

### **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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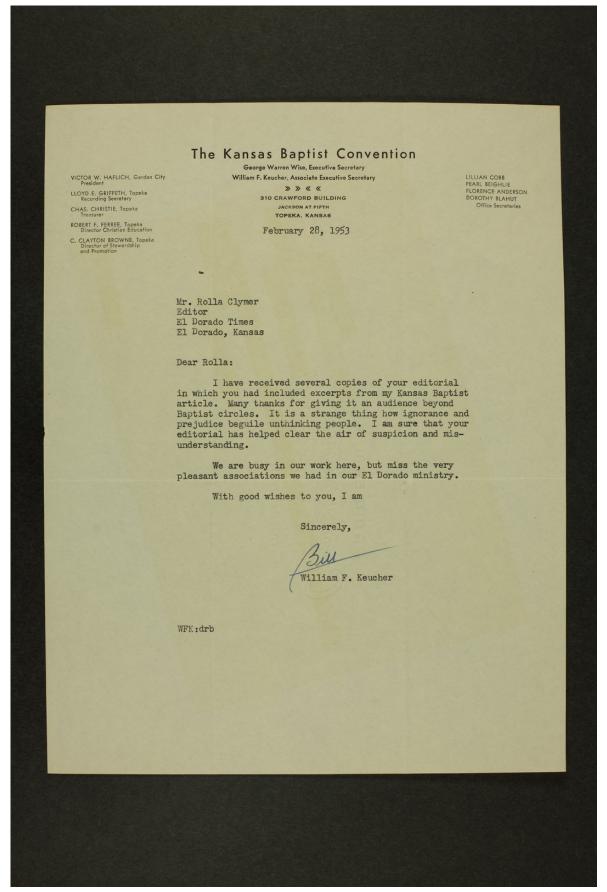
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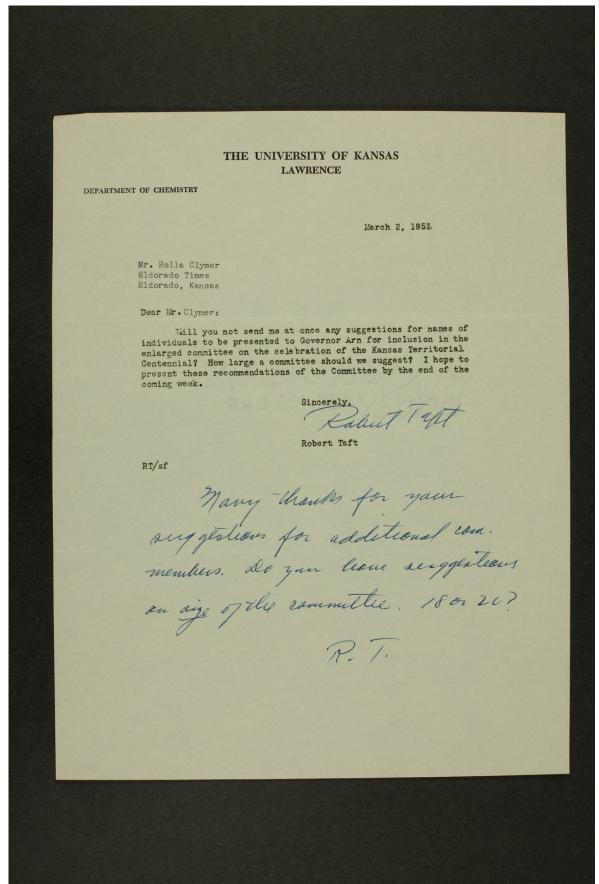
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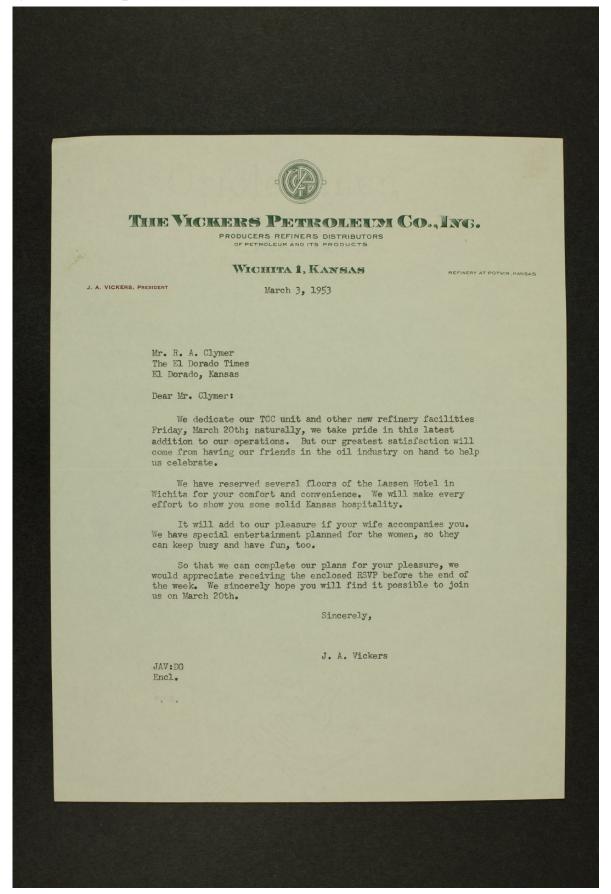




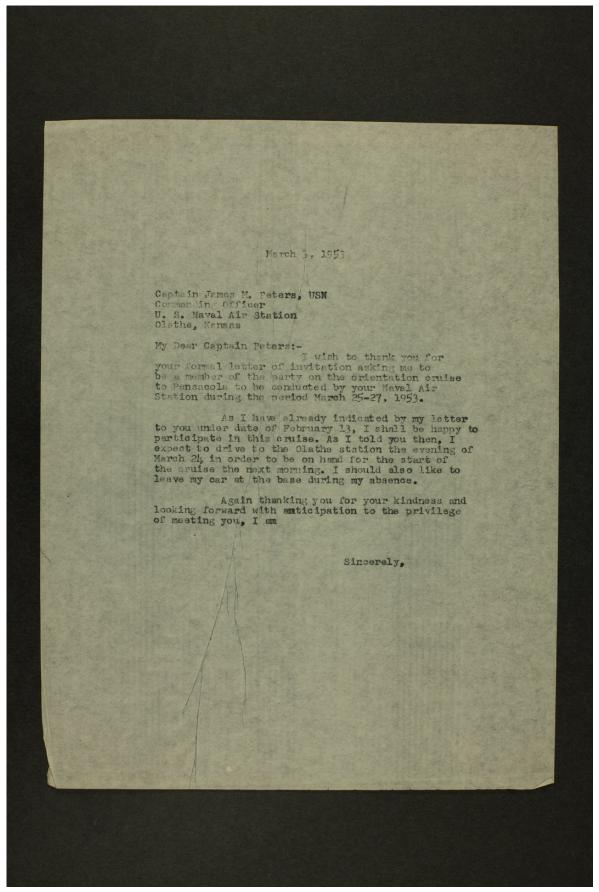




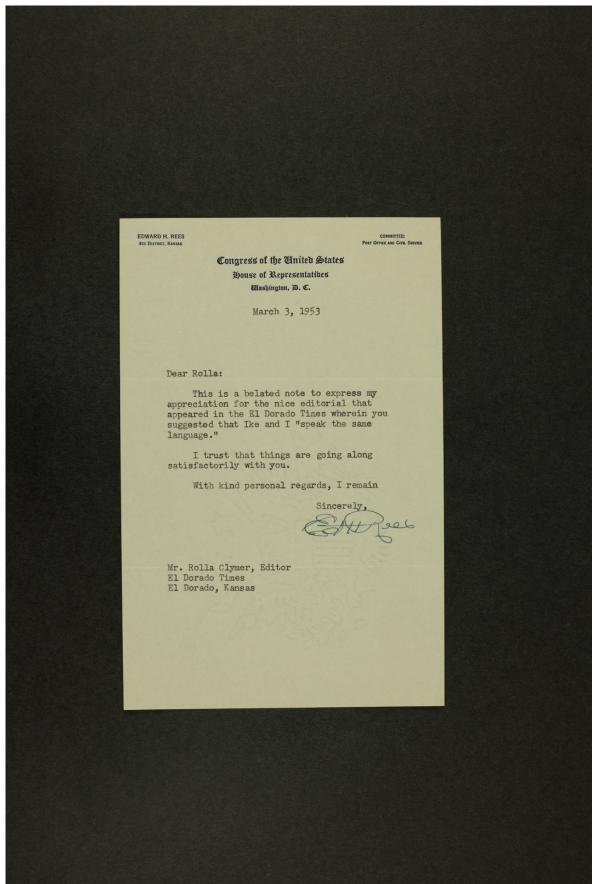




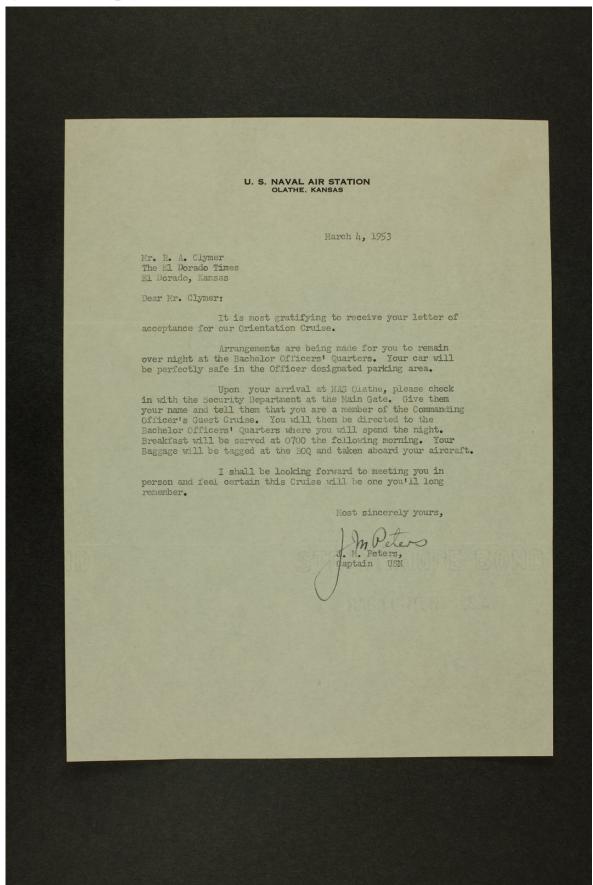




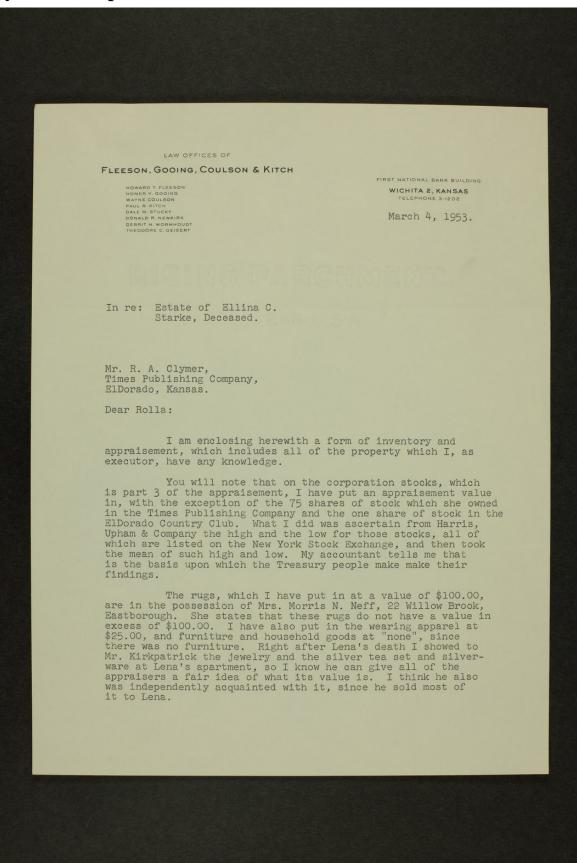




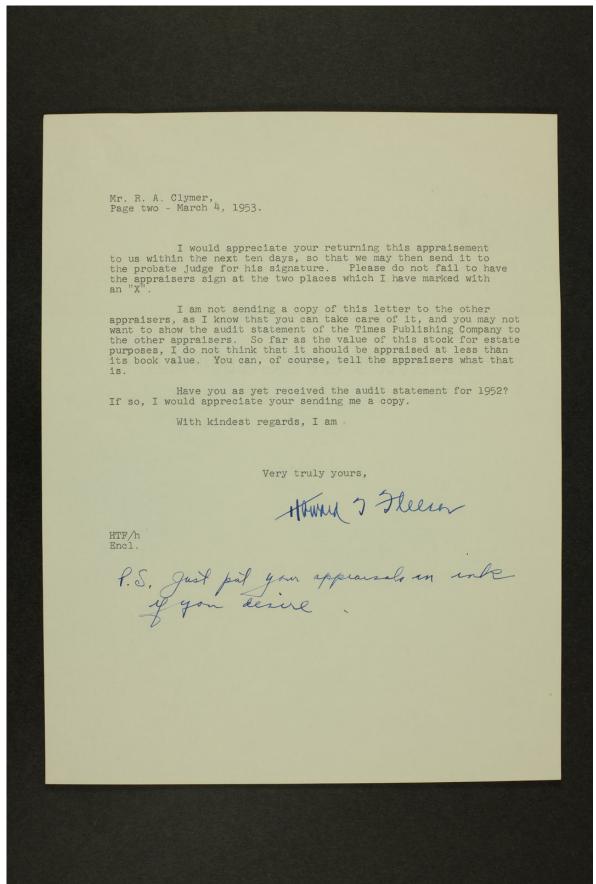




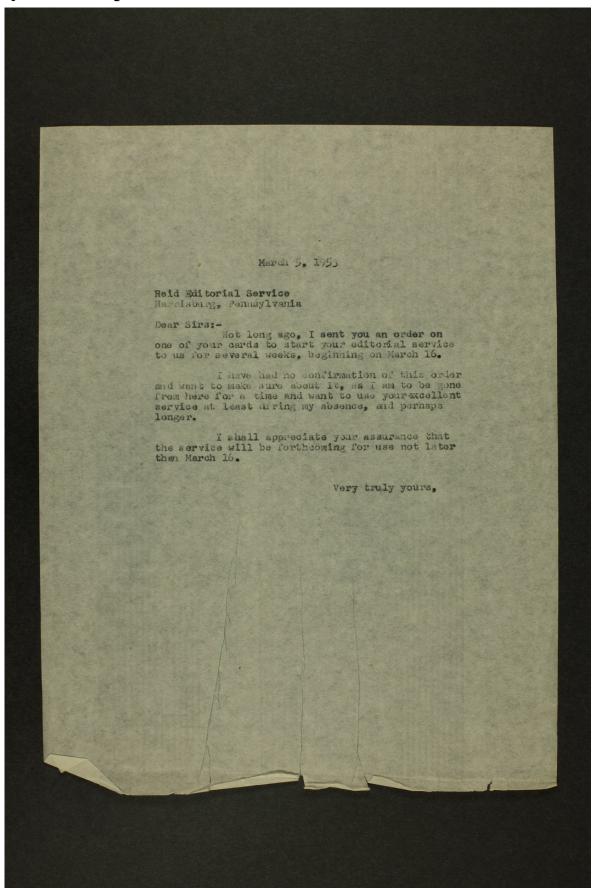














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The Pittsburg Headlight

EVENINGS EXCEPT SUNDAY

Established 1887

THE PITTSBURG SUN

MORNINGS EXCEPT MONDAY

Established 1915

### THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF EDITOR AND MANAGER

> Pittsburg, Kansas March 6, 1953

Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Herewith our check for seven bucks. I am sure that the return mail will bring seven El Dorado bucks back. The vital date is the same as for taxes--March 15.

Ain't it a hell of a mess. I published a 5-line editorial in Wednesday's paper. I think you will approve it.

I fear that we might have difficulty electing a Republican constable in Podunk Township if the election were set for tomorrow.

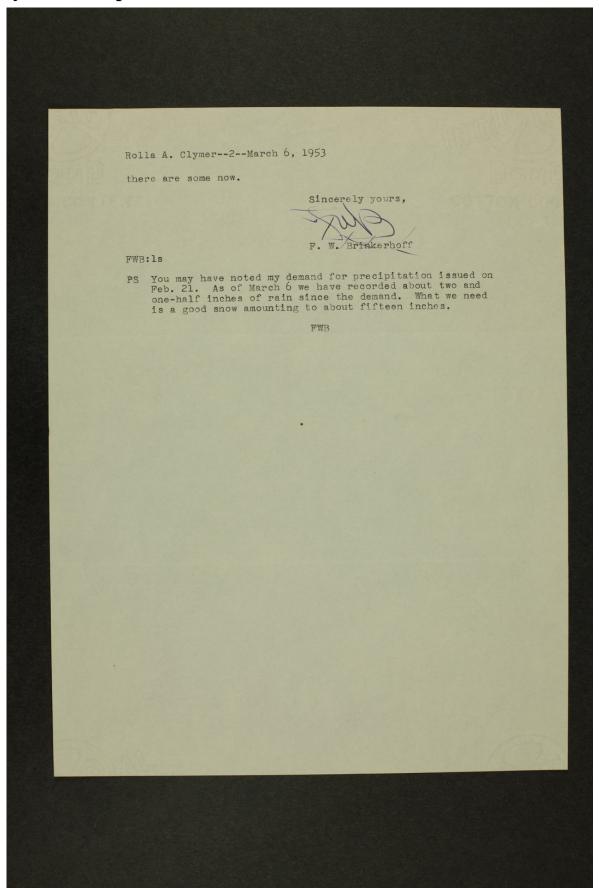
Of all the things that are so-called leaders should have done was not to give out the impression they were trying to whitewash anybody. Furthermore it was the acme of consummate silliness not to let the Democrats pick their own representatives on the committee.

You might be interested in this:

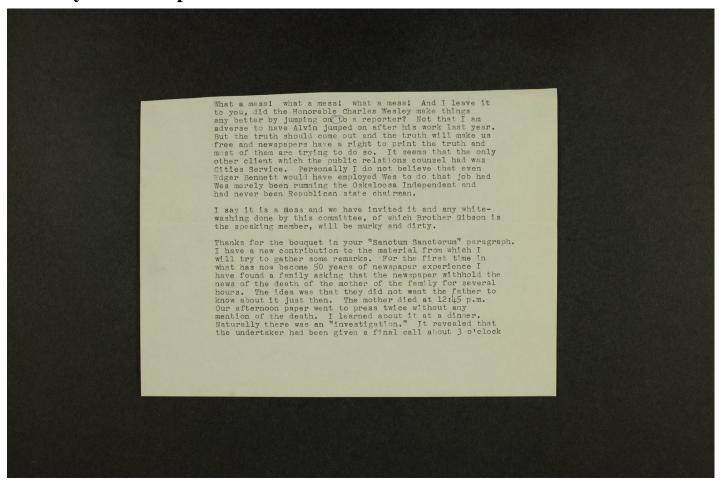
I am scheduled to make a speech before a large women's club in May. In a moment of weakness I agreed last fall to do this. My subject is "Sanctum Sanctorum." Surely you will agree that such a subject gives a speaker wide latitude--and maybe longitude. My idea is that it will enable me to ramble around about things that happen to a newspaper editor. Many people do not realize that anything does. This will be no Pollyanna flavored speech. I have met up with too many liars and crooks and hypocrites in the course of the years to have any enthusiasm for the idea that in everybody there is some good and that people are just grand. And, of course, somewhere I am going to bring in that famous tripod of yours.

I have agreed to make a speech at Girard on the night of St. Patrick's day. And if I feel like it I am going to preview "Sanctum Sanctorum." However, I feel that it may be the time to discuss three or four live topics in Kansas--and

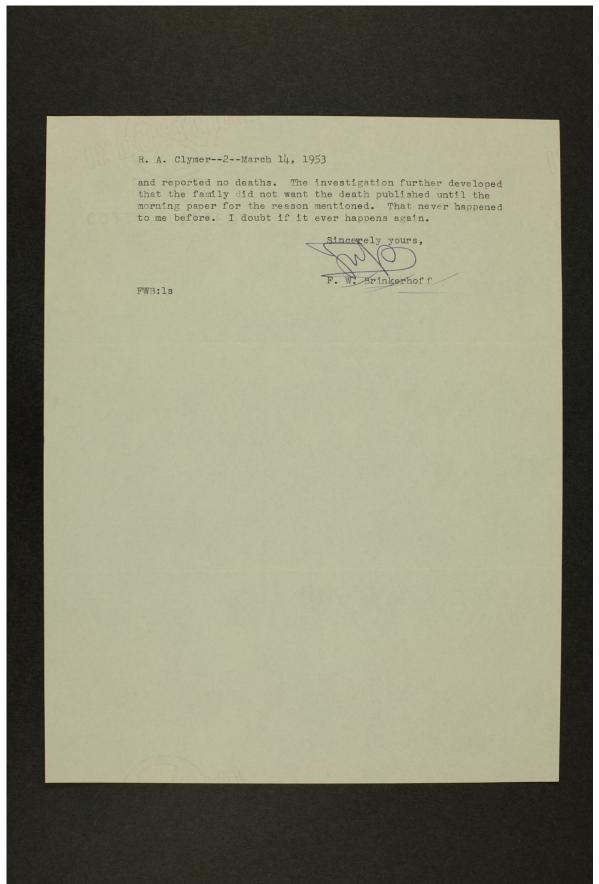




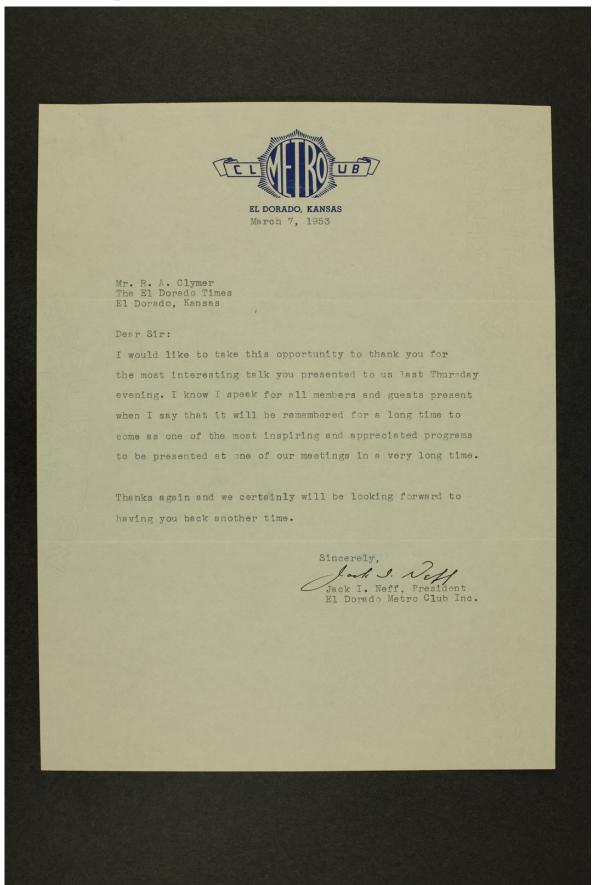




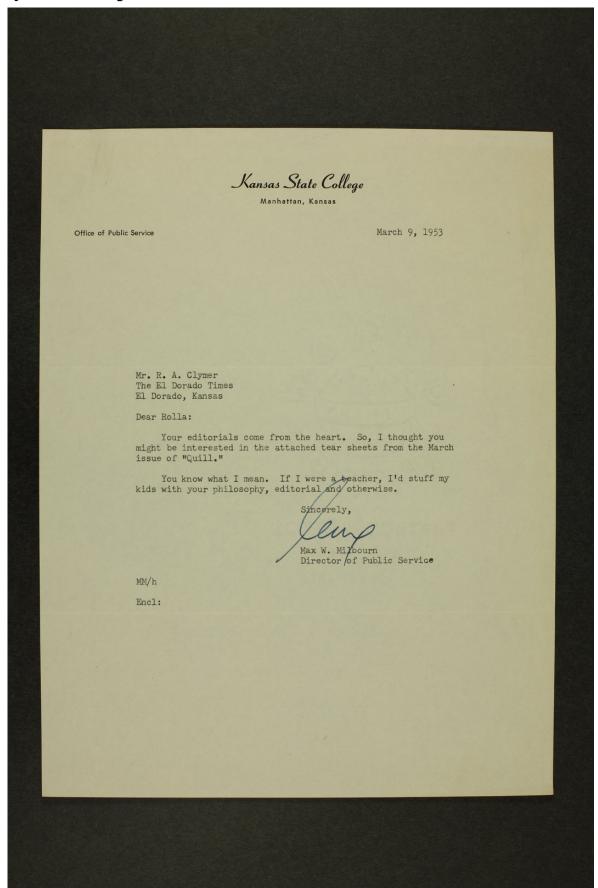




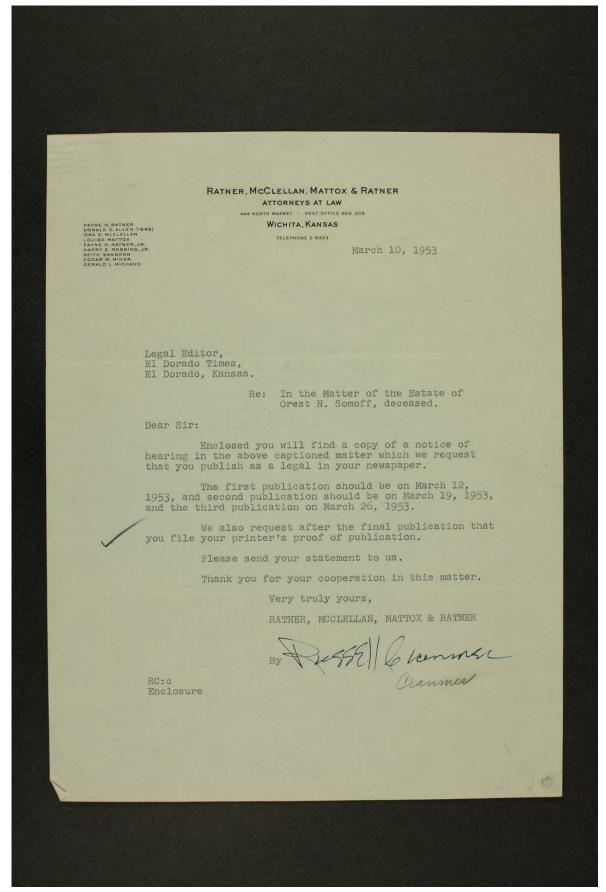




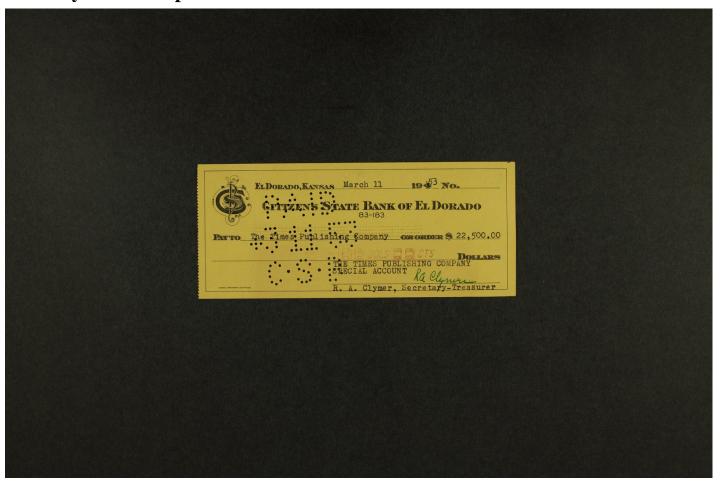




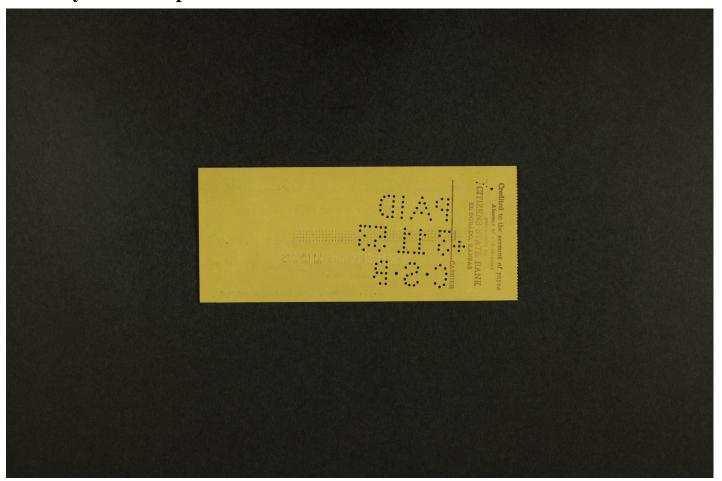




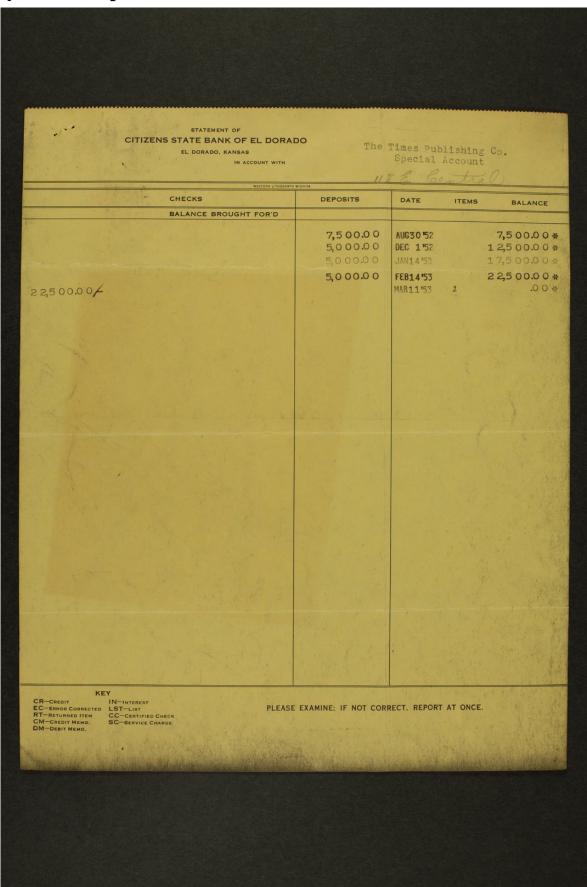




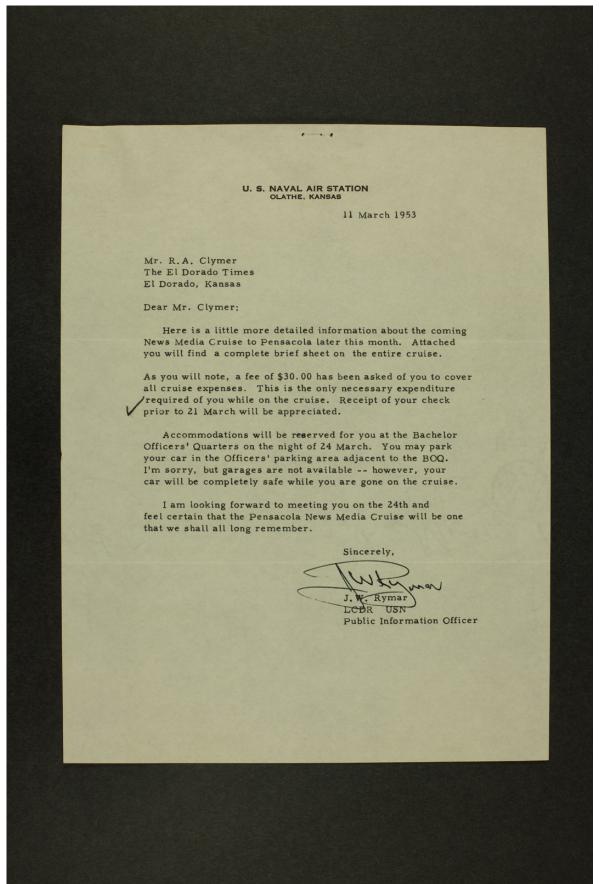
















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### HEADQUARTERS

NAVAL AIR RESERVE TRAINING COMMAND U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

ALL ABOUT YOUR NAVY ORIENTATION CRUISE: 25-26-27 MARCH 1953

These informal notes have been prepared to acquaint you with what to expect on your Navy Orientation Cruise and to assist you in your preparations.

Purpose of the Cruise. Many representative citizens throughout our country have participated in Navy Orientation Cruises approved by the Navy Department and sponsored by the Secretary of the Navy. The Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training, Rear Admiral D. V. Gallery, USN, will conduct such a cruise to Pensacola, Florida, often called the "Annapolis of the Air" on 25-26-27 March 1953. Through your state association you have been invited to participate in this short but intensive cruise which has been designed to present to you a comprehensive picture of Naval Air Training, as well as a brief look at the Naval Air Reserve Training Program, from which you can form your own opinion as to its overall efficiency and economy.

March Cruise to be Media Cruise. The March 1953 Orientation Cruise is to be conducted exclusively for media representatives. A total of 44 guests are to be invited — 22 from eastern Kansas and 22 from western Missouri. Plans call for 11 press and 11 radio/television representatives from each state.

MAS Olathe to be Host Station. Captain James M. Peters, USN, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Olathe, Kansas, acting for the Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training, is extending invitations through your state association. Captain Peters and Lieutenant Commander J. W. Rymar, USNR, Command Liaison Officer for NAS Olathe, will accompany the cruise. In addition, Commander L. H. (Tex) Witherspoon, formerly of NAS Olathe, will represent the Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training. Naval Air Reserve Training.

Day Aboard Carrier. Highlight of the cruise is a day aboard the carrier USS NONTEREY (CVL-26) in the Gulf of Nexico where you will observe Naval Aviation Cadets making their first landings aboard an aircraft carrier. In addition to watching flight operations from your vantage spot on the carrier's "island" you will be conducted on a tour of the ship from stem to stern.

Training Demonstrated. Liberally included in the itinerary are demonstrations of the latest developments in Navy training, all intended to make today's pilot safer and more efficient. You will see in action the famous "Dilbert Dunker," a device for teaching all Navy pilots to escape under water from a capsized aircraft. The Survival Hut holds many interesting and instructive exhibits showing how to survive in event of a forced landing anywhere between the North and South poles. You will witness a live air-sea rescue, a spectacular fire-fighting demonstration, celestial navigation aids, speed reading devices in action, and many other phases and techniques of the training operation. A graphic presentation on the first evening in Pensacola shows how the Navy flight training program operates a big business with an ever-present concern for the taxpayer's dollar.

Mayal Aviation Needs You. In addition to showing you just how your tax dollar is used in training Naval Aviators, we hope to acquaint you with some of the problems that continually arise in our procurement and training programs. Because many of these problems are not entirely military in nature, we feel that they can better be solved by enlisting the experience, judgment, and "know-how" of leaders in commerce, industry, and the media of public expression

Schedule in Brief. Deadline for arrival at NAS Pensacola (Saufley Field) is 1400 (2 PM) on Wednesday 25 March. We will travel in two multi-engine transport type aircraft, a Navy R4D and R5D -- known in civilian circles as the D03 and D04, respectively. The R4D carrying 11 passengers will depart NAS Olathe about 0800 (8 AM) and the R5D at 0845 with the remainder of the



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group. You are asked to be on hand at NAS Olathe by 0645 in order that there will be a certain amount of leeway for adjusting our departure time to the wind and weather. Breakfast will be served before take-off; lunch served aloft enroute. If time permits before landing we will have an aerial tour of the Pensacola area. After landing at 1400 you will have just time to check into your quarters, then the tour of the base begins. Thursday, the 26th, is spent on the carrier and after returning ashere at 1630 (4:30 PM) you will have about 2 hours free time before attending the Admiral's reception and dinner at the Mustin Beach Officers Club, time 1830. We depart from NAS Sau-vfley at 0900 on Friday 27th and plan to be back at NAS Olathe by middle or late afternoon, the time again depending on the wind and weather. A full play-by-play schedule will be furnished later.

Transportation, Quarters, Meals, Dress. Air transportation to and from Pensacola is furnished by the Navy incidental to a scheduled training flight for the pilots of your aircraft. Orientation Cruises are conducted at no direct cost to the government; therefore, each guest is assessed thirty dollars to cover meals, quarters, laundry, refreshments, and other expenses incidental to the cruise. Little additional money will be necessary; however bar and incidental expenses after scheduled functions must be met personally. Except for a coat and tie at evening functions, the dress throughout the cruise is most informal. For your comfort aboard ship, it is suggested that you bring along a light windbreaker, sun glasses, a hunting cap or baseball cap (your hat may blow overboard), and comfortable walking shoes. Note: Temperature at Pensacola should be about 65-75 degrees.

Arrival and Parking at NAS Olathe. On arrival at NAS Olathe at 0645 Wednesday 25th, please go directly to the Bachelor Officers Quarters where a hot breakfast will be awaiting you and your baggage will be tagged to be put on board your aircraft. Your automobile may be left in the BOQ parking lot while you are on the cruise. If you wish to spond the night at NAS Olathe on Tuesday 24th, rather than arriving early Wednesday, please notify LCDR Rymar a short while in advance and arrangements will be made for you to stay overnight at the BOQ.

<u>Cameras Encouraged</u> - <u>Photo Supplies Limited</u>. By all means, bring your camera along and take as many pictures as you like. However, and this is important, photo supplies at NAS Pensacola are often very limited due to the heavy demand -- so, it's to your advantage to bring enough film and flash bulbs for the entire cruise.

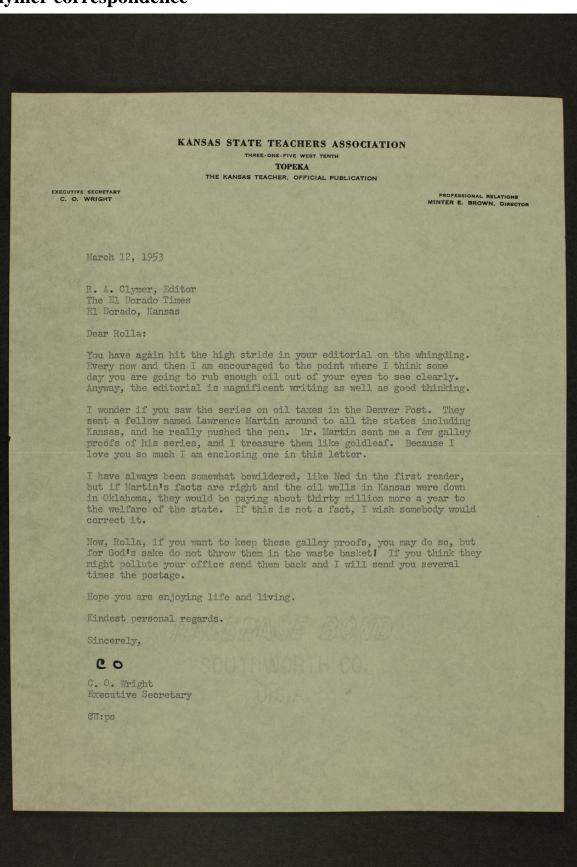
Luggage, Name Plates. You are allowed fifty pounds of luggage, for which name tags will be furnished. A name plate will be issued shortly before take-off from NAS Olathe. Please wear this name plate throughout the cruise; besides identification, it serves as your chow pass.

<u>Waiver Required.</u> All participants in Orientation Cruises are required to sign a waiver absolving the Navy of liability in event of mishap. Those waivers will be prepared and ready for your signature when you arrive at NAS Olathe.

Additional Information. Write, wire, or phone LCDR J. W. Rymar, USNR, Command Liaison Officer, NAS Clathe, or CDR L. H. (Tex) Witherspoon, USNR, Staff, Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training, Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, either of whom will be glad to assist.

Cadets From Your Home Area. If you would like to see and talk with any Naval Aviation Cadet(s) from your home area who are known to be at Pensacola, pleased advise CDR Witherspoon directly as soon as practicable and arrangements will be made to have the young man or men on hand at some time during your cruise. Since the Pensacola establishment is spread over quite a large area and includes several Naval Air Stations, you can make the job of locating the right Cadet much easier by including as many vital statistics on the lad(s) as seems appropriate.







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### FIRST SECURITIES COMPANY

OF KANSAS (INCORPORATED)

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

SCHWEITER BUILDING

WICHITA, KANSAS

March 12, 1953

Mr. R. A. Clymer c/o Times Publishing Company El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Re: \$2,000 MIDIAND VALLEY RAILROAD CO. lst. Mtge 4% Bonds Due: 4-1-63(opt)

Enclosed herewith the above mentioned bonds which you purchased from us last Tuesday. Kindly acknowledge receipt of these bonds by signing the duplicate copy of the enclosed invoice and returning it to us in the self-addressed, stamped envelope which we enclose.

You will notice that the next interest coupon due on these bonds is the October 1, 1953 coupon. You will recall that we allowed a discount of \$4.67 from the cost of your bonds which represents the earned interest on your investment until April 1st.

Thanking you for your additional business, we beg to remain

Very truly yours,

FIRST SECURITIES COMPANY

Vice President

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Enc.



