

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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Manhattan, Kansas

Office of Public Service

February 13, 1956

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

Dear Rolla:

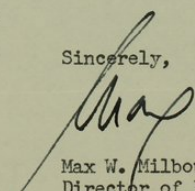
I have been reading with interest your remarks made on the occasion of the annual William Allen White lecture, and of your reference to Fred as "The Thunderer of Southeast Kansas." I am sure it was a great day at K.U. and that you added just the right amount of journalistic seasoning it needed.

We have three more home basketball games. If we can recover from last Saturday's beating by Colorado, the remainder of the conference season should be mighty interesting.

I hope we can get together soon. I have several matters on which I should like to seek your good advice.

Ruth sends along her best, too.

Sincerely,



Max W. Milbourn
Director of Public Service

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504 LOUISIANA STREET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Feb. 13, 1956

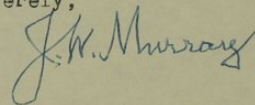
Dear Rolla:

Sorry I did not get to greet you Friday, but I was present at the William Allen White Day doings and derived profit and pleasure from being there. Both you and Fred Brinkerhoff were close to the top of your form. I was particularly interested in what was said by a group of faculty people who sat near me at the luncheon. They were vastly entertained as well as edified by the speeches, and several said they were glad to have had a chance to see you both in action.

It was, I know, a refreshing change from the kind of academic talk which fills their ears most of the time. And it must have been encouraging to the youngsters present, giving them an inkling that in this dog's life of journalism a solid satisfaction which men take out even as they put into it everything of thought and effort of which they are capable.

And, Rolla, my thanks to you for the kindly things you have written about me--much finer than I was entitled to but written with the warmth of real friendship. You have overpaid me in that fine coin which does not tarnish and in my turn let me hope that that the days may be many and filled with satisfaction as you carry on.

Sincerely,



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Mrs. Mable W. Foley
Sterling, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Foley:-

In answer to your letter, will say that Mrs. C. E. Boudreau died in 1953, about a year (perhaps more) before her husband died following an automobile accident. She had passed through a long illness and had suffered a stroke or two, I believe.

The end to this family was tragic. Sam, the only son, had a good executive job in Wichita but was stricken with cancer--and died approximately a year before his mother did. Thus, the family was wiped out by the succession of quick strokes. Dr. Boudreau left an estate of about half a million dollars, I am told, and just about all of it went to the grandson, who lives with his mother in Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Clymer was the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Perry M. Reisington, and her name was Elizabeth.

I trust this information will be of service to you.

Truly yours,

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FRANK CARLSON
KANSAS

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMMITTEES:
FINANCE
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE
REPUBLICAN POLICY
APPROPRIATIONS, EX OFFICIO

February 13, 1956.

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

Dear Rolla:

On my return to Washington, I find your kind recent editorial regarding me and the Senatorial campaign.

First, I want to state that it is greatly appreciated, and second, I have no plans other than to make the race for re-election to the Senate.

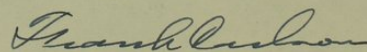
The facts are, and this is confidential, I have purposely delayed making an announcement, as I think the President's decision will influence the statement I want to make. If he runs, it will of course be one type of statement and if he does not, I think I should make another type.

My personal opinion is that we should get a statement from the President within the next two or three weeks.

We had a very nice meeting at Independence and as far as I could learn, no primary opposition has developed. Of course there is plenty of time, but if someone is going to run for the U. S. Senate, they will have to get started soon.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,



Frank Carlson

FC/MF



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Street 1019 S. Denver			42 PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE 8-6-90	48 DATE ADMITTED 2-13-56
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MEMBER'S COPY





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February 13, 1956

My Dear Mrs. Brown:-

I sincerely hope that the Reader's Digest people will give your Flint Hills article the green light. If they are able to spot a nugget of real worth, I am sure that they will.

I am still so much involved that I have not had time to examine that manuscript. My speechifying period is about over. I am to talk to the Wichita Rotary club a week from today--and that will end the public talks for awhile. Mrs. Clymer is going to the hospital today for an operation tomorrow, and will be there for a time. This, of course, adds to my concern.

I am anxious to get to that manuscript, but want to do so only when I have some assurance I can stay with it consistently. If you do not wish to leave it with me any longer, I shall return it of course. But if you can let me keep it another two or three weeks, I am sure I can have the pleasure of reading it that has long been denied to me.

Sincerely,

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Route Two
Eldorado, Kansas
February 11, 1956

Dear Mr. Clymer,

This is to offer you and Mrs. Clymer our best wishes for her speedy and rapid recovery and our good wishes. Health is sometimes a problem.

Please take whatever time you may need on the Ewing manuscript. I do not want there to be any pressure of any kind.

When you have more liberty I'd like to tell you of some other projects under way. The one I am most anxious not to proceed with without your knowledge is on the subject of the Whites. It looks encouraging. This morning was spent so profitably and so pleasantly. Further opportunity for research is opening up.

Sincerely,

Myra Lockwood Brown



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The Pittsburg Headlight

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F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas
Feb. 14, 1956

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Just a few lines to tell you I thought your speech was a fine one, the greatest. Of course, you had good subject matter.

Anyway, FWB is very proud, and so am I. He is a great man.

Sincerely,

Lois E. Smart

(FWB's secretary, in case you have forgotten)



February 15, 1956

Miss Lois E. Smart
Pittsburg, Kansas

My Dear Miss Smart:-

I greatly appreciate your note--and thanks for it. If any man is fortunate enough to be a hero to his secretary, he must be truly great. Thus, you and I won't have any quarrel on that score.

Please tell Mr. Simmons I think he did a grand job with the way he handled the story in the Headlight last Friday.

Sincerely,

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February 15, 1936

Mr. J. W. Murray
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Joe Murray:-

I greatly appreciate your kind note. Am sorry that I did not get to visit with you at Lawrence. I felt it was an occasion that rendered us all some real good, and I was truly grateful to see Fred get this distinction. It is one he has truly earned.

I miss the daily contact with you in the Journal-World. I hope you are now realizing all of the compensations which are so richly your due.

Sincerely,

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PHONE 1144

P. O. BOX 657

LAW OFFICE OF

L. H. RUPPENTHAL

Warren Hotel Building
McPHERSON, KANSAS

Memo to: Rolla Clymer

2-15-56

Dear Rolla -

Thanks for your of 13th. I just stopped in El Dorado on return from Lincoln Day at Independence and hoped to chat with you a few minutes about my prime concern - preserving party unity - if not harmony.

Shaw promises to do nothing to aggravate the schism, - wish the Gov. would do the same.

A word from the Pres. that he will run in 1956 would quiet a lot of aroused ambitions which are doing the Party no good. Much of the factionalism is more apparent than real. I find no Tych-anti-Tych lines left in Kansas and believe all would be happy to see the renominated.

Often I feel like an acrobat on a greased, slack rope over Niagara. But "this too shall pass."

If the Legis. investigating committee cuts

PHONE 1144

P. O. BOX 657

LAW OFFICE OF

L. H. RUPPENTHAL

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McPHERSON, KANSAS

Since they may give the Gov. some bad
 Moments. But he has laid himself open
 and checking him up could do more for
 a better attitude on his part than anything
 else might do. He just must learn the hard
 way.

At the State Committee meeting Kans. Day,
 night after the Shaw announcement, he spoke
 15 min. + used the word "we" more often
 than in the previous year of his term.
 If he will subliminate his ego and his
 ambitions a bit he can still make a
 fair Gov. as Governors go.

If you come this way would be
 greatly pleased to hear from you
 and will take a couple of hours
 to "work over" the whole situation.

Sincerely

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February 15, 1936

Mr. A. H. Gufler
Pratt, Kansas

My Dear Al Gufler:-

It was great to have a letter from you, and I enjoyed it hugely because it was so typical. I always remember you with your pockets full of papers and clipping, and your constant jotting down of thoughts as they occurred to you. I have been all through your letter several times, and each time with more delight.

I hope the world is treating you well and be sure to come to my sanctum when you pay that promised trip to this town.

Sincerely,

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February 16, 1936

Dear Senator Carlson:-

Thanks for your letter. You well know that I shall be glad to help you at any time--in any way I can. It begins to look as if you won't have to delay much longer in making your announcement. We are all hopeful that since the medical jury's verdict, the President's answer will be "yes," and then you can make the kind of statement that I am sure would please you best.

The enclosure came this morning. While it is not especially significant, I think perhaps you may like to see it. This one was addressed to Brinkerhoff, and I suppose the one addressed to me went to Fred. Anyway, this fellow is not likely to cut much ice. At least, he never has.

Any time you wish to suggest something I may do to further your interests, just let me know about it.

Sincerely,

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LAW OFFICES
MARC. BOSS
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

February 16, 1956

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

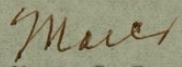
Dear Fred

I thought it more fitting to defer this letter until today; for after all, Thursday was named after Thor, whose mighty hammer rent the skies with thunder.

Rolla Clymer's panegyric, delivered when you were presented with the William Allen White Award, was truly a masterpiece; and your many friends, including this writer, concur sincerely with every word he said.

And so to you, the "Thunderer of Southeast Kansas", I offer my heartiest congratulations for this Award. It is not only a great honor to you, but in a sense it is also an honor in vindication of your very good friends, who knew it all the time.

Cordially,


Marc. G. Boss

cc: Mr. Rolla Clymer ✓
Mr. Richard W. Robbins

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United States Senate

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February 17, 1956

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

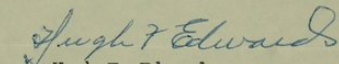
Dear Rolla:

Again I am indebted to you, because I was down to Pittsburg to see our good friend, whom you had so deservedly honored at Lawrence with the speech of this decade. Rolla, no other citizen will ever be able to repeat this wonderful article, which I picked up in the Pittsburg Headlight, Friday evening, February 10.

I took the old dictionary out and read your speech over twice. No one but Rolla Clymer could have written and delivered a finer speech, honoring our good friend, Fred.

Thanks a million just for the privilege of reading another Rolla Clymer masterpiece.

Sincerely yours,


Hugh F. Edwards

HFE:jm

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WILSON C. JAINSEN, PRESIDENT



HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY

HOME OFFICE—HARTFORD 15, CONNECTICUT

WHEELER-KELLY-HAGNY BUILDING, WICHITA 1, KANSAS

February 17, 1956

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor
Times Publishing Co.
118 East Central
El Dorado, Kansas

Sub: WH-550535; exp. 1-1-57

Dear Mr. Clymer:

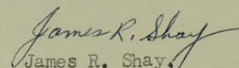
It has come to my attention that in the past two years that one of your employees has been injured in a saw while sawing linotype metal three times. In each accident report, we find that the description of the accident is virtually the same--"sawing linotype metal, tooth of saw caught in small plate throwing finger into saw." It has been indeed fortunate that the employee has not suffered severe injury or any amputation of a finger.

When in El Dorado on February 9, 1956, I stopped at your office to visit with you relative to these three accidental occurrences. Unfortunately, I missed you.

It is our feeling, however, that should such accidents continue that sooner or later this employee will suffer a severe injury possibly in the amputation of a finger. We believe that if it is possible, that a hood type guard should be installed over this metal saw.

We are in El Dorado quite frequently and shall stop and visit with you the next time in El Dorado. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,


James R. Shay
Engineer

JRS:jvt

YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT YOU'LL DO WELL WITH THE HARTFORD

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EL DORADO, KANSAS

February 17, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The El Dorado Lions Club is happy to announce that First Vice President John L. Stickley, of Lions International, will be a guest and speaker at a Zone social meeting, March 6, 1956. We feel that this is a distinct honor to El Dorado, as Lion Stickley will become President of the world's largest service organization upon July 1st.

We are extending an invitation to you and Mrs. Clymer to attend this meeting and are enclosing complimentary tickets for your use. The meeting will be held at the Moose Club at 6:45 p.m.

If possible for you to accept this invitation we would prefer a confirmation by letter or by telephoning 498 by March 1st, but shall expect you unless we hear to the contrary.

Very truly yours

Walter F. McGinnis
WALTER F. MCGINNIS
President.

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The Pittsburg Headlight

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THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas 2:17:56

Friday night, at home

Dear Rolla:

For a full week I have been trying to write to you. But it has been most difficult to find words to do the job. I have not found them yet. Finally I have decided that I cannot write my real feelings. I came to the conclusion that you know just how I feel. I was not flabbergasted. It was not that kind of a feeling. I was touched by the realization that I was hearing an appraisal of a career by the man best qualified to appraise it, that it was a sincere job that was being done and that of all my friends, living or gone, no one else could have approached your masterly presentation. I hope I do not appear immodest or vain. That is far from my intention but necessarily I cannot remove myself from comment on what you did. What I am trying to do is pay tribute to your speech for its literary perfection, its moving eloquence and its sincere dedication to its purpose. While you were speaking there raced through my mind the bloody battles that have been fought, the mean things that have been said, the obstacles placed in the way, the favors without end over the years that had been done for those who soon forgot them, friends who deserted and discouragements without number. You know what I am talking about because you have experienced them all. But what I was hearing offset everything. And then I could recall the other side--the friends who stayed, the triumphs that were enjoyed, the kindly things that were said. One is likely to give too much thought to the dark side and too little thought to the brighter side.

Today Lois put 20 or 25 letters on my desk and informed me she had only 30 more in her note book. Earlier there had been other batches. They were acknowledgments of letters, notes, telegrams and calls of congratulation that came from the home folks, from friends elsewhere and of editorials appearing over the state. Some of the congratulations came from persons I had no idea were interested favorably in me. One aged woman--84--at Ottawa wrote me a note, saying she remembered that I watered a team at her well in Ottawa, evidently when I had driven into Ottawa from the country in kid days. A man I have found it necessary to condemn in his official conduct wrote me in praise. To almost everybody I wrote that it was a fine honor that I had received but nothing was finer than the kindly words from the home folks and old friends--written out of a genuine interest.

I was delighted yesterday to see what the Star did--parts of your speech with the most prominent display on the editorial page, with a beautiful introduction. It was a recognition of you in which I am sure Roy and Alvin joined. Kansas "flavor!" That was perfect and thrilling.

Al have seen editorials in 20--I think that was the count tonight. Kansas daily newspapers. You undoubtedly have seen



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most ~~the~~ of them. Two or three I was sure would make comment did not--or have not yet. Of all the ~~papers~~ ^{papers} that come to my office, only two did not print anything about the award. Why they did not I'll never know. *At least three Missouri exchanges carried the story*

And then there was ~~the~~ the beautiful one you wrote-- a climax to all that you had done.

Never will I forget the curt comment you made to me when I prodded you about the nomination I had offered. And that leads directly to another acknowledgment ~~to~~ to you ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~was~~ at the base of the whole business--the selection for the honor. Thanks again.

The speeches at the award--yours and mine--were taped up there, as you know. They were broadcast over KSEK Monday night. They were heard by many thousands. Sandstrom made tape copies for you if you want them. We will send them if you would like to have them.

I started to prepare my speech on Sunday night but did not get much of a start. On Monday morning I slipped on a back step and went down three or four steps to the bottom on ~~my~~ back. I broke nothing but it stunned me and I was plenty sore. I worked some more Monday night and Tuesday night and finished it Wednesday morning and sent a copy to Marvin that afternoon. I do not think I told you about this but it certainly was strange that I did not break a leg or two or an arm or two or a neck.

Wednesday night I asked Pearl if she wanted to hear the effort. I read it all to her--except a last page. That included my reference to her. She ~~heard~~ ^{read} it for the first time at the luncheon. After we ended and were breaking up, she came over to me to observe that it was not necessary ~~to~~ for me to bring in that personal stuff. But most of the folks who have talked to me and many who wrote mentioned that ~~so~~ reference to her with approval. Earlier she remarked to me that she did not know whether to go or not, that it might be too solemn. What she meant was that it might be too much like a funeral. So I tried to throw in a bit of jocularity to break up ~~the~~ the seriousness of that form of conclusion. But I noticed when I made the remark about overlooking "my faults--many of them", there was little of the reaction I expected. ~~and~~

So here we end, long after the start--Sunday reading for you, maybe.

Again our thanks, and maybe seeing you soon and our kindest regards to Mrs. Clymer.

Sincerely,

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<p>M E M O</p>	<p>THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS</p> <p>LAWRENCE</p> <p>WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND PUBLIC INFORMATION</p>	<p>M E M O</p>
<p>TO: Rolla Clymer</p>	<p>DATE: Feb. 18</p>	
<p>FROM: Burton W. Marvin</p>	<p>IN RE:</p>	

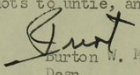
Will you be able to get together with me Monday afternoon, March 5, at El Dorado? Wed., March 14, and Wed., March 21, are the next possible dates I could work in, but I think we should get together before then. And I can't fit it in before March 5. (Come to think of it, my wife's birthday is March 21, so forget that date!)

I could drive to El Dorado Monday morning, March 5, and I could plan on staying overnight at the hotel, then drive back Tuesday morning and meet my class at 2 p.m.

I am leaving for Indiana and Illinois tonight and will be gone until Feb. 26. I will be in touch with my secretary, however, and she can pass on your reply.

I was very happy, too, about the entire day Feb. 10 and am looking forward to working with you on Foundation matters. We have some knots to untie, and the sooner we get at the job the better.

Cordially,


 Burton W. Marvin;
 Dean



EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
February 18, 1956

Dear Rolla:

This is a belated note to join with your many other friends in extending congratulations upon your election to the office of President of the William Allen White Foundation.

It is a signal honor. No one deserves it more than you.

Sincerely,

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

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Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Enclosed find KPA 1956 membership card and mat for your masthead. In checking the records, we find that you are one of the very few newspapers that have not requested this so far in 1956 and it is entirely possible that you have told some representative of the KPA office personally to withhold your dues from your future KPS checks.

The Kansas Press Association membership has been approximately 100% for several years and we hope the fact that you have not returned our statement initialed "withhold" was an oversight.

We hope the arrangement to withhold your dues from the February 25 Kansas Press Service advertising check is agreeable to you in the amount of \$ 100.00 to cover your 1956 dues.

If we have overstepped our bounds and you do not care to join KPA in 1956, please return the mat and membership card in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Larry Miller
Larry Miller

LM:a
Enc.

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February 20, 1956

Dear Father,

In the final analysis, the story of El Dorado's water plight has proven to be almost too big for television. Now, we are considering the possibility of making a documentary film.

There are few stories which adapt themselves to big thinking. This, in Jerry Schnitzer's opinion, and certainly in mine, seems to be one of the rare ones. To use it as one episode in a regular weekly TV series would be something of a waste when it is possible to think beyond the entertainment world into an area where such stories are used as instruments to demonstrate the unique independence of the American people. It may sound like so much balderdash to you, but we are not talking through our hats. The documentary approach is Jerry's forte. Six months ago, he said that this story would be a perfect subject for a documentary; he certainly has not changed his mind. But, now, he is in more of a position to make his idea a real thing.

Jerry has taken a copy of the treatment and your latest letter with him on his New York trip. He thought it would be best for you to get in contact with the writer who covered the story for *READER'S DIGEST*, tell the writer that you have been approached by an independent motion picture producer in California who wishes to use the story of El Dorado's fight for water as material for a documentary film. You may mention me as the contact, if you feel it is necessary to explain how a producer in California came across the story. You see, we want the writer's and the magazine's agreement that permission to use this story will be given to us. This protects us in case another production outfit gets the same idea after the story is published in the *DIGEST*. I know you made it clear that the magazine has no rights to the story; however, we would like to avoid any disagreement. I will write the letter, if you do not choose to do so, providing you supply me with the writer's name. No matter who writes, the object is to

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get to him as soon as possible.

We are investigating three ideas:

- 1) approaching Skelly and/or Santa Fe with the idea of their making the film as a company documentary;
- 2) suggesting to the Kansas Chamber of Commerce (or better-qualified agency) that the film be made by them as an institutional film for the State;
- 3) making the story for the U. S. Department of State, whose film program is one of its big projects.

You can see that your idea to come to California at this time is a good one. I want you to talk to Jerry. I also want you to see what Jerry Schnitzer and his partner, Allen Miner, did with the story of tuna fishing. Their little picture, "The Naked Sea", which began as an institutional film for the Star-Kist Tuna Company - thanks to shrewd handling - grew into a feature-length documentary, which is now being released to motion picture theatres throughout the United States. I do not mean to say that the story of El Dorado's water shortage will end up in motion picture houses, but the possibility of making an outstanding film that would be a credit to the community and the state is here. It's worth thinking about.

Please consider the READER'S DIGEST thing. Then, let Jerry get ~~ab~~ack from New York, get Mother home from the hospital, and come on. I'll put you up at my nearby motel, which, strangely enough, is called the El Dorado. In-between business sessions, I'll show you what this strange half-desert land of Southern California is like.

Thanks for the speedy service on the notebook; I was astounded at how quickly it came through. Reading the newspaper account is certainly exciting enough!

Love and hugs,

Catherine

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February 20, 1956

Mr. Burton W. Marvin, Dean
William Allen White School of Journalism
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Dean:-

As far as I know now, Monday, March 5, will be satisfactory for you and me to have a conference here in El Dorado. I believe I can arrange to devote the afternoon and evening of that day to your purposes. If, for any reason, I find that March 5 will not be suitable, I shall notify you as soon as possible in advance.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Enclosed is the proposed text of a letter that I am suggesting be sent out over your signature to all members of the William Allen White Foundation Board. The purpose would be to get their reaction to the proposal that the Foundation sponsor a national top-rung conference on the objectives of education for journalism. You will remember that it was decided, at our recent Board meeting, that a letter should go out from you for this purpose.

The letter that I am proposing is essentially that prepared by the chancellor and distributed at the board meeting. I have inserted the second paragraph to adapt the letter to the specific use to which it is being put---the sounding out of board members. In the fourth paragraph I have edited the chancellor's text to say that the executive committee believes the time is ripe for such a conference. I suggest this approach so that the board members will have no cause to feel we are asking them simply to rubber-stamp something already decided upon.

And I am suggesting deletion of the final paragraph in the original text, for we know that we wouldn't want to invite every board member to participate in the conference. That would be impossible in view of the fact that we are suggesting a very limited enrollment.

So that you may compare the original with the text I suggest, I am enclosing a copy of the original.

Will you please read the proposed text, make any changes that you feel should be made, and return it to us as soon as possible? Then we can have the letter run off on the automatic typewriter in sufficient copies for the entire board membership, and I can bring the final drafts to you for your signature when I come to El Dorado in March---on March 5, I hope.

Cordially,

Burton W. Marvin
Burton W. Marvin,
Director

By M. R.



February 20, 1956

Mr. Walter F. McGinnis, President
El Dorado Lions Club
El Dorado, Kansas

My Dear Walt:-

I thank you for your invitation
to hear John L. Stickley on March 6 in El Dorado.
I certainly plan to be present. As to Mrs. Clymer,
she is still confined in the hospital as a result
of an operation. I doubt if she will be able to
attend any function of this kind by March 6. But
I shall be present, and am grateful for your
courtesy.

Sincerely,

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HARLAN REMSBERG
MANAGER

February 20, 1956

TELEPHONE 612
P. O. Box 509

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

Dear Rolla:

Many times I have been proud of you, but never more so than on the occasion of your address before the Wichita Rotary Club today.

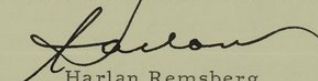
Sincerely, I consider this address to be one of the finest that it has ever been my privilege to hear.

The standing ovation which the club gave you should be a source of great satisfaction.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE


Harlan Remsberg
Manager

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