

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

### Section 1089, Pages 32641 - 32670

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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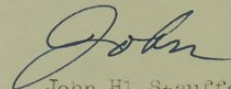
Our managing editor returned from his vacation today and I am getting caught up on a number of items I had let slide.

One of the first was that I wanted to thank you very much for the article you wrote about Colonel Moisington. It was certainly a thoro and well-written piece and we appreciated receiving it. The story was well received and a number commented to me about it.

I am sorry about one thing. Through a mistake on my part your manuscript was destroyed; so, I am not able to return it. However, there were no changes in your story as it appeared in The Kansan; so, perhaps that will suffice for your files. If you should need any additional copies, please let me know and I'm sure we have a few more copies around the office.

Thank you again for taking the time to write the story for us.

Sincerely



John H. Stauffer





November 21, 1955

Mr. Blaine Nolan, Principal  
Cherokee County Community High School  
Columbus, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Nolan:-

I have been debating with myself ever since your letter came--and at last I have decided a rather reluctant "no."

I consider it an honor to be invited to make the commencement address at the annual exercises of the Cherokee County Community High School next May, and that is no idle talk. But I seriously doubt if I could measure up to what is required. I have never made a commencement address in my life. I am rather inclined to be serious in my discussions, and fear that I would have little of interest for these modern youngsters. I also have a horror of boring anybody--and I might just do that on a broad scale.

So I do not think I should accept your kind invitation, and I truly hope you will find someone who will fill the bill. The woods, I believe, are full of them. If I had have accepted, of course there would have been no fee. I really cannot endanger my amateur standing at this late juncture.

Sincerely,

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F. W. BRINKERHOFF  
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas  
Nov. 21, 1955

Rolla A. Clymer  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

You ought to get "Three Years with Grant" by Sylvanus Cadwallader. Cadwallader was a war correspondent with Grant through the West from the Vicksburg campaign into the East to Appomattox. Every newspaper man ought to read it. It shows how a fellow worked his luck to be right where news was made.

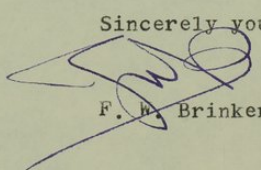
This book is put out by the Civil War Book Club which is headed by Newman, proprietor of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago.

Just got "Andersonville" in this morning.

I have not heard from you for quite a spell and hope that you have eradicated your cold by this time.

That was a fine piece on the colonel of Newton--as are all your pieces.

Sincerely yours,

  
F. W. Brinkerhoff

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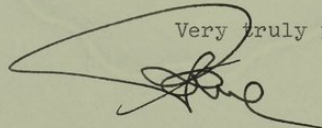
Dear Rolla:

I want to tell you how much we all appreciated the editorial you wrote in Friday's paper. It means a lot to all of us.

The extra copies of the paper are a big help because I am sending one to each of the boys.

With kindest personal wishes, I  
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Very truly yours,



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ROBERT FAEGRE  
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November 22, 1955

To: All Newspaper Publisher Customers

Re: Bill Hilvers

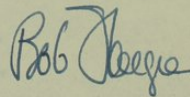
For reasons you will immediately recognize, I have hesitated to write this letter for the past week or so. At the same time, I have been anxious to get word to you directly and promptly regarding Bill Hilvers' illness.

On Friday, November 4 -- a few hours following his return from a trip into Missouri, Bill became quite seriously ill and was taken to the hospital. The exact implications of his condition cannot be determined as yet. He is receiving excellent professional care and medical service, and all we can report for the moment is that he will be away from work for an indefinite period.

During the next several weeks at least, Jim Vaughan will look toward working with you from the point where Bill left off. The balance of the staff here in Minneapolis will of course stand ready to be of any possible assistance as usual.

I will try to keep you currently informed and will be more than glad to pass along to Bill any word or messages you may have for him.

Sincerely



MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

729 WEST ASH AVENUE  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

Nov. 22, 1955

Dear Mr. Clymer,

Last night I failed to see you after the dinner. I wanted to express my personal appreciation and thanks as well as that of the A A U R for your aid in promoting and supporting the project.

You were most generous not only in giving publicity, but also in lending to the meeting itself your ability as a speaker and presiding officer. To your

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EL DORADO, KANSAS

efforts we owe much of  
the receptive spirit of the  
audience and the ef-  
fectiveness of the speaker.  
Sincerely yours,  
Mabel M. Carty



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 23, 1955

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

L. J. Bond has approved the form of the Real Estate Purchase Contract for the sale of your building to The Times Publishing Company. I have dated it as of today, signed it as an officer of the corporation and sealed it with the corporation seal. I trust you will find it in proper order.

We will be ready to close the transaction about the first of the year, if the title is approved. I shall take the abstract to Jack as soon as you send it along.

I am herewith enclosing one copy of the purchase contract for you, will send another to Mrs. Adams and keep the third in our files here.

As to the contents of your letter marked "Personal and Confidential," I should like to have a little additional time to think them over. I want you to know, however, that I appreciate the considerateness you have shown me in this matter.

Very truly yours,

We have 12 packed pages for our holiday paper tomorrow. I think this is the best we have ever done on a holiday.

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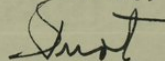
Dear Rolla:

At the recent executive board meeting of the William Allen White Foundation, President Clyde Reed, Jr., appointed you chairman of the three-man committee to choose the Kansas editor to receive the William Allen White Award for Journalistic Merit in 1956. The other two members of the committee are Alvin McCoy and Dolph Simons.

Will you please get in touch with Dolph and Alvin and arrange your procedure for making your decision? You will recall that the two who have received this award are Will Beck and the late Charles M. Harger. The award is made during the annual meeting of the Foundation, February 10.

If there is any help I or my assistant, Maurice Lungren, can give in this work, please let us know.

Cordially,



Burton W. Marvin

BWM:nk

cc: Dolph Simons  
Alvin McCoy

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November 23, 1955

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor  
The Times Publishing Company  
Eldorado, Kansas

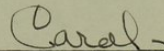
Re: February 20, 1956

Dear Rolla:

February 20th, the date you selected for speaking before the Wichita Rotary Club is definite. Mr. Amos Small of the Program Committee asked me to confirm this date with you. When you feel you can give me the topic or the title of your talk I will appreciate it.

As a member of the Inter-City Relations Committee, we would like to invite the Eldorado Rotary Club to participate with us on this date. At a little later date, we will be in touch with the Eldorado Club regarding this meeting.

Yours very sincerely,



Carol M. Byrd

cc:

Amos Small  
C. Arthur Bagby  
D. E. Vandervoort

*"A Perfect Tribute"*



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 25, 1955

Mr. Dolph Simons  
Lawrence, Kansas

Mr. Alvin McCoy  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Friends:-

Clyde Reed has appointed you two, together with me as chairman, as a committee to select the Kansas editor to receive the William Allen White award for journalistic merit in 1956.

I suppose we shall have to perform our task by correspondence--and maybe we can do so without too much trouble that way. Hence, this letter to you at this time.

I should be glad to have your suggestions for recipient of the award next February as soon as convenient.

I have given the matter little thought up to this time, but feel that A. G. Miller, Sr., is entitled to consideration. He has had a long record of success and achievement in several fields of state development. He has also just published his book, "Jayhawk Editor," which has received much favorable attention.

Miller might well be the man--but there is always Fred Brinkerhoff to think about, as well as others whom you may suggest.

Please let us have your reactions as soon as convenient, so we can settle this matter and let Barton Marvin work out the further details.

Sincerely,

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F. W. BRINKERHOFF  
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas  
Nov. 25, 1955

Rolla A. Clymer  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

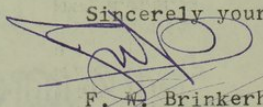
I think you should have accepted the engagement at Columbus. My idea is that folks ought to be shown how a commencement speech can be different. And you would make that kind. I have made an attempt to do so and maybe in a measure have succeeded.

We hope that you are going to get rid of that cold you have been harboring. It may be necessary for you to quit engaging in snowball battles with the El Dorado boys this winter--assuming there will be some snow.

It was hard for me to give up the Kansas-Missouri meeting of the AP. But on that day I was in the New York offices getting ready for the nominating committee's job the next morning. I note that "Kas."-"Kan." was not brought up. I also note that you did your usual fine job for the bunch.

About that Civil War Book Club--this morning I received a copy of "Lincoln and The Blue Grass" which deals with the Civil War in Kentucky with special reference to the Todds and Lincoln. I ordered as an alternate for December Jay Monaghan's "Civil War on the Western Border." It takes the place of Andersonville which I just received from the Book of the Month Club. I would have depended on the library for the Andersonville book since it is a novel but it is so big it would take me forever to read it and the fines would be expensive.

Sincerely yours,

  
F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Mr. Rolla A. Clymer,  
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THE EL DORADO TIMES,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

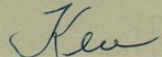
Dear Rolla:

Mother sent me a clipping of the TIMES editorial concern-  
ing Dad, and I should like to take the liberty of thanking  
you for your kindness in remembering him so beautifully.

Throughout our residence in El Dorado and afterward, Dad  
felt that both you and he saw people through much the same  
eyes, and I know that he was not only amused but highly  
pleased when you dubbed him a modern "Friar Tuck".

Please give my regards to Bill Feder and the others in  
"the old gang" who might remember me after all these  
years. The TIMES was my first newspaper job and you were  
my first newspaper boss and I recall those days with a  
great deal of nostalgia -- including the occasional in-  
stances when I used to be called into that front office  
upstairs for some advice or a lecture.

Best of the best,



Ken Kitch  
Head, Department of Agricultural Journalism  
CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

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### THE LAWRENCE DAILY JOURNAL-WORLD

DOLPH SIMONS, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

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PHONE 22

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

November 26, 1955

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

Dear Rolla:

The man who should be selected for recognition this year is Rolla Clymer of El Dorado, but apparently we will have to pass that by as long as he is chairman of the committee.

My difficulty in making nominations comes from the fact that I do not know many of our Kansas editors as newspapermen--that is, their writing ability and the contributions they have made to their communities and the newspaper business in general. I follow a few daily newspapers and meet a good many newspapermen at conventions and other sessions, but I have only limited knowledge of their actual journalistic achievements.

I have always thought Ernie Briles of Stafford as quite a fellow who puts out a right fair newspaper and yet finds the time to work at public affairs. I once thought he would make a good governor, but here again I don't know enough about his actual work in putting out a newspaper. I could vote for Fred Brinkerhoff because I think he has been an outstanding journalist and could well serve as an excellent example for youngsters getting started in the business. I also could vote for A. Q. Miller because he is an able and capable fellow who has done a fine job in directing the Belleville operation. Jack Harris has made a remarkable success with the proper blend of business ability and writing talent. Jack may not be in the pattern of the lovable characters who have been named, but he certainly has created added respect for his ability and for the newspaper business generally in Kansas.





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That's about the limit of my suggestions and  
again, the job would be much easier this year if  
you were not chairman of the committee.

Sincerely,

*Dolph*  
Dolph Simons

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cc: Alvin McCoy





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Mr. R. A. Clymer  
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El Dorado, Kansas

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Your car of NEWSPRINT scheduled for January shipment has been moved into February. This transaction is represented by our formal cancellation acknowledgment K-1-1 and our formal acknowledgment K-1-2.

We will be happy to route your cars via the Santa Fe as you requested.

Very truly yours,

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November 29, 1955

Mr. Harry Lose, Manager  
Hotel Jayhawk  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Harry:-

I know you are going to be tight on rooms in January, but I wonder if you can take care of me for the Kansas Press association and for Kansas Day.

For the Kansas Press association, I would like a reservation for the night of January 4, and possibly for the 5th.

For Kansas Day, I wish to have a room for Saturday and Sunday nights, January 28 and 29.

I hope I am not too late with my request, and will greatly appreciate whatever you can do for me.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Any time a fellow doubles his business,  
congratulations are in order.

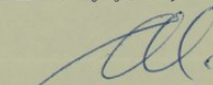
Thus we congratulate your national  
advertising department on the 110.5% gain comparing  
October 1955 with October a year ago.

That means that you folks, Bill Lintecum  
and the rest of us will really have to dig in to  
make a showing next October.

That's a swell record and we hope that  
November figures will come in for a like record.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
BURKE, KUIPERS & MAHONEY, INC.

Offices  
in  
CHICAGO  
NEW YORK  
DALLAS  
KANSAS CITY  
ATLANTA  
OKLAHOMA CITY  
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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

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  
Nov. 30, 1955

Rolla A. Clymer  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I think that Miller is entitled to favorable consideration. He has been a friend of mine for many years. Certainly he has done a fine job in newspapering, in spite of his various leaves to accept appointments in politics.

Strictly between us I was somewhat disappointed last spring when I heard that Quin had expressed disappointment at not being elected last year. Whoever told me this was one in whose accuracy I had confidence. A point that was made was that last year was the year for a weekly man to be selected, although I have not heard of any rule or the establishment even of a custom to that effect. But regardless of anything our selection last year was a logical one and I never have heard of any criticism of it. It was universally approved.

I am sorry that I do not have at this writing another suggestion to offer you. I will take a look over the field in the next few days. ~~X~~If I can come up with anything I will let you know.

But returning to your original query, I think that Quin has done a remarkable job as a weekly publisher and it is certainly in order to give him full consideration.

I would like to have you tell me what you think of the editorial in the paper today on the "hand picked" delegation which brothers Hall and Darby decided against.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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*\* Having been a long  
time but wonder Maxwell Murdoch?*



300 ROOMS

## Hotel Jayhawk

TOPEKA, KANSAS  
OPERATED BY  
MOSBY HOTEL COMPANY  
November 30, 1955



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

Dear Mr. Clymer,

Thank you for your letter of November 29th.

We are pleased to confirm your reservation for one single room on the night of January 4th, and possibly on January 5th, also.

We can reserve one single room for you on the nights of January 27th and 28th, 1956. We will appreciate your advising us if these dates are satisfactory, and we will confirm your reservation.

Please advise if your arrival will be later than 7:00 p.m. on either of these occasions.

Sincerely yours,

HOTEL JAYHAWK

*Harry Lose*

Harry Lose  
Manager

HL/mm



Jayhawk Junior — Topeka, Kansas



Jayhawk Third — Junction City, Kansas





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 1, 1955

Mr. C. J. Chandler, President  
First National Bank of Wichita  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Charley:-

I am working on a little speech to give to the Wichita Rotary club on February 20. In it I want to use a remark made to me by your father many years ago, which I have remembered and which went something like this:

"Our family came to Wichita from (either Ashland or Harper) early in this century-- and since that time the economic trend of the community has been steadily upward."

He enlarged upon this theme a bit, but the above quote was the gist of it. I am not sure as to whether your family came from Ashland or Harper, and would like to know the exact year if possible.

I am appealing to you to supply this information at your convenience, and will be most grateful for your aid.

I wish I might see you and have a good visit, but my work ties me here and I don't get to Wichita often these days. Nevertheless, I send you all the warmest wishes of the season.

Sincerely,

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 2, 1955

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

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Enclosed you will find proof of publication for the Notice of Hearing on Petition for Final Settlement in the estate of Ellina C. Starke. Also enclosed is the statement of costs for publishing this last notice, together with two others which have been published during the past year.

Mrs. Taylor filed receipts at the probate court's office this afternoon, as you have requested. I trust you will find everything in order.

Very truly yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

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<p>ROLLA A CLYMER=</p>		
<p>ELDORADO TIMES ELDORADO KANS=</p>		
<p>TODAY MY THOUGHTS KEEP WANDERING TOWARDS ELDORADO, AND TONIGHT I WILL BE THINKING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY MAYOR'S DINNER.</p>		
<p>I SEND GREETINGS AND SINCERE BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU, TO THE ELDORADO BUNCH WHO ARE SUCH WONDERFUL HOSTS, AND TO ALL THE MAYORS. THE BEST OF EVERYTHING TO ALL OF YOU=</p>		
<p>DR C A OGG=</p>		
<p>THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE</p>		



December 3, 1955

Dr. C. A. Ogg, Kansas State Fire Marshal  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Dr. Ogg:-

It was most kind and thoughtful of you to send us that wire yesterday, and all the fellows at the mayors' dinner last night applauded when I read it to them. We really missed you on this occasion--the ninth--for I believe you have attended almost all the dinners since the start. We were happy, however, to have Mr. Cronk present in his official capacity and hope he also will become one of the regulars.

We had a most pleasant time last evening. The attendance was good, the spirit high and infectious and the usual good will and neighborliness prevailed. We all think of you as having contributed much to the success of these annual dinners, which I regard as one of the best institutions of its kind in all Butler.

It is good to know that you remembered us all so cordially, and I thank you again. It is also a great delight to me to know that you are handling that state job in the finest and most effective fashion. More power to you.

Sincerely,

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### THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

MORNING EVENING SUNDAY WEEKLY

KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

Dec. 3, 1955

Mr. Rolla W. Clymer  
El Dorado, Kas

Mr. Dolph Simons,  
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Friends:

I quite agree with Dolph. The man most qualified for an award for journalistic merit--the one whose style most resembles the pungent, graceful prose of W.A.W.--is our own Rolla W. Clymer. But he's chairman of the committee. We couldn't do that to him. He'll have to wait until he is in a less exposed position.

A.Q. Miller, sr., is probably the standout among the weekly publishers. He's had a long history as a writing man, and as a public servant.

I could easily nominate Fred Brinkerhoff, Clyde M. Reed, jr., Jack Harris, Frank Motz, Angelo Scott, and others, as standout editorial writers. They could all qualify. So could Dolph, if he'd only write a little oftener.

For whatever precedent is worth, we started with Charlie Harger and Will T. Beck. In both cases there was an urgency. They were good selections. There was a desire to hand them bouquets so they could smell the flowers.

If time is a consideration, my first choice would be A.Q. Miller, sr. Others may do a little more polished job at times. He's been at it longer and consistently.

If you want to break the practice of honoring the more elderly, then I'd vote for Brinkerhoff. He'll be named some day, certainly. I lean to A.Q. Miller this time, but will gladly consider further discussion.

Sincerely

*Alvin S. McCoy*  
Alvin S. McCoy



### THE LAWRENCE DAILY JOURNAL-WORLD

DOLPH SIMONS, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHONE 22

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

December 5, 1955

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

Dear Rolla:

I have Alvin's letter and if you two are agreed on A. Q. Miller, I will go along to make it unanimous. Perhaps we should have had some ground rules to start with to determine if this is primarily recognition for a man near the end of the line who has had a good and interesting career, or primarily an award for outstanding journalistic and editorial attainment. If the latter is true, some youngsters in their thirties might deserve the award more than an oldtimer.

Purely on the basis of outstanding editorial work I would think Fred Brinkerhoff would get my nod over Mr. Miller, but perhaps the pattern has been established to hand the bouquet to someone with a longer career.

I won't be a bit unhappy if Mr. Miller is named.

Sincerely,

*Dolph*  
Dolph Simons

DS:df  
cc: Alvin McCoy







## Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 5, 1955

Mr. Alvin McCoy  
The Kansas City Star  
Kansas City, Missouri

Mr. Dolph Simons  
Lawrence Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Al and Dolph:-

I am using the carbon letter method again, in order to save time.

I have now heard from both of you stating your views about the selection for the Foundation's award for journalistic merit. Still, nothing is conclusive--and I feel we should take action soon.

Al says in his letter: "If time is a consideration, my first choice would be A. Q. Miller, Sr.; Others may do a little more polished job at times. He's been at it longer and consistently.

"If you want to break the practice of honoring the more elderly, then I'd vote for Brinkerhoff. He'll be named some day, certainly. I lean to A. Q. Miller this time, but will gladly consider further discussion."

I, too, leaned toward Miller in the beginning, as I stated in my first letter. Since then I have thought about the matter seriously and at length. Miller is among the oldest men of consequence in our profession in the state, and is deserving of our consideration because this might be his last chance. While he has a measure of attainment to his credit, he has not been a standout in recent years. For long periods, he held government jobs that took him away from his paper. I personally have not seen him at press association meetings in recent years. His boys have largely been responsible for the success of The Belleville Telescope in the past decade.

As you see, I am doubtful about Miller's all-around fitness for this selection. Unfortunately, he is not too well known among the modern press generation and his accomplishments belong largely to the past.

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