

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
El Dorado Kas.

CLARK WRIGHT
AROYA, COLO. 2-23-59

Dear old Tim - 40 years puts you in that class too! More than
30 years since my time then? was east there after the first oil
in the Texas field country. a lot of changes since my time.
then days Strong City, Hymer, Bazaar, Madison, Rosalia, DeGratt
were the main shipping stations. "Summer pasture charge" 1.50 to 2.50
per head. Things have changed since those days -
glad to learn you have quit the Kansas State Hist Society.
They have changed too. In the past when they wanted
Buffalo horns antelope Horns etc they called in
Clark Wright now when C.W. asks for Hist. Information
Results as forwarded. Have been average size animal
with makers name etc and had asked for possible
History of same. Mary tells me that have seen
some before and that they were the first shipped
from England in early days. am writing Dept Ag.
Washington D.C. for information - am trying to learn
if same has real historic value for Fort Wallace Museum -
writer has here a few artifacts etc Buffalo, Deer, and Antelope
horns That might be of interest. If and when you come this
way (Stop and look) a world of things the old times can tell
you that are hard to write - Thanking you again for your

Courtesy yours very truly

Clark Wright

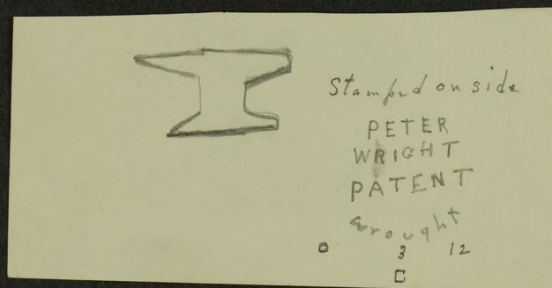
enclosed find animal Stamp etc -

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Here is another one. Did your new R.R. through Boggs
 Matfield follow the Old Kansas Mexico and Orient
 Trail built before written some manuscript?
 Old Sycamore Spgs was named for a tree there
 and was still there in my time
 Matfield Green was named by one of the first
 settlers Mr. Dave Mercer and was a creek there of
 that name (Mercer)
 memory brings back enough to
 fill a webster dictionary with blank paper on
 both sides and today here it would not be
 valued at cost of pencil word But 50 or
 75 years hence some college educated
 writer in New York will write history of
 above mentioned who has never seen some other
 Mississippi River
 "If a great life if you don't weaken"
 "If you don't believe it try some late books = ^{ew.}

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2/27/59

Dear Rolla:

I keep hearing it said that we need a real candidate for Gov in 1960 and that Gale Moss should run. Sometime ago I just barely mentioned it to Gale, and didn't press it. The last thing I want to do is to urge a "pig in a poke" off on a good friend like Gale.

However he is surely going to be "dumped" by the K.T.A. about next July - or soon after. I believe Gale could win. He has a wonderful reputation for getting things done - & done right. Besides a great job on the Turnpike (not popular) he made a fine Director of Highways for about 3½ years. Just wondered "what you think"?

Ed

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CLAUDE C. BRADNEY
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

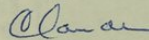
Rolla A. Clymer
ElDorado Times
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

My good friend Brinkerhoff copied your editorial "Veteran Cussee". I wish to thank you for your kind remarks and I always enjoy the comments of my good friend Rolla Clymer.

I am really enjoying the title that George, the Dock, gave me and I am sure that after I get my position as Third Class Assistant Custodian, I hope that I am assigned to sweep out the Governor's Office.

Sincerely,



Claude C. Bradney

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F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas
Feb. 27, 1959

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Pearl has been at Medical Center for one week now. I was with her Sunday and again Wednesday. I noted improvement Wednesday over Sunday night. My niece, Betty Gibson of Winfield, who is staying at the hospital, told me yesterday afternoon that the progress was continuing. Pearl was listening to the telephone conversation between us. I told Betty to tell her that she shouldn't eavesdrop and that got a big smile out of her. They have been giving her therapy all week and I think next week they will give her the dye test about which I am sure you have noticed. This is said to be very painful but effective. I am distressed about the pain that it will cause but I have every confidence that it will enable them to do for her what has been done for others under similar circumstances.

I was deeply interested in the centennial developments. I hope we will get funds enough to give Kansas a decent centennial celebration.

You should have sent the broom to the Bull. It should not have been a new one though. A third rate janitor would have no use for a new broom. Bradney is going to take me to Kansas City on some of my trips next week and we shall have a thorough discussion of the qualifications for janitors.

I have had two nice letters from Ben Hibbs. He was very happy about the honor we gave him and enthusiastic about his day at Lawrence.

Too, I wish that we could have a visit but your letters have had a soothing effect and I appreciate them no end.

Sincerely,

FWE:ls

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February 28, 1959

My Dear Jimmy:-

You're never going to be filthy rich and have the inestimable privilege of paying a whopping income tax unless you charge more for your services.

I greatly appreciate the modest amount of your bill as well as all the help and courtesies you have extended to me.

Sincerely,

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[Feb. 1959]

(by accident)
We apparently started this. I had a note from Clyde Reed, who disclaimed
it but said he would like to own it....Hank Jameson

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SORROW'S CROWN OF SORROWS

On February 27, The Times published an editorial captioned, "Routine For the Governor." It was a rather complimentary reference to the daily demands on Governor Docking's time, and wound up with the expressed wonderment as to why any should strive to fill the arduous office of governor.

This article was reprinted several times in the Kansas press. Early in the game, some editor mistakenly attributed it to Clyde M. Reed, of the Parsons Sun, who was the Republican candidate for governor last year.

That fiction has persisted. The Junction City Union published it, expressing astonishment that Mr. Reed should give vent to such sentiments. Then the Union learned the truth about the matter, and gave due credit. But in recent days, the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle and the Hays News have published the piece—with the Clyde Reed tag to it.

During this processional, The Times has been snickering daintily behind its large, horny hand. The Times is always pleased as punch when anybody else publishes one of its brain children. In this case, this paper is sure that Editor Reed is seething beneath his urbane and genteel exterior.

Doubtless he is forced to explain again and again that he did not write the cussed piece. But he can do nothing about it. When a mistake of this nature gets started, all the king's horses and all the king's men cannot stop it. So, like the babbling brook, it will probably go on forever.

But the fellow who made the error in the first place should keep away from Parsons for awhile.

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—A couple of tired travelers—the Duke and Duchess of Windsor—arrived here Friday night.


Accompanied by a chauffeur, valet, maid, secretary and two dogs, they rolled up to the Beverly Hills Hotel in two station wagons, winding up a hot afternoon's drive from Las Vegas, Nev.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mysterious lighted objects recently reported by a commercial airliner were lights of three jet bombers refueling in the air, the Air Force says. The pilot of an American Airlines plane and several passengers said they saw the lights over Pennsylvania on the night of last Feb. 24.

The Air Force said Friday it had been determined the lights were from B47 bombers that were being refueled by a KC97 tanker in an operation that lasted more than a hour.

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A typographical error sent Dallas City

...in our lives. Sometimes we follow this inclination but, in many instances, the opportunity does not arise to make such an expression of appreciation. The teacher's job often seems thankless. In addition to the financial consideration they receive, there should be the reward of hearing from former students or parents of present ones that their work is noted and appreciated.



Dietz-Pittman
FUNERAL HOME
200 S. STAR
DA1-1657 El Dorado

Sir,

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*Tel. return cut pronto.
m.* [Feb. 1959]

Monday ayem

Dear Boss:

I am behind -- maybe even up to and including the eight-ball!

Did I ever write to thank you for your "venerable mace" note? Maybe not. Things went in such a whirl about the time Morghan's dad died. I had to go out to California, and since have had much illness under my own roof. Mainly Dad. "e is better again now, though.

Could I borrow, in time for Thursday morning's run, the 3-col Hedrick-Hamman wedding? The bridegroom is "one of our boys", as Sammy Heben was wont to say.

I do hope all is well with you. I'll be seeing you one of these [#]days.

As always, venerable mace

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[Feb. 1959]

Friday

Dear Boss:

Many thanks for the use of your wedding. It made quite a splash on our sassiety page, and delighted the bridegroom's mama to the extend of a dollar's worth of Heralds. I started it on the return journey today.

It would be fine to see you. It's too bad that making a living gets in the way of other pursuits so much more appealing. However, I really enjoy my job, though it ^{always} ~~gives~~ me too little time for writing. Sometimes not any at all. Of course, my duties at home are considerable, too.

Isn't old Vid due to go to Washington this month? I expect to see him on the nation's front page, shaking hands with Ike.

Thanks again.

as always,
mace

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*Gratefully acknowledging
and thanking you for your kind
expression of sympathy
Mrs. Frank Rice
and
family*

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*Spray - Red gladioli and white
chrysanthemums*

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Elkhart, Kansas
March 2, 1959

Dear Rolla,

I wish to thank you for the galley sheet of your editorial on Willard on February 26th. It was a tribute that I shall always treasure because you expressed it so beautifully and with such sincerity. It means even more since Willard valued your friendship so much throughout all the years.

If a half-dozen copies of this issue are still available, the family would like to have copies of this newspaper memorial to keep.

My deep appreciation goes to you for sending us the galley copy in your letter. In the midst of our sorrow we might have missed

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it which would have,
indeed, been a great
loss to us.

Very truly yours,
Marian Mayberry.

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March 2, 1959

Mr. Clark Wright
Aroya, Colorado

Dear Mr. Wright:-

In answer to your letter, the Santa Fe's Ellinor-El Dorado branch, which was built in the early 1920s, did not follow the established grade of the old Orient line. It followed a somewhat new route through the hills and elsewhere, and represents an excellent job of engineering.

It may interest you to know that your old friend, Henry Rogler, of Matfield Green, is this year observing the 100-year tenure of the land he owns in the same family. His father walked down from Iowa in 1859 and established his home on the South Fork of the Cottonwood. I will have a newspaper story about this historical matter at a later date in the year.

It is my opinion that you have an object of historical value and interest in your anvil.

Very truly yours,

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The El Dorado Times

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Very truly yours,

R. A. Clymer

Dear Mr. Clymer Rplying to above will say the writer knew the Roglers but none well in those days the cow outfits and farming interests were opposite But would be might plan to see a copy of your report in some and see how many of present an families to Mr. This is to thank you for part contribution and will be more than pleased to return favor any time possible -

Clark Wright

*These old hands took too much
and say too little in return
for many years of part
C.W.*

*When you mail report send
bill and will want to cover
C.W.*

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When you come to Colo. Come
this way stop and visit
Show you a few Old Relics etc
Radio Reports say a terrible sw.
Blizzard of from only strong
wind and trace of snow -
all gone near to deep 3-11-59
sw.

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March 3, 1959

Mr. Edward F. Arn
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Ed:-

Nobody--including you--can possibly think more of Gale Moss than I do. Still, I question the advisability of Gale running for governor next year.

In your book and mine, Gale has made good four ways from the ace both as director of Kansas highways and as general manager of the Turnpike. But there are other opinions which we must consider. Not too typical was the remark to me not long ago by Lawrence Blythe that Gale "is a good man but too much of a spender." Of course, Blythe is antagonistic to Gale but fellows like him would spread the "spender" tag around to Gale's detriment as a candidate. That would be a distinct handicap.

I have given careful thought to your letter, and finally have reached an opinion as of today, which is: I do not believe that any man who was involved as a participant in our old party troubles of the past should stand as a candidate next year. I feel that any candidate we can all support should not be tarred in any way with the factional brush.

Gale has the force, the talent and the personality to make a strong candidate. He would suit you and me and our friends down to the ground. But I fear that the public would not accept him because of his old affiliations--and that we could not elect him.

I dislike to set forth this view, but must say to you, as a friend whom I cherish, that it represents my sober best judgment.

Sincerely,

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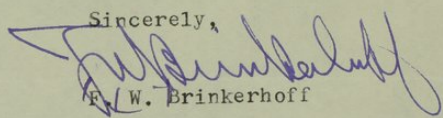
Pittsburg, Kansas
March 3, 1959

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Enclosed is our check for \$9 for the Times, without which we could not get along. We have your check for The Headlight. So the exchange arrangements are completed again.

Sincerely,


F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

*We think Pearl is making
progress but it is very
slow +*

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
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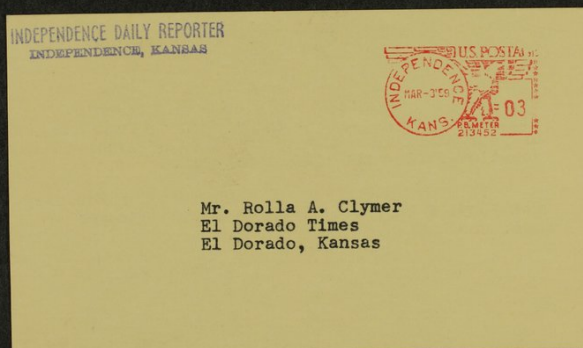
If you haven't already done so, there's still time to get a by-lined feature from one of your staff into the AP in KC to be used sometime during the month of March.

The response of those contacted for February was 100%. I know you'll agree these features are most worthwhile.

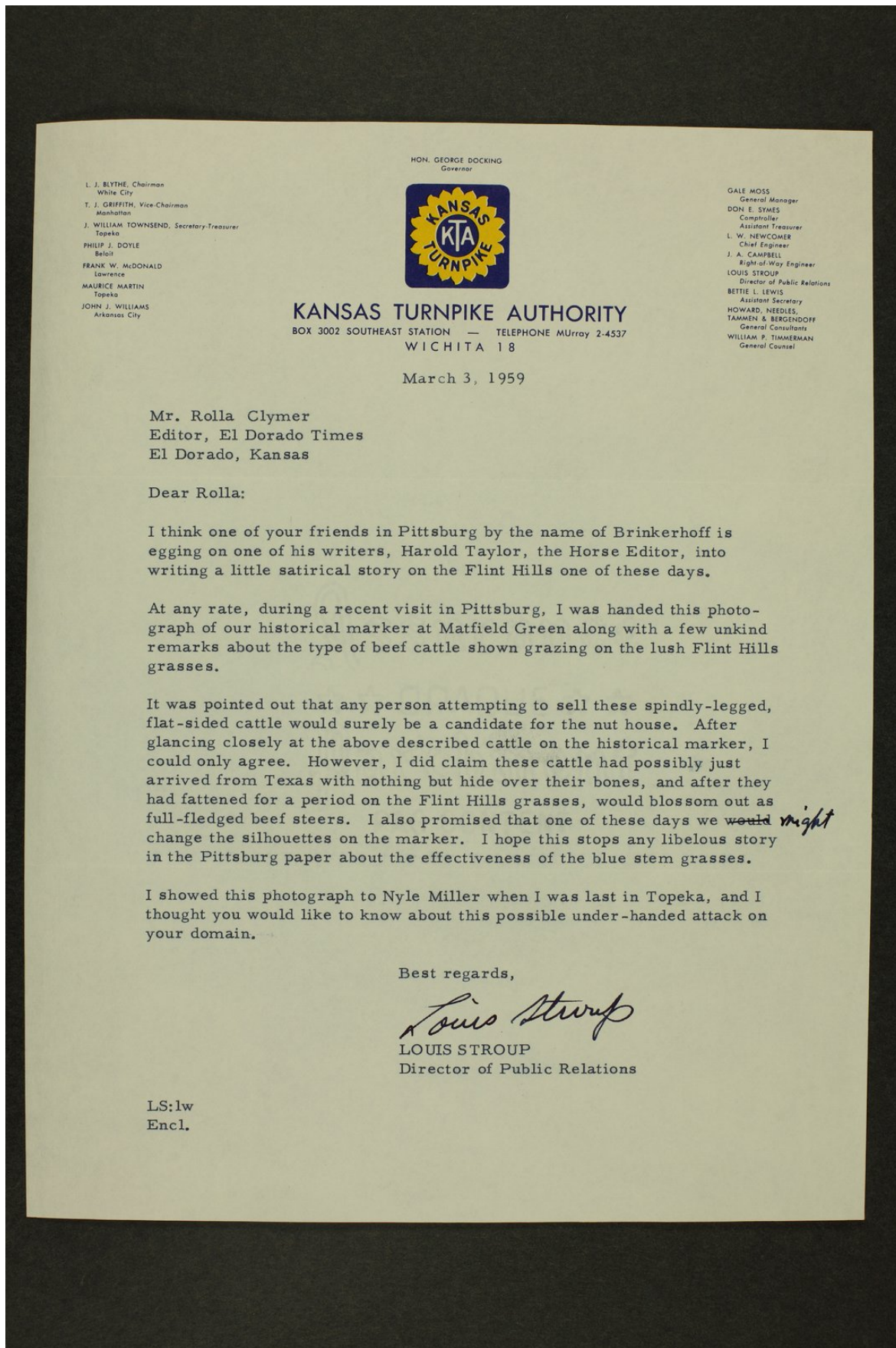
Sincerely,


H. A. Meyer, Jr.

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Dear Hub:-

Your card came today. Here's the lay:

Klintworth, our news editor, had to undergo an emergency operation for hernia last Friday. He is getting along but necessarily will be out of the harness for two-three weeks. In the meantime, Dale Stewart has taken over Klint's job and we have a patched-up news staff.

Dale is set to write the by-line story, but is busier than a catfish on a hot sidewalk as you can well imagine. What I wish is that, if possible, you could substitute another by-liner for us at this time--and let us take up the slack later when Klint returns to the job. We will deliver in due time.

I am sure you understand our predicament and will be sympathetic. If you can set us up for April instead of March, I feel sure we will come through at the proper time.

Business has been bum for two months, but is picking up now, thank the pigs.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 4, 1959

Dear Louise:-

Since receiving your letter, I recall that some comment was made about the appearance of the cattle figures on the Matfield Green marker, at the time we dedicated it. For sure, they are sickly looking representations of the Big Beef Steer.

I am not worried about the impending attacks by Bro. Brinkerhoff and his Hoss Editor. I can always slam them around in the column. But for the sake of our Bluestem area's vaunted prestige, I do think we should get an artist to work pronto painting in true examples of Flint Hills beeves.

I remember once, a number of years ago, I asked the Wichita Eagle's engraving department to have an artist draw a picture of a 120-foot oil well drilling rig, from which I might have a cut made to go on a special section cover page. The artist selected for the job was a woman--an old maid, in fact. The bull wheels she put on that critter were about the size of a 2-bit piece. I complained to the Eagle that this gal evidently did not know her bulls, and we finally managed to get the wheels the right size.

Maybe an old maid also drew the silhouettes of this slim-jim, fancy-dandy critters on the marker. ~~Max~~ Whoever it was, didn't know bulls--or steers, either.

I think we had better get a job of repainting done before some of our other funny friends get rambunctious ideas.

Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 5, 1959

Mr. Wayne Rogler
Matfield Green, Kansas

My Dear Wayne:-

At the marker dedication last August, your father told me this year would mark the 100th year of Rogler land in possession of the same family. I was interested. In October, I stopped at his home and had a visit with him. (You were away on a trip at the time.) Your father kindly loaned me a couple of Chase county histories.

From these I have gleaned a story which I have set down on the enclosure herewith. I wish you and your father would please read this over, making any changes, corrections or additions that may seem necessary. I would like to publish this story as soon as possible, since the spring of 1859 was the time when your grandfather first acquired this land.

I would also like pictures of your father and mother and you--if possible to secure them--to go with the story. If you say the word, I can run up there some day soon bringing along one of The Times' reporter-photographers with me.

One fact I do not know--and that is how much land in that area you and your father now own individually. If you are willing to give me these figures, I can include them in my story.

I am anxious to publish this account, for its own sake as well as that Kansas is now nearing its own centennial as a state. I shall deeply appreciate any help you may give me. Tell your father that I will return his books to him soon. I shall also be grateful if you will be able to return this manuscript to me, together with any comments or changes you have to make, within a few days.

Sincerely your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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JIM REED
Editor

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Dear Rolla:

It was just like old times seeing you in Lawrence the other day, and I wish we could have had time for a good old Kansas visit.

I spent too many years in Kansas not to miss the state and her people.

Rolla, I was interested in the comments you made at the William Allen White Foundation meeting regarding editorial writing.

Kansas newspapers probably are better known throughout America for their editorials than any other one department. Yet, we all know editorial writing is fast slipping away from us---particularly on the smaller papers.

I don't want to see the day when the majority of our newspapers are without locally-written editorials. The editorial page is needed more today than ever before in our history. It is a vital part of the newspaper if we are to keep the freedoms given to us by those who passed this way.

I would like to see the William Allen White Foundation establish as soon as possible two annual awards for the best editorial writing in Kansas newspapers---one award for dailies, one for weeklies. This award would be for the best consistent editorial writing for the year---not a spot editorial now and then.

The award need not cost the Foundation more than a few dollars. I suggest that a beautifully prepared, hand-lettered, framed certificate of merit be given to each winning newspaper each year. No cash awards need be given. These awards should be so handled that they become the most coveted awards in Kansas journalism.

Each daily and weekly should submit at a given time about six of its best editorials for the year. Three competent judges---someone who knows something about editorial writing---should be selected outside Kansas. Perhaps one year the judges could be Ben Hibbs, Louis LaCoss and Jenk Jones from our own Foundation. All are editorial writers---two are Kansans and know the local scene.

The framed certificates will hang in the editorial rooms of Kansas as an inspiration to the state's young newspapermen. And I think it is important that these awards be designated as the top honor in Kansas journalism.

If properly handled I believe this could serve to inspire Kansas editors to revive the locally-written editorial page. The awards could be presented at the annual luncheon.

It's just a suggestion. If you think the idea has merit, I'll write Dwight Payton and Burt Marvin.