

#### **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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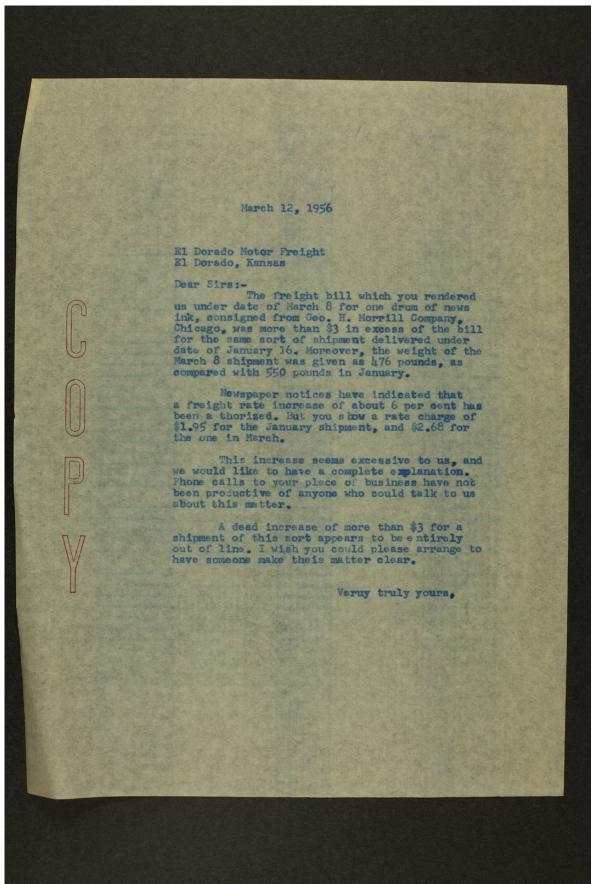
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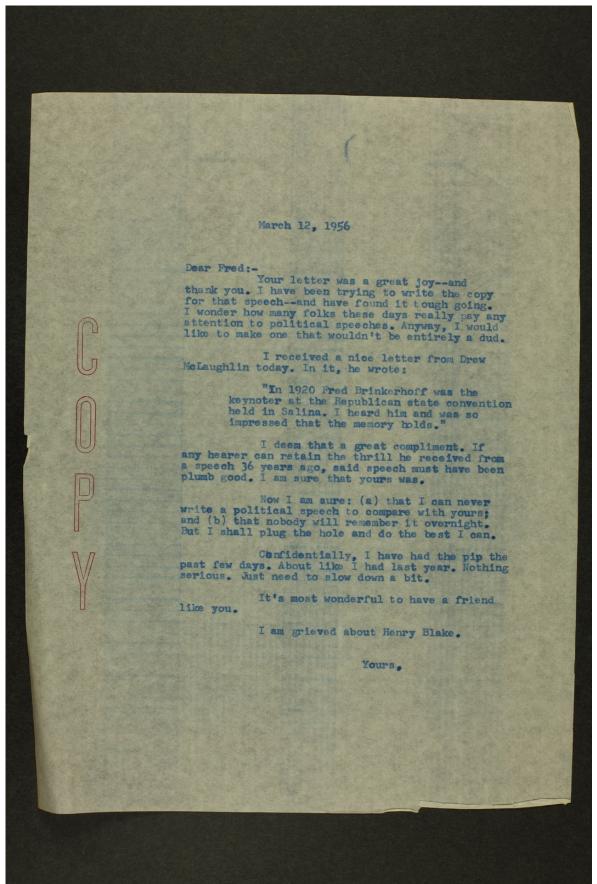
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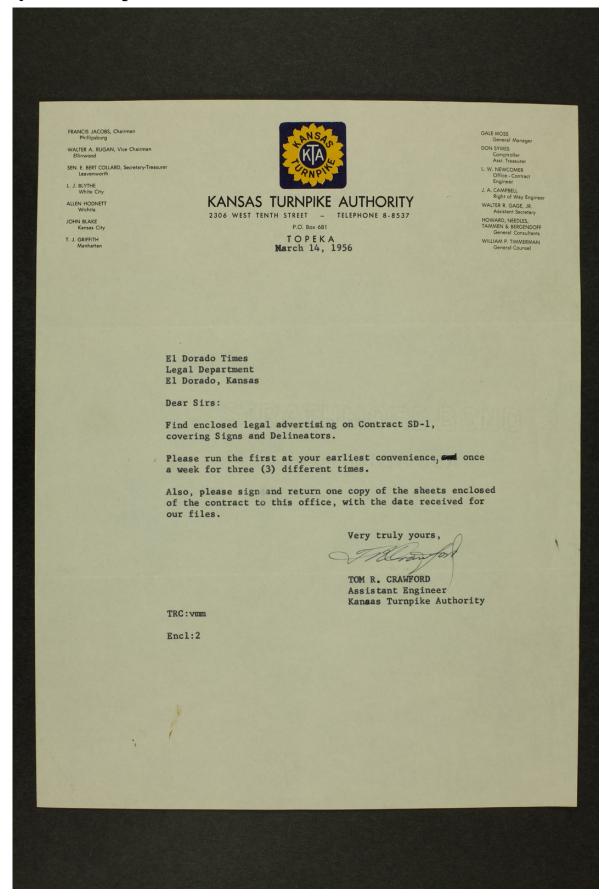




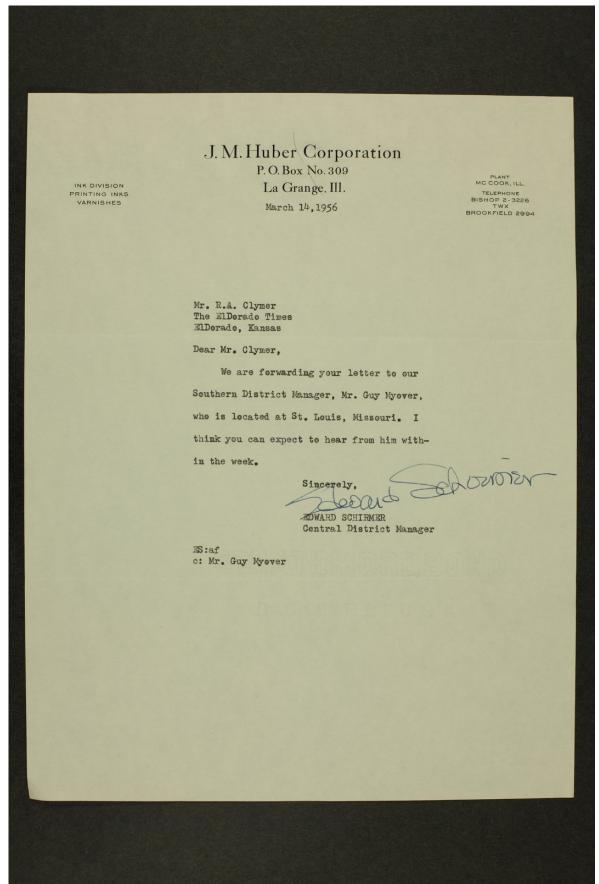




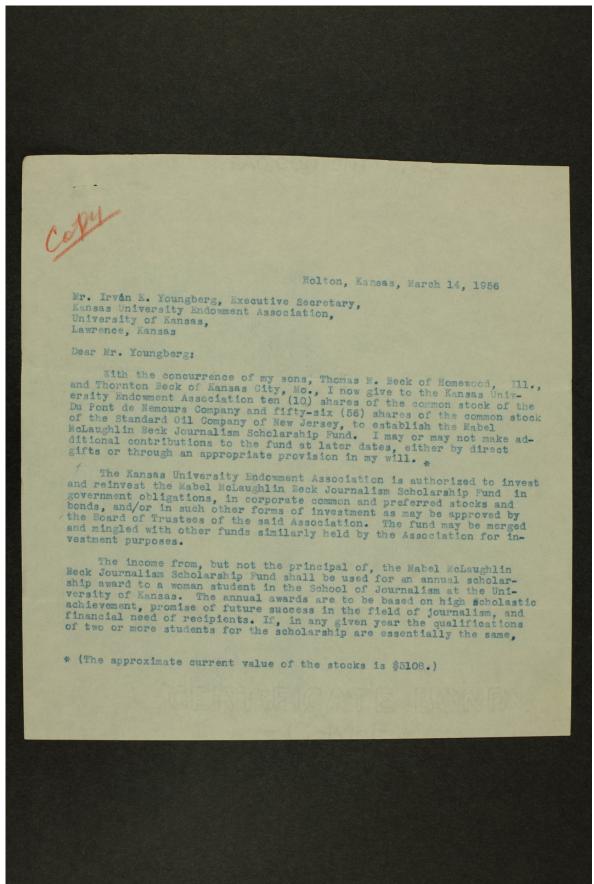




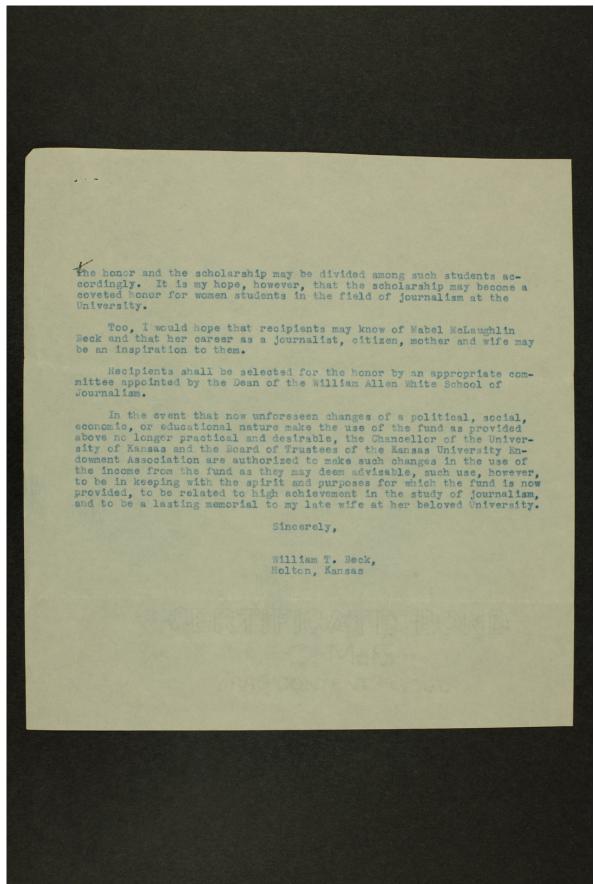




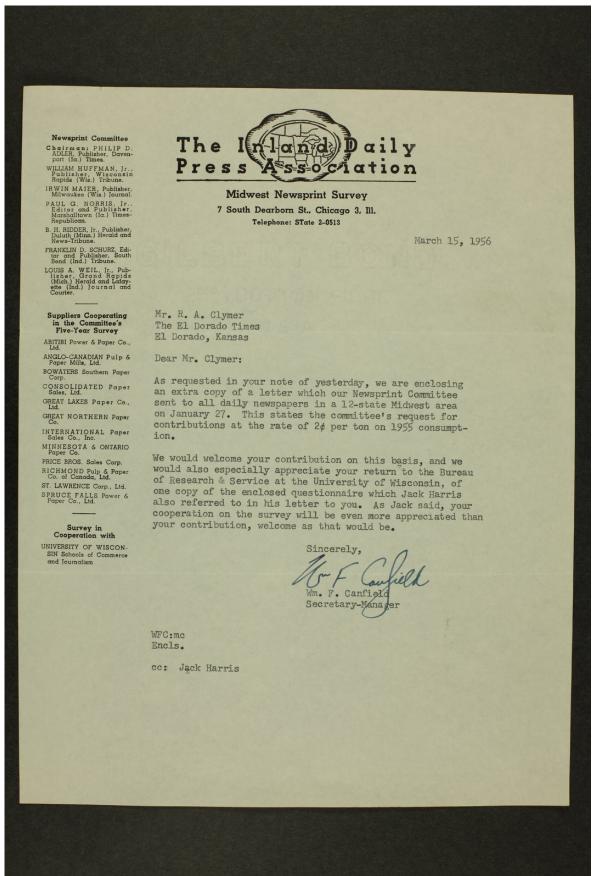














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Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Editor and Manager, The El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Enclosed are five copies of the booklet containing the addresses delivered by you and Fred Brinkerhoff on February 10. My guess is you'll want more, so let us know how many more are to be sent to you and to whom you would like to have us send copies directly. All Kansas editors, all schools and departments of journalism, the State Historical Society, and all trustees of the Foundation will receive copies automatically. I trust the pamphlet came through in good shape. I find no major errors upon the quick check I have made before mail-time this afternoon.

March 17, 1956

Cordially,

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Burton W. Marvin, Director; Dean, School of Journalism

P.C. --- Harry Darby, Dolph Simons and I went to the Blake funeral together and hatched some ideas regarding a money-raising dinner Saturday evening, October 6, the day of Editors' Day and the Colorado-Kansas game. I'll fill you in in more detail in a few days. We have "finalized" nothing (to use a fancy word) and will not do so without your personal participation and counsel.

bwm/s



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March 17, 1956

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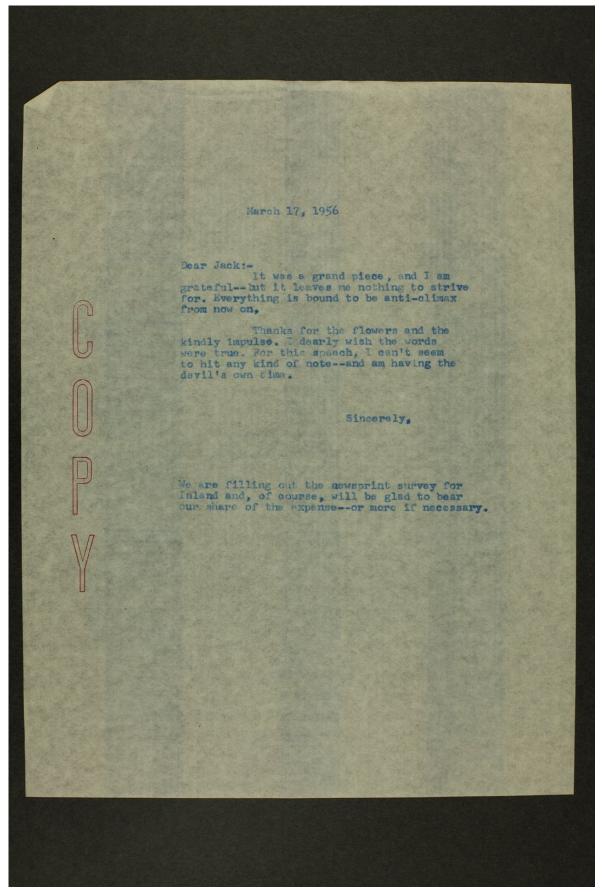
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Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Editor and Manager, El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas

March 19, 1956

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Assistant to Director

Dear Rolla: This is a personal note from me regarding fund-raising

for the William Allen White Foundation.

In the enclosed letter I cover Harry Darby's plan for a dinner. We also discussed the possibility of setting up an annual subscription membership for Kansas newspapers. (You will recall that I mentioned on February 10 the University of North Carolina program under which something more than 45 newspapers of that state give on a formula of either  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents for each subscriber annually for five years.) It was suggested that we might approach some publisher who is particularly active in and friendly toward the Foundation and get him to sign up under such a plan, thus setting up sort of a "measuring stick" that might then be an inducement to others to come in.

What do you think of the potentialities of such a plan? Thinking negatively, I might ask this: Would the fact that Kansas State and Wichita have going programs in journalism serve as a deterrent to the success of such a plan? Although we could emphasize general services of the Foundation, we would have to mention relationships to the William Allen White School of Journaism and Public Information, wouldn't we?

Personally, I would like to explore this type of approach, which I regard as solid and hitting in the right place. But I am not the one to initiate such a proposal to Kansas publishers. Acceptance of such a plan would depend upon genuine acceptance and participation on the part of publishers on the Foundation executive committee.

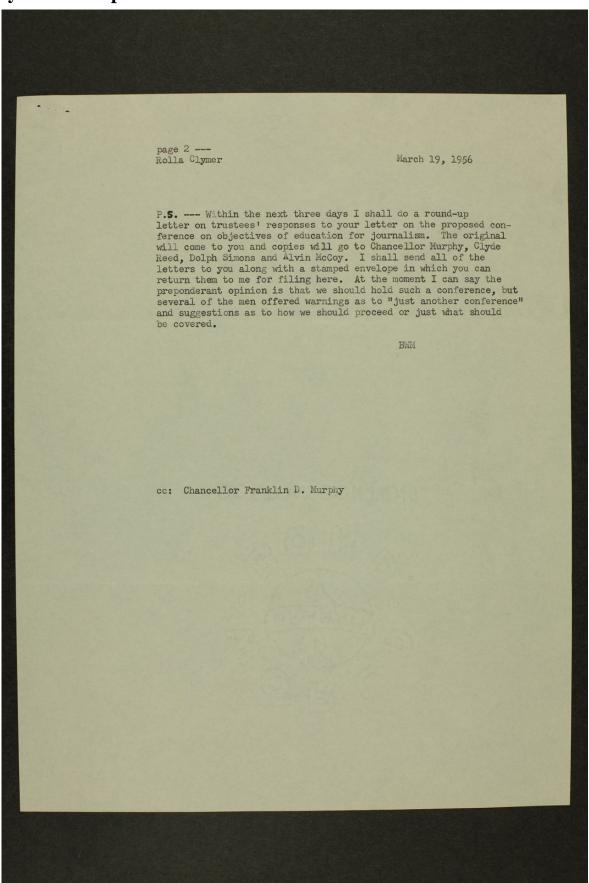
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Burton W. Marvin, Director; Dean, School of Journalism

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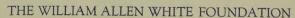
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Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Editor and Manager, The El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Dolph Simons and I rode to Topeka and back with Harry Darby last Tuesday, for the Henry S. Blake funeral, and the three of us rounded out a proposal for a William Allen White Foundation fundraising dinner next Fall. At their suggestion I am sending the ideas on to you with the full understanding, of course, that they are tentative and subject to approval and revision by the full committee, by you, and by Chancellor Murphy. We hope that you will let us know your reaction and that we can shoot for a meeting of the committee with you soon --- very likely on Saturday morning, March 31, at K.U.

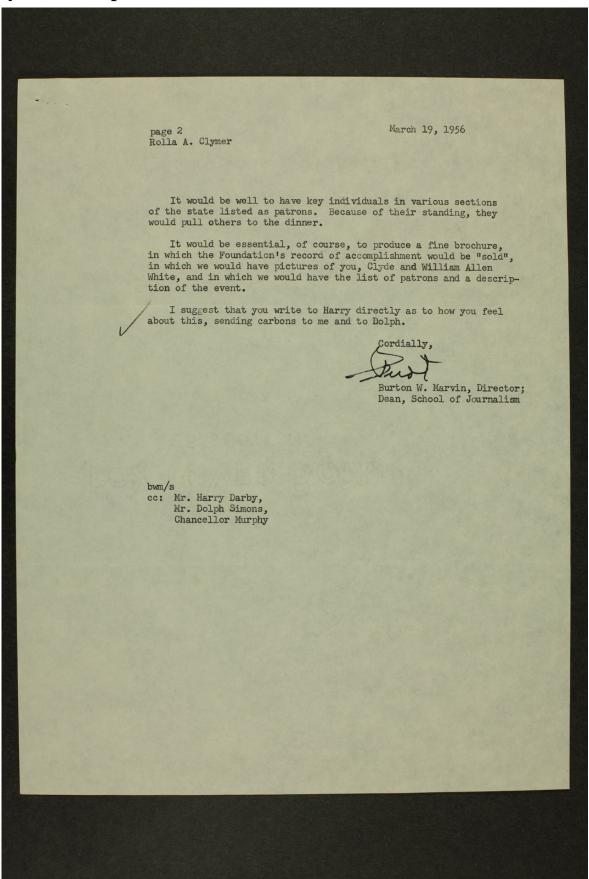
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Harry enlarged upon his idea for a \$25-a-plate dinner. He suggested that the program include due honors to Clyde Reed as outgoing president and inauguration of you as incoming president. He feels that a really top-level program of entertainment would pull in Kansas editors and a large number of non-newspaper people of influence and standing over the state.

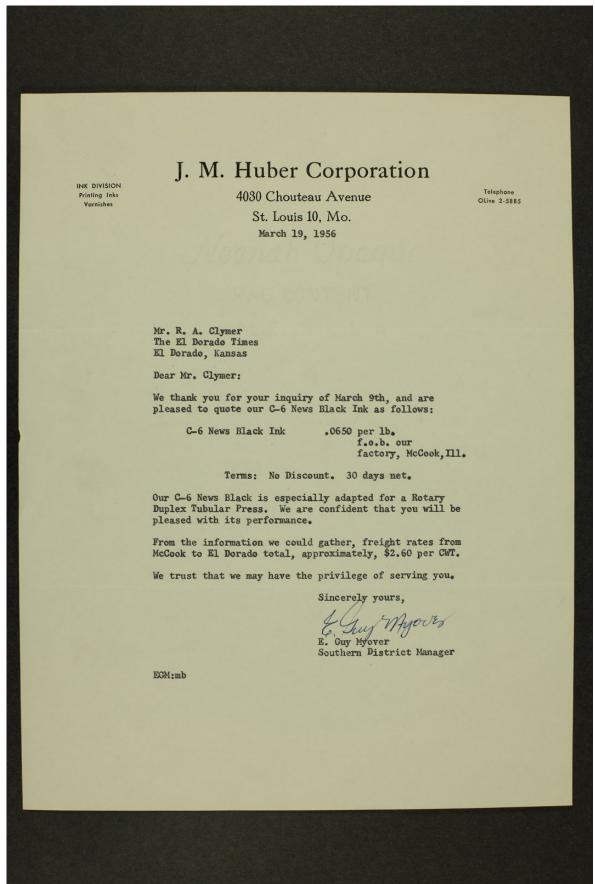
Dolph and Harry agreed with me that this event might well be tied in with Editors' Day and National Newspaper Week. Therefore, I have set Editors' Day for Saturday, October 6, the day of the Colorado-Kansas game, and have reserved the Student Union Ballroom for that evening. If we change our plans, I can cancel the ball-room reservation, but at least I have the room tied down for the present.

Our thinking is that this event should be invitational. All Our thinking is that this event should be invitational. All kansas editors and leaders in many walks of Kansas life would be invited, but we have observed that issuance of a nice invitation gives presige to an event—— take for example the annual Griddle Dinner of the Kansas City Press Club, which already, in its third year, is a roaring success. Harry feels that the principal pull of this dinner is the boost it gives the personal presige of those who attend, and I agree. He feels, further, that the association of William Allen White's name and tradition with our dinner would give it a point of standing over and above anything that the give it a point of standing over and above anything that the Griddle Dinner had at the outset.



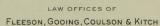








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WICHITA 2, KANSAS

March 19, 1956.

HUGO T. WEDELL

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

Dear Rolla:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 24, also the audit.

I think the idea of setting up the building at \$25,000 and \$5,000 for the lot is all to the good. Of course, I would want to put as much on the building as possible. You will recall I suggested that you consult the county assessor's office and ascertain the proportion they used in setting up the real estate and the improvements, and then you use the same proportion based on a sale price of \$30,000. Maybe that does not give you as good a setup as the auditors propose, but I certainly would put as little as possible on the lot.

Reference is made to the depreciation basis. I think you should discuss with your auditors fully the various methods of taking depreciation. My friend Winston Wheeler of Wheeler Kelly Hagny Investment Company, who has the problem, with me, in connection with the building of the Lerner Store, is strongly urging upon me that we take depreciation according to "the sum of the digits" over the projected lifetime of the building. I am inclined to think that he is right, but I think you should talk it over thoroughly with the accountants. I also feel that in view of the age of the building your depreciation should be on the term you suggest, namely, fifteen years, rather than twenty years.

I want to compliment you on the net income for the year 1955.

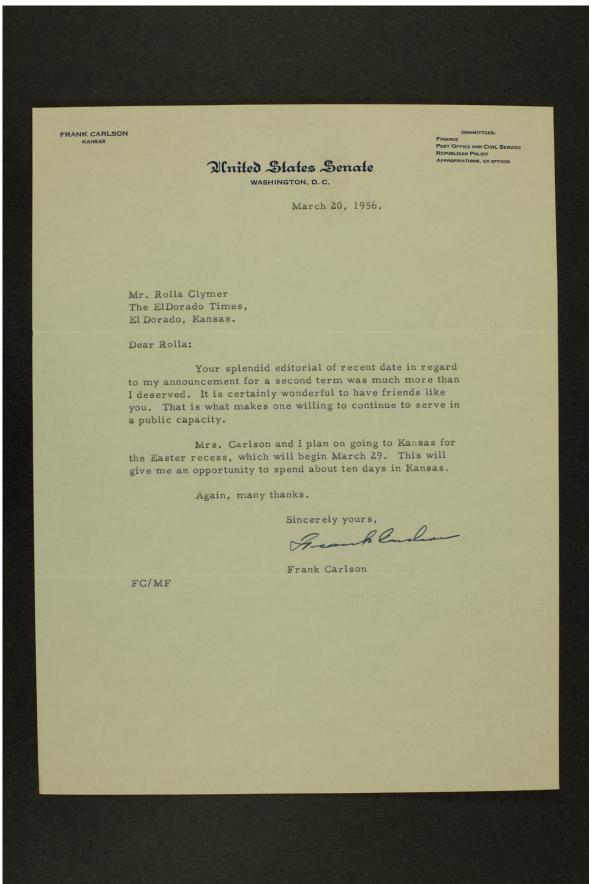
Some time when it suits your convenience and that of Mrs. Adams, we should have our annual meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

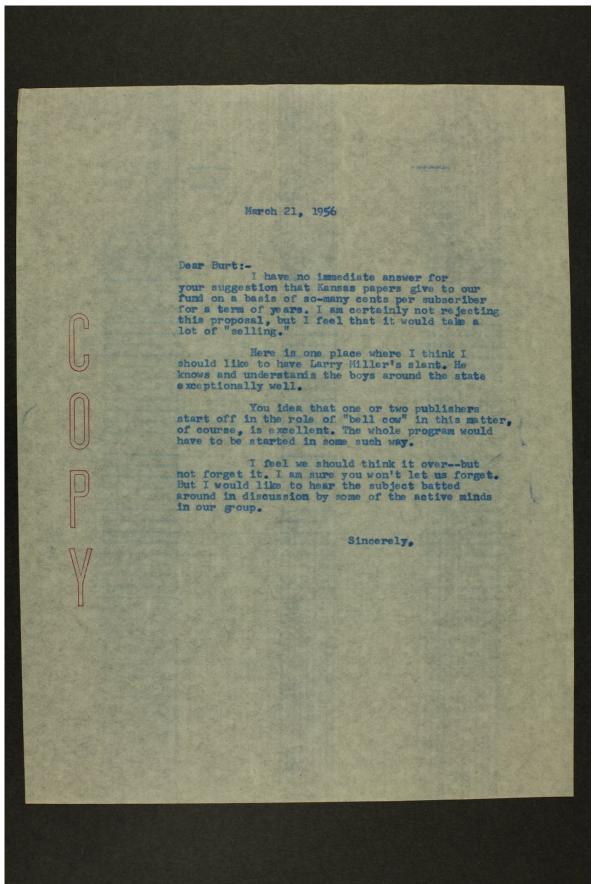
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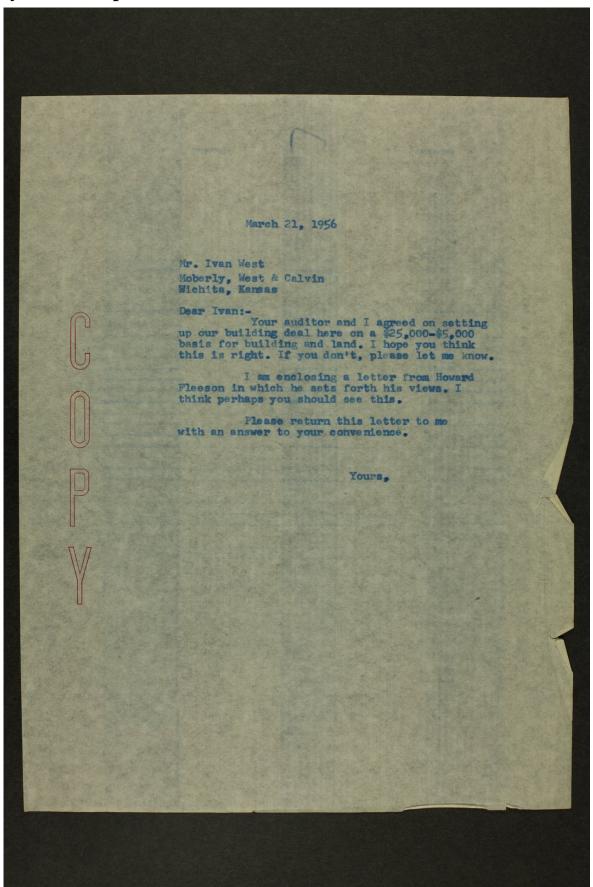




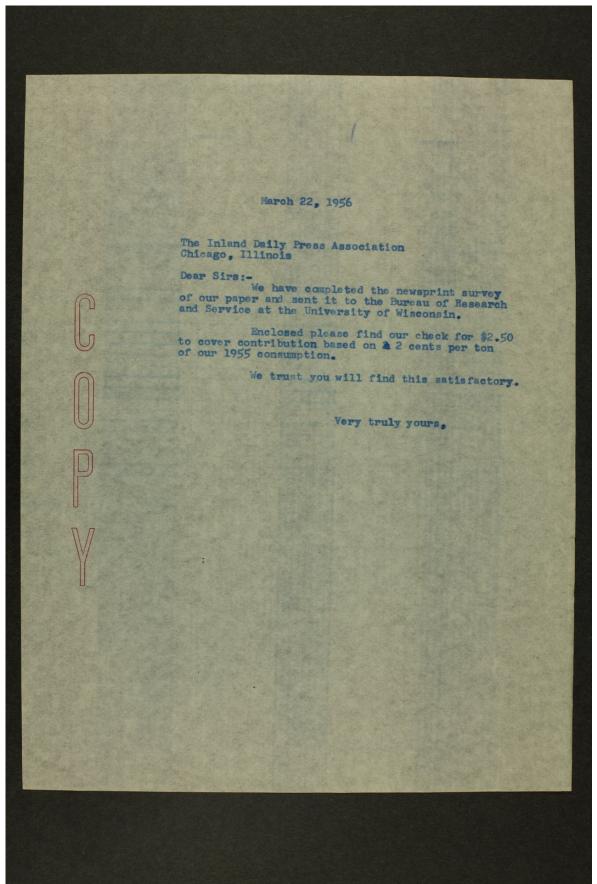




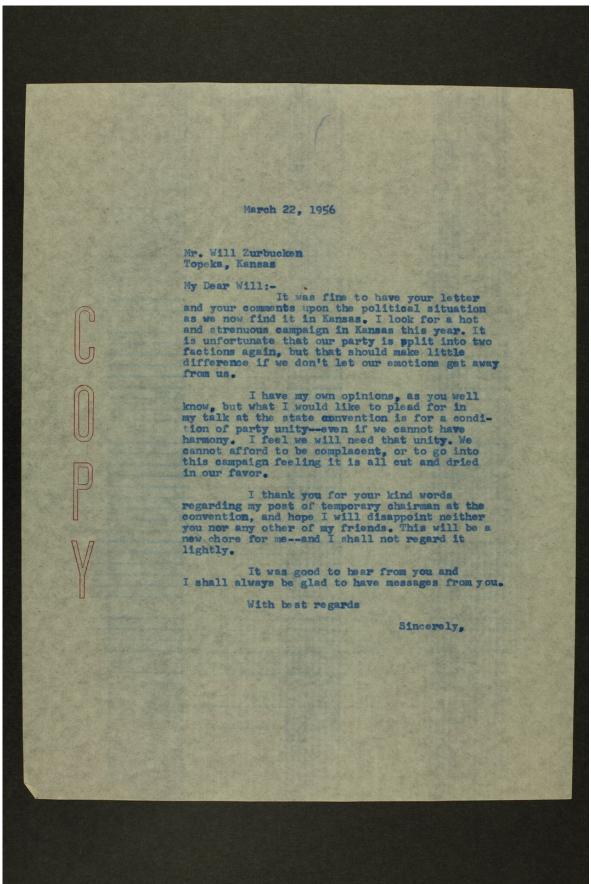




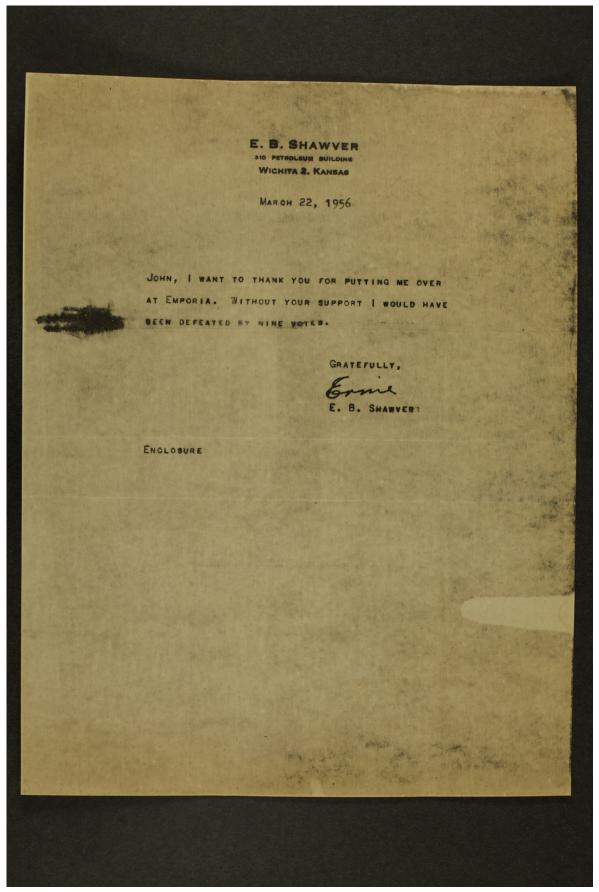




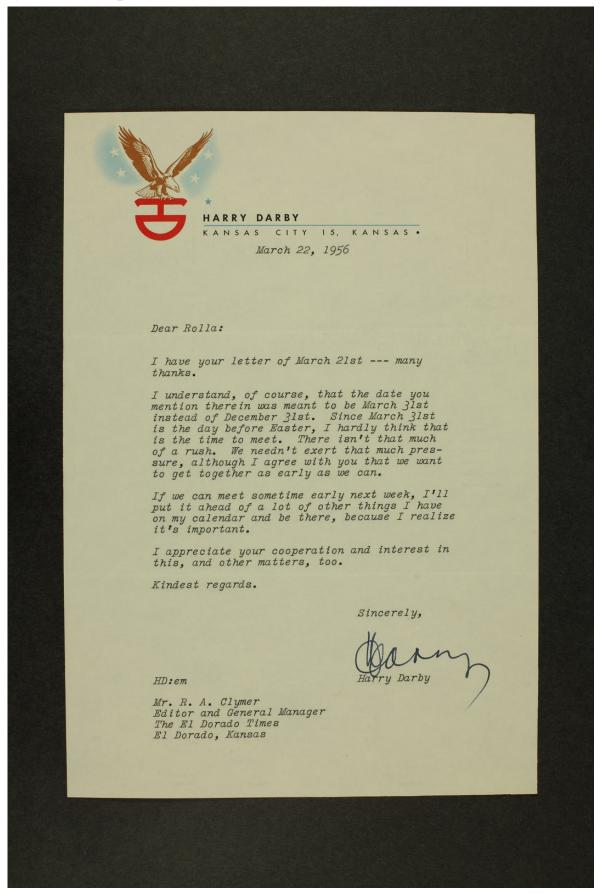














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THE MUNICIPAL

#### UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA WICHITA 14, KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

March 23, 1956

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

Dear Rolla:

PFG:mm

The Department of Journalism extends a cordial invitation to you and your wife to be our guests at the Annual Awards Banquet to be held in the Pine Room of the Commons Building here on the campus at 6  $p_{\bullet}n_{\bullet}$ , Friday, April 6.

The program this year will include the presentation of achievement awards, news photo exhibitions, and what promises to be a challenging address by a well-known Kansas journalist.

In addition, this informal get-together will provide an opportunity for you to meet and talk to outstanding junior and senior journalism students.

If you will drop us a line in the enclosed envelope by March 31 and say that you'll be able to attend, two complimentary places will be reserved for you.

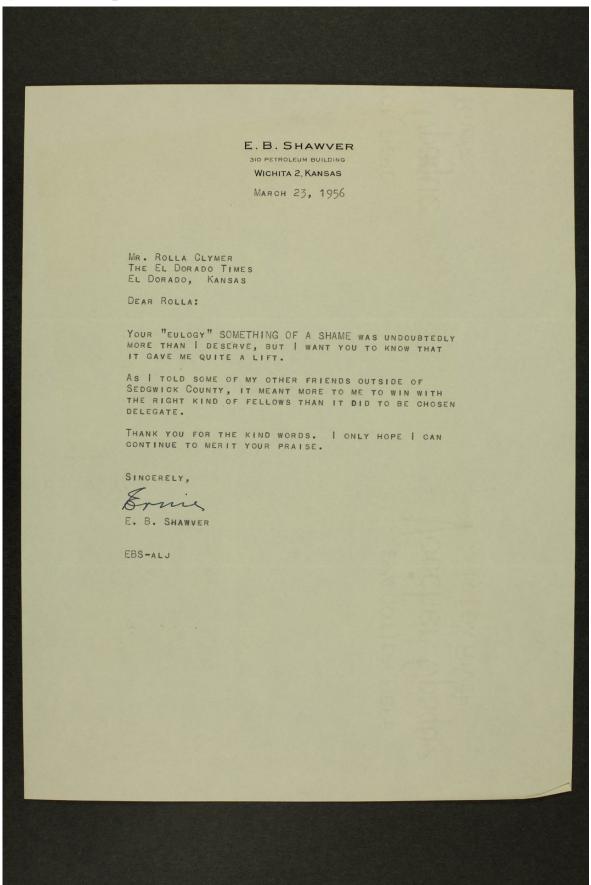
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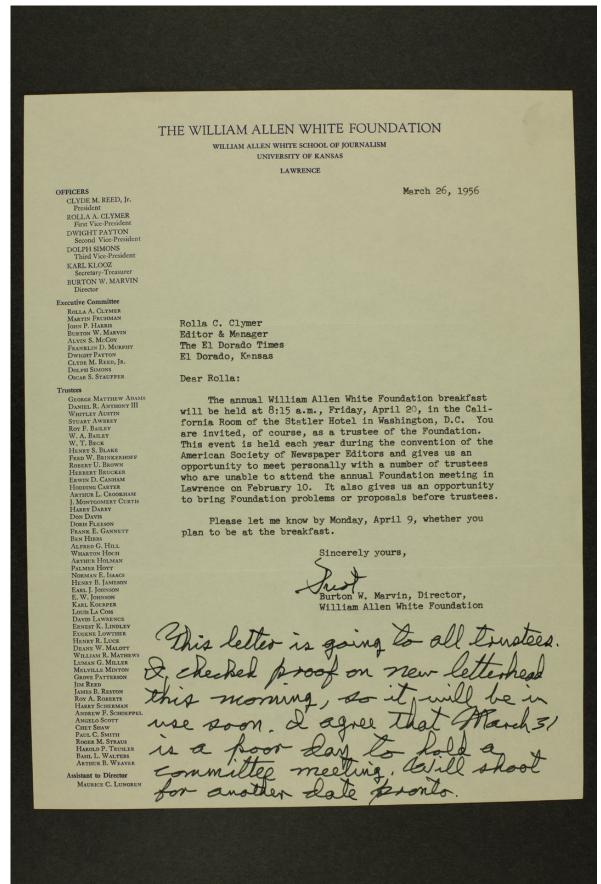
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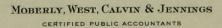








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WICHITA 2, KANSAS

March 27, 1956

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

Dear Rolla:

I have reviewed our set-up of your building deal, and I feel quite sure that the \$25,000 - \$5,000 allocation we have made on building and land is the very best we can do. Also, the 15-year life constitutes a vote in your favor.

I have reviewed Howard Fleeson's letter, returned herewith, particularly his comments relating to the new depreciation method. The so-called "sum of the digits" method can be applied only to new construction by the original user. It cannot be used by your company on old existing construction. The situation Howard comments upon, concerning his new Lerner building, is different, inasmuch as that is new construction.

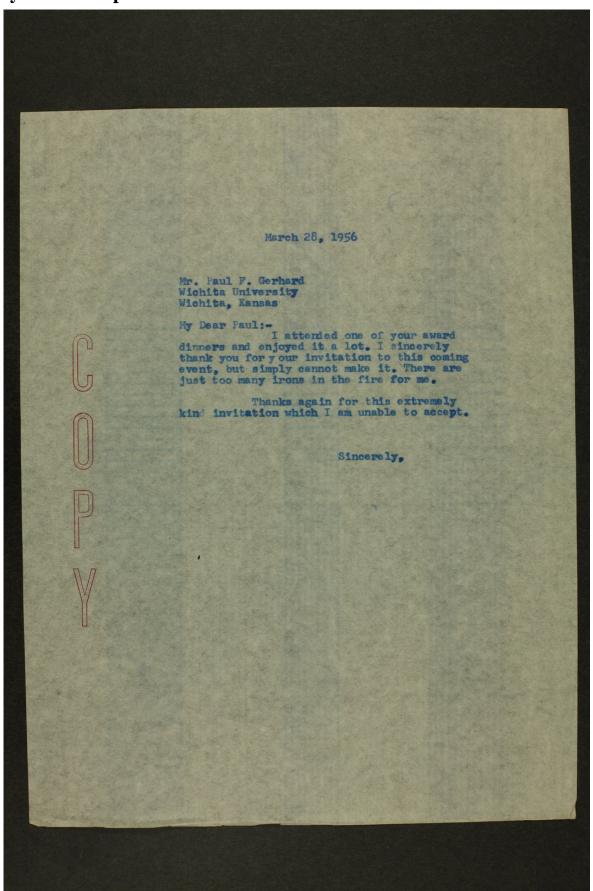
Sincerely yours,

Of MOBERLY, WEST, CALVIN & JENNINGS

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Enc.







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#### THE ALBURN BUREAU

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March 28, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We are much pleased to be able to welcome you aboard again. Your service, exclusive in Butler County, will begin on Monday, April second.

After having served American newspapers since 1914, The Alburn Bureau is still dedicated to the task of providing a dependable editorial service of the very highest quality. The copy we produce for you will enable The Times to give its readers a steady flow of intelligent, well balanced editorial comment. It also will enable you to devote more time to writing about politicals and local and regional affairs, confident that Bureau copy will be ready at hand when you need it to round out your editorial section. We will welcome your criticism and suggestions.

Sincerets,

Leo Sonderegger



