

## 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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July 6, 1959

Mr. John H. Stauffer, Editor  
Kansas City Kansan  
Kansas City, Kansas

My Dear John:-

Someone on your staff--you perhaps-- wrote an extremely kind editorial about the designation of our state lake and me on a recent day. I want you to know that I am deeply grateful for this act. That lake shines brightly off in the Hills, and I truly hope that you and the Grenger offspring will further dedicate it with your warm presence some day.

Sincerely,



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July 6, 1959

Mr. W. Laird Deen  
Chairman of the Board  
The Merchants National Bank  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Laird:-

I am deeply grateful for your letter. Our town was vastly pleased over the generosity of the Santa Fe in making it an outright gift of the old passenger station site. This property will be put to the best of use, and will render a far-reaching public benefit. I am sure nothing I wrote exaggerates in any way the enthusiastic appreciation our people feel over this handsome and friendly favor.

As to our state lake, the marker dedication represented spontaneous action on the part of some of my best friends--who allowed their feelings to run ahead of their best judgment. I can't feel where I deserved such attention, nevertheless, as you can well understand, it made me happy.

Thanking you again for your kindness, which has been manifested to me in many ways, I am

Sincerely,



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July 6, 1959

My Dear John Anderson:-

Thanks for your recent letter. I have not seen nor heard from Harry Darby in a political way for a number of months. My own opinion is that he has no serious intention of running for governor, though some of his friends insist that he has. At any rate, candidacies can wait until we get some sort of a real working organization together here in Kansas.

I am pleased over the possibilities in that direction at the meeting at Wichita next Saturday--and will hope to see you there.

In the meantime, I suppose we should keep our powder dry--and that isn't difficult in a region where we are three inches behind our average annual scant allotment of moisture.

Sincerely your friend,

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My Dear Ed Arn:-

Ever since I heard about it, I had intended to be at the Republican meeting in Wichita Saturday. Now that you have written me so generously, I surely will be glad to be a member of your committee--and will be on hand early in order to make it a day.

I hope to reach the Broadview by 10 o'clock, will hunt up a guide for the "Glan" room, will be prepared to "march in a body" and to do any chores you may assign me, including washing the dog.

I am enthusiastic over this meeting and its possibilities. It is high time that we of the GOP begin to bore in on one of the most difficult jobs of our lives.

Sincerely,



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July 6, 1959

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Mr. Richard W. Robbins  
423 North Main  
Pratt, Kansas

Dear Dick:

It was fine of you to remember us with a copy of Rolla's remarks at the naming of Lake Clymer. As usual, he knew what to say, and said it beautifully. I wish I could have been present.

The more I've come to know Rolla the more I try to search out his editorial columns, marveling over his pearls of wisdom about many things. So I had noticed his splendid editorial about the Santa Fe's gift of the station. All the clippings you sent were most welcome, however, and I agree 100% with you about inflation. It's a cancer that will destroy us all, if unchecked.

We're real happy to retain you on our board, for it's an honor to us, too!

Drop around sometime when you have a few minutes to spare in Topeka.

Meanwhile, with kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially,

*Nyle H. Miller*

Secretary

NHM:mj

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 7, 1959

Mr. Robert Campbell  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Campbell:-

I have your note saying you will drive to El Dorado tomorrow morning. I regret to say that this time will not be convenient for me. In fact, forenoons around a daily newspaper office are not conducive to the kind of discussion we will probably want to have.

I believe it would be better if you would postpone your visit here until next week. I have some extra matters on hand and will be out of town the greater part of two days.

If you will write me in advance, setting a day for your convenience, I can tell you quickly whether it will be okay or not. But any hour fixed should be for afternoon.

Very truly yours,





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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

During my discussion this morning with Maurice Fager, it was decided that a Board of Directors meeting of the Kansas Centennial Commission should be held for numerous decisions.

I have made reservation for lunch at twelve o'clock, July 17, at the Jayhawk Hotel. Please plan to attend and confirm your acceptance.

Kindest personal regards.

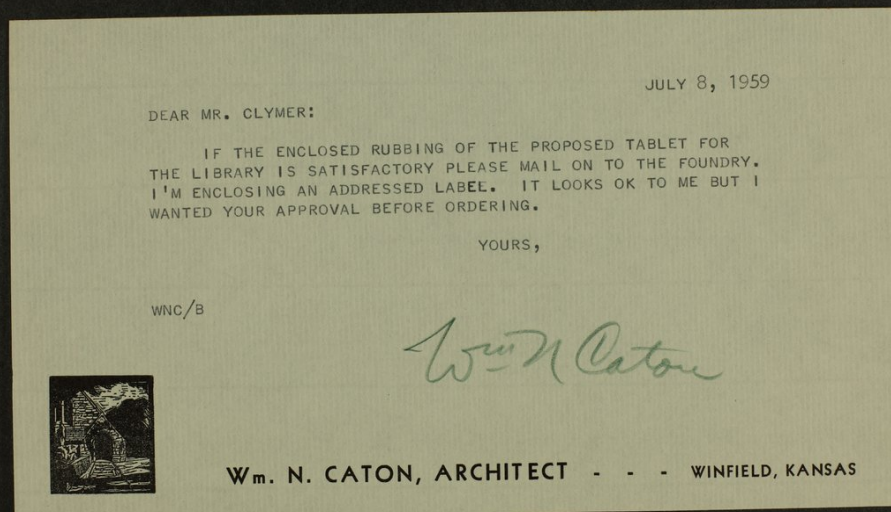
Very truly yours,

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### THE CARTHAGE EVENING PRESS

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CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

E. L. DALE  
EDITOR

July 8, 1959

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Belatedly, I admit, but better that way than never, congratulations on the honor bestowed upon you by your state in naming a lake for you.

I know that <sup>a</sup>tribute richly deserved and I was happy to note our mutual friend, Fred Brinkerhoff, was the speaker on Clymer day.

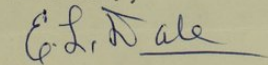
Am always happy to see my fellow editors receive recognition. I know how hard we all struggle to better the communities in which we live and all too often these labors are accepted as a matter of fact.

So I join your friends and neighbors in great big salute. May all good things continue to come to the Clymer clan.

Incidentally, we have great admirer of yours, who is soon to wed a Carthage man, Ralph Holiday, manager of the Atlas powder plant here and a fine chap. She is Mrs. Margaret Speck of Joplin, the former Margaret Haynes of El Dorado. We all belong to a Tuesday night dinner club and Mrs. Speck and I have formed a mutual admiration society for one Rolla Clymer. She says the families are close friends and that you and her father are extremely fond of each other. Undoubtedly, Margaret will send you an announcement of the forthcoming event. Formal announcement hasn't been made as yet.

I cut clippings from Mr. Brinkerhoff's Headlight on your honor to send to Margaret and lost them. I am a poor housekeeper. Talked to Fred the other day and asked for clippings. Have them on my desk now to send to Mrs. Speck.

Sincerely,

  
E. L. Dale

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HARRY DARBY

KANSAS CITY 15, KANSAS •

July 9, 1959

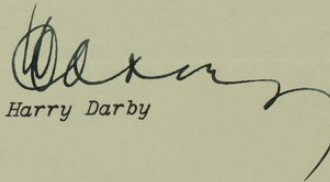
Dear Rolla:

*I have just read the fine editorial "Good Works Recognized" in the Kansas City Kansan regarding the naming of Lake Clymer and the dinner honoring you for your many years of effort in bringing attention to the productiveness and charm of the Flint Hills and the bluestem area.*

*This is indeed a highly singular honor -- one which you richly deserve -- and your many friends are happy to see you receive this fine recognition.*

*All best wishes -- and kindest regards.*

Sincerely,



Harry Darby

HD:bgs

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



July 10, 1959

Mr. Harry Derby  
Kansas City, Kansas

My Dear Harry:-

I am deeply grateful for your warm and friendly letter. All the way and at all times, you have been kindness itself to me.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 10, 1959

Mr. E. L. Dale  
The Carthage Evening Press  
Carthage, Missouri

My Dear Mr. Dale:-

I was deeply grateful to receive your kind letter. My friendship with certain Missouri editors, as has been afforded through the joint meetings of the Missouri and Kansas Associated Press groups, stands among my most cherished possessions. I wish to stress that you are among those for whom I have the highest regard.

The naming of the state lake--which was also another manifestation of friendship--came pleasantly enough, as you can understand. I seem to feel that it will tie me a little closer to the Flint Hills bluestem region of Kansas, where my happiest days have been spent. Thus, the whole matter has embodied considerable sentiment.

You will also understand how much I have appreciated Fred Brinkerhoff's part in this affair. He always does his task superbly and is a steadfast comrade to have by one's side.

Mrs. Margaret Speck is the daughter of Roy A. Haines, the Augusta banker who has a tremendous record of achievement and whom I enthusiastically admire. I do not know her as well as I do her two sisters, but the family is one of sterling quality. I would like to have the details of the approaching marriage when the formal announcement is made, and will appreciate having the information from her.

I wish I could know you better for I feel we have much in common. Again I thank you for the extraordinary courtesy and kindness which prompted your letter.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

The Kansas University Endowment Association

University of Kansas

Lawrence

July 10, 1959

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Recently I visited with Clyde Reed, and he suggested that we should try to interest a friend of yours, Mr. J. E. Morris, in the University. Clyde thought it would not be out of order for me to write you for your thoughts and suggestions as to how this might be best done.

I understand that Mr. Morris is a wealthy man, has no immediate family, and is not a college graduate.

There are so many things here at KU--and at colleges and universities throughout the world, for that matter--that should be done, yet cannot be accomplished for lack of funds. Most of these things resolve themselves directly or indirectly into a better education for a greater number of young people.

Clyde himself has contacted me in an effort to help a girl who graduated from the Parsons High School where she was valedictorian. Without financial help, she cannot hope to go ahead as she should.

Before me on my desk is a letter from John Conard concerning a girl who was the valedictorian this spring at Greensburg--a girl who is the eldest of five children and whose father recently died of a heart attack. Two of the children are of pre-school age. It is rather obvious that this young woman can go ahead with her education at this point only if someone is willing and able to help her.

These two young ladies are not exceptions but typical of hundreds of young people that turn to us, either directly or through interested friends, for assistance. It is this sort of story that I like to tell to people like Mr. Morris, and I would appreciate an opportunity to do so in his instance. I understand that he has little or no knowledge of the University and wonder if it would be possible for you to bring him as a guest to the campus sometime this fall, either on occasion of a football game or some other event, so that we might acquaint him with KU. I



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Mr. Rolla Clymer

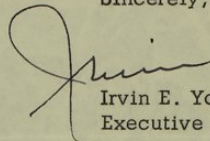
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will be guided entirely by your judgement in the matter and certainly would appreciate any thoughts or suggestions that you might have.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Irvin E. Youngberg  
Executive Secretary

IEY/lm

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

RICHARD ROBBINS  
423 N. Main St. Phone GR 2-3215  
PRATT, KANSAS

July 10, 1959

Dear Rolla:

Thank you for your recent note. I will try my hand on Marion. I am not optimistic about results.

I wish you would let me know the next time Betty travels on the Santa Fe. I would like to see to it that every courtesy is extended to her.

Hope to see you in Wichita tomorrow.

Yours  
Dick



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

RICHARD ROBBINS  
423 N. Main St. Phone OR 2-3215  
PRATT, KANSAS

P. S. Will you kindly send me a copy of the paper  
in which you gave my letter to Thruston B. Morton  
the publicity of which Marion speaks.

RWR



July 13, 1959

Goldsmith's  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

The enclosed check for \$4.18 is to pay for your invoice to me, dated June 26, for a crossword puzzle book, in the sum of \$2.09. I am doubling that amount to pay for a similar book which was mailed to Miss Mildred Wright, of Hotel El Dorado, at the same time--and am assuming that the charge was the same. Please credit your records accordingly.

Very truly yours,



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Chicago, July 13th, 1959

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Mr. R. A. Clymer  
Editor and General Manager  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Your letter arrived while I was taking a vacation (?) which was spent at home catching up on two-weeks of chores Mrs. Anderson had assigned for me.

You may be sure had I known of the occasion of naming Clymer Lake, as well as the presentation of the Santa Fe Depot, I would have made every effort to have been on hand. Also, my face is red because I did not know Mrs. Clymer was using our line on July 9th - I certainly would have rolled out the official red carpet for her. If by chance she is coming back on our line will you please give me the date that I may somehow redeem myself in her good graces.

I am sure you can realize the pressure that we are under now in this passenger business, but the SFPORPB seems to be making friends and influencing people to the extent I think the venture is going to be well worthwhile. It is through the kind cooperation of such good persons as yourself that we can stay in this business possibly for a long time to come.

Incidentally, there is enclosed a membership card for Mrs. Clymer, as you requested in your letter, and I hope she uses it on every occasion possible as we are very serious about the results we expect to obtain from employees in cooperation with this project. If you have any other suggested names for the roster of this Society do not hesitate to let me have them as the membership is free and we hope it grows to a million or more.

Business is good as always in the summertime.

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Mr. R. A. Clymer:

I suppose by now all of the wheat has been put by and the Flint Hills are being used with the many cattle who thrive so well in that area.

Give my kindest regards to all and I do hope if you should come this way you will drop in and see me.

Sincerely,

*Andy*  
R. T. Anderson



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 13, 1959

Mrs. Paul C. Petty  
Potwin, Kansas

My Dear Mrs. Petty:-

I am exceedingly grateful to you for your kind letter. As the daughter of a veteran publisher, you will well understand that editors do not often receive letters of this delightful type.

I am glad that you like The Times--editorials, Listening Post and all. As you no doubt are aware, the Listening Post constitutes a sort of safety valve for me. I have been writing it for many years and the home folk seem to bear tolerantly with my vagaries.

Whenever you are in El Dorado, I wish you would come to my office for a visit. I have been to Grove and Grand Lake and am familiar with the area. Miss Anna Benintendi, who was an employee with our paper for 32 years, voluntarily left her job here two or three years ago, and is now living in Grove with her sister. I do not know the sister's name.

It is good to know that The Times is welcome in your home--and I hope we can keep its content of such nature that it will not wear out that welcome. Your approval of our efforts is much appreciated--and I thank you again.

Sincerely,





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 13, 1959

Miss Marion Ellet  
Concordia, Kansas

Dear Heart:-

What you wrote about the little lake and me was mighty sweet--and gave me a thrill to the marrow. You have the marvelous gift of being able to understand fully about events and the folks they affect--and have done so in this instance. You are well aware of all the sentiment that is wrapped up in this little display of sentiment here at home--and have expressed it beautifully. My cup simply ran over when I read what you wrote.

I truly wish you could see that lake--124 acres of water nestling in surrounding hills. Remember where it says in the Good Book that wine in the cup "moveth itself aright." Well, when I look upon this lake, it seems to "move itself aright," and I believe it would for you, too, looking at it with your sympathetic nature.

For the event itself, the boys here really threw a ball. You were one of the absent dear friends whom I missed most!

Now I had seen Clyde's editorial before I saw yours--and the two of you have combined to bam me over the beazer. I am eating some musty corn in a piece today--my practical sense telling me that you and Clyde are right, but my wishful thinking leading me to hope that we can somehow utilize the inflation subject in an effective way in the coming campaign. At the press conference at Wichita Saturday, I asked Senator Morton if inflation could be made a "practical issue" in the campaign and he said "yes," but did not specify how. By the way, that meeting of 1,000 faithful here in mid-July laying plans for grass roots work by Republicans in the months before the campaign actually starts was an inspiration. I sat through all sessions--and felt as if I had been in church. I now feel much encouraged over the outlook. We must work, we must fight, we must keep our flag up--and I believe we Republicans will do it.

Thanks again, my dear. We are having a wonderful July here in the Hills and I hope your state and condition is equally pleasant.

Sincerely, rae

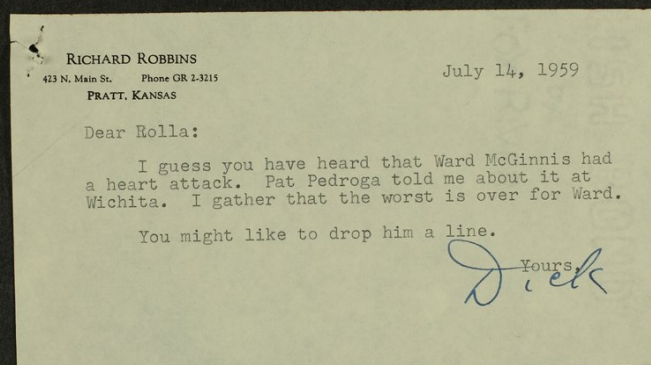


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HOME STATE BANK      HORTON, KANSAS      July 13 <sup>[1957]</sup>

Dear Rolla -  
 Received your welcome letter  
 and appreciated it immensely. Sorry I was  
 "out" when you were here.  
 I have kept in "remote" touch with your  
 K.A. activities & think of you often. You've  
 always been one of my most favorite signs  
 and newspapers there.  
 My regards to Mr. Wisson - Sincerely, Rolla  
 Clymer  
 Send me a copy of your article  
 about the watershed - please

## Rolla Clymer correspondence





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July 14, 1959

Mr. Ward McGinnis  
Eureka, Kansas

Dear Ward:

Sorry to hear from Pat that you have been laid up.

I gather from Pat that you are on the mend which is good news. You have led an active life all the years and I imagine you find it pretty hard adapting yourself to keeping quiet.

Pat has probably told you that we had a good Republican meeting in Wichita.

Let us hope that we can go on and restore the Republican Party in this State to its former vigor and effectiveness. You and I know that it will take a lot of "blood, sweat and tears" to accomplish this.

Regards to Mrs. McGinnis and best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Sincerely yours,

RWR:ems  
Encls.



## THE PARSONS SUN

CLYDE M. REED, JR. Publisher

PARSONS, KANSAS

July 14, 1959

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

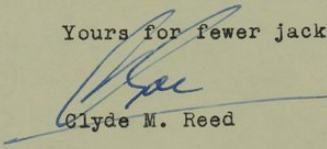
Sir:

That was a stirring tribute you paid Old Nosey and his clan in your columns on Saturday and I can hear the old fellow now telling his grandpups: "That man in El Dorado is really our friend."

It is deserved recognition, too, and we are going to do our bit here in spreading the fame of Old Nosey and his kind by reprinting your piece today.

Meanwhile a copy of this letter is going to our Crawford County Comrade to let him know that Old Nosey's friends are ever on the move. That cold day in January when we saw him scurrying across the barren, shivering hills of Butler comes alive again.

Yours for fewer jackrabbits,



Clyde M. Reed

CMR:sm

cc: F. W. Brinkerhoff

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVENINGS EXCEPT SUNDAY



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 15, 1959

Mr. Harold Wilson  
Horton, Kansas

My Dear Bunny:-

I deserve a beating for not having written to you while you were in the Kansas City hospital. I can only plead the burden of a constant pile of work--yet I well realize that is no valid alibi.

I was hoping to see you when I paid a visit not long ago to your jim-dandy town, and greatly regretted to learn of your illness from your fine son. I am now relieved to know that your condition has improved and truly hope you will soon be on the high road to full recovery.

Ralph Wixson has told me much about you and your hospital visits together. Ralph is the salt of the earth--and as fine as they come. I am glad that you got to know him as a representative citizen of our community. Frankly, he has given me hell for not writing you sooner.

I found Brown to be as substantial a county as I always thought it was, and was deeply impressed by the efficiency of the Little Delaware watershed. I wrote a piece about it for our paper, and am now told by some official that it will be republished in some national publication of the soil conservation service. If so, I shall be happy to have had a hand in spreading your county's justly-merited fame.

Doggone it, I wish I could see you. I am a member of a K. U. alumni advisory committee and attend occasional meetings at Lawrence. I never fail to have a real thrill every time I get back on "the Hill." The old place seems to have a fascination that grows stronger with the passing years.

I have heard that you used to be "some golfer." Hurry back on your sea legs, and I shall take you on for a dime's worth of sauerkraut. Please remember me kindly to your nice Missus and to your attractive son--and take a lot of uncton to yourself, my cherished old friend. Please write whenever you can. Sincerely in hoc,

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### MURRAY INSURANCE, INC.

Carl Murray    "Hobe" Murray    Ruth A. Murray  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

July 15th, 1959.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
El Dorado Library Board,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We have been writing 'form' letters today regarding our purchase of the R. C. Loomis Insurance Agency, but this is more than a form letter for the reason that we know the situation regarding insurance for the library will be changing right away.

Now in our purchase of Mr. Loomis' agency we find where he has a policy covering in amount of \$2,000 on the present building and \$2,000 on the contents. This has been, in fact still is a five year policy which will expire January 1st, 1960, and of course any questions regarding it in any way we shall be glad to answer or find out if necessary.

May we ask at this time, that our agency be considered when writing the insurance coverage for the new building and contents, not only for this policy which we have purchased from Mr. Loomis but for our agency in its own right.

Yours very truly,

*Paul A. Murray*  
for, Murray Insurance, Inc.



### Republican National Committee

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THRUSTON B. MORTON  
CHAIRMAN

July 16, 1959

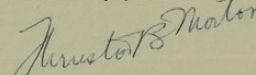
Mr. Rolla Clymer  
Eldorado  
Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I want to express to you my appreciation for your graciousness, as a member of the reception committee, in greeting me on my visit to Wichita. It was the finest welcome I have been given since becoming Chairman.

Our group from the National Headquarters received both inspiration and encouragement from the large turnout at the meeting. Judging from the enthusiasm and the spirit of the 'will to do' of those present, I got the firm impression that in 1960 Kansas will once again regain its title as the great Republican Citadel of the Middle West.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thruston B. Morton

TBM:AHR

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Parsons July 16, 1959

Dear Ham:

Many thanks for your kind letter of Monday. No offense was perceived at Wichita and since you say none was intended, then there are no wounded feelings anywhere and all is well.

Actually as it worked out, the inconvenience was slight beyond the first night when we were many hours late. The other three days went smoothly and delivery was only an hour or so behind schedule, thanks to co-operation from Hub's boys in Independence.

Maybe these things are good for us. We wonder at times if the subscribers really want ~~our~~ our products, all the talk about television and radio listenership being what it is. I'd like to get one of these high-powered boys from Madison Avenue around when there is a breakdown such as we had. The phones rang off the wall, and we still were receiving calls at 11 p.m. the first night when, of course, it was impossible to otherwise advise subscribers of our difficulties. A banker just told me on the phone he was glad the paper was back on schedule-- he hated to wait the extra hour every day to get it!

Of course, we'll pay through the nose. I expect the whole difficulty will run \$500-\$600 and things being what they are, that isn't exactly peanuts.

That ~~was~~ was a fine meeting at Wichita. The attendance surprised almost everyone--although Sam had predicted it a few days before--and ~~Sam~~ I'm sure everyone was pleased.

The test naturally will come in November, 1960, and not in July, 1959, although I must admit you have to start somewhere. If all this good resolution 18 months in advance can be turned into votes, then the party will be back on the glory road once more. But what worries me, Ham, and I'm certain is of concern to Sam, too, is that too many will only resolve and not react. We do have a changed situation in Kansas which calls, as you say, for the hardest kind of precinct work, but I'm afraid too many in various positions of leadership out over the state don't realize it as yet. They do in Wichita and there should be improvement there. But there are many question marks elsewhere.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

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So Old Nosy has competition--and a jumping Aussie at that!  
It appears those two intrepid travelers from the Balkans will be forced to make another safari into the Hills of Butler to find out just what in ~~the~~ thunder is taking place. You can, of course, depend upon that pair to bring back all the facts, even if no trophies such as kangaroo pouches or coyote ears.

Business is a little better in July than a year ago, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~notably, understandably~~ <sup>understandably</sup> we can ~~handle~~ <sup>store</sup> it here. Our collections are much better and that is most pleasing of all. You don't pay many bills or bankers with lineage records alone.

We are sitting on the anxious seat here, with stirring over the ordnance plant and everything pointing to activity in the fall which may ~~make~~ make us No. 1 on ~~Nikita's~~ Nikita's hit list. I hope you will have an extra cellar ready, just in case.

I view it all with something of mixed emotions--the boom and bust ordeal. I've been through it three times now in the 17 years ~~that~~ that I have had the paper--twice on the ordnance plant (World War II and Korea) and then with the Katy, and I long for the day when we have some steady payrolls turning out paper dolls or washrags, but keep ~~those~~ those thoughts to myself and go along hoping that the best somehow will come out of it.

It was good, as always, to see if, if only briefly, at Wichita and I hope for a longer visit at an early date to be brought up ~~to~~ to the moment on Old Nosy and mankind and all else in general.

Sincerely

