

## 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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### *Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States*

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March 25, 1954

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

Dear Editor:

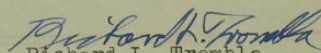
I certainly wish to compliment you upon your fine editorial of Tuesday, March 23rd, "You are or You Aren't".

This is exactly the sentiments of over 30,000 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Kansas. During our recent meeting in Washington, our National Un-American Activities Director was directed to supply to all Post Commanders the names and addresses of all persons who before Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities seek refuge under the 5th Amendment.

It is the opinion of our organization that any American who refuses to answer the question "Are you a Communist?", certainly cannot be considered a true American.

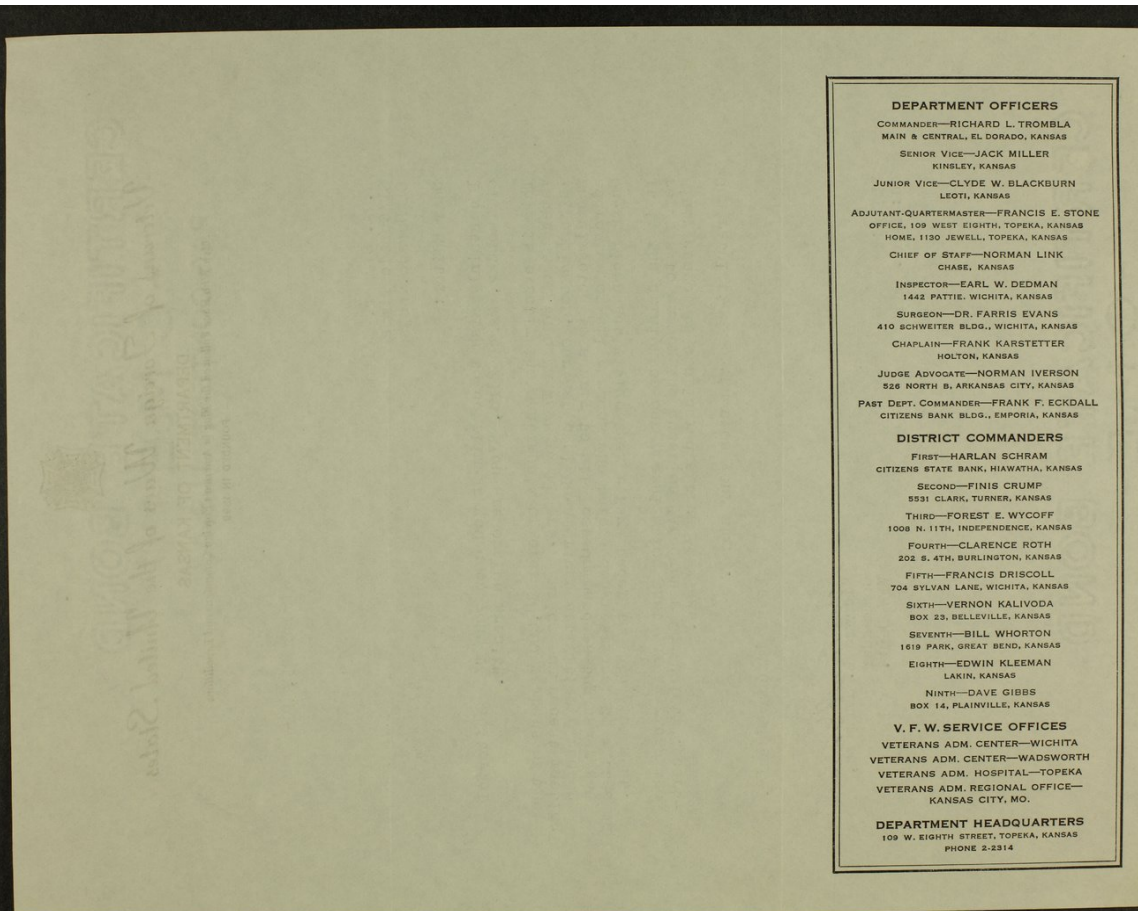
Congratulations again upon your stand.

Yours in comradeship,

  
Richard L. Tromble,  
Commander  
VFW Dept. of Kansas

RLT:mjt  
cc: Dept. Hdqs.

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March 27, 1954

Mr. Vernon Wininger  
Carthage, Missouri

Dear Mr. Wininger:-

We were glad to hear from you. At the moment we do not have an opening on our machines. One of our operators is ailing, however, and it may be that we shall lose his services. We should know definitely about him in a short time. In the event that this vacancy occurs, we shall immediately get in touch with you. Therefore, we are filing your letter and address for quick reference, and you will hear from us if anything happens.

Very truly yours,

Foreman Composing Room



Augusta, Kansas

March 28, 1954

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

Dear Sir;

On behalf of the Haverhill Happy Hustlers 4-H club and myself  
I would like to thank you for serving as judge in our recent  
essay contest.

Vic Marshall the president of our club awarded the prize  
money to the winners at 4-H Day last Saturday.

Sincere regards,

*Clare Patterson Jr*

Clare Patterson, Jr.

Essay committee chairman

Haverhill Happy Hustlers 4-H





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FORREST R. GRIMM  
PASTOR  
MANSE  
123 N. WASHINGTON  
TELEPHONES  
STUDY 766 - - MANSE 1941

**First Presbyterian Church**  
El Dorado, Kansas

What doth the Lord require  
of thee, but to do justly, and  
to love mercy, and to walk  
humbly with thy God?  
Micah 6:8

March 29, 1954

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

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation for the sentiments expressed by Mrs. Frank Steiger in the editorial "An Humble And A Contrite Heart" which appeared in "The Times" on March 27th. She is to be complimented for her timely and thought-provoking theme. Too many of us treat the Almighty like a fire extinguisher that hangs on the wall. When disaster comes we want to take Him off His hook and "put out the fire". But when the fire is out, we hang Him back on His hook and forget about Him until the next crisis comes along.

My thanks and congratulations to you for placing it at the top of the editorials.

Respectfully,

*F. R. Grimm*



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March 29, 1954

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#### TO ALL PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND COMMITTEEWOMEN:

Sam Lowe, State Young Republican Chairman who was born and raised in Butler County, has requested a list of all Young Republicans (under the age of thirty-six years) so that they may be contacted to aid in the coming campaign. This list will also be of great assistance in our coming district and county campaign. We will greatly appreciate your sending us a list of Young Republicans residing in your Precinct and their addresses by return mail so that they may be contacted to work wherever and whenever needed to further the cause of Republicanism and to continue the trend started in the last campaign.

Yours for further Republican victories,

*Richard W. Moss*  
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CHAIRMAN, BUTLER COUNTY  
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CHAIRMAN, BUTLER COUNTY  
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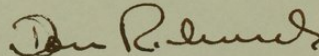
March 30, 1954

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am glad you like my idea on a picture-essay of the Flint Hills.  
I will keep in contact with you within the next few months regarding  
the condition of the pasture land and whether you believe this year  
would be a good year to do that story.

Sincerely,



Don Richards, Editor  
"To the Stars"

DR:mj





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March 30, 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:

Unfortunately, it has to be recognized that newsprint transit damage has tended upwards over the past few years, despite a wide variety of counter measures.

To date, about 60 percent of our customers have asked us to supply heavy non-returnable cores as one effective means of reducing or eliminating flattened or "out of round" rolls.

While the heavier core (1/2" wall) results in slightly less yardage per roll in contrast to the light NRC (1/4" wall) you are now using, the benefits in terms of better press performance and reduced wastage are in most cases more than ample to cover this minor deficiency.

Because we want all of our customers to share in the advantages of using the heavier cores, we are now suggesting that you switch over promptly, at least for a trial period.

As a convenience, we are sending this letter in duplicate so that you have merely to indicate your wishes on one copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

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

JAV:cms  
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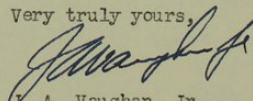
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W. A. Vaughan, Jr.  
Newsprint Section  
Paper Division

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St. James Church

813 State Street  
Augusta, Kansas

March 30, 1954

Dear Bertha

If you keep up the good work, I think we should promote you to the status of an active member. You had better tip off the Legal Counsel to frown on any motion to that effect, as active membership does have its disadvantages.

Congratulations on signing up a new member for the group. I agree with you that we should keep Sid on the job, at least for the time being. Sam would get away with murder if we had a Legal Counsel who is unacquainted with the freewheeling procedures of the Club.

It was a joy to have Rolla Clymer and his friend with us yesterday. It seemed strange to hear someone talking about the truth at a meeting of the Fat Men's Club.

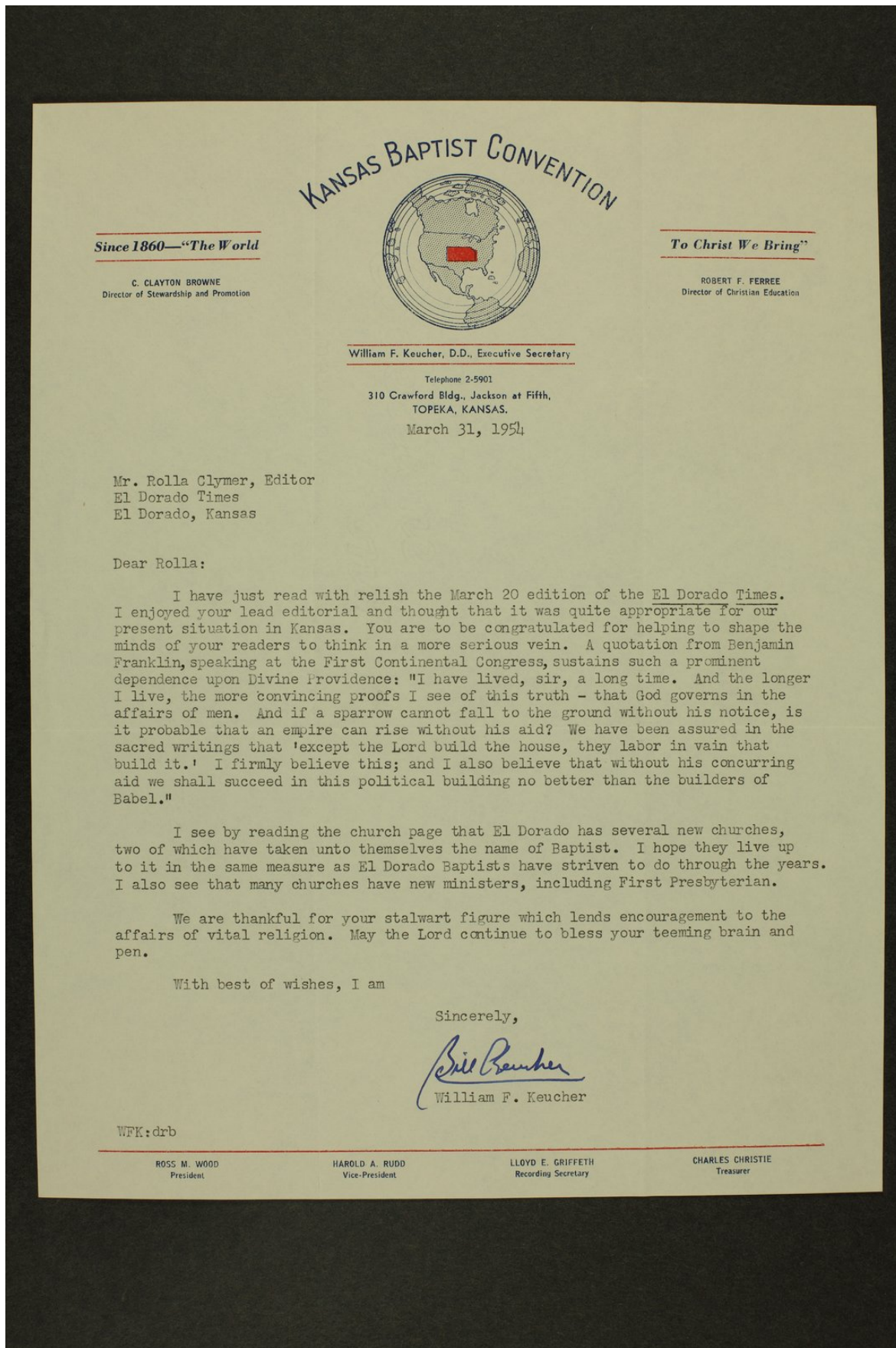
Sam and I met Mike Lulic on the street yesterday. Mike wondered if I was trying to make a convert of Sam. I told him I had my hands full trying to make an honest man out of him, and that as long as Sam continues to angle for fish, my efforts would be doomed to failure.

Sincerely,

Wm. J. McNeill

Do not return  
anything  
you'd enjoy  
it

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El Dorado, Kansas

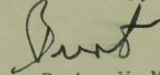
April 2, 1954

Dear Rolla:

We have sent four copies of the Foundation awards luncheon booklet to you, and we want you to know that we'll be glad to send along additional copies if you wish them.

I hope that Mrs. Clymer is getting along satisfactorily. Please convey my best wishes to her.

Cordially,



Burton W. Marvin,  
Director

BWM:jah

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HUGO T. WEDELL  
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

April 2, 1954.

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

My dear Rolla:

Senator Wilfrid Cavaness was in my Chambers yesterday and handed me an editorial you had written on the subject, "Wedell J., Dissents," which he had clipped out of the Wilson County Citizen.

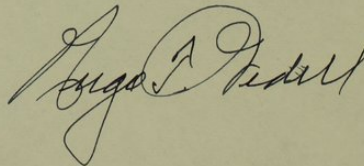
My head was pretty well bottled up with a cold when Wilfrid arrived. I must confess your editorial helped make the day a far better one than it would have been otherwise.

You have always been most gracious to me and I only hope that I have and will merit at least a portion of what you have said concerning me. I am sure you know your expression of friendship is genuinely mutual.

For what team in each of the Major Leagues will you be pulling this year? Let's go and see a ballgame somewhere this summer.

Most cordially yours,

W:K



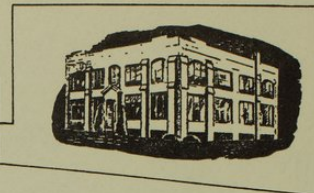




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*Journal*

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS . . . . Member Associated Press . . . . Audit Bureau of Circulations



April 2, 1954

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

We have a union contract expiring  
June 1, and are about to start our  
negotiations.

I would appreciate very much your  
sending me your present contract scale  
and information about fringe benefits.  
I shall be most glad to reciprocate in  
the future.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

*Dirk*  
R. M. Seaton, Publisher

RMS:dr

Enc.



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April 2, 1954

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

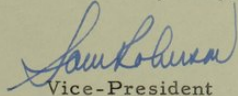
Dear Mr. Clymer:

Now that it appears that the turnpike is rapidly approaching a reality, all refiners who produce asphalt are going to do all in their power to encourage the State to make this an asphalt highway.

It will be to the benefit of everyone in an oil producing area to encourage the maximum use of asphalt wherever possible, and we would like to have the opportunity at any time to discuss with you the advantages of an asphalt highway over a concrete highway. The same would apply to our city streets, and this has been called to the attention of our city management.

At your convenience I would like to discuss asphalt, in general, with you and show you our asphalt producing plant, of which we are quite proud. Any questions you may have about cost, durability, maintenance, etc., could be answered.

Yours very truly,



Vice-President

SLR:VA







*Sam*

THE EL DORADO REFINING COMPANY  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

April 1, 1954

Mr. E. A. Williford,  
District Chairman  
Oil Industry Information Committee  
308 Oil Capital Building  
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Williford:

We have just received the new O.I.I.C. catalog of material offered to acquaint the public with the oil story. I wish to compliment the Committee on this preparation and the fine manner in which it is prepared for reference.

There is one thing that has concerned me a great deal in the promotional work of the American Petroleum Institute through the Petroleum Industries Committee and the Oil Industry Information Committee, and that is, the absolute disregard of any material or reference to the use of asphalt on highways, airport runways and various industrial purposes. One does not have to stretch their imagination very far to visualize how the use of asphalt has promoted and been responsible for the use of automobiles, trucks and busses, etc., which are depended upon to consume our gasoline, motor oils and other light ends of petroleum crude oil.

My remarks regarding asphalt are not mine alone, because I have heard it mentioned many times that the A.P.I. is passing up a very good opportunity for the industry to include in all of their literature some important facts regarding the use of asphalt. We all know how the Portland Cement people promote their product, and we would like to see a similar program adopted by the A.P.I. and all of the Committees that branch out from that organization.

Trusting that you can pass this information on if you think well of the idea, and with kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

THE EL DORADO REFINING CO.

*C. W. R.*  
Sales Manager

CWR/hpm

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
WICHITA 2, KANSAS  
FOREST 3-1202

April 2, 1954.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
Times Publishing Company,  
ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Have you got an extra copy of the  
audit for 1953? If so, I would appreciate  
receiving it. I am also wondering if you have  
the results of the first three months' operations  
for 1954.

Very truly yours,

*Howard T. Fleeson*

HTF/h



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

El Dorado, Kansas  
April 3, 1954

Mrs. Ethel Godin  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Godin:-

Upon reflection, I feel I have held you up long enough in this matter of a meeting. Therefore, if you wish to go ahead with a meeting next Thursday, April 8, at Topeka, I shall plan to be present.

I wish you would let me know immediately upon receipt of this letter whether you will hold the meeting on that date, or not. If so, it will be necessary for me to have some advance time in order to arrange my affairs to be present on that date.

I trust you will find this satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 3, 1954

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

We have just come through one of the toughest quarters since the War. Our statement shows earnings for January and February of about \$6,600. I do not have the statement for March as yet, but will have it and the comparative statements for the quarter by about the fifteenth of this month. They will be sent you at once.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Seventy-five per cent of our business trouble, of course, can be laid to the drouth and the severity of our local water shortage.





April 3, 1954

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Dear Mr. Pe:

I am sorry that I cannot give you the answer you desire. The board of directors of the Kansas Historical Society has decided to purchase the property for \$10,000. I do not have the money to give you the property. I will have to ask the board of directors to give you the property. I will have to ask the board of directors to give you the property. I will have to ask the board of directors to give you the property.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer

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DOLPH SIMONS  
JOURNAL-WORLD  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

April 5, 1954

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

Dear Rolla:

Visiting with Richard Trombla at  
Abilene Saturday, I learned of Mrs.  
Clymer's injury.

I am sorry to hear about it, and  
I want to express to her my sympathy  
and best wishes for an early and com-  
plete recovery.

Sincerely,

  
Dolph Simons

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April 5, 1954.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
Times Publishing Company,  
ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of April 3, with enclosed audit. I would be pleased to have the comparative statement for March as soon as it is prepared.

I have hopes that the drought will be laid at rest within the next two months. The wheat is looking surprisingly good, but this, of course, does not help the water situation in the city of ElDorado.

Very truly yours,

HTF/h

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 5, 1954

Mr. John W. Brookens, Secretary  
Native Sons of Kansas  
Westmoreland, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brookens:-

Mrs. Godin has asked for a meeting of the officers of our two groups on the mezzanine floor of Hotel Jayhawk at Topeka at 10:30 Thursday morning, April 8. While this is an awkward time for me to be present, I have told her that I will be there. Most of the officers think that is the most convenient date for a discussion which we must make of a number of important matters.

While this is short notice for you, I sincerely trust that you can meet with us.

Very truly yours,



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JOHN W. BROOKENS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Telephone No. 19  
Westmoreland, Kansas

April 6, 1954

Mr. R. A. Clymer, President  
Native Sons of Kansas  
ElDorado, Kansas

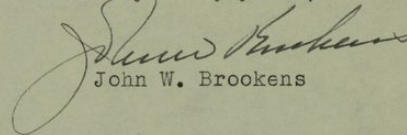
Dear Mr. Clymer:

Your letter of the 5th advising of a meeting on April 8th is received.

On that date, I have a meeting of the Assessment and Taxation Committee of the Legislative Council in the Senate Chambers in Topeka to discuss and have hearings on the newly proposed grain tax, and for that reason feel that I should attend the Council meeting rather than the Native Sons meeting.

Sorry of this previous engagement.

Very truly yours,



John W. Brookens

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 617 No. Oak St.

April 6, 1954

Justice Hugo Wedell  
Supreme Court  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Hugo:

Needless to say I was disappointed at your decision not to become our next Governor.

I think I understand some of your reasoning in not wanting to get into this dog fight.

I remember Justice Hughes was criticised for resigning from the Supreme Court to run for President.

Enclosed is a "comment" by our friend, Rolla, to all of which I heartily subscribe.

I am looking forward to a visit with you.

Have been battling about the worst drought of my experience. On top of that there is a shortage of stock water in the Flint Hills area which makes pasture men in that area reluctant to take cattle over there. The cattle business is no bed of roses at the moment. Hence I have held pretty close to our cattle operations and have been unable to come to Topeka to see you.

Our visit will be all the more enjoyable for having been so long postponed.

Sincerely yours,

RWR:mm

RICHARD W. ROBBINS

Dear Rolla - That was a  
fine piece you wrote  
about Hugo Wedell





April 6, 1954

Mr. Dolph Simons  
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Dolph:-

Both Mrs. Clymer and I greatly appreciated your kind note. It was thoughtful of you to think of her. While she suffered agonies for two or three weeks, she is coming along nicely now and may be removed to her home in about another week. You can imagine how closely I have been tied down here during the course of this incident.

Again thanking you and with best wishes for Mrs. Simons, I am

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 6, 1954

Governor Edward F. Arn  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Governor:-

On behalf of Mrs. Clymer, I wish to thank you in the most cordial way for the floral piece you and Mrs. Arn sent her a couple of weeks ago. This piece occupied the place of honor in her hospital room for many days and was a great comfort to her.

While she suffered intensely during the first stages of her hospital confinement, I am happy to say that she is now recovering and is talking of going home in a week or so. These broken bones in a major joint are no child's play; such an injury seems to shatter the entire system. You can imagine that I have been closely tied here since this accident occurred early in March.

Gale tells me that George Templar will "go." That suits me down to the ground, and you can count on me rallying around with all I have.

I shall be in Topeka Thursday but probably won't get to see you. At any rate, I want you and Mrs. Arn to be assured of our great appreciation for your kindness.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Mrs. Lacy Haynes  
2300 Washington Blvd.  
Kansas City, Kansas



Wednesday, April 7, 54.

Mr Colla Clymer,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla,

In the "Times" that came today was an awfully good editorial from the Silana on Bill's editorial on Lacy. I thought it was fine and have heard from a good many people who have seen it in other papers. Would you ask someone in your office if they would send me a couple of copies of the paper?

I read the paper every day and really do appreciate your sending it to me.

*Mary L Haynes*  
Yours truly,

*Mailed 2 copies April 9,  
April 6. 2 caps  
AB.*



STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

EDWARD F. ARN  
GOVERNOR

April 7, 1954

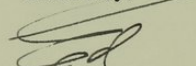
Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Editor  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Thanks for your appreciative letter of April 6th, and indeed we are all happy to learn that Mrs. Clymer is progressing so nicely.

I hope to see you tomorrow and if I do it will be before you receive this letter, of course. In any event our best wishes to you and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Governor

EFA:mh





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F. W. BRINKERHOFF  
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas  
April 8, 1954

Rolla A. Clymer  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Certainly glad to know that Mrs. C. is coming through. A breakage of the kind she suffered is very bad and it is certainly too bad that she had to suffer so much. Give her my best and the best of my own patient, Pearl B., whose arm is now out of the sling and being subjected to constant exercise in an effort to restore it to normal.

I think the Democrats are going to get into a dog fight. That will be about all that will save us--unless the heavens should open up and we would be given the proper amount of rain.

George was in to see me last Monday morning and he certainly is not an anxious candidate. He has the job that he likes and it may be an avenue to the bench. He realizes this and hates to give up the program but he considers himself under obligation to Fearless Frank and others. And Fearless Frank, I was told in Kansas City yesterday, is keeping the telephone hot daily trying to prevail upon George to get in.

You may have noted if you looked over my Harger speech that the printer took liberties with one of my phrases. Instead of "perquisites" the copy appeared "prerequisite" and there is a difference. It was ever thus.

Best of luck to you.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls