

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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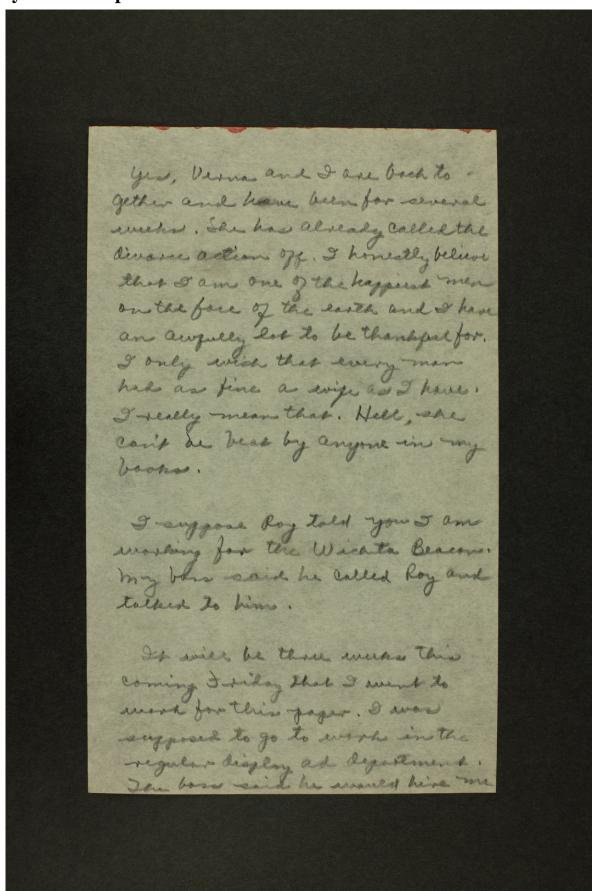
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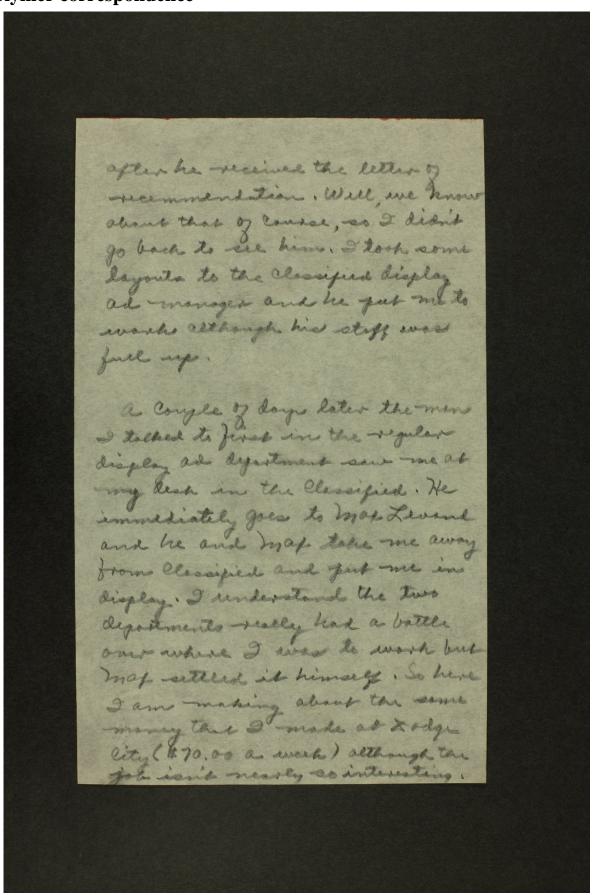
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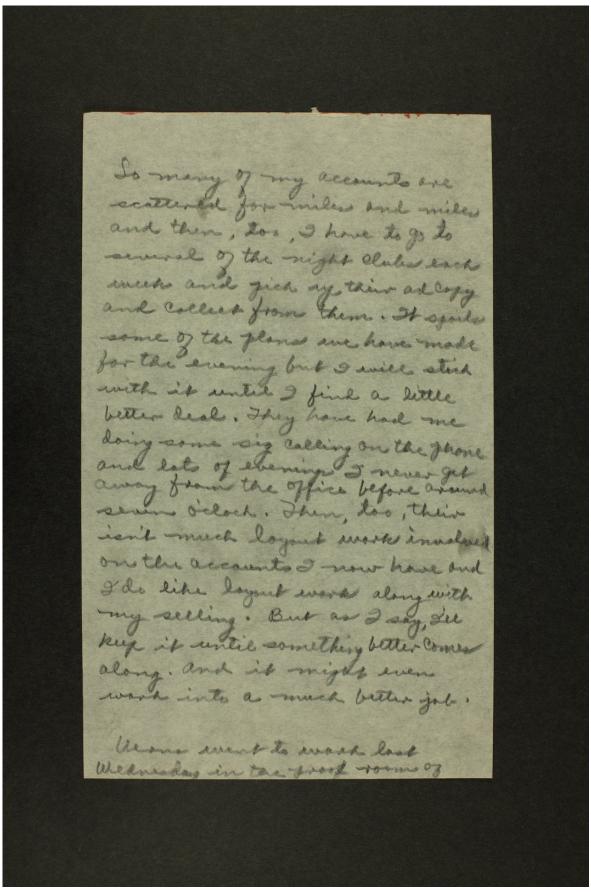




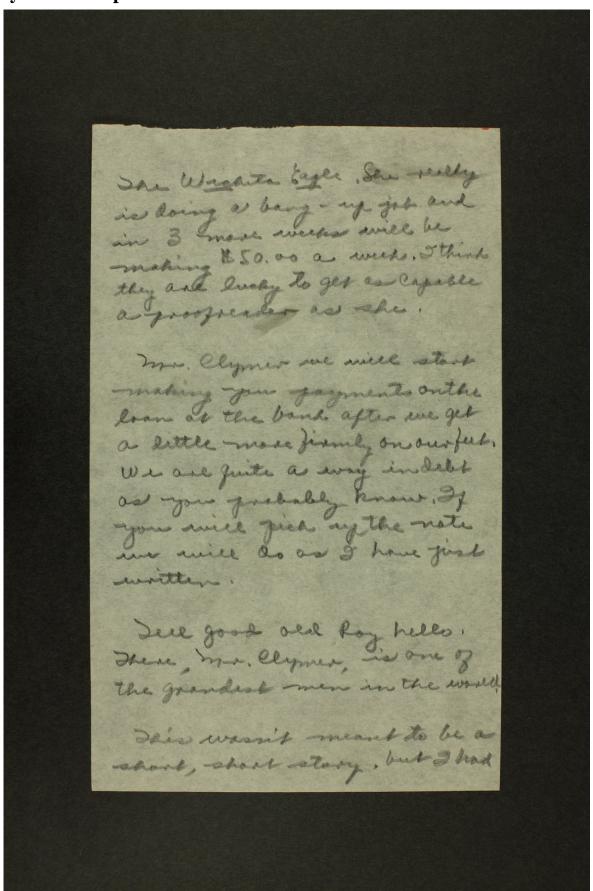




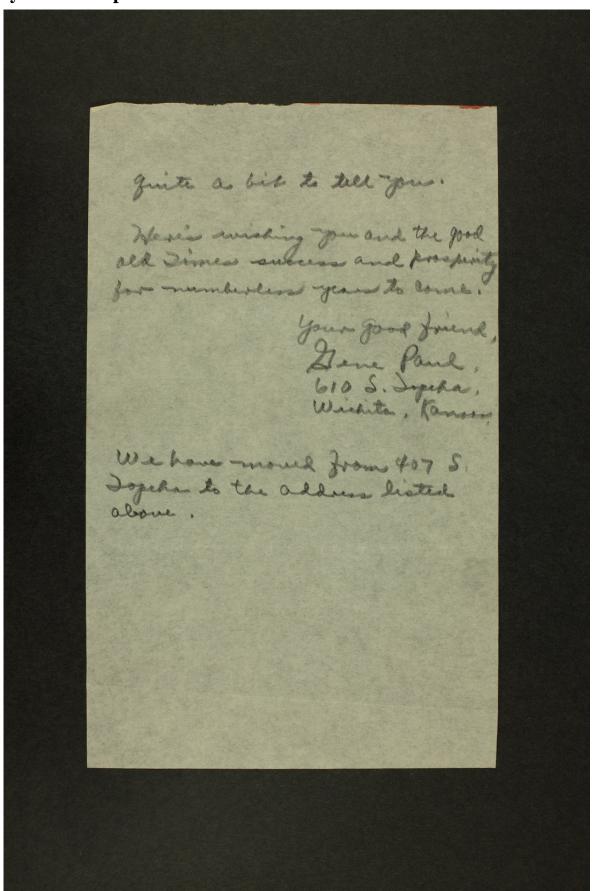




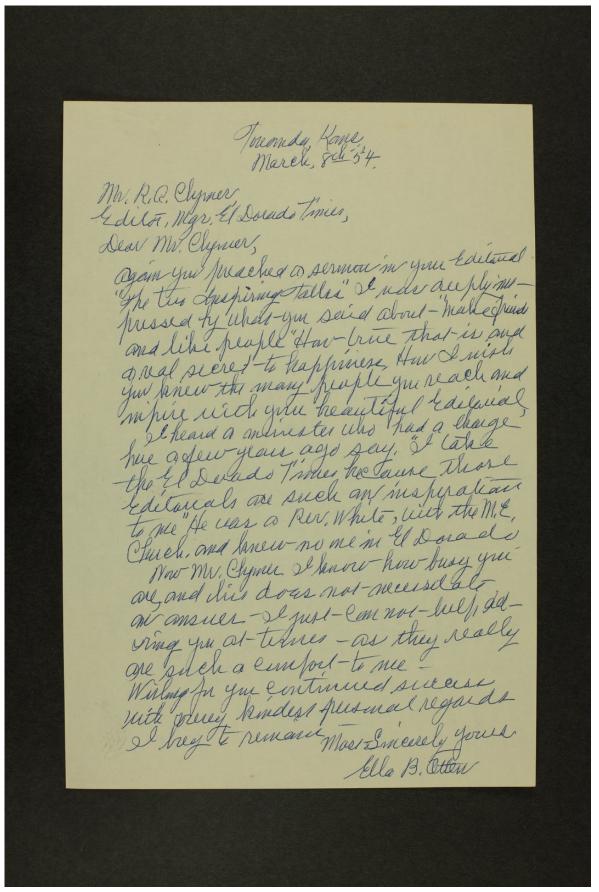














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MOBERLY, WEST & CALVIN

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

WICHITA 2, KANSAS

March 8, 1954

The Times Publishing Company 116 East Central El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sirs:

Due to the extremely heavy seasonal volume of work in the office at this time, it is going to be very difficult for us to complete the typing of all income tax returns in time for filing at the due date of March 15, 1954.

The Treasury Department is, under these circumstances, granting extensions of 90 days for the filing of completed returns in the case of corporations which make application for such extensions and pay the estimated amount of tax due at March 15, 1954.

We are, accordingly, enclosing in duplicate, Form 7004, APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE U. S. CORPORATION INCOME TAX RETURN, with the request that a principal officer of the corporation sign the original and return it to us with a check payable to the Director of Internal Revenue in the amount of \$8,288.06 which is the amount of the installment which would be due at March 15, 1954, with the completed return.

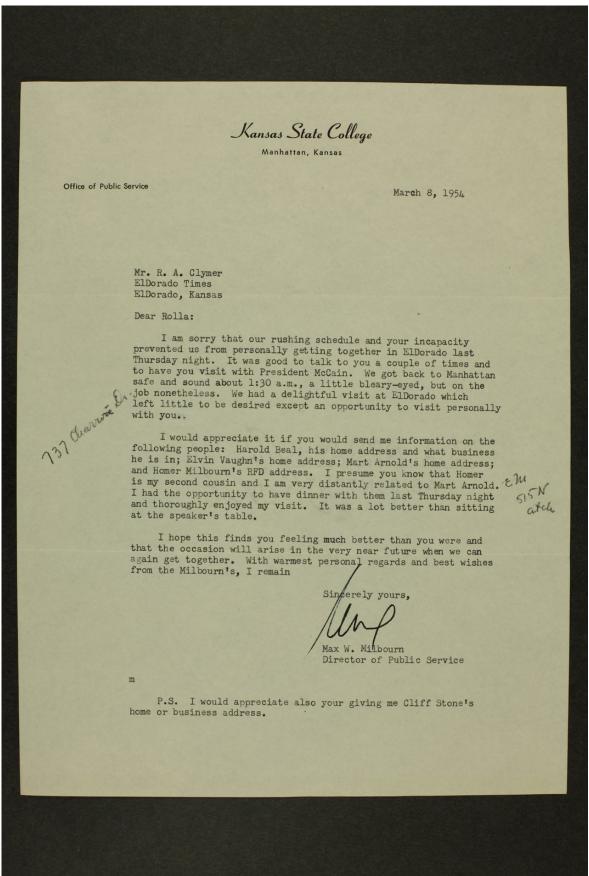
By filing this application for extension and making the payment noted, penalties and interest will be avoided upon the filing of the completed return.

We sincerely thank you for your cooperation in this circumstance.

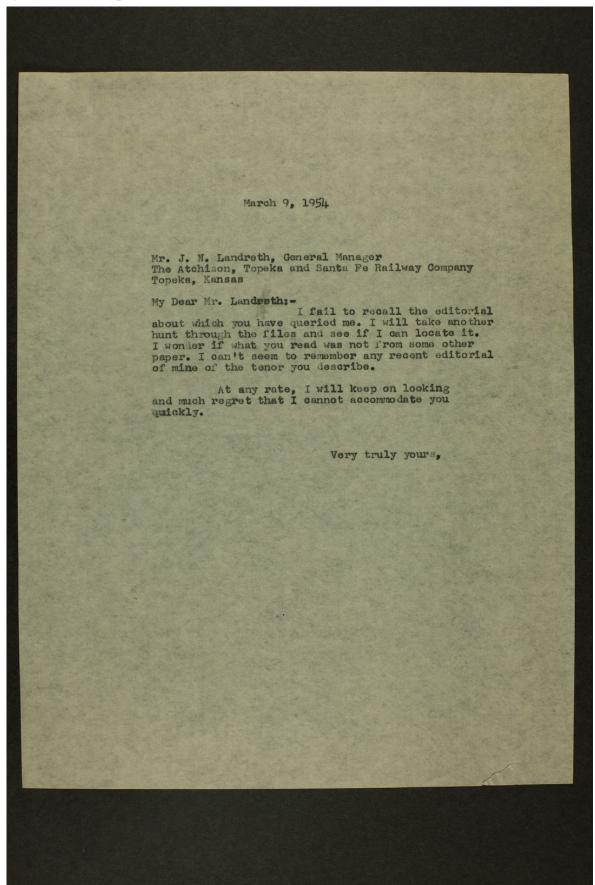
Very truly yours,

Moberly, West & Calain

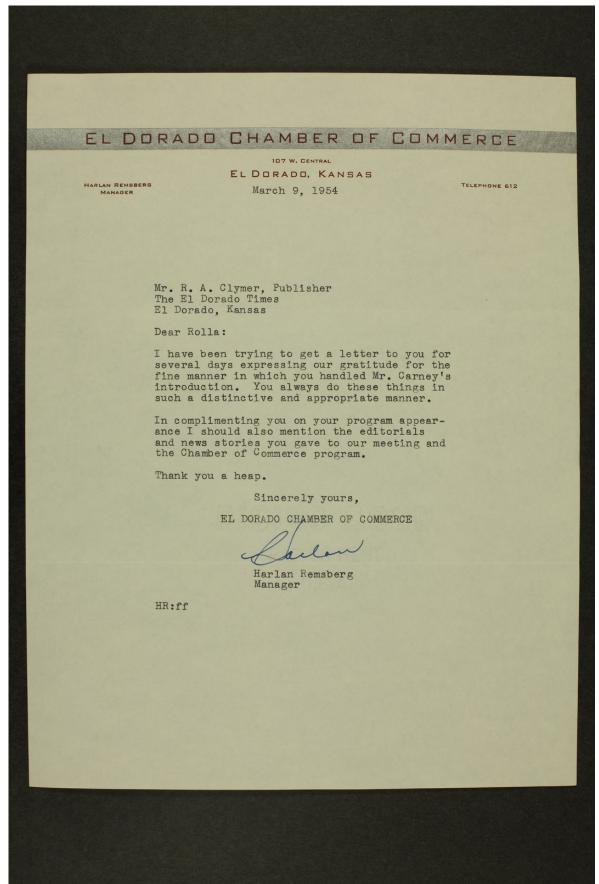




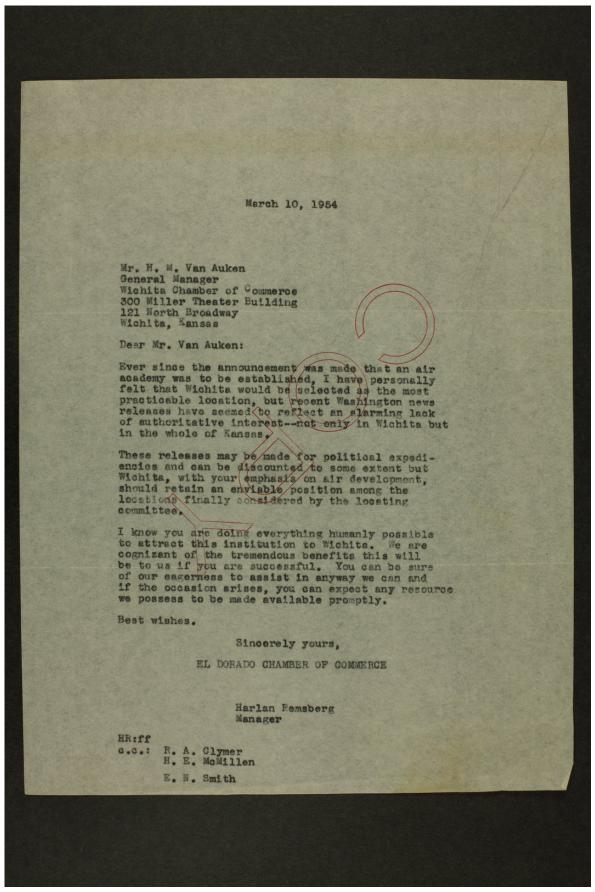




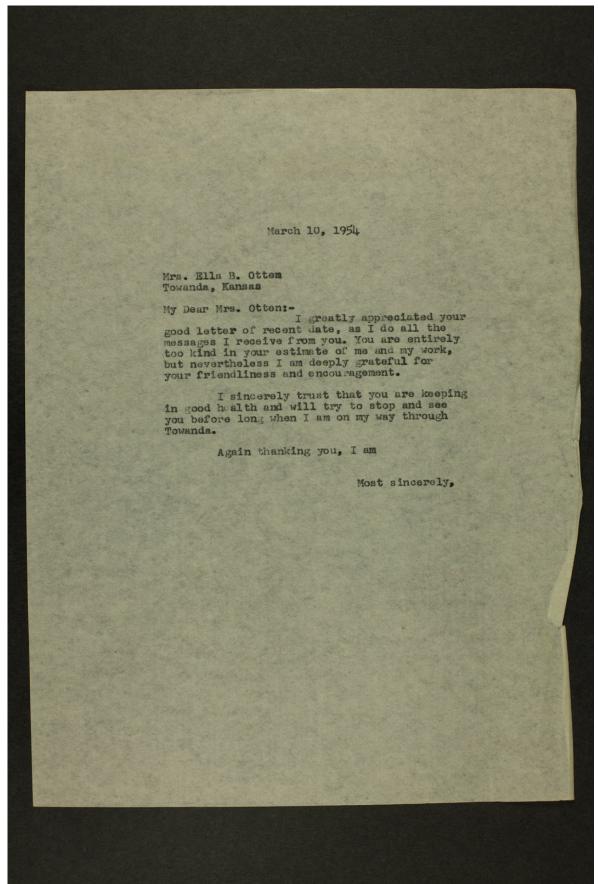




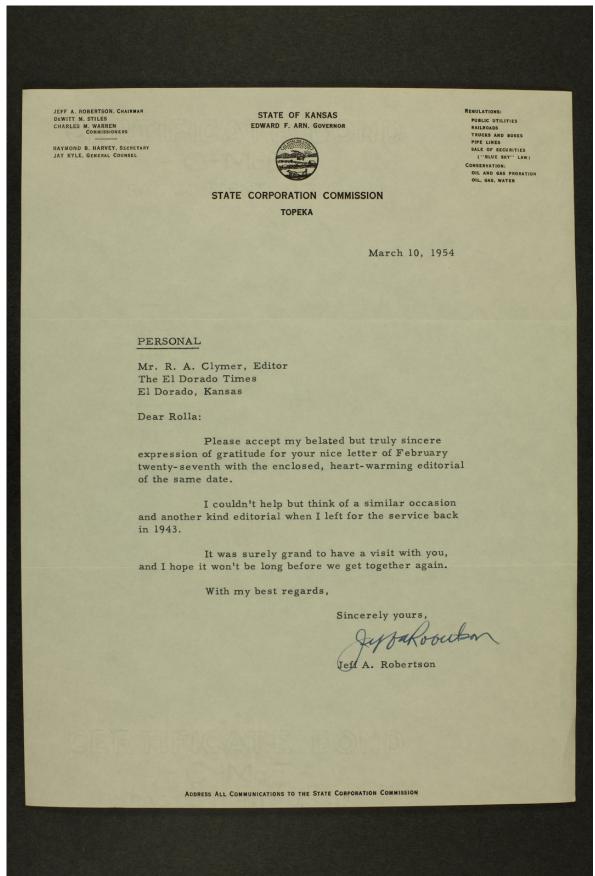




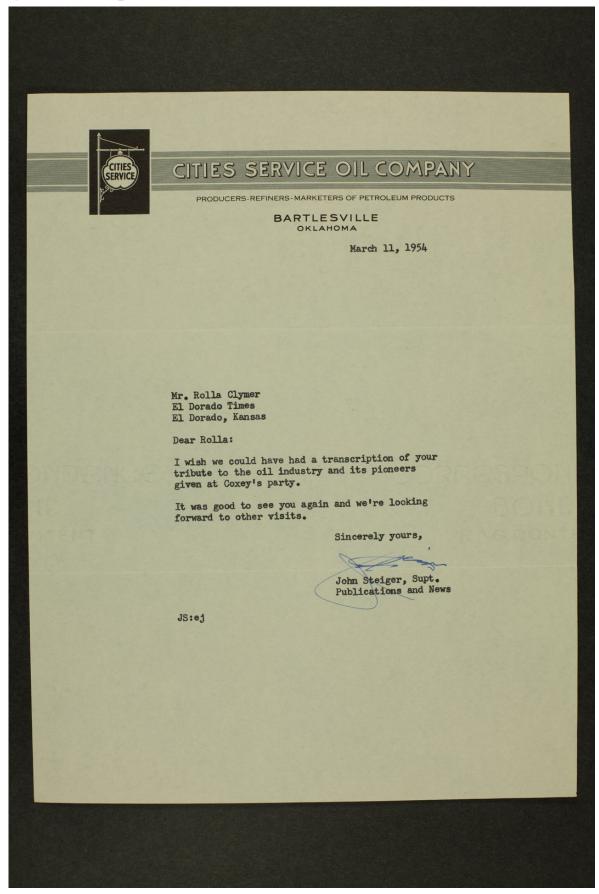




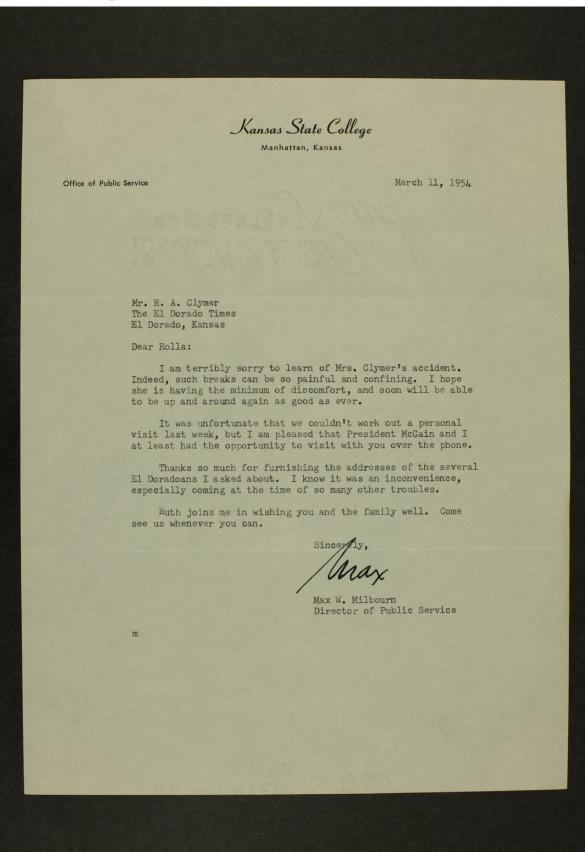


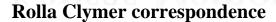














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March 12, 1954

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Mr. R. C. Clymer El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Our group was so sorry to hear about your wife's accident and I do hope that she is progressing satisfactorily.

I find that we will need 1,000 enrollment cards of Native Sons and 1,000 envelopes. Will you please bring them when you come.

I talked with Clay Baker today about a problem that has developed in our organization and he said that he would write to you about it. It would be quite difficult to explain in a letter, but I do think we should have a board meeting as soon as possible to discuss it and try to solve it.

Trusting that you will be able to meet with us soon, I am,

Kansas - "Lay It Above A Whisper"



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BAKER & DOHERTY

LAY BAKER

TOPEKA, KANSAS March 12, 1954

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer c/o El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

At the meeting of the Executive Board of the Native Sons and the Native Daughters, I was advised that the vice-presidents of these organizations have a responsibility of getting memberships. Mrs. Iva Dayton Jones of Lyons, Kansas is vice-president of the Native Daughters. I am sending copy of this letter to all of the officers and also to Maurice E. Fager, past president, in hopes that they all might give this matter of membership some thought and possibly some worthwhile suggestions when we next meet.

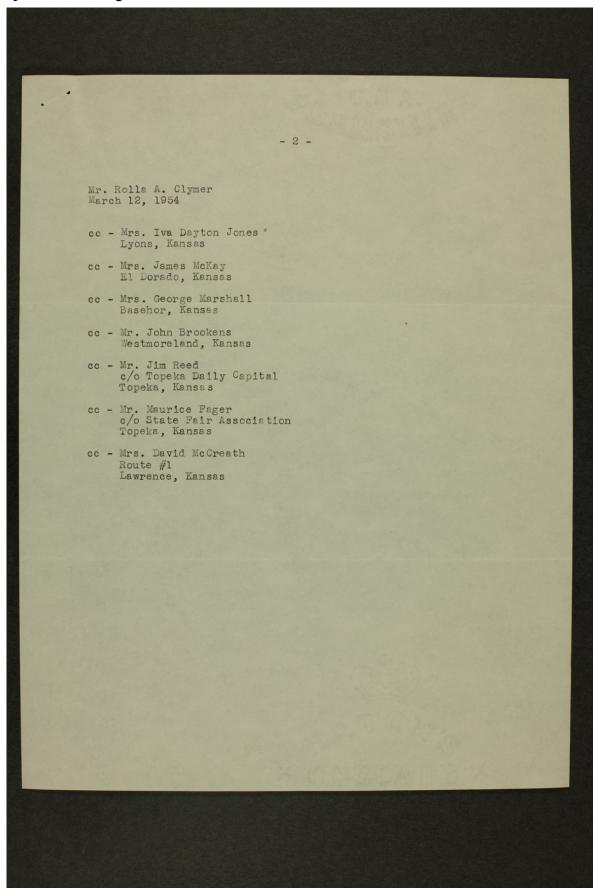
From a newspaper item that has just now come to my attention, it seems that some sort of a commitment has been made with reference to the membership money and acquiring memberships in connection with the Eisenhower Memorial. This may present some problems and, therefore, I think it should be considered by the entire Executive Committee and I would like to have this done before taking any steps with reference to membership. It does seem to me that our first consideration should be having enough money in our own treasury to employ the high type speakers such as we had during Mr. Fager's regime and incidental expenses of the organization. If we are to be of any financial assistance to the Eisenhower Memorial, it itself will probably involve some expense and some planned action on our part. I think, therefore, that we should be briefed to date on what has been done with reference to the newspaper announcements and acquisition of memberships since that time and plan what steps, if any, should be taken towards the joint enterprise of contributing to the Memorial and building our membership. I just don't believe that a mere announcement in the paper, leaving people to voluntarily act, will lead to any very great results. I am writing this letter in hopes that it may provoke some consideration on the part of all members of the Executive Committee, resulting in some Executive Committee action under which Mrs. Jones and I may proceed to work.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am.

GCB: jah

cc - Ethel Godin 1123 Harrison St. Topeka, Kansas Very truly yours, Cy, Clay Baker







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March 16, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Darn it, isn't anyone going to come to my defense? I am referring to your editorial in yesterday's Times regarding the heading on page four of our recent Tourist Guide. Our heading has been the object of some scorn among the grammatical purists and they are definitely misquoting it when they publish it as reading: "A little about WE KANSANS". It just doesn't say that. It says "A little about.... WE KANSANS". The "WE KANSANS" is set out as the subject of the page and is printed in a different type, different color and all caps. In addition it is separated from the introduction by three dots and a wide spacing.
"WE KANSANS" is definitely the title of the page. "US KANSANS" certainly wouldn't look good up there. Do I have a case? At any rate, the defense rests.

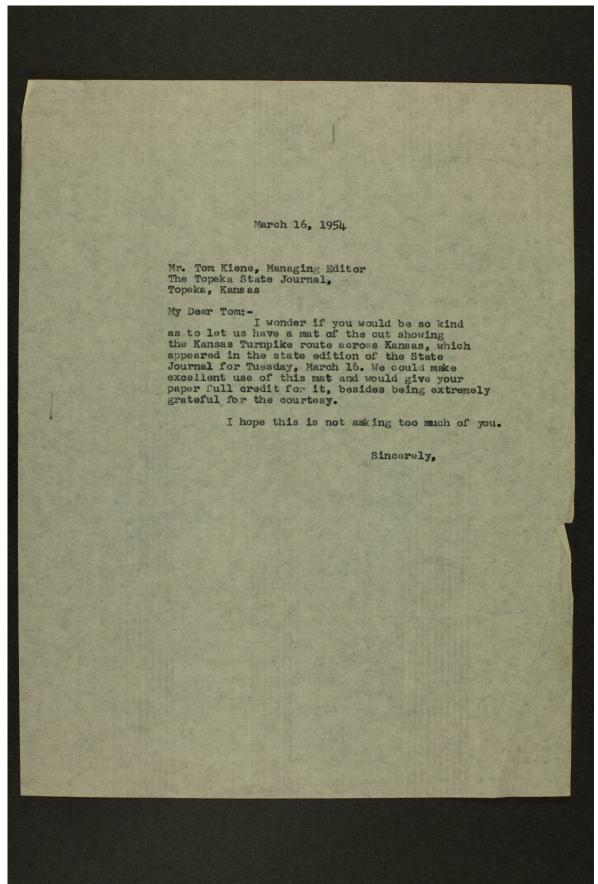
Seriously, Mr. Clymer, I would like your opinion on a matter I am considering as the subject of a future article for our magazine, "To the Stars". What do you think of a picture essay **reatment* on the Flint Hills. I have read your wonderful article on the Flint Hills, entitled "Majesty of the Hills", in the recent 38th Biennial Report of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. If I do this story, I would like to work in selections from your article, if at all possible. By a picture essay treatment, I mean, of course, devoting the main theme to large pictures with a minimum of copy. This spring would be an ideal time to shoot the pictures for the article, providing we get the moisture to put the pasture in condition.

I would certainly appreciate your reaction to an article of this type.

Sincerely,

Don Richards







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Mr. R. A. Clymer THE TIMES El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

DREW PEARSON, who writes WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND, has scored many outstanding beats, and you will note a few of the more important listed in the enclosed mimeographed outline.

Since you formerly used the PEARSON column, we are in hopes you will be interested in resuming the service.

Also enclosed is a proof listing some convictions of public officials and others which Mr. PEARSON has helped to obtain by exposing corruption. In this way readers are kept informed on waste, graft and corruption in matters pertaining to this government.

Another proof is enclosed telling about a recent interview DREW PEARSON had with Igor Gouzenko, the Russian involved in the spy case in Canada. This interview was widely photographed and publicized.

We would be glad to enter your order at the old rate you were paying of \$2.50 per week plus postage, on the basis of two months' notice of cancellation. If you want the column mailed for a short time so you can watch it, please let us know.

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March 17, 1954

Mr. Don Richards Kansas Industrial Development Commission Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Don: -

I am right sorry and ashamed that I republished Angelo's piece about "We Kansans." I had not noticed the heading in question-but just went ahead and took Angelo's view of it. I sincerely regret if I added in any way to your embarrassment. Still, you readily understand, all this sort of thing with our Kansas press comes under the head of Good, Clean Fun.

You might know that I am enthusiastic about your suggestion for a picture essay on the Flint Hills in "To The Stars." I think this would be just the stuff, and that it could be developed into a work of art and beauty along the lines you have proposed.

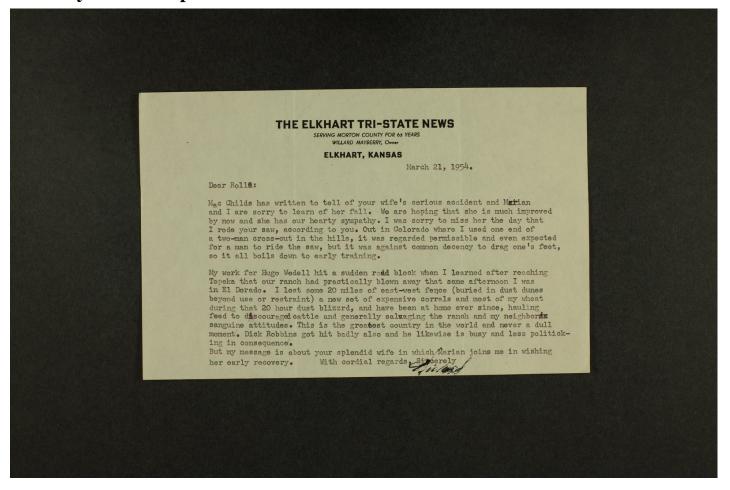
The one handicap in the way just now is lack of rain. The Flint Hills reach their most gorgeous beauty normally in the month of June. For two straight years now, they have burned up in June and they are likely to look like the end of a misspent life this year unless we get copious rains soon—to continue during April and May. I think you would want to take your pictures during lush pasturage conditions. Of course, the Hills look wenderful to me at any time and in any mood.

I am pleased that you liked my "Majesty of the Hills." Some time I will tell you how that piece came about. At any rate, you are privileged to use any selections from it that you wish—though you may want to change your mind when you get into the task, and that's all right, too.

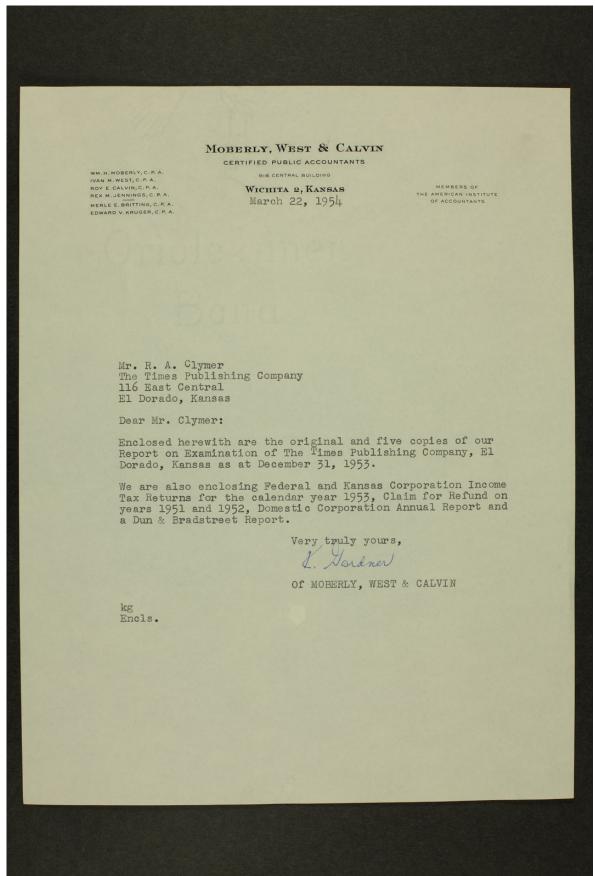
I sincerely hope conditions will be right this year for your proposed picture essay and that, by all means, you will go through with it.

Sincerely,

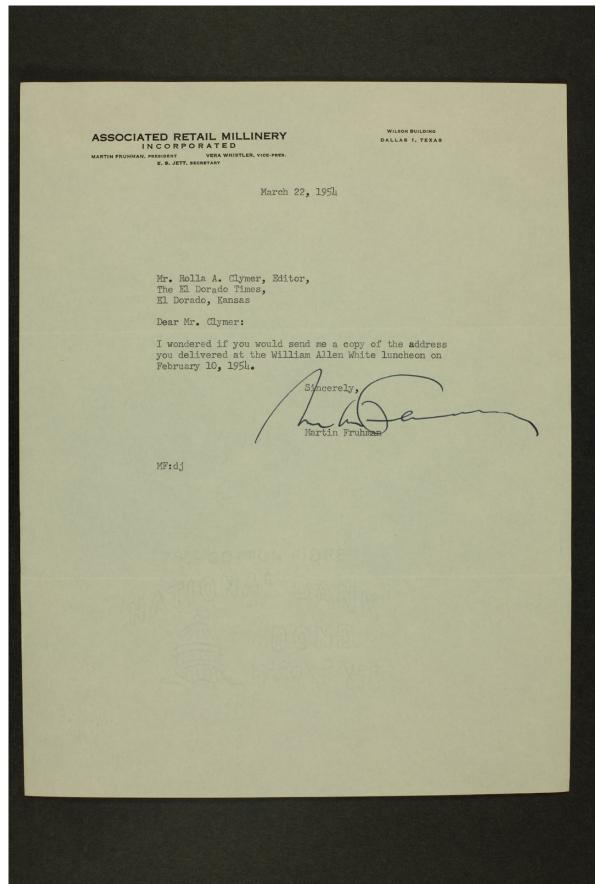




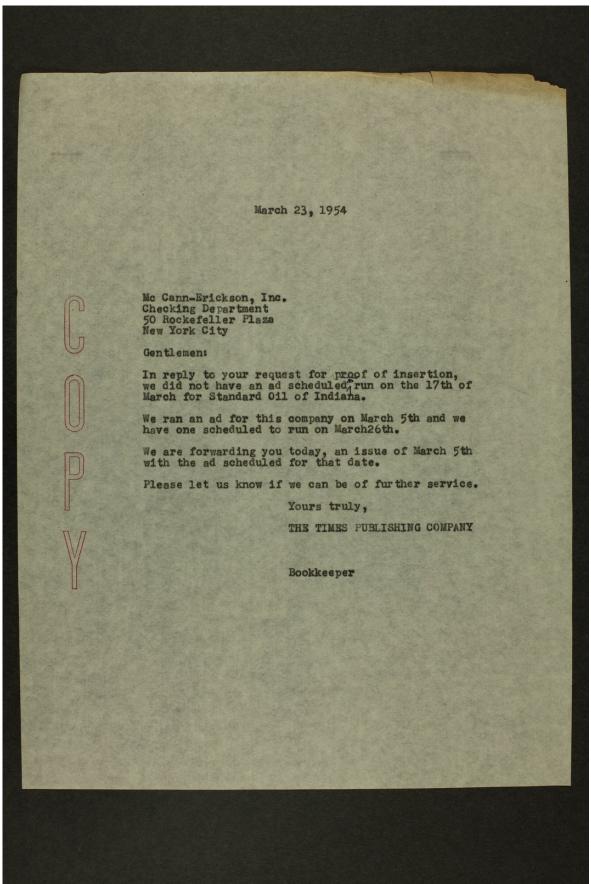




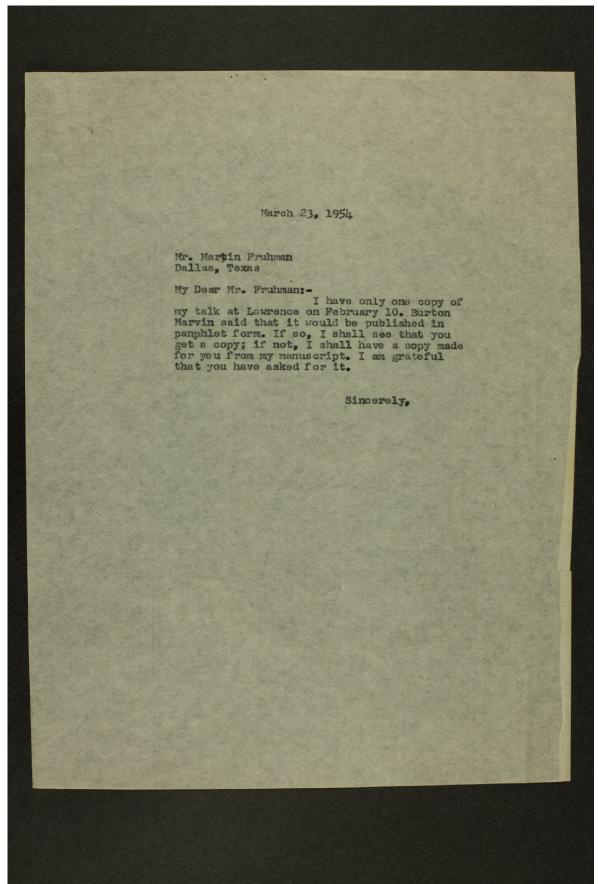














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LAW OFFICES

BAKER & DOHERTY

COLUMBIAN BUILDING

Topeka, Kansas March 24, 1954

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer c/o El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

G. CLAY BAKER HAROLD E DOHERTY

Supplementing my letter to you of March 12th and in an attempt to provoke some thinking on the question, I would like to state a wonderment in my mind of the handling of the project with reference to the Eisenhower Memorial. If this is successful, I could see it would be a great tribute to the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. I still can't see where we can do this on a \$1.00 membership. I am wondering if for this year we were to put on a program for \$5.00 memberships with the understanding that the names of such contributors would go in a book as suggested by Mr. Fager and placed in the Eisenhower Memorial. I would assume if we do this, we should have some "grandfather clause" as to the old members. If we thought this should be done and we should not turn around and ask them for another membership contribution, what would be the matter with mailing to each member five application cards with a sheet setting forth what we are attempting to do and advising that member that should he procure five memberships and forwarding, due to his past membership, his name would go in the book. By getting an enhanced membership, it would seem to me that a very very small percentage would amply replenish the treasury of the Native Sons and Daughters, possibly only 20% or 25% out of each membership.

Now then, there might be the question of expense incident to an active program of securing this money for the Eisenhower Memorial. However, I would think with the goodly number of members, maybe a few cents out of each membership might pay the expense so that we might net \$\frac{1}{2}\cdot 0.00\$ or more than \$\frac{1}{2}\cdot 0.00\$ to go directly to financing the Memorial project. Now, I want to say this. I have had no experience in this sort of a campaign and my thoughts may not be proper. My main purpose is to provoke a little thinking on this since we are in on this campaign and doing so before our meeting, the board may be better prepared to discuss the situation.

If we are to go ahead with the Eisenhower project, the sooner we get to it, the better.



