ADDRESS:
GIRARD, KANSAS

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

Dear Fred:

I have your letter in regard to H. R. 7156. I have not seen this bill but have sent for it and assure you that I will give it serious study. I do not know whether it will be re-introduced in the 78th Congress but presume so. I think you are correct in your statement that this bill should be investigated very closely and I assure you that, as far as I am concerned, I will do so.

It looks like I have a chance to be appointed to the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. I am working hard to get this appointment and I sure hope that I can. However, being a major committee appointment, I would be required to give up all my other committee appointments. This is hard but I believe it would be better to be on a major committee than to be the ranking Republican on a minor committee. I would have to give up Mines and Mining also but I believe that the mining interests in the District would not object too much.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

TDW:NS

Thomas D. Winter

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Jan. 7, 1943

C. Y. Thomas
General Manager
Military Chemical Works
City

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I have your letter of Jan. 4 which is an invitation to your dinner Saturday night. Mrs. Brinkerhoff and I regret very much that a previous engagement makes it impossible to accept your hospitality. We thank you very much and I will be glad to have you extend to Major Ross my best wishes for his future.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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