

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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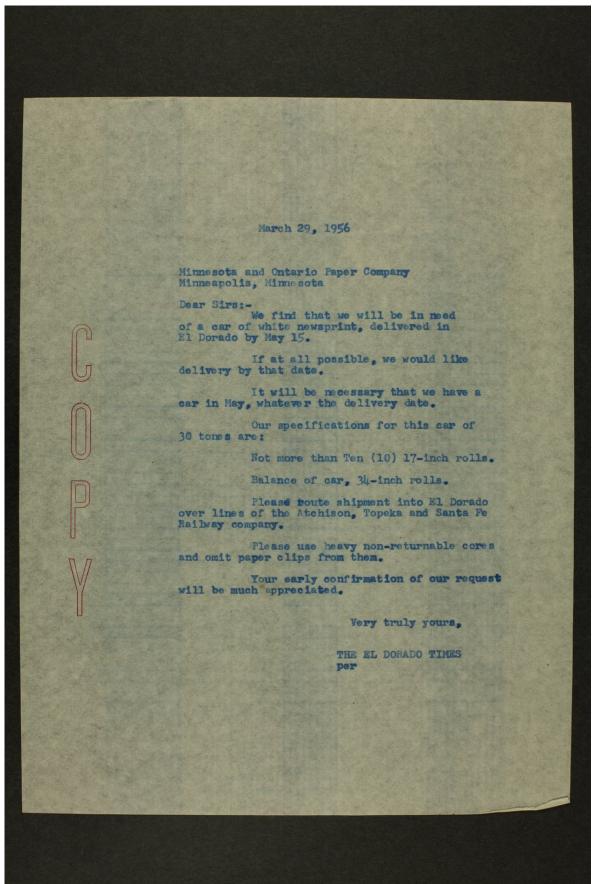
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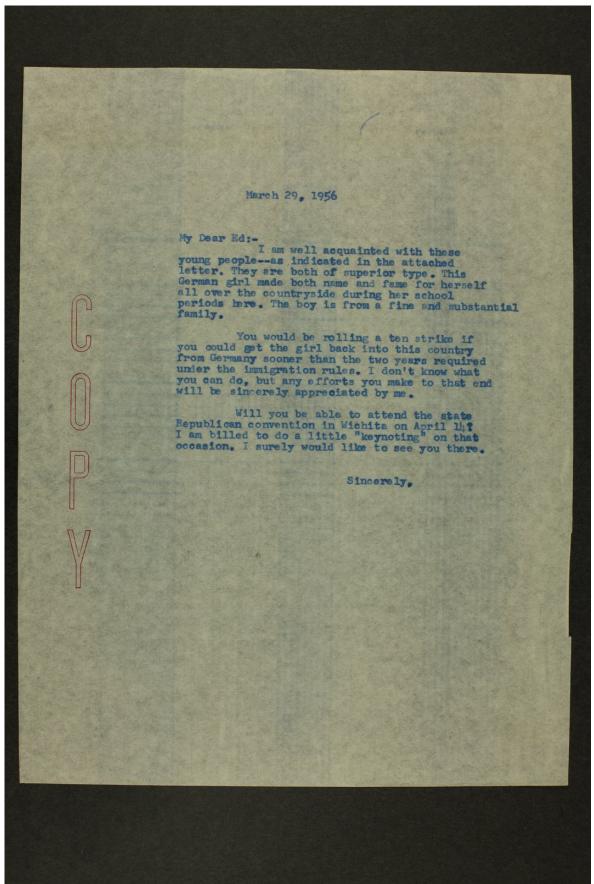
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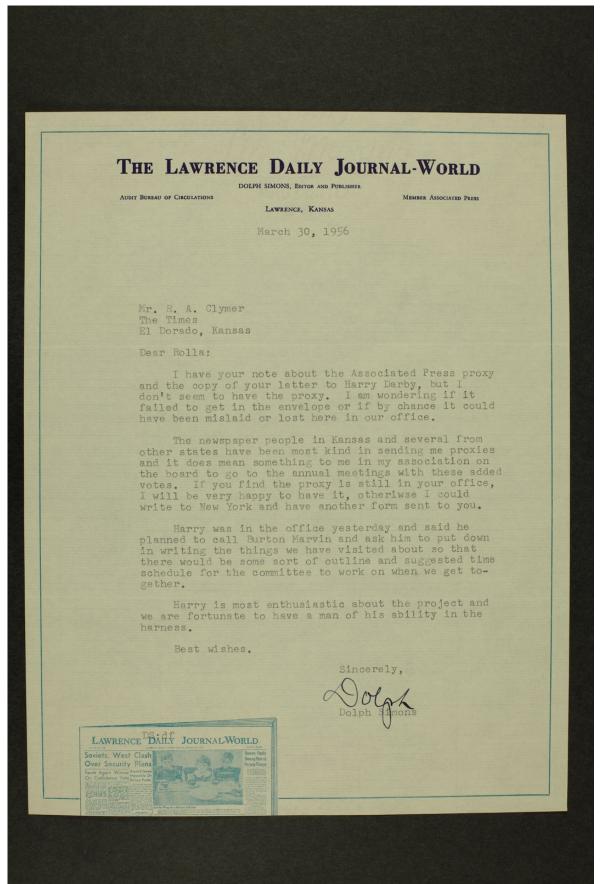




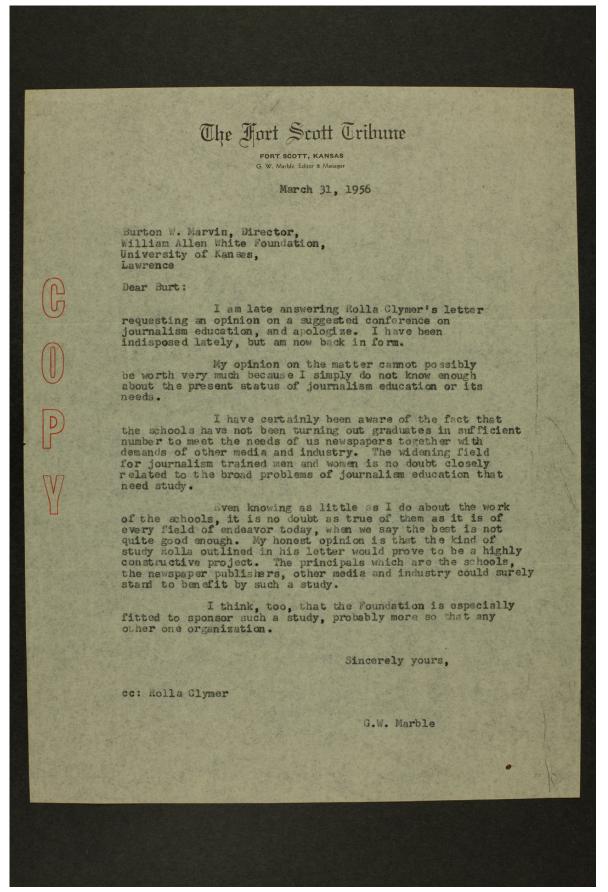




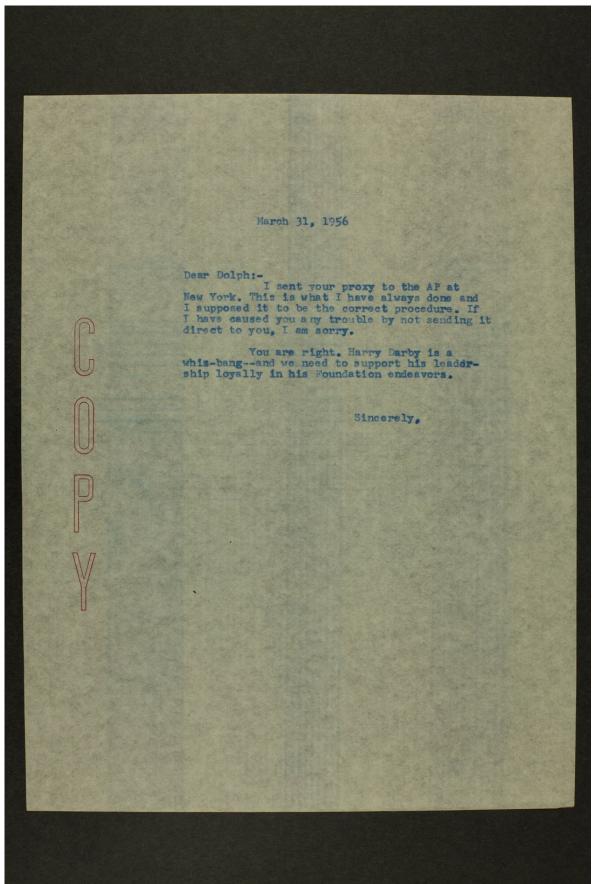
















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Time is important since the baseball season is about to start. To qualify for this deal, the ads should run in advance of May 1, 1956.

Enclosed is an addressed envelope for your convenience in replying. We hope you will agree, as have many publishers all over the country, that this is a good deal for both of us.

Sincerely yours,

THE SPORTING NEWS

C. R. Baxter

CRB: rt.

P.S. Position is important for a coupon ad - so we ask you to do your best for us. Thanks!



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ALFRED G. HILL

Box 209 Swarthmore, Pa. April 1, 1956

Mr. Rolla Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Arrived back from South America early this week, an unbelievably satisfactory experience.

Julia remained in Winter Park, Florida to be present at yesterday's arrival of a grandson.

I am writing to you primarily because you are President of the William Allen White Foundation and yesterday I took time off from my accumulated correspondence to read Roy Roberts "Responsibility of Newspapers" together with your Brinkerhoff "The Balkins", and Fred's "Indignation in the Sanctum".

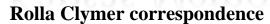
Everyone of you clicked to the degree that I am fairly bursting in the satisfaction of having a Kansas background. You all talked language which I can understand and appreciate.

The thought I want to put across is that we of Kansas have something to contribute that is singularly important in the journalistic field. The more that the platform can be occupied by those who can interpret Kansas, the more the William Allen White Foundation will deliver a constructive contribution to the newspaper profession.

Yours,

Alfred G. Hill

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Mr. Rolla Clymer El Dorado Times

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WHARTON HOCH Marion Record-Review Dear Rolla:

It looks like we will have a real good attendance at the "Right to Know" meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 8. The following have signified they will be present.

W. A. Bailey, Kansas City Kansan
F. W. Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg Headlight & Sun
Geo. W. Marble, Fort Scott Tribune
Albert Higgins, Linn-Palmer Record
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Harry Valentine, Clay Center Dispatch
Wharton Hoch, Marion Record-Review
Henry Jameson, Abilene Reflector-Chronicle
McDill "Huck" Boyd, Phillipsburg Review

The meeting will start at 10:00 Sunday morning and the room will be listed on the hotel directory. As I understand it, the meeting room has been scheduled for the third floor of the Hotel Jayhawk but it would be wise to check the hotel directory.

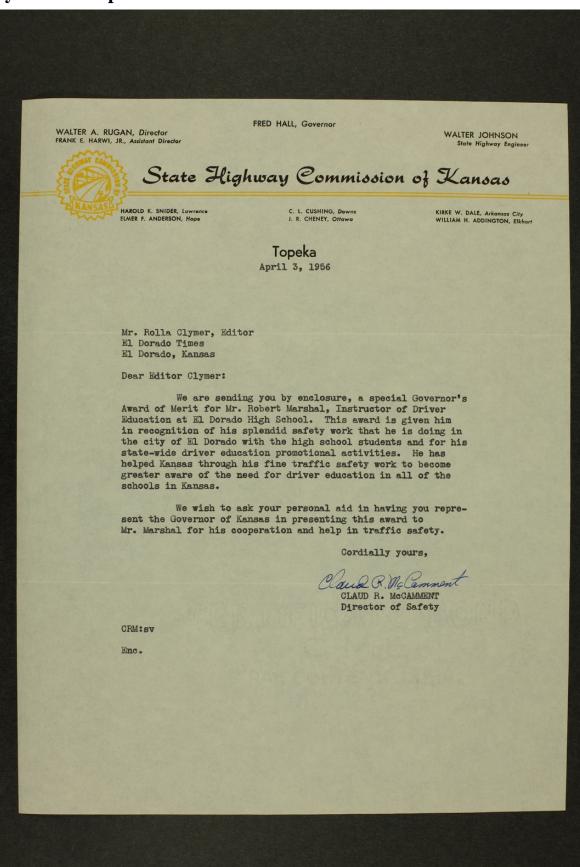
Looking forward to seeing you Sunday, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Larry Miller

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The Pittsburg Headlight

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EXCEPT SUNDAY

Established 1887

THE PITTSBURG SUN

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Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF

Pittsburg, Kansas April 3, 1956

Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I have not heard anything from you lately. But I have noted that your man Berger is busy in his garden.

I am assuming you will be in Topeka Sunday morning for the committee meeting. I have planned to go over to Coffeyville for the Third District gathering Saturday afternoon and travel from Coffeyville to Topeka with the Hon. Larry Miller and the Rev. Dutch Shultz. So I will be in good shape to function at the committee meeting at 10 o'clock.

I am planning to attend the state convention as a delegate from Bulgaria. It is going to be a tough proposition because I must get back home and have a busy Monday and leave early Tuesday for Washington and New York. But I certainly want to be in that convention during its temporary hours.

I assume that Burt sent you a supply of booklets. I think they did a nice job and I ran into only one or two typographical errors.

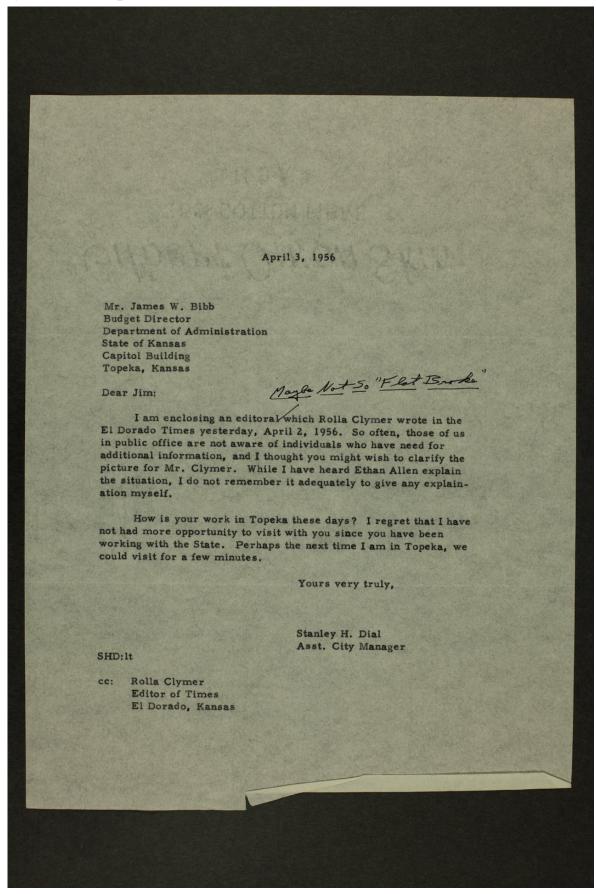
Will be seeing you Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

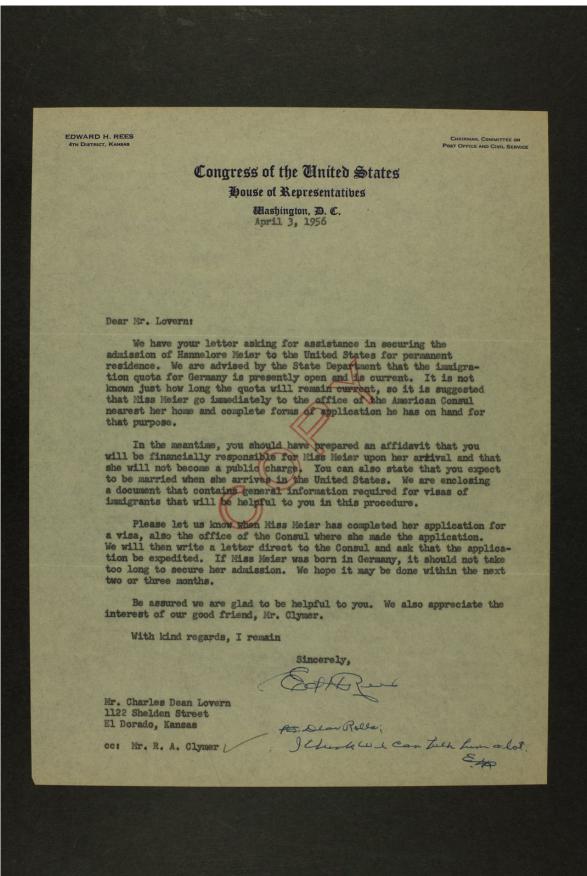
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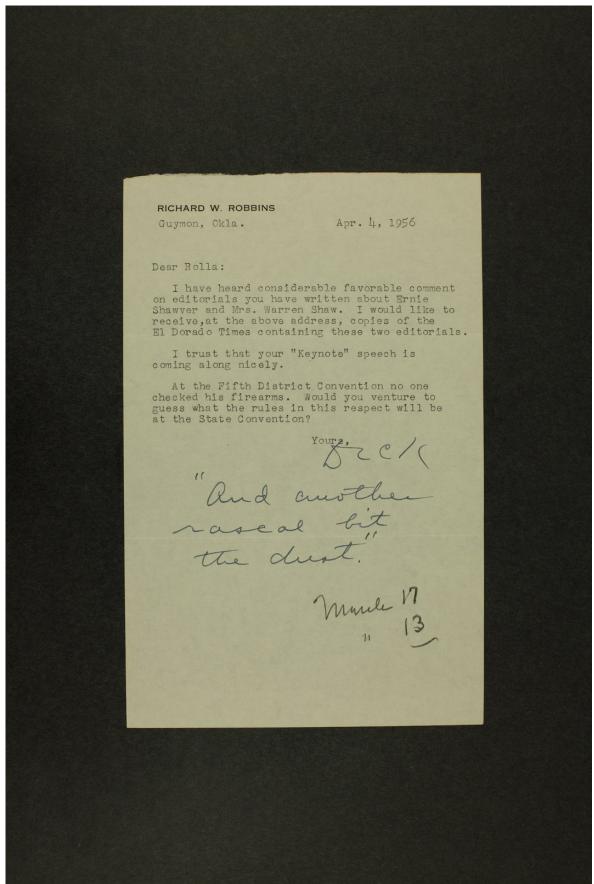




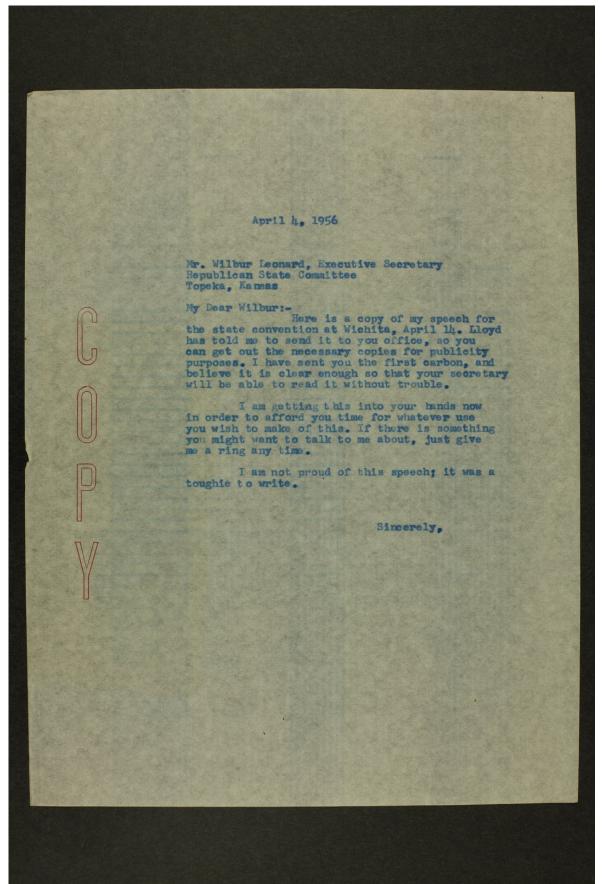




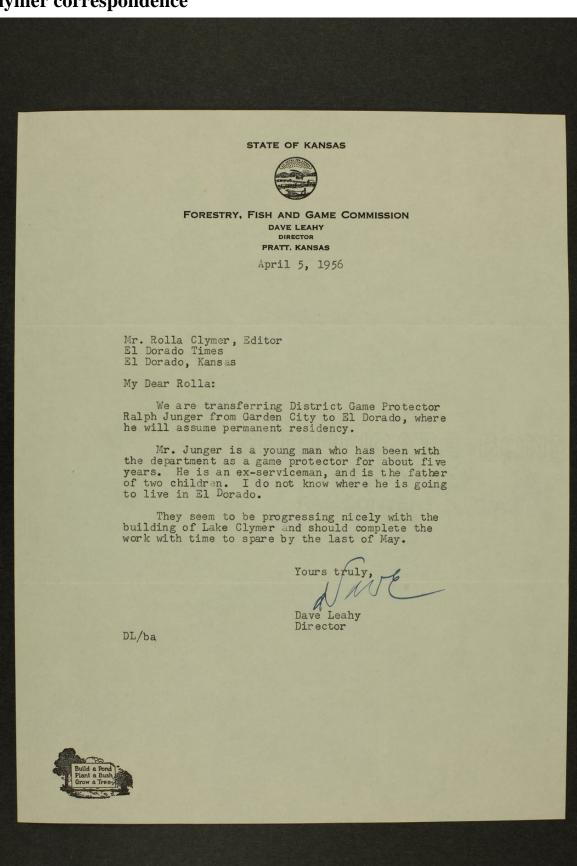




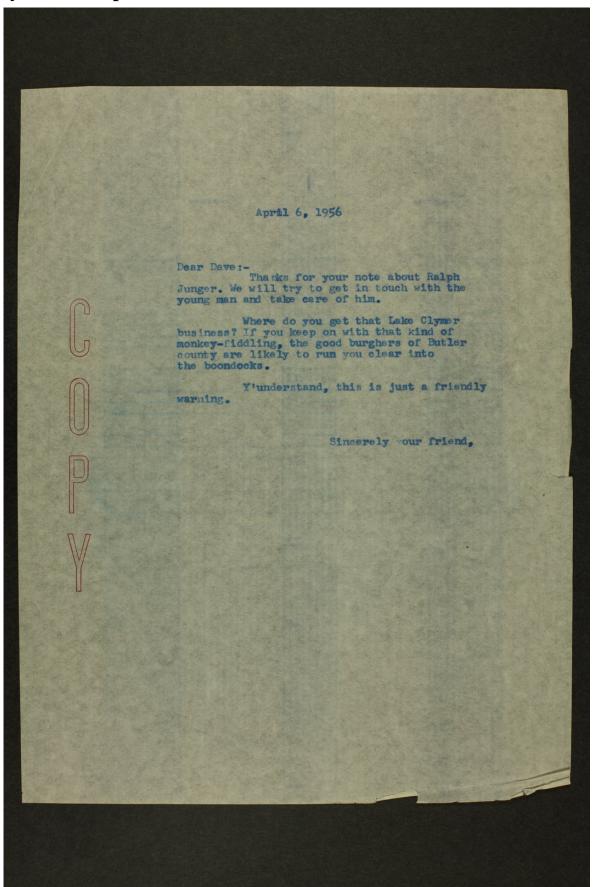




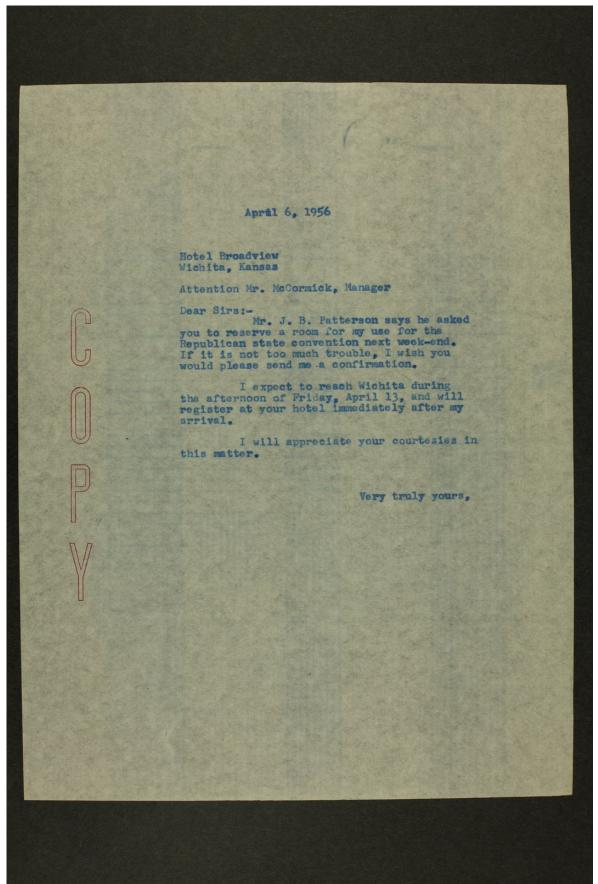






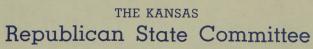








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HOTEL JAYHAWK

PHONE 3.9615

TOPEKA, KANSAS

April 6, 1956

Mr. R. A. Clymer The ElDorado Times ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

The preparation of the ditto plates of your speech have been completed and will be run Monday. The copy was quite adequate for our purposes.

As soon as we receive the copies we will send a number to you. We would appreciate your suggestions relative to any advance release to the press, especially in view of the fact that the Convention date falls on a Saturday.

While you manifest the usual Clymer modesty I feel certain that every Republican in attendance will not only be proud of the speech but of the man who delivers it.

Sincerely yours,

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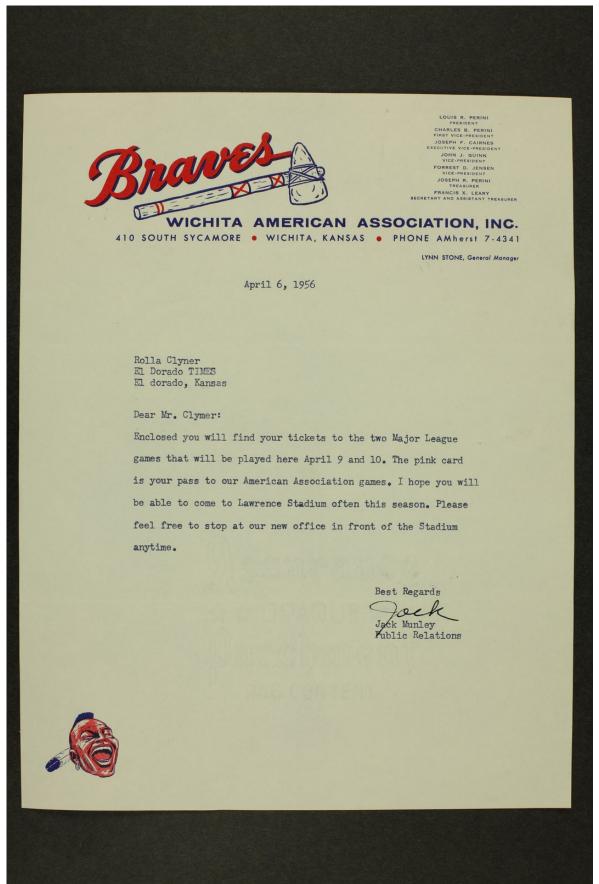
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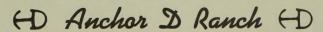
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Guymon, Oklahoma

April 7, 1956

Mr. Rolla Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

 $$\operatorname{\textbf{Thanks}}$ for your note and the enclosures which I requested.

These are well deserved graceful tributes to Ernie Shawver and Charlotte Shaw.

Incidentally, Ernie wrote everyone who voted for him at Emporia and enclosed a copy of your editorial.

As you indicate, the "keynote" may turn out to be the smallest of the part or parts you play at the Wichita drama.

Via the grapevine, I hear Buster will be over to see you and give you a "horse shedding" as to your "duties" at the convention.

Be sure to bone up on your "Roberts Rules of Order" and bring it with you to the convention.

You mention "protocol" in your note to me. There may be plenty of "protocol" for you to rule upon as Chairman.

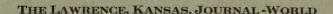
Rascally yours,

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RICHARD W. ROBBINS



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April 7, 1956

Mr. Harry Darby 333 North Sixth Street Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Harry:

Since we last visited here in the office about the William Allen White fund raising project, I have further discussed the matter with Franklin Murphy and Burton Marvin. After considering all angles, it is our joint opinion that the high priced banquet idea might not work to the eventual benefit of the Foundation or the University.

It is the belief of the three of us that the proposed dinner, although it would follow a successful pattern used in other projects, would not be in keeping with the character of the Foundation or the personal background of Mr. White. He was a man of action and believed in doing things for others, but he did not like to have a lot of show, hoopla, or recognition directed at his own life. I believe he was the only man ever offered an honorary degree from the University and he turned it down.

The Chancellor believes, and I agree with him, that we might establish a bad precedent in using university facilities for gatherings in which a substantial amount of the admission charged would be used for fund raising. It is readily understood that a dozen or more well intentioned requests for use of dining facilities would follow immediately after announcement of our proposed project. We would have the engineers, the laws, and could end up with the glee club, inter-racial societies and the young Democrats of the campus.

It seems to me the first information our committee should have is how much the Foundation needs. It is my personal opinion that only a limited amount is required, perhaps only a few thousand a year. The University should provice the bricks and mortar, salaries and operating expenses, while the Foundation should provide "the frosting on the cake", or those things which cannot be gained by tax and fee money alone. Our committee should ask Dean Marvin and the

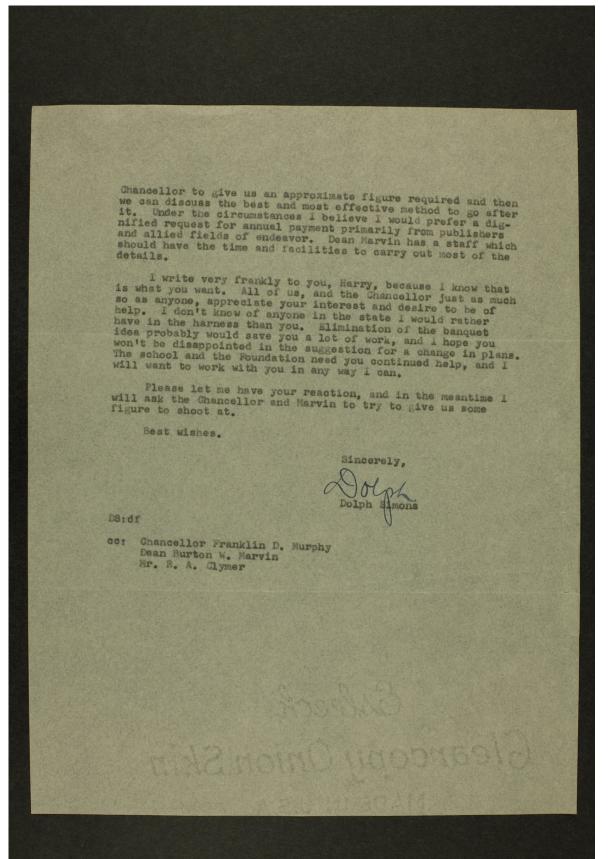














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THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

MORNING EVENING SUNDAY

KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

April 9, 1956

The El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Att: R. A. Clymer

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of April 6th containing copy of a "Help Wanted" advertisement to be inserted in The Star.

We regret that your letter reached us too late to give service Sunday, April 8th. We are, therefore, inserting the advertisement in The Star of April 9th and The Times of April 10th. A memorandum bill is being sent under separate cover.

Again thanking you, we are

Yours very truly,

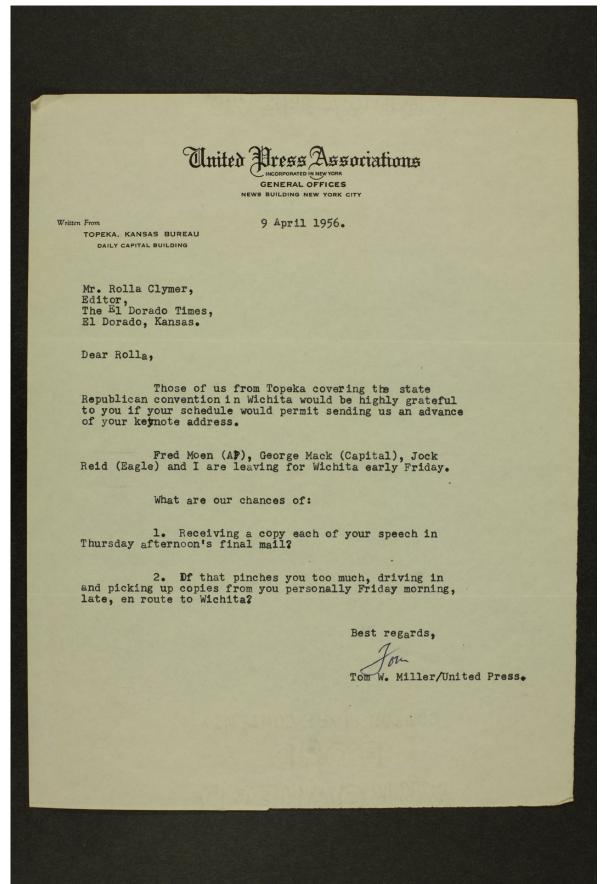
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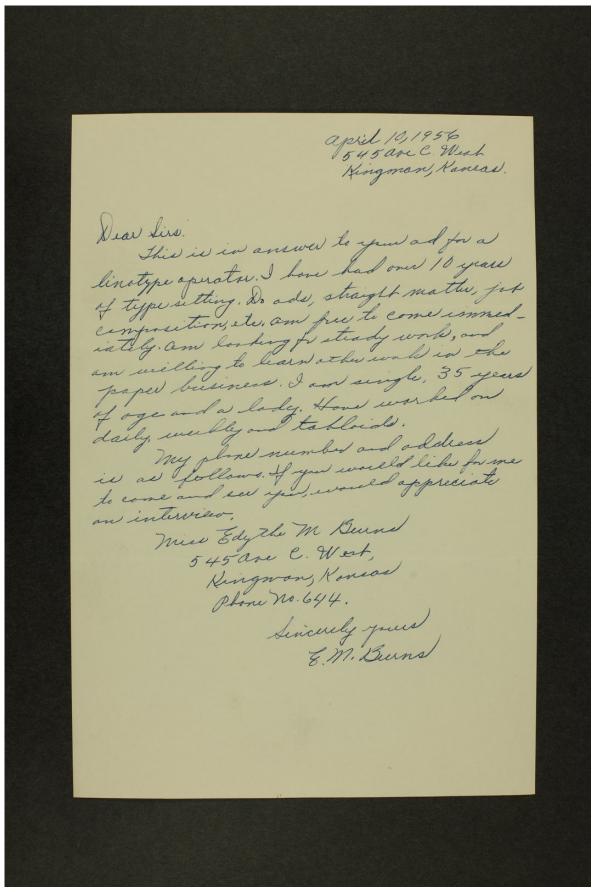
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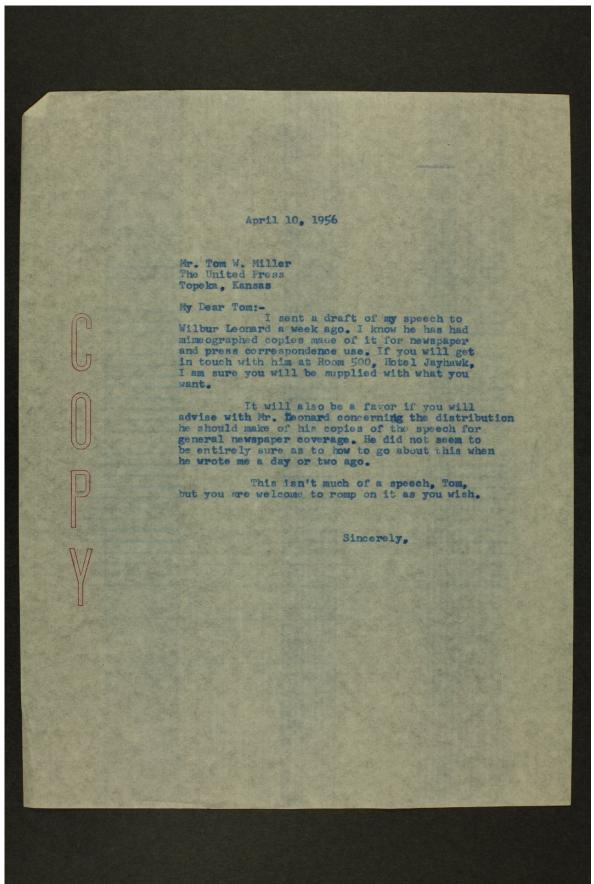




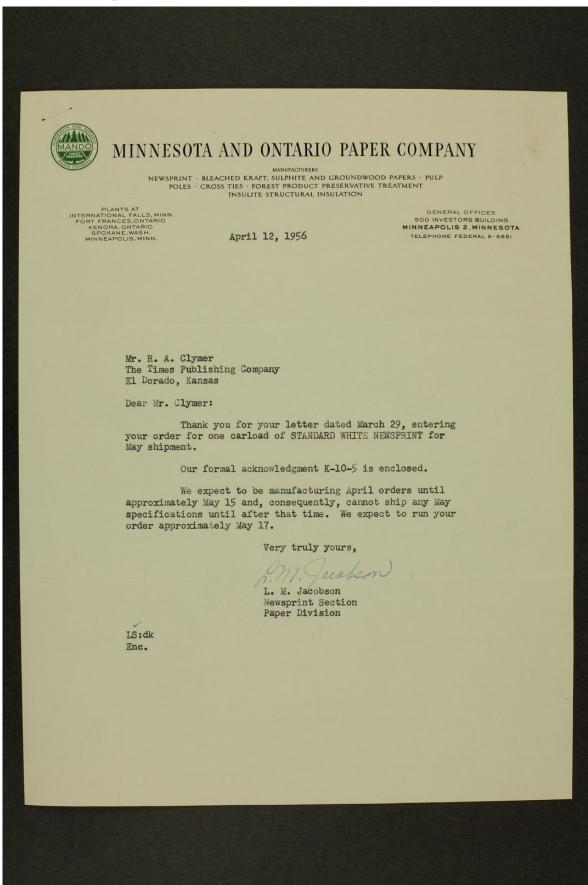




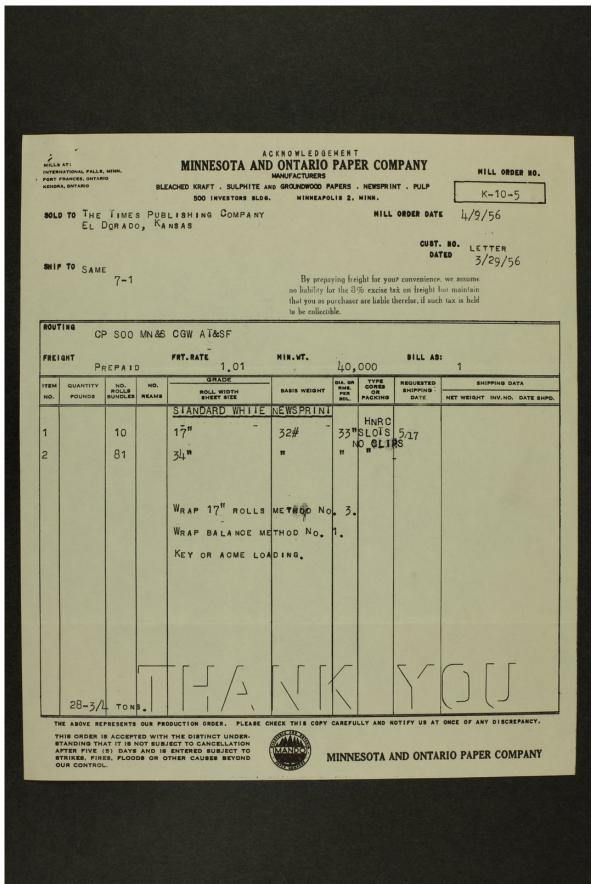














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April 12, 1956

The El Dorado Times c/o Rolla Clymer 118 E. Central City

Dear Rolla:

Ed and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your most gracious support during our grand opening. We feel that your company and personnel was the major reason for the tremendous success of our opening. We know that you and Roy spent endless hours on the extra edition that you put out for us and we are certainly very appreciative of this fact. We also appreciate the extra space that was run in The Times.

The flowers that you sent us were certainly beautiful and we feel that this is another reason that our opening was so successful. The short response that you gave to the crowd the last evening had just the right touch to finish off our grand opening.

Words cannot express the deep gratitude that Ed and I feel toward you, Roy, and The El Dorado Times. We are enclosing several pictures that were taken during our opening for you to look over at your leisure.

We sincerely hope that our relationship may prove to be as pleasant in years to come as it has been in the past.

Very truly yours,

MORRIS OIL COMPANY

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