

## 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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September 27, 1954

My Dear Will:-

Your letter touched me deeply though I cannot go along with you on your kindly estimate of me. As to politics, it would be plumb silly for Republicans of Kansas to turn the state house over to the Democrats because they don't happen to like the color of somebody's hair. We have entirely too much at stake to allow anything like that to happen.

I shall continue to preach Republican doctrine in our paper and to counsel some of my disturbed friends by word of mouth that we must go straitly and loyally down the line for out ticket--all of it--this year. I think most of them will come around. We don't want another Maine to happen out here. It would be giving Ike a letdown in my book, if that came to pass.

I am sending some copy to Roy Oxendale for his weekly newspaper releases and expect to keep up the lick as I can. Will also help the state committee wherever possible. I don't think this merits any praise. It is simply what we all should be doing to help our party, and the game, along.

I was disappointed in not being able to have a visit with you at Topeka at the time of the party council. I had just arrived when I saw you and we greeted each other. Then I was tied up with the platform that night, and did not see you again. I sincerely trust it will be different next time. You and Mabel hold--and always will hold--the highest possible places in my affection.

Sincerely,





September 27, 1954

My Dear Max:-

Some of our folks around the office want to see the K-State-K. U. Game on October 30. I wonder if they could have four tickets. These will not be used outside our official family. I hate to make this request of you, because of the scores of favors I have had from you and have been unable to repay. You might pass this along to the proper minion. If he can grant the request, okay; if not, it's still okay.

I probably won't know until the last week whether I can make it up there or not, but if I go I shall do so more for the privilege of seeing you and Ruth than the game. I miss you a lot all the time, old top, and we shall have to do something about these long separations.

Everything continues to go along here--not too fast or too well, but still along. Hope it's the top of the mornin' for you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Rolla:

Many, many thanks for your most flattering comment upon my editorial on your water problems.

It came at a most appropriate time, as this past year has been one of those discouraging ones when nothing seems to work out quite right. One of those times when the things you back seem doomed to failure. Slow business, heat--all minor ailments beside your own--but depressing just the same.

And you and I agree that nobody compliments <sup>the</sup> newsmen--and didn't I follow the pattern perfectly? I even neglected to say what really caused the spirit of El Dorado--the work, sweat and tears of one man and his newspaper.

KK 9-28-54

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

First Methodist Church  
O. Ray Cook, Minister  
El Dorado, Kansas

September 29, 1954

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Once in a while it is good to sit down and do the thing you have planned on doing for months. It has been in my heart to express appreciation to you and your paper for the generous consideration you have given our church news in the days gone by. While I speak only of the Methodist Church, I am sure the other churches feel the same way.

Your policy of keeping the paper clean means a great deal to the people of El Dorado. We are glad you do not carry beer and liquor advertising. We are aware that such would be lucrative. As one of the pastors of the town, I should like to compliment you on your stand. I am sure that many of the members of my church feel as I do.

Very sincerely,

*O. Ray Cook*  
O. Ray Cook

WHL



September 29, 1954

Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention Mr. J. A. Vaughan, Jr.

Dear Sirs:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of September 27 and your formal acknowledgment K-1-21 for our November car of newsprint.

I trust you understand that it will be wholly necessary for us to have this car as early as possible in November. We are in the midst of a large circulation promotion campaign, and are using large quantities of newsprint above our normal demands. Unless we receive this car not later than the first week in November, our supply is likely to be exhausted.

I am giving you this information so you will understand our situation and the need for the delivery of this car as stipulated.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES  
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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

### *Kansas State College*

Manhattan, Kansas

Office of Public Service

September 30, 1954

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

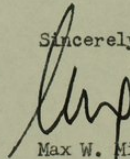
Dear Rolla:

I have passed along your request to Ralph Lashbrook, and perhaps he has already forwarded (or had the athletic department forward) two complimentary tickets to your paper for the K.U. game. Two tickets are all that Ralph is authorized to allow, and for the K.U. game we are fortunate even to have the two. As the days jog along here, I'll keep a weather eye out for a couple of extras somewhere in the ball park for your staff. We are sold out completely in the west and east stands, and all remaining tickets are in the south and north bleachers. However, we have provided 250 good seats in front of the west stands for the editors here for Editors Day, and the tickets you have or soon will receive will be in that space. We'd like to accommodate you in a better way for the extra two tickets you requested for your staff, but we can't (at least at this time) and I'm sure you understand and are sympathetic with your problem.

However, should you personally find it possible to be up here for the game, and need a couple of ducats, let me know even if it is in the last week.

Keep 'em rolling.

Sincerely,



Max W. Milbourn  
Director of Public Service





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Friday

My Dear Stewart:-

I am grateful to you for the way you handled our water "side" in your paper. It was a kindly act and I owe you a day in harvest.

I honestly feel that there is an abundance of water in the Arkansas Valley at the point where we propose to tap it. Bob Smrha, of the water resources division, says so as does likewise Dr. Fisher, of the U. S. Geological Survey. When I was at Mulvane two weeks ago, the main river was running strongly and with power. That indicated to me that the underground is packed with water--and that underground is 50 or 60 feet deep and six miles wide.

We will rely solely on our lakes when, and if, they are full again. We will use the Mulvane line only for standby purposes. As you have seen from the order, all the present users have priority ahead of us. I don't see how any of them can be hurt--but maybe we would be apprehensive, too, if the tables were reversed. At any rate, we are in a law suit now and it may string out a long time.

At any rate, I appreciate what you have done and you have my warmest thanks. If you were at the party council this week, I failed to see you.

Sincerely,





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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

October 1, 1954

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

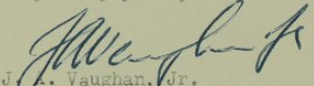
Mr. R. A. Clymer  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for your letter of September 29, explaining the urgency of the car scheduled under our K-1-11.

We will follow this tonnage closely, to be sure that you receive this car sometime during the first week of November.

Very truly yours,

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

JAV:blb



October 1, 1954

Rev. O. Ray Cook, Minister  
First Methodist Church  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Cook:-

I am deeply grateful to you for your kind letter which came today, and have taken the liberty of publishing it. I felt you would make no objection to this probably immodest act upon our part. It was the sort of expression, however, that for once I wished to share with our readers.

Refusing to accept liquor advertising, as you have observed, costs us money which we have every legal right to take. The revenue from such advertising probably would gross \$1,000 a month--and would be most acceptable at a time when general volume is down. I try not to think of that phase of the subject, for there are other more compelling considerations. Leaving everything else out of consideration, I would sincerely regret to send our paper into the fine homes of Butler county people with liquor advertisements in its pages. Call this a matter of taste, if you will, I still think it comprises sufficient reason to reject such copy.

Probably half a dozen daily newspapers in Kansas outside of Wichita, and a number of weekly newspapers publish liquor advertising--which is their right as well as their own business. This week, large copy for a distiller appeared in many of them. I am enclosing you a page from the Wellington News, which is an example. As I said before, I would resent having The Times--which is no paragon but only a community news medium--bearing this message to the people it serves.

Sincerely,



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### FIRST SECURITIES COMPANY

OF KANSAS  
(INCORPORATED)

#### INVESTMENT SECURITIES

SCHWEITER BUILDING

WICHITA, KANSAS

October 1, 1954

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

Dear Rolla:

In this morning's mail we received your checks in payment of the following securities and for the following amounts:

R. A. Clymer - 60 Shares THE GAS SERVICE CO.  
at \$25.75 . . . . . Total \$1,545.00

Elizabeth H. Clymer - 30 Shares KANSAS GAS & ELEC. CO. COMMON  
at \$49.00 . . . . . Total \$1,470.00

We will start the transfer on these securities right away, and I will make delivery as soon as we get the new certificates issued.

Thanks very much for this additional business. With best wishes, we are

Yours very truly

FIRST SECURITIES COMPANY

*Ray J. Preeton*  
Vice President

RFP:ha

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### NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS

#### OF KANSAS

1954-55



#### NATIVE SONS

R. A. CLYMER, PRESIDENT  
EL DORADO, KANSAS  
G. CLAY BAKER, VICE-PRESIDENT  
COLUMBIAN BLDG.  
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WESTMORELAND, KANSAS  
JIM REED, TREASURER  
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TOPEKA, KANSAS

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902 SOUTH GRAND  
LYONS, KANSAS  
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EL DORADO, KANSAS  
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BABEHOR, KANSAS  
MRS. FRANK W. BOYD, CHAIRMAN  
SPEECH CONTEST  
MANKATO, KANSAS

Topeka Kans  
Oct 2 - 1954

Mr. R. A. Clymer.  
El Dorado, Kans-

Dear Rolla -

I received your letter but  
have been unable to answer it for  
I have been home sick all week.

The Oct 9th date for our meeting will  
be all right with me - 10 o'clock, on  
the Jayhawk Mezzanine floor.

I will call Clay Baker, Jim Reed and  
Maurice Fager, also notify Mrs Jones  
and Mrs. Marshall.

Thanks for \$5.00 for Eisenhower  
fund -

I think your suggestion for the  
subject of the speech contest is a good  
one.

Sincerely  
Ethel Godin

Kansas - "Pay It Above A Whisper"



El Dorado, Kansas  
October 4, 1954

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

My Dear Mr. Brookens:-

We are having a rather special meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters at Topeka next Saturday, October 9, at 10 o'clock on the Jayhawk mezzanine. I earnestly hope that you can find the time to be with us.

You see, I am counting on you having reconsidered your notice to resign from your office. We need you in our endeavors, and all of us trust that you will go through with the office you now hold. I know something about being busy every day, and we will try to make your job the least burdensome possible.

Sincerely,





El Dorado, Kansas  
October 4, 1954

Dear Mrs. Godint:-

I will be there for the meeting next Saturday at 10. Mary McKay is out of town again, but I have left word for her to call me Wednesday when she returns and will try to have her present. I will also write John Brookens today.

I hope you have recovered from your sick spell. I want to thank you for lining up the members, as you have stated.

Am also glad that you like my speech suggestion.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Oct. 4, 1954  
El Dorado, Kansas.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I want to thank you personally for your fine cooperation with the Federated Womens Club Convention so recently held in El Dorado. The women of 5th district commented very highly of the fine cooperation of our news paper toward making this convention a successful one. They also appreciated the complimentary copies given to them.

Personally, I felt very proud of our daily paper and its entire staff who so generously gave time and space to the convention. The news stories were splendid. This is just one more testimonial to the reputation of The Times as one of the outstanding daily papers of our state.

May I add that our merchants also certainly did themselves proud with the advertising and the many table favors given for the delegates and members attending the convention. All in all I am proud that my home is in El Dorado, one of the finest spots in Kansas. Thanks again for your loyal support.

Mrs. Justus O'Reilly

THE STATE  OF KANSAS

FRED HALL · LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

TOPEKA

October 5, 1954

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor  
The Eldorado Times  
Eldorado, Kansas

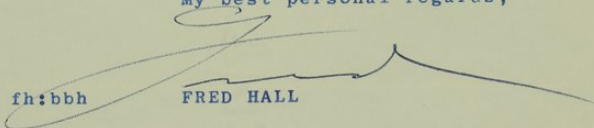
Dear Rolla:

I certainly have appreciated some  
of your recent editorials which  
have appeared in your paper.

I want to advise you that we  
are definitely planning to be  
in your county on October 13th  
or 14th. Whichever date it may  
be, I look forward to visiting  
with you when I am there.

My best personal regards,

fh:bbh



FRED HALL





### Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs

1954-1956

Sedgwick, Kansas  
October 11, 1954

PRESIDENT  
MRS. DAN HOPSON  
447 SECOND ST.  
PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS

THE KANSAS CLUBWOMAN  
EDITOR  
MRS. O. M. HARDTARFER  
SEDGWICK, KANSAS

ASSOCIATE EDITOR  
MRS. ALLAN C. FELT  
417 SOUTH W  
WELLINGTON, KANSAS

Mr. R.A. Clymer  
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The Kansas Clubwoman magazine would like like your permission to reprint your editorial of Sept. 28 "Welcome To Federated Clubs".

Our state president, Mrs. Dan Hopson, was pleased that you have thus described our club members as we like to be, and read your editorial at the Third District convention at Winfield, following the Fifth District convention at El Dorado. We would like to share your comment with all the clubwomen of Kansas.

Mrs. Justus OSheilley has sent me all the clippings on the convention, and we surely appreciate all the fine coverage you have given the Federated Clubs.

We go to press the 20th, so would like to hear from you soon.

With sincere thanks,  
*Hazel M. Hardtarfer*  
Hazel M. Hardtarfer (Mrs. O.M.)  
Editor, Kansas Clubwoman.  
Box 196, Sedgwick, Kansas

THE CITIZENS STATE BANK OF EL DORADO

EL DORADO, KANSAS

ED. CORMAN  
CASHIER

October 11, 1954

Mr. R. A. Clymer  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

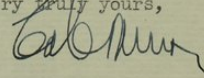
A football game between El Dorado High and Arkansas City High is scheduled for October 22, and we are anticipating a good game.

It will be a pleasure to have you and Mrs. Clymer be our guests for the evening.

We will gather at the Country Club for a social hour at 4:30 and dinner will be served promptly at 6 o'clock, to enable us to get to the athletic field by 7:30, game time.

Will you please let us know by Wednesday noon, October 20, if you can be with us.

Very truly yours,



Cashier

EC/ss





October 12, 1954

My Dear Dutch:-

I thank you a full four million times for your letter and its contents. This sort of material is exactly what I want--and your wise old noodle is the only one I know of in the state that is packed with it.

You are the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, and I can never thank you enough for this favor. Any time you want me to crawl on my hands and knees out to Goodland, just let me know.

Sincerely,





October 12, 1954

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

Enclosed you will find the comparative balance sheet and comparative profit and loss statement for The Times Publishing company for the first three quarters of 1954. I wish the showing might have been better--but this has been a tough year in El Dorado.

I think perhaps it would be well to have a board meeting before long, and will await suggestions from you. I am rather tightly tied up for the next week or two, but probably could work in the time during the last week of this month.

Very truly yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

EDWARD H. REES  
4TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON  
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

EMPORIA, KANSAS  
October 13, 1954

Dear Rolla:

I believe about the best thing I can do is to send you one of my new folders. It has some suggestions that you might want to use. I am going to leave the form of the advertisement up to you, because I know you will do a better job than I.

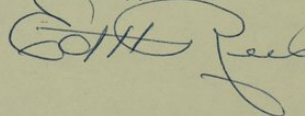
Of course, there are some more things that might be included, such as the efforts I have recently made in dealing with the question of communists in government. If you think that has been overplayed, let it go. After all, I am the one who did ask for a report that has just recently come out. I did it because the Democrats were belittling our efforts to clear the Government of undesirables.

Your attention has already been called to the New York Times statement, for whatever it is worth. The Committee gets credit for saving between 120 and 169 million dollars of taxpayers' money, without injury in any way to our Government or anybody else. Again, I suggest that you write the ad to suit your own opinion.

I appreciate your repetition of a statement by Glen Kiser in the Douglass Tribune. It is good of you to take care of it. Thanks a million again.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,



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

P.S. Perhaps I should apologize just a little to you. I was not at my best last night. Just had some car difficulty, and along with it was not feeling any too "peppy". Anyway, the Senator took care of the situation.

I am enclosing a mat in case you need one. I think you have a similar cut on hand.



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LAW OFFICES OF  
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
WICHITA 2, KANSAS  
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October 13, 1954.

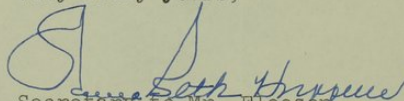
Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
Times Publishing Company,  
ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges your letter of  
October 12, with enclosures.

Mr. Fleeson is still on vacation  
but we expect him back in the office in  
another week, at which time he will reply  
to your letter.

Very truly yours,

  
Secretary to Mr. Fleeson.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

10/14/54

The two bulls arrived at Cedarcrest Farm via truck at 10:30 this morning. They were safe and sound, also hungry--already have consumed one bale of high priced hay, five pounds of precious Sweet Lassy, and 17 gallons of valuable water. You can be sure I am keeping account of all these expenses. \*

The delivered price for both was 283.00, including the \$3 for hauling. We got the registration certificates and health certificates furnished by the seller. If you still have your catalog, these were Lots 13 and 16, one is 14 months old and one is 18 months old. I think the smaller one is the better bull but I am pleased with them both and they would almost bring this price on the market for beef. (Bull top at Wichita is now \$12 cwt and I guess the two of them would weigh around 2,050 pounds.) Both are descendants of Hazford Rupert 81st.

I paid for them both with a draft on my cattle account at Howard Production Credit Association. I had planned to buy 1 or 2 bulls before Jan. 1. If, after due deliberation, you wish to go into the cattle business herewith, I will sell you either one (your choice) at one-half total delivered price, or will sell you a half interest in both, same way. I can use both and would feed your half-interest in both, or your one, for use of same. You need make no decision or remittance till Thanksgiving visit, or whenever we get together to discuss this further.

I didn't bid on many of the cows though they sold cheap enough to use in a commercial herd for producing cross-fed calves which is my present plan. I would have bought several (partnership or otherwise) except for the horns which are a nuisance in a bunch of dehorned cows which I have.

Thanks for your confidence in my buying judgment. That's the finest support a busted cattleman can have in these days of the "Second Hoover Depression". Actually, weren't you impressed by the general appearance and cheerfulness of this crowd, mostly "home" folks?

I'll see you soon.

V. W. B.

\*also 2 blocks of salt @65¢. Of course it will last quite a while.





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 15, 1954

Mr. Ed Geymann  
Towanda, Kansas

My Dear Ed:-

I am sorry we seemed to have stepped on your toes in the case of the Potwin correspondent. Certainly that was not our intention.

After reading your letter, I feel I can fully appreciate your position and reaction in the matter. I sympathize with your viewpoint and no doubt would feel just as you do if I were governed by your circumstances. But we have a different viewpoint, I should guess, around a daily newspaper. Here in our office, the news boys serve as correspondents for daily papers. Stories of games, of fatalities, of disasters--of all events of interest in the outside world--go out to other papers and the Associated Press, in many instances, long before we publish them. It is all the regular routine with us--and I suppose we are case-hardened to it.

I knew about the effort to secure Mrs. Gibson, of course, but did not stop to think that you might object. I am sure I was at fault in this respect. By all means, I should have consulted you. I am sorry for this oversight and ask your pardon for it.

I do not think we should say any more about the Gibson matter in our paper--unless you would like to have us do so. If you feel that we should, let me know and we will publish something making the matter clear.

I am sure you understand that The Times has no desire or intention of embarrassing in any way as badly a good friend as you are. We are trying to secure some additional circulation if we can, but we do not wish to harm our friends in the process.

I sincerely trust you will come in to see me the next time you are in El Dorado.

Cordially yours,





BUTLER COUNTY

*Department of Social Welfare*

OFFICE OF COUNTY DIRECTOR

EL DORADO - - KANSAS

October 15, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your very kind editorial last Wednesday evening. My only hope is that the State Board, yourself and Butler County will never have the opportunity to regret the confidence you have expressed in me.

Yours sincerely,

Robert F. Hamilton,  
Welfare Director

RFH:vc



October 15, 1954

Dear Dutch:-

You are Mrs. Boner are a couple of purebred honeys. I have had a lot of joy going through that consignment which came today and am sure I can use some of it. This is wondrous help to me--how much you can never know until you both stand tip-toe on the misty mountain tops Over There. I am so grateful to you that I am about to remove my weskit and stand around in sackcloth and ashes.

Speaking of purebreds, do you know that I bought a purebred registered Hereford bull at a sale t is week. Biggest thrill since Frank Carlson was elected. I have always wanted a bull to play with--and have him farmed out with Vic Boellner. If you and "Cap" Edwards would like to play with him, too, I think I can arrange it.

Thanks in bunches.

Yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 15, 1954

Mr. Nyle Miller, Secretary  
Kansas State Historical Society  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Nyle:-

I need some help and, knowing what a wonderful friend you are in a pinch, am turning to you for it.

Here is the lay: The boys and girls of the Native Sons and Daughters want me to make the speech at the annual affair on next January 28. I have consented--and now want to make that address something different than the run of mine talks on such occasions.

After much deliberation, I have come to this conclusion: We hear a lot about the privation and sacrifice and suffering and distress that this state's early settlers--and even in succeeding eras--underwent. All these stories are true, and the pioneers richly deserve full meed of praise for their valiance.

But, I believe, they also experienced much joy in the midst of their hardships, that there was definite delight in the striving--and that their days were not all dark and gloomy but many of them brightened by their own sense of humor and good cheer.

It is this theme that I wish to develop, if I can, under some such title as "Joy Cometh in the Morning," or similar designation.

I need your help, my dear friend, in enabling me to have perhaps half a dozen instances to point my theme. I want a few in the category of that Short Grass legislator who told Duke Henry (was it Duke Henry) about the state's motto on the state seal, "Them words, Duke, is Latin." I would like also to have others which pointed the cheer with which the settlers view their poverty and privation. That letter you gave me for publican a year or so ago (remember?) might be one, but I have forgotten the date and am unable



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to look it up in our files.

Now, my dear Friend, I would like to have a few of these instances, fully authenticated--some funny, some not so funny--around which I can build the body of my speech. I know of nobody else so competent, so sympathetic and so diligent as you to help me attain my Heart's Desire. "Dutch" Shultz has been of excellent service in this respect--but I must have your fine Italian hand in the stew. So, I am thus throwing myself upon your mercy.

And I shall be grateful. If you ever want me to crawl on my Hands and knees to Pike's Peak I shall take off with nary a bleat. And I shall also rise up and called you Blessed.

Thanking you in advance for all your expert assistance in this instance, and for the many, many past favors you have rendered me, I am

Most sincerely,



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October 16, 1954

Topeka Office  
521 New England Building

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado  
Kansas

Dear Rolly:

I am herewith enclosing copy and a mat for a suggested advertisement. The size of this advertisement can easily be varied from considerably smaller to as much larger as it might be found advisable.

The thing that I am wondering is whether you would be willing to assume the responsibility of interviewing enough of Andy Schoeppel's friends in your community and obtaining enough money to run this advertising in your local newspaper sometime during the week of October 25, probably around the 28th, or perhaps even Sunday, October 31. As I have stated above, you could vary the size of the advertisement according to the amount of money you might collect.

I know this is a considerable favor to ask, but we do truly need the advertising. It would be a most wonderful accommodation, if it could be done. We will appreciate it more than words can tell.

If by any chance you are able to run the advertising, would you be so kind as to send me a copy of the paper in which it appears.

Thanking you for any consideration you may be able to give this request, and assuring you of our real appreciation of whatever can be done, I am

Yours very truly,

*Bill*  
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Mr. Rolla Clymer  
Eldorado-Times  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

It was good to hear from you and I must admit that your reasoning has sound practical value. I plead guilty to being a hard loser.

I can't help feeling but for the unfortunate attempt to purge Hall he would now be forgotten. I think he has gotten where he is by a combination of circumstances, not by his own ability. If elected he will inherit what is actually a going concern. I think actually Hall will be on trial, not previous administrations.

I suppose I'll render a certain amount of lipservice. Hall will be in Winfield Monday and what he says here could make a lot of difference in Cowley County.

Sincerely,

Wally



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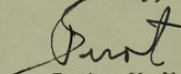
Mr. Rolla A. Clymer  
Editor  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

This is to notify you that there will be a meeting of the executive committee of the William Allen White Foundation at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in the William Allen White Memorial Reading Room of the Journalism Building. Clyde Reed and I decided that Nov. 6 would be the best date for the session since that is Homecoming Day and most of you probably will be on the campus at that time anyway. I personally will be particularly pleased to have all of you see the remodeled Reading Room and the beautiful displays therein. And we do have a number of items of business to discuss.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you will be with us. Also, let me know whether you will be interested in attending the Nebraska-K.U. football game and, if so, whether you have tickets or will need to obtain some through us.

Cordially,



Burton W. Marvin, Director;  
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