

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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Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas
Nov. 25, 1957

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Got your double letter in the mail yesterday. As I told you over the phone, never worry about anything like that. In the first place I thought your logic was good and certainly it was interesting reading. I may have missed the point in my piece but I was more trying to state what I considered the facts of the situation, what would happen not what I wanted to happen. As you know I have hammered continuously for the reduction of expenses. What I really was driving at was a reduction of the causes of expenses. There are too many people on the payrolls in various governmental units. There are too many of those on the payrolls who are taking too much time off at the taxpayers expense. We seem to get exactly no where in the matter of reducing the causes of expenditures that require increasing taxation. Under the circumstances, I see nothing that can be done to provide more highway money, which evidently they intend to have, other than the gasoline tax. To make it simpler, I am positive the legislators will find no other way. From my thinking along the line I draw the inevitable conclusion that we are going to have a gasoline tax increase.

I may make a few observations on your editorial in a day or so.

Second, it never occurred to me that there was any roughness in your treatment of the subject. You were characteristically firm in what you said. But it was no jolt to me in the slightest. So as I told you, think nothing of it and shoot again.

This has been a tough year for me. I doubt whether any other publisher ever had to put up with *so many* green hands, some of them smart in some ways and dumb in others and some of them just smarty. From an organization that functioned pretty smoothly for a long time I now have one that requires my watchfulness day and night. And in addition to the trials and tribulations *downs*

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here I have more trials and tribulations at the radio station that are just now at a critical period. It all is because of the pathetic changes in human characteristics with particular reference to employees. This is the day when it is difficult to get the kind of fellows you need at any price and particularly is that true when one is restricted by what he can afford to pay, what the business will bear. I am sure you have the same problems. In larger business operations their resources are greater and their ability to pay is greater. ~~In our particular case,~~ the newspapers in large cities are making it extremely tough for the newspapers in smaller cities. It used to be that my main personnel difficulties were in the back shop, once a year. No longer is that true, although it is bad enough ~~there~~ +

I am worrying about the political situation. I am placed in an embarrassing situation. Clyde and I both have discussed for a year having Anderson as a candidate this next year. We have both talked to him. Consequently, when Clyde informed me that he was figuring on running I was flabbergasted. I told him that first of all he must talk to Anderson, that we had together urged Anderson to consider running, that it was absolutely necessary that he straighten himself out with Anderson before he did anything. He said that he would. I saw him only a little while in Kansas City that afternoon and have not since talked to him about it. Between us, I feel he does not want to talk to me. For your information only, Anderson was here in my office one afternoon last week and I told him about how I was embarrassed. Generously, he promptly and emphatically said I should not feel that way at all, indicating that if they were both in the race he would not expect me to go against Reed, to maintain my consistency. So there we are. But I must get these bread and butter items on my program settled before I can spend any time in politics--waste any time, I might say.

At this date this morning, it appears there might be a little balminess in the air this afternoon in which event I will give the AP a little report on Indian summer in the Balkans.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

*Sent message to
Clymer, as suggested
2:45 this Nov 1*

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MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE COMPANY
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November 27, 1957

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

Dear Mr. Clymer: YOUR ORDER DATED 9--9-57-OUR NO. M-35660

On October 29 we wrote you in reference to receipt of ten figure 0 and five dollar marks in 24Δ116.

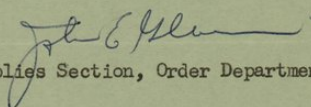
Assuming that this letter may have gone astray in the mail, we are enclosing a copy of same for your convenience.

Upon receipt of this letter would you be kind enough to answer the questions asked so that we may clear our files of this small matter which has been pending since October 17.

If we do not hear from you within ten days we shall assume that you wish us to send the matrix back to you on a memorandum shipment.

Yours sincerely,

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE COMPANY


Supplies Section, Order Department

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THE WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE FOUNDATION

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE

November 27, 1957

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, President
The William Allen White Foundation
c/o The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

We must prepare for the annual White Day activities on Monday, February 10, 1958, and I want to cover a number of points in this letter so that we can get the ball rolling. As is often the case, it would have been a good idea to get started sooner, but personal problems this Fall have had me in such a hole that I have been hard put to keep up with routine. My mother-in-law became critically ill with cancer in July and died October 27. Because my wife lived the nearest of the two daughters, she was virtually on a commuting schedule to Lincoln, Neb., to be with her mother during the final weeks and was away from home the last 15 days. Taking care of a household and three school-age kids on top of handling my job here really had me in a whirl. I hope to catch up by January 1! Fortunately for all concerned, I had kept my schedule virtually clear of travel --- except for two days --- and therefore I have been here all Fall.

The first thing we must do is to line up a William Allen White Lecturer, and our procedure for the first time must conform to a plan set out at the 1957 Foundation meeting, as follows:

"LaCoss moved that the William Allen White Foundation present an annual national award for achievement in journalism, the recipient of this award to be recognized on the day of the Foundation's annual meeting and to deliver the annual William Allen White Lecture. The honorarium for the lecture would be considered the award for achievement in journalism. Motion seconded by Mr. Clyde Reed Jr. and carried unanimously."

This obligates us to determine first of all who should get the award. No criteria are set out. It would seem that you should appoint a committee empowered to select someone --- or perhaps the executive committee should operate in that respect. On the assumption that this procedure might be acceptable to you, and in view of the scant time available, I am taking the liberty of sending out the enclosed letter to members of the executive committee of the Foundation. You will note that it is worded in



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such a way that your hands are not tied. Furthermore, you will note that I am proposing ~~2~~ candidates. I am doing so for two reasons: 1. I personally feel ~~the~~ merit, recognition, and 2. The suggestion will give the executive committee members something to shoot at. I should like to suggest that appointment of Dolph Simons Sr. as chairman of a selection committee might facilitate matters because of his proximity to K.U.

The second matter on which we must proceed immediately is selection of a Kansas editor to receive the Award for Journalistic Merit conferred annually by the Foundation on February 10.

Enclosed is a copy of a memo that I sent out last November 21. In the memo I spelled out the rules and procedures under which the recipient is selected each year, and I assume they will stand as is for this year inasmuch as no changes were voted at the annual Board meeting last February. Clyde Reed was chairman of the selection committee, and the other members were Whitley Austin and Herbert A. Meyer Jr. I suggest that you appoint your committee immediately. If it will ease things for you simply to appoint the committee members by mail and to notify them that I will send a statement of the ground rules immediately, I shall be glad to comply. It would be my hope that the committee members would proceed immediately to get up a list of candidates by any method they considered reasonable and would then come to a conclusion as soon as possible --- that is, far enough in advance of the February 10 meeting so that we could line up a presentation speaker and could notify the recipient so that he would have time to prepare his acceptance remarks. ~~I believe the get together of~~ *I'd be glad* the committee ~~will~~ *to meet with* at the KPA meeting in Wichita January 16, 17 and 18. If the final decision is made at that time, is there enough time allowed before the February 10 occasion? Your judgment on this would be appreciated and certainly should rule as you make the committee assignment.

(Before I forget it, I want to mention that I am enclosing an up-to-date roster of Foundation trustees with their addresses. This will save you the trouble of looking up addresses etc.)

I must also note in this letter that the following motion was passed at the 1957 Board meeting:

"Payton moved that a committee consisting of past presidents of the Foundation, plus three other trustees, be appointed with the purpose of redefining objectives of the Foundation and recommending a program designed to perpetuate ideals of the late William Allen White and to keep fresh his memory and works on a national basis. Seconded by Don Davis. Passed unanimously."



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I must confess negligence on my part in failing to follow up on this. My suggestion is that, since Payton will be elected president of the Foundation February 10 if we follow precedent, we hold off procedure on this matter until after the 1958 Board meeting in February. It seems to me that selection of a speaker on the new basis will satisfy to some degree the motive back of the motion, and furthermore it seems to me that it would be a mistake to try to cram such a fundamental matter into the scant time we have left between now and the February date. The past presidents are Clyde Reed, Jack Harris and Alvin McCoy, and it seems to me that it would be only just to tap Martin Fruhman as ~~one of the three~~ ^{other} on the committee since he has been so utterly dedicated from the start. Personally, I would like to see Ben Hibbs on such a committee, for he has in his past a real closeness to the Kansas journalistic scene and at the same time is far enough away so that he could bring a perspective to the deliberations that would be of great value. If you follow my suggestion that procedure on this motion be held off until after next February 10, you also will be a past president and automatically a member of the committee, and I know full well the kind of judgment you could bring to the committee's thinking.

At the 1957 Board meeting you reappointed Darby, Simons, Fruhman, Reed and Harris to the finance committee. This committee has not met --- primarily, I assume, because we have knocked down our budget to the point where exhaustion of our resources no longer is imminent; for which reason I have not been sufficiently agitated to ask for a meeting. The long-range problem still exists, however, and the question of its scope is tied in directly with the question of redefining objectives of the Foundation, as I see it. Therefore, I suggest that this matter be reviewed at the February meeting as we take up appointment of a committee to implement Payton's motion (quoted above).

Regarding finances and the discussion of same at the 1957 meeting, I should mention that Will Beck followed up by presenting a check for \$100 along with the statement that reinforcing the Foundation's finances will be a simple matter if a number of Kansas editors are satisfied that the Foundation merits such reinforcement and if they then follow through accordingly. Irving Dilliard also sent a check -- for \$50.

In winding up I do want to mention that Prentice-Hall Publishing Co., the leading publisher of books in the field of journalism, notified me last week that the chances are 75-25 that the company will offer me a contract for publication of the Foundation's problem casebook in reporting and editing. They

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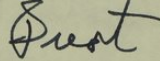
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promised a decision very shortly. I am hoping, of course, that the 75 per cent chance comes through, for such a contract would represent a real step toward achieving one of the first goals of the Foundation.

Rest assured that I shall be glad to help in any way as you act on appointment of the committees charged with selecting the 1958 William Allen White Lecturer and the 1958 recipient of the recognition for Journalistic Merit.

Sincerely yours,



Burton W. Marvin,
Director

bwm/s
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Copy

November 27, 1957

Mr. Dwight Payton
Publisher
Overbrook Citizen
Overbrook, Kansas

Dear Dwight:

This letter is going to you and to all the other members of the executive committee of the William Allen White Foundation. It relates in general to the annual meeting of the Foundation, scheduled for February 10, 1958, and most specifically to selection of a William Allen White Lecturer for that day. Procedure for the first time must conform to a plan set out at the 1957 meeting in the following motion:

"LaCoss moved that the William Allen White Foundation present an annual national award for achievement in journalism, the recipient of this award to be recognized on the day of the Foundation's annual meeting and to deliver the annual William Allen White Lecture. The honorarium for the lecture would be considered the award for achievement in journalism. Motion seconded by Mr. Clyde Reed Jr. and carried unanimously."

I have pointed out to Rolla Clymer, president of the Foundation, that no criteria are set out and have suggested to him that he might appoint a committee empowered to select someone --- perhaps the entire executive committee. To facilitate matters I am writing to each member of the executive committee to ask him to submit the name or names of a person or persons he feels might merit such recognition.

Here are some suggestions that I want to toss out for possible stimulative -- or abrasive -- purposes:

Harry S. Ashmore, executive editor of The Arkansas Gazette, for his courageous, factual, complete and cool-headed coverage of and comment upon the integration crisis in Little Rock.

J. Montgomery Curtis, director of the American Press Institute, Columbia University, for what is perhaps the most constructive and most solid contribution to American journalism since World War II.

Herbert S. Brucker, editor of the Hartford (Conn.) Courant, chairman of ASNE Freedom of Information Committee, author of books on journalism, and former assistant dean, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University; for years of

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imaginative and dedicated contributions to high standards of the profession of journalism.

Edward A. Lindsay, editor of the Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers in Illinois and since the early 1950's president of the American Council on Education for Journalism; for conscientious, painstaking and challenging leadership in industry-educator teamwork on education for journalism and standards of same.

Will you please react to these ideas and make suggestions of your own so that I can put them into whatever machinery Rolla sets up for selecting the speaker?

And please reserve Monday, February 10, 1958, for the Board meeting here!

Cordially,

Burton W. Marvin
Director

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cc: Rolla A. Clymer

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Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas

Department of Technical Journalism

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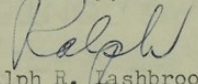
Mr. Rolla Clymer
Publisher
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

The Manhattan Rotary Club would like very much to have you speak to us at noon, Thursday, January 30, on the subject of "Kansas". At a program committee meeting last night, several members of the committee indicated a strong desire to have you appear on our program sometime within the next few months. We thought the January 30 date would be particularly appropriate. It also occurred to me you might be in Topeka for Kansas Day and perhaps could stay over and be with us the following day for our Rotary Meeting. We have a club of approximately 130 members and I am certain they would all appreciate an opportunity to hear you.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,


Ralph R. Lashbrook

RRL/cs

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November 29, 1957

Mr. Burton W. Marvin, Director
William Allen White Foundation
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Burton:-

I believe I have digested all of the salient details embodied in your well-written and informative letter which came today. In answering it, I am following several of your suggestions.

For the annual lecture and national award committee, I would like to name Dolph Simons, chairman; Dr. Franklin D. Murphy and Oscar Stauffer. Two of these are from Lawrence and the other from Topeka, which should make their necessary conferring easier. I know, of course, that you will be of great help to them in making their selection. I picked Stauffer because of his wide acquaintance among men of national professional note.

For the journalistic award of merit committee, I would like to have Whitley Austin, chairman; Angelo G. Scott and Dwight Payton. The rules, as you say, are clear and unchanged and they should have no trouble on their score. I believe they should be able to make their choice by the time of the Kansas Press Association meeting January 16-18. You and I will both be present on that occasion, and if they wish to confer with us we will be available.

If you will notify the members of these two committees, I shall be grateful. I have no secretary and it would be difficult for me to get the word to all.

I agree with you that we should let the matter of redefining the Foundation's objectives ride over, and likewise the question of finance. We can review these at our February meeting. I surely hope your Prentice-Hall deal goes over.

If I have omitted any detail of importance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Ralph R. Lashbrook
Manhattan, Kansas

My Dear Ralph:-

I would like to talk to the Manhattan Rotary club on the subject of "Kansas"--but not on January 30, or in fact at any time during January. Reason is that I have grown into the bad habit of making an annual news review (primarily for my own Rotary club) and am billed up for eight or ten appearances during January. This will keep me busy, and will also prevent me from working on any special speech for Manhattan--which is the only way I would want to do it.

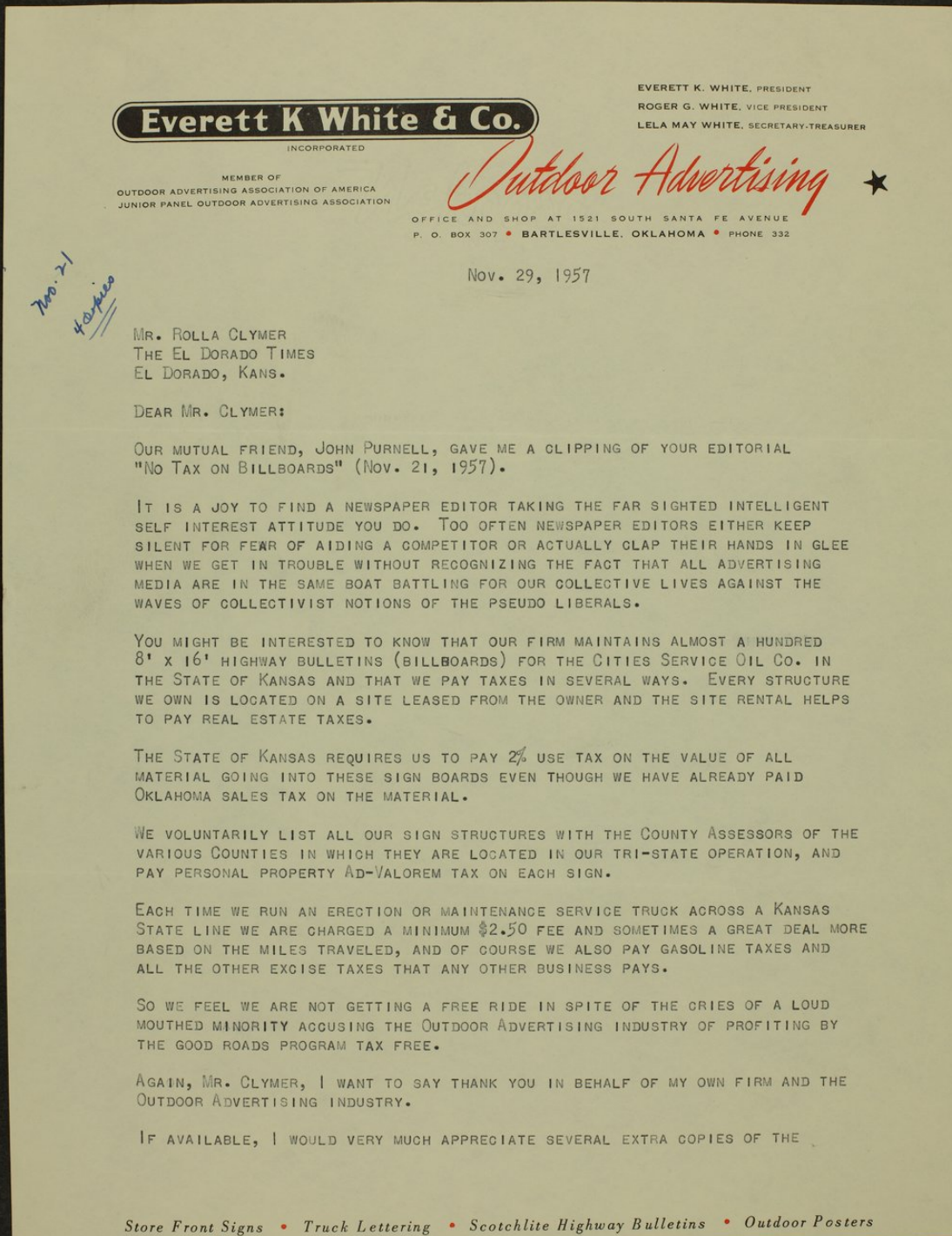
If you can give me another date, maybe as late as March or April, I may be able to say yes. I would want to appear before your club only when I am well prepared, and cheerfully admit it would be something of an occasion for me.

Let me know--and I shall see what I can do.

Sincerely,

I am interested in giving Marilyn McKnight a job when she gets out of school. I talked with her Wednesday but she wants some time to make up her mind. I have the feeling that she is a good bet.

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TO ROLLA CLYMER

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EDITORIAL TOGETHER WITH YOUR MAST HEAD, OR IF YOU CAN, FURNISH EVEN ONE COPY WITH PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND THIS EDITORIAL WITH PROPER SOURCE CREDIT TO OUR STATE SENATORS, OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ETC. AS IT IS A VERY EFFECTIVE PIECE OF WRITING IN OUR BEHALF.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU AND OTHERS LIKE YOU WHO HAVE GONE TO BAT FOR US.

CORDIALLY YOURS,



EVERETT K WHITE

EKW-B

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30 November 1957

Dear Burt Marvin,

In suggesting Ashmore, Curtis, Brucker and Lindsay you have made some excellent nominations.

Unless ~~ASHMORE~~ is worn out with honors, he would be my first choice.

And I would ask him to talk about the nightsweats an editor must endure when he is in the middle of a community controversy.

I imagine I detect a somewhat superior attitude among journalism graduates toward this technical problem. They seem to feel the good editor is the one who kicks the community in the teeth and that a good fairy will see to it that advertising revenue immediately will soar to the point that cub reporters may be paid \$100 a week... or that the good editor of a college paper is the one who berates the legislature at appropriation time. It seems to me Ashmore has the right record of idealism to discuss these sordid aspects of our trade in a reasonable perspective.

Best,

Whitley Austin

cc: Clymer

WIN WITH REED

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November 30, 1957

Mr. Everett K. White
Bartlesville, Okla.

Dear Mr. White:-

I thank you for your letter. I am glad you approve our editorial, "No Tax on Billboarders," published November 21. Under separate cover, I am sending you four copies of the editorial page of that issue. Of course, you have our full permission to make whatever use of this article you deem fit. The only request I have is that you give our paper due credit.

I am interested in the information contained in the body of your letter. None of us in business today gets away from the clutches of the tax and fee grabbers.

Sincerely,



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December 2, 1957

Times Publishing Company
118 East Central
El Dorado, Kansas

Attention: Mr. R. A. Clymer, Mgr.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your order for 2 - 10 em Ejector Blades, for which we thank you.

We are sorry to advise however, that we do not carry these parts in stock and therefore are forced to cancel your order.

We are looking forward to serving you in your future needs.

Cordially yours,

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POTWIN, KANSAS

Dec. 2, 1957

Mr. Rolla Clymer:
El Dorado Times
El Dorado Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Our club would like to have
you as our guest speaker Jan. 21
1957, 7:00 Pm at the Community
building. This will be a mens
dinner meeting.

I thank you
Very truly yours
W. H. Marshall

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December 2, 1957

Mr. Angelo C. Scott
Toia, Kansas

Dear Angelo:-

Many thanks for your post card.
In answer to your question, I will say that
nobody will write about me when I am gone. A
few warm friends like you, throwing their
reputations for veracity and reliability out
the window, have already done that--far, far
more than I can ever deserve.

But I am downright grateful, just the
same.

Sincerely,

COPY

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December 2, 1937

Mr. E. R. Barr, Business Manager
The Emporia Gazette
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Mr. Barr:-

Enclosed is statement for expense
of the run on the tag end of your paper Saturday.
I trust you will find it within bounds.

We were glad to give you a lift. Maybe
before night, we will be calling you for help.
Any time we can be of service, just let us know.

Yours,

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The Pittsburg Headlight

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THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas
Dec. 2, 1957

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

My dear Mr. Past President KSHS:

I certainly want you to note the feature story which our Mr. Taylor, Horse Editor, supplied the AP in its new campaign of features for release Saturday. I realize it took a lot of space if used in full and that it was not hardly possible for some to use it Saturday. But if you missed it I certainly want you to read it. We bring in the centennial and it is my hope that this would be the opening gun for centennial publicity.

Look at Blythe's statement at Hutchinson about Docking wanting to find out what every Tom, Dick and Harry was thinking about taxes. That Tom, Dick and Harry thing will cost us and cost us, in my judgment.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

December 2, 1957

Office of
THE DEAN

LETTER TO: Whitley Austin
Angelo Scott
Dwight Payton

FROM: Burton W. Marvin

Rolla A. Clymer has asked me to relay his request that you three serve as a committee of the William Allen White Foundation to select the 1958 recipient of the award for journalistic merit. He asks that the chairman be Austin, who was a member of the committee last year.

This award is conferred each year at the annual luncheon of the Foundation board, which meets annually on Mr. White's birthday. The day and date therefore will be Monday, February 10, 1958.

Last year the committee -- Clyde Reed, chairman; Whitley Austin, and Hub Meyer -- corresponded on the subject and then met at the KPA convention in Hutchinson in mid-January and made the selection. I suggested to Rolla that the committee might again this year proceed immediately to get up a list of candidates and then meet at the KPA meeting in Wichita -- scheduled for January 16, 17 and 18. Rolla and I both will be at the convention and will be glad to meet with the committee if you wish us to do so. The choice should be made no later than then, because the recipient and the speaker who makes the presentation should have that much advance warning before the February 10 event.

The "ground rules" remain the same as they were last year, so I am enclosing a copy for each of you --- one of last year's sheets with extraneous material edited out. I also am enclosing a copy of the 1957 awards luncheon booklet for your information. The first page describes the award and lists those who have received it.

If I can be of any help as you go to work on this, please let me know. And let me and Rolla know as to your wishes regarding a session at Wichita in January.

Cordially,

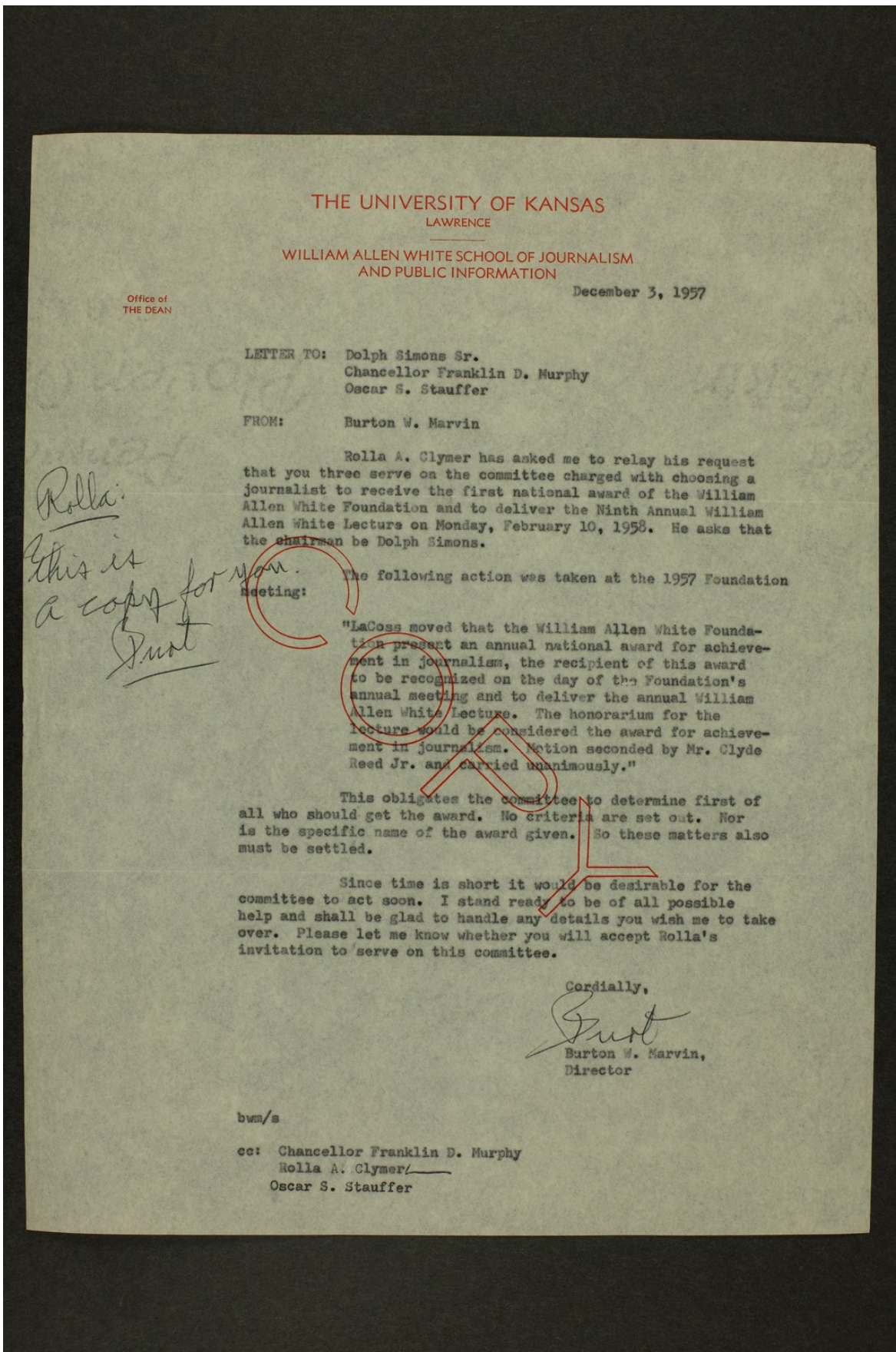
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Burton W. Marvin,
Director

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CC: Rolla A. Clymer
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*Rolla: I got this one
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after visit in Emporia
Burt*

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Purdy, Mo.
Dec. 3 1957

Hello Rolla:-

When you see my name just let your memory drift back to the days when you were young and in your prime. There has been a great deal of water flowed under the bridge since Quenemo school days and some of the happiest days of our lives those school days but we did not realize it at that time. Your memory takes us back and we must live some of those school days over again. If I were in El Dorado, Kansas and enquired where I might find Old man Clymer where do you suppose they would direct me? You we are around the three score and ten mark and I often wonder how many of our old school mates are living to day. You know man's life span is only 67 years. I was never back to Quenemo but one time since we left there in 1905. I have seen just two former Quenemo people in all these years. Uncle George Logan came across to see us shortly after we left there and some 35 years ago I met one of the Neil boys in Eureka Springs, Ark. I see your story in the Saturday Evening post of one Jerry Blankenship who came from north Arkansas. He may be a very distant relation but we have no record of even that. Our off home after we left Quenemo was near Adrian, Mo. and several years of my life were spent there. I have 4 sisters and 2 brothers and most all of them live over

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up in that part today. as for me here at present in South-west Missouri has been my home for near 25 years.

My wife and I lived on a farm up to some over two years ago but sold the farm and have a home in perry now. I have never done any thing noteworthy or set the world on fire as one might say but it has been a busy life and I have strived to be a good neighbor and tried to make friends along the way for in this journey throu life we can not have one friend to many. Have enjoyed the work in the church and was a Sunday School teacher for years. Back in

Quenemo days we never imagined such things as radio and T. V. I can remember the first auto I ever saw was there when Banker Boddy (may not be spelled right) brought the first one to Quenemo. Just think how it would look up beside cars of today. Even if we do have so many things I do not believe people are as happy as they were in the old days.

I can remember so well how we did have to study in our school days and today they teach the youngsters

to play ball first then a "smattering" of book learning later. If you doubt my statement just try asking high school students you know how many

are 9 times 7 and just see how few of them can answer you. yet these students can "breaze" past you driving a car at 75 to 100 per.

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I was reading of car wrecks in Missouri and 80% of the drivers were under 24 years of age. Speed is what they want and may not be going any place in particular either. But last winter the Governor of Missouri did not want them to issue a drivers license to one past 65 years of age. I used to hunt a great deal and we got 4 deer and some wild turkeys but my hunting days are over. Have fished some along all my life and do enjoy going fishing the summer now. Am not near any rivers but we have two creeks and they are enough for one of my caliber. My father and mother have passed on some years ago but we 7 brothers and sisters are all here yet. Now Rolla I do not know how busy a person you are but if you have the time and care to I sure would enjoy hearing from you. Any word of our old school mates would be news to me. My old class mates were Flora Herrin, Winnie Lane, Gertrude Largent, Walter Chastain and Oliver Thompson. Can you tell me any thing of them. Now this is not a master piece but it expresses me about as I am.

Hoping things are well with you I am
your old school mate.

Ross Blankenship

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DECEMBER 5, 1957

A special meeting of the Trustees of the El Dorado Public Library, Mr. Moses, Mr. Griest and Mr. Caton was held at the City Manager's office Thursday, December 5, 1957, at 2 p.m. Mr. Clymer presided and these board members were present: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. McMillen, Mrs. Bradford and Miss Frazier.

Mr. Moses, library consultant, reviewed the tax structure for libraries, pointed out the need for an additional tax levy and suggested a sample budget with the proportionate expenditures of 65% for Salaries, 20% for books, periodicals, binding, 15% for operating expenses. He further stressed the importance of the service given during the first year in a new structure.

Mr. William N. Caton, architect, then pointed out that it would be as cheap to build a complete new structure as to build an addition to the present Carnegie building. By so doing there would be the advantage of street level entrance and a more workable structure for operation.

The matter of whether to make an addition to the present structure or build a complete new building was deferred until the regular meeting of the board December 17. Mr. Caton was asked to attend that meeting.

The contract of Caton, Yaden & Potter, Associated Architects, as herewith appended was read by Mr. Clymer.

Mr. Taliaferro moved that the board accept the contract with Mr. Caton as read. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

ANNA LOUISE BONGER
Acting Secretary

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PHONE HL 5-2263

WILLIAM M. JONES, SR.
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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

12/4/57

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Was interested in reading about you in the November 2 Sat. El Paso story "They Don't Need Progress."

Hey, I didn't know you were a MINNESINGER (P. 83 They Don't Need Progress)

I can remember you riding around the Santa Fe plaza in a Fiesta float where you were editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican. Were you MINNESING them? I hope you don't mind the kidding - It is friendly.

Read about me in the enclosed clipping. I need a job on a newspaper.
Best personal regards.

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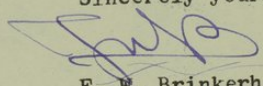
Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

You will be receiving a request from John M. Henry of the Des Moines papers for some information. He wants to know, for purposes of a book he is writing, how the newspaper fellows of Kansas organized to promote Alf Landon in 1936. He is an old friend of mine. I suggested that you were on the job with the newspaper work in 1936 and undoubtedly would be willing to give him the information.

How is old Nossy this summer--Indian summer?

Sincerely yours,


F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Can it be Nossy?

I did not do much in the newspaper group during 1936 - was out of the state a lot - but you, Mr. Clymer, were doing all the work

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CLYDE M. REED, JR.
PARSONS, KANSAS

December 6, 1957

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

Dear Ham:

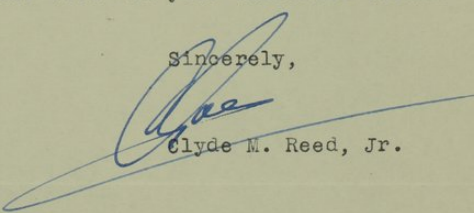
As always, it was good to see you in El Dorado the other day, and I am sorry to have imposed on you, but certainly appreciate the time you gave me.

The note from Dick Robbins arrived this morning, and is very interesting as well as encouraging.

If there is anything I should know from time to time, I am depending on you and a few of my close friends to keep me advised.

I noted with interest what you had to say about "the turnpike vote" in your editorial column the other day.

Sincerely,



Clyde M. Reed, Jr.

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