

#### **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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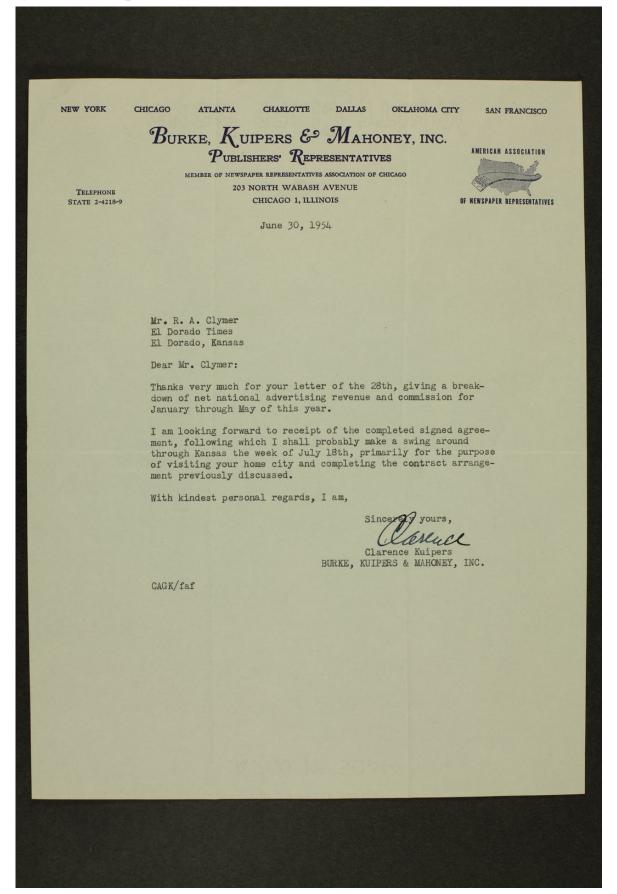
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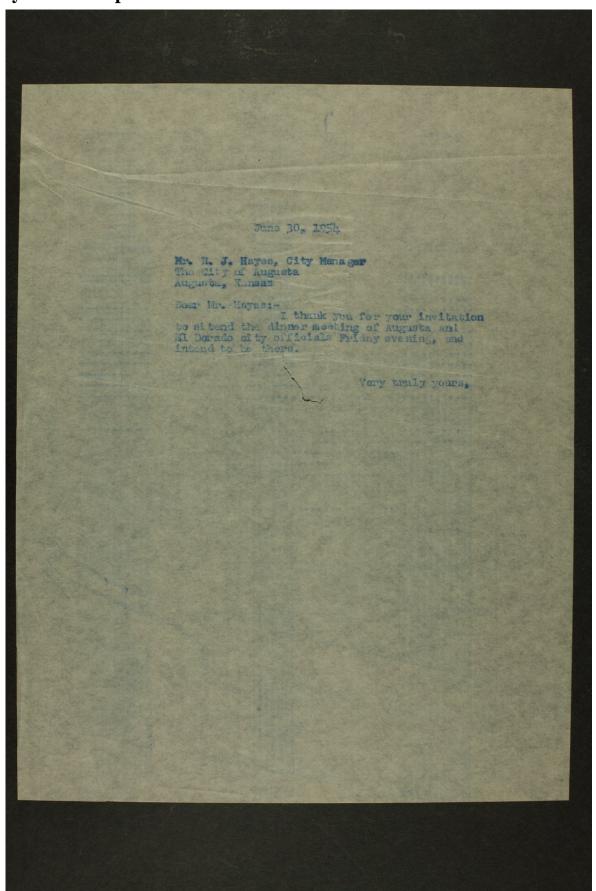
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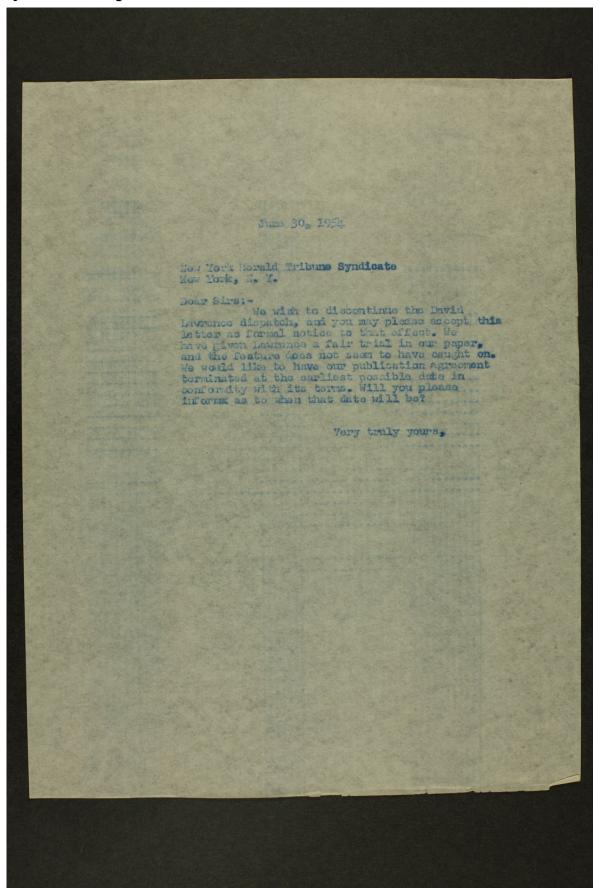




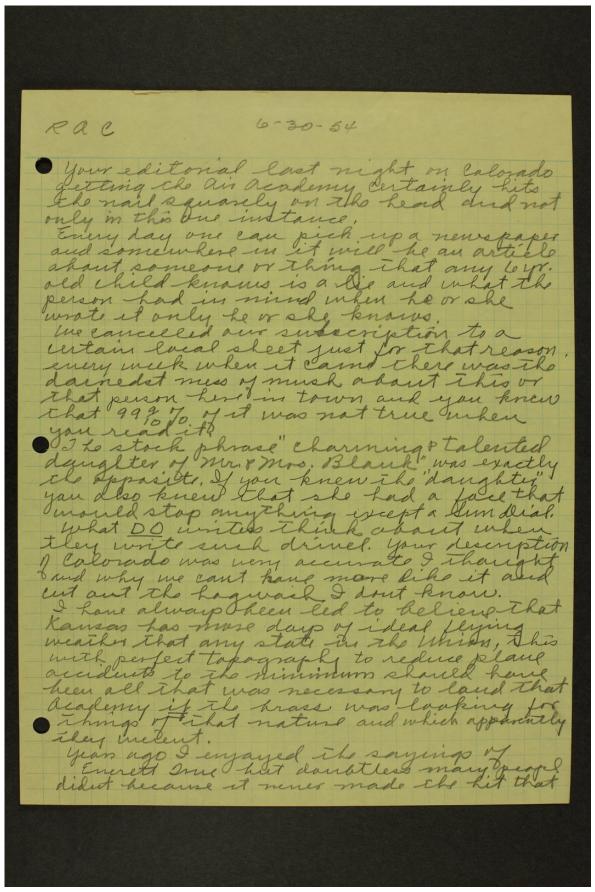




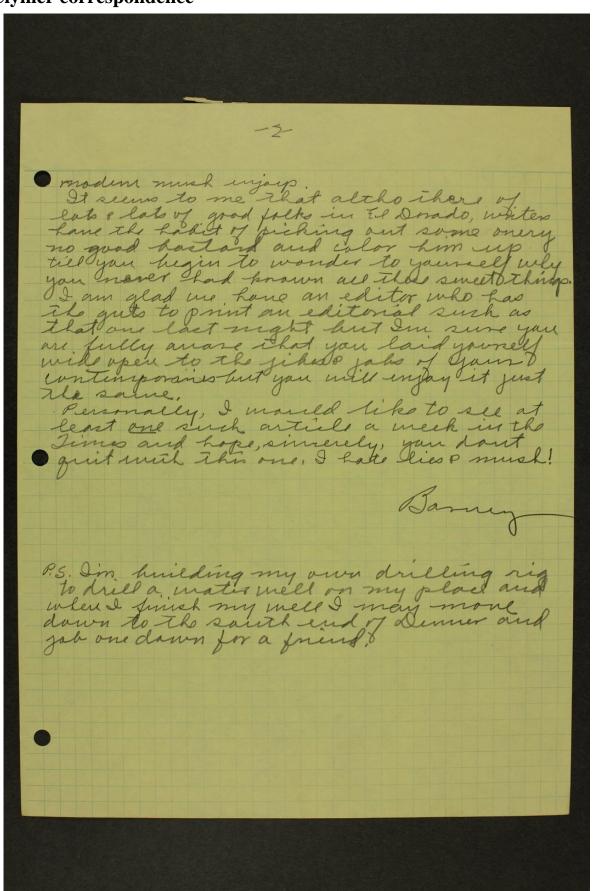




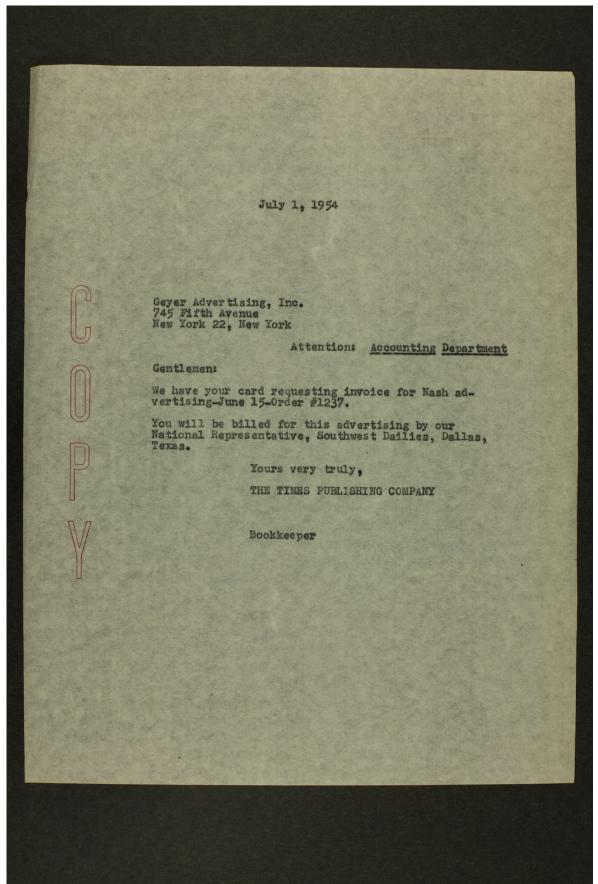




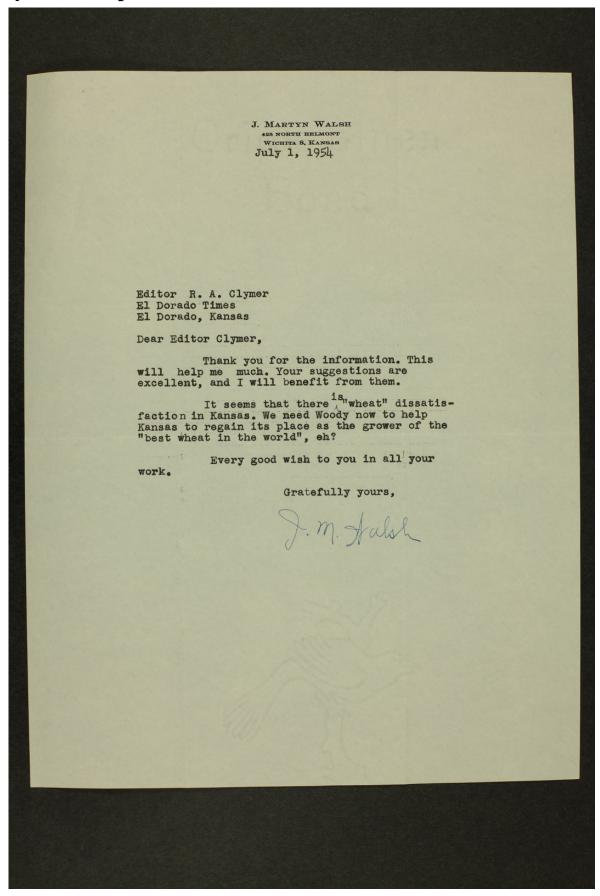


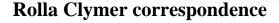
















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Dear Committee Members:

I should like to report on the activities of the Committee as carried out through this office since I last wrote you.

Our Exhibit Car has now been on the road continuously since it started from Topeka on February 16. Over 50 towns have been visited and over 50,000 people have seen the exhibits. In general it has drawn good crowds and created real interest. We have subscribed to a clipping service for state papers and the comments on the Car have been most favorable.

Mr. Charles Dick has been with the Car most of the time and his services have done much to create good will, publicity and interest for the Car on its tour of the state. His has been a seven-day a week job--with some evening openings as well--and we have tried to give him occasional relief. At the present moment he is working here in the office for three weeks, his place on the Car being taken by Mr. Loy Bilderback one of our history students here in the University. He will relieve Mr. Dick for three weeks and then later in August will relieve him for another three weeks when Mr. Dick will come into the office and relieve the Chairman while he is on his vacation. Miss Carolyn Husted is working through the summer as the Chairman's secretary.

A number of Committee members have been actively engaged in speaking on the significance of the Centennial year. Messrs. Nyle Miller, L. D. Wooster, John Feller and your Chairman have been particularly active in this connection. Possibly other Committee members have been equally active but have not reported their activities to me.

For those of you who were unable to be present at the Fort Leavenworth and Council Grove ceremonies in connection with the first day of issue of the Kansas commemorative stamps, I should like to report excellent programs,



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Report to Committee Members (cont'd).

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The program at Fort Leavenworth, despite rain, was well attended, some seven or eight hundred being present. We are greatly indebted to Governor Arn, Senator Carlson, and Assistant Postmaster General Robertson for their active participation in the program as well as the whole-hearted cooperation of the authorities at Fort Leavenworth and of Mayor Sexton, John Feller, and Fred Stein, all three of whom are Committee members.

I trust that each of you who were not present at Fort Leavenworth received the sheet of autographed Kansas stamps in the special holder. Copies were sent to all absent members and although most have been acknowledged, I am not sure that several Committee members have received the souvenir album.

Other Centennial activities include the history conference at the University on April 29 and May 1 which was sponsored by Committee member George Anderson and was well attended. The joint meeting of the Nebraska and Kansas Historical Society at Falls City, Nebraska on May 9 drew some 250—including a number of Committee members—for the dinner and an audience of 500 for the program which followed. Dean Roy Nichols of the University of Pennsylvania and your Chairman were the speakers on this occasion.

Through the interest of Mr. Blake and Rod Runyan of the Capper Publications, nearly two thousand dollars--chiefly in \$100.00 amounts--was raised to underwrite the preparation of a Kansas commemorative medallion. The face of the medallion--which will be some three inches in diameter--will have the same design as that which appears on the commemorative coin of smaller size, a specimen of which each of you should have received. They will be ready for distribution in several weeks and I trust that each Committee member will receive one. Committee members Darby, Stein and Simons were among the public spirited citizens who helped to underwrite this venture.

Of the ten thousand dollars appropriated by the Legislature for our activities somewhat more than half will be gone by the first of July. By careful control of the remainder, I believe we shall get through the year on the balance which remains.

The last item to be reported to you concerns my visit with President Eisenhower at the White House on the morning of June 15. The appointment was arranged through the courtesy and cooperation of Chancellor Murphy of the University and Senator Carlson. The album of the Kansas Commemorative stamps prepared by the Post-office Department was presented to the President who expressed his delight and interest in them. He had not seen the stamp before and expressed special interest in the attractive design. Our invitation to visit Kansas during the Centennial year was again renewed and the President expressed interest in making such a visit.

President Eisenhower wrote me the day following our appointment and his concluding sentence reads: "As I told you yesterday, I shall make every effort to come to Kansas sometime during the early fall, but I cannot yet make a definite commitment."

May I again express my thanks to each of you individually for the whole-hearted cooperation and support you have given me.

Sincerely

Robert Tai

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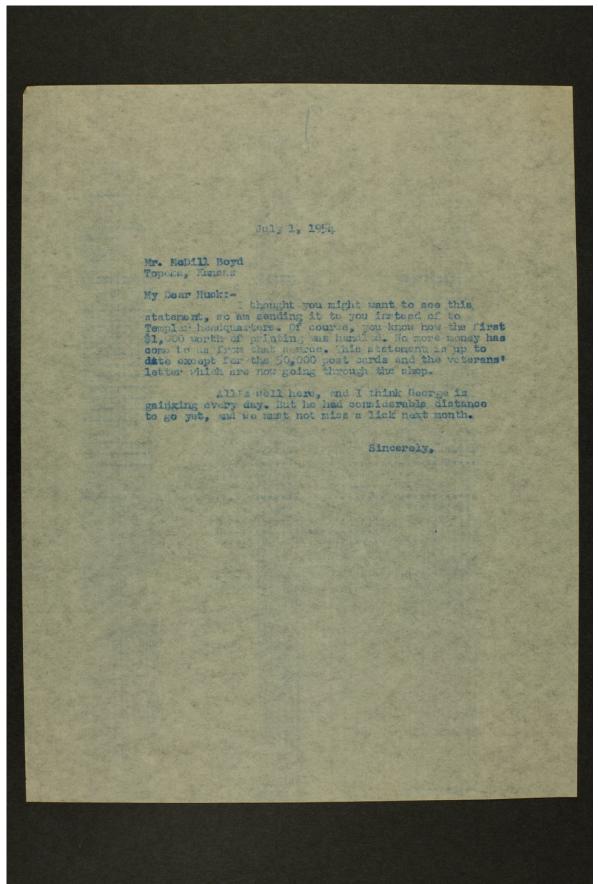
Chairman Taft and Committee Members Anderson, Mrs. Burtis, Darby, Correll, Feller, Miller, Sexton, Stein, Vosper, and Wooster were present on the occasion of the Fort Leavenworth ceremonies on Monday May 31st, the program for which has been distributed to all members of the Committee.

Despite some rain which forced the program indoors, the whole affair was well attended, on schedule, and impressive. Mr. Frank Reeder, Jr., was unfortunately not able to leave his home in Pennsylvania because of a recent accident, but most generously Mrs. Hillah Reeder Andrews of New York City, a great grand-daughter of Governor Andrew H. Reeder, attended the meeting and read Mr. Frank Reeder's greetings from the platform.

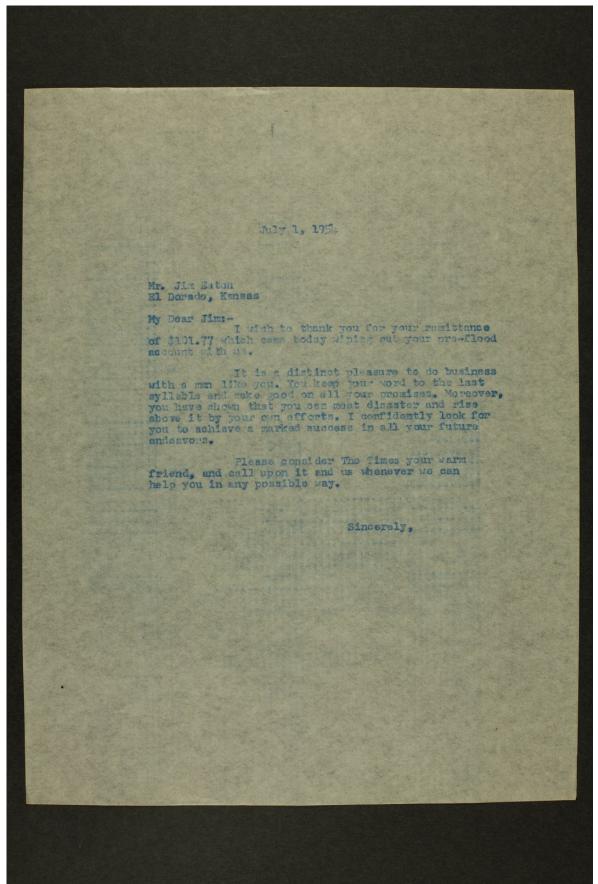
Following the program, members of the Committee and their companions as well as other guests were entertained at the Officers Club with a luncheon provided by the city of Leavenworth at which Mayor Sexton presided. Following the luncheon Senator Carlson spoke briefly, assuring the group that President Eisenhower will make a Centennial address in Kansas, but that pressure of national business does not permit him to set a date at this time. The President will also appear in Nebraska. Chairman Taft then presented special portfolios of stamps and a coin medallion to distinguished guests and to Committee members who were present; other members of the Committee will receive theirs by mail. He announced that the large medallion which has now been financed will be ready soon.

Robert Vosper, Secretary











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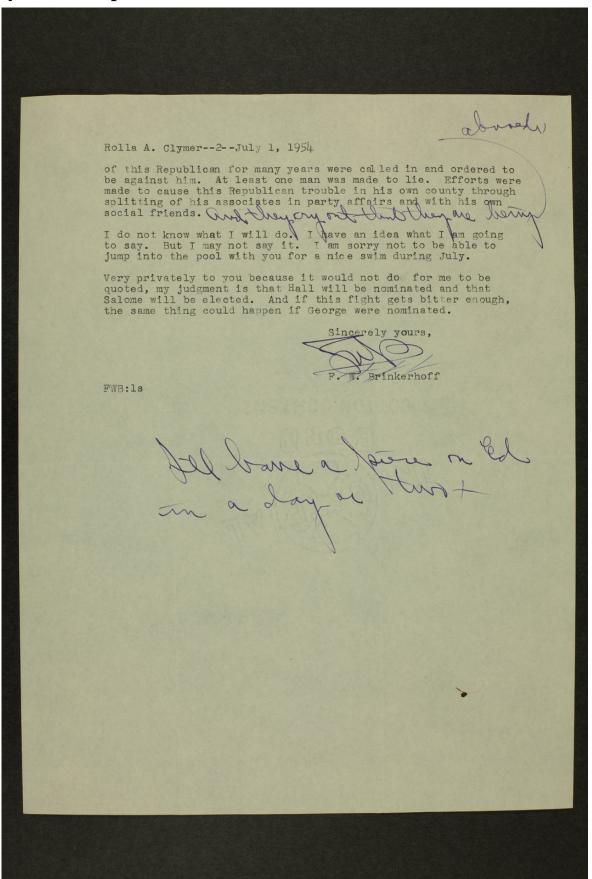
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Dear Rolla:

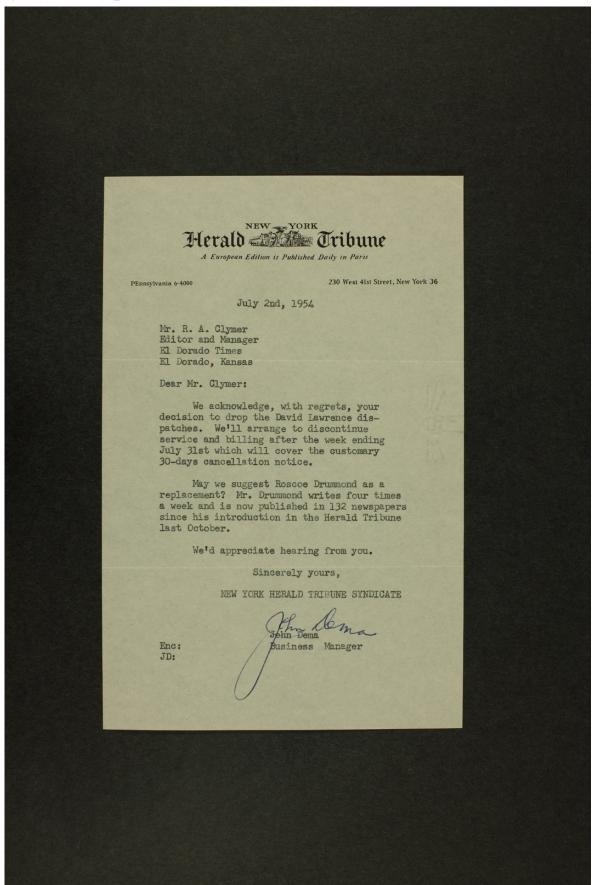
I assume you have read my little discussion of George's speech on staying on the job if he is elected. I have liked Templar for a long, long time. I think he would be a good governor as he has been a good legislator. There is nothing spectacular about him but there is a lot of solidity. The thing that worries me about him is, of course, that "Fearless Frank" is in charge of things. And if ever there was a nuisance in Kansas politics—someone who was not what he seemed to be—that is our friend, the incomparable fence rider and dodger. I say to you that in—so—far as his ability is concerned he is as ruthless as he is ignorant. He is crude in his political manners and he certainly presumes on the indifference or the ignorance of the people of Kansas. If George is the winner in the primary, "Fearless Frank" with Wes Roberts and some of the others will continue control of the Republican state organization. And it will be devoted extensively and maybe exclusively to the welfare of "Fearless Frank." Make no mistake about that. Wes Roberts will be back on hand with a silver platter on his lap. On the other hand, if Hall Wins, Mr. Yount and the C. I. O. and the ruffians whohave caused trouble down here will do their very best to take over and run the Republican committee. The best hope in that condition lies in the strong contentions of Hall's enemies that he is not solid, that he can double cross and does and that he will throw down his friends. If he can do that to these fellows, it might be helpful.

I speak to you about the ruthlessness of "Fearless Frank" and his bunch with full personal knowledge. A Republican in the Third District who was out working for the Republican party before he could vote and has high a Republican worker on with time was brutally abused by "Fearless Frank" and his bunch because he sought to become a delegate to the national convention in 1952. This Republican was working for the Republican party long before "Fearless Frank" and his buddies knew whether they were Republicans or lottentots. It was not a straight out fight based on issues. It was an abuse of power. Men who were friends

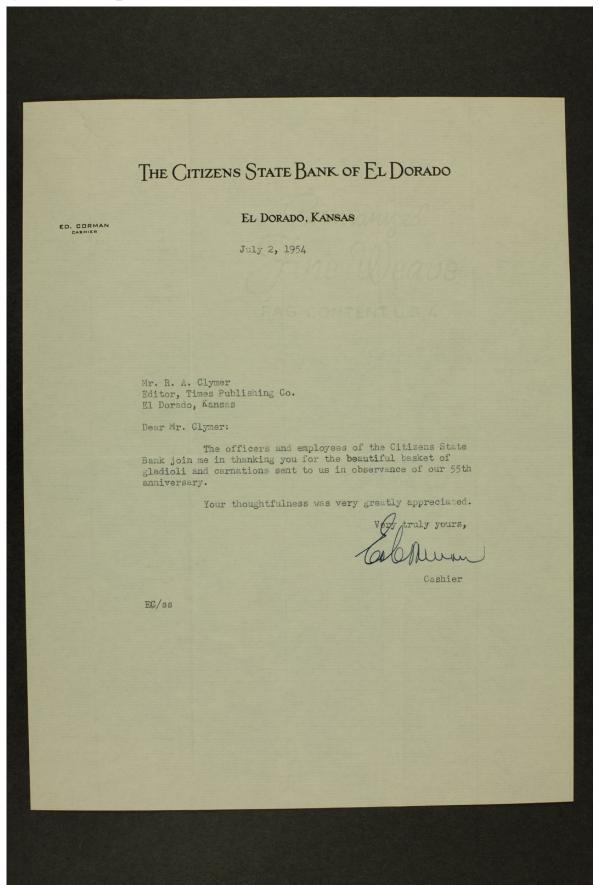




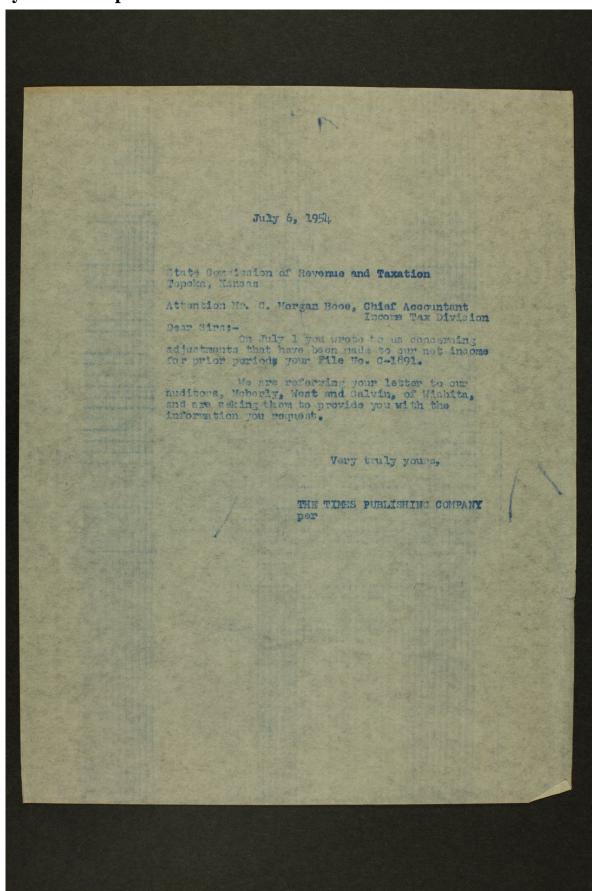














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#### INSTRUCTIONS

This form must be completed at the end of each calendar month by the veteran and the school or training establishment and forwarded to the VA Office where the veteran's records are located. The education and training allowance cannot be paid for any month until this form completed for that month is received by the VA. If this form is not received in the VA within 10 days after the end of the month the education and training allowance may not be paid until the following month. The veteran should not inquire about his check for at least 20 days after this form is forwarded to the VA. The veteran's program of education and training will be discontinued by the VA if no reports are received for two consecutive months. fice where the veteran's records are located. consecutive months.

2. If the veteran commences training on or after the 20th of the month the certification of training for the rest of that month shall be included in the report for the following month. (Space has been provided in item 5 of this form for reporting absences where, as in these circumstances, more than one month is

3. ABSENCE REPORT BY THE VETERAN

(a) The letter "A" must be entered in the appropriate boxes in Item 5 for the dates on which you were absent from training for a full day. Do not report those days on which the school or training establishment was closed for the week-end. If you are taking on-the-job training you must report as absences all work-days on which you did not work because of strikes, shortages of material or inclement weather.

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(b) Enter the letter "C" in the appropriate boxes for all those days on which the school or training establishment was closed for Federal or State holidays and vacation periods. Do not report those days on which the school or training establishment. days on which the school or training establishment was closed for the week-ends.

ABSENCE REPORT BY THE SCHOOL OR ESTABLISHMENT

In addition to the veteran's report of full-day absences in Item 5 the school or establishment will report all absences of less than a full day in Item 11, "Remarks" in the following manner: Compute the average number of hours of attendance per day by dividing the total required hours of attendance per day by average number of nours of attendance per day by dividing the total required hours of attendance per week by the number of days in the week on which attendance is required for this veteran. The total hours of absence will be converted to full days of absence by dividing such total by the average number of required hours of attendance per day. An absence of less than an hour will be counted as a full hour of absence. When the total hours of absence have been converted to days of absence a fraction of 1/2 day or less will not be reported. However, if the fraction is greater than 1/2, it will be reported as an additional full day of absence.

5. ITEM 8.

The veteran should enter any additional dependents acquired. Increased education and training allowance because of additional dependents cannot be paid until the veteran submits to the VA proof of relative to the VA proof of relative to the VA proof of the veteran submits to the VA proof of relative to the veteran submits to the VA proof of relative to the veteran submits to the VA proof of relative to the veteran submits to the VA proof of relative to the veteran submits to the veteran s tionship and dependency. Any changes in the status of dependents previously claimed should also be reported in this item (e.g., where the previously established dependency of a parent ceases to exist).

SECTION B.

The school or training establishment must verify the accuracy of the absence record reported by the veteran. The signature of the responsible official of the school or training establishment constitutes a certification that the veteran's report is correct except as explained under item 11, "Remarks".

7. ITEM 11.

The school or establishment should report all changes in the veteran's enrollment and training status in this space. Examples of such changes are: (a) the veteran's conduct and progress become unsatisfactory; (b) the veteran's training is interrupted or discontinued by the veteran or the school or training establishment at any time during the period for which this certification is being made; (c) in school courses the veteran's training load (i.e., the required clock hours of attendance or net (i.e., the required clock hours of attendance or net instruction per week) is changed so as to affect the payment of the education and training allowance or the rate at which the veteran's entitlement is or the rate at which the veteran's entitlement is charged; (d) in apprentice training or other on the job training the veteran's hours of employment per week are changed to the extent that he is pursuing training for less than 36 hours per week, or he is not pursuing his course for the number of hours in the standard work week of the training establishment.

If the veteran is taking his course in a school on 8. If the veteran is taking his course in a school on less than a one-half time basis, any change in the clock hours of attendance or the net hours of in-struction per week, or the established charges for tuition and fees, should be reported to the VA.



