

## 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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up its decision until fall prompted objection from Senator Lyndon Johnson ... (who said) 'I am puzzled and I will say somewhat surprised by your testimony that we can wait until fall to make a decision on modernizing our strategic Air Force by keeping the production line going on the B-52,' ... McElroy said ... 'If the decision had to be made to day, I would be for continuing production of the B-52 on a reduced basis, because I don't see at this time that we have any knowledge that would warrant our putting our dependence on any other weapon system for the same type of function.' Elsewhere in the testimony, Senator Stuart Symington disclosed that he had been considering a figure of \$900 million for supplemental financing of the B-52 and KC-135 programs ..." American Aviation Daily, February 4, 1958.

"General LeMay said (to the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee): 'The B-58 is a new and radical airplane. We have an elaborate test program planned with the airplanes that are already on order to determine just what can be done with this airplane. The test program is beyond the normal test program that the research and development people and production people have with a new airplane, and the Operational Command, SAC, is tied in with the test program. It will embrace new tactics and things of that sort, in addition to the normal program to determine just how useful this airplane is going to be and how it fits into the targets and war plans of the present force. I think that the amount we have in the 1959 budget for the B-58 is probably as far as we should go at this time. Plans call for purchase of 47 aircraft in fiscal 1959.' As to the present status of B-58 tests, General LeMay said: 'They indicate it is coming pretty close to specifications. The question is: What are we going to do with it after we have it? How are we going to use it and how valuable is it going to be?'....." American Aviation Daily, January 23, 1958.

"Boeing Airplane Company expects to reduce its Wichita Division payroll by about 6,000 before the end of the year, making a 12,000 cut since peak employment of 34,500 in October 1957 ...." American Aviation Daily, February 10.

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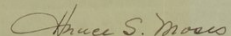
Dear Mr. Clymer:

I leave here this weekend and will be away until the week of April 7th. The first three weeks in March my address will be Hotel Bristol, 129-135 West 45th St., New York 36, New York.

Should any matter arise in which my advice would be of value, please feel free to write me at that address.

I trust that your Board is working its way out of the dilemma of site location. I shall look forward to helping you whenever I can.

Sincerely yours,

  
Horace S. Moses



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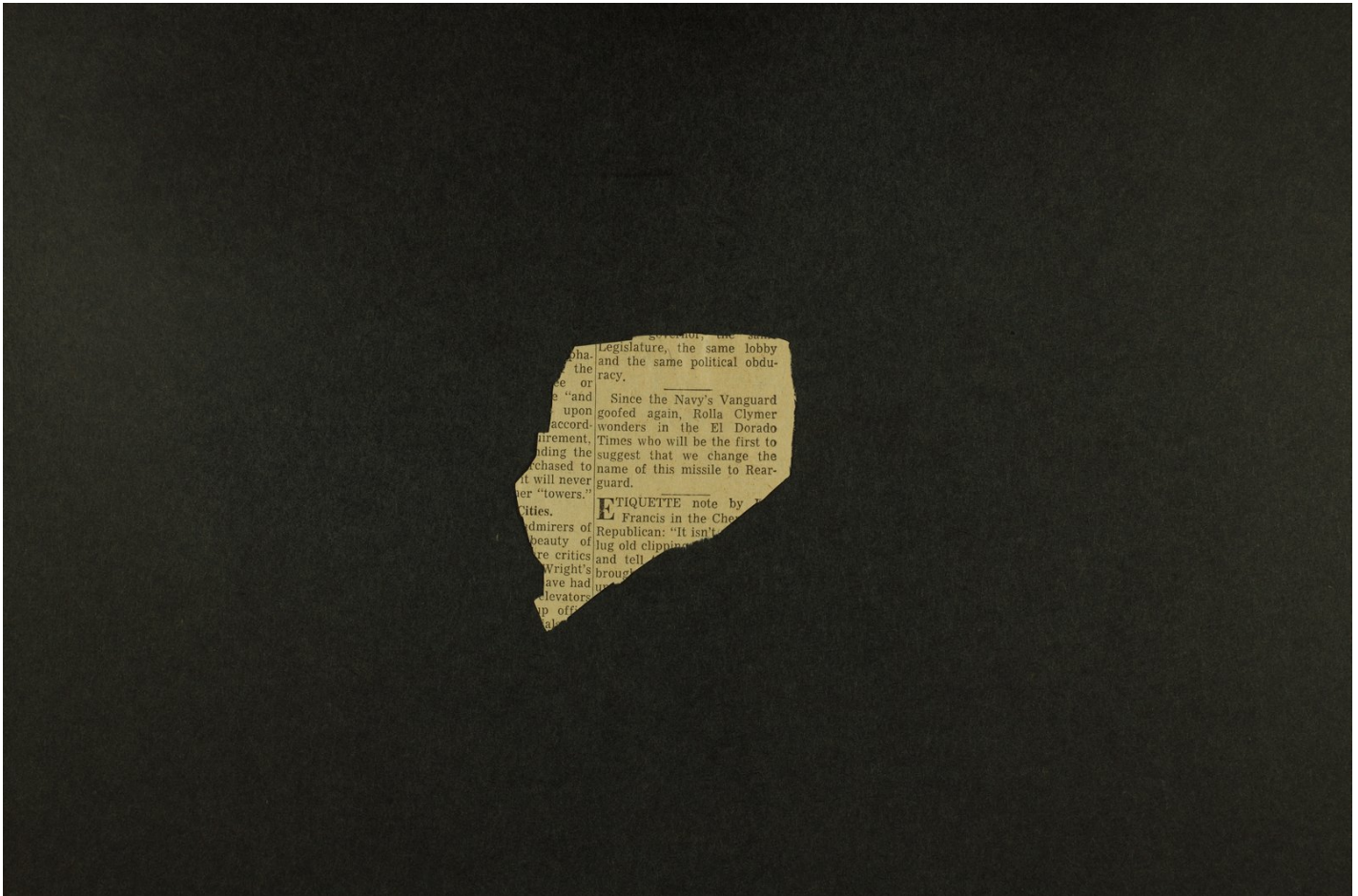
Dear Rolla:

I might qualify as ONE of the first since this was suggested in my column several months ago - well, anyway, shortly after the first goofing. I THINK I wrote "Let's call it Operation Rearguard and clam up about it until it operates."

You're welcome and warmest  
regards,

*Mary D. Montgomery*

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Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor and Gen'l Mgr.

El Dorado Times

El Dorado, Kansas

My Dear Clymer:

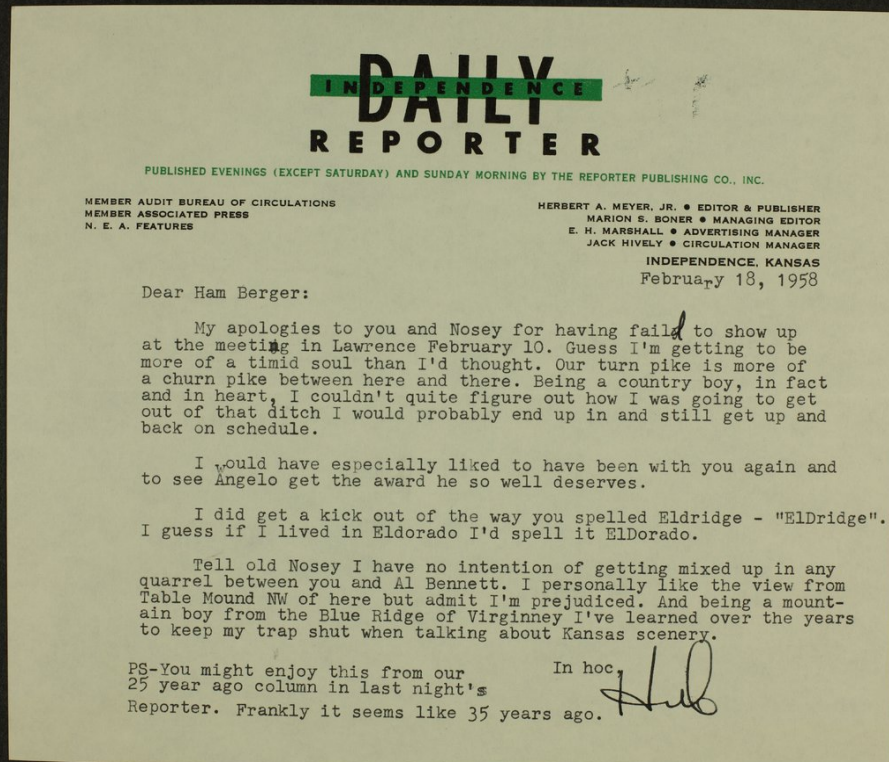
Thank you for the very nice letter about our being in El Dorado and failure to meet you. I phoned office of El Dorado Motel and after a wait they said no answer. I should have called again that evening, then maybe you could have met us at New York restaurant. We left just about 9:00 o'clock. Sorry we did not get to see you, but maybe some time again.

As to coming your way in April when we return home, that is difficult. I must go to my old home town of Grenola, and you are about 100 miles north of it. We would have to come up US54--weather permitting--to El Dorado, then go south that 100 miles to Grenola, then back to 54. That wouldn't be much for a youngster, but for one past 50 (! ! ) it is something to consider. We shall have to see what may be done. We will probably leave here second week in April and drive up US 54. If weather is fine--and we also feel fine--it would be a great pleasure, I am sure, to visit you and your plant. Mrs. Boys joins me in good wishes for you and yours.

Fraternally,



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Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Ham:- I am making some headway in my trip back to El Dorado. I find conditions in East and Africa slightly different than in U.S.A. and frankly I prefer our way of life. I arrived here from Khartoum by S.A.S. yesterday and ran into Poppy Simon in hotel. We went together to see wild life in Nairobi National Preserve and really had a great time. Nice to see a person from Kansas. Your name was mentioned many times. It is something to see Africa animals in wild state in natural habitat. Had dinner in hotel dining room and dinner with orchestra was fine but all waiters were bare footed about 75% of population here are negroes but this is rather modern city. I was in Woolworths to look around. Since I wrote you from Iran I have been in Beirut, Jerusalem, Cairo, Luxor, Addis Ababa, Khartoum and Nairobi and how interesting it all was but I still much prefer the good old U.S.A. and El Dorado in particular. Evidence everywhere of American give me dollars and I am afraid much of it is wasted. Man in Khartoum asked me when Dulles was coming to Sudan with some American dollars to develop the country that had much to develop. I told him I thought Dulles would show up if given time and a little encouragement.



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I enjoyed Dolph Simon and he left this morning for Johannesburg and I am leaving in morning for Salisbury and Johannesburg by Mondon of next week when I will see Dolph again. Cairo, Luxor and Egypt very interesting with Valley of Kings, tombs etc. Everyone in near East seem to be afraid of Kasser. ~~Ethiopia~~ Ethiopia very primitive and Lion of Judah and King of Kings not very impressive to me but he has strange hold on country and people. graft and corruption in government in these countries is quite the rule. Went on Safari into jungle in Ethiopia and did some hunting and had great time. Stayed all night in wild and listened to hyenas cough during night. Saw much animal life and natives in wild state with their long sharp spears. They stand on one foot with other foot on knee of leg on which they stand. They stare at you but say nothing. I did not like it but kept facing the spear. Had some good shooting of geese and partridge. Saw wild wart sows with seven little pigs but left her strictly alone although she did not stop to visit with us either. Saw hippo rise in lake and snort like wild horse. I have been impressed with the evidence of manner in which Egyptian Kings and rulers generally lived while their subjects starved. Living conditions of poorer classes are still terrible. Haile Selassie is no good in my book but he loves display and pomp. He seems popular with masses. Papers have been filled with news of Union of Egypt and Syria and our satellite. I get out in sticks and miss the jokers. Hope things are good in El Dorado. Wish you had been with Dolph and me yesterday. Leaving for Australia on mon 3rd gets lonesome at times. Charley Chaplin + wife + two children on plane yesterday. Best Wishes Jack



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[2-19-1958]

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February 19, 1958

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To: Board of Directors

The purpose of this communication is to remind you of the meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for February 26, 4:00 p.m., in Newton, Kansas. The Board will meet at the Ripley Hotel. At approximately 6:00 p.m. a dinner meeting has been scheduled with the Industrial Committee of the Newton Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties similar to the type of meeting which was held in Harper.

It is suggested that other interested persons from your county who care to attend the dinner session be invited to do so. Will you, therefore, please complete and forward the enclosed card to Mr. Lewis Charlton, 125 6th St. W., Newton, Kansas indicating the number of people including yourself who expect to be present for dinner in order that he may complete the necessary arrangements.

Chairman Hickman, in reviewing the meeting the Board had with John Sticher, suggests that at the Newton meeting each director be prepared to suggest a "natural" selling point for each respective county which the group may promote for the area.

Sincerely,

*H. W. Kratzer*  
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Mr. David Clymer  
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Rush County News  
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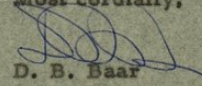
Dear Mr. Clymer:

As sales representative for the Goss Printing Press Company for your territory, I received copies of the correspondence which transpired relative to supplemental equipment for the Times at El Dorado, Kansas. There is little I can actually add to that which Harry Buhler provided except to say that I think you would find the recommended machinery quite beneficial.

If you feel a meeting together would be of a mutual benefit, that can, of course, be arranged to suit your convenience. A note to this address concerning the situation will be appreciated a lot, in order that I can be governed accordingly.

Thank you.

Most cordially,

  
D. B. Baar  
Sales Division

DBB:ms

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



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 20, 1958

My Dear Jack Wecker:-

I greatly appreciate your kind letter. It is good to know that you and some of your associates have approved some of my editorial remarks. You understand how that business goes: You write 'em and publish 'em-- and seldom hear a doggone word about any of 'em. But, as W. A. W. used to tell me, it doesn't matter. Just be sure you do your dead, level best when you write them.

I can see from your letter and its references that you have been reading my stuff-- and that makes me happy. I only hope that I can keep up the lick of holding your interest, especially since you are now and always will be one of Our Boys.

I am vastly proud of the way you have gone to the top with Boeing. We were fortunate to have just a little piece of you when you were starting on the way up.

I might just fool you one of these days on that free meal you have been offering. So you might keep one ear peeled for the phone to ring.

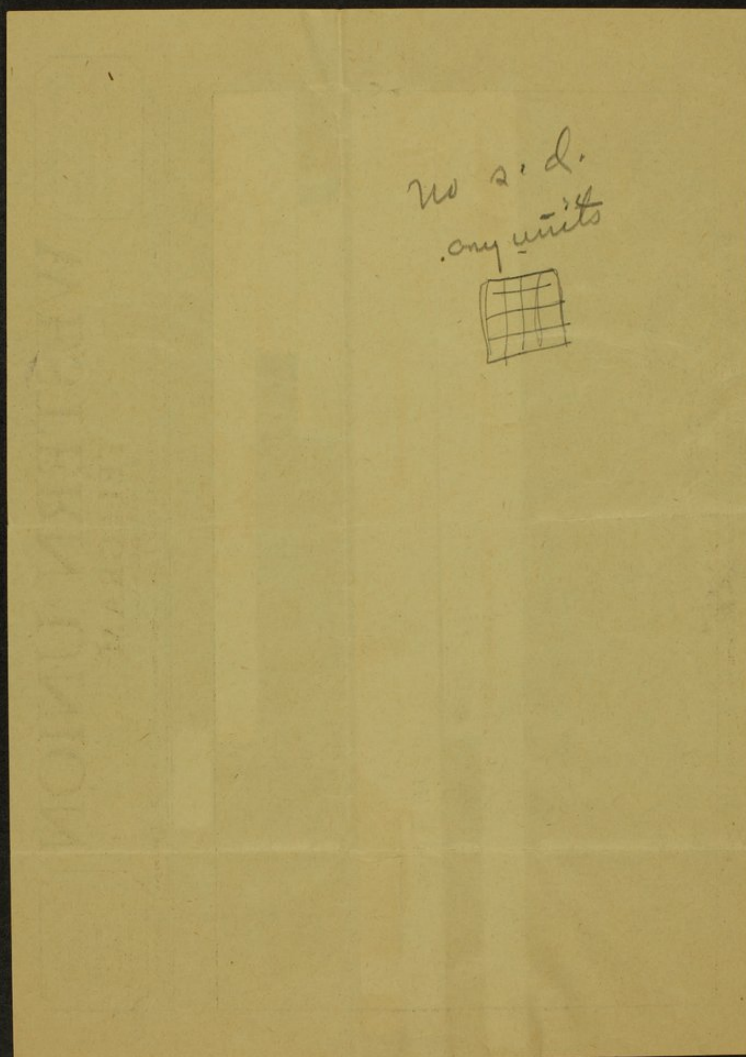
Thanks again.

Ever yours, rac



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February 20, 1958

My Dear Mary Liz:-

I did not crib your brain child, m'liss. Unfortunately, I did not happen to see your paragraph. I just thought to myself, thought I, "here's a purty doggone smart crack," and so into the paper it went.

I want you to know that I have a durn hard time writing my column, because all you brilliant folk around the state beat me to the snappy remarks--and I have to take the leavings. Satan often nudges me to steal a mot, but so far my good fairy--who is a faithful soul--has stood between and kept me from doing so. Now that I am crippling around on arthritic legs and suffering from general debility, it is too late to begin.

Anywy, this may be just another case of "Great minds....." I am sorry if I inadvertently picked one of your posies--but, gee gosh, how glad I was to hear from you.

Please give my best to that Democrat bum of a husband of yours.

As ever,

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Dear Mr. Clymer:

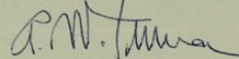
Thank you for your letter of February 13, stating that your repaired unit is working satisfactorily.

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EL DORADO TIMES  
February 20, 1958

### A STIRRING IN THE HILLS

The Flint Hills today—this season of late February—lie stark and silent under a cover of snow. This fleecy blanket whitens their crests and streaks their gaunt sides with feathered tracery.

The bluestem grass beneath it is sere and brown. Trees that cling precariously to ravine sides are bare and bleak of outline. Limestone ridges, peering through the surface in spots, show only hard and sullen faces to a mild and pallid sun. The hand of winter rests heavily upon the Hills; over all their spacious area no sign of life prevails.

Yet faint stirrings can be felt—even now—within their cosmic depths. Already, with winter loathe to leave the scene, the tremors of subtle change may be sensed. The bluestem's roots quiver with an atavistic urge to thrust themselves deeply into the sweet limestone soil. The myriad seeds of prairie flowers move to break the quiescence which has been their lot since long nights began to brood over the land.

Within a hand's breadth of time, and in an hour when no man knoweth, a great awakening will take place. The Hills will once again burst into life, under the stimulus of the magic by which they have been governed since they rose from ancient seas. Then will the bluestem take on the glory of its kind, flowers and trees and shrubs shroud themselves with their alluring native dress, and birds and small animals begin their mysterious and adventurous journeys over this prairie domain.

Scarcely forty days hence, the Month of Many Rains will come again, the pasture lands will unfold their splendor beneath balmy skies—and the Big Beef Steer will return to his lordly habitat.

Then may the dwellers of earth be constrained to cry out with the joy of the psalmist, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help" \* \* \* behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep!"



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February 21, 1958

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

Dear Rolla:

Your thought on the Bazaar cattle pass being at the top of the Turnpike through the Flint Hills was correct. I got with Newcomer today and we dug the elevations out of the construction plans and they are as follows:

Bazaar cattle pass, ground level elevation, 1,575' at the bridge.

Matfield Green cattle pass, 1,534' at the bridge.

Matfield Green Service Area, 1,510', ground line at the coffee shop floor level.

In contrast, ground level elevation at the Emporia Service area is 1,160 feet.

At El Dorado, the elevation is 1,300 feet.

This makes our Bazaar cattle pass the break in the north and south slopes of the Flint Hills.

Newcomer tells me that the historical signs for the Flint Hills area are ready and I think Gale will talk with you soon about plans for some kind of dedicatory ceremony and a guest list. We want to do this important occasion up brown. Gale said he would give me the information after discussing it with you and several other interested people.

Best regards,

*Louis Stroup*  
LOUIS STROUP

Director of Public Relations

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February 24, 1958

Mr. Horace S. Moses  
New York City

Dear Mr. Moses:-

The enclosed clipping, taken from our issue of Saturday, February 22, tells its own story. We will build our library on the Washington school site which, I believe, will lend itself to an attractive environment.

While we were deliberating the problem of location, Mr. Caton held up work on his plans. He will now be able to go ahead with assurance, since the site has been definitely selected. I assume several weeks will be required ~~from~~ for him to finish these plans, by which time you may have returned to Kansas.

We will want to get down to brass tacks on our project just as soon as possible. No doubt we will need your services again when the matter of approval of the plans comes up. I shall bear in mind your anticipated return date of April 7.

Very truly yours,

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February 24, 1958

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

Dear Friend Rolla:

While I appreciate your friendship as indicated in your editorial in your fine paper on February 15th, I think you are plenty courageous to do so. Your courage is of course nothing new to those who know you. As a result of what you had to say I noticed the Emporia Gazette reproduced your editorial and so did Clyde Reed who was nice enough to send me a reproduction of his in Parsons.

You can well imagine the kidding I let myself in for here in Texas. In fact I have had letters from as far as Los Angeles on the very subject matter.

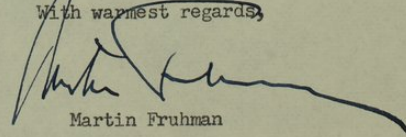
By omitting the word "honorary" Kansan I have had people ask me whether I meant to give up my vote in Texas and you know Rolla "Them is fighting words".

Its exactly two weeks today since we had our memorable meeting in Lawrence. I don't know how you feel about the thing, but to me it seemed it was the first realistic approach to the question of financing the Foundation.

Naturally we had fine co-operation among those present but you know so well that what will be the ultimate result will depend altogether on how these things are followed up.

It was a genuine pleasure to serve with you during the last two years and I am hoping that the fine example that you set during your period will be continued during the next two years.

With warmest regards,



Martin Fruhman

MF/dd.



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

Dear Rolla:

Pam had a letter Saturday from young Dolph written from Nairobi enroute to Johannesburg. In reporting several pleasant experiences he told of having the good fortune of meeting Mr. Bond and being with him on a visit to the Kenya National Park where they saw a lot of wild animals.

I mentioned this to Marie and she said, "you must write Rolla because he spoke of his disappointment in not getting to tell Dolph and Bond about each other before they got away". Such happenings as this chance meeting in Nairobi make me realize all the more that none of us better plan on trying to run away and hide, but had better stay around home and face the music.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Dolph*  
Dolph Simons

DS:df



February 25, 1938

Mr. William Walstrom  
Randolph, Kansas

Dear Mr. Walstrom:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter, with its enclosures, a few days ago. I perceive that you and I do not agree about the severance tax on oil and gas. If you lived in an oil-producing country for forty years, as I have done, and understood the problems of the oil men, you might feel differently about the matter as I do.

Still, this difference of opinion is not material between friends and fellow citizens, and so I am glad that you wrote me. I respect the knowledge that you have gained in your long and no doubt useful life.

Very truly yours,



February 25, 1958

Tape Production Corporation  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us immediately your  
tapes for the Metro Spring Fashion service.  
Our column width is 11 cms.

Very truly yours,

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 25, 1958

Mr. Dolph Simons  
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Dolph:-

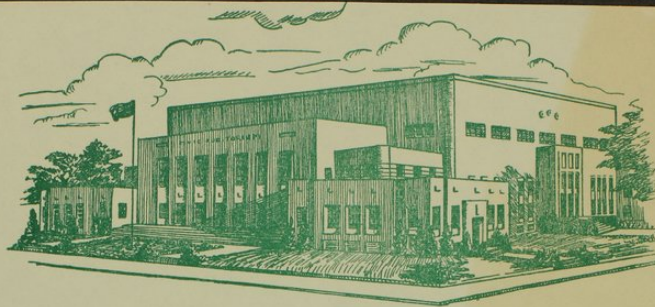
I am grateful for your letter. I received an air mail letter a day or two ago from Jack Bond, dated February 18, who said he was at Nairobi and had run into your Dolph at the New Stanley Hotel. He was elated over this happening, and told me about the "great time" the two of them had in seeing the Nairobi National preserve together.

This pleased me because I felt it would have been unfortunate for these two to ~~xxxxxxx~~ parallel each other for part of their journeys and not meet. I am sure they had a royal time in their companionship--brief as it was.

It was kind of Marie to think about me and you to write, and I appreciate this thoughtfulness. Jack Bond seems to be having the time of his life on this trip--though I seem to detect traces of homesickness in his letters. It's mighty hard for anybody with Flint Hills blood in their veins ever to be truly satisfied anywhere else.

Sincerely,





EMPORIA CIVIC AUDITORIUM *home of*

LYON COUNTY CHAPTER *Kansas State Historical Society*

EMPORIA, KANSAS  
1728 Mayfair Street,  
February 26, 1958

Editor Rolla Clymer  
Eldorado, Kansas,

Dear Mr. Clymer,

Each year the Lyon County Historical Society celebrates the Fourth of July by a chicken dinner at the Broadview Hotel. But the piece de Resistance of the occasion is a discourse by some well-known educator, usually the president of the Kansas State Historical Society, but we have also had the Commander of the United States Frigate Emporia and professors of history from the University or Secretary Nyle Miller.

At our annual meeting last Saturday it was unanimously voted to ask you to speak to us on next Fourth of July at the noon dinner on any subject ~~you~~ that you wish to choose. Attention was recalled to the fact that you are an Emporian and that you have many, many friends here who would delight to hear you.

Should you decide to come bring your family and any friends you may wish and we will furnish the chicken dinner for all. I wish we could offer you a generous honorarium but, as usual, like other County Historical Societies we are poorer than Job's turkey. I believe you will enjoy seeing our museum. The old settlers have done well in turning over to it their historical souvenirs.

I am writing a column on the museum for the Gazette now, and have added experiences of mine from high places in Europe. I can not write the lovely prose that you do, such as your tribute to the Flint Hills, but perhaps



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some of my writing might be worse --so I append a column from my Museum Notes taken from the Gazette. I hope you will like it.

Do come to our Fourth of July affair if you can possibly make it,

Cordially,

*Orville Watson Mosher*

Pres Lyon County Historical Society,

*We are all interested in the coming centennial  
of Kansas.*  
*-M-*



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

By  
Orville Watson Mosher

February 21, 1958

### Museum Notes

By Orville Watson Mosher  
Curator, Lyon County Museum

The Museum staff recently had the pleasure of a visit from the Lyndon Valley Club, as well as Scouts and Brownies, and all found the experience both instructive and entertaining. The Centennial Committee has turned over all the principal records contracts and films of the organization. The former Gazette safe has been opened and now these records are safely sealed within waiting for the Sesqui-Centennial, fifty years from now, when enthusiasts will find them, and learn what was accomplished on the great occasion this past July. One of the items was a splendid scrap-book, fully and artistically created which will doubtless be scanned with enthusiasm by Sesquicentennial officers to come.

I wonder if most people get a big thrill about shining in the reflected light of those considered great. If that is so, my own ample chest must have expanded many times at the association with the famous chronicled in these notes recently. Wealth is a crude measure of ability but it is not the only measure and perhaps we all need to use several yard sticks in our estimate of others and ourselves. With my letter of introduction from the U. S. National Museum to the Curators of European Museums, I was placed in a strategic position to visit freely the palaces of European kings and to handle some of the priceless objects of their daily lives. I once ate off coronation china. Why is it that the melancholy contemplation of past grandeur gives a sort of pleasurable pathetic sensation?

In making my rounds I have selected the proudest spots where the great must have stood when they gazed over their estates at the height of their power, and I have thought how they must have hated to give it all up. It is so well summed up in Gibbon's lofty prose. Poggius, the philosopher, in the last days of Pope Eutellus IV in the 15th century moralized on the vicissitudes that spare neither man nor the proudest of his works. As he sat in the Roman forum he recalled how in the Days of Virgil, the Capotoline Hill was crowned by golden roofs; now these have fallen and the gold pillaged. Through these arches the mighty Roman armies, the terror of kings, once marched; now the shapeless and enormous fragments of palaces lie prostrate and ruin is even more visible from the stupendous relics that have survived the injuries of time and fortune. All things pass away; the Roman Empire, built for eternity, is no more."

We strut our little time upon the stage, deriving our pleasures largely from our own creations, or by shining in the reflected light of others, before we, too, vanish. We can only pray that our Republic, still so young, may not suffer the fate accorded the Ancient Roman empire.