

## 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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Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1954

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for those kind words in The Listening Post. It is more than I ever hoped for. Winning anything is such a rare experience that I feel embarrassed when anyone mentions it.

As you said, I've dug it all out by myself over the past twenty years. At times I wonder why I keep on, but deep down I know I'll never give up, even though I never reach the top. My crazy Irish temperment keeps me hanging on. With me, writing is like my father's wild impossible dream to work out perpetual motion, something he worked on until the day he died.

If I ever succeed, even in a small measure in what I hope for, I'll never forget the wonderful help and encouragement you and dear Old Bill Feder gave me.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Harold Offen*

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January 20, 1954

Hon. Dwight D. Eisenhower  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The writer attended the American National Cattlemen's Association convention in Colorado Springs last week.

Secretary Benson's speech was one of the highlights of the convention. The Secretary's speech, outlining in some detail your farm program, was enthusiastically received and endorsed by a jam packed audience-in the Municipal Auditorium-by stockmen and farmers from all parts of the United States.

Cattlemen are happy that, due to a free market, there is not a huge surplus of meat hanging over their heads such as exists with wheat, cotton and corn.

I am writing Senators and Congressmen, with whom I am personally acquainted, that they can support your farm program with the firm conviction that they are helping to stop the creation of increasingly large surpluses of agricultural commodities and perhaps the ultimate collapse of our agricultural economy.

Enclosed are paragraphs from two speeches made at this convention which received the most applause of any statements made on that occasion.

Sincerely yours,

RWR:mm  
Encl.

RICHARD W. ROBBINS

cc; Hon. Ezra Taft Benson  
Secretary of Agriculture  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.





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EXCERPT FROM: Address by SAM C. HYATT, PRESIDENT, American National Cattlemen's Association convention at Colorado Springs, Colo., January 12, 1954.

"As an example, last spring, summer and fall saw the opening guns in a politically inspired clamor for price supports and controls--a clamor which would have had the nation and the government believe that the cowman was abandoning his birthright of freedom for a few dollars. In the face of all this clamor, I called a meeting of the American National's Executive Committee in April and another in October. Although the committee had very short notice for either meeting, members of the committee came from border to border and coast to coast at their own time and expense. They pondered the problem from all angles--and they assured the nation that the cattlemen they represented--the true producers of the nation--had reaffirmed their belief in the heritage of freedom. And they denied the pitfalls of "easy dollars" to stand firm against price supports and controls. They declared in no uncertain terms that "Free markets make free men".

History proves beyond argument that when free enterprise is destroyed, free men go with it and that goes for free labor. And you cannot expect progress under an ironclad government monopoly as to private enterprise. I am getting tired of a farm program that requires management by a bureaucracy that exists fat and strong only when taxes are fat and strong, and a program that politicians ride to power on by using it as a dole system. No government, federal or state, can give you anything which it has not first taken from you. Furthermore, through government waste and extravagance you get back much less than what it takes from you. Knowing the government is the people, how far can we go in guaranteeing things to ourselves?

The Executive Committee knew more was at stake than just the controversy over supports. They knew that this minority group was aiming for much bigger stakes, aiming at high price supports for all farm products and with them the way would be paved for complete socialization of American Agriculture and in the end would inevitably control everything a farmer sells or does".



January 20, 1954

Mr. J. M. Arnold  
Tonganoxie, Kansas

Dear Mr. Arnold:-

I am much interested in the letter which you wrote in response to our advertisement in the K. C. Star. I would certainly like to discuss the matter of employment with you further. I must be out of town on several occasions within the next week or two. After I resume a settled basis here, which will be before long, I shall write you again--and trust that we may arrange a meeting. In the meantime, I shall take no steps toward filling the opening here. If this arrangement is satisfactory with you, please let me know.

Very truly yours,





### SKELLY OIL COMPANY

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E. A. TODD  
C. A. CHALFANT

EL DORADO, KANSAS

January 20, 1954

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

Dear R.A.C.:

Just read the Listening Post and am deeply concerned about the walnuts.  
When Ted Wilson "turned the entire haul to you", he was smart, not just big hearted.  
Doubtless Mr. Wilson is aware of the deadly effects of Black Walnut Meats on aging livers, hearts and creaking joints of the genus homo!  
There is enough of one ingredient alone in ONE black walnut to start a chain of boils that could cause an editor to write standing up.  
My uncle once ate a cupfull of walnut meats and developed a siege of boils that lasted 7 years - he was never the same again. Forgetting he was an inveterate pipe smoker he took up the cigarette habit and finally died from cancer of the lungs at 81. It has been said that every boil is worth \$5.00 to the system but uncle told me that he would have sold his entire crop for \$1.98.  
Why don't you, as a measure of self-preservation, do as Mr. Wilson did and turn "the entire haul" to some delinquent subscriber or other varmint you long have wanted to torture? We want our Favorite Editor to go thru life without wirecut or blemish - not marked with craters all over his body from Black Walnut Boils.

Worriedly Yours,

*Barney Titus*

BDT:SW

P.S. Don't send the walnuts to me - I wouldn't eat a single Black Walnut for a free lifetime subscription to the "Rag-O-Freedom".

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 21, 1955

Re: C 17 177 615  
Ridge, Willard H.

Wayne E. Garrett  
Room 215- Burford Building  
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Effective January 16, 1955 The Times Publishing Company started paying Willard H. Ridge \$6 4.50 for a 40 hour week - or at the rate of \$1.6125 an hour.

Yours Very Truly,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY

Bookkeeper

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Tonganoxie, Kans  
Jan. 21-54

Mr. R. A. Clymer  
Editor & Manager The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thanks for your letter of Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
I find your arrangement very satisfactory.

It seems your and my availability  
will dovetail nicely. I can be available for an  
appointment elsewhere from now through  
Tuesday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. From Wednesday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>  
through Thursday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> I could only meet with  
you here in Tonganoxie as that is my collecting  
period. From Friday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> on I can again  
make arrangements for a meeting elsewhere.

I trust these dates will make it  
easier for you to make your plans and  
will be looking forward to hearing from  
you again.

Very truly Yours

J. H. Munsell

P.S. Include Sundays in the above dates.

J. H. M.





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January 21, 1954

GENERAL OFFICES  
500 BAKER ARCADE BUILDING  
MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA  
TELEPHONE LINCOLN 8881

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for your letter of January 12, entering specifications covering your February newsprint requirements.

Enclosed please find our formal acknowledgment K-23-2, covering a carload of newsprint scheduled for February shipment.

You will note that we have specified a shipping date of February 17. We will do everything possible to meet this date, but at the present time we are running behind schedule from 3-5 days. Should such a delay occur, we trust that it will not cause you undue inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

*J. A. Vaughan, Jr.*

J. A. Vaughan, Jr.  
Newsprint Section  
Paper Division

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MILLS AT:  
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FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO  
KENORA, ONTARIO

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MILL ORDER DATE 1/18/54

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DATED 1/12/54


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Jack Wecker

1-21-54

Hello Boss Man:-

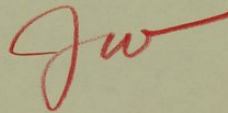
Just a quick note to let you know how much I enjoyed our visit at the Kansas Press Association Meet last Friday. It sure was good seeing you.

Thot, too, you would be interested in knowing that we have started preparations on getting you cleared for a ride in our "bird of beauty." Maybe we'll have an answer on the thing sometime next week.

And last, here's a copy of the current issue of Boeing Magazine which contains copy carefully prepared by a half-assed journalist by the name of Wecker. Havent checked lately, perhaps the above figure should be reduced by  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

We'll wire in with you later concerning the flight. Until later, then,

Best regards,



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Jan. 31, 1954  
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In deep appreciation of the wonderful tribute to Paul I wish to express my sincere thanks to you.

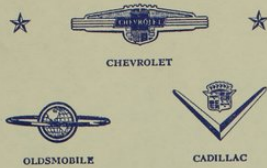
The many editorials were so typical of Paul, only the last twenty days of his life did he know of his true condition, yet he met it unafraid and without a tear. He was grateful for the years we were fortunate enough to have together.

I too am grateful the good lord gave us almost seven wonderful years, on Christmas day he had me bring his typewriter to his bed-side, he sat on the edge of his bed and typed off his last editorial, "about the Gypsy group."

Tho Paul is no longer here, his presence will be felt among us as long as we have editors like you.

The daughter Virginia and <sup>brother</sup> son me in sincere thanks, Laura Jones.





### THE NOLAN MOTOR COMPANY

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GARDEN CITY, KANSAS

January 21, 1954

JOHN W. NOLAN, President  
E. M. SCHREIBER, Sec'y-Treas.

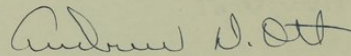
Mr. R. A. Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In answer to your question about getting in and out of Garden City for the Rotary Convention February 7th, I have the following information. You can leave Wichita at 9:20 A.M., arriving at Garden City at 11:40 A.M. and leaving Garden City at 7:00 P.M. arriving in Wichita at 9:20 P.M.

Trusting this information will help you in some way and hoping to see you at the Rotary Convention, I remain

Very truly yours,



Andrew D. Ott

ADO/jc

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Law Offices

W. H. COUTTS, JR.

Citizens State Bank Building

ElDorado, Kansas

January 22, 1954

Arthur L. Vermillion  
912 North Broadway  
Wichita, Kansas

Re: Spurgeon Russell d/b/a  
Russell's Food Market  
Our File No. R-269-A

Dear Mr. Vermillion:

Your letter as of January 21, received today. I have given this matter considerable thought, however, have not come to a definite decision.

As we have been all along, we are still handicapped because we do not have all of the facts, and it is very difficult to obtain these facts, for this reason that most of them are in the hands of the opposition, and they will not disclose them.

Without doubt, Russell and his son entered into a conspiracy to defraud his creditors. Russell says that his son loaned him \$5,000.00 or more to keep the business open. Why would anyone running a two by four grocery and going in debt all the time borrow money on a losing venture? We cannot disprove these figures, however. We can prove that Russell made payments upon this real estate contract, and doubtless can prove that the money with which he paid came out of the business.

To prepare a suit of this kind and file it will take a considerable amount of time. It is not like a case in which you already have the evidence where all one needs to do is prepare the petition and file it. In this case, we will have to dig up much of the evidence, as there is no one else here to dig it up. As a minimum, a reasonable attorney's fee would be \$250.00. The court deposit would be \$15.00. If we had to try the case, a reasonable and ordinary per diem trial fee would prevail.

It is, of course, possible that once such a suit is filed, perhaps it would never have to be tried. Perhaps they would come into court and make a settlement. Things like this just cannot be determined. They are pure speculation.

As to the accounts which were turned over to us, let me say that they are the worst batch of accounts that I have ever seen. Most of the debtors are people who were practically in destitute circumstances, many on the county, widows, and notorious nare-do-wells. Many of them



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Arthur L. Vermillion

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without addresses, all of them worked previously by high-powered collection agencies away from here, some by attorneys, etc., etc.. All in all, we may recover two or three hundred dollars out of all of them, which frankly, isn't enough to pay for the expense of working them.

In your letter of December 7, you advised that the common creditors had been paid approximately \$.50 on a dollar. I do not know what amount this estate will end up short. It appears to me that the problem for the creditors to determine, and for you as trustee to pass upon is, what will the deficiency be, if substantial, perhaps it would be wise in taking the chance upon filing the law suit to set aside the deed in question. The creditors could not be much worse off, and perhaps such action might make them whole.

If, on the other hand, the shortage is not great, maybe the game would not be worth the powder.

As you know, it is difficult to cover a matter like this in a letter, however, I trust from this information it will give you some idea as to the true situation.

With best regards, and awaiting your direction, I am,

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. H. COUTTS, JR.

WHC:rh

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Kansas City, Kansas  
22 January 54

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

Dear Mr. Clymer -

Thanks for your prompt consideration of my telegraphic application for your position as Circulation Manager.

I am listing below information I believe you would want -

PERSONAL: Born - March 13, 1898, Leavenworth, Kansas  
Height - 5' 9"  
Nationality - Irish-Swedish  
Marital Status - Single, divorced 1935  
Health - Good  
Weight - 175#  
Religion - Protestant  
Dependents - None

EDUCATION: Graduate Staunton Military Academy, two years University of Virginia - one year Cornell University.

### BUSINESS

EXPERIENCE: Started working as office boy for Kansas City Star at age ten, worked continuously, with exception of school and army until 1923, when I transferred to the Curtis Publishing Company. At start had charge of solicitors, routes, street sales and promotion of increased circulation.

At Curtis I first had charge of single copy sales through Dealers and Boy Salesmen in the states of Kansas and Missouri. In 1926 I was sent to Chicago to double the circulation of the Saturday Evening Post, which I did by increasing the number of regular boy salesmen from seven, only, to over four thousand - along with new dealers.

I was then given charge of all big city operations and traveled the United States and Canada.

During the depression I was forced to resign due to internal politics.

To verify this record, contact Mr. Ben Allen, Circulation Director of Curtis and Mr. Richard Darnell, now retired, with the Kansas City Star.



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Mr. R. A. Clymer  
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I am proud of my record as a circulator, because it was always clean, solid and permanent.

Since then I have had sales jobs with Socony-Vacuum, Tide Water, and Pacific Oil Sales, and am presently selling advertising ideas for one of the large specialty companies.

As you well know, circulation is an important part in all publishing - made up of few big worries but many countless small headaches. If you wish to be relieved of these small details and will lay out a policy, I will see to it that it is enforced to the letter under your complete control as "water at a water tap".

You will wonder, no doubt, why I am interested in El Dorado. First, it is within easy hailing distance of my Mother's home in Kansas City, Kansas, which is important because she is eighty three years old. Secondly, it is a place where I can make my past experience pay off. Third, I am definitely no office man, but a field operator and enjoy contacts with humans on the firing line.

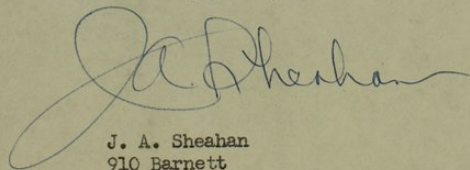
My training was under William Kelly, Jr., Kansas City Star, and my next door neighbor. He taught me that no detail was insignificant if it would do a better job from actual delivery until the money was in the cash register, which requires personal supervision constantly.

I will be at your service twenty-four hours a day, and there will be no financial, alcoholic, gambling or sex worries with my personal life.

Although I have never been known as a "cheap operator", I am an economical operator and my experience and enthusiasm may be bought at a reasonable figure.

Thanks again for your valued consideration.

Sincerely yours,



J. A. Sheahan  
910 Barnett

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 22, 1954

Mr. J. M. Arnold  
Tonganoxie, Kansas

Dear Mr. Arnold:-

I intend to be in Topeka for Kansas Day--which means that I shall be there all day Friday, January 29, and probably up to noon on Saturday, January 30. I am wondering if you would find it convenient to meet me there on one of those two days for a discussion of the opening in our circulation department here. I shall be registered at the Hotel Jayhawk and will not be hard to find.

If you can make an appointment with me for one of those two days, I shall appreciate the courtesy and would also like to have your letter confirming the fact.

Very truly yours,



### The Thayer News

KERN POWERS

Thayer, Kansas

January 22, 1954

El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Att: R. A. Clymer

Friend Rolla:

Just wanted to add my congratulations to the many you have already received for a job well done at the banquet at Topeka.

I started up to congratulate you that evening but so many others had the same idea that I decided to write you instead. I thought you did a masterful job, with just the proper amount of humor. Enjoyed your few remarks far more than the following speedh.

Has been quite cold here the past week with several mornings just barely above zero. Had about 3 or 4 inches of snow yesterday which will put a little moisture in the ground and we sure need it. Business has been average good for January and we're still short of help. Who isn't? Trouble is in a small operation like this one doesn't have the gross volume to keep high priced help busy, so we have to try to get by <sup>with</sup> married women and the like.

I gather that Dave is doing quite well, altho I didn't get to talk to him at Topeka. Hope everything is going well with you.

Sincerely

*Kern Powers*

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OFFICE OF  
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THE WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM  
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

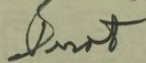
January 22, 1954

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Editor,  
The El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Just dropping this note to let you know that Fred Brinkerhoff will do the presentation at the luncheon February 10. Invitations are going out to all Kansas editors with the advance, not-for-publication tip that they are invited to participate in this honoring of Charles M. Harger. Let me know if I can do anything to help in your plans for the day.

Cordially,



Burton W. Marvin,  
Dean

BWM:jah





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January 22, 1954

Mr. Floyd Brakey  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brakey:-

I intend to be in Topeka for Kansas Day--which means that I shall be there all of Friday, January 29, and probably up to noon on Saturday, January 30. I wonder if you would find it convenient to meet me there on one of those two days, so we could have a personal discussion concerning our circulation department here. I will be registered at the Jayhawk Hotel and should not be hard to find.

If you think you could meet me for a conversation on one of the two days suggested, I shall appreciate the favor. Will also be obliged to have an answer from you telling me whether or not we might have an appointment at that time.

Very truly yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 22, 1954

My Dear Jack:-

Our ex-employees apply to you for jobs because they have heard me brag so much about you and your newspaper.

Verna C. Paul is a good hand. She made an excellent proof reader for us, and I regretted to have her leave. But after we had canned Gene and he had the job at Dodge City, she felt she ought to be with him. He went haywire out there (on dope) and made a mess of matters. She has left him and filed suit for divorce here this week. I believe you would find her satisfactory on the proof desk. One of her best traits to me was her ability to get along with the chaps in the composing room.

Yours,





Topeka, Kans.  
Jan - 23 - 54

Mr. R. A. Clymer  
Editor & Manager The Elvarado Times  
Elvarado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I just received your letter with  
information of your being in Topeka on  
Friday and Saturday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

I will be able to rearrange my  
collecting so that I may meet you at  
the Jayhawk Hotel at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.  
This may be a bit early for you but it will  
give both you and me a chance to return to  
our homes early if necessary.

Very truly yours

W. Russell

## Rolla Clymer correspondence



*The Wichita Corporation, Inc.*

*Telephone 7-4341, TT. WI. 252*

## WICHITA INDIANS

*the Wigwam, 410 South Sycamore, Wichita, Kansas*

January 23, 1954

All Stockholders  
The Wichita Corporation, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Stockholder:

At our last stockholders meeting there were only a few present due to the bad weather but they brought in stock sales in the amount of \$900.00. They also had some good suggestions--one of which was to put on a drive to get the present stockholders to sell ten fellows \$100.00 worth of stock each. It was also suggested that they should meet with five fellows at a noon luncheon and then the next day meet with the other five. This is what one of the stockholders did and had excellent results. The following stockholders have sold their share of stock:

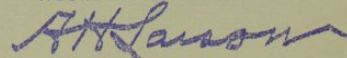
Woody Jensen  
Claude Depew  
Ivan West

Dr. George Thorpe  
George Collins  
Lloyd Pickrell

If the rest of the stockholders would have done as well the drive would have been over. The reason it is so important that all the stock is sold is that we will receive a cancellation of \$49,000 worth of notes held by Mr. Kobey plus several thousand dollars worth of interest and I believe this is worth working for---so this next week---if every stockholder will sell ten fellows \$100.00 worth of stock the job will be completed and this will insure the INDIANS a better ball club and a financially sound one. LET'S get the job done.

Very truly yours,

WICHITA INDIANS



A. H. Larson  
General Manager

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P. S. If you do not have a Stock Sales book available, please call at the Wigwam for one.





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W. R. RICE  
ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

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LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

Jan. 23, 1954

Mr. R.A. Clymer,  
The Times,  
Eldorado, Kans.,

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We have just signed a contract for the purchase of a 32-page Goss Universal. Our present 16-page Duplex tubular is being traded in on the deal, so its disposal will be up to the Goss company.

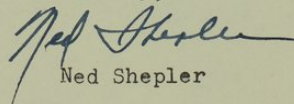
However, it will probably be 12 to 18 months before it is available as we are planning a new building and the other press cannot be delivered before January of next year.

This is an excellent press; Standard type, 16-page capacity, General Electric push button control, 40 and 5 H.P. motors with chain drive, two color fountains. It has been well cared for and is practically the equivalent of a new press so far as operation and results are concerned.

For any further information I suggest you contact Edwin J. Yagow, 6450 Llano, Dallas, 14, Texas, the Goss representative for this territory.

Thanking you for the inquiry, I am,

Sincerely,

  
Ned Shepler

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January 23, 1954

Mrs. Jeanette Sankey  
Kingman, Kansas

My Dear Jeanette:-

Never feel "presumptuous" in writing to me. Just barge right in, like Charley does, and speak your piece. One of the greatest satisfactions of trying to run a country paper in this town is that so few try to call you "mister," and none has it in his heart when he does.

I am still for Paul Wunsch. Mr. present information is that Paul is undecided as to whether he wants to run, or not. That decision is strictly up to him. I would like to see him in the race, and will tell him so again, but I do not want to be guilty of over-persuading him in the matter. We will all know more about this matter in a week, after many subjects are threshed out at Kansas Day.

It was extremely kind of you to say what you did about the little piece I once wrote for your mother. She was so wonderful in every way that what I had to say about her just wrote itself.

Best luck to you.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 23, 1954.

My Dear Kerm.:—

It was royal of you to write me--  
but you were all too kind in what you had to say  
about my small part in the KPA dinner show. I am  
happy that you approve of my contribution, because  
it seems to me I do entirely too little toward  
helping the fine work of our association along.

I wish I might have had a visit with you.  
I am extremely proud of the way you have progressed  
in your profession, and you certainly stand ace-high  
with the publishers of the state.

Sincerely,



STATE OF KANSAS

### KANSAS TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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January 25, 1954

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To Members of the Governor's Centennial Committee:

You will recall that this Committee was instrumental in arrangements for the Library of Congress to prepare a major display in Washington celebrating the Kansas - Nebraska Centennial. The formal opening of this exhibition will take place on February 3, and Senator Schoeppel will give the main address, with Senator Butler of Nebraska presiding.

Professor Taft, as Chairman of this Committee, has received a formal invitation to the opening ceremony, and it seems to me particularly important that our Committee be officially represented at this level. Because I knew that Professor Taft would feel hesitant about raising this matter, I took it on myself to speak to all members of the Executive Committee (Messrs. Simons, Correll and N. Miller) and all agreed with me that it is important for the Committee to be represented by the Chairman, and that it would be appropriate that his expenses be paid from Committee funds.

In further deference to Professor Taft's hesitation, it seemed that I should report to the full Committee membership on this action. I trust that it meets with the approval of the Committee membership. Because of the shortage of time, it did not seem feasible to withhold a decision until the next meeting of the full Committee.

Yours Very truly,

*Robert Vosper*  
Robert Vosper  
Secretary

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 25, 1954

Mr. C. Van Vickle  
Atchison, Kansas

Dear Mr. Van Vickle:-

You wrote us last June inquiring about a situation for a linotype operator. We had none open at that time--but do now. If you are still interested with a job with us, we should like to hear from you at once.

Our scale is \$86 for 40 hours, union, with vacations and sick leave. Working conditions are good and I believe you would like the town.

Hoping this letter reaches you in good time and that we may hear favorably from you, I am

Very truly yours,

General Manager



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January 25, 1954

Mr. Paul G. Whittle  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Whittle:-

On last November 27, you wrote us concerning a job as reporter on our paper. We had not opening at that time so did not reply. Now, at this date, we do have an opening and would like to hear from you if you think you would care to broaden your experience in this part of the country.

Salaries here are not as large as those prevailing in New York, but living expenses are much lower. We think we would like to have a young man of your background with us for a time, and that you would enjoy being in Kansas and the Middle West.

If you are not permanently situated, please let us hear from you at once.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Clymer  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I will not be able to be in Topeka for Kansas Day. Pearl met with a misfortune Thursday night and broke her right arm. She is in the hospital where they had to insert a plate. She is making it all right but obviously I do not want to be away overnight. I will make a day trip to Topeka Saturday for Mr. Arn's commission meeting. So I will have to wait until some other time to talk things out with you.

The only break the Kansas Republicans have had for a long time was the announcement of Lynn Brodrick that he would not run. I assume you noted the slap that Mr. Anderson took at him when he said something about Brodrick deciding "not to lead his party's cause."

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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