

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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Route Two
El Dorado, Kansas
October 25, 1956

Dear Mr. Clymer:

This is a little late but I do want to tell you how pleased we are that all plans for the presidency of the State Historical Society carried through. I think no finer choice could have been made and we are very proud. I think the society must be happy indeed.

About the Flint Hills story, all I really know is what John Bird told others, some in my presence. He said it was a buy. However, I think I'll be entirely sure only when I get my check, which will be a little while yet. Perhaps a week or two. I still have some material to get hold of and send in, and it will not be available before the last of next week, I think.

Working with John Bird was truly very nice.

Best wishes.

Myra Brown

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1123 North Washington
El Dorado, Kansas
October 25, 1956

Editor
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

To the Editor:

This is an inquiry regarding your paper's policy of reporting local political events with a bias view.

I have resided in Butler County for twenty-six years. My family have always subscribed to your paper. Although, they do not agree in many instances with your manner of reporting local political issues. Your paper continually stresses and builds confidence for one party while almost completely ignoring the opposition party.

I have been taught in the public schools of this County that fair play is the greatest thing in the American way of life. I have also listened to several of your talks to the student body in the local schools where you stressed the importance of the press in local affairs.

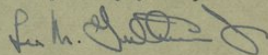
When I read each issue of your paper, I sometimes wonder if what I was taught in school or led to believe by reputable persons was just a lot of hokey. I have the feeling after reading your paper that you neither care nor give a second thought to the fact that such reporting of the local news could in time result in a warped public mind.

If what I was taught was right, this warping of the public mind has dire consequences. It would appear to this inexperienced person that the local government would function far more efficiently if we had a two party system.

I firmly believe in good government for the people irrespective of which party is in power. Further, I agree that the local newspaper plays an important part in having good government. Therefore, how can a local newspaper such as yours contribute anything in the way of good government by biased reporting?

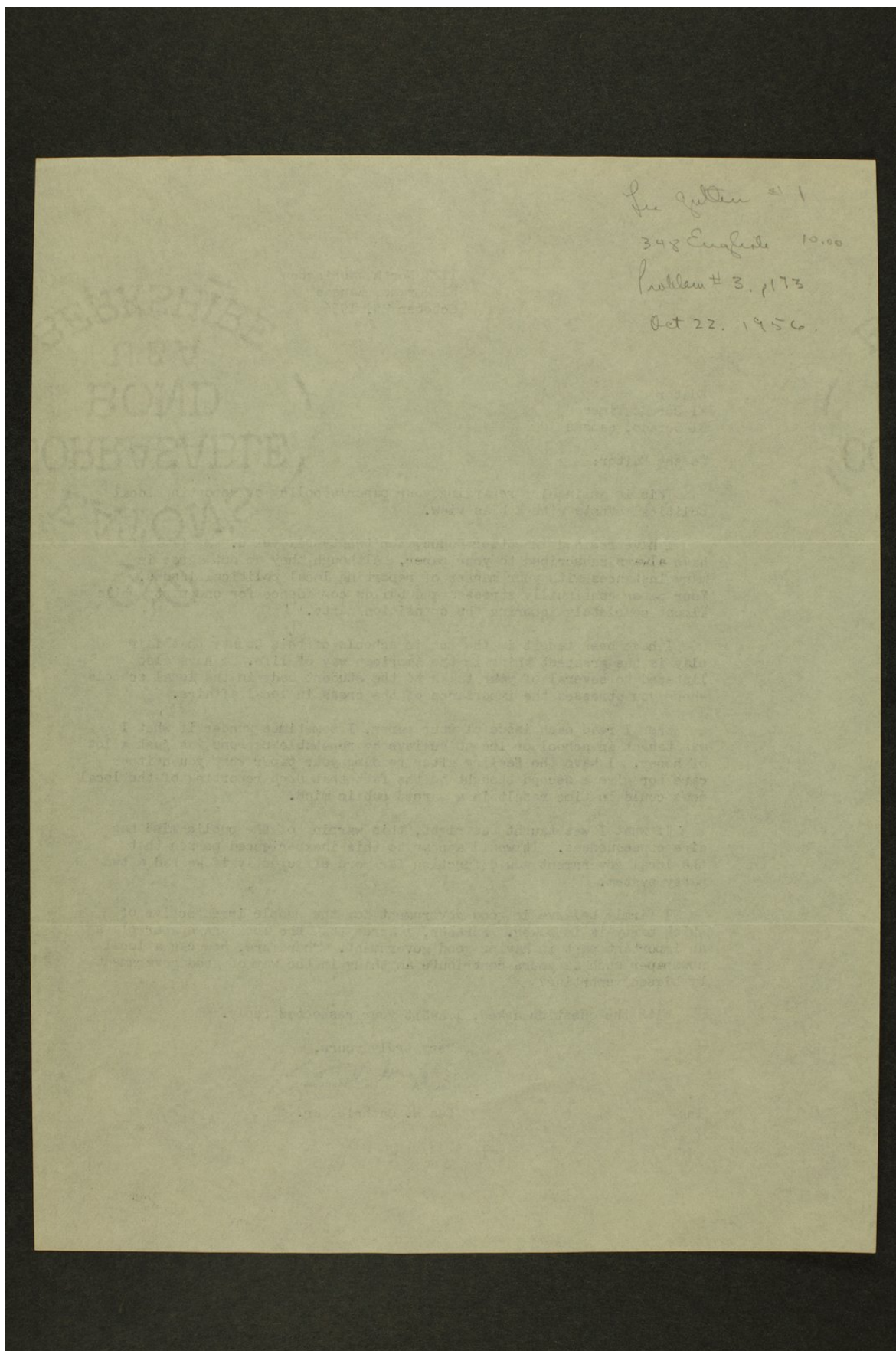
With the question asked, I await your respected reply.

Very truly yours,



Lee N. Guthrie, Jr.

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October 25, 1956.

HUGO T. WEDELL
COUNSEL

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

Dear Rolla:

It is perfectly satisfactory to me to wait until after the election to have our meeting.

I have just gotten back from New York. My feeling, generally, is that the independent vote of the country is going to swing to Ike in a big way. I rather look for the vote to equal, if not exceed, his 1952 vote. Even a taxicab driver in New York thought he would carry New York City, and my sister Doris was of the opinion that the Republicans would carry New York in the election of a United States Senator -- that is, that Javits would beat Wagner. When I reach home, I find that our Kansas situation is not so good. From all I hear, Shaw may make it on Ike's coat tails. Those in the Republican party who were successful in their efforts to push through the legislature a Right-to-Work Bill may eventually cost the Republican party its usual and customary majority. I understand that the same thing happened in the state of Washington. While Langlie has said he is opposed to the bill, it has brought out such a horde of Democratic voters that they regard his chances of election as inferior to Magnuson.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard T. Fleeson

HTF/h

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



TOPEKA

NYLE H. MILLER • SECRETARY

October 26, 1956

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

Dear Rolla:

I wish I could have attended one of the turnpike opening ceremonies. Without doubt the pike represents the biggest step forward that Kansas has made this year. Moss and his crew came through grandly and some of the credit, whether you'll accept it or not, goes to you for keeping watch over Gale's shoulders, knowing the project would become a political football if there was any stumbling. Since the Democrats seem to have visited all the hell's half acres for mud this year, it's a real tribute to the management of the pike that not once did it get into the campaign in a derogatory fashion.

The clippings from Mrs. Anderson were most interesting. She has done fine service through the years carrying the Cowley county history banner, helping to keep the interest in it alive. I hope sometime that I'll be able to get down her way long enough to call on her.

You need never fear that I shall grow tired of you, for your star shines higher and brighter in my personal corral of heavenly bodies than your modesty would permit, were you given a look at my model galaxy.

I've been thinking that one of the first steps might be for you to give us a few hours sometime you're in Topeka, for a look around at all our activities. I'd be glad to open up nights or Sundays, if such hours would be more convenient for you. Also, some time during the winter or spring perhaps I could plan a trip through your area, talk to your historical society, and visit a little while with you if there is time.

Meanwhile anything you think of that should be done please don't hesitate to let us know.

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R. A. Clymer

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10/26/56

By the way I recently noticed among your daily array of fine editorials, a plug for Dick Woodward for senator. He's a hard-working, intelligent and valuable law maker and I would grieve with you if something should happen to him. We need fellows like Dick and I hope no body of shallow thinkers can ever defeat him.

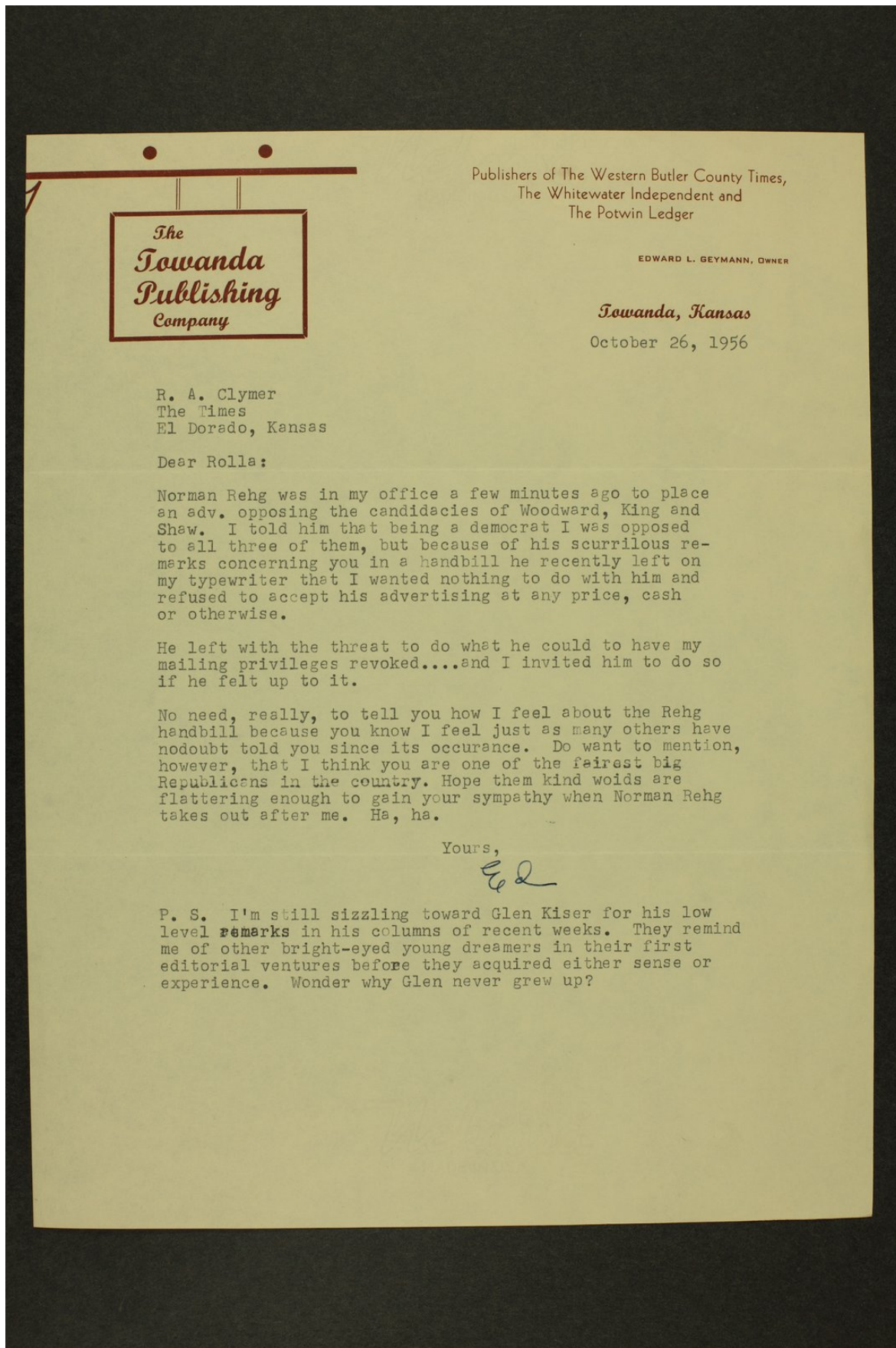
With kindest personal regards and good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Nyle
Secretary

NHM:jr

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October 27, 1956

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Howard:-

I greatly appreciate your letter, especially that part of it with its optimism for the success of the national ticket. The Democrats, I believe, have hit a new low in this campaign in their desperate efforts to win.

If Shaw is beaten--and that seems possible--it may be traced entirely to the result of the snoots Kansas Republicans have been making at each other for ten years past. I have warned many of my friends that such bickering will catch up with us some day. This may be the day.

I am still snowed under. As soon as the clouds lift and clear a bit, I shall suggest a date for a meeting. That will be a matter of two weeks ahead, I should judge.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

El Dorado, Kansas
October 27th, 1956

R. A. Clymer
1019 South Denver
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear friend:

I want to drop you this line to reiterate what a magnificent job I thought you did in handling the turnpike ceremonies Thursday. Your exquisite language is a constant source of joy to me, and I revel at every opportunity to hear it or read it.

I enjoyed very much, also, the occasion of our visit in your office later in the day. Let me assure you again how very little "yellow sheets" by persons who envision themselves latter-day Tom Paines can budge the admiration and respect you have gained for mastering the problem which once held you.

When so unjustly pilloried, then, in the words of Epictetus, "I do not say that you are not allowed to groan---but do not groan inwardly."

Most cordially yours,

Charles Heilmann



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. Box 630
Emporia, Kansas
October 30, 1956

Dear Rolla:

If this letter reaches you in time, I suggest you run this week's ad twice instead of once.

We are holding up the appointment of Acting Postmaster for a few days. This in line with our first conversation. Will talk to you tomorrow over the phone. I will be in Wichita today.

Sincerely,

Ed H. Rees

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

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October 30, 1956

Reader Mail, Inc.,
243 West 17th Street,
New York 11, New York.

Gentlemen:

For the past several weeks we have been receiving first-class mail, addressed to Mr. R. A. Clymer, El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Arkansas, which we assume should be addressed to the El Dorado Times in El Dorado, Kansas.

We have been forwarding this mail but this causes a delay of several days in delivery and we ask that you kindly correct your mailing stencil so that this will not be sent to us in the future.

We had two packages this morning which we are forwarding to El Dorado, Kansas.

Yours very truly,

A. W. Estes,
Business Manager.

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

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THE CITIZENS STATE BANK OF EL DORADO

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CASHIER

EL DORADO, KANSAS

October 31, 1956

Mr. R. A. Clymer
1019 South Denver
El Dorado, Kansas

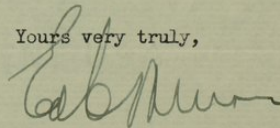
Dear Rolla:

The Citizens State Bank cordially invites you
and Mrs. Clymer to our annual bank dinner on Friday, November 9,
at the El Dorado Country Club.

The social hour will begin at 6 o'clock and dinner
at 7. A little entertainment has been planned but most of the
evening will be spent just visiting with our banker friends.

We would appreciate receiving your acceptance
by Thursday noon.

Yours very truly,



Cashier

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FOX MIDWEST AMUSEMENT CORPORATION

MIDWEST DIVISION OFFICE
UPTOWN THEATRE BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

October 31, 1956

Mr. Roy Thompson
Advertising Manager
ElDorado Times
ElDorado Kansas

Dear Roy:

I was greatly surprised to pick up the ElDorado Times for last Thursday October 25th and to see an ad that had been prepared by our art department for our own use appearing in the ad of an opposition theatre.

This material was original,. It had not been a part of any other ad or mat service. In fact the Drive In theatre used a part of a mat that we did not use and which was sent to me with the same material as the other Hallowe'en mat.

I would like to find out how this came about. I do not have a quarrel with Ben Adams. However, if these mats were picked up and used from the local newspaper office without our permission then I certainly have a serious objection. It costs us money to make these ads, both for artist salaries, for engravings, mats and postage.

Please check and find out how this happened. It occurred once before in another situation that we have. As a result we are thinking about having all special material copy-righted. I don't believe that we have ever had our own material used day and date against us as in this case. In fact our entire series was in use against us.

I am anxious to have a reply as soon as possible, so that I may inform my office as to how this happened, and would appreciate your prompt attention.

Yours truly

James H. Millsbaugh
James H. Millsbaugh
ElDorado Theatre
ElDorado Kansas

c.c. Mr. R. A. Clymer.



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October 31, 1956

Mr. Larry Miller
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Larry:-

I need your advice.

We have refused all forms of advertising, including classified, to a certain man in this town who has given us much trouble over many past years. We have offered no reason for our action, taking the position that we simply do not care to do business with him.

He is now threatening us--as well as several other Butler county publishers who have also refused to sell him space in their papers--with removal of our mailing permit privileges. We are not concerned on this score.

What I want to know is this: This man takes our paper--by carrier delivery part of the time, and by mail when he goes to Arizona on business for certain periods each year. We understand that the carrier is an independent merchant, and that we have no control over his customers--except in a general way. So we cannot refuse to give this fellow carrier delivery, if he wants it, but how about refusing to send him the paper through the mails?

I crave your opinion on this latter point, and will be grateful for your reply. I have been so busy all my life trying to get business that I really don't know how to turn it down. This, by the way, is the first man I have ever blacklisted from the paper.

I will deeply appreciate your views as soon as you have time to answer.

Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 1, 1956

Mr. Lee M. Guthrie, Jr.
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Guthrie:-

I appreciate your letter of inquiry. Over the years, we have endeavored earnestly to keep our news columns free from political, or any other kind, of bias. Any expression of the newspaper's opinion is reserved for the editorial page, where it should be.

Over the years, The Times has held to Republican views. During a period of considerable length, this paper used to publish a Democratic column during election campaigns. That column often swelled to a page. Then a Democratic newspaper was established in El Dorado, and this practice was discontinued. That Democratic paper is still in operation here.

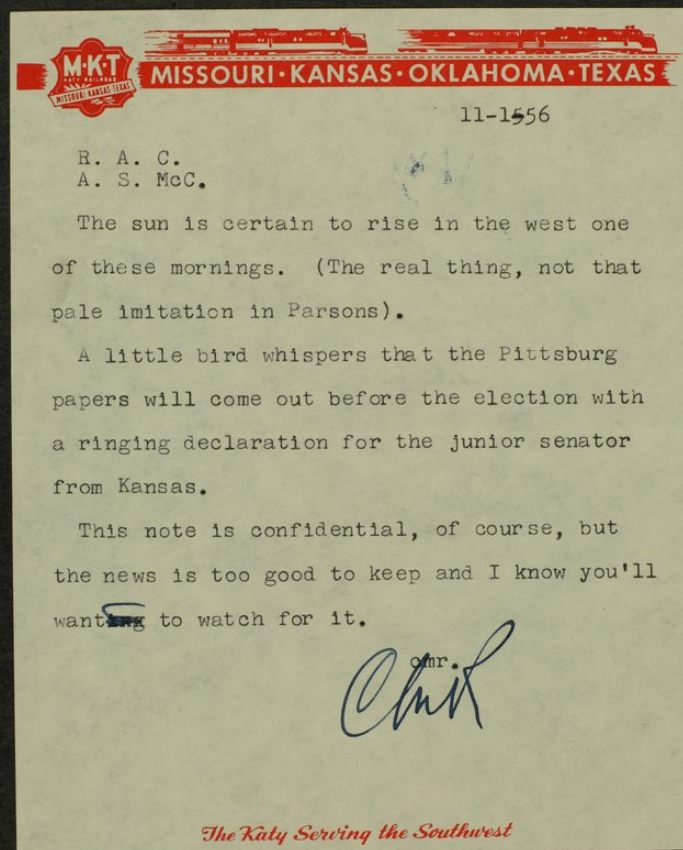
It might interest you to know that two of our three reporters in the main news room are Democrats. If they showed any material bias, which they don't, it would likely be for the opposition side.

As an editor, I have tried to be fair to many conflicting interests in my years with this paper. I still have that intention, and believe it is being carried out for the most part. You will observe that we carry the Drew Pearson feature, which is highly Democratic in its content.

I will greatly appreciate your courtesy if you will send me clippings of accounts in our newspaper which discloses the bias of which you speak. I am just as anxious to have it weeded out of our paper as you are desirous of having it done.

It will be a pleasure to hear from you again.

Sincerely,





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LARRY MILLER,
General Manager

PHONE 3-6206
701 JACKSON ST., TOPEKA
November 2, 1956.

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

Dear Rolla:

The answer to your question is that a newspaper may do business at any level with everyone they so choose to deal with. By the same token, they can refuse to do business with anyone of their choosing.

The only catch is that it must be the decision of the newspaper. In other words, the only way you can be illegal in refusing to do business with anyone is if you enter into an agreement with anyone to damage a third party. For example, you can say "I do not like John Jones" for any reason and refuse to do business with him. However, you could get in trouble if you enter into an agreement with Bill Smith that you do not want to do business with John Jones.

My advice to you would be that you refuse a subscriber as you would refuse an advertiser - that you just mark it "refused" and return it and say no more. More publishers become involved in their explanation of why they are refusing than any other reason. You don't have to explain why and my advice to you would be not to explain why.

On the part of the carrier boy, I think you are right that you do not have control over him. You wholesale the paper to him and he in turn retails it, but you do have every right to refuse an advertiser or a direct subscriber.

With every good wish.

Cordially yours,

Larry
LARRY MILLER.

LM/rb

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THE PARSONS SUN

CLYDE M. REED, JR., Publisher
W. H. Martin, Vice-Pres, Treas.
PARSONS, KANSAS

November 5, 1956

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer
Eldorado Times
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Of course, you have on your appointment pad your pre-thanks-giving talk to the Parsons Rotary Club and their ministerial guests, Thursday, November 15th at noon. I hope to have four or five of your Southeastern Kansas newspaper friends as special guests.

Have just talked to Clyde and he is writing you today for a new cut that we would like to use in the next day or two. The one in the Sun office is somewhat antiquated.

Sincerely yours,

WHM/ds

W. H. Martin

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BYRD FUNERAL HOME

El Dorado, Kansas

November 7, 1956



Rolla Clymer, Editor
El Dorado, Times
El Dorado, Kansas

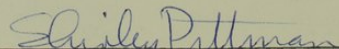
Dear Mr. Clymer:

It is now 7:15 in the evening on a night when I should be attending choir practice at my church, and yet I am sitting in the office of this establishment putting in another of the seemingly unending hours which are required of people in our profession. I tell you this not to garner your sympathy (if indeed, sympathy is warranted) but to merely say "Thanks".

At various times since my exposure to Clymer editorials, and although I do not always fully agree with your thoughts, I have felt my thinking more clearly defined and have even gained direction and purpose from same. But tonight, as I read and re-read your piece "Life Has Rhythm", I feel surely that it was directed to my husband and me, and for that reason, I write to say "Thank You". We are presently embarking on a project, which at times seems almost insurmountable, and yet as I read your words, I gain renewed strength in the realization that, as you say, - Life has rhythm - and I know that our setbacks are "But preparation for enlarged capacity and greater progress." And believe me, it's comforting to see these thoughts set out in black and white.

I intend to have this article laminated in plastic and whenever discouragement seems to have the upper hand (and I know that will come) I'll have it all there in good old newsprint.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. C. E. Pittman

"A Perfect Tribute"

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EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON
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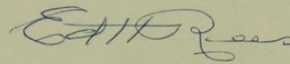
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C. Box 630
Emporia, Kansas
November 8, 1956

Dear Rolla:

We are enclosing for your information a copy of
a wire we have received from Mr. Harry L. Brookshire,
Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General, Post
Office Department, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,



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



HON ED REES MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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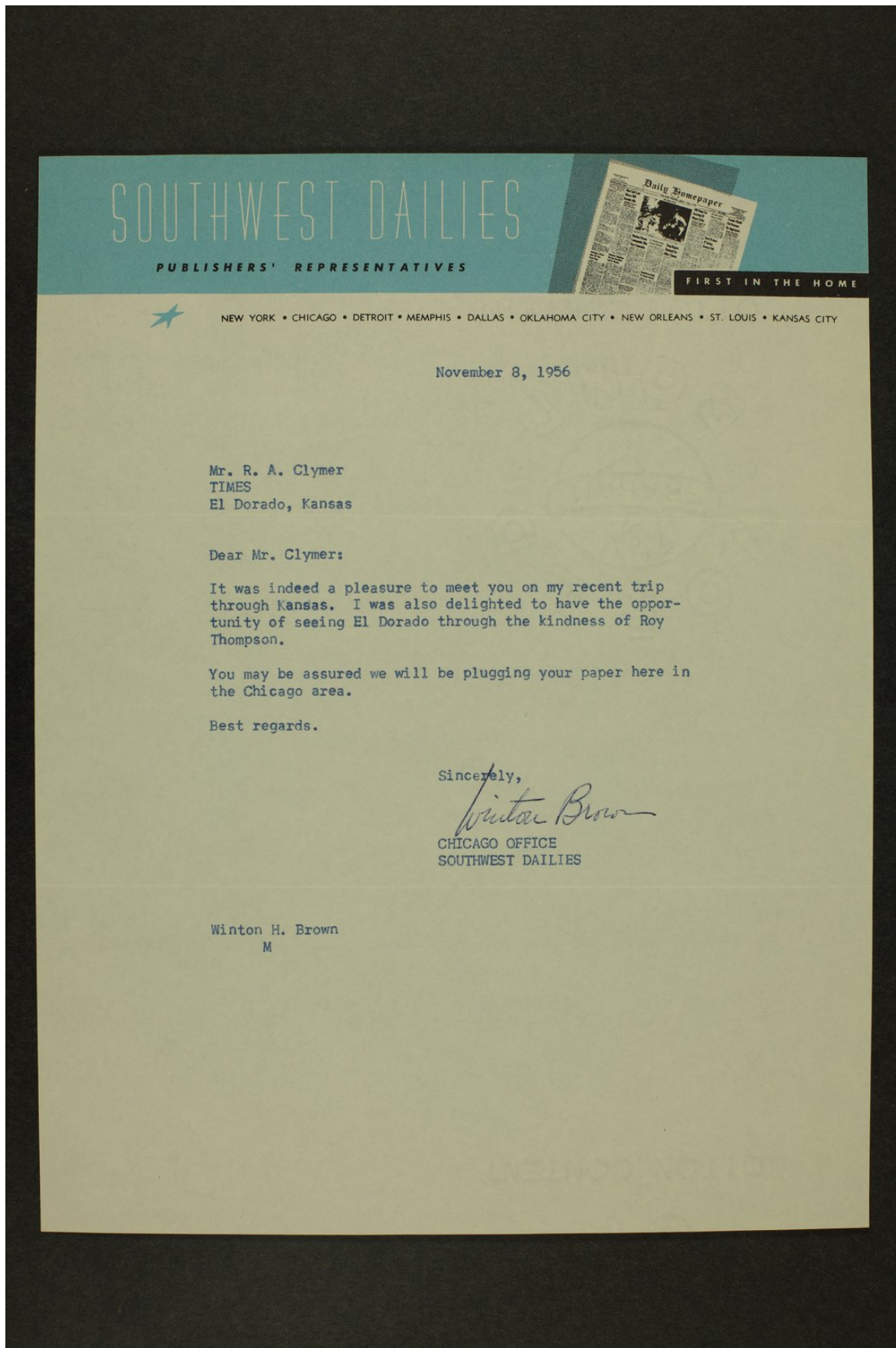
WILBUR B MORRIS WILL BE INSTALLED AS ACTING POSTMASTER,
EL DORADO, KANSAS, CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 16.

HARRY L BROOKSHIRE EXECUTIVE
ASST TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL POD WASHINGTON DC

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PO Dept.
announces
in Wash.

Rolla Clymer correspondence





November 8, 1956

Dear Mr. Martin:-

I have been sick with the flu (in bed part of the time) all this week, and still feel mighty punk. I have not forgotten my appointment with your Rotary club and will make that engagement, if I possibly can. I shall have to improve, of course, before I can make it-- but that is a week off.

I am enclosing a glossy print for Clyde's use.

In case I am still down next week, I shall let you know in time. If I am able to make the trip, I will drive to Parsons next Thursday morning.

Sincerely,



KANSAS VETERANS' COMMISSION

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DALE L. DUNCAN, MANHATTAN

117 EAST 8TH
TOPEKA, KANSAS

NORMAN D. JONES
DIRECTOR
FRANK L. GENTRY
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

November 8, 1956
El Dorado, Kansas

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

Dear Rolla:

I certainly want to thank you for the fine cooperation which you gave me during the recent campaign, especially for the splendid editorials. Your work in writing the ads for me was outstanding.

Of course I am sorry that I did not win, however I am not discouraged, for I feel that I have made many friends, and gained much experience which will benefit me, I am sure, in the future.

Thanking you again, I am

Very truly yours,

Dick

R. L. "Dick" Tromble

RLT:mjt



Rolla Clymer correspondence

JOHN D. MONTGOMERY
PUBLISHER
LEE RICH, MANAGER

108 WEST EIGHTH STREET
DIAL CEDAR 8-5124

THE JUNCTION CITY DAILY UNION

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

*Founded by John Montgomery in 1892
Harry E. Montgomery, 1901-1954*

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Nov. 8, 1956

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

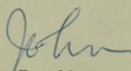
Dear Rolla:

I want to thank you again for your cooperation in handling my news and advertising.

This campaign was a wonderful experience for me and one of the most satisfying investments I have ever had. I feel I have made a great many friends and learned a lot about this district and its problems.

If you get up this way, stop in to say hello and see how we are getting along on our newspaper modernization project.

Most sincerely,


John D. Montgomery

you were especially cooperative -

Rolla Clymer correspondence

JOHN D. MONTGOMERY
PUBLISHER
LEE RICH, MANAGER

108 WEST EIGHTH STREET
DIAL CEDAR 8-5124

THE JUNCTION CITY DAILY UNION

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Founded by John Montgomery in 1892

Harry E. Montgomery, 1901-1954

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Nov 11-56

Dear Rolla —

That was a mighty nice editorial
about the congressional race in your Sat. issue.
I appreciate the compliment you gave me —
It was a clean race — and has been a
very educational and enjoyable experience
for me —

Sincerely John M —

Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 11, 1956

Dear Ham:

I'm a bit late in getting this off, but what with the election, homecoming at K. U. and the general run of biz, I've been on the run.

Do you have an extra copy of your text here for Thursday ready? If so, I'd like to get it by return mail so it can be prepared for a story before I leave town Wednesday night for ~~an~~ Arizona and California.

Also, we'd like to have a recent picture of you to run before ~~and~~ and don't seem to have one in our files. How about supplying that, too?

It is a matter of real regret that I'm not going to be here when ~~you~~ you come to town. Of all times ~~for~~ for me to be gone, this is it. I hope you will understand that plans for the California trip (K. U. alumni) were laid back last summer and were beyond the point of recall ~~when~~ when Mr. Martin asked you to speak here.

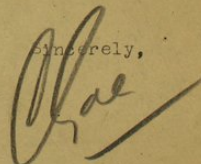
The election was something, wasn't it?

I was not surprised by Docking's victory, and I know you were ~~not~~ either. But the size of his plurality did prove to be a mild surprise and all the bigger rebuke to the Republican Party. George told me yesterday ~~in~~ in Lawrence it even surprised him. The natives around there are certainly going to watch the news from the gov's office the next two years with great interest and if there are not some fisticuffs, they're going to be surprised.

Our business picked up slightly in October and we had a gain in national for the second month in a row, due principally to heavy Ford copy. But over-all, things are still spotty. They're due to continue that way, I'm afraid, until we get some honest-to-goodness rains. Parsons, you may have noticed, has only about 60 days of water in sight.

I'm looking forward ~~to~~ to visiting ~~you~~ with you at the Emporia meeting and, believe me, I'm terribly sorry ~~about~~ about the conflict of dates this coming week.

Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

Nov. 10, 56.

R.A. Clymer,
El Dorado Times,

Dear Sir:

This is strictly a personal letter to you and not to be published. I just want to get a few things off my chest.

I have the El Dorado Times passed on to me and I never miss an editorial and will say a lot of them stink. You can't say enough nice things about the Rep. Surely not all people that take your paper are Rep. I'd think you'd strive to please them all regardless of politics. If you saw a rattlesnake crawling down street if he were a Rep. you'd fall in with him.

You weren't too much of a gentleman when you spoke of Mrs. Rosseneth. But like it or not she is still top Lady of U.S. The Eagle had a very nice editorial about her.

Like two years ago when Hall was in primary you couldn't say any thing too bad about him but as soon as he was elected to run for office over nite he was King of Kings.

I noticed in your paper wed 7 you didn't

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have any thing nice or otherwise to say
about the newly elected candidates. Couldn't
you find any thing good to say?

This may be hitting below belt but I'm going
to say it any way. The Latham people were
plenty unhappy when they named the Latham
Lake after you. What did we care for some one
up at Ells. why couldn't it have been Latham
Lake which it will always be to most of
them. If they wanted to name a lake for you
they had some lakes closer home but oh
no they let people here say in naming
them. But Lake Clymer was shoved down
our throats like it or not and we didn't.

Sincerely

Mrs Art Sandstrom

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Thank you for one kind word for Mr. Docking
about religion.