

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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THE STAR LUMBER COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES

Liberal, Kansas

February 14, 1953

LEE LARRABEE
PRESIDENT

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Re: Wes, a case of gone but not forgotten

If my memory serves me right this is the second \$10,000.00 man Kansas has produced.

Seems the men are "catching on" or "picking up", however women are dragging their feet; we've produced some capable women in Kansas, some have gone to Washington but returned wearing the same old cloth coat. We suggest a legislative committee to help the women, or turn the affairs of State to the Democrats and let them get things going in a more modern way.

Come west and see us - we've got oil.

Sincerely,

P.S. The enclosed card is not for publication.

Lee.

LL:m



The **RUSH COUNTY**
News



RUSH COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER
DAVID H. CLYMER - - - Editor and Publisher

Commercial Printing
Office Supplies
La Crosse, Kansas

February 14, 1953

Dear Dad:

Bob Morrison dropped by to say hello this afternoon. He got a dandy gas well north of Bison the other day and has another test going west of La Crosse.

You may have noticed that we are having a jolly time with our oil development. This last Jones well put us small acreage holders in the king row and if the offset is any good we might realize par value from our stock.

La Crosse did mighty dandy last month - why wouldn't it - I operated with my front office man and one printer ~~about~~. By ~~the~~ far the biggest January and the net was actually around two as I have stocked up on a few office files, etc. which I expect to burn soon.

As you can tell from your copies of the reports ML is still nothing to shout about and Oakley might still be the gem of the prairie. Oakley made as much as ML last month.

I have Leigh Delay (formerly of Bureau) working with me in the ~~back~~ backend. Don't know how long I will be able to keep him but things have been going smooth. Put out that 16 last week with no overtime.

Have paid all of my income tax for 1952 - better than \$1800 and only have the estimate to worry about now.

Richard is getting a little better about his hours and I believe that we're going to make it. Between the problems at work and at home I have not had much free time.

We enjoyed mother's visit when they brought Sally back as it will be sometime before we get to El De again.

Enclosed is your copy of the La Crosse report. Am in the middle of raising \$2,500 for the Dutch ~~society~~ managing to keep busy.

Rolla

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Feb. 15, 1953
Wichita, Ks.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

maybe you think I have a lot of guts!
But I have an excellent opportunity to go
to work for a newspaper if I can finish
up the deal by getting a recommendation
from you. I do hope you understand Mr.
Clymer. I need work awfully badly
and newspaper work is about all I
know. I would greatly appreciate it if
you would do this for me.

You see Mr. Clymer I have changed quite
a bit here recently. I want to prove
to my wife and the rest of the family
that I know that I can make good.
I know now I can. This business of
doing like I have in the past will never
happen again as long as I live. So
help me God!

I would like to hear from you as soon
as possible about the letter. If you
don't want to do so thanks a lot anyway.
I'm going to prove to the world what I
can do. Things that happened in the past few
weeks really opened my eyes up.

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Respectfully
Gene Paul 407 S. Dodge

Rolla Clymer correspondence

If you write do so in care of Uetna
Paul, 407 S. Dodge, Wichita, Kansas

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 16, 1953

Senator Frank Carlson
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Frank:-

I am broken-hearted over this business about Wes Roberts. In the public mind--here in Kansas, at least--it represents exactly the same sort of conduct which we resented so much during the Fair Deal, the deep freezes, the milk coats, the five-percenters. One can "explain" how it all was and how it happened until the cows come home, but many good folk are still going to believe that it was nothing more than the use of influence by a man of high standing in a state transaction for private gain.

Already Democrats and Independents are sneering at us saying we Republicans are no better than what we threw out of Washington. Alf Landon's blast was prompted by his bitter hatred for Wes, but that fellow was right when he said that the explanation as given does not satisfy the people of Kansas.

The whole sorry matter in a nutshell constitutes a serious embarrassment for the party rank and file in this state and, I believe, an even more serious one for the President.

Enclosed is a copy of an editorial I published today--after much agony of spirit and writing it over half a dozen times. Considering the extraordinarily warm feeling I have had for Wes--and still have--you can imagine how it tore at my heart to publish this. But I felt impelled to do it.

I have no solution for the resulting predicament. I hope you will not think I am forward in letting you know how I feel.

I thank you for your letter in the matter of James E. Curry. I shall be content with whatever action your good judgment prompts you to take in his case.

Sincerely your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 17, 1953

Mr. George Gow
Radio Station KANS
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Gow:-

I was gratified to learn that Mrs. John S. Joseph of Potwin will be saluted by Bob Hope on his NBC radio show Friday morning as "Woman of the Week," in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the education of American war veteran orphans.

With recognition coming from so far away, I feel it is fitting that some honor should emanate from the locality which is her home. With this in mind, Butler county friends of Mrs. Joseph have asked me to nominate her for a "Good Neighbor Orchid" on the 11 a. m. KANS radio program conducted daily by yourself.

Too often American fighting men are largely forgotten after wars have ended. Even more often are the orphans and dependents of these men forgotten. Because it is this latter group which will receive the direct benefit of Mrs. Joseph's endowment for the purpose of education in the agricultural sciences, her generosity is even more noteworthy.

It is the sincere belief of myself and of numerous friends and admirers of Mrs. Joseph in our "Kingdom of Butler" that she is a first-rate "Good Neighbor," and should be so acclaimed. I shall be deeply grateful to you for whatever efforts you exert in this regard.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 17, 1953

New York Herald Tribune Syndicate
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. John Dema, Business Manager

Dear Sirs:-

Mailing the David Lawrence feature to us one night out of your Chicago relay office via air mail for use in our paper the next day simply won't work. I might have known this in the beginning when you first mentioned your plan in your letter of December 22, 1952.

The mail service between Chicago and this point is simply too uncertain for such an arrangement to prove satisfactory under all conditions. It has already bogged down. We did receive the release for Monday, February 16, early on the morning of that day but did not use it because we had the final Pearson column already set for a crowded paper. But the release for today did not reach our office until 2:30 this afternoon. So we ran the Lawrence dispatch for Monday today, and consequently will be one day late with it all this week.

I am going to suggest that you arrange some way to provide us with this feature a day ahead of time. Even so, we will have trouble in spots--as we have had with other features in the past. For our own office routine, we would much prefer having the feature a day ahead, anyway. I have not wired you for the reason that I wanted to explain the situation more fully in a letter.

I feel sure you can devise some plan that will take care of us, but I am convinced that the one we are now trying to operate under will prove a failure. And that will be neither your fault or ours.

Very truly yours,

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United States Senate

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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

February 18, 1953

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I thought you would be interested to know that I have received the mid-term report from the Superintendent at West Point and the young man you recommended has the honor of being on the Dean's list. That means that his rating for the 1st term is in the top bracket.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that the two appointments I made last March are doing better than satisfactory work.

We are terribly concerned here over the dust storms out home. Hope that relief will come soon.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

andy
B. Penick.
B. Rose - another dust storm
from out Kansas way hits here
on the latest development in
Kansas - I am watching this
with I hope the true and
complete answer. Regards
andy

KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

WICHITA 1, KANSAS

February 18, 1953

MURRAY F. GILL
PRESIDENT

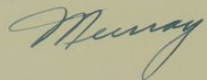
Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Publisher
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I have just read your editorial in your issue of the El Dorado Times of February 16. Needless to say, I am most appreciative of the viewpoint which you expressed therein and particularly the opinion of this Company which you reflect. It is certainly gratifying to receive a commendation from someone like you.

With many thanks and kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



MFG:bb

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 19, 1953

Mr. J. B. Smith
Executive Vice-President
The Vickers Petroleum Co., Inc.
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Jim:-

I was mighty glad to get your note. I feel maybe I have neglected your new refinery facilities at Potwin. I did publish story and a picture along last summer, but believe we should have another for a proper windup.

Today we received a letter from Erbe-Maybruck Associates in New York, together with a picture, saying your company planned to dedicate the improvements with a ceremony on March 20. Now we would like to publish an extensive spread about this in The Times on some date about that time (whenever you select) which would do the subject justice. The photo these people sent us appears to be a good one for a 4-column cut. It may be that you have one which you think is better. Anyway, if we can have the picture, we will have the proper cut made.

Along with the picture, I would like to have a comprehensive story about the plant and its improvements. Could you have one of your staff, or perhaps Clyde Sullivan, prepare such a story for our uses? We are anxious to give this new project our best treatment because it is all to the uplift of old Butler--and you folks can have all the space you want in The Times without money and without price.

I think that's a fair offer. What do you say? Let me know what you would like to have, and how it can be done, and we will prepare for it. We would like to know for sure a week or so in advance so that the job could be done up properly.

I shall be happy to have your reply as soon as you can find time to write me.

Sincerely,



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Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation

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IMPORTANT - PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY
CLAIM FOR REFUND OF FEDERAL EXCISE TAX

FEB 19 1953

We are pleased to inform you that, after several years of effort, we have succeeded in securing from the U.S. Department of Internal Revenue a modification of their former ruling regarding the 10% U.S. Excise Tax on the sale of machines to our customers.

Under the new ruling the 10% tax is applicable on 60% of retail list prices of all machines of our manufacture, with the exception of folding machines on which the tax is applicable on 65% of retail list price. The modified retroactive ruling, dated September 17, 1952, will effect a substantial tax saving for all our customers.

Under the former rulings issued by the U.S. Department of Internal Revenue, on July 22, 1947 and subsequently, the 10% U.S. Excise Tax was applicable on the following bases:

Addressograph, Speedamat and Folding machines, on full retail list prices.
Graphotype machines, on certain models at 70%, on other models at 65% of retail list prices.

In order to protect the interests of our customers, on September 18, 1951, we filed a timely Claim for Refund for any Excise Tax overpaid by our customers between July 22, 1947 and December 31, 1950. If you have purchased any of our machines during that period and overpaid any tax, you were requested to sign and return to us a document entitled "Consent to Credit or Refund." If you did sign and return such document to us prior to September 18, 1951, the amount of tax you have overpaid was included in our Claim for Refund.

We are now preparing additional Claim for Refund on behalf of our customers for any overpayment of U.S. Excise Tax, for the period between January 1, 1951 and July 31, 1952. For this purpose we are enclosing in duplicate your "Consent to Credit or Refund."

If you are the ultimate purchaser, both copies of the enclosed form of consent should be completely filled in, executed and returned to us. If you are a corporation, your president or other authorized officer should sign the consent and the secretary should affix the corporate seal and attest over his signature. If you are not incorporated, the owner, or authorized partner, etc., should sign and designate his capacity. Also, be sure to have this consent notarized. Please make any necessary corrections as to your name and address on both copies.

If you purchased the machines from us for the purpose of reselling them in the same form, please advise promptly the names and addresses of the persons to whom you resold the machines so that we may forward the necessary consents to such ultimate purchasers.

We believe that our chances for recovering the overpayment of this tax are very good. However, if our efforts in that connection are unsuccessful, any expenses incurred in attempting recovery will be absorbed entirely by Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation. Should we be successful in securing the recovery, we will credit your account or remit to you the amount of any tax overpaid by you, recovered by us, and a pro rata amount of any interest recovered by us, less a pro rata amount of our necessary expenses incurred in effecting recovery.

Please sign and return both copies of the "Consent to Credit or Refund" within twenty (20) days from the date stamped at the top of these instructions.

Be sure to sign and mail both copies of the "Consent to Credit or Refund" to G. J. Griksell; Controller. For your convenience, postage prepaid envelope is enclosed herewith.

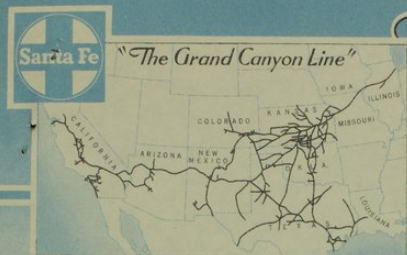
Yours very truly,

G. J. Griksell
Controller

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PRODUCTION MACHINES FOR BUSINESS RECORDS
PRODUCED IN U.S.A. FROM A MULTITH MASTER ON A MULTIGRAPH DUPLICATOR

Rolla Clymer correspondence



The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, MIDDLE DIVISION

Newton, Kansas

M. M. KILLEN, Superintendent

February 19, 1953

File PF-49

Dear Rolla:

Perhaps you are in some measure familiar with the concern being felt over the country generally regarding the hazards of transporting explosives over the highways by truck and perhaps might even be familiar to some extent with the numerous and repeated violations of prescribed safety measures by long-distance trucking concerns. At any rate, the situation has reached the point where many of our people feel something should be done to curb and regulate the transportation of large quantities of explosives on the highways and to effect this end there is now pending in the legislature Senate Bill 106, introduced by Senator Croxton, covering the transportation of explosives on the public highway and limiting the transportation of explosives to not exceed 5,000 pounds, except during any period of war, as declared by the Congress of the United States or during periods of grave national emergency when permits may be issued by the governor, authorizing movement of explosives in excess of 5,000 pounds.

This bill is the result of studies made by many national organizations, including the National Sheriffs' Association, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Conference of Governors, the American Association of State Highway Officials, the American Automobile Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the American Municipal Association and many other state, city and regional groups.

Since Senate Bill No. 106 is now pending at Topeka, it is important that our senators be advised of our position in this matter, in the event we have any interest and I feel the matter should be called to your attention, with the thought that you would care to let our senators know of your personal feelings in this matter.

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If you care to have additional information regarding the details of the bill or the attitude of specific organizations, I shall be glad to furnish it.

Yours very truly,

Mike

Mr. Rolla Clymer
Editor, ElDorado Times
ElDorado, Kansas

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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February 19, 1953

Mr. R. A. Clymer
Editor and General Manager
The Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

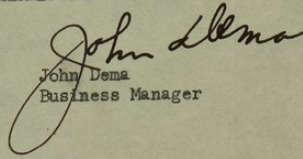
Since Mr. Lawrence's dispatches are only posted at about 8:30 nightly, we agree with you that the delivery to El Dorado for use the following day is likely to be uncertain.

However, let me reassure you that 80 percent of the Lawrence subscribers publish his pieces from Tuesdays to Saturdays without risk of any of the columns being outdated because Mr. Lawrence is fully aware of many of the mail delivery problems and tries to avoid being "behind the times". Only the newspapers that arrange for direct overhead transmission, or can depend on direct airmail delivery between large cities, are able to maintain a Monday-through-Friday publication schedule. Even some of the large papers have rearranged their publication schedule to use Lawrence on Tuesdays-through-Saturdays because of possible delay in delivery due to uncertain flight conditions.

Why not try out the Tuesday to Saturday publication schedule for a while and see how it works out?

Sincerely yours,

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE SYNDICATE


John Dema
Business Manager

JD:

Rolla Clymer correspondence

OFFICE OF REHABILITATION REPRESENTATIVE
KANSAS DEPARTMENT, THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION
BLECKLEY DRIVE AND KELLOGG
WICHITA

TELEPHONE
6-1520



February 20, 1953

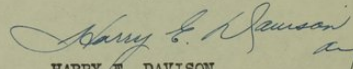
El Dorado Times
El Dorado,
Kansas

Gentlemen:

Recently this office called you long distance and placed an ad for a stenographer in your classified section. At the time of placing the ad, we were informed that we would be furnished with a copy of the ad.

To date, we have not received the copy. Would you please check into this matter, and send us a copy of the ad as it appeared in your paper, at your earliest convenience.

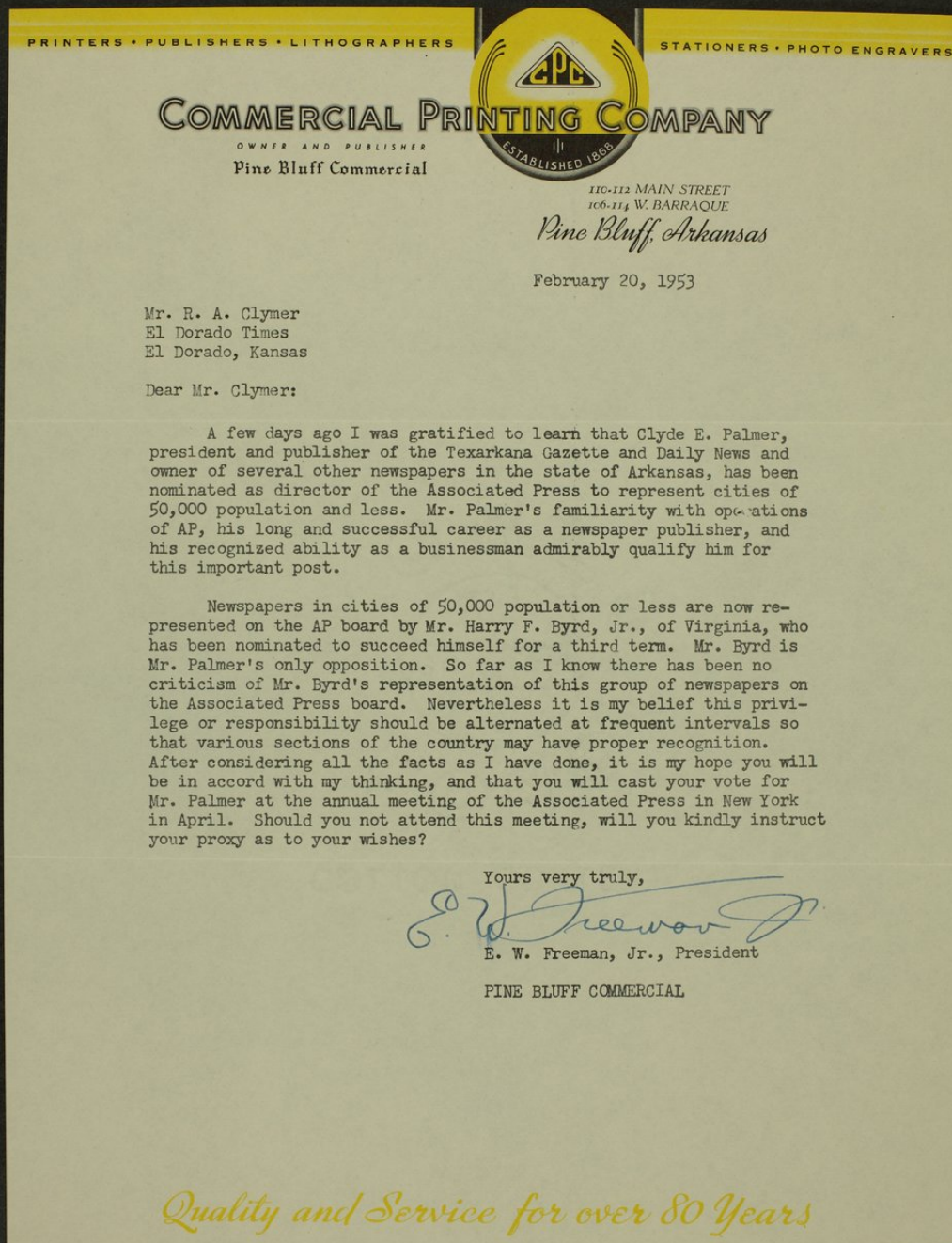
Yours very truly,



HARRY E. DAVISON
Rehabilitation Representative
The American Legion

HED:all

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February 20, 1953

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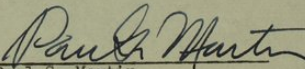
Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

As a former member of the Kansas Highways Fact-Finding and Research Committee, I believe you may be interested in the enclosed highway progress report.

Very truly yours,

GALE MOSS
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

by 
Paul G. Martin
Engineer of Highway Planning

PGM:rv
Enc.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 21, 1953

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Kansas Department, The American Legion
Veterans' Administration
Bleckley Drive and Kellogg
Wichita, Kansas

Attention: Harry E. Davison

Gentlemen:

We are sorry there was a misunderstanding and that we did not send you a copy of the display classified ad that appeared in our paper.

We have mailed the statement together with tear sheets to the address given us in Topeka.

We are enclosing a tear sheet of your ad. We thank you for this business and hope we can serve you again.

Yours very truly,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY

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enc

Bookkeeper

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 21, 1953

New York Herald Tribune Syndicate
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. John Dema, Business Manager

Dear Sirs:-

Thanks for your prompt reply of February 19 to my letter concerning delivery of the David Lawrence dispatch.

We will follow your suggestion and try out the Tuesdays-through-Saturdays schedule of publication. It ought to work most of the time. Our experience with the so-called mail "service" has been such, however, that even so we shall probably have our troubles at times.

Very truly yours,



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REFINERY AT POTWIN, KANSAS

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

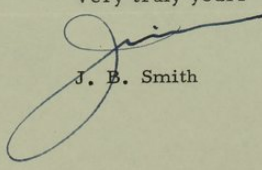
February 23, 1953

Mr. R. A. Clymer
The El Dorado Times
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rollie:

I am happy to have your letter of February 19 and have you again affirm the generosity of your paper in offering space to us about our new facilities at Potwin. I am forwarding your letter to Erbe Maybruck Associates, Inc. who have prepared several releases for us and who are in position to give you just about anything you care to run. I am sure you will hear from them soon. It is nice of you to offer us such nice comprehensive coverage and we appreciate it.

Very truly yours



J. B. Smith

JBS-ss
enc.

ERBE-MAYBRUCK ASSOCIATES, INC.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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PLAZA 9-8250

February 24, 1953

Mr. R.A. Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Jim Smith has passed on to us your recent comments re the opening of Vickers new refinery facilities at Potwin.

We are most anxious to work closely with you on all aspects of the dedication and have had in mind a special coverage for your paper.

As you are aware, Bruce K. Brown, former deputy administrator of the PAD will be the principal speaker at the dinner in Wichita on the evening of the dedication, March 20th. We are endeavoring to get an advance from Mr. Brown, as what he has to say usually makes news.

In addition there will be an unusual touch to the dedication, with Jack Vickers presenting Robert Miller, president of Southwestern Engineering Company, the engineers and constructors of the new TCC unit, with a silver plaque in recognition of the completion of this facility in less time and at less cost than anticipated.

We will have photographers at the dedication of the refinery and also at the dinner, and will shoot exclusive photos for your paper.

We also plan to take some advance pictures of the plaque, and some of the more important personages as they arrive. These will also be made available to you.

The complete description of the new facilities will be in your hands well in advance of the dedication, together with a list of those who will attend the affair.

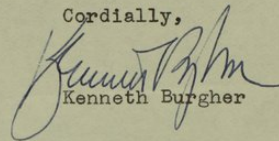
If there is anything more we can prepare for you, please do not hesitate to let us know, for we are most anxious to cooperate to the fullest with you.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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My associate, Carl Erbe, and I will be in
Wichita on Monday, March 2 and Tuesday March 3. We will
phone you at that time to arrange for the coverage you
desire.

Cordially,


Kenneth Burgher

KB:tw

c.c. to: James B. Smith

Feb. 24, 1953
Route 2,
Augusta, Kansas.

Mr. R. Clymer
Editor, El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Why have you quit printing
Brew Pearson's column, "Washington
Merry Go Round"?

I would appreciate, and
do expect, an immediate answer
to this question.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Maxine E. Frost

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 25, 1953

Mrs. Maxine E. Frost
Augusta, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Frost:-

We dropped the Frew Pearson feature from our paper simply for the reason it had been there so long, we felt our readers were entitled to something new and fresh. Pearson's political views and approach did not disturb us at all, and we have nothing against him. We may even restore him to the paper after a time.

Please believe me when I say that this was a move only for a change--like when housewives move the furniture around once in awhile and occasionally discard a piece. We thank you for your interest and hope you will remain a valued reader of our paper.

Sincerely,

EUGENE D. MILLIKIN, COLO., CHAIRMAN
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J. ALLEN FREAR, JR., DEL.
RUSSELL B. LONG, LA.

United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 25, 1953.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
The El Dorado Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 16 with enclosed editorial regarding Wes.

I can assure you that I, too, have been heartsick over the whole matter. In my opinion, the first thing that must be done is that Wes return to Kansas and appear before the Investigating Committee as soon as it is appointed and organized. I have every reason to believe that his statements before the Committee will be factual and show that he did not violate any of our state statutes, but on the other hand, I am in thorough accord with you that it is going to be difficult to get this across to the people.

The President is being kept fully advised of the situation and is going to take no action or make any statements until the matter has been thoroughly handled by the State of Kansas.

I well remember what a difficult time we had and how seriously concerned the President and everyone close to him was when the Nixon case broke.

Some time when visiting with you, I will give you a picture of what took place for an entire week.

Hearings are soon going to be held in the Senate Committee in regard to Nixon, and I am led to believe that the information was not only false, but several signatures were forged.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

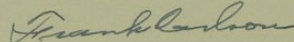
Mr. R. A. Clymer #2

The President is doing a nice job of it and I think we are getting along very well.

Will hope to get home next summer and El Dorado and the Clymers will be first on my visiting list.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Frank Carlson

FC/MF

Rolla Clymer correspondence

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
OLATHE, KANSAS

February 26, 1953

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The Navy Department, in early 1950, approved a series of monthly orientation cruises to be conducted by the Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training for the purpose of familiarizing a cross-section of prominent citizens throughout the country with various details of Naval Installations. The Naval Air Station, Olathe, Kansas, as a part of the Naval and Marine Air Reserve Training Command, is scheduled to conduct such a cruise for the periods 25, 26, 27, March 1953.

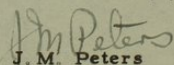
As Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Air Station Olathe, Kansas, I should like to invite you to be a member of the group from the Kansas-Missouri area who will make the trip to the U.S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. The group will consist of forty four gentlemen, many of whom may be among your acquaintances.

Air transportation is furnished by the Navy. The cost of meals, laundry, Bachelor Officer Quarters accommodations, and similar personal expenses must be paid by the guest, and will total \$30.00 per person.

The cruise will depart from NAS Olathe on March 25th at 6:45 AM and will return on March 27th. The trip will be made in a Navy R5D (DC-4) aircraft to and from NAS Pensacola. In order that you may form an individual opinion as to the efficiency and economy of Naval Air Training, you will have ample opportunity to observe many phases related to training Naval Aviation Cadets, including a day aboard the aircraft carrier USS MONTEREY in the Gulf of Mexico where you will see the cadets making their first landings aboard an aircraft carrier.

There is no doubt that this cruise would be of extreme interest to you and will be most informative. In addition to understanding more fully the accomplishments and capabilities of Naval Air Training and the Naval Air Reserve Program, as a leading citizen in this area it is felt that you are interested in how your tax dollar is being utilized by the U.S. Navy in the interest of National Defense. I should be most gratified if you could accept this invitation. Due to necessary planning your reply would be most appreciated prior to March 7, 1953.

Most sincerely yours,


J. M. Peters
Captain USN
Commanding Officer



Rolla Clymer correspondence

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Mr. R. A. Clymer
TIMES
El Dorado, Kan.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We are enclosing the WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND release for Wednesday, February 25th which is an example of Drew Pearson's initiative and nose for news.

We hope you will read the enclosed story because Drew Pearson had access to the President's private notes that were used at the dramatic meeting just before his first press conference to discuss the biggest problem on his mind at the time -- the farm crisis.

Drew Pearson has more news sources, contacts and pipe-lines into the new administration than he had when Truman and Roosevelt were in power. He gets more exclusive news faster and more accurately than any other Washington correspondent or news service.

Survey after survey proves that the WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND is the most widely-read news out of Washington. A summary of 138 surveys of Continuing Studies showed that Pearson ranked first in readership among men and fourth among women.

The St. Joseph, MO. New Press which had cancelled the column a couple of months ago, after observing the release subsequent to the election campaign, wired us to ignore its cancellation and continue the column without interruption. In other cases where a couple of papers cancelled, WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND was snapped up immediately by competitors.

We hope you too will want to rescind your cancellation and will instruct us to resume the service.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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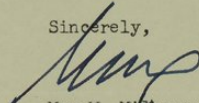
Mr. R. A. Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Thanks for your kind words on Kansas State's 90th birthday. We certainly do appreciate your editorial comment on this rather significant anniversary of Kansas State College. I am sending to you under separate cover a copy of the 44th Biennial Report to the legislature which I prepared and also a brochure of information with regard to educational television. The television material was prepared for and has been distributed to the legislature and was introduced in Topeka at the "Eggs and Issues" breakfast last Tuesday morning.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Max W. Miltbourn
Director of Public Service

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 27, 1953

Mr. Robert Taft
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Taft:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent letters, the copies of some of the scholarly articles which you have written and the manuscript of the final report of the Governor's Centennial committee, for all of which I thank you. I have greatly enjoyed reading your historical comment on various Kansas phases; if you are cracked on the subject, a lot of the Kansas hoi polloi should be that way, too.

For additional representatives to help with the general work of our committee in the future, I wish to suggest the following:

Miss Vivian Woody, Douglass, Kansas
Mrs. Marie Boyd, Phillipsburg, Kansas
Mrs. Frank Haucke, Florence, Kansas

Very truly your,