

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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Valley Center, Kansas,
December 1, 1954.

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Yours for better newspapers,

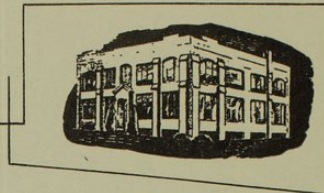
Mrs. H. J. Hickerson



THE
COFFEYVILLE
DAILY

Journal

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS Member Associated Press Audit Bureau of Circulations



December 2, 1954

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

Dear Rolla:

The Kansas Associated Press special fund for extra coverage bonuses and short feature monthly contest prizes is nearing a low in spite of the bull market.

As chairman of the Continuing Study Committee, I have been authorized by the membership to call on each member paper for a \$5 annual contribution to the fund.

As I think you know, this fund has stimulated the number of Kansas "brites" we receive on the wire, and is important in encouraging extra-effort coverage on big news breaks.

Your check for \$5 will be much appreciated. Please make it to:

✓ Kansas Associated Press Committee

Best regards,

Rich
R. M. Seaton, Chairman
AP Continuing Study Committee

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The Pittsburg Headlight

EVENINGS
EXCEPT SUNDAY

Established 1887

THE PITTSBURG SUN

MORNINGS
EXCEPT MONDAY

Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas
Dec. 2, 1954

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I quote you:

"When Mrs. Semple and Mr. Darby say they gave no money to the Democratic cause, we firmly believe them."

In the case of the girl from Oklahoma, you will note she said no when she was asked if she contributed to the Docking fund. She also said no when asked if she had solicited Harold Youngman of Baxter Springs for money for Docking.

When Mr. Youngman was asked if he had contributed to the Docking fund, he said no. When he was asked if Mrs. Semple had solicited him for a donation to the Democrat fund, he said he believed he had better not answer that.

Now, do you believe that Mrs. Semple asked Harold Youngman for money or not?

And, if a Republican party official solicits money for a Democrat candidate for governor, do you believe that official should continue to hold a party office?

Harold Youngman did not deny that Mrs. Semple asked him for funds--nor will he. Between us, until you get it from Bradney, Youngman bluntly told the story. Mrs. Semple asked him not once but thrice. And in addition I give you this confirmation. Our company lawyer in Pittsburg is Ray Letton. Harold Youngman is one of his clients. A week or so after the election they were together and Youngman told Letton that Mrs. Semple had asked him for money for Docking. I am sure that this is sufficient evidence for you that the Oklahoma sister was trying to get funds for Docking. She told Youngman, according to my lawyer's version, that she was sure she would not sell any chat to the state if Hall became governor. She said that if Docking were elected she had a chance.

So there is "Gravel Gertie" for you.

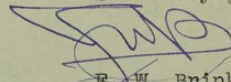
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Rolla A. Clymer--2--Dec. 2, 1954

I think the funniest thing is the report by Aaron Butler who is about five feet in height--I think no more--printed in the Lawrence Journal-World, that when Docking was trying to throw him out of the bank he told Docking to "calm down and take it easy."

I have heard a lot of fine comments on your speech and I have thought about it quite a bit since. It was a perfect contribution to the occasion. I saw Dan Anthony III talking to you after the speech. I could not help but wonder what he was saying.

Sincerely yours,



F.W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls



Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 3, 1954

Mr. George C. Oxford
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Oxford:-

We are interested in the Duplex Tubular press which you described in your recent circular.

The 16-page section of it, however, would suit our needs. We now operate a Duplex tubular press, three decks high. I am assuming that we have the bulk of the stereotype equipment we would need for the larger press. I doubt if it would be feasible to add a fourth deck to our present press, in order to make 16 pages, so therefore would like to know about the one you have in prospect.

I will appreciate further details, the price, and any other information you care to give us at as early a time as will suit your convenience.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



December 3, 1954

Mrs. W. J. Hickerson
Valley Center, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Hickerson:-

I greatly appreciate the
kind note which you sent me the other day.

Newspaper circulation in the daily field
now stands at its highest known point. But the
evidence is clear. Those papers which have scored
the greatest success, at least in the item of
winning public confidence as shown by circulation,
are the ones which have hewed closest to the
accepted newspaper function--and have kept free
from sex and sensationalism.

I am exceedingly glad to note this
fact in a world which sometimes seems to be
growing careless about its moral values.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

THE McPHERSON DAILY REPUBLICAN

K. R. KREHBIEL
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

McPHERSON, KANSAS

December 3, 1954

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

Dear Rolla:

The mass meeting inspired by your brilliant interpretation of the pronunciation of Marais des Cygnes raised so many questions of other pronunciations that I thought it advisable to refer some of them to you.

First of all, would you advise pronouncing Osage as "O-SHA-ged"?

We also have been advised that much abused Arkansas City is considering a new pronunciation of the name as "Arkansaw City".

And of course, good ole McPherson will have to go back to the Scottish pronunciation of "MacFearson".

Now that we have a final authority on questionable pronunciations, rest assured we will forward any further problems back to you.

Yours truly,



K. R. Krehbiel

KRK/dlm

Rolla Clymer correspondence

R. A. Clymer
1019 S. Denver
El Dorado, Kansas

December 4, 1954

Dear Friend:

You will never know the real pleasure I have realized to be President of a club that has fellows like you that really take the interest and time to help make a program such a success.

"Thanks a million."

Geo
"President Zimm"

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 7, 1954

John Foster Dulles
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You don't know me. Call me Naboth--just a man. I don't know you personally. But I am an ardent reader of Walter Lippman's column, and he said a lot of nice things about you when you ran for U. S. Senator. I know that you are busy, being our flying Secretary of State, the greatest nation on earth. However, great men are not too busy to do the little things along with the big ones.

Naboth had a vineyard close to the palace of the king. It was his proud inheritance. Friends praised and exalted it. It was recommended to David (Hinshaw). He saw in it the great American story. Fate was unkind. David went to heaven. And Naboth's vineyard was left without its gardner.

The son appeared in his father's place. I asked him, are you a Solomon? Do you write? He answered I am the son of David and I had a great mother, too.

The son, aside of being blessed with all, has many hopes and few cares. He seems not to fathom the depth of Naboth's heart nor to rise to the level of his thought. And in the meantime Naboth is bereft of his heirloom.

I wrote the story of my life. David Hinshaw was enthusiastic and offered to prepare it for the publisher. After his father's death, Robert volunteered to take over his father's work. He took possession of the manuscript. I heard no more.

I have written, wired and phoned his home, but he was always gone. So is a year gone. I finally asked him to return my material if he is too busy to attend to it. But no reply.

I believe that your influence will prevail, and he will give back to me the story of my life. I would rather not have to resort to a court order.

Respectfully,



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
December 9, 1954

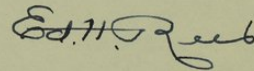
Dear Rolla:

I am wondering whether you have a candidate for nomination to either West Point or Annapolis? You might look around a little and let me know.

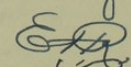
Paul Hawkins, Supt. of Schools in El Dorado, wrote a note sometime ago on behalf of Ralph E. Eckhart of Potwin. You might talk to the Superintendent about him if you would like to do so.

In any event, we will "hold our horses" until we hear from you.

Sincerely,



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

P. S. I have made no promises
to anyone - thus far




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Phillipsburg, Kansas,
Dec. 9, 1954.

Dear Mr. Clymer,

In the name of the Clubwomen of Kansas, I want
to thank you for the editorial you published at the time
of our Fifth district convention at El Dorado.

I was glad to quote it at the other district
Conventions. I asked our Editor, Mrs. O. M. Harshbarger, to obtain
permission to republish it in our state magazine, that all the
Clubwomen might read it.

I only hope we can live up to the kind words
you said about us!

Yours Truly,

Ruth Hopson



Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 10, 1954

Mr. Francis Jacobs
Phillipsburg, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Jacobs:-

Sometime soon, as I understand it, members of the Kansas Turnpike Authority will be selecting a firm of auditors for continuous service during the period of turnpike construction. One of the applicants for this work is the firm of Moberly, West & Calvin, Wichita, with which I am well acquainted.

Bill Moberly and Ivan West handled the accounting and auditing for our company for a number of years, while employed by a large auditing firm, before engaging in business for themselves. We were their second client after they formed their own firm in 1938--sixteen years ago. They have rendered us excellent service all the way and have kept us out of trouble. I feel that the name of their present firm on our federal and state tax returns represents the hallmark of accuracy and honesty.

Moberly, West & Calvin are not only highly competent in their profession, but are big enough to handle the turnpike work capably. This last, I am sure, will be a prime consideration with you Turnpike Authority members in making your selection of auditors.

As you can readily see, I have an exceedingly high opinion of these auditors, and feel you would make no mistake in granting them this auditing work.

I hope you won't feel I am intruding too much by writing you in this fashion, but I believe the best interests of the Turnpike Authority and the Kansas public would be served if Moberly, West & Calvin are permitted to handle the auditing on this important project.

I recall with deep pleasure the association I had with you while serving on the 22-man highway fact-finding committee.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

The Flint Hills Hereford Farms

WALTER A. JONES, Owner
PHONE 173512/10'54 SENATEXAPTSK 1517 Berkeley Road
EMPORIA, KANSAS

Herd Bulls:

FLAT TOP TOPIC
FH MISSION TRIUMPH
FH ALPINE LAD
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Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

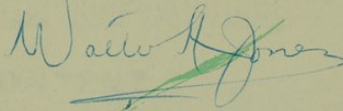
Dear Rolla:

There is something satisfying, and dissatisfying about the enclosed. I know you will be frank enough to say, which.

If it is satisfying enough to publish, please use it; knowing that it has been, (and no one has seen it) submitted to no one. If the Gazette uses it they will either have to satisfy the code and give your paper credit, or steal it, as they did the other one about the lonely cowboy.

If it is dissatisfying, please return it.

Respectfully,



Bluestem of the Flint Hills . .

BLUESTEM, the Green Thumb of God, turns the increase of 350,000 head of cattle into seventy million pounds of beef in one season on the face of our Flint Hills. In a deep, dark soil, infiltrated with limestone and smattered with flint, where countless buffalo roamed with antelope in days gone by, millions of cattle now add to the wealth of Kansas, unmindful of labor shortages, or industrial strife, and make of our Flint Hills an independent kingdom, the Kingdom of the Whiteface Steer.

From the far-off high country of Arizona, the sandhills of Nebraska, the mountains of Montana and Wyoming, as well as the low country of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Oklahoma, these cattle turn to the Bluestem of the Flint Hills Country as the Moham-medan turns to Mecca.

Here, in the Heart of the Magic Circle, far from the alarums of war and industrial strife, Man and Beast can survive in health and happiness alone upon this Miracle of Nature — *Bluestem!*

— WALTER ALLEN JONES
Emporia, Kansas

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Oh to be young again, to talk to the grey goose on the edge of a bright new morning's wheat field; to hear the call of the grey goose 'neath the light of the milky-way; to see his sign of the jagged wedge in the cold gray horn of an autumn's moon; to hear the call of the grey goose on the lonely trail to his winter home!

For the grey goose has talked in their separate homes to the mink and sable and seal; he has watched the porpoise gambol near the nest of the baby teal.

He has sailed with the trout in mountain streams; he has slapped the moskionge's lunge as he homed in the sea lion's den afar, or followed the salmon's plunge.

The grey goose has fed on the tender shoots of the tundra's velvet gray. He has swallowed the craws and tadpoles on the beach where the fishes play.

The grey goose has eaten the tender corn, the spring's first spears of wheat. He has hunted low 'neath the lily pads, and the high lake's icy sheet.

And over the top of the world he sees as no mortal ever saw, for his far flung wings and his good red eye can cheat the jungle law.

So, when the great Curator rolls up his winding sheet of time He will call on the old grey goose to score the habits of every clime.

Then let me talk to the old grey goose, -- my pal of the velvet breast. Let me talk as he dreams 'neath a summer's moon or takes his icy rest.

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Walter A Jones

----12-10-'54

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 10 th.,
1954.

Mr. Lou Boudreau, Manager,
Kansas City Athletics Base Ball Club,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Boudreau :-

We were wondering if you, or some member of your staff might be down our way during January - 1955; doing a bit of promotional work on the coming base-ball season? We are endeavoring to get some programs arranged for January for the El Dorado Rotary Club. The Club meets at Hotel El Dorado - Wednesday nights, and we have three available dates: Jan. 12 th., 19 th. and 26 th.

We understand that you are making a few appearances on behalf of the Athletics, and would sure like to have you visit El Dorado.

El Dorado is a good base-ball town, and I'm sure the Athletics will draw well from this locality, especially when our new Turnpike is completed, expected in 1956.

Should you be planning on being down this way and would happen to have one of our dates open, we'd surely be pleased to have you at one of our meetings; if it can be arranged, we would be happy to hear from you, also as to your charges, etc.

With the compliments of the Season and wishing you and the Athletics a good year in 1955, I am

Yours very truly,

I. H. McIntire,
Mayor of El Dorado, Kan.



Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 10, 1954

Mr. Will Towneley
Great Bend, Kansas

My Dear Bill:-

Sometime soon, as I understand it, members of the Kansas Turnpike Authority will be selecting a firm of auditors for continuous service during the period of turnpike construction. One of the applicants for this work is the firm of Moberly, West & Calvin, Wichita, with which I am well acquainted.

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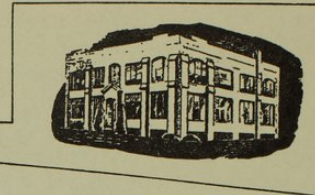
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THE
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December 10, 1954

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

Dear Rolla:

Thanks a lot for the very nice note you attached to your very nice check for \$5 the other day.

Recently, the Committee got a squawk from Hutchinson saying that the Wichita Eagle had filed enclosed story to the AP entirely too late for morning papers.

However, when I checked into it, since the story originated in El Dorado, I can't see very well how anybody can blame the Wichita Eagle for not filing earlier, because they would assume the AP correspondent in El Dorado would cover the story.

Apparently, the story broke in El Dorado after your man's regular working hours. I realize that is always a problem, but I think it would be worthwhile if you would encourage him to attempt to protect the AP out of hours. I realize that he isn't going to get any direct remuneration for it, unless he happens to get an outstanding story, in which case he might get a bonus.

But we all live on the routine stuff and merely have the big stories for dessert.

I didn't think this particular development was worth getting excited about, but as Committee chairman, it is my duty to call it to your attention in the hopes that you can put a little enthusiasm into your man for out-of-hours coverage to the AP.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

R. M. Seaton
R. M. Seaton, Chairman
AP Continuing Study Committee



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Rolla Clymer correspondence

EMPORIA, KANSAS
December 10, 1964

Dear William:

This refers to your application to attend the Air Force Academy.

In order for you to be identified, I wish you would talk to Mr. Rolla Clymer at the El Dorado Times, and Mr. Robert King, an attorney in El Dorado.

I have asked them to talk with candidates who make applications from Butler County. It will be helpful too, if you can get a letter from the Superintendent of Schools.

You understand I am trying to get as much information as I can concerning the candidates who have expressed a desire to attend the Air Force Academy.

Sincerely,

Mr. William Studebaker
704 Benton
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla: I wish you would check with Mr. Hawkins, the County Superintendent about the above named boy, and after you have talked with William, let me know what you think.

EHR

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 10, 1954

Dear Mrs. Godin:-

I am sending you a letter, with enclosures, which came today from Mrs. Boyd. I do not want to take the entire responsibility for answering the questionx she asks, and feel that your judgment is desirable and necessary.

As for me, I am convined that we should continue this story contest for "Native Kansans," as it was first set up and has been carried on. If we should let the bars down to "loyal Kansans," I believe we might eventually lose the main effect we are trying to create.

So I vote for "Native Kansans." You, of course, can do as you wish. I would like to have you write direct to Mrs. Boyd, returning her enclosures, and also send her my letter if you think best.

I shall notify the nominating committee before long.

Sincerely and in haste,



THE WALNUT VALLEY STATE BANK

CHARTERED MAY 16, 1923

EL DORADO, KANSAS

Dec. 11, 1954

Dear Mr. Clymer -

Thanks for the story - it was
"swell"! Appreciated Mr. Thompson
taking an interest in working up
the "ad" which was just exactly
what I wanted.

Sincerely -

Clifford



December 11, 1954

Mr. R. M. Seaton, Chairman
AP Continuing Study Committee
Coffeyville, Kansas

My Dear Dick:-

I think the story you have cited from the Wichita Eagle, copy of which I am returning, was written in the Eagle office ~~and~~ under an El Dorado date line. Lawrence Klintworth, our news editor, protected the AP on it--and after that it was out of our hands.

Klintworth has written a statement on the subject, which I am enclosing.

I have found Klintworth to be the most eagerly cooperative man as regards the Associated Press we have ever had on our news desk. He seldom falls down in any respect, and then only minor. You must remember that this was an "old" story for us, the full details having been published a year ago, at which time the AP was fully protected.

I know we need jerking up now and then, and have no feeling in this matter. Still, I believe we were not at serious fault in our handling of this story.

If you care to write a little mollifying note to Klintworth, a sort of pat on the back, I think it might help. He is exceedingly conscientious about his work for and relationships with the AP.

Sincerely,

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
GENERAL OFFICE
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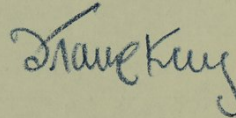
Dallas, Texas
December 13, 1954

Dear Rolla:

I'm still enjoying your eloquent discussion of the Pink Pants Age and I have joined you in the fascinating game of looking for the signs and symbols thereof.

Attached are several!

Sincerely,



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

FRANK H. KING
GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 13, 1954

Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention Mr. J. A. Vaughan, Jr., Paper Division

Dear Sirs:-

We wish to place an order for one
30-ton car of newsprint to be delivered in
El Dorado about January 25, 1955.

Our specifications for this car are:

Six (6) rolls of 34-inch peach news-
print.

Not less than ten (10) rolls of
17-inch print, white.

Balance of car, 34-inch rolls, white.

Please route this car into El Dorado
over lines of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
railway.

Please use non-returnable cores (heavy)
and omit paper clips from the cores.

We will appreciate your early confirma-
tion of this order.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
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Rolla Clymer correspondence

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GEORGE C. OXFORD

DIAL 3-5714

BOISE, IDAHO

December 13th, 1954

R. A. Clymer, General Manager
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have your letter of December 3rd in regards to the Duplex Tubular 24-page press I am now offering, this press is owned and located:

R. M. Boothby, General Manager
News-Palladium
Benton Harbor, Mich.

I notice you now operate a 12 page Tubular press of the 3 deck High Model. I have been told by the manufacturer that a fourth deck on such a press is not advisable. You did not mention if your press was of the 2 to 1 model or if the plate abd blanket cylinders are of the 1 to 1 model.

I can sell you the bottom 16-page of this Tubular Two to One model and take your 12 page Tubular press in trade, it would be advisable to take with this press I offer the Vacuum casting box and the stereotype equipment now with it so you could pick out the best equipment to keep and use with the 16-page press.

Please let me hear back from you and let me know if you desire an trade-in deal on your press, and if you would consider the complete 24-page press or if you believe the 16 pages large enough, I could also sell you the press as 20 pages if desired so more pages with color can be printed. I will look to hear from you, what serial number is your Tubular press.

Sincerely yours,

cc/ Mr. Boothby
Mr. Rutledge

Rolla Clymer correspondence



Specifications-Details-Location-Price-Duplex Tubular 24-Page Press

Press is Serial 199, it is the Standard 2 to 1 Model as above.

Press is 25 years old, used in a splendid plant and kept in excellent mechanical condition. Press is owned and located:

R. M. Boothby, Business Manager
News-Palladium
Benton Harbor, Mich.

This press has been kept in excellent repairs and your inspection of press in use is invited.

It has 50 H. P. AC 220 volts 3 phase 60 cycle motor drive with full automatic push buttons.

Stereotype equipment will be:

Metal pot with pump
Vacuum casting box 5 years old, AC motor
Plate finishing machine, AC motor
Plate chipping block

This is all priced at \$56,000 cash, as is where is subject to inspection in use on their floor, delivery about June 1955 when they move to new plant and install 40 page Goss Units.

As the 24 page press is in demand, this press will sell quick, please act at once.

George C. Oxford
P. O. Box 903
Boise, Idaho



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December 14, 1954

Mr. E. F. Adams, President
Times Publishing Company
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Adams:

I know that the TIMES has never been for sale. I know that it is a highly prized close holding and still I feel constrained to write you because we live in an era when anything can happen.

I have a client who wants to buy all of the stock or control for cash, or terms if you so elect. He will retain all of the key employees and such owning stockholders as might care to remain and become paid consultants to him.

Presently his offer is based on twelve times the net earnings (after figuring Federal tax at current rates) plus payment for any abnormal assets in your balance sheet.

Can I talk to you in extreme confidence and divulge the name of my friend? It is possible that this might lead to further fruitful discussions.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Kander

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December 14, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Clymer

Time certainly runs out fast!

No doubt you will recall the purpose and import of our letter dated April 1, 1952. Let me bring you up to date on it, in any case.

We, as a Company, had in mind that by the end of 1954 our modernization and improvement program might largely be completed. Apart from the fact that it is not completed and, in this business of extremely high capital cost, may not be for some years to come, we, nevertheless, are adhering to our continuous purpose of growing with our customers, or, in a truer sense, our partners in the business of publishing newspapers.

As a matter of interest, my prediction that our overall capital program in the years 1945 through 1954 might run "somewhere between forty and fifty million dollars" holds true. The fact is we will have ploughed capital back into plant at an average rate of five million dollars per year during the past ten years, and we anticipate that this program will generally continue. As pointed out before, this program has served and will serve to modernize, revitalize, and provide additions to our paper (and insulation board) production processes along with auxiliary facilities necessary to insure sound and continuous operations. Some additional newsprint production capacity has been provided under this program, but this capacity was primarily intended to permit greater flexibility in the production of higher grade specialty papers at Fort Frances and International Falls. Basic economics dictated this course.

We still argue, however, that as "partners" in the publishing business, we must mature together and that your continuous and inevitable growth in community and merchandising stature and, not incidentally, newsprint consumption, requires adequate support.

As a result, we are pleased to advise that at its meeting on December 13, 1954, the Board of Directors approved in principle the addition to the Kenora plant of a high-speed, four-roll paper machine having an annual capacity in excess of 80,000 tons of newsprint. Construction of this new machine and related additions to the Kenora plant will be undertaken by The Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Company Limited (Mando subsidiary in Ontario,

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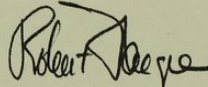
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Canada) and will cost an estimated \$16,800,000. The new machine is expected to commence production during the second or third quarter of 1957.

The engineering and planning for this new production unit (No. 10) has been in progress since the latter months of 1952. The studies have naturally encompassed the inperpetuity aspects of market potential, pulpwood availability, power, and water. None were found wanting.

Needless to say, this Company, acting as sales agent in the United States for the production of our Canadian subsidiary, greatly appreciates your cooperation, your encouragement, and your long-range stability and growth, all of which have and will contribute to the success of this venture.

Very truly yours



Robert Faegre
Executive Vice President

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December 14, 1954

Governor Edward F. Arn
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Governor:-

I can't remember that I have ever asked you for anything in four years--so maybe I should get under the wire.

I hope you will see fit to appoint Howard Gillespie to the Forestry, Fish and Game commission for another term. I think he is a rattling good man.

You have made an excellent governor, as I knew you would. And now you can leave all cares and troubles behind and get both feet into the law business with Dick. I hope you two will make so many millions you will have a hard time keeping count.

Merry Christmas, Old Top.

Sincerely,