

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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December 19, 1955

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg, Kansas

My Dear, Dear Friend:-

Of course, I know you appreciate the honor of the journalistic award that has come to you. It represents balm for all the hard knocks you have taken down the years--and honest recognition by those who are best able to judge in cases of this kind. But I want you to be assured of the immense satisfaction the members of the committee had in designating you as their selection.

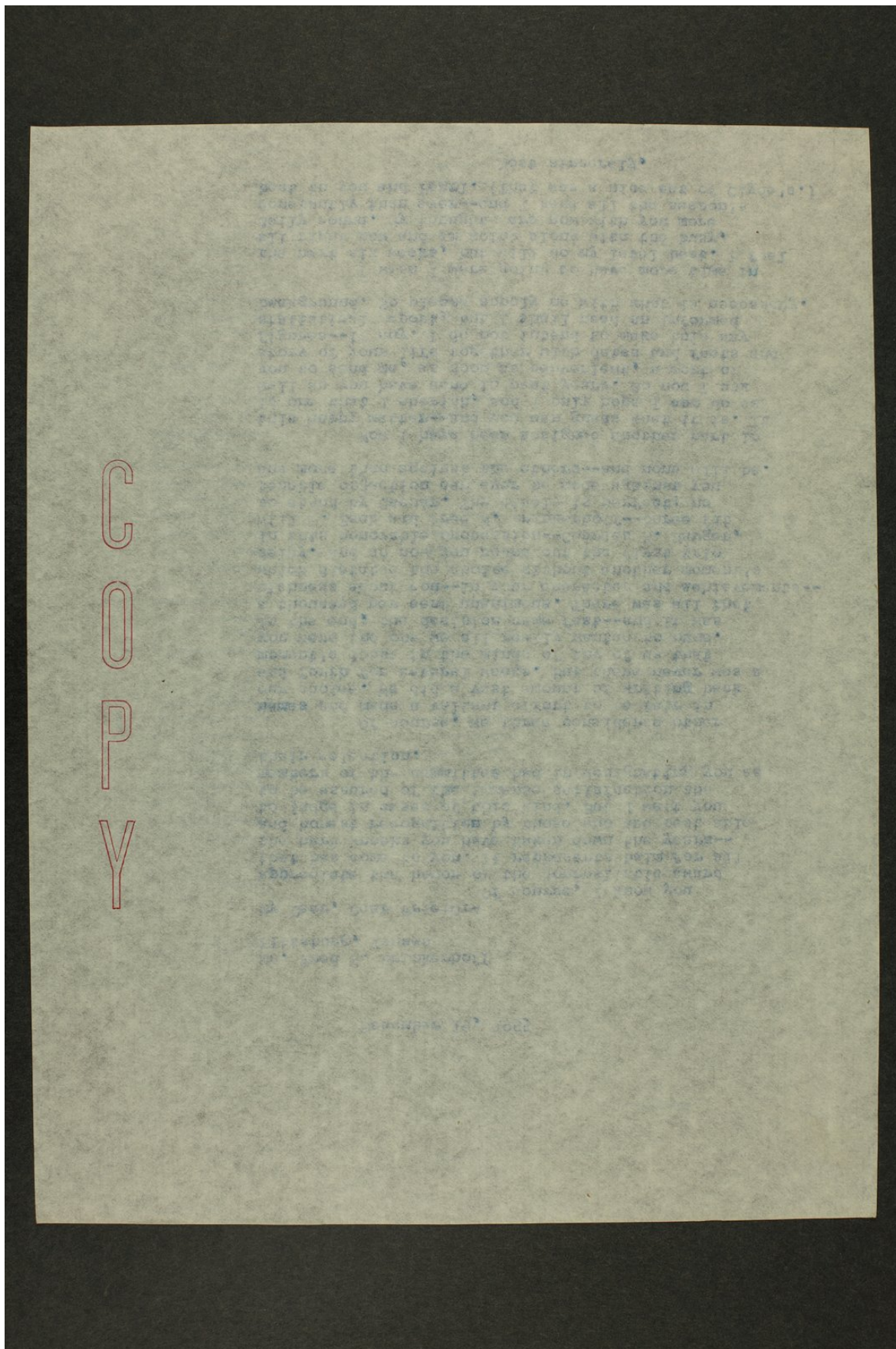
Of course, we three considered other names and made a valiant effort to be fair in our choice. We did a vast amount of writing back and forth for several weeks. But there never was a moment's doubt in the minds of any of us that you were the one we all really wanted to name. In the end, the decision came fast--and it was a thousand per cent unanimous. There was all that richness about you--in your character and achievements--which dictated the choice without another moment's delay. And so now you round out the first trio in this honorable procession--Charles M. Harger, Will T. Beck and Fred W. Brinkerhoff--three fit to stand by Caesar. The circle is perfect; no tenable objection can ever be made against you any more than against the others--and none will be.

Now I have been assigned another part in this happy matter--and you can guess what it is. It is one that I cherish, and I only hope I can do as well as you have done in past years. So now I ask you to send me, as soon as convenient, a sort of story of your life together with dates and facts and figures--if any. I do not intend to make this any statistical report, but I shall need an informed background. So please supply me with what is necessary.

I wish I were going to have more time in the next six weeks, but will do my level best. I feel all right now and am going along with the busy, daily round. My thoughts are now with you more constantly than ever--and I send all the season's best to you and Pearl. (That was a nice act of Clyde's.)

Most sincerely,

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2321 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, Kansas

December 20, 1955

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

As the old year draws to a close, I couldn't let it fade out without expressing to you my appreciation for what I consider to be objective and intelligent reporting and comment on our entire farm problem. Your printing of Mr. King's statement was in line with the job you have been doing for a long time.

As a result of the sort of work you are doing, more and more people are realizing that there is no simple, easy solution to our farm difficulties. There isn't any new sinecure--there are certain basic principles in the entire American system that we simply can't forget.

We deeply appreciate the very kind cooperation you have given to our Farm Bureau people in their honest efforts to seek solutions to some of our perplexing problems.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, I hope that you will be around for a long time to help us remember the basic principles which must be maintained in order to maintain the American system.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Rupp

Clarence Rupp
Director of Information

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF KANSAS
DIVISION

In the matter of

K. K. MC LEAN, d/b/a MC LEAN
ELECTRIC & SUPPLY COMPANY

Bankrupt.

{ In Bankruptcy
{
{ No. 1156-B-2

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

To the creditors of K. K. McLean, d/b/a McLean Electric & Supply Co.
of 120 West Central, El Dorado, Kansas a bankrupt;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said K. K. McLean, d/b/a McLean Electric
& Supply Company

has been duly adjudged a bankrupt on a petition filed by ~~xxxxxxx~~ him on
December 16, 1955, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at
Wichita, Kansas, in Court of Bankruptcy, Federal
Building on January 3, 1956, at 10 o'clock a.m.,
at which place and time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, appoint
a committee of creditors, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly
come before said meeting.

The property of the bankrupt, real and personal, may be sold
at this meeting at public sale, and if not then may be ordered
sold at any time thereafter, at public or private sale, free
and clear of encumbrance without further notice to creditors.

Dated at Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 20, 1955 E. R. SLOAN
Referee in Bankruptcy
300 Federal Building
Topeka, Kansas

Proof of claim ON PROPER FORM, duly verified, must be on file
with the Referee IN DUPLICATE for the creditors to participate
in the meeting or distribution of dividends. Forms may be ob-
tained from your Stationer or from the Clerk.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF KANSAS
DIVISION

In the matter of

K. K. McLEAN, d/b/a McLean
Electric and Supply Company

Bankrupt

In Bankruptcy

No. 1156-B-2

NOTICE OF ORDER FIXING TIME FOR FILING
OBJECTIONS TO DISCHARGE

To the creditors of the above-named bankrupt and other parties in interest:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 3rd day of January, 1956 an order was made in the above-entitled proceeding, fixing the 15th day of March, 1956, as the last day for the filing of objections to the discharge of said bankrupt.

Dated this 6th day of January, 19 56 E. R. SLOAN
Referee in Bankruptcy
300 Federal Building
Topeka, Kansas

BK-38a (Rev. June '49)

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF

In the matter of
K. K. McLean, d/b/a/ McLean Electric
and Supply Company

In Bankruptcy
No. 1156-B-2

(Important—Insert name of bankrupt or debtor above).

PROOF OF CLAIM IN BANKRUPTCY FILE IN DUPLICATE

State of Kansas
County of Butler

ss:
The Times Publishing Company
(Deponent) of No. 118 East Central Street,
in El Dorado, County of Butler, State of Kansas, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

IF CLAIMANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL:
1 (a) That he is the claimant herein.

IF CLAIMANT IS A PARTNERSHIP:
1 (b) That he is a member of _____, a copartnership, composed
of deponent and _____, of _____, in the County
of _____, State of _____, and carrying on business
at No. _____, Street, in _____, County of _____
State of _____

IF CLAIMANT IS A CORPORATION:
1 (c) That he is the Gen. Mgr. of The Times Publishing Company, a corporation organized
(Official title) (Creditor)
under the laws of the State of Kansas, and carrying on business at No. 118 East Central Street,
in El Dorado, County of Butler, State of Kansas, and is duly
(City)
authorized to make this proof of claim on its behalf.

IF MADE BY AGENT OR ATTORNEY:
1 (d) That he is agent or attorney of _____, (Creditor)
of No. _____, Street, in _____, County of _____
(City)
State of _____; that deponent is duly authorized by said _____
to make this proof of claim in his behalf; that said proof cannot be made by said _____ (Creditor)
in person because _____

2. That the above-named bankrupt (or debtor) was at and before the filing by (or against) him of the petition herein (for ad-
judication of bankruptcy), and still is, justly and truly indebted (or liable) to said deponent (or copartnership or corporation), in the
sum of _____ dollars (\$_____).

3. That the consideration of said debt (or liability) is as follows:

4. That no part of said debt (or liability) has been paid except _____

5. That there are no set-offs or counterclaims to said debt (or liability), except _____

6. That deponent (or said copartnership or said corporation) does not hold, and has not, nor has any person by his (or its) order,
or to deponent's knowledge or belief, for his (or its) use, had or received, any security or securities for said debt (or liability), except

7. [If the debt or liability is founded upon an instrument of writing.] That the instrument upon which said debt (or liability) is
founded is attached hereto (or is lost or destroyed, as set forth in the affidavit attached hereto).

8. [If the debt is founded upon an open account.] That the said debt was (or will become) due on _____
(or that the average date thereof is _____); that no note, or other negotiable instrument, has been received
for such account, or any part thereof (or that the said debt is evidenced by a note, or other negotiable instrument, which is attached
hereto); and that no judgment has been rendered thereon, except _____

9. This claim is filed as an { UNSECURED
SECURED } CLAIM.
PRIORITY

Deponent sign X _____
(Name of individual, agent, officer, or partner making oath)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of December, 1955.

(When executed mail this proof of claim to Referee in Bankruptcy)

Notary Public
My Commission Expires July 16, 1958

(Official character)

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BK-13-S

In the United States District Court for the

District of Kansas

Division

In the Matter of

K. K. McLEAN, dba McLEAN
ELECTRIC AND SUPPLY COMPANY,
527 North Alleghaney
El Dorado, Kansas

IN BANKRUPTCY

NO. 1156-B-2

Bankrupt.

Notice of Final Meeting of Creditors

To the Creditors of the above-named Bankrupt:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 18th day of June, 1956.

Thomas R. Brunner, the Trustee of the estate of said Bankrupt, made his report, and that the final meeting of the Creditors of said Bankrupt will be held at Federal Building, Court of Bankruptcy in the city of Wichita, State of Kansas, on the 3rd day of July, 1956, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of examining and passing on said report, allowing attorney's fees, Receiver's fees, Trustee's commissions and expenses, ordering final dividend to creditors and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

The following applications for allowances have been filed:

Thomas R. Brunner (Receiver)	\$ 441.40 (Fees)	\$ (Expenses)
Thomas R. Brunner (Trustee)	\$ 220.70 (Fees)	\$ 7.10 (Expenses)
 (Attorney for bankrupt)	\$ (Fees)	\$ (Expenses)
L. J. Bond (Attorney for receiver) & trustee	\$ 1000.00 (Fees)	\$ 15.75 (Expenses)
 (Attorney for trustee)	\$ (Fees)	\$ (Expenses)
 (Attorney for petitioning creditors)	\$ (Fees)	\$ (Expenses)

Report of said Trustee shows total receipts, \$9,034.84. Total disbursements, \$1,325.72

Balance on hand. \$7,709.12

Claims filed and allowed:

Priority, \$ 272.70 Wages. Secured, \$ 2098.84 Taxes. Unsecured, \$56,386.08

The court will consider compromises made by the trustee, if any, with creditors, and will examine all proofs of claim, including secured, priority and unsecured claims which have not been allowed by order of the court, determine the validity and amount thereof and order final distribution and dividends in accordance with such determination, and will consider the abandonment to the bankrupt of all records and papers of the bankrupt in the hands of the trustee which have not been admitted in evidence.

Dated at Topeka, Kans., 6-20-1956

E. R. SLOAN

Referee in Bankruptcy.



December 21, 1955

Mr. Lester F. Kimmel
The Eagle
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Parse:-

What London paper was it (or still is) that was known by the name of "The Thunderer?" I shall be obliged for this information. Please just jot it down on the margin of this paper, and let me have it at your convenience.

I surely wish you a fat Christmas.

As ever,

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December 27, 1955

GENERAL OFFICES
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TELEPHONE LINCOLN 6661

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

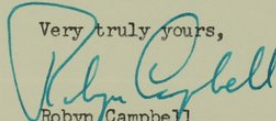
Dear Mr. Clymer:

As the year comes to an end we take this opportunity to thank you for the valued business which you have placed with us.

It has been a pleasure to serve you, and we look forward to enjoying this privilege in the years ahead.

With all best wishes for the coming year,

Very truly yours,



Robyn Campbell
Sales Manager
Paper Division

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AUGUSTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

H. H. ROBINSON, SUPERINTENDENT
AUGUSTA, KANSAS

December 29, 1955

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

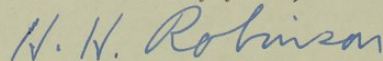
This will remind you of the details of our Kiwanis meeting as you suggested in our telephone conversation. We will meet in the basement dining room of the Ballinger Cafeteria at 6:45, Thursday, January 12.

If you can accept our invitation, I will make a special effort to see that preliminaries do not take too much time.

I know that you would have an appreciative if not a very large audience. We do have a group of fine, alert citizens. I hope that I may hear from you favorably.

My very best wishes for 1956.

Sincerely yours,



H. H. Robinson

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December 30, 1955

GENERAL OFFICES
500 INVESTORS BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA
TELEPHONE FEDERAL 6-8881

Times Publishing Company
El Dorado, Kansas

Gentlemen:

You are, of course, familiar with the fact that a series of production interruptions on our newsprint machines has resulted in delayed shipments of your regular specifications. Unfortunately, we have not been able to regain this lost production. Additionally, in our long-range planning we have scheduled a major shut-down of one of our machines in mid-1956. This shut-down is for the purpose of modernization and speed-up of this unit.

Historically and consistently over many years a certain percentage of the tonnage in our NEWSPRINT contracts has not been fully specified, with the result that we have naturally come to expect this situation as a normal one. This is not the case in 1955, which leads us to the belief that the pattern has changed, at least for the present. Hence, we are anticipating that our customers during 1956 will specify their full contract tonnage.

In view of the fact that we have extra production by way of a new paper machine planned for start-up early in 1957, it occurred to us that you would be interested in looking at our planning for the next two years, taking into account the backlog of 1955 specifications carried over into 1956, as well as what performance we anticipate for this 24 month period.

Adding the carryover of 1955 tonnage to the expected full contract ordering in 1956, we feel that we can ship approximately 93% of this total during 1956. For 1957 we are planning that such backlog as exists, in addition to the full contract specifications for that year, will be shipped. We firmly believe we can meet our commitments in full for 1957 and eliminate the backlog at a fairly consistent rate through the year.

Stating our position somewhat differently, we see no reason why you should fail to receive during 1956 and 1957 100% of your contract tonnage for those years plus any 1955 tonnage carried over into 1956. Our ability to give you this advance notice of our forward planning points up the wisdom of the decision made approximately a year ago to install a new newsprint machine at our Kenora mill to satisfy the growing needs of our customers in our market area. Without full confidence in the splendid cooperation of our customers, it is doubtful if this step would have been taken.



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Whenever any manufacturer starts production on a new unit, he usually encounters difficulties that cannot be foreseen. We have tried to be conservative in evaluating this factor in our plans.

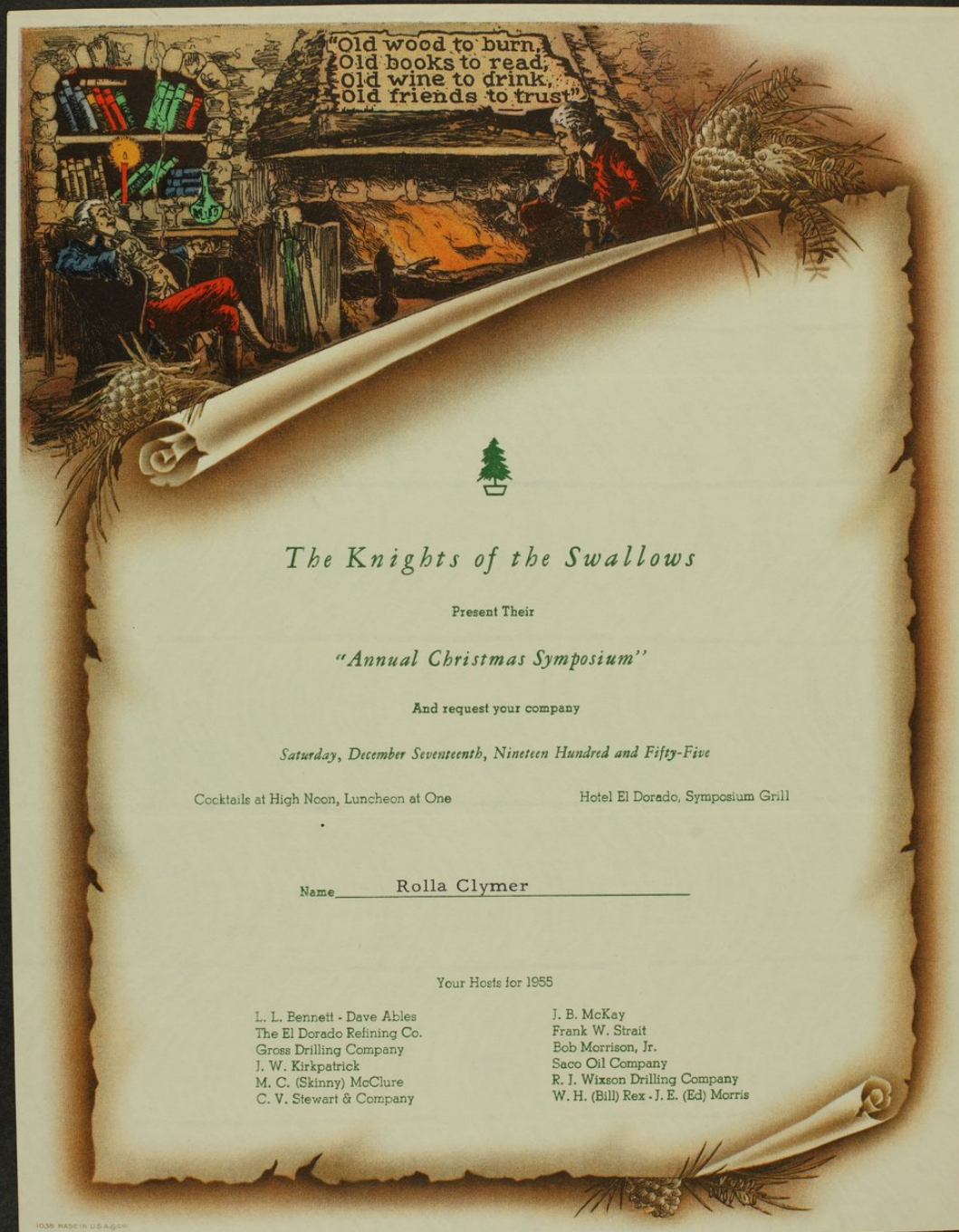
We are hopeful that this advance notice of the way matters look to us will be helpful to you in your consumption plans.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Mahony
Vice President
in Charge of Sales

PAM:dms





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VIRG HILL, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Fairbury Daily News

FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA

Dear Rolla:

It's just as well I left Kansas while the plaudits of the multitudes, or at least the small, economy-sized multitudes were rocking their ribs to my modest sallies.

This page one Capital shot shows that an up and coming newspaper youngster has horned into my act, and apparently with much better results.

The sage who once was wont to exercise a flair for the dramatic and for the tear-jerking pathos has now blossomed out as a Herb Shriner and George Gobel with gestures to match a satisfied smile, and I think you must have been devastating.

The only thing is, Rolla, you are busting the rules of us humorists. Don't you know that to deliver a gag you are supposed to present a granite countenance like Sitting Bull, and that a crack in your visage should be viewed with the same awe as another in the Liberty Bell? But that's the trouble with you young amateurs; you have no respect for tradition.

Gosh, how it pleased me to see your mug in print, and how sorry I am that I couldn't be there to hear you.

Sincerely

Virg Hill

NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS

OF KANSAS

1954-55

NATIVE SONS

R. A. CLYMER, PRESIDENT
EL DORADO, KANSAS

G. CLAY BAKER, VICE-PRESIDENT
COLUMBIAN BLDG.
TOPEKA, KANSAS

JOHN W. BROOKENS, SECRETARY
WESTMORELAND, KANSAS

JIM REED, TREASURER
214 HILLSIDE DRIVE
TOPEKA, KANSAS



*Tuesday noon
At the State House*

NATIVE DAUGHTERS

MRS. ETHEL GODIN, PRESIDENT
WAMEGO, KANSAS
MAILING ADDRESS: 1123 HARRISON
TOPEKA, KANSAS

MRS. IVAN DAYTON JONES, VICE-PRESIDENT
902 SOUTH GRAND
LYONS, KANSAS

MRS. JAMES B. MCKAY, SECRETARY
EL DORADO, KANSAS

MRS. GEORGE MARSHALL, TREASURER
BASEHOR, KANSAS

MRS. FRANK W. BOYD, CHAIRMAN
SPEECH CONTEST
MANKATO, KANSAS

Dear Rolla -
At last I have everything
"lined up" for the program. Some
job to ask so many people to do
things. Working from 8 to 5 leaves
very little time to do other things.
I am sending a "corrected" program
and will try to send a typed list of
names so they will be spelled
correctly. Can't always read my
writing when I write so fast.
I noticed on the bill that your
office sent to me for the postcard
and banquet tickets that sales
tax was charged on the whole amount
of the bill. but I think the price of
Kansas - "Pay It Above A Whisper"

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the government post ^{cards} should not
be taxed. Will you please include
this bill in the one with the banquet
programs? We will meet at
9 AM Sat. Jan. 29 ^{merging floor Jayhawk} to count the
money and pay the bills. At least
I hope we have enough money to
pay them - I am the only one.
(beside Mrs Boyd who has turned
in a few new memberships) to
secure any new members and a
great many of them were turned in
during the "Eisenhower" campaign
so we did not get any money
from them -

Will you please send me three
copies of the program - then you may
bring the rest with you when you
come - then take them to the Jayhawk
roof garden as soon as we are thru
with our meeting in Supreme Court room!
on Jan. 28th -

Sincerely
Evelyn Bodin



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MRS. FRANK W. BOYD, CHAIRMAN
SPEECH CONTEST
MANKATO, KANSAS

*Sunday P.M.
at home*

Dear Mr. President —

It looks as if we may not have a speech contest for Mame Boyd was in town and called me yesterday A.M. She had not received notice from any of the speech directors before she left home on Friday A.M. If we don't have a contest that would eliminate Mr. Blake giving the prize. and sitting at the head table. also his wife. So we will have plenty of room at the head table for Senators Schoepfle and Carlson, if you want to invite them to sit there. Maurice invited them last year. and if you want them to sit there will you please see that they are invited and are

Kansas - "Say It Above A Whisper"

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in the lounge on the Roof by 6 P.M.
or a little after that time.

I know that we will have the following
at the head table.

- 2 Gov Hall & wife
- 2 Lieut. McCuish & wife
- 2 Dr Eugene Frank & wife.

1 Mame Boyd -

2 you & wife

1 me -

? 1 Sen. Schoepfle

? 1 " Carlson

There would be room for Henry Blake
and wife for I think they can seat
18. I have to let "Robie" know how
many there will be -

If we have a speech dinner he would
sit at head table too -

Will you please take the programs
up to the Roof garden as soon
as you can after our business
session?

Mame said she divided the
\$50.00 that Cal Floyd is supposed to give
into 25.00, 15.00 & \$10.00. She had written to him
but had not received a reply -

Please let me know if you will
invite Schoepfle & Carlson. Sincerely
Ethel S.



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WINT SMITH
SIXTH DISTRICT, KANSAS

HOME ADDRESS:

MANKATO

MEMBER—COMMITTEES:
EDUCATION AND LABOR
ARMED SERVICES

WM. A. KATS
SECRETARY

AGNES CONAWAY
ASST. SECRETARY

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

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GOVE	RUSSELL
GRAHAM	SALINE
JEWELL	SHERIDAN
LINCOLN	SHERMAN
LOGAN	SMITH
MITCHELL	THOMAS
NORTH	TREGO
OSBORNE	WALLACE

My dear Rolla:

Some one sent me your
Editorial - you are 100% right on
this issue.

The road we travel
doesn't seem to get any better.
Some of us are only a lonely
trail - not even a road --- But
then of course Progress must be
made - with the Taxpayers dollars

Regards

Wint Smith

Mrs. D. A. Hirschler
1428 Rural Street
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer -

Please

accept my deepest gratitude
for the beautiful editorial
tribute you gave Dan at the
time of his death. Of all the
things that were said and
written about him, yours was
the one that would have
pleased him most. He found
great satisfaction in the fact
that he had been given an
opportunity to use his business

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ability and so for the College
some of the things for
which he had long seen
such an urgent need.
Your recognition of it is a
real satisfaction to me and
how I wish he could know
too. Thank you.
Most cordially
Helen Hirschler

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Sigma Chi Fraternity Centennial Commission
(Newspaper Publicity Division, Bob Pille, Cincinnati Post)

Dear Brother Clymer-

Less than two months from now our Sigma Chi Fraternity will be celebrating its 100th birthday with the activities of the Centennial Convention divided between Cincinnati and the founding site at Miami University in Oxford, O., some 35 miles away.

Regular Grand Chapter business, though important, probably won't mean as much to attending Sigs as the Miami pilgrimage and other century observances will.

The events even turn Cincinnati sports writers into spare-time publicity men. Here is what one of those after-hours publicitors has in mind:

Some of you are editors or publishers and in a position to "suggest" what goes into your newspapers. Some of you, like this contributor, are not chiefs but just one of the Indians. In that case you will have to do a bit of selling to feature editors and Sunday editors. Some of you aren't in editorial work at all and will have to do your infiltrating and selling from the business and circulation sides. Some of you are bureau men who will have to do your selling from afar.

However it is done we feel that Sigma Chi's Centennial is worth a bit of extra space and publicity--because of what the Fraternity is, who its members are and what they have contributed to practically every community, and because of the often misunderstood values of the Fraternity system itself.

From this end we can furnish a general feature written in newspaper style by a working newsman. It won't be as wordy as this letter, with the price of newsprint what it is. It will, I hope, touch all bases as far as newspaper purchasers are concerned--college or non-college, fraternity or non-fraternity.

From your end this could be supported by a follow piece on local Sig football All-Americans, doctors and lawyers and merchants, politicians and big butter-and-egg men. In college towns the local undergraduate chapter can be included.

We can provide a historical picture or two from the site of Alpha chapter at Miami, and a layout of nationally prominent Sigs from President Grover Cleveland on down. Your own newspaper morgue probably has the art on any local tie-ins you might want. Sweetheart candidates look good in any paper.

There will also be features and art available from here on the national sweetheart contest itself and on the Sweetheart Song. These could be peddled to the radio-movie-television-music-amusement departments.

Sigs coming in for the centennial in June won't find any complaints about Cincinnati newspaper publicity.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Sigma Chi Fraternity Centennial Commission

One paper, the Enquirer, with Significant Sig Roger Ferger as publisher, is setting up a special section on the Centennial. The other two, the Post and the Times-Star, are planning sizable feature pieces as well as the routine news coverage, in addition to what they have already used.

Nationally we are aiming at hitting the wire services and major syndicates with the same type of material you are being offered. Other publicity divisions are laboring on magazine, radio, television, and movie coverage. There again the sweetheart candidates should make it, even if less photogenic old brothers don't. Judges for the sweetheart contest, incidentally, are movie actor John Wayne, Davis Cup tennis star Tony Trabert, cartoonist Milton Caniff, and New York restaurateur Vincent Sardi.

With the Centennial Convention set for June 27-30, we publicity-seekers here plan to have our offerings ready for mailing within a couple of weeks.

What we need from you now is a prompt reply concerning the material you might be able to use--or a polite refusal. To encourage answers both favorable and unfavorable there is a stamped and addressed enveloped enclosed, and an answer form at the bottom of this sheet. Replies will be appreciated.

Fraternally,

Bob Pille

Bob Pille, Bradley '50
now Sports Dept., Cincinnati Post

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Wed.

Dear Rolla:

Thanks for those kind and complimentary remarks
your wrote in last nights LISTENING POST. They
were exaggerated beyo~~nd~~nd my recognition but you
needn't worry , few will believ~~e~~e them anyway.
However, being human, I thought they made good
reading. In fact, the ninth time I read them I did
so aloud. They sounded "damn good" that way.

Your'er a grand fellerrrrrrrrrr.

Harlan

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Dear Mr. Clymer,

After reading your editorial on the late Henrietta Laquir, I had to sit down and thank you for all of Angles many friends.

Angle, as her many friends called her, was the most wonderful person I have ever met. Every one that ever came in contact with her, felt better from meeting her.

All the high school students that were ever in any of the many plays, will always remember all the times that the "prop-managers" would go through Mrs Laquir's home, and take any thing they needed for stage decorations.

Although she had many beautiful things, she was always ready to share them with any one.

Angle was every ones friend!!
She didn't care who or what you were, she always treated you as her best friend.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Although she is gone, she will
always be in the heart of her many
young, and older, friends.

Sincerely,

Patrick Hand

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Dear Rolla: You are a fine gentleman as well as a great editor. I seem to have, since recent date, ex-friends who are insurance men, bankers, dry cleaners, oil men, contractors, beer drinkers, liquor dealers, cigarette smokers, state chamber of commerce, laundries, hotel men, et al. I am grateful that you aren't among the ex's. Best regards always,

Ernie

Saturday

Dear Ernie:-

I'm still ashamed ^{over}~~for~~ hopping on you as I did at Topeka yesterday. There is no possible justification for me to take out my grouch on you--and I submit a humble apology with the sincere hope you can accept it.

I'm off my dot where the severance tax is concerned, and should keep my big mouth shut about it. Certainly, I know you were most conscientious in your ^{and} recognition of this state ~~service~~ ^{state}--and have praise coming for your efforts instead of brickbats. Please forgive me.

Yours, rac

Rac



Rolla Clymer correspondence

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

Dear Sam:

I don't want the event to go by without adding my note of appreciation to the University for the honor given you. It couldn't have been better merited.

You probably never will know what a thrill we all get when you set sail on an editorial or a gem-perfect talk. I wish I could crack my whip and make all the little words sit up as you can but I can't, so will just have to sit in my corner and add my 'amen' to the University's action.

Sincerely,
Rathbone McCollum