

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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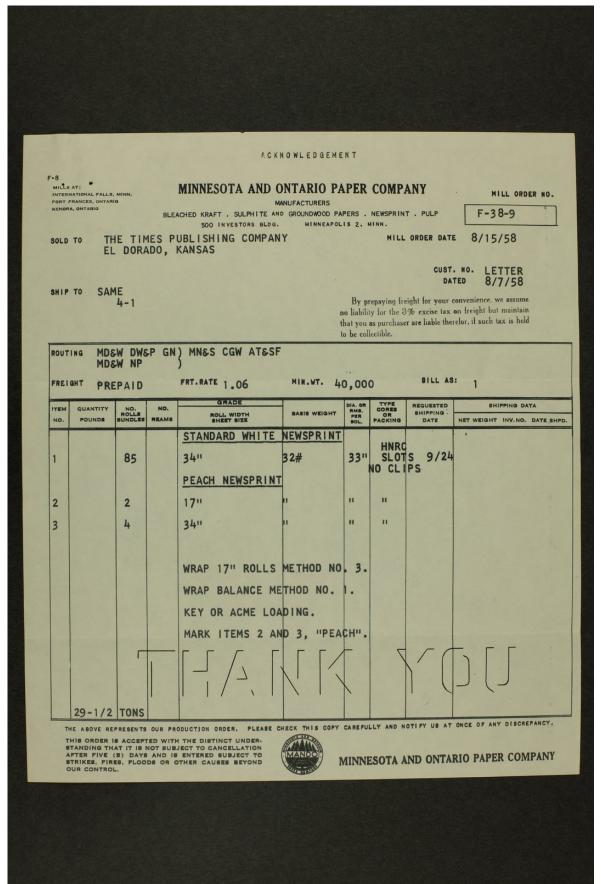
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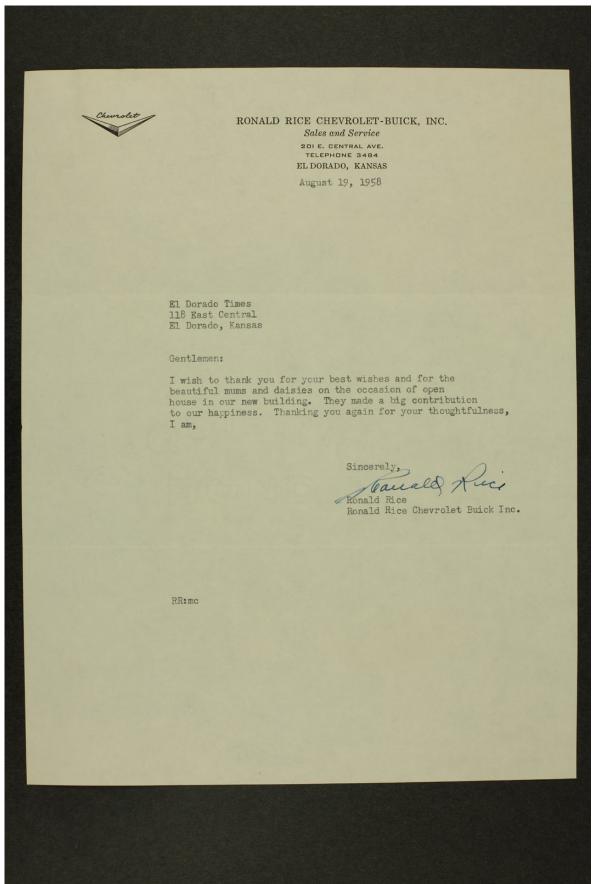
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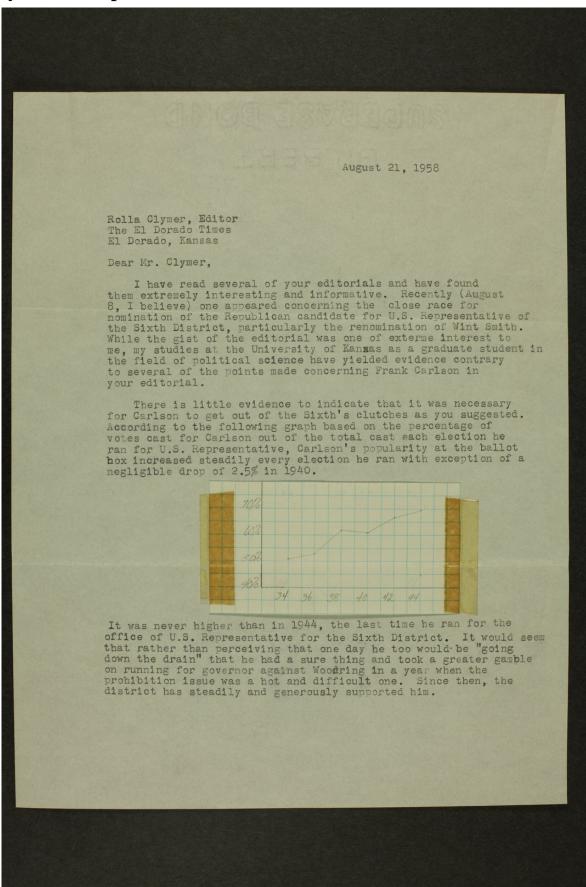




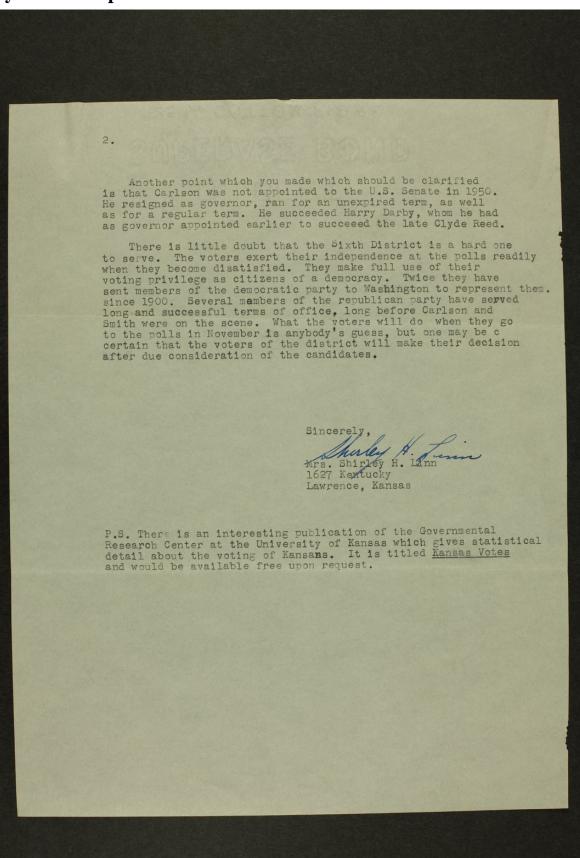




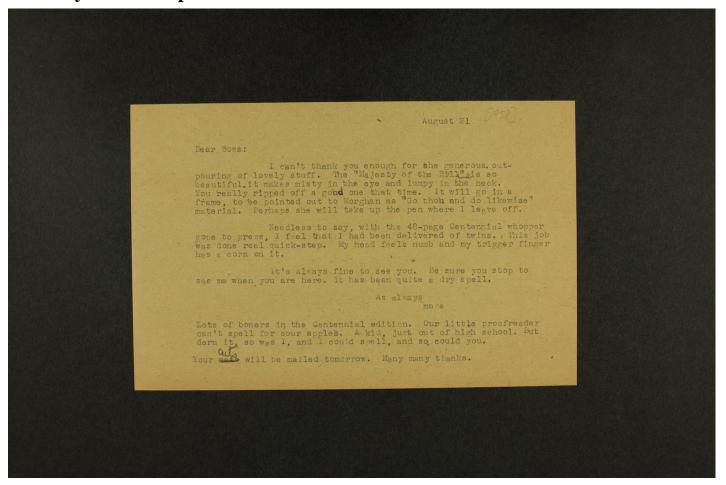














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The Pittsburg Headlight EVENINGS EXCEPT SUNDAY

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F. W. BRINKERHOFF

Pittsburg, Kansas Aug. 21, 1958

R. A. Clymer The Times E1 Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

You wrote a beautiful piece on Motz. I am using it today.

Frank did his first newspaper work in Kansas on The Headlight. I brought him here in 1912. He had been editor of Barney Aliski's Tavern Talk in Kansas City. Barney, you know, now has been for many years Barney Allis. I do not remember how long he worked for me but I think it was about a year. Then he got a job at Parsons. Many times I have heard Frank tell about his experience with me--in flattering terms. So I knew him better than most of the other fellows. He was a wonderful fellow. wonderful fellow.

Two or three years ago we were having a long visit and he told me of the fist fight he had with Bob Laubengayer who was, as you recall, a partner with him, along with Roy Bailey, in the Hays venture. They disagreed violently and decided to fight it out. I will tell you about it sometime.

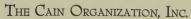
I have in mind this morning writing another little piece bringing him in. Somewhere this morning I have read a piece in which the writer lamented the absence of personal journalists in this day. Whoever it was said that no longer do we have fighters running newspapers. He mentioned Horace Greeley and a few others, including Bill White. This is not the first mention of the matter that I have seen in recent years. I am supremely tired of it. In Kansas alone, I am sure, we have had as many fighting editors year by year during the last 50 as we ever had. Who in the past was ever more independent, more fearless in expression and more homest in his views than Motz?

I may be in Topeka next Tuesday. Bradney was in yesterday and suggested that we go up. Again I may not. But I certainly am looking forward to the kind of a keynote that Clyde Reed deserves for the start of his campaign and the kind I know he is going to get.

Brinkerhoff



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August 21, 1958

Mr. R. A. Clymer THE EL DORADO TIMES El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Mr. J. M. Shea, Jr., Petrofina's vice president for marketing, has informed me that both Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Galland have enthusiastically accepted your plan for an American Petrofina Appreciation Day in El Dorado. Mr. Jackson is President of American Petrofina, and Mr. Galland is President of American Petrofina Company of Texas.

At this point it would appear that your date of September 25 is satisfactory. However, Mr. Jackson was in Dallas at the time Mr. Shea discussed it with him, and will let us know later if that date conflicts with any previous commitments. I suggest that we use it as a tentative date.

I plan to be in El Dorado some time next week at which time we can discuss the details and work out ways in which the company and I can assist you in this much appreciated event.

Sincerely,

Jack McKenzie

cc: Sam Roberson
J. M. Shea, Jr.



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CHARLES J. CHANDLER

Wichita, Kansas August 22, 1958

Mr. Rolla Clymer El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

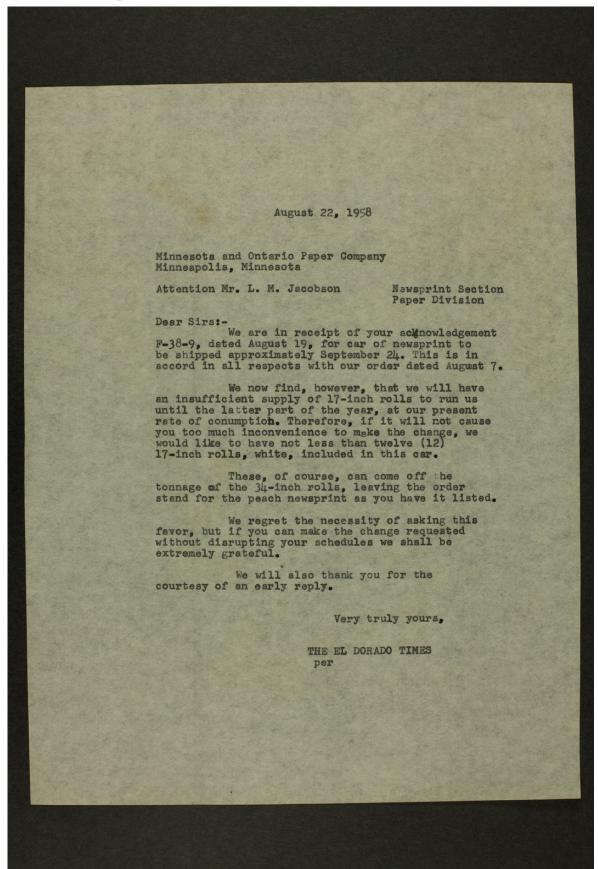
I am the Jury Commissioner for the Federal Court and the Clerk and I are charged with the responsibility of supplying the names of prospective jurors. We do this by writing some responsible individual in each county and asking him to suggest names. I am sure we have asked you for such names in the past and what I would like now is to secure the names of three or four individuals to whom we could write in the future, asking them for a list of desirable jurors. Would you be so kind, Rolla, as to give me the names of four or five people in your county to whom I could write? I would rather not have the names of lawyers because the Clerk usually contacts them — business men, school people or other professional men including doctors, would be quite acceptable.

With my kindest regards,

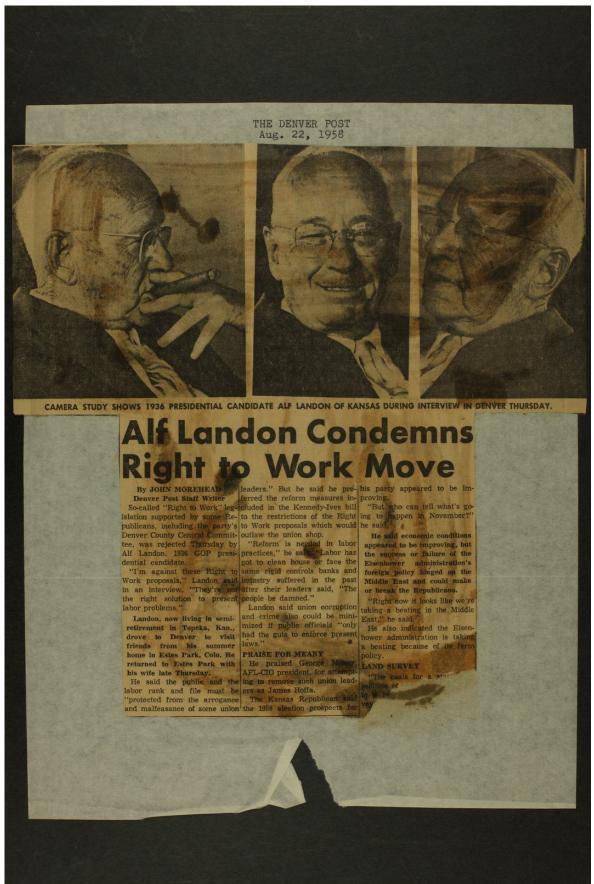
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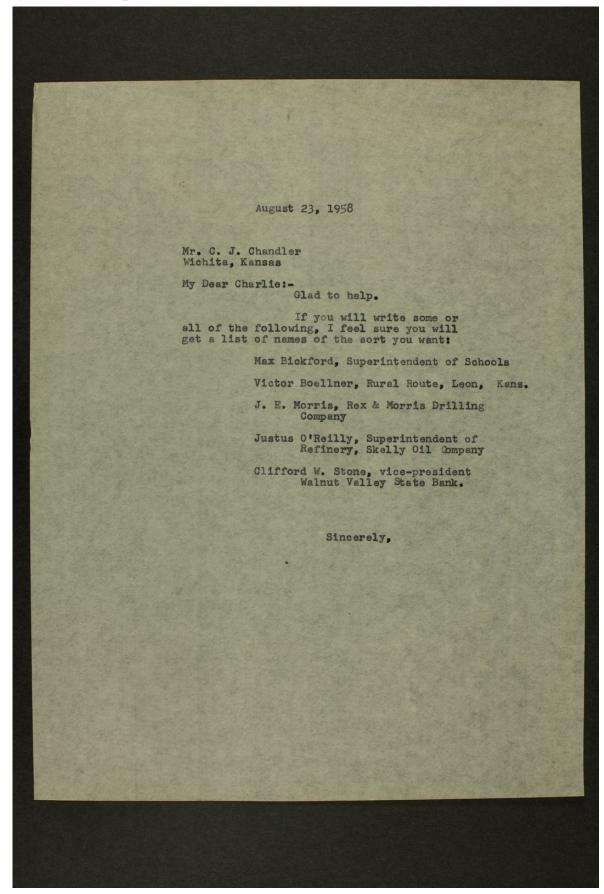




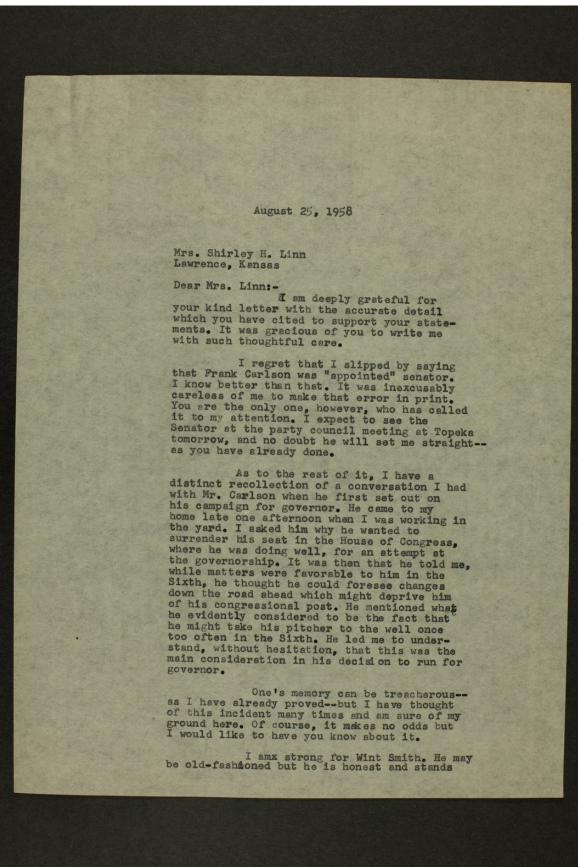




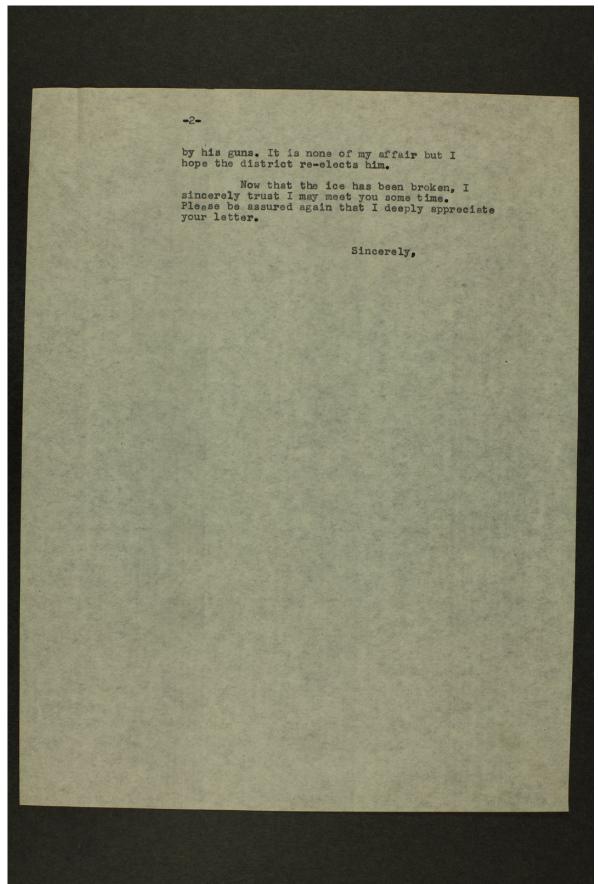














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RICHARD W. ROBBINS
423 NORTH MAIN PRATT, KANSAS GREENWOO

GREENWOOD 2-3215

Mr. Rolla Clymer c/o El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

It is a matter of regret that I cannot be with you and Clyde and the rest of my Republican friends at Topeka tomorrow.

August 25, 1958

I have a friend, George Getz, Jr. in Chicago (his father was once the Treasurer of the National Republican Committee) who is a Director of the Chicago Cubs. George and Bill Wrigley married sisters. A long time ago George organized a party for the Philadelphia-Cubs baseball game at Chicago for tomorrow, August 26th, and invited my sons and myself.

I accepted not knowing that August 26th was also the date of our Party Council. I would have to abdicate as a father if I broke this engagement for tomorrow.

This is the first Party Council I have missed in many years and I would particularly like to be there tomorrow because of my personal feeling towards the Keynoter and the Governor. As a baseball enthusiast I am sure you have some understanding of my predicament.

Clyde's great victory has raised the morale of us Republicans several notches. If we all get out and work and not underestimate Docking, we can win.

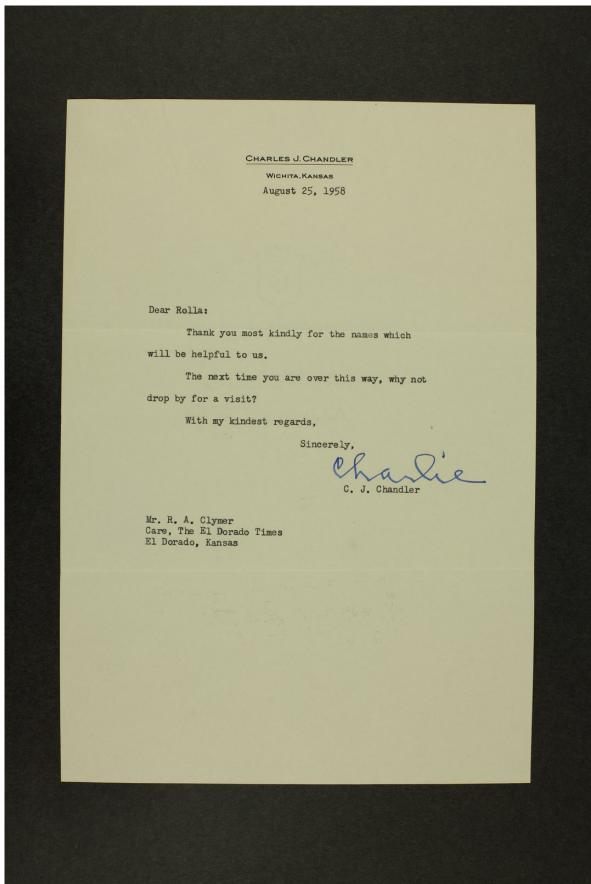
I am still looking forward to a gabfest with you.

Sincerely yours,

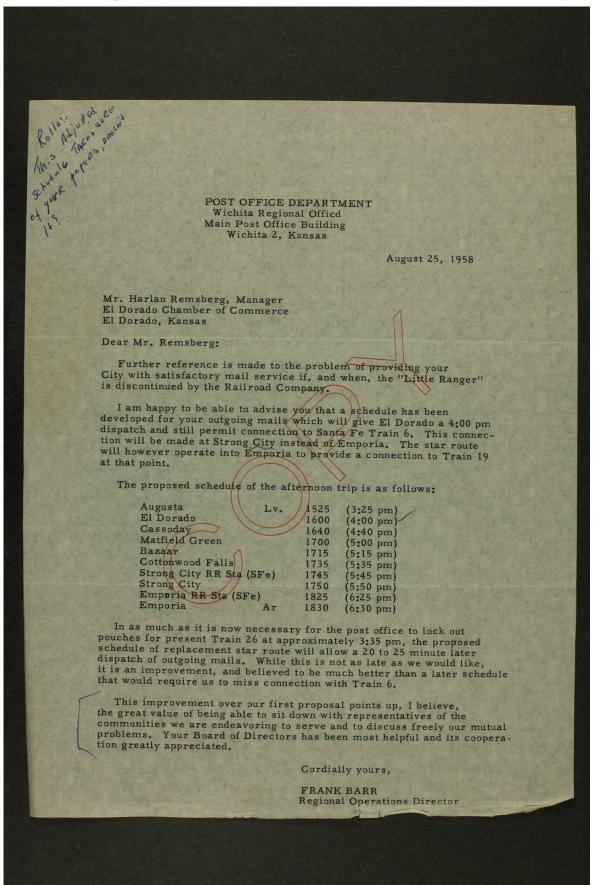
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cc: Mr. Clyde Reed c/o Parsons Sun Parsons, Kansas Dick

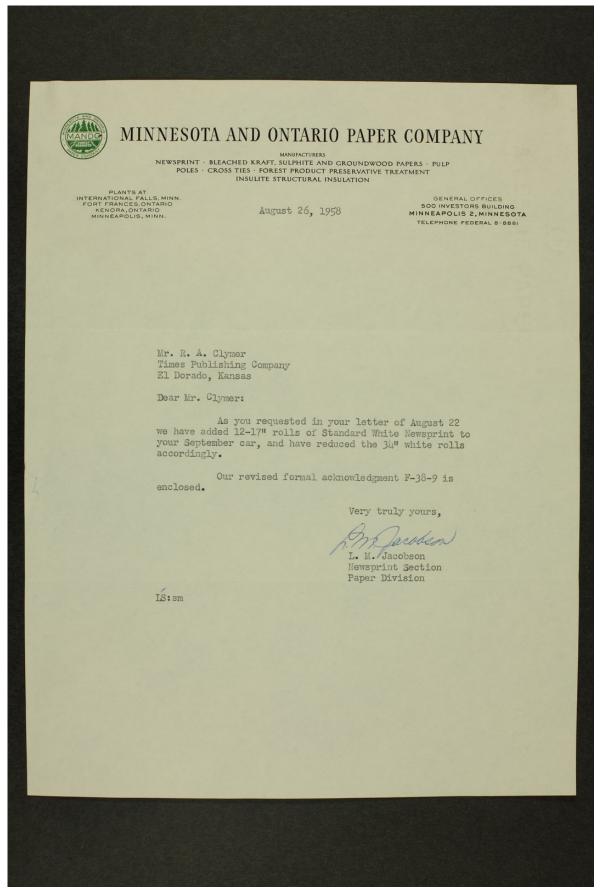




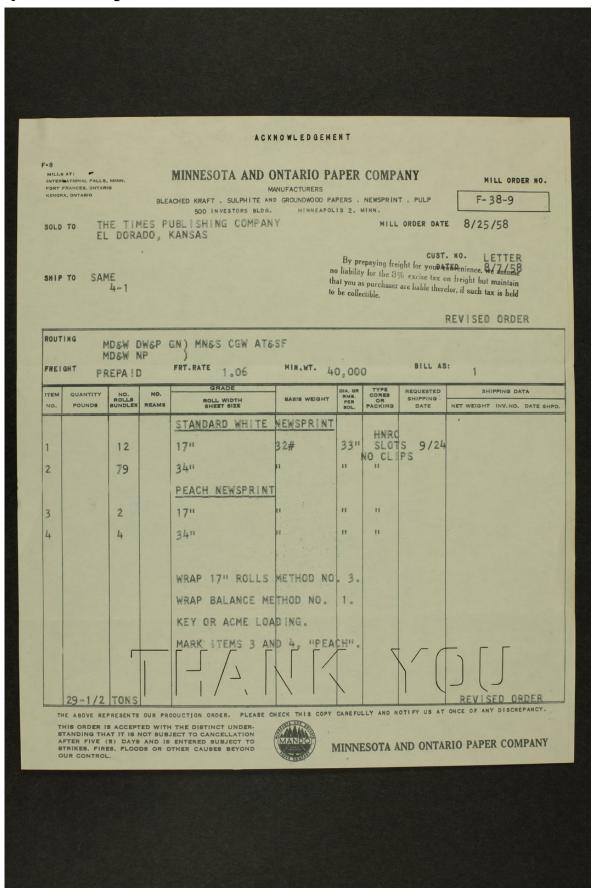




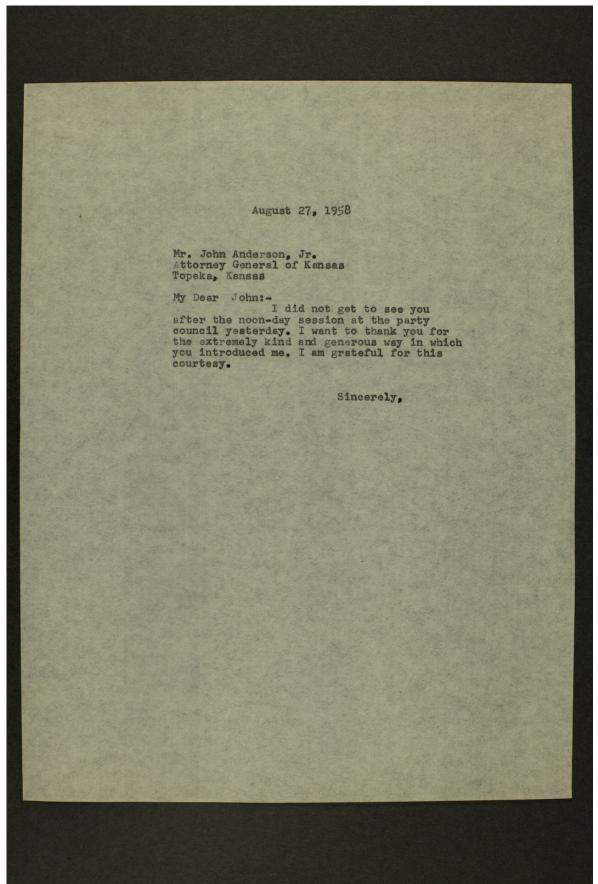




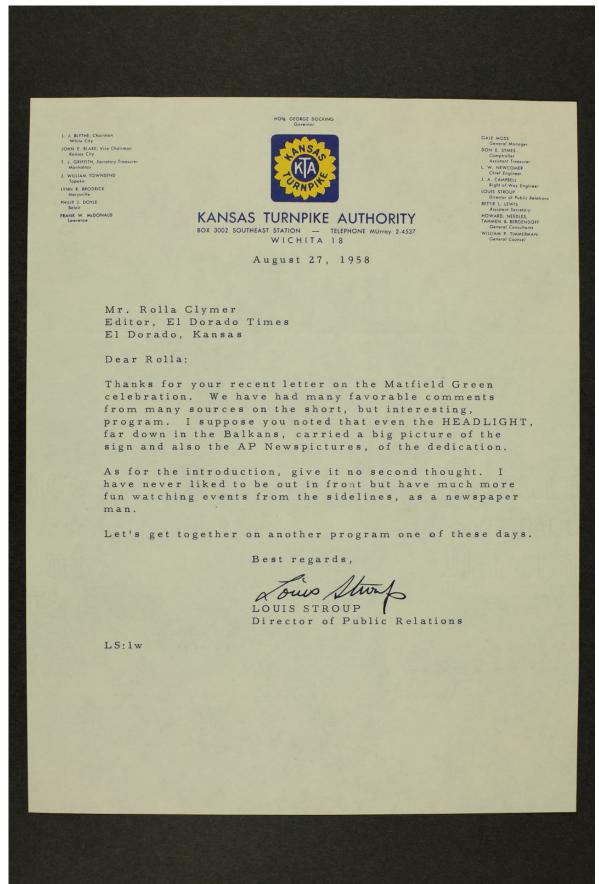




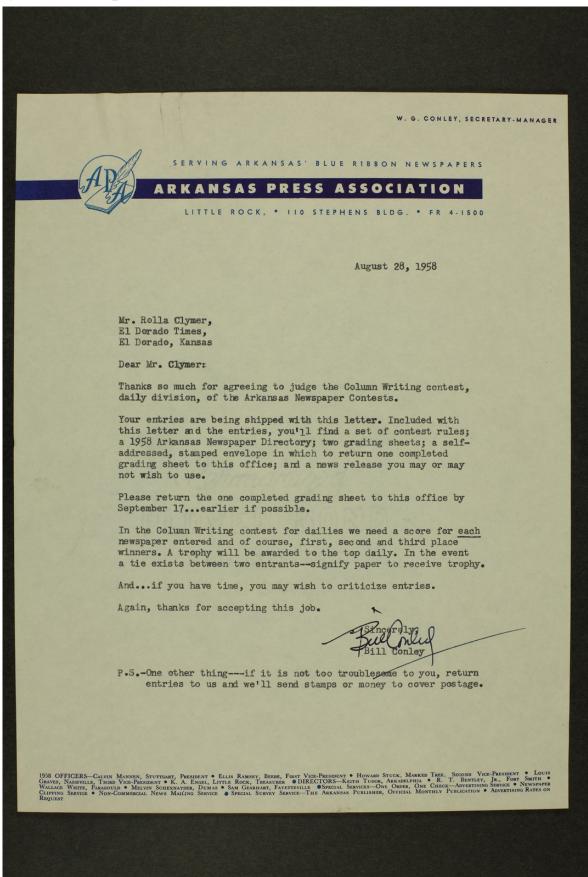








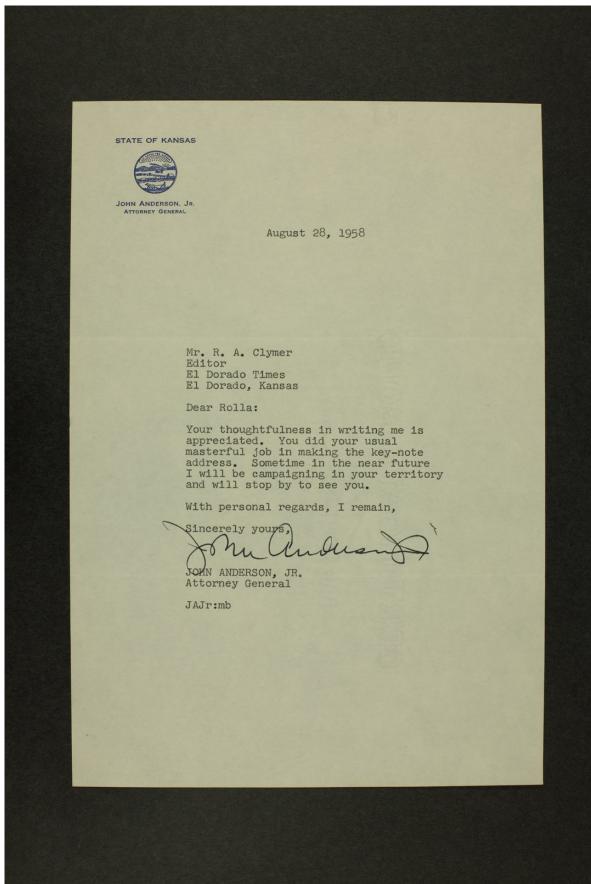






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August 29, 1958

Mr. Rolla Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I had a wonderful vacation in Colorado and Utah, but it caused me to miss your talk at the dedicatory ceremony for the turnpike marker, and I truly regret it. Your speeches are always balm to my heart--whether it is momentarily aching or not. So I felt a loss.

However, I intend always to gather at the river whenever you're administering the baptism, so I'll be with you next time.

Kirke sent me a copy of your letter, and as always your reply was so gracious that it should be framed!

I prefer your editorial page at the back. It was distinctive. But I bow to progress--or whatever it is called.

I understand that Tom Swain has turned us down on the directorship of the centennial. His wife wants him to get something more permanent.

As for us, I do hope we can land someone comparable, for much of the success of the centennial will depend on the abilities of the director.

One of the Oregon commission members informed me that his legislature had appropriated \$830,000 for the centennial of Oregon in 1959. A director was set up at \$24,000 a year ("a political plum") but he has since been cut to \$12,500. My informant was afraid that all his activities would not stand sunlight, but they hoped everything could be brought under control in time to avert an explosion.

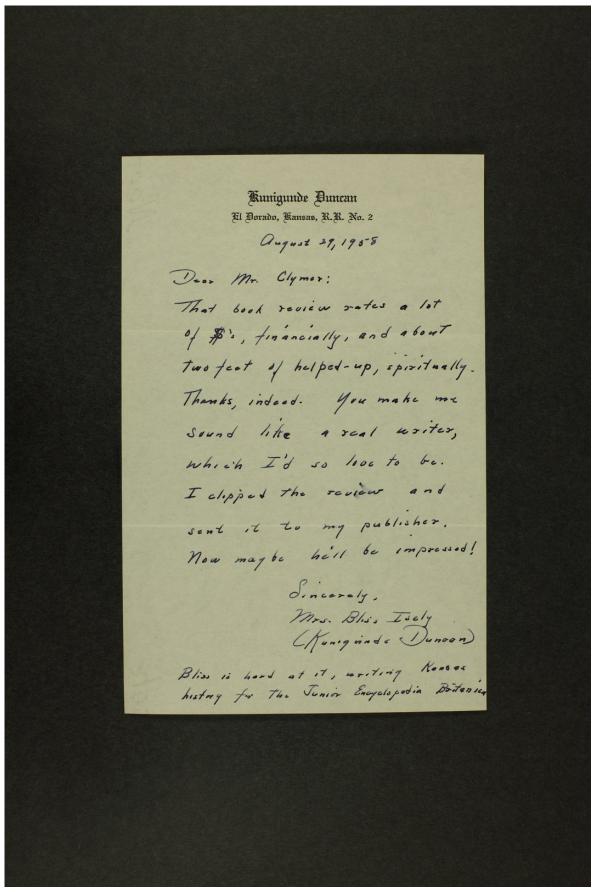
I'll be seeing you.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

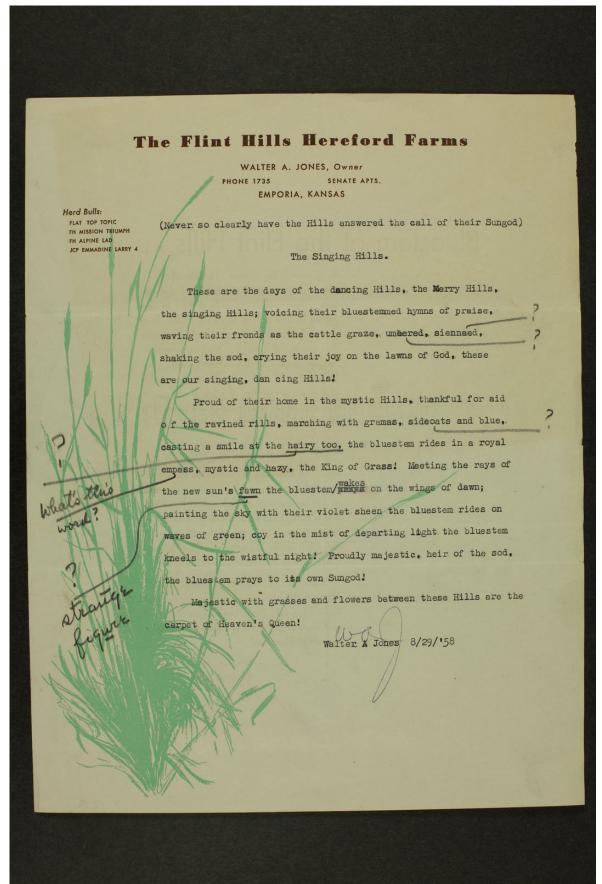
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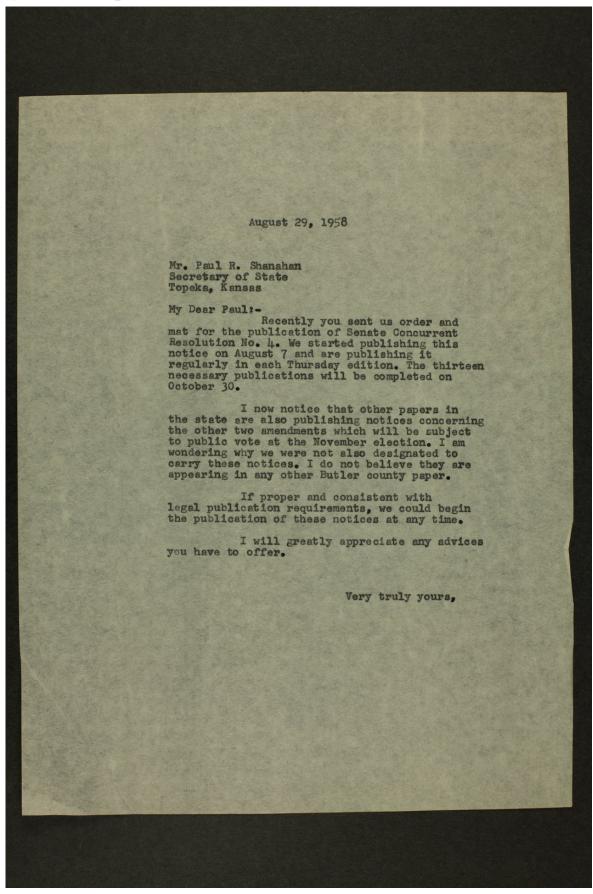




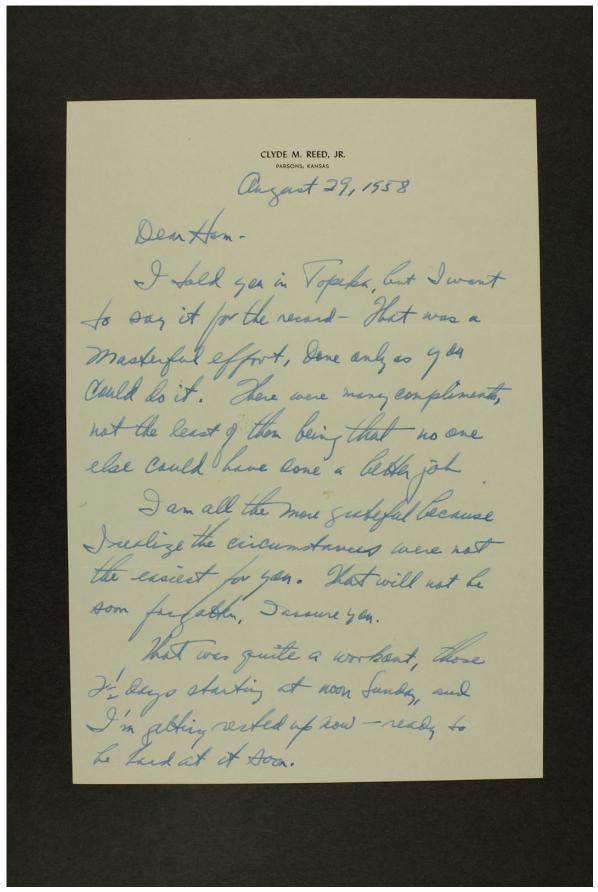




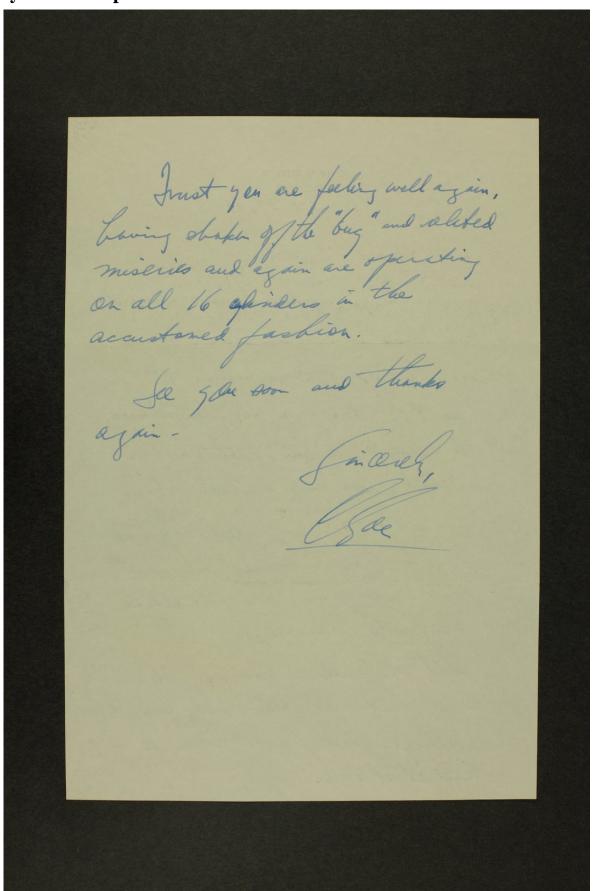














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Pittsburg, Kansas Aug. 30, 1958

Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

That was an excellent speech at Topeka. I am sorry I was not there to hear it.

I have finished the "Incredible Sickles" which gave a critical report on his work at Gettysburg. I am ready to tackle the Reynolds book which should be somewhat interesting. Also I have the newest Jeb Stuart book which I have glanced through. It deals extensively with his famous separation from Lee's army and his absence from Gettysburg until the second day.

I shall lend these to you and in some way or other will get them to you. I know you will find as much interest in them as I did.

I think things are breaking nicely for the boy. Certainly he has come away from the party council in better shape than Docking came away from his party council. I understand the labor generals are sore. They had been promised a Democrat plank declaring opposition to the right to work amendment.

With best regards.

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