

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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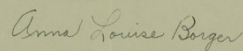
Mr. R. A. Clymer
1019 South Denver
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The Citizens State Bank plan to place a book in the
El Dorado Public Library in memory of your sister, Miss Ruby
Clymer.

The book will be ordered and when it comes we shall let
you know so you can be the first to check it out.

Sincerely yours,



Anna Louise Borger
Librarian

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HOWARD O. PETERSON
GENERAL MANAGER

November 28, 1958

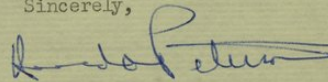
Mr. Rolla A. Clymer
Publisher, El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Hickman
confirming my appointment as Special Public Relations
Counsel for Television for the Council.

I am happy to accept the appointment, and hope that
I will be able to be of service to you, particularly
in the field of public relations.

Sincerely,



Howard O. Peterson

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ANDREW F. SCHOEPPEL
KANSAS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 28, 1958

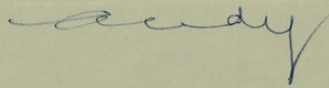
Dear Rolly:

Marie and I were indeed grieved to note in the papers of the death of your sister Ruby. We hasten to express to you and the family our deep sympathy.

I was interested to note that your sister had had a long and most successful career as a teacher, mostly in the Wichita schools. I know that she had a profound influence on hundreds of students. It is, indeed, always gratifying to look back upon the career of a successful teacher such as she demonstrated herself to be. We join with her thousands of friends in sharing your sorrow.

Marie joins me with our kindest regards and best wishes to you and to the family.

Sincerely,



Mr. Rolla Clymer
1019 S. Denver
El Dorado, Kansas

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EL DORADO, KANSAS

November 29, 1958

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

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Clymer:

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Baker plan to place a memorial book
in the El Dorado Public Library in memory of Miss Ruby
Clymer.

The book will be ordered and when it comes we shall
let you know so you can be the first to check it out.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Louise Borger
Anna Louise Borger
Librarian

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

You are invited to attend the second annual Conference on University Development, to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 29. The purpose of the Conference is to discuss with leaders among alumni and friends the place of the University among American institutions of higher learning and plans and opportunities for future growth and development.

The Conference, sponsored by the Kansas University Endowment Association, will be in the Jayhawk Room of the Union building, where coffee will be served prior to 10:00 a.m. The luncheon meeting will be in the Kansas Room.

So that we may plan the event, will you please return the enclosed postal card at your convenience, indicating whether or not you can join us.

FRANKLIN D. MURPHY
Chancellor

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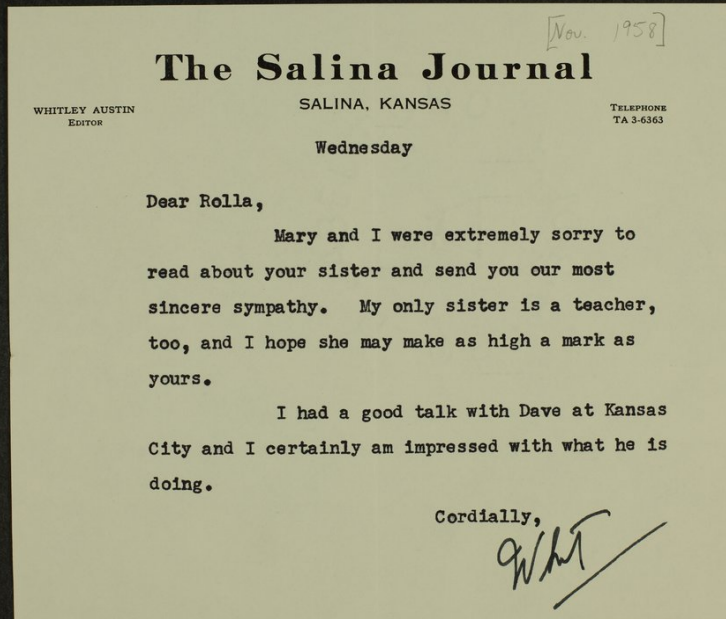
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December 1, 1958

My Dear Whitley Austin:-

Many thanks for your kind note. It was hard to give up my only sister but her long ordeal from cancer so so distressing that the end brought a measure of relief.

I was grateful to read what you wrote about Dave. He is taking hold well, and we may be publishing a Bluestem Area paper one of these days. Who knows?

Thanks again, to you and Mary both.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 1958

Mr. Rollo A. Clymer,
Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rollo:

It was the Gazette~~r~~, our first and undying love, of course, that brought us the news of Ruby.

We had known of her illness, first in her letters, and then, when she was past writing, through Mr. and Mrs. Leapley, of Wichita.

Nevertheless, the news that she was gone was a shock, because all through the years, although we had seen her only a few times, she had remained so close to us.

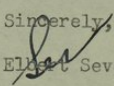
At Christmas, her card usually was the first one to arrive and there would be several letters through the year. Then, two or three years ago, she came to New York, where we saw her too briefly.

Except for these final months all of our thoughts of Ruby have been joyous ones, belonging to a time when we were all younger and perhaps happier. And that is the way we intend to remember her.

To say that Fern and I have suffered a deep, personal loss is just stringing words together, but that is the best I know.

May she rest well.

Sincerely,


Elsie Severance

ES/rs

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L. R. Clymer
Sicem
1958

Dear Rolla:

You are often in my thoughts, more so the last several days as I read with real sadness of the passing of your beloved sister. I believe it was our Mr. White who wrote "Death never leaves us as it finds us." In May of this year my very best friend of many years slipped out and of course I miss him. It seems so final. I read of your coming and going from time to time and with real interest - you seem to



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have such a busy
eventful life. you are
one of the few members
of the South State
I know best. I believe the
last time I saw you
was at a meeting at home
of Editors City Club and
authors. I was a member of
all three and president
of some I was in charge
(Mr. White did it
all) and you thanked me
so generously and graciously
for seating you well in
front. of course there is
where you should
have been! And again
- thanks to me while - the
meeting was the largest
ever held at the

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Good evening. I again
 remember how you used
 to go out of your way
 to help me. and I trust
 I am forever grateful.
 once you said
 editorially "Mae is a
 good egg". And - where
 it would be easier to
 do the wrong thing for
 pure not - rice satisfaction -
 I remember your thoughts
 and do the rice. So
 you have been a help
 some the whole way through
 H. H. Schaberg (Shabby)
 was here recently with
 his wife, visiting her
 sister who is my friend

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- my very best - love -
 (I feel kindly to all
 but have only two close
 friends here.) Thruway he
 saw Bill Harpwood in
 Emporia and says he is
 very poorly. Later he had
 a dinner in Lawrence City for
 Bill G. Quigley, C. E.
~~Mahl~~ M. M. M. - Phog also,
 and Emil M. I live in
 Seely, 3 miles from the
 farm. I have a house keeper
 half day. Some day when
 you are going to the City
 why not come this way?
 Thruway - why not just
 plan to come up? It is
 not over-far and it
 would be good to see you.
 I came here in '43 - Dr. Phil
 on my orders. Affectionately
 Rolla



FORREST R. GRIMM
PASTOR
MANSE
123 N. WASHINGTON

ARCH R. LOYD
CLERK OF SESSION
RESIDENCE
116 N. SUMMIT

First Presbyterian Church
El Dorado, Kansas

December 1, 1958

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Times Publishing Company,
118 E. Central Avenue,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

I was glad to see the fine editorial on
your sister, Ruby, in the Saturday issue of
The Times.

I must confess that I had thought about this
in advance as I recalled the many wonderful
tributes you have written concerning other
prominent citizens. I was afraid you might
think it immodest to write up a member of
your own family.

However, you did come through. And I, for
one, thought it was a wonderful and lovely
tribute written by a man about his sister.
I am sure that Ruby would have been warmly
pleased.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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December 1, 1958

My Dear Ed:-

Your note about Ruby was much treasured. You have been a staunch friend for over half a century, and your words were extremely comforting. Ruby had a long ordeal from cancer--the kind that tears your heart. I am happy that she has been granted relief, yet the parting was grievous. She was a fine woman and accomplished much in her teaching career.

Because I think you may be interested, I am enclosing a little estimate of her that was published in our Saturday paper.

I often think of you--and always with the warmest gratitude that I could have as rare and dedicated a man as you for my friend.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Clyde K. Hyder, Manager
The University of Kansas Press
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hyder:-

I am grateful for your kind letter. If I write the story of the bluestem, my there would cover the grass itself, the Flint Hills, their people, legends and traditions. It would be a sort of labor of love, since I have lived in this environment for many years.

I am determined to have a whack at it, but will not be able to get down to cases until after the first of the year. It could be that I shall be a year or more in getting it into shape, since I shall have to work it in along with my regular newspaper duties. Still, I believe I can.

It is kind of you to say that you would take a look at the manuscript--if and when it is finished--and I shall not forget this courtesy.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 1, 1958

My Dear Kenny:-

I greatly appreciated your kind note, bless your heart. It was hard to give up my sister, even though she had suffered long from cancer, and I needed the lift that your words gave me. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Dave told me of his fine conversation with you and I envied him the opportunity. When am I to see you and that dear Teddy again?

Gratefully,

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December 1, 1958

Mr. Auburn Light
Liberal, Kansas

My Dear Auburn:-

I greatly appreciate your letter.
I feel I have been negligent in not letting you
know about her illness.

She suffered from cancer of the left
breast and it had been a long time developing.
She managed to finish her school term last
May and enter retirement; substantially since
that time she has been with us in El Dorado.
After a short stay in the hospital here in
June, we returned her there on July 17 and
she did not leave it until her death.

I am glad to be able to tell you
that she did not suffer agonizing pain at
any time, nevertheless the ordeal was a
severe one. We held the funeral here on Fri-
day and she is buried in the local Belle
Vista cemetery beside her father and mother.
I am enclosing some clippings in which you
may be interested.

I send you all best wishes and please
remember me kindly to your mother,

Sincerely,



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ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Dec. 1, 1958

REX WOODS
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Mr. Rolla Clymer

Dear Rolla:

My sympathy goes to you in the loss of your sister. You certainly paid her a beautiful tribute.

Your presence at the AP meeting was missed. I took out my spite on Bro Hub Meyer. We both took note of your paragraph regarding the vote for a brother Sigma Chi and wondered if you would do the same for us, or if that brotherly love is dished out to a certain few.

Cordially,

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December 1, 1958

Mr. H. A. Osment,
Vice President and Comptroller
The Fourth National Bank
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Herman:-

My sister, Miss Ruby S. Clymer, died last Tuesday and was buried Friday in our family lot here. She left a will, leaving all her possessions to me, and I am having J. B. McKay, Jr., handle the legal end of the matter. I cannot determine from the running account she kept of her check stubs how much of a cash balance she had in your bank.

If you will be so kind as to have one of your bookkeepers send me a statement of the account up to date, I shall be grateful.

She suffered long from cancer and in a sense it was a relief to see her go, yet losing her was grievous as you can well understand.

I shall greatly appreciate this favor.

Sincerely,

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My Dear Veva Remskill:-

I was pleased to have your note, but realize that I have been negligent in not letting you know about Ruby's illness.

She was afflicted with cancer of rather long standing. Removal of her left breast a year or two ago did not stop the encroachment of the disease. She managed to get through her last year of teaching in May of this year, and went into retirement. Since then she has been mainly with us. She was in Allen Memorial hospital from July 17 to her death; had excellent care, was extremely patient about it all and did not suffer too much agony--which has been a relief to all of us.

It was hard to part with her--for she was one of the best. I am taking the liberty of enclosing you some clippings from our paper--and hope they will help suffice for my neglect in other ways.

Sincerely,



December 1, 1958

My Dear Ed Rees:-

It was wondrous kind of you and Agnes to wire us and send flowers at the time of Ruby's death. You have been a staunch friend for half a century--and I would not trade that possession for all the gold of Cathay.

Please know that you have our deepest gratitude as well as our warmest wishes--always.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 1958

My Dear Dutch:-

Of course, you would be among the first to send me a note of sympathy--and it warmed my heart. It was hard to give up my only sister but her long ordeal from merciless cancer was most distressing. She had the best of care all the way and was mainly free from acute suffering. At the end, she simply fell asleep. This has been a comfort, as you can well understand.

Your generous thoughtfulness was typical of your true blue qualities--and I am more grateful than I can tell. We may have a centennial commission meeting again Friday; if so, I shall see you then.

Sincerely,

December 1, 1958

Miss Florida J. Wilcox
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Miss Wilcox:-

All of us are tremendously grateful to you and your group for the contribution to the American Cancer Society in Ruby's memory. When I think of you, who have already done so much for her, and the rest of you putting your gifts together for this purpose, I am overwhelmed. If it is not too much trouble for you, we should like to have the list of donors.

An avalanche of messages has come since Ruby's death. One that touched me deeply was from her laundry woman, together with a number of names of "neighbors and friends." It demonstrated clearly to me, what I already know, that Ruby's friendships transcended the bounds of class and caste.

We missed you at the house after the funeral. I want you to know that our doors will be wide open for you any time you care to come. Your faithfulness to Ruby in her need has been wondrous staunch and kind.

I shall see that the cancer society check gets into proper hands at once.

Herewith are two sets of clippings from our yesterday's paper. You may need the extra one for someone else.

With deepest gratitude, I am

Sincerely,

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December 2, 1958

My Dear Max and Ruth:-

Your tender note of sympathy was a great comfort to me. It helped me bear up through a hard time. My sister had suffered from cancer, an ailment that had evidently been present in incipient stages for several years. We had her in the hospital here since June; she had every care but the ordeal was a distressing one. At the end, she suffered no agony but fell asleep. This, I regard, as a blessing--which you can readily understand.

She had many friends--common friends. I was touched by a letter her wash woman wrote. Many messages are coming from folks of which I never had heard. Hers was a good life; I hope mine will show up half as well on the final record books.

Dave and I are having fun trying to streamline this place--and build into a Bluestem area paper. We need a top flight public relations figure. How would you like to make it a trio?

I think of you both often, and bemoan the fate that keeps us apart. I shall keep hoping that this latest ^{separation} absence won't last much longer.

Sincerely,

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December 2, 1958

My Dear Mae:-

It was wonderful to hear from you and I do so appreciate your kind note at this time. My sister meant a lot to me; she had suffered long from cancer and her ordeal of suffering was hard on all of us. She is buried in our family lot here--so I can feel that she is still close.

I really can't remember when was the last time I saw you, but I know it has been too long and hope we can bring the separation to an end before long. My son, David, is with us here now and we are busy with plans to improve and streamline our paper. As usual, I have a lot of irons in the fire--sometimes, I think, too many for peace of mind.

Schabinger was here a few weeks ago; I had gone over to the bank and he refused to wait. I have about cut him off my list for that shot.

Thanks again for writing me. You know I still wish you the best.

Sincerely,



December 2, 1958

Mr. Donald Hickman
Arkansas City, Kansas

My Dear Donald:-

I greatly appreciate your kind letter. I think our development council is going along all right, and know that you are giving it your best licks. From here on, we should be able to make more notable progress. I am glad to serve where I can, and you may count upon me as a member of the executive committee. Please let me know when and where you want to hold our first meeting.

Sincerely,



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3549 Sully
Del Paso Heights, California
December 2, 1958

Dear Mr. Clymer,

The Times telling of your sister's death reached us here.

No matter how much we may have anticipated such an event, I think it always brings a sense of shock, an almost unendurable emptiness and the depression that goes with great sorrow. That has been my experience.

But there is the realization too that, released from a body increasingly a handicap, life still goes on always richer, more radiant, more rewarding. I am one of those who believes that, above all else, love endures and that the tender caring and awareness we have known and treasured in the past is no less ours when we are no longer conscious of the presence of a dear one. I am sure your sister's character is finding a fulfillment we only dream of.

I am writing to tell you that your sorrow is ours and that your hope for her is ours, too.

Most sincerely,

Myra B-

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December 2, 1958

Dearest Marion:-

I regret the delay in answering your letter. My sister died a week ago today--of cancer. Her long illness and the duties at the end have combined to make a wearying period. She and I had been close; her loss is severe. You understand.

I highly approve of the piece you sent me--and hope to refer to it in something of my own soon. But here is what gripes me about the whole situation:

Conservative views are not worth a dime a dozen in the national mood of the present. I don't know what it all betokens, but it seems to me we are taking a giddy ride into trouble.

Moreover, think of this: Republicans, high and low, are saying we must "get to work"--and do it now. But what will "work" at the precinct level, or anywhere else, avail us? Here in Kansas we have the hard fact of a labor-Democratic party. Our folks long have kicked labor in the slats, and it has gone bag and baggage into the Democrat camp.

How are we going to woo labor and its votes? The only way we can ever have labor on our side is to espouse with open arms all that labor wants. In all conscience, we can't do that, so what? Labor, holding the balance of power, stays with the Democrats. This combination can always beat us. So where do we get off?

Maybe I am too pessimistic, but I can't see where the Republicans are going to get back into power in Kansas for a long time. What is happening here is also a sample of what is happening the country over.

You chew on that one, my dear, and see what solution you reach. And please write me often. My old heart goes pitty-pat every time a letter from you shows up in the mail.

Always your friend,