

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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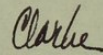
September 26, 1957

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the magnificent presentation in the Times of Friday, September 13th, relative to the Boudreau scholarships of the Medical School. We are indebted to you.

Sincerely yours,



W. CLARKE WESCOE, M.D.
Dean of the Medical School
and Director of the Medical Center

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September 26, 1957

Mr. Nyle H. Miller, Secretary
Kansas State Historical Society
10th and Jackson
Topeka, Kansas

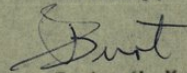
Dear Nyle:

Thank you so much for writing to me about the Historical Society luncheon at which Rolla Clymer will talk on "The Golden Era of Kansas Journalism". I had noted this event coming up but did not know about it until some weeks after I had committed myself to speak at the southeast Kansas high school journalism conference that day in Independence. As you and Rolla both know, this high school program is mighty important to us -- and to the newspaper profession, for that matter -- so I can't very well back out on the commitment.

Maurice Lungren, since 1953 my assistant with the William Allen White Foundation and now an assistant professor of journalism, will attend the luncheon as representative of the School and the Foundation.

Thanks again for writing.
Please accept my personal regret at my inability to be present.

Cordially,


Burton W. Marvin,
Director

bwm/s

cc: Rolla Clymer

*Rolla: I'll initiate some White Foundation
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September 26, 1957.

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

Dear Rolla:

The first meeting of the Kansas Press Association Right-to-Know Committee will convene at the Topeka Country Club, second floor, at 12:15 P.M. Friday, October 4, for luncheon.

This Committee has already obtained national recognition before it has ever convened due to the fact that personnel of the Committee is composed of not only newspaper people, but also people outside the newspaper field. This makes it truly a committee on the public's right-to-know, instead of right-to-print.

If the Central Office of Kansas Press Association can be of service to you in obtaining hotel space, or in any other way, please feel free to call on them, tell them your needs and they will try to obtain same for you.

The Kansas Press Association Board of Directors, as well as Kansas Press Service Board of Directors, and their wives will have a banquet at the Topeka Country Club at 6:30 Friday evening, and all members of the Right-to-Know Committee are invited to attend if you wish to stay over for it.

Please advise Larry Miller, Kansas Press Association, 701 Jackson Street, Topeka, if it will be possible for you and Mrs. Clymer to attend, as well as any hotel needs you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you with a great deal of pleasure.

Yours very truly,

F.W.B.
F. W. BRINKERHOFF, Chairman
K.P.A. Right-to-Know Committee

FWB*

Other members of the Right-to-Know Committee are:
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September 26, 1957

Dear Nyle:*

I thank you for your letter.

I am rushing to get away for Wichita, but want to make a few comments. I knew, of course, that Meeker's name was Jotham--and my substitute only shows what wool-gathering will do. ~~That~~ My ~~xxx~~ misuse of "Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame" is another case in point.

Certainly the facts about the Meeker press and circumstances surrounding the first publication of the Leavenworth Herald should be correct, if we think of this speech as being historically accurate. My slip in connection with John Redmond also needs changing.

I feel immensely fortunate in having a level head and keen eye like yours go over my copy. Don't hesitate to make any other suggestions for improvement.

Jim Reed, I am sure, is too young to be included in this particular article. I had already thought of Angelo Scott, Clyde Reed and some others and will work them in for a mention--as I shall surely do in the case of the Anthonys. Of course, the second and third generations of that family do not measure up to the importance of the first--but should be included. My chief trouble in preparing this piece has been to know where to stop--as you can readily see.

I thank you again and again for your kindness in all respects--and am sure the delivery copy will be first-class. It is fine of you to make proper corrections of the obvious errors in the typing you now have under way.

Sincerely,

I told our circulation manager to send you two copies of our paper, after I returned from Topeka last time. I shall check on this again. I will miss you the five or six days you are gone, but am sure all arrangements for the annual meeting will be up to par just the same.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

GARROLD A GRIFFIN, ARCHITECT • ENGINEER
416 SOUTH MARKET • WICHITA, KANSAS

S E P T E M B E R 2 6 , 1 9 5 7

Mr. Rolla Clymer
Times Publishing Company
118 E. Central
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Mr. Griffin and I were in Eldorado today and tried to contact you. We understand you are chairman of the committee that will select an architect for your new library addition. We would like very much to be considered.

As you know we have designed a number of buildings in Eldorado during the last few years. Rex & Morris Drilling Company; Farm'n Home; Morris Oil Company; Butler Company REA; Rice Motor Company and homes for Mrs. R. H. Shields, Dr. Stoskopf and Carl Powell.

We would like to meet with you and your committee to discuss what we have to offer. Please feel free to call us collect (FO 34708) if such a meeting can be arranged.

We are sorry we missed you this afternoon but hope to see you soon.

Yours truly,

GARROLD A. GRIFFIN

D. Ray Frisk
By: D. Ray Frisk

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF }
ROBERT ERNEST SILVER, Deceased. }

No. 9410

NOTICE OF HEARING OF CLAIMS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a request has been filed in said Court by Robert M. King, Administrator, praying for an order of said Court hearing and allowing or disallowing demands filed against said estate by those found on the attached list of claimants, and you are further notified that said claims will be heard, allowed and classified or disallowed as the evidence may warrant, in the Probate Court Room, in the Court House at El Dorado, Kansas, on the 11th day of October, 1957, at 2:00 P. M., at which time and place you and all others interested may be heard as to whether or not said claims should be allowed, or disallowed, and the classification of the same.

WITNESS MY HAND, in the City of El Dorado, Butler County, Kansas, this 27th day of September, 1957.

ROBERT M. KING, ADMINISTRATOR



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LIST OF CLAIMANTS

1. Noval L. Faires, 621 West Central, El Dorado, Kansas;
for gas and oil and merchandise purchased on account-----\$ 269.56
2. H. W. Forman, Jr., d/b/a Pittsburgh Radio Supply, 212 South Broadway,
Pittsburgh, Kansas; for merchandise purchases-----\$ 194.40
3. Kansas Gas & Electric Company, El Dorado, Kansas;
for electric bills-----\$ 72.03
4. Superior Distributing Co. of Kansas, Inc., 315 N. Water, Wichita,
Kansas; for merchandise purchases-----\$4394.65
5. Dixie Products, Inc., King Edward Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee;
for merchandise purchases-----\$ 700.00
- ✓ 6. The Times Publishing Co., 118 E. Central, El Dorado, Kansas;
for advertising and job work-----\$ 690.18
7. George F. Bacon, d/b/a Bacon Insurance Co., 122 W. Central,
El Dorado, Kansas; for insurance premiums-----\$ 228.64
8. J. E. Kirchner, Director of Revenue, State Commission of Revenue and
Taxation, State House, Topeka, Kansas; for retail sales tax
assessment-----\$ 242.98
9. J. C. Hoyt and Company, 203 W. Central, El Dorado, Kansas;
insurance premiums-----\$ 501.76
10. Montgomery Ward and Company, El Dorado, Kansas;
merchandise purchases-----\$ 31.40
11. J. E. Morris d/b/a Morris Oil Co., 412 S. Main Street, El Dorado,
Kansas; for merchandise purchases-----\$ 570.95
12. Ralph E. Lewis d/b/a Lewis & West, 414 N. Vine, El Dorado, Kansas;
for setting air conditioner with hydrocrane-----\$ 15.00
13. Newton Manufacturing Co., 1109 First Avenue East, Newton, Iowa;
for 500 ash trays-----\$ 43.55
14. Ronald Rice Chevrolet, Inc., 201 E. Central Avenue, El Dorado,
Kansas; for labor and parts on motor vehicles-----\$ 22.30
15. Ed Sorenson, Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., 226 West
Central, El Dorado, Kansas; for telephone service-----\$ 49.29
16. Sam McClune, 403 S. Arthur, El Dorado, Kansas; for refund due
on note-----\$ 47.85
17. A. J. Krehbiel, Assistant District Director of Internal Revenue,
District of Kansas, Agent for the United States; for withholding
and federal insurance-----\$2402.80
18. Johnscos Distributors, Inc., 421 N. Water, Wichita, Kansas;
for merchandise purchases-----\$ 23.56
19. R. L. Warkentin, Commissioner of Labor of the State of Kansas; for
contribution and interest owing Employment Security Fund of the
State of Kansas-----\$ 196.11
20. M. C. Hummel, Craiglow Electric Company, 220 W. Central, El Dorado,
Kansas; for merchandise and labor-----\$ 158.40
21. M. A. Godding d/b/a Godding's, 121 N. Main, El Dorado, Kansas;
for office supplies and equipment-----\$ 377.42



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22. Butler County, Kansas, by Marietta Harrington, County Treasurer,
Court House, El Dorado, Kansas; for 1956 personal property
taxes-----\$ 64.82
23. Radio Station KBTO, 205½ S. Main, El Dorado, Kansas;
for advertising-----\$ 330.00
24. The Marketing Institute, Inc., 111 East Third Street, Davenport,
Iowa; for subscription-----\$ 25.00
25. Protexall, Incorporated, Galesburg, Illinois-----\$ 5.12
for merchandise purchases.
26. John E. Cousins, Jr., d/b/a Skyline Neon Displays, 345 Fern (North),
Wichita, Kansas; for material and labor-----\$ 54.07
27. Alan Appliance Co., 339 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas;
Appliance service and parts-----\$ 84.55
28. National Engineering and Manufacturing Co., Inc., 16th and Lamine
Street, Sedalia, Missouri; for merchandise purchases-----\$ 370.00
29. Fisher Oldsmobile-Cadillac, Inc., 209 S. Main, El Dorado, Kansas;
for parts and labor on service trucks-----\$ 49.78
30. Siebert and Willis, Inc., 149 N. Rock Island, Wichita, Kansas;
for merchandise purchases-----\$ 159.17
31. Radio Supply Company, Inc., 115 Laura, Wichita, Kansas;
for merchandise purchases-----\$ 2250.02
32. Mrs. M. J. Long, 403 Garfield, Clay Center, Kansas; for rent due
on lease of store building-----\$ 450.00
33. City of El Dorado, El Dorado, Kansas; for trash service--\$ 13.60
34. The Gas Service Company, 114 E. Central, El Dorado, Kansas;
for service and merchandise-----\$ 3.21
35. C. R. Jones d/b/a Eddie's Washing Machine Parts and Services Co.,
336 N. Main Street, Wichita, Kansas; for merchandise
purchases-----\$ 108.57
36. General Electric Supply Co., 3260 N. Seventh Street, Trafficway,
Kansas City, Kansas; for merchandise purchases-----\$ 141.76
37. The Augusta Daily Gazette, 413 State Street, Augusta, Kansas;
for advertising-----\$ 61.17
38. American White Goods Company, 411 W. 10th Street, Kansas City,
Missouri; for merchandise purchases-----\$ 41.10
39. Farm 'N Home, N. Main and First Street, El Dorado, Kansas;
for service parts-----\$ 23.98
40. Motor Radio Company, Inc., 3125 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City,
Missouri; for merchandise purchases-----\$ 1300.00

T O T A L-----\$16,768.84

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ALF M. LANDON
TOPEKA

September 27, 1957

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

Dear Rolla:

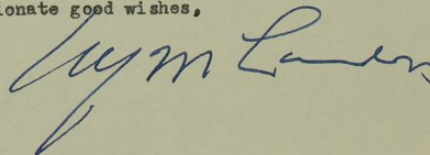
Thank you for the Times with your apt humor.

I don't understand why you so carefully marked the editorial "Governors Beware". That advice would have been timely in 1932. After all the experience I had from coast to coast are you thinking that's the reason I didn't carry more states than Maine and Vermont?

You leave me wondering as to whether this is a diplomatic way of saying that I was no expert in kissing girls. I offer a plea of avoidance that a Governor is somewhat handicapped with so many people looking on.

Anyhow, I am clipping that editorial and pinning a copy of it to my letter, which will eventually go into the State Historical files. Who knows? Perhaps some future historian will stumble ~~up~~ on that and come up with a new theory and an explanation of the 1936 landslide!

With affectionate good wishes,



AML LW

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Septmber 27, 1957

My Dear Larry:-

You know how it is this time of the year. I am so dam swamped with meetings and such the next two-three weeks that I can't turn around. Therefore, it is impossible for me to attend sessions of the Right-to-Know committee at Topeka on October 4--and I regret the fact more than I can tell. Please let Brink know. He will understand how deeply I happen to be caught just now.

Sincerely,

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September 27, 1957

Mr. Rolla Clymer, editor
ElDorado Times,
ElDorado, Kansas.

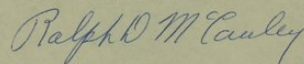
Dear Mr. Clymer;

On October 4, Augusta Elks Lodge is having a dinner honoring
newsmen of Butler County in recognition of National Newspaper
Week.

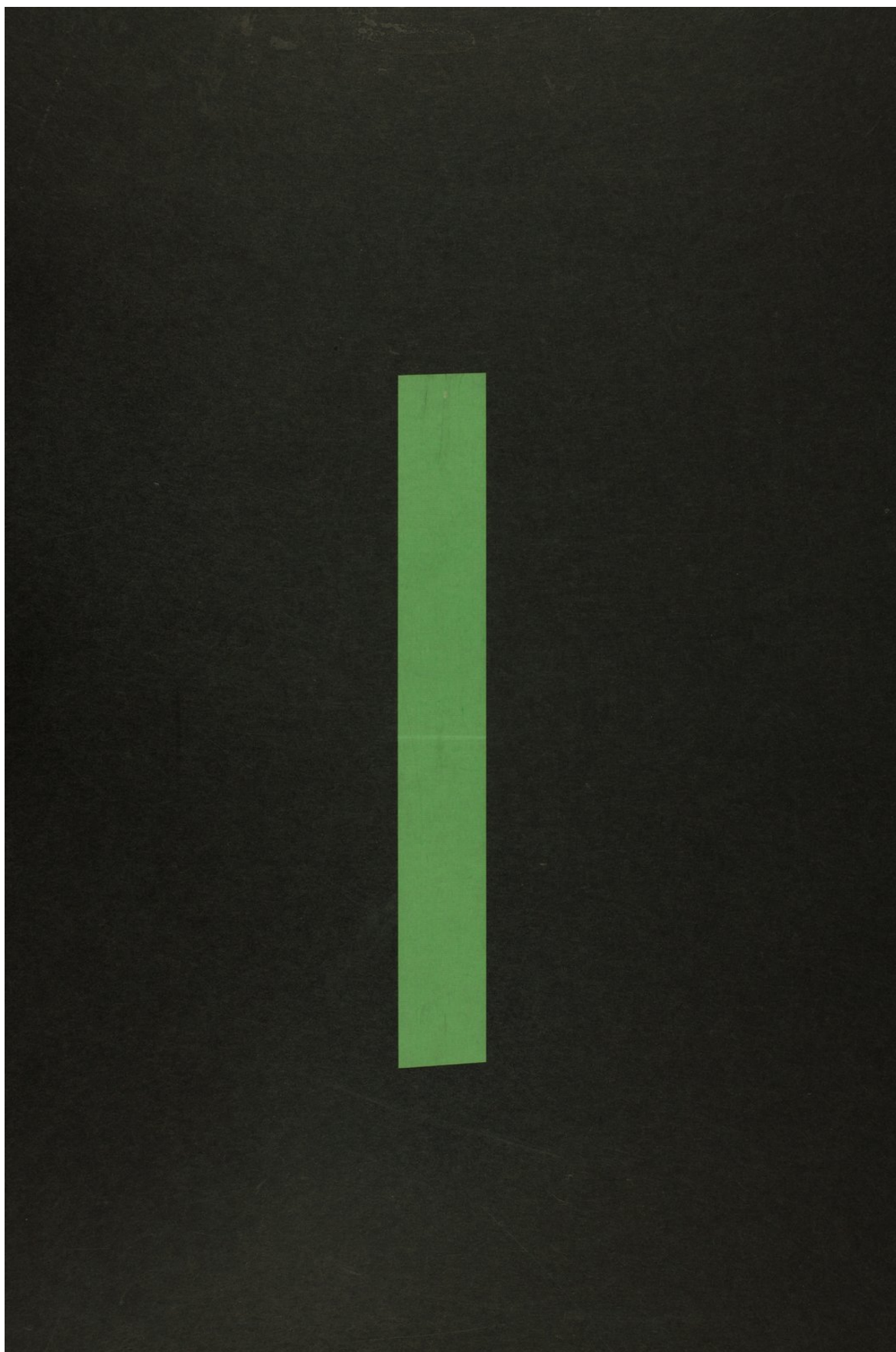
On behalf of our Exalted Ruler, Lewis Mayfield, and myself
may I invite you and your wife and your editing staff to attend
the dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Hall?

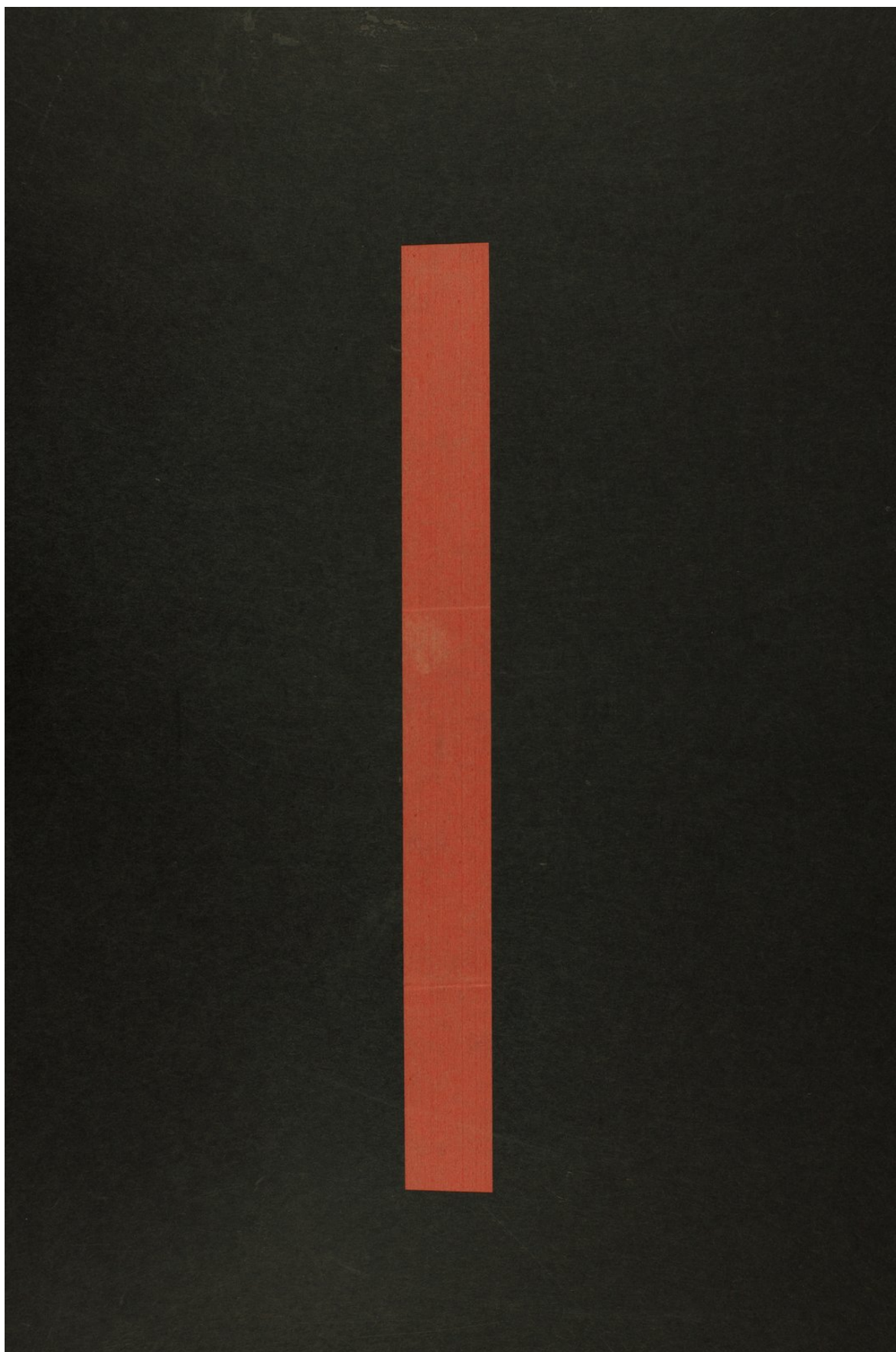
To help us in our preparations, would you kindly fill
out and return the enclosed reservations card as soon as possible.

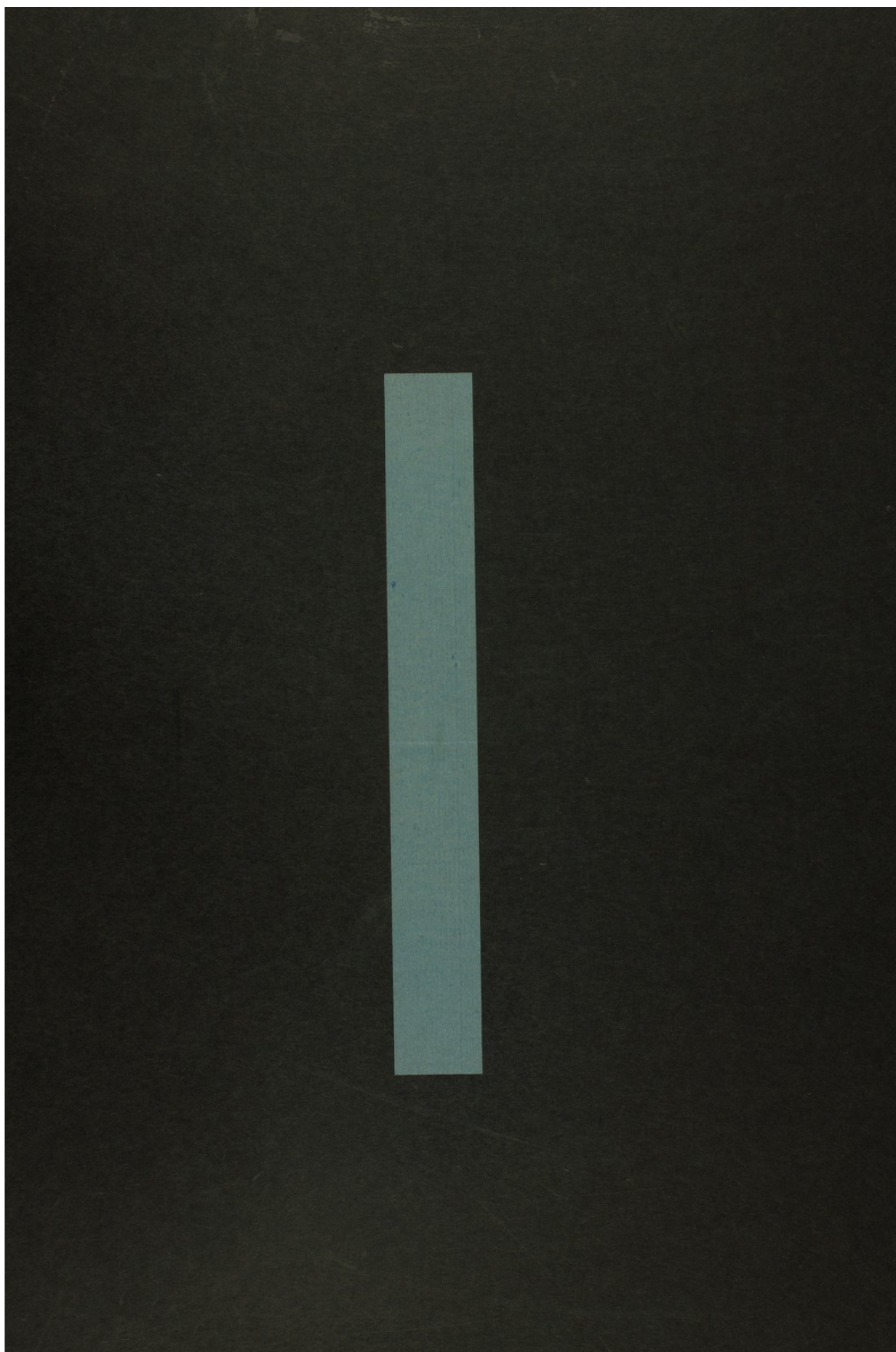
Sincerely yours,

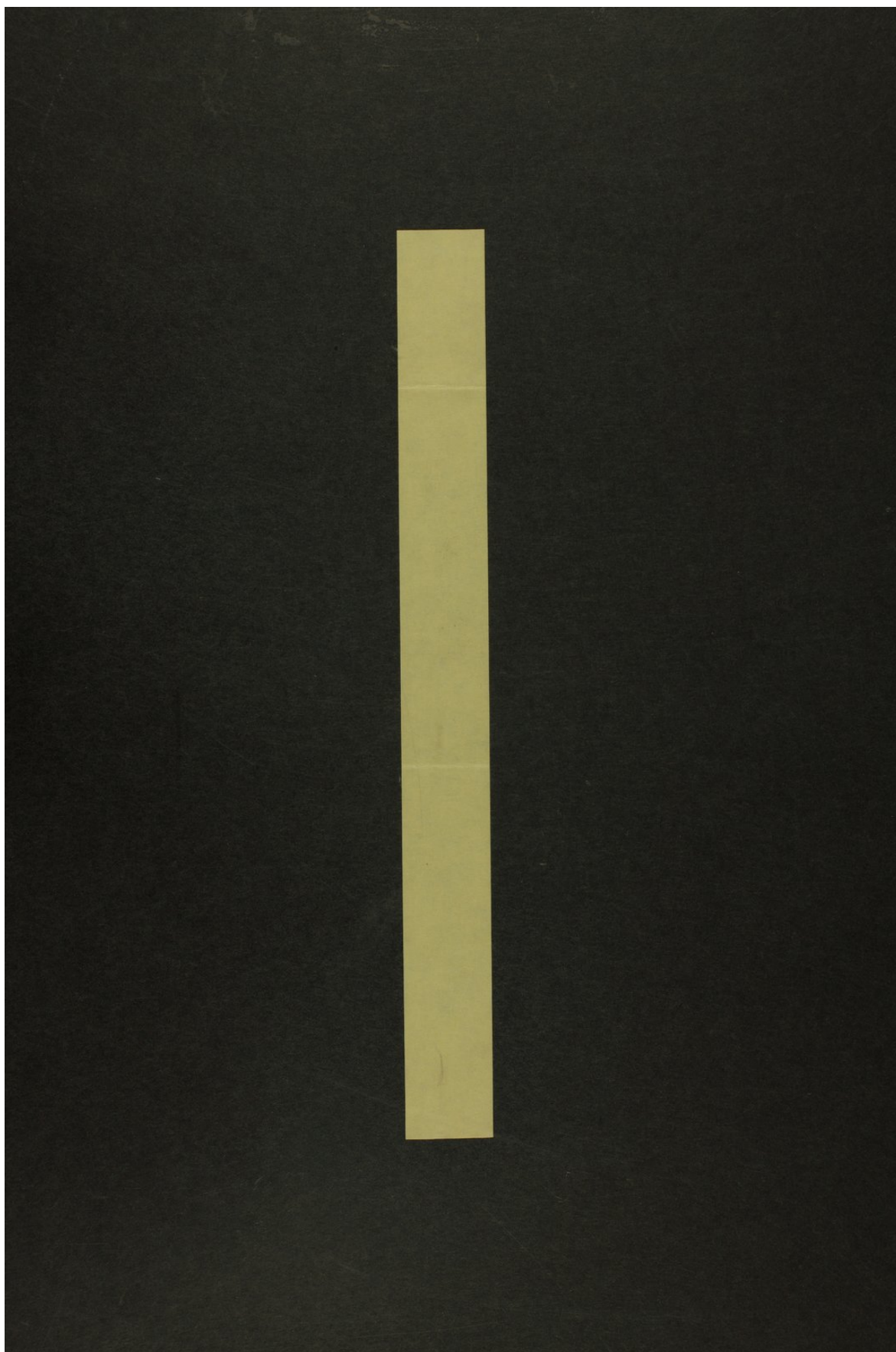


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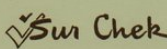
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September 30, 1957

Rev. Frank R. Jenkins
Clifton, Kansas

Dear Mr. Jenkins:-

I greatly appreciate your recent letter concerning my article on the Flint Hills which was recently published by the Kansas magazine. It makes me happy to know that you approve of the sentiments which were expressed therein.

I also enjoyed your references to your own career and experience, and feel that you must have lived a devoted and highly useful life. For this last you have merited reverent honor. I cordially wish you the greatest of happiness and comfort during all the remaining years of your life.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 30, 1957

Mr. Riley W. MacGregor
Medicine Lodge, Kansas

My Dear Senator:-

I am grateful for your kind invitation to be present at your steak fry in Medicine Lodge the evening of Thursday, October 10. I have purposely delayed in answering because I am not quite certain I can be there on that day. I am intending to be there one day of the Pageant, but likely it will be Friday or Saturday before I can make it.

Colonel Edwards and I had planned to make the trip together, but since Senator Carlson's return from Washington the Colonel's schedule has been disrupted. When I last heard from him, he did not think he would be able to get to Medicine Lodge for your big event this time.

By the first of next week, I should know for sure what I can do. If I can make it to your nice party on Thursday evening, I will let you know by telephone. Will that be all right?

Anyway, I am happy over your invitation and will be there with bells on if circumstances break right for me.

Sincerely,

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September 30, 1957

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

Dear Rolla:

After I wrote you about the younger generation--including Angelo Scott and Jess Denious, Jr., and you recalled Clyde Reed, Jr., who certainly belongs--I looked over your paper again and noticed the paragraph on the last page which stated that the sons of some of the men mentioned were now ably carrying on. That in itself might be sufficient recognition, without trying to name them all.

Your address continues to hold up in further readings. I predict, without any qualifications, that it will be enthusiastically received.

I have enclosed the tentative draft of our program. It's nothing you need to worry about unless you spot an error. If that happens, let us know immediately, and we'll correct it. Otherwise the program will go probably as outlined.

Both Murphy and Weber regretfully wrote that previous commitments will prevent their being with us. Murphy said he "would love to be present" for no man could discuss the subject "more authoritatively and with greater charm than Rolla."

Our gal, who is making place cards for the head table, asked me again if Mrs. Clymer was coming. I told her that I believe you said she probably wouldn't be able to make it. The next time you write--there's no hurry--you might set us straight one way or the other on this, so that the place card can be made if she is coming.

I believe this is all I have at the moment.

With kindest personal regards and good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Nyle
Secretary

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Enclosure

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 1, 1957

My Dear Nyle:-

Once again, a fine letter from you--and thanks.

I intend to write in a reference to the Anthonys in my speech--and also ones to Clyde Reed, Angelo Scott, Jess Denious, Jr., and Henry Jameson. I believe these deserve a mention. As for any others whom I must perforce leave out, they will have to be covered by the paragraph on the last page which you have mentioned.

I am glad you think the speech holds up. I have labored over it so much that it seems to be a dud. Anyway, it's all I have; I can do no better now under the daily load which swamps me here.

I have gone over the program you submitted and see nothing whatever wrong with it. I want to make this suggestion, however. I feel I should not preside over the noonday session. The man who is to make the speech should do no other talking. It would suit me to have you do the honors--or maybe you will prefer Alan Farley, vice-president. I think this is important.

For your further information, Mrs. Clymer will not be present at this occasion.

I am increasingly struck with the excellence of the typing on the delivery manuscript. You might tell your girl friend that I have already risen up--several times--and called her blessed.

I believe this covers the ground. Have a good time on your trip. If the Good Lord keeps his arm around me, I may half-way measure up to your high standards for the October 15 occasion.

Yours,

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RILEY W. MACGREGOR
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October 1, 1957.

MARY A. DEWEESE
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STENOGRAPHER

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


Dear Rolla:

I have your letter of September 30th, 1957, and am sorry to hear that you may not be able to make the steak fry.

If you can make it, just come on down and if you cannot make that, I do want you to come on down to the house, bring whoever you have with you as we are arranging a buffet luncheon at noon for our friends each day.

You may get cold food, but there will be a variety and no previous announcement of your intention to come is necessary as we will be looking for you.

Yours truly,


RILEY W. MACGREGOR.

RWM:mad

Rolla Clymer correspondence

2516 N. W. 32nd
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 1, 1957

Dear Mr. Clymer,

Thank you for your gentle consideration
of Harry and the resulting comments in
your editorial column. It was beautifully
written and comforting for the family
to read. Harry valued your esteem.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harry E. Austin

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 1, 1957

Hotel Broadview
Wichita, Kansas

Gentlemen:-

About a year ago, Mrs. William Peters, of Jerome, Idaho, was a guest at your hotel. You gave her a little suite off the second floor--a sitting room and a bedroom, which she liked very much. She is returning to Wichita on Saturday evening, October 5, and has written me that she would much like to have this same room reserved for her if possible.

She will reach Wichita on an evening plane--and hers will be a late arrival. If you have the room available, or one like it, you might send it to me and I shall see that Mrs. Peters gets it by the time of her registration.

I shall be grateful for your confirmation of this request in a day or two.

Very truly yours,

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October 2, 1957

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

Dear Rolla:

Nyle was on his way to Ohio before your letter of October 1 arrived. It will have his attention when he returns next Tuesday. If there is anything we can do for you while he is away, don't hesitate to let us know.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Clymer will not be able to attend the meeting. I think she will be missing an enjoyable affair, not to mention a top-hole presidential address--but then I suppose she has heard you before.

Best regards,

Ed Langsdorf
Edgar Langsdorf
Assistant Secretary

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Rolla Clymer correspondence


NEWSPAPER AND CENSUS DIVISION
KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TOPEKA, KANSAS

Memo to Rolla Clymer Oct. 2 19__

Enclosed is the proof of your story on Murdock and White. I'd like to have you check it and mark any changes or corrections that should be made. I must request the return of the proof as soon as possible as the Quarterly is already late and we're pushing it as fast as we can.

F. R. Blackburn
F. R. Blackburn,
Research Director

In Reply to Above: _____

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 3, 1957

Mr. F. R. Blackburn
Research Director
Kansas State Historical Society
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Blackburn:-

I have been over the enclosed proofs and find them all right--save for the places where corrections were marked.

I suggest you call for final revises on these proofs. I am particularly anxious that the error in the second paragraph of Galley 3 be corrected. That phrase is "Eden's garden bird," a creature which is rarely talked about in all literature.

As I have indicated on the margin, I have never heard of the Dr. Allen Whites ever having any other child but William Allen.

I thank you for sending me these proofs, and am trying to help the game along by returning them to you promptly.

Very truly yours,



CITIES SERVICE OIL COMPANY

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BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

October 4, 1957

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

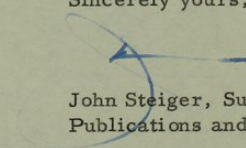
Dear Rolla:

In running through prints from some of our old negatives, I noticed this one. I think it is an early-day photograph of El Dorado.

If so, you may want it for your historical file.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



John Steiger, Supt.
Publications and News

JS:brn

Attach.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 7, 1957

Mr. Horace S. Moses
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Moses:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your two letters of October 1 and October 6, for which I thank you. The expense bill which you sent will be passed on at our next regular board meeting.

I note the list of architects which you sent, and also the information you conveyed in your last letter. Representatives of several architect firms have been to see me, and all will be accorded a respectful hearing.

It has been my thought all along that we should wait for your survey before selecting an architect. Personally, I have no clear idea as to how we want to join our new addition to the old building, of what size it should be and many other details. Most assuredly, I would like to have your suggestions on these subjects. Possibly these can be developed from your views on our library organization problems. But if we had an architect lined up now, I would not know what to tell him or where to start.

I shall refer both of your letters to board members, in order to keep them in touch. When your survey has been completed, we shall be happy to arrange a meeting at which it can be considered in all its phases.

I plan to be in Topeka a week from today in order to attend the annual meetings of the Kansas State Historical Society, of which I am now the president. If you wish to communicate with me, I shall be staying at Hotel Jayhawk.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 7, 1957

Registrar
The College of Emporia
Emporia, Kansas

My Dear Sir:-

As a member of the class of 1909, College of Emporia, it has been suggested to me that our class hold a Fiftieth Anniversary reunion at commencement time in 1959. I shall be happy to help make that occasion a success.

I now ask your kind offices in helping me secure a list of the surviving members of the class of 1909. This list may derive from your own records or from those of the alumni association. In any event, it is important to me that I have such list before long in order to establish contacts.

Any assistance you can render me will be of prime service, and I shall be deeply grateful for your courtesy.

Sincerely,

The correct addresses of the surviving members of that class, of course, will be highly essential.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

423 NORTH MAIN

RICHARD W. ROBBINS
PRATT, KANSAS

PHONE 2043

October 7, 1957

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

Dear Rolla:

Will you kindly run the enclosed classified ad until I stop it and send me a statement after the last ad runs?

I attended the Annual Kansas Junior Livestock Show at Wichita last week and rode on the train from Wichita to Emporia with Ed Rees. Ed tells me you are having your 4th District Republican Rally on Saturday, October 19th. I hope to come over for that if I can arrange it.

The more one ponders over the Little Rock situation the more far-reaching the issue becomes. It won't be "settled" in your lifetime or mine.

I had breakfast with Harry Stevens at Hutchinson early this morning. He was on his way to a KIDC meeting. Harry doesn't think that commission is functioning very efficiently. We will have to get the next Republican Governor to put you and me back in the harness.

I presume you have written Dutch Shultz. His secretary writes me he will be in the hospital the next two weeks. His nurse reads his mail to him and he loves to receive it. His room is 308 in the Atchison Hospital.

Sincerely yours,

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Encl.

