

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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December 2, 1958

Mr. Kenneth Powell
Liberal, Kansas

My Dear Kenneth:-

I am deeply grateful for your kind words of sympathy at the time of my sister's death. She had cancer and hers was a long ordeal. It was extremely hard to have her taken away in just this manner.

I am sorry I did not get to see all you fine Kansas press fellows at the Associated Press meeting, but you will understand why I could not be present. I promise to be around next time the clan meets.

Thanks again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 2, 1958

My Dear Clyde:-

Your prompt and kindly note last week was a solid comfort. I thank you for thinking of me at a time of my loss.

My sister had suffered long from cancer, which is merciless in its spread. Hers was a hard ordeal but she faced it like a soldier. I find it difficult to believe that her gallant spirit has been entirely lost to the world.

My chief blessing--and I cherish it-- is to have a few friends around like you. I realize that you have recently undergone an unsettling experience. I think you accepted it like a man. The cards were simply stacked against you. Just how we are going to overcome the labor-Democrat combination in this state is an answer I would like to have.

I am proud of you for throwing off the sting of defeat and going back to your normal round without delay. I begin to see your fine Italian hand on your editorial page again. And you know what? I was always just a little bit upset at the idea of penning up as gifted an editor as you in the state house. I did not rejoice at your defeat--far from it-- but my hope now is the political bug will chew on some other hides for a change.

I thank you for what you said about Dave. He and I are now trying to buy the minority interest here. We think we know what the stock is worth and what we ought to pay. If it is not prying into your business too much, I would like to know about what you paid for your stock when you bought it a few years ago. Any suggestion of the sum will be appreciated. If you don't care to reveal the figure, that's all right, too.

Sincerely your friend,



THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK IN WICHITA

P. O. BOX 1090 • AMHERST 7-2211 • WICHITA, KANSAS

December 2, 1958

HERMAN A. OSMENT
VICE PRESIDENT
AND
COMPTROLLER

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

Dear Friend Rollo:

It is with regret that I learn of your sister's suffering and subsequent death.

As requested in your letter of December 1st, I am enclosing a statement of her joint account with you together with the cancelled checks charged thereon as of the close of business December 1, 1958, showing a balance to your joint credit of \$3,703.62.

You will note from the statement that there has been no activity on the account since November 21, 1958, but I feel certain that from her stubs you will probably have no difficulty in reconciling the account.

Inasmuch as she had made this a joint or survivorship account, you can feel free to draw checks against the account should you so desire.

Please feel free to write or telephone me if there is anything further that I can do to assist you in any way.

Come in and have lunch with me sometime when you are in Wichita.

Kindest regards,

H. A. Osmont
Vice President & Comptroller

HAO:hb
Encl.





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The Pittsburg Headlight

EVENINGS
EXCEPT SUNDAY

Established 1887

THE PITTSBURG SUN

MORNINGS
EXCEPT MONDAY

Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas
Dec. 3, 1958

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I told Nyle that I cannot be in Topeka Friday. We are having a directors meeting Monday and I simply cannot make two trips so close together. I am awfully sorry.

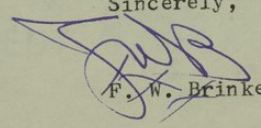
Do not worry about the books. We will get together sometime.

Perhaps they will set a new date for the meeting. I suggested to Nyle that I would be through after lunch Monday. I think that is the best I can do.

I am much concerned about the employment of a director. But I believe that Maurice and Hewitt, who is already working, can take care of things until we can give proper consideration to a director--and get the fellow we believe will do the job.

This is certainly a fine day over here. If it gets a little warmer this afternoon, which I anticipate, it will be that weather stuff the old Indian provided for us.

Sincerely,



F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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John C. Emick

737 MASSACHUSETTS STREET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

December 3rd, 1958

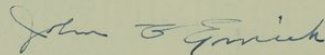
Rolla A. Clymer
c/o Eldorado Times
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Mrs. Emick and I have recently learned of Ruby's passing, and we hereby extend you our deepest sympathy.

With best wishes from both Mrs. Emick and myself, I am,

Very truly yours,



JCE/jce

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El Dorado.
Kans.
Dec 3rd. 1958.

Mrs. Rolla Clymer.

El Dorado,
Kansas.

Dear Sir.

The hospital told me to send my nursing bill to you, for taking care of your sister Ruby. I never met your sister until the evening I was called in to sit with her. She was such a wonderful person, and such a nice patient to be as ill as she was. She was so happy that there was some one with her, it wasn't because it was I that was with her. She would of been happy with others, so she wouldn't be alone.

I am sincerely,

Jencia Hultihan,
El Dorado, Kans.
Gen. Delivery.

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COLLECT

DAY LETTER

El Dorado, Kansas
December 3, 1958

Michale Hughes
Triad Newspapers, Inc.
3832 Eighth Street
Riverside, California

Retel subject named definitely an addict
judging by our experience of several years
ago. We tried earnestly to effect change
but to no avail. Subject goodman but in
grip of habit. Have no record of him in
immediate recent years, but have answered
inquiries frankly as in this case.

R. A. Clymer
Publisher The Times

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December 3, 1958

My Dear Rex Woods:-

I am deeply grateful to you for your kind note regarding my sister's death. In spite of the fact that her illness was long and distressing, her loss has been a heavy one to face.

I was sorry to miss seeing all you good fellows at the AP meeting, but of course was unable to leave here at that time. Your question about Sigma Chi and brotherly love is too trivial to answer.

I will say this: I cherish you as an ever convenient chopping block--and couldn't resist the opportunity today to take a whack, as indicated per the enclosed.

The way you keep on getting out a jim-dandy, bang-up paper ever day leaves me in a state of despair.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 4, 1958

Rev. Roger Allen
Pastor First Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Reverend Allen:-

I am deeply grateful for your kindness as rendered in the funeral services of my sister, Miss Ruby S. Clymer. Enclosed you will find a slight token of my appreciation.

I do not hear well and so did not quite catch all of the lovely tribute you paid my sister. If you have the manuscript of that part of your address, it would be a distinct favor to me to receive it. I can make a copy of the text and return the manuscript.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 4, 1958

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

My Dear Herman:-

I dislike to trouble you again about my sister's affairs, but you have been kind to me and I want to make one more request.

I am fully inclined to accept the figure of \$3,703.62 in her account, as shown by the statement you sent me as of close of business "December 8, 1958," but that date bothers me a bit. Moreover, the only other statement I can find in my sister's effects is dated July 9, 1958. Doubtless, she received a statement from you in the interim between July 9 and the date noted on this last statement.

It would help us in trying to reconcile the figures shown by her check stubs with the figure of your last statement if we had the intervening one. If you can have your bookkeeping department supply us with this information, I shall be doubly grateful.

I believe, when the figure has been determined, I shall move the account to the El Dorado National here in order to facilitate handling, as I have many expenses to pay from that sum.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely your friend,

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December 4, 1958

Rev. Forrest R. Grimm
Pastor First Presbyterian Church
El Dorado, Kansas

My Dear Forrest:-

As I told you, I am grateful for the letter you recently wrote me. I am also grateful for your kindly services at the funeral of my sister, and am herewith enclosing a slight token of my appreciation for them.

I believe you to be doing a work of signal worth in El Dorado, and will be glad to help wherever I can.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 4, 1958

Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention Mr. L. M. Jacobson

Newsprint Section
Paper Division

Dear Sirs:-

After our press run of today, we will have only fourteen 34-inch rolls of newsprint on hand. As you can see, this will make an extremely close shave for us before our December car arrives.

Unless that car, under your formal acknowledgement K-12-12, dated November 6, 1958, is shipped from the mill promptly on December 9, we will be in serious trouble.

It will be a big favor if you will check this order closely, and see that the shipment is made on time. Moreover, I shall be grateful for any assurances you may give me.

Since we are now using more newsprint than formerly, I shall try hereafter to anticipate our needs earlier in order to avoid near-emergencies of this sort.

Your attention to our immediate predicament will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
per

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 5, 1958

Mrs. Tencia Hullihan
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Hullihan:-

I thank you for you kind letter as well as for all your other many courtesies to us in a hard time. It was a great relief to us to have our sister in your zealous care in the emergency. We shall always be grateful to you.

Check for your services is enclosed.

Sincerely,



December 5, 1958

Mrs. Robert A. Zebold, Jr.
El Dorado, Kansas

My Dear Mrs. Zebold:-

I am deeply grateful for
your kind note, though I fear you may have
rated my offering too highly. Nevertheless,
your approval always thrills me.

Sincerely,



December 5, 1958

Mrs. Robert T. McCully
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mrs. McCully:-

I want to take this means of thanking you, as well as all members of your group, for the cancer dressings you made and which were used in the care of my late sister, Miss Ruby S. Clymer. These were valuable aids to a sufferer in her condition and helped to make her lot easier during her last days.

I shall be eternally grateful to all of you for this kindness.

Sincerely,

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GROVE GARDENS

BOX 977

GROVE, OKLAHOMA

Dec. 6, 1958

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Last night I was smashing black walnuts on a hefty rock with the flat side of a hammer. As the no-scatter whole nuts were dropped into a pan I remembered that you had told me years and years ago, that the girl who worked at your house used the wide side of a brick to smash walnuts and that they would hold together, practically, making them easier and cleaner to pick out. The incident isn't much but it did remind me again that I had not expressed my sympathy in the loss of your sister. I wish I might have known she was still in the hospital before I was ready to leave there in Oct.

Always I've been too much of a clown trying to make bad things look less bad than they were or might have been. But little things always did get under my skin and, cry I would, ever almost nothing. And as you know I never could make speeches when the Times Pam-i-lee favored me with tokens-- I am even worse when it comes to expressing sympathy. I can pray, however, and only the Giver of every good and perfect gift hears what I would like to express to my friends but usually cannot. And I don't mind when He sees my tears.

You are fortunate in having had Ruby near you this last season, where you could have snatch-time visits with her.

You wouldn't remember the summer I went to Oregon to see my sick brother, whom I had not seen in 24 years, and who lived only two days after I got there. That was hard on me! But he did know me and we had several little chats before he passed on.

Time rolls up the printed parchment and a fresh portion of scroll unrolls, day by day. When I read your editorial "My Sister", I remembered the lines, beginning "So live that when thy presence comes to join...."

I'm rather by myself these days. My sister is in Washington D. C. spending Oct. Nov. and Dec. with her daughter and son-in-law. He is in the diplomatic branch of service and they will be going to Vietnam the last of December for about three years, ~~leaving the last of December~~. My sister has never been in Washington D. C. before and really is busy taking in a lot of things of which she has only read before. I'm happy she could go-- she has stuck right here for at least 30 years and that is too long not to get out and see things. Her being a book-worm has saved the years for her.

I'm doing pretty well as a beginner in the flower business. Am taking a study course from the National Landscape Institute, Dept. of Flower Arranging and like it a lot--I'm among 70,000 students this year and my grades are "A" so far. All the work is from the newly copy-righted scientific stuff the school is putting out and is so different to all the old stuff there just is no way to compare what was taught three years ago with the new.



I think of you all often and am wishing for each and every one a healthy and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Anna Benintendi

1120 South Mill Street, Phone SU 6-4614

I think I told you that this stationery has opened a lot of wholesale doors to

me and Bob appreciate it. But I still can't spell.

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Memo

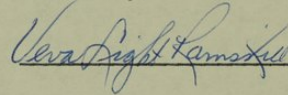
From RAMSKILL & RAMSKILL, Attorneys
Burlingame, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I certainly appreciated the clippings enclosed with your letter dated December 1st and wanted you to know that we thought the tribute you paid to Ruby under the heading of "My Sister" was beautiful.

Wishing you and yours all the very best of the good wishes of the Holiday Season, I am,

Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer
ElDorado, Kansas

December 8, 1958.

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December 8, 1958

Senator Andrew F. Schoeppel
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Andy:-

I greatly appreciate the kind message from you and Mrs. Schoeppel regarding my sister's death. Your sympathizing words helped to ease a heavy burden. My sister suffered long from cancer, and her ordeal was a distressing experience for us all.

It looks as if we Republicans have a difficult task ahead of us.

All of our family send you and Mrs. Schoeppel warmest greetings.

Sincerely,



THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK IN WICHITA

P. O. BOX 1090 • AMHERST 7-2211 • WICHITA, KANSAS

December 8, 1958

HERMAN A. OSMENT
VICE PRESIDENT
AND
COMPTROLLER

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

Dear Rolla:

As requested in your letter of December 4th, I am enclosing photostatic copies of the ledger sheets pertaining to the joint account carried with us by you and your sister, Ruby, from July 9th through the date of November 5th, which is the intervening dates needed according to your letter.

We, of course, would appreciate having you continue to carry a checking account with us, but I realize that for your convenience, it might be better to transfer the balance to your bank possibly after you have paid the bills incidental to her illness and the final closing of the estate.

If advisable, you could write your expense checks on us and then after all accounts are settled, draw a check for the balance and transfer it.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me if I can be of help in any way.

Kindest regards,

H. A. Osment
Vice President & Comptroller

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Encl.



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December 8, 1958

Mr. Frank K. Tiffany
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Tiff:-

It was extremely kind of you to write to me at the time of my sister's death. She suffered a long ordeal with cancer, which was a distressing experience for all of us. Your kindly sympathy helped to lighten a heavy load.

Sincerely,



December 9, 1958

Mrs. Myra Lockwood Brown
Del Paso Heights, California

My Dear Mrs. Brown:-

Among all the letters we received concerning my sister's death, yours was one of the most beautifully comforting. I am deeply grateful to you for it.

I shall be glad when you get home. The old place never seems the same with you away.

Sincerely,



December 9, 1958

Mr. John G. Emick
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear John:-

I am deeply grateful to you for your kind note with regard to my sister's death. She suffered long from an incurable ailment but her end was peaceful. This, as you well understand, was a comfort.

Sympathetic words from old friends like you have been a genuine help at this time. Again I thank you and Mrs. Emick.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Dec. 9 - 1958
Dear Rolla,
You certainly
gave me a good
send off from
Shelly Oil Co and
El Dorado. I'll
never forget
Dec. 3rd, 1958.
also my
friends that

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I left behind
me.

Rolla, you
have always
been so kind
& thoughtful
of me, I appreciate
it very much.

Sincerely
"Jimmie"

Rolla Clymer correspondence

HORACE S. MOSES
1840 MEDFORD STREET
TOPEKA, KANSAS

December 10, 1958

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

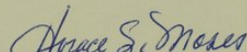
I have received the figures on the furniture and equipment to be furnished by Remington Rand. With this in mind I wonder if your Board would want to take the matter up at your meeting next Tuesday, December 16?

Mr. Jerry Curtin, the regional representative of Remington Rand, has agreed to come to El Dorado with me to answer any particular questions which may arise.

Yesterday afternoon I was on a planning panel with your city manager, Stanley Dial. He acted as city manager in a mock planning session and did a job your community could well be proud of.

Please let me know if you want us to come down Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,


Horace S. Moses

hsm/mm

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 11, 1958

Mr. Wayne Coulson
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Wayne:-

I dislike to trouble you with my little problem, but Frances has indicated that you will be kind enough to give it some attention. I sincerely trust it will not take a lot of your time.

A little history might help to an understanding, so here's the lay:

Thomas Benton Murdock came to El Dorado in 1870 and founded the Walnut Valley Times, with J. S. Danford. After five or six years, the paper was sold to Alvah Shelden and Mr. Murdock went to Topeka. He returned in 1882 and founded the El Dorado Republican.

This latter action touched off a lifelong feud between him and Mr. Shelden. The latter declared that Murdock had promised never to operate another paper in El Dorado when he sold The Times. Murdock insisted it wasn't so. But the two men were bitter enemies all their days afterward.

Both of them had been active in promoting Belle Vista, which was the original cemetery here, and both had purchased family lots. As their hatred flared, Murdock decided he would have nothing more to do with this cemetery. The story is he said he would not permit his kin to be buried in any ground that was contaminated by the Shelden dead. So he bought space in the new West Cemetery--and that is where his family is buried.

Before this happened, however, two of the Murdock girl babies had died, and were buried in the northeast corner of the lot which he owned. A small, faded headstone marks their graves and indicates they were interred there in 1882--76 years ago.

Aside from that, the lot stood unused until my father died here in 1922--forty years later. At that time, Alice and Lena Murdock gave my mother a deed to the west half of the

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lot. Space in that cemetery, even ^{there,} though, could not be had for love or money. Thus it was a handsome gift--one which my family has always deeply appreciated.

My sister died in late November and now lies in our half of the lot. It has occurred to me, however, that I should like to have title to the south portion of the lot's east half, if it can be arranged. Such ownership would afford us protection, and of course we might make use of it later on.

The records of the Cemetery association here are good, and I have made a rough pencil sketch of the lot for your better understanding. I hope it is clear enough to convey the meaning. Each half was designed for five bodies, one to every four feet. While the little Murdock girls in the north portion of their half probably do not take up two full spaces, I feel these should be left to them:

What I would like to have, therefore, is a deed to the south three-fifths of the east half of the lot, covering a space 12 feet deep and 10 feet wide.

The title to this half, I believe, is still in the name of T. B. Murdock. In the successive deaths of his wife, Marie Antoinette Murdock, Alice and Lena Murdock, no disposition was made of this small plot of ground. I have no suggestion which may help you in how I can secure the property, save to mention that Marcellus M. Murdock is the only surviving nephew, as far as I know.

I am, of course, willing to pay any reasonable amount that may be asked for this plot. It is not a major matter but one which I consider important to my heirs. I believe the Murdock deed never was recorded; I feel sure that I had my mother's deed recorded.

If you can help me in any way, I shall be under deep obligations to you.

Sincerely,