

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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Mr. Rolla Clymer
Editor and Publisher
Eldorado Times
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Both Mrs. Arvin and I want to tell you how much we enjoyed the word picture of the Flint Hills in the last publication of the Kansas City Industrial Development Commission magazine. For those of us who have enjoyed the beauty of the Flint Hills your word picture expressed our thoughts, but I myself thought that your thoughts went much deeper. Where else in the world could you find such peace and tranquility as you can there.

We send along our best wishes.

Very truly yours,

of ARVIN, JOHNSON & ARVIN

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July 16, 1957

Mr. Lester C. Arvin
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Les:-

I thank you for your kind letter. The Hills have meant much to me since I have lived in El Dorado, and it has been a pleasure to write a few thoughts about them now and then. I am happy that you and Mrs. Arvin approve of what I wrote on this occasion. I feel sincerely, however, that the editors of "Kansas" made the article much more effective by their skillful use of attractive pictures.

It was deeply courteous of you to write to me and I am grateful.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Roy Freeland, Secretary
Kansas State Board of Agriculture
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Roy:-

At this late date, I am sending you a glossy print of myself for your use together with the reprint of my editorial, "Winter Comes to the Hills." I kept thinking I would get to Wichita for a new portrait, but many matters have kept me from doing so. Therefore, I am sending you one of my old prints--which, I imagine, will do as well. I sincerely trust that my delay in getting this print to you has not interfered with the publication of your biennial reports.

The hot weather is hard to take, but it has helped the farmers who are now harvesting a surprisingly larger yield of wheat than many of us had supposed was possible. As soon as the boys get out of the fields, I am going to start beating the tom-toms for more rain. Actually, we need it!

Thanking you for your constant kindness and interest, I am

Sincerely,

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July 16, 1957

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

Dear Editor:

So many things I have to tell you could never do it all in one visit to the sanctum so will make this a briefing for our next conference which I anticipate with pleasure--if I ever get my head above the mud, weeds and straw with which I am afflicted at present.

First, thanks for the kind words about my appearance at the Kiwanis-Rotary meeting. Speaking before that distinguished group scared me more than admonishing our partnership bulls used to. I think we are making a little progress on the watershed program. Showed the pictures last night to the El Dorado Garden Club and they asked a lot of questions, showing much interest and understanding I thought.

Hope I might see you at the Hereford tour tomorrow, Wednesday. I intend to go over to Chas. Dixon's for the stop there at 4:30, then possibly on to Myers' ranch. There is a lot of local pictures and material on this in the Kansas Stockman, latest issue I believe, if you happen to have it.

And another news hint, for the Oil Editor. I heard (from one of the workmen) that they are putting in a water-flooding project in the Crowley pool of South Butler, operated by Nadel-Gussman and ~~Kewanee~~ Kewanee, which is to use a new experimental installation costing about 1/4 million rather than the \$1 million they usually figure for a conventional system. Supposed to be an engineer imported from Illinois who has developed this new method of installing pipes and ponds--if it worked would make feasible many smaller projects. I appreciate the material you have run about the propane-gas injection method which is still under consideration in our little pool--had a "nibble" from another major company recently.

There's a story in this year's harvest--the bountiful promise early, the crop that seemed lost, and the surprising amount that has been saved by the ingenuity of my farmer friends who have used everything from rice-combine equipment, to homemade pickup-guards to straighten up and salvage the crop. I have heard of yields of 30 bushels and more from wheat that was supposedly lost beyond recovery. I wish I could write this and get it to you by next week--will try.

I wanted to go to the historical society show at Bert Osborn's Sunday and go past Lake Clymer--think I might have seen you there--but just had to keep the combine rolling.

The furor about the Robbins' drouth-feed is most interesting and I would like to give you some comment on this when I do see you. Remember the list you published that year in The Times of the feed allowances, when Arnold Claassen resigned from the committee because of the confusion?

What a letter this turned out to be!--please do not cross me off your list as you have threatened to do (according to bro-in-law Graham, whose functions at Haberlein's are now curtailed by his teeth-extraction during 2-weeks vacation) and I might be in before Christmas.

Yours as ever,

V. Boelter

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I've claret and been adding liberal and Meade about their Swiss Gals.

You have

Shwedut

do that!

July 17, 1957

Mr. Wm. L. White
Emporia Gazette
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your recent editorial.

Our "statesmen" at Washington have been dealing in big figures so long that they do not know the difference between \$400,000 and \$4,500. After the headlines had been made a correction was made.

Unlike the prophet of biblical fame I am happy to note that the Kansas press holds me in higher regard than the New York Post, a "column" from which is enclosed.

I certainly do not appreciate being made a "goat" in this so-called drouth-feed investigation.

No one can hurt me but myself. But I do have a family and business connections with sensitive public relations.

I spoke before 300 cattlemen at Garden City Friday night. The Garden City Telegram reported that the crowd gave me an "ovation." I wasn't sure whether the crowd was laughing with me or at me.

Your editorial was a comfort.

Sincerely yours,

Had you # reservations and full - at last - must be answer to your exhortations.

Bea Rolla - Life moves in

on - and I am sorry

I had to miss the

Here find beef tour

this year yours

Bea

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THE EMPORIA DAILY GAZETTE

July 10, 1957

Mistake Is Claimed In Drouth Aid Cited For Kansas Rancher

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Williams (R-Del) says the Robbins Ranches in Kansas got about \$4,500 in drought relief — not more than \$400,000 as was indicated in a Senate Agriculture subcommittee hearing yesterday.

The subcommittee is investigating the handling of some 212 million dollars in drought aid during 1954-56. Yesterday, Sen. Symington (D-Mo), a subcommittee member, spoke of what he said was "more than \$400,000 in favored treatment" for the Robbins Ranches.

Williams, the subcommittee chairman, said Symington and an Agriculture Department witness had confused some statistics which showed the Robbins ranches actually received about \$4,500 in drought aid.

Williams said the Robbins drought aid was 296,000 pounds of livestock feed valued at \$1.50 per hundred pound bag. He said Symington and the witness reached the \$400,000 figure on the assumption that 296,000 bags had been involved.

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THE NEW YORK POST
(July-57)

A Little For the Okies

By Murray Kempton



This Congress is unlikely to do much else for the public good, but, when it is finished, it will at least have confirmed the worst suspicions us negativists have had about those great national symbols, the simple toiler and the stout yeoman.

While the simple toiler stares with apathy at the spectacle of the leaders he will follow with his votes to the jailhouse door being pan-fried by the McClellan committee, Sen. Williams (R-Del.) yesterday began examining the newest developments in rapine by those habitual plunderers, the farmers.

Sen. Williams called two Agriculture Dept. assistants to explain how they spent the money allotted by the Congress to the relief of drought-stricken Texas and Kansas.

The department regretted exceedingly that, in 1954, it had heeded the desperate importunities of the Texas farmer, Richard Kleberg, and given him \$32,585 for drought relief.

Poor dried-out Richard Kleberg has since died. He left the 1,000,000-acre, \$70,000,000 King Ranch, the world's largest, behind him. Such are the wards of this welfare state.

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The department is also at a loss to explain just how the Robbins Ranches in Texas have gotten \$400,000 in drought relief since 1954. Richard W. Robbins, the proprietor of these 60,000 acres, is straight out of the American earth, being Yale, 1913; investment banker, New York, 1917; president, Inland Manufacturing Co., 1917-21, and a Pittsburgh engineer until 1935. He is a director of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Pratt Manufacturing Company, and of the Menninger Foundation, and chairman of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission, and altogether a shining proof of Lenin's old theory about the common aspirations of worker and peasant.

Sturdy Yeoman Kleberg used to be a Democratic Congressman from Texas, a post from which he exited in 1938 with loud imprecations against the New Deal's interference with natural economic laws, like droughts, famines and the 25-cent wage for peanut pickers. He had opposed every appropriation except one for eradication of cattle ticks.

Sturdy Yeoman Robbins is a Republican of substance, a fact which led Sen. Symington (D-Mo.) into dark insinuations about political influence in his case. This is a habitual piece of hypocrisy in matters like this, looting the federal budget being a bipartisan practice.

The Agriculture Dept.'s witnesses were unable to say how Robbins spent his \$400,000 home relief check. They had asked him, and he had refused to tell them. Damned bureaucrats, always prying; you'd think the chairman of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission was a Puerto Rican client of the New York City Dept. of Welfare.

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Meanwhile, over in the House, in one-minute intervals granted him, Rep. Udall (D-Ariz.) rises to report how the sons of the Dalton boys are riding through the soil bank. Udall reported that one of his constituents decided not to scabble in the cotton fields this year.

The Dept. of Agriculture paid him \$209,701 not to plant his 1,500 acres. He then took the \$200,000 and invested it in a corporate farm 150 miles away. He was high man on a list of Arizona rednecks who, Udall reported, had received "no-grow" checks for these individual sums: \$204,000; \$96,706; \$82,000; \$78,650; \$71,500; \$69,300; \$64,000; \$60,085; \$59,925 and \$56,700.

We have become a nation which lives by feeding on itself. There is no conceivable way to correct this condition; it is the basis of prosperity. Farmers are more adept at this practice than the rest of us only because ours is a society rooted in the soil.

But I should like in this case to raise again a proposal, the only proposal for legislation—except the abolition of the FBI and the denial of broadcast time to all political parties—which I have ever urged with any real interest. That is the Compulsory Confession of the Gamy Details Act.

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The original suggestion was that labor leaders be permitted to live as best they can off the treasury and required only to report the score. If Dave Beck goes to North Africa to uplift and educate its working class, he would be asked only to tell the members what it cost them for the cabana in Casablanca.

The statute might also be widened to include all beneficiaries of the Federal Treasury. When a man steals from a private bank, that's his own business in a free society; but I think, in exchange for the cash, us victims can justifiably expect an account of his benefits from the public store. My proposal would be the literary salvation of the labor press, and would, I think, mean a considerable improvement in "Who's Who."

Who could, as an instance, conceive drabber reading than Richard Robbins' summary of his 65 years' struggle with our unyielding soil? It would gain immeasurably in juice if one line were added: "Took: \$400,000 fed. treas., 1954-56, to rescue the old homestead."

THE HUTCHINSON NEWS

July 13, 1957

The Robbins Brothers Forgot That They Are in Limelight

Dick and Ed Robbins are big and respected ranchers in this area. Their ranches were as hard hit as any by the recent drought. Their county agriculture committee approved them, as it did many of their neighbors, for drought disaster feed in order to aid them in preserving their foundation herds of cows.

One could argue that since they are among the largest payers of the taxes that provide drought relief, the Robbinses were certainly entitled to get a little of it back.

But in the rough and tumble of Washington politics, where there is plenty of evidence that the various agricultural programs have not been administered with all the propriety that should have accompanied them, it has come to light that the relatively wealthy Robbinses got some \$4,500 in drought relief. The hue and cry is on.

Sharp-eyed Democratic investigators of Benson's activities were quick to note that Dick Robbins is a prominent Republican leader in this state. That's enough to add fuel to the fire.

There is no evidence that either the Robbinses or the county committeemen who approved their disaster aid did anything dishonest or outside the law, which after all does not require a pauper's oath from a farmer in order to get the aid.

But Dick and Ed did make a mistake. They are in the same category as the doctor who presented his bill to the parents of the boy rescued from the well. They could argue they had it coming. But they forgot that those in the limelight must lean over backwards to avoid criticism.

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Mrs. Iona Cohoon, Director
1625 Thornton
Parsons, Kansas

Mrs. Nelle McCabe, Sec.-Treas.
Norton, Kansas

Sunflower Girls State



Department of Kansas

Norton, Kansas,
July 17, 1957

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am enclosing a copy of an essay by Cheryl Payer written when she attended Girls' State at the University of Kansas June 9-16. The 350 girls present were asked to write essays on the subject: What Girls' State Has Meant to Me. There are 12 mythical cities at Girls' State and Cheryl's was chosen as best in her city--Pottawatomie.

A winner was chosen from each of the 12 cities by judges from the political science department of the University. The girls were called to the platform for recognition and a small gift was presented to each girl by Mrs. H. L. Cohoon, director, of Parsons.

If you would care to print Cheryl's essay it might be a good idea if someone called and asked her consent. She lives at 818 S. Denver.

I enjoyed the beautifully written piece you did for the Kansas magazine about the Flint Hills. I always remember the high regard in which my dad, Ed Eaton, held you and as I read it I thought about him and how pleased he would have been with it too. I am proud of you too when I see nearly every day that you are quoted on the Capital's editorial page. I know you are held in high esteem all over the state.

We are very proud of the publisher of the Telegram here, Elton Carter, whom I know you are well acquainted with. We feel very lucky to have such a fine, aggressive person boosting Norton and the surrounding territory. His family is without peer too.

I wrote the part about the essay for Mrs. H. L. Cohoon, director of Girls' State. Her name appears on the letterhead. However, I am glad of the opportunity because I am afraid I'd have failed to write to tell you how much I enjoyed your writeup in the Kansas magazine otherwise.

Very sincerely, *Ruth Eaton Hemphill* (Mrs. Robert W.)
CC--Mrs. Cohoon Director of Courts for Girls' State

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Mr. W. B. Kibbe
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Kibbe:-

We are preparing to change over from 8- to 9-column pages, and will necessarily have to do some work on our linotype machines.

Harmon Lane is anxious to have your assistance in this work, and would like to know if you would be able to come to our shop on Sunday, July 28. He would like to change ejector blades and also repair a distributor on one straight matter machine at that time.

We all hope you will be available to assist us on these items. We would like to know as soon as possible if you can be with us on the date cited. You may either write to me, or telephone Harmon at Nos. 38 or 39 (reversed charges.) We will eagerly await your reply.

Very truly yours,



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JAMES M. RANKIN
VICE PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF CIRCULATION

July 18, 1957

The Times
118 E. Central
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We wish to notify you that your State Journal subscription will expire August 1, 1957. Your Daily Capital subscription will expire January 1, 1958.

We are adopting a new policy on our exchange subscriptions. We wish to exchange either the Daily Capital or the State Journal with you for only one subscription of your newspaper for the next year. We are notifying you so that you may decide which newspaper you would like to exchange with us on your annual exchange of checks.

We would be glad to send our other newspaper to you at our regular mail rate.

The mail subscription rate on the Daily Capital is \$12.00 per year. The rate for the State Journal is \$9.00 for one year.

Will appreciate if you will let us know how you wish to handle the exchange in the future with our newspapers.

Sincerely yours,

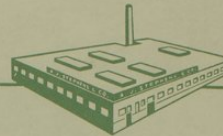
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July 18, 1957.

Mr. John A Clymer, Editor,
Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I asked a good friend in Kansas City - Rod Turnbull, Editor of the Weekly Star, where I could find a good brief or resume of the Beef Industry and the West - for an article I wished to use on a very attractive Menu we contemplate using in a Steak House here in Kansas City. This will doubtless be known as the Hereford House, and will supplant the Serveteria at 20th and Main, or at least a part of that building. Our idea is to make this the finest eating place, dedicated to good Steaks and also plan to house some of the paintings and murals which will be used later in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame which will be located in Oklahoma City, and Rod told me, in fact, read me the article you had used which seemed like the very thoughts we were after to use on this Survenir Menu.

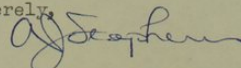
The establishment we propose and which we are working on will be one worth while and we would sure like to use this article, or something similar on the menu - with a by line of course showing that it was compiled by you and was used in compliment to the great plains or the state of Kansas - or whatever you wished.

We would greatly appreciate a copy of this from you and would welcome your expression on whether you would permit us to do this. Our feeling is that there is not a genuine Steak establishment in Kansas City dedicated to the Beef industry and to the west and some one should begin placing credit where credit is due and to reflect this true situation.

Your comments would be most welcome and who can tell, you may give us some very good pointers and this may all lead up to where you will feel at home eating a very fine western product in our establishment some day - and of course with our compliments.

Please don't accept that last paragraph as a bribe - because we admit you have something far more worthy than what we can offer.

Sincerely,



Address - please 6124 Ward Parkway

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CITIES SERVICE OIL COMPANY
(DELAWARE)
BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

July 18, 1957.

GENTRY LEE
VICE PRESIDENT AND
GENERAL COUNSEL

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Editor The Times, Sir:-

My attention has been called to a recent editorial appearing in your paper entitled "Unregenerate Gall," commencing with the paragraph as follows: "Some oil and gas companies go about their public business with all the ease and grace of a set of chuckleheads." The editorial contains some very uncomplimentary remarks about the companies who were actively pressing for the enactment of the Gas Bill in 1955 and in 1956 and we would like to set the record straight.

In the first place, you state that a group of "these," apparently referring to the oil companies, went so far in their methods as to lay themselves open to federal prosecution. We presume that this refers to the Neff incident, which did not involve a group of oil companies, but only one oil company.

Then you refer very critically to a so-called "propaganda group" which had the "burglar's nerve" to try to claim \$1,750,000 as a deduction against income taxes as an educational expense. You state that the Internal Revenue Code forbids write-offs of such expenses if they are spent for lobbying or promotion or defeat of legislation.

So far as we are advised the Internal Revenue Code does not contain any prohibition against write-offs of expenses even if they are fully and frankly made for lobbying purposes. The Internal Revenue Code permits deduction of "ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in carrying on any trade or business." The Treasury Department by regulation has provided that lobbying expenses are not to be included within the classification of "ordinary and necessary business expenses." The oil companies that participated in the work of the Natural Gas and Oil Resources Committee were fully familiar with this regulation and directed their activities very carefully toward avoiding those activities

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Mr. R. A. Clymer

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which have been popularly and legally classified as lobbying. Instead, the activities of this group were directed toward presenting to the public the basic facts of the oil and gas industry. This information was presented through the public press, radio, television, and various other means in the hope of breaking down the prejudices existing against the gas industry, particularly in the consuming areas of the North and East.

So far as we know, the deduction of these expenses by any oil and gas company has not been finally passed upon by the Treasury Department or any court. Although the question may be a close one, it seems to us that a very strong argument can be made for these deductions as ordinary and necessary business expenses. In fact, it is my personal belief that most of these expenses will ultimately be determined to be deductible on the tax returns of the gas producers.

Perhaps we might illustrate the proposition by a reference to your own business. Let us suppose that the Kansas Legislature passed a law providing that all newspaper rates should be determined by a State Commission on the basis of utility-type regulation and that the newspapers of Kansas were anxious to secure relief from the next session of the Kansas Legislature. Certainly, the direct expenses of lobbying with the Kansas Legislature would not be deductible. But let us suppose further that a large part of the support for the regulatory measure was based on a popular but erroneous belief that all newspaper editors practiced black magic. The newspaper publishers, in self-defense, might organize a public opinion campaign to disseminate the true facts. The question is whether the expenses of this campaign, even though it might have some indirect effect on the legislation pending, are legitimate business expenses.

In my opinion, the question goes much further than the mere question of the deductibility of the expenses incurred by the oil and gas industry in this campaign. Perhaps it involves the deductibility of all expenses for institutional advertising and other publicity campaigns where the advertisements are not directed to the immediate sale of goods by the advertiser.

In any event, we wanted to bring our point of view to your attention. We have and shall continue to maintain as vigorously as we know how that the money contributed was fully justified as ordinary and necessary business expense. We only wish that we could believe that these efforts were successful in accomplishing their intended purpose.

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Yours very truly,

Gentry Lee

Gentry Lee

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July 19, 1957

Mr. George Morse
American Hereford Association
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Morse:-

In compliance with your request, I am herewith sending you the manuscript copy of my talk to Flint Hills Hereford Association breeders at their evening stop-over here on July 17. You are free to make whatever use of it you wish. I greatly appreciate the fact that you deem it of sufficient worth to merit publication.

When you are through with it, I shall be grateful if you will return it for my files.

Very truly yours,



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226 West Central Ave. — El Dorado, Kansas

July 19, 1957

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

Dear Friend:

Re: "Package Policy"

I was wrong about being able to pick up credit on Hoyt's Personal Property Floater.

The "Package" including the Floater has to be in the same Company.

Call me and I'll come down. The invoice for your installment notice of July 21 in the amount of \$112.77 was sent to you in our letter of June 20.

Very truly yours,

RAY L. SMITH & COMPANY

MMG/d

By: 

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July 19, 1957

Mrs. Robert W. Hemphill
Norton, Kansas

My Dear Ruth Eaton:-

It was bully of you to send me Cheryl's essay. I saw her dad, and he said okay as we both knew he would, so I am setting up Miss Cheryl and her piece for editorial position Monday. It was a grand essay--and I am impressed with its maturity. I suppose Cheryl will dance and sing when she sees it in print--and I almost did that myself when I read it.

I greatly enjoyed your letter and especially that part of it (as you can guess) where you bragged about my Kansas Magazine piece. I am happy that you like it; the magnificent Hills always stir up my sentiments--and every so often I have to break into print. The magazine boys made an attractive spread of this one with their pictures--perhaps more of a one than the text merited. Anyway, you will understand, I always content when I can laud Kansas for some of its outstanding possessions.

I appreciate your courtesy and your kind words, and now--when am I going to see you? I often think of your dad. He was a grand institution.

Sincerely,

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July 19, 1957

Mrs. Don J. Evans
Cottonwood Falls, Kansas

My Dear Mrs. Evans:-

I am grateful that you wrote me and appreciate your interest in the Flint Hills article in the "Kansas" magazine. But I cannot answer your question.

The picture spread entirely was handled by Don Richards, who is director of public relations for the Kansas Industrial Development Commission at Topeka. I had nothing to do with it and, of course, cannot identify any of the figures. If you will write to Mr. Richard, care of the Commission, at the Kansas State Office Building, Topeka, I feel sure he will endeavor to provide you with the information you seek.

Very truly yours,



KANSAS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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July 19, 1957

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

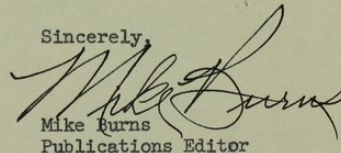
Dear Mr. Clymer:

To give proper emphasis to your editorial "Winter Comes to the Hills" to be published in the 40th Report of the State Board of Agriculture, we would like very much to be able to illustrate it.

We have available excellent pictures of the hills during the summer months and one of a snow covered farmstead which could be in the hills, but none showing the scene exactly as pictured in your editorial.

We wonder if you have available such a photograph or even more than one or if you have seen one anywhere that we might borrow for this use. It will mean a great deal to our publication and we will certainly appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,



Mike Burns
Publications Editor

MB:jm

P. S. Mr. Freeland has been out of the state several days recently and am not sure whether he has acknowledged receipt of your portrait. It was received in good condition and we thank you very much for it.

M. B. 

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To Rolla

July 19, 1957

Senator Frank Carlson
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank,

I appreciate very much your letter of July 16, and your expression of confidence.

I have been in politics long enough not to let this drought feed business get under my hide, but it is annoying and distracting to say the least.

The only way these agricultural and relief programs have ever been made to work at all has been for local volunteer unpaid responsible citizens to not ride herd on these programs.

If the Department of Agriculture is going to "run out" on these committees and let Senators abuse them without refutation or defense, as in the present instance it is going to be a trifle difficult to get this kind of volunteer supervision in the future.

I know some county committeemen who are thoroughly disgusted and incensed over this recent investigation.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

July 16, 1957

Mr. Richard Robbins
Pratt, Kansas

Dear Dick:

I appreciated very much your sending me the editorial in regard to drought aid feed.

Last week I was dumbfounded when Senator Symington came over and told me he had attended a hearing in which Kenneth Scott stated you had received approximately \$450,000 worth of feed. I said it just couldn't be true, and even if it were 450,000 pounds, it would be a very substantial amount. I immediately got ahold of Andy, who is a member of the Agriculture Committee, and told him of the situation and told him I thought it should be clarified. I then contacted John Williams, who is also a member of the Committee and had been present at the hearing. He stated the information from Symington was correct, but later that day it developed the total amount was only \$4500.00. I immediately called the Department and expressed my disapproval of such a distortion of figures.

This statement was most unfortunate, in that it was an open hearing and press boys carried the story. It was, of course, clarified later in the afternoon, but even at that, there can be no excuse for a public official making such a grievous error.

I think you handled it very well and no one regrets this publicity more than your friends.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank Carlson

FC/MF

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 19, 1957.

Mr. John H. Sticher, Director,
Kansas Industrial Development Commission,
State Office Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear John:

I want to thank you for the story which you did in the Kansas Magazine on Grayco Industries of El Dorado, which, incidentally, has since become known as Arlington Industries, and it isn't my intention to monopolize the pages of your publication with suggestions for stories featuring concerns in El Dorado. However, the Traf-O-teria Company of El Dorado might be worthy of this recognition, and I would like to call it to your attention for serious consideration.

The idea of using deposit boxes attached to parking meter posts, and conveniently located throughout the metered area, was conceived by our City Manager, Mr. H. E. McMillan, early in 1952. The city shop department made such a box, and envelopes designed as notices of over-parking violations were placed into effect, allowing the person to discharge his penalty obligations by putting 25¢ in the envelope and depositing it in the box only a few steps away. This reduced over-parking penalty was made effective if the offender took care of his obligation within 24 hours. If not, the penalty increased to the usual \$1.00.

The idea had an immediate acceptance on the part of our residents, and the City Manager proceeded to perfect a system which resulted in the formation of the Traf-O-teria, now operating in approximately 700 cities in the United States and Canada.

I do not know how many boxes are now in use in these 700 cities, but I know that it would be an impressive figure. Officials of the company have told me that they are now printing and shipping over a quarter of a million re-orders of envelopes used in these towns. This expansion during the short life of the company is indicative of the acceptance given it by municipal administrators. The system has also been the subject of several articles in national publications such as The American City Magazine and City Management Professional Journals.

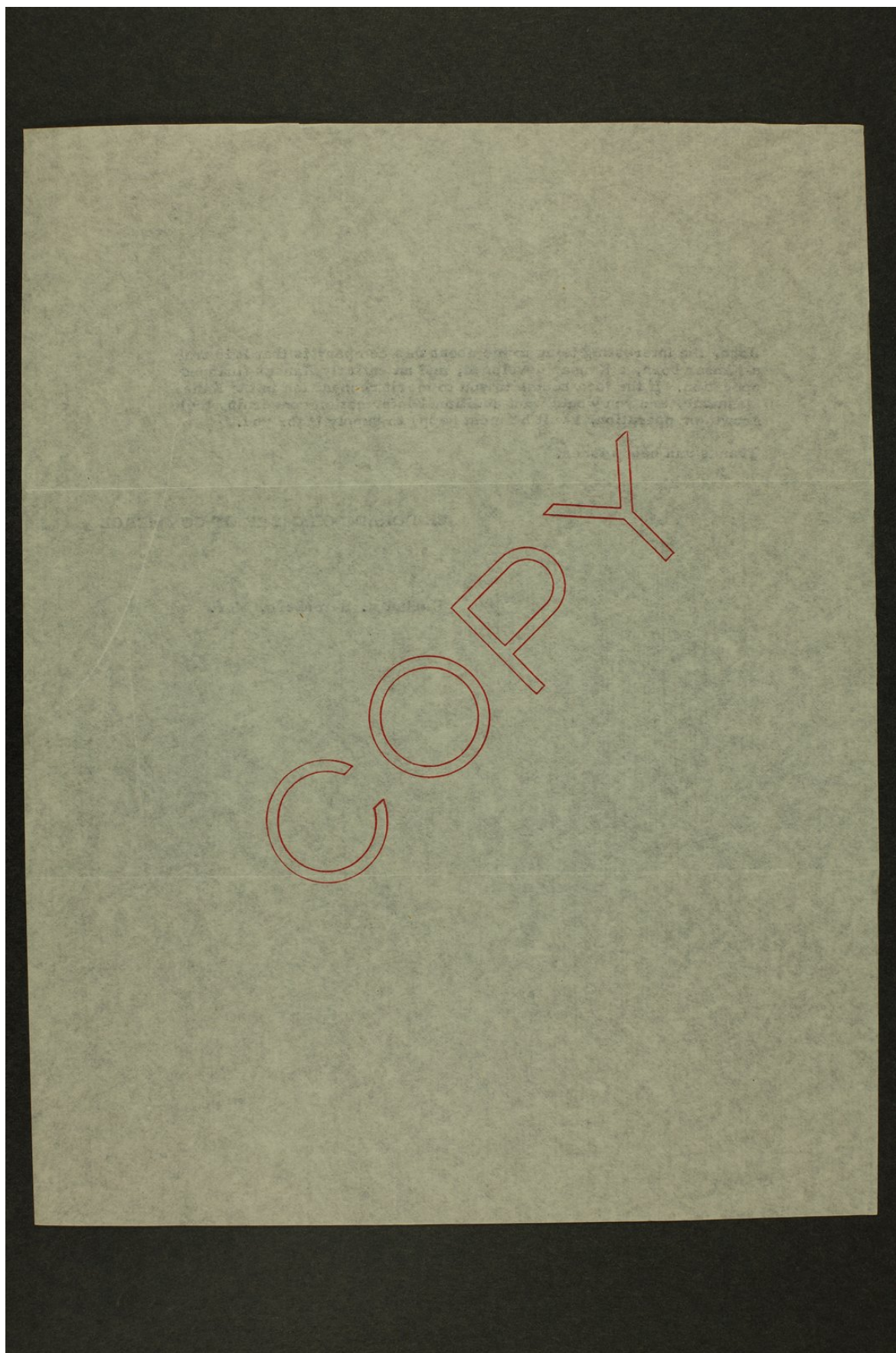
Rolla Clymer correspondence

John, the interesting thing to me about this company is that it is truly a Kansas born, a Kansas developed, and an entirely Kansas financed operation. If the idea seems to you to merit recognition in the Kansas Magazine, and you would want additional information concerning their growth or operation, I will be most happy to supply it for you.

Thanks and best wishes.

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Harlan L. Remsberg, Mgr.





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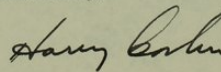
Mr. R. A. Clymer
ElDorado Times
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Emory Lindquist has just called to my attention your article about the Flint Hills in the Kansas Industrial Development Commission magazine. Someone else said it had been in the Eagle, but if so, I missed it.

It is the loveliest thing I have ever seen in print about the Flint Hills. Those of us who were born in them can feel in every sentence the mood that you have suggested and a moment or an image that is related to our own experience. It is just beautiful, and this is simply to add my expression of appreciation to many others you must have received.

Sincerely,



Harry F. Corbin

HFC:KC

July 22, 1957

Dr. Harry F. Corbin, President
University of Wichita
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Corbin:-

I am deeply grateful for your letter. It was kind of you to write, and I am happy to know that any words of mine might meet with your favor.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 20, 1957

Mr. A. J. Stephens
Kansas City, Missouri

My Dear Mr. Stephens:-

If you care to use my article, "Majesty of the Hills," as a whole or in part, on your proposed menu, I shall be happy to have you do so--provided, of course, that you extend the proper credit. A copy of that article is enclosed.

When you get your new establishment to running, let me know and I shall be glad to visit it. I will expect to come as a paying customer, however, and feel sure I shall get my money's worth.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 20, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Hult, Circulation Manager
The Topeka Newspaper Printing Co., Inc.
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

I can appreciate your desire to cut down the number of papers on your exchange list. Yet to make a choice between the Capital and the State Journal is a difficult one. For a number of years, a cordial exchange of editorial expression has existed between both the Capital and Journal and our paper. If you will refer to the editorial departments of your two papers, you will find that this is so.

Under the ultimatum laid down on your letter of July 18, we must make a choice--and so we select the Daily Capital because it carries more of general state news. We do not feel like making a cash subscription for the State Journal, and will cut off the copy of our paper going to that office on August 1.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 20, 1957

Mr. Frank Barr, Regional Director
Post Office Department
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Colonel:-

Harlan Remsberg has shown me
your letter of June 14.

The change in mail handling which you propose for this point represents an extremely serious matter for us. If the Santa Fe loses the mail contract, this town will lose the Little Ranger as sure as fate. This little gasoline motor is our last tie with the outside world by rail, as regards passenger and other service. The Missouri Pacific passenger trains here render us hardly any service. In all likelihood, they will be taken off, though the Corporation commission has not handed down any decision in the hearing held a couple of months ago.

If you make this move on the mail--for whatever sound reasons animate you--this sovereign town of 14,000 people will be totally without railroad passenger service. There is no other alternative.

This seems to comprise a rather abject status for our town. What I would like to ask you to do is to arrange with some of us to have a little friendly talk about the matter before you move--and if you move. We will greatly appreciate your willingness to meet with us for a discussion at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 20, 1957

Mr. Gentry Lee,
Vice President and General Counsel
Cities Service Oil Company
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Lee:-

I thank you for your letter of July 18. I readily admit that I may have been too extreme in the editorial to which you refer. I have no intention ever of doing an injustice to the oil industry of which I have long tried to be a friend.

As an offset to any unfair impression which my editorial might have occasioned, I shall be happy to publish the text of your letter--but do not wish to do so without your permission. If you will approve such publication, please let me know at once and I will carry your letter in our paper in the earliest possible issue.

Very truly yours,