

### **Rolla Clymer correspondence**

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

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

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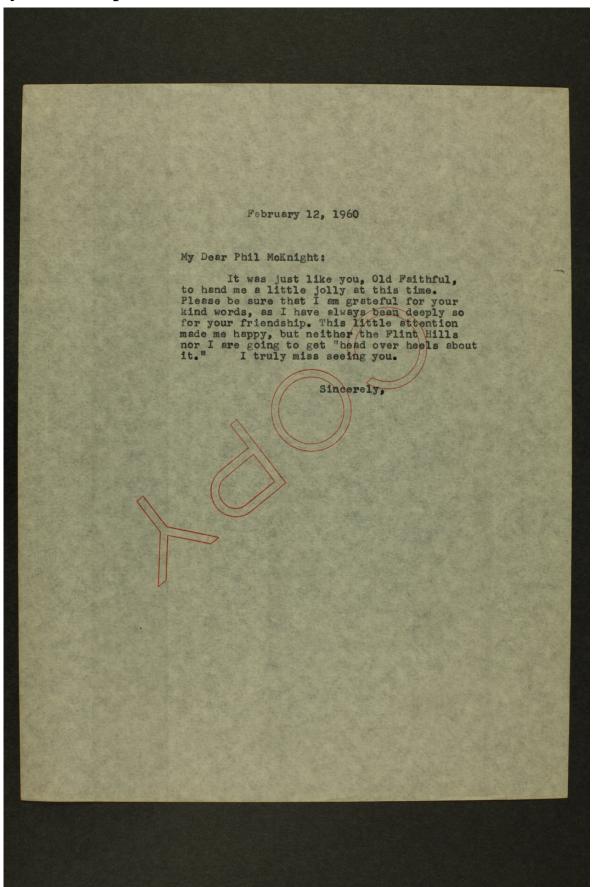
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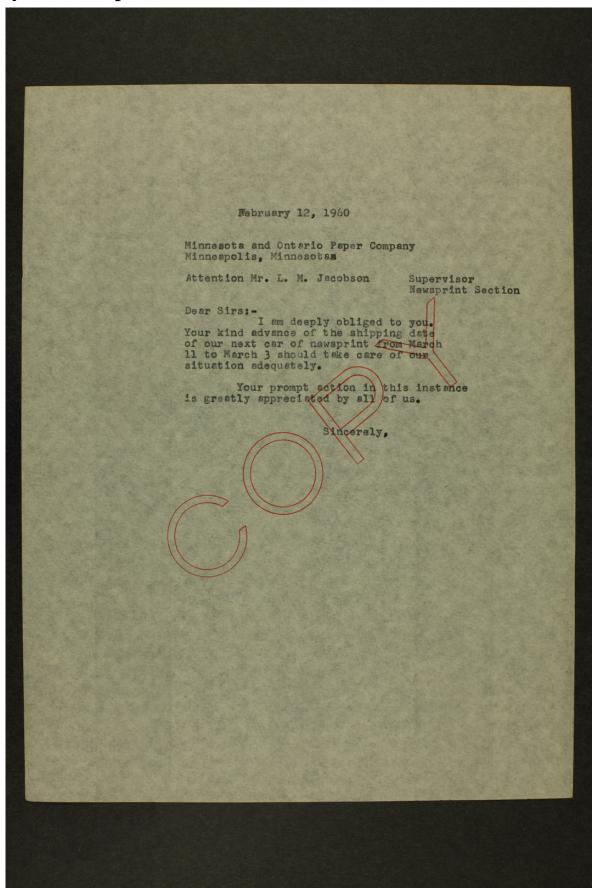
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### STAUFFER PUBLICATIONS, INC.

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February 12, 1960

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

Dear Rolla:

I told you in Lawrence how very much I appreciated what you did at the foundation luncheon.

But now that

"The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart!" - -

I want to put in words my very great appreciation of your kindness which shall never be forgotten. You made a great sacrifice driving from El Dorado over the icy roads and without you the whole affair would have been empty and without form.

Although I am unworthy of all you had to say, nevertheless the true spirit of friendship which prompted your words and the inimitable and forceful language and delivery is something that shall remain with me always.

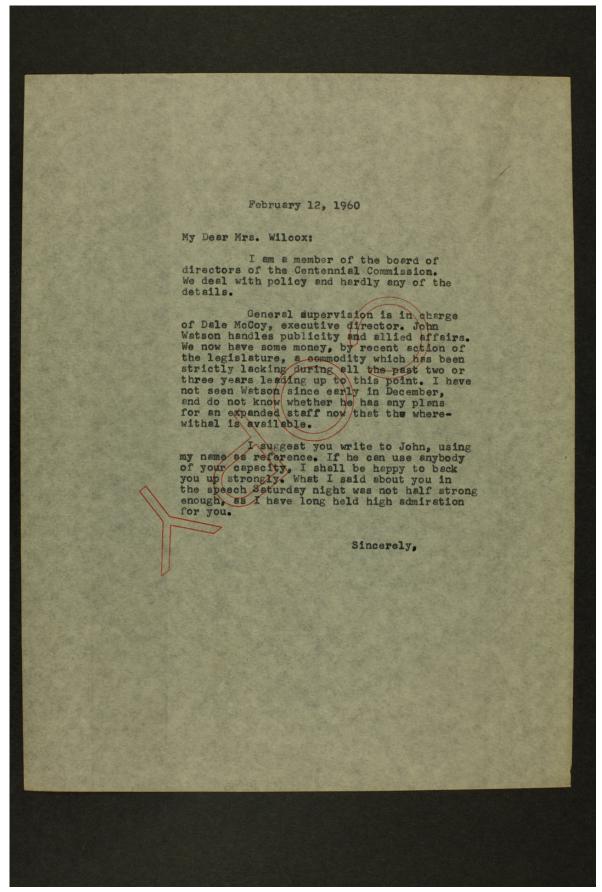
With every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

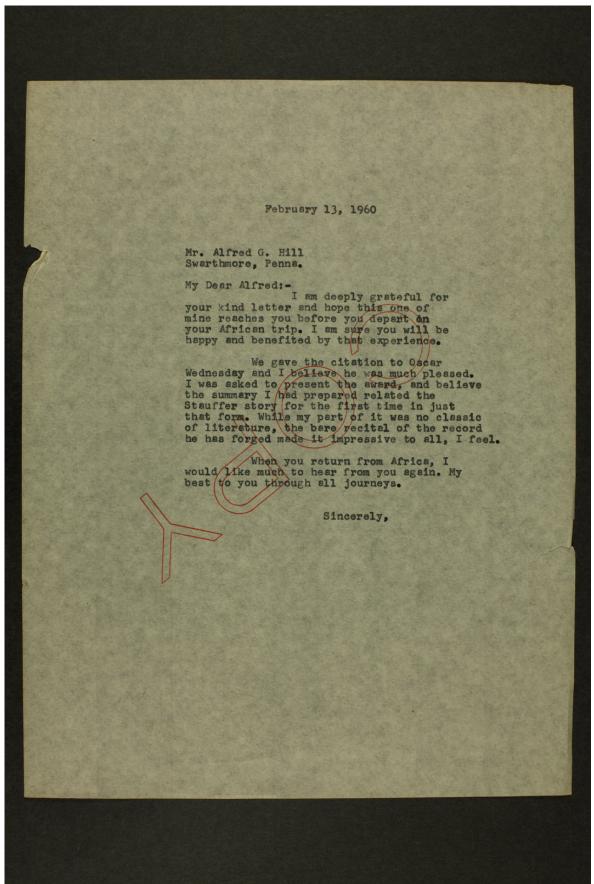
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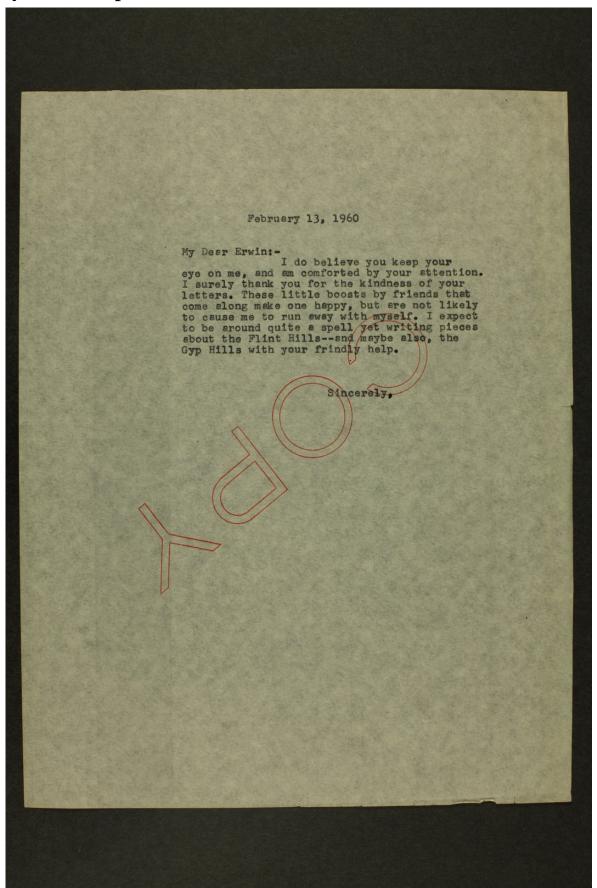




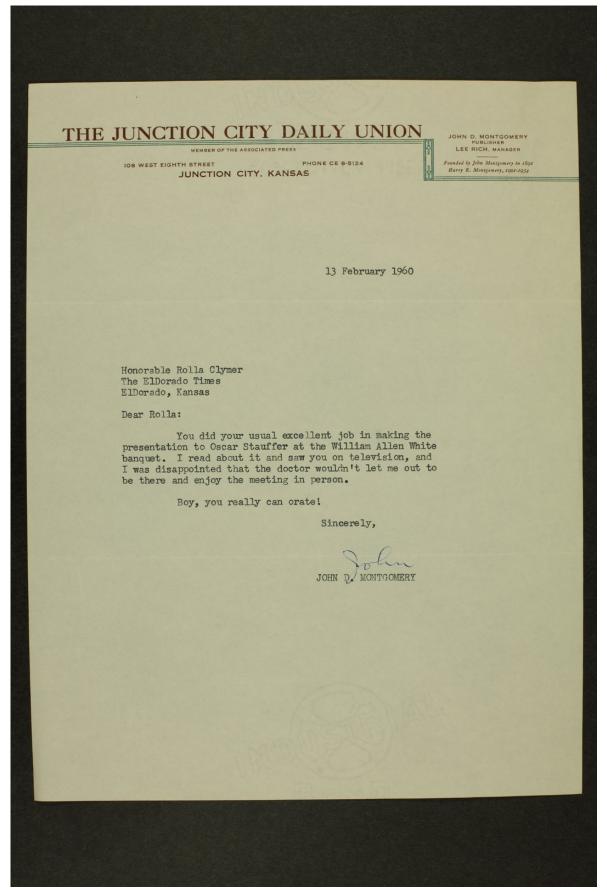




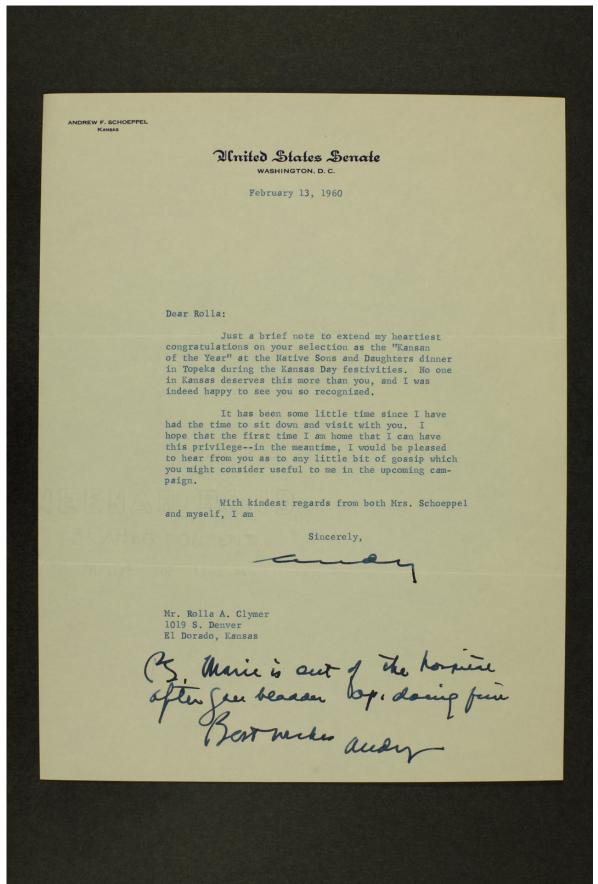




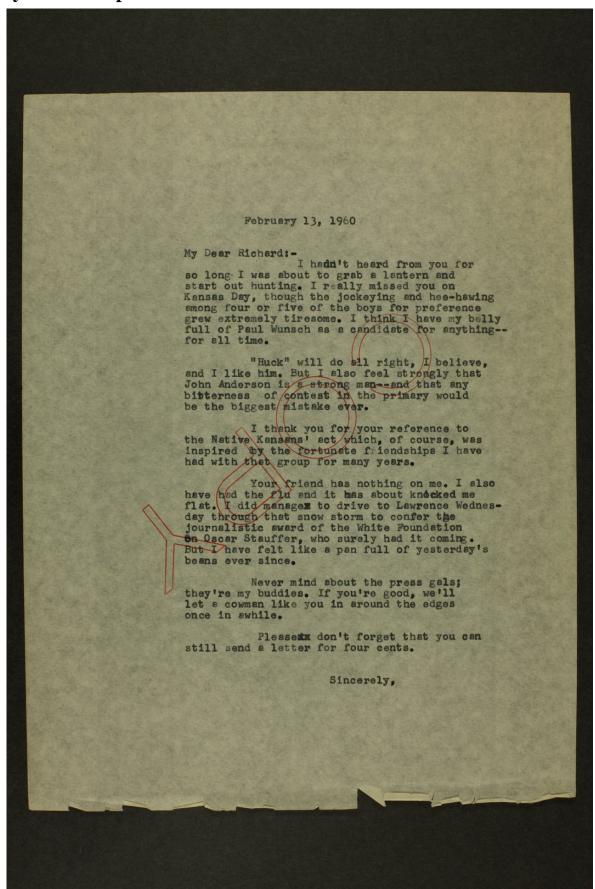














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Concordia Feb. 14

Dear Rolla:

What a lovely invitation. And thank you too for the beautiful words at Wichita. Ax Just reading them gave me a lift. But I do wish I could have heard them.

It's nice of you to want to take the time and trouble to help me see the Flint Hills. And somehow I'm going to manage to get toyour part of Kansas in June. I'll let you know more about it later. Meanwhile the trip will be a pleasant thing indeed for me to look forward to this winter.

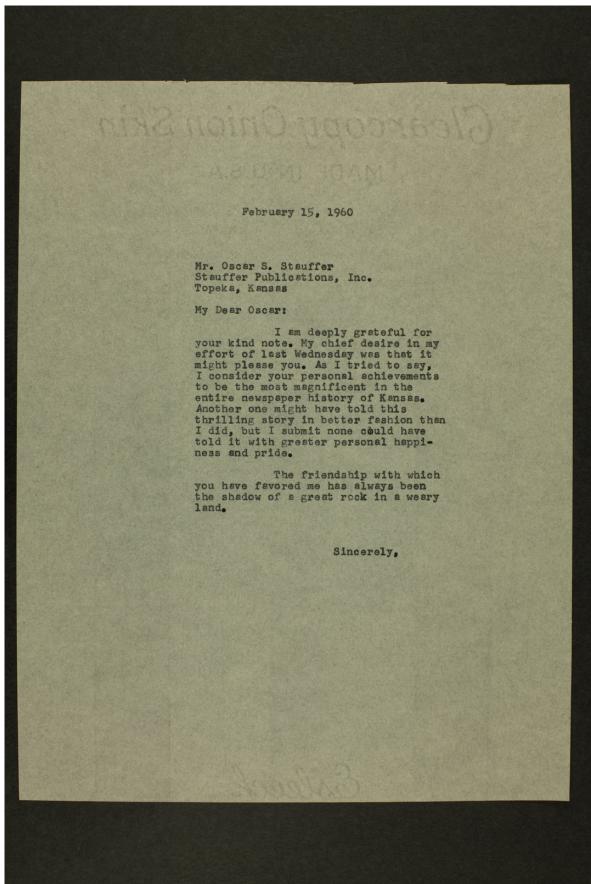
Sorry you got the flu too. Better watch it. The bugxis bug is tricky. You think you are rid of it, and then suddenly you aren't. It clings like a leech.

I haven't noticed any great excitement in the Kansas press for Huck. And I \*\* imagine he is counting on newspaper support.

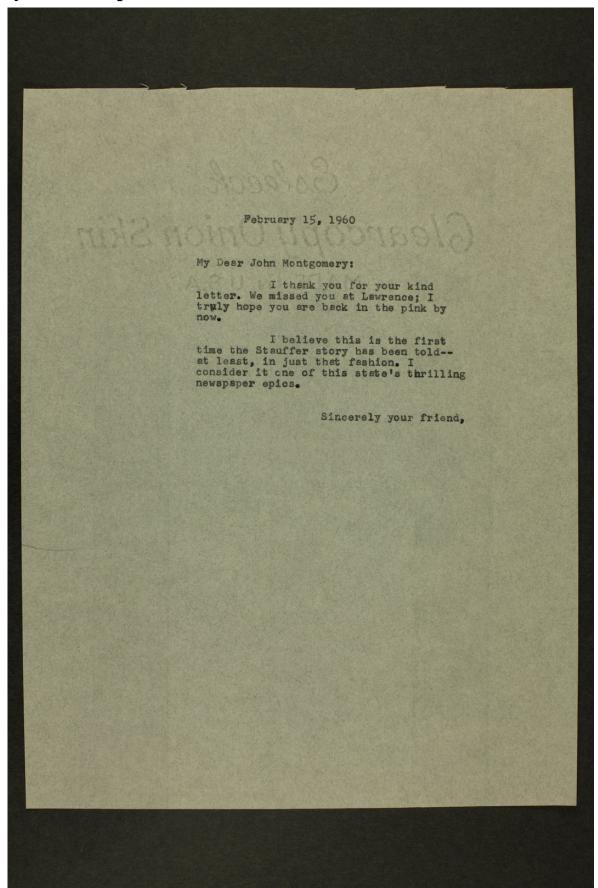
Sincerely.



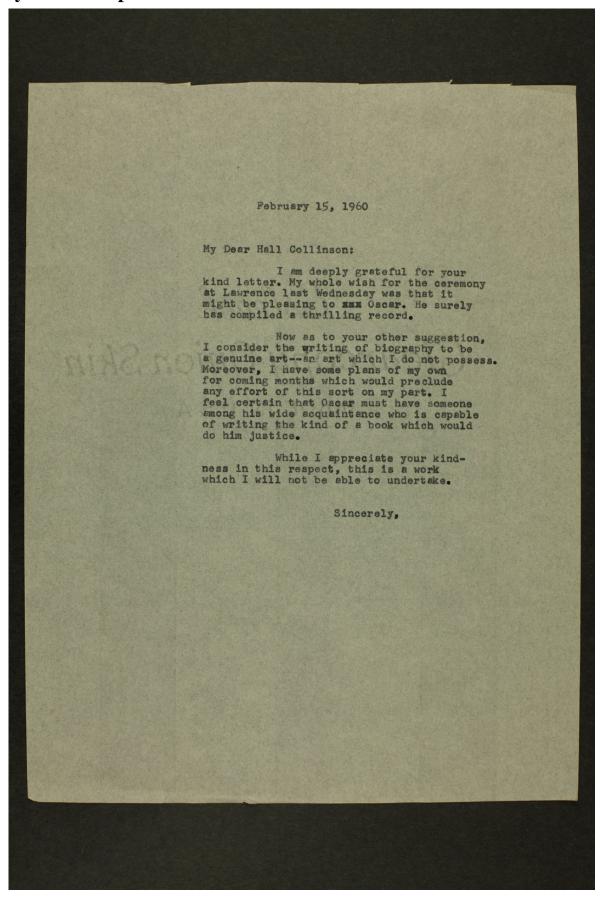




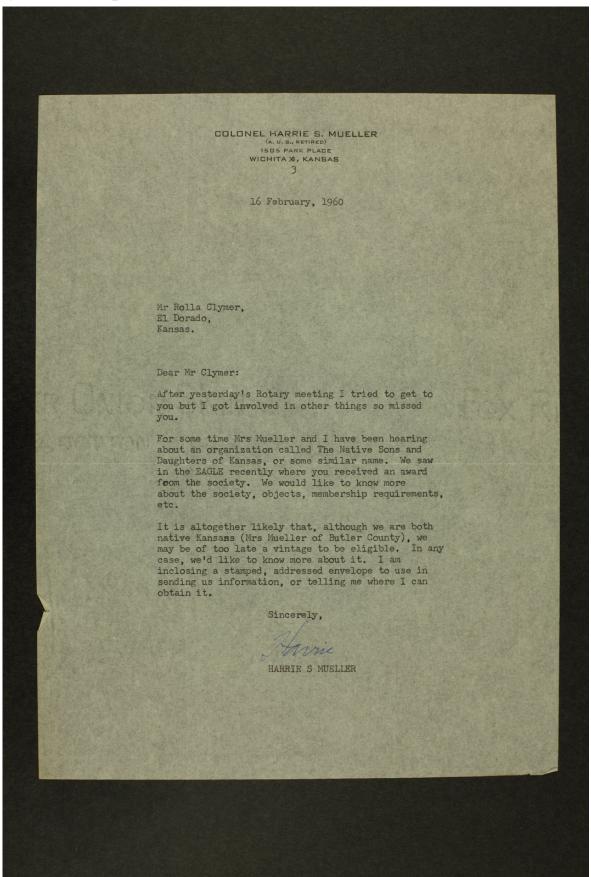




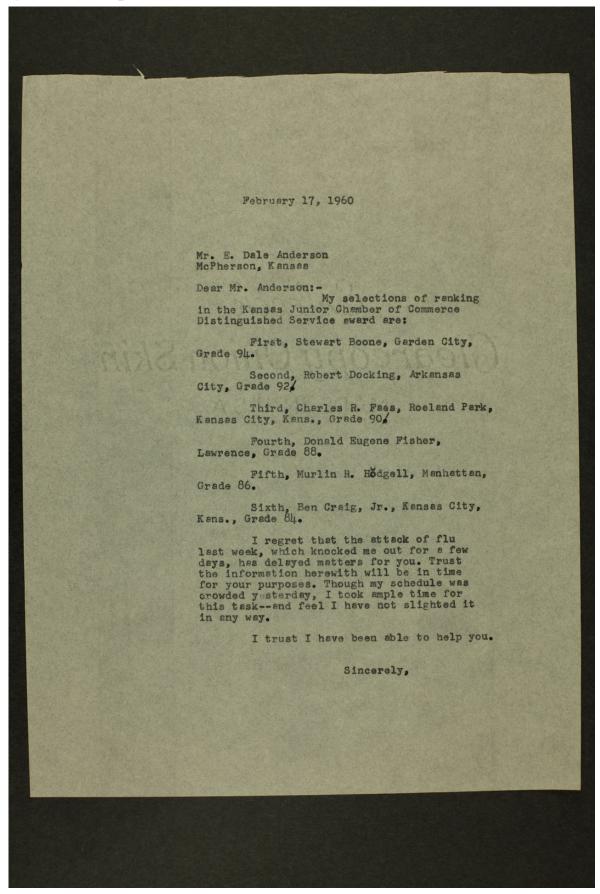




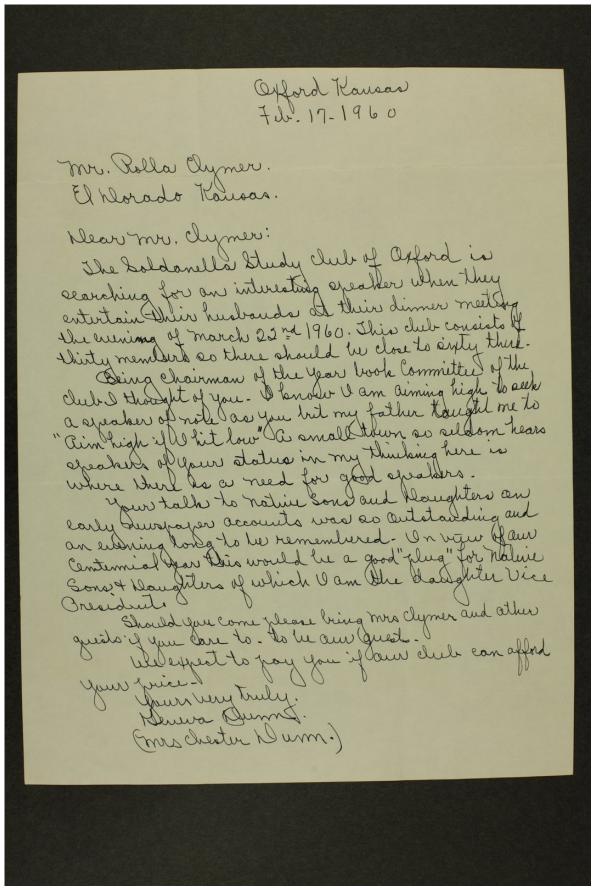














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### THE KANSAS CITY KANSAN

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JOHN H. STAUFFER, EDITOR AND MANAGER . 901 NORTH 8TH, KANSAS CITY 1, KANSAS . DREXEL 1-4300

February 17, 1960

Mr. R. A. Clymer ElDorado Times ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Just a note to again thank you for your very kind presentation about Dad. I thought you did a wonderful job and I appreciated your thoroughness and thoughtfulness.

Ruth was sorry she couldn't get to the award luncheon and now is eagerly awaiting the printed copies of your presentation speech.

I hope that the trip to Lawrence didn't set you back any and that you've won the bout with the flu.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John H. Stauffer

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Bazaar, Kansas 2/17/60

Mr. R.A. Clymer The ElDorado Times ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for your letter of February 12, regarding our Centennial plans.

We are glad that you are interested in being with us and I think you would most enjoy appearing on the program during the "Historical Reminiscences" session following the regular banquet meeting in the evening.

The program will begin at 2:00 Pm and continue through the evening and I think you will enjoy all of it.

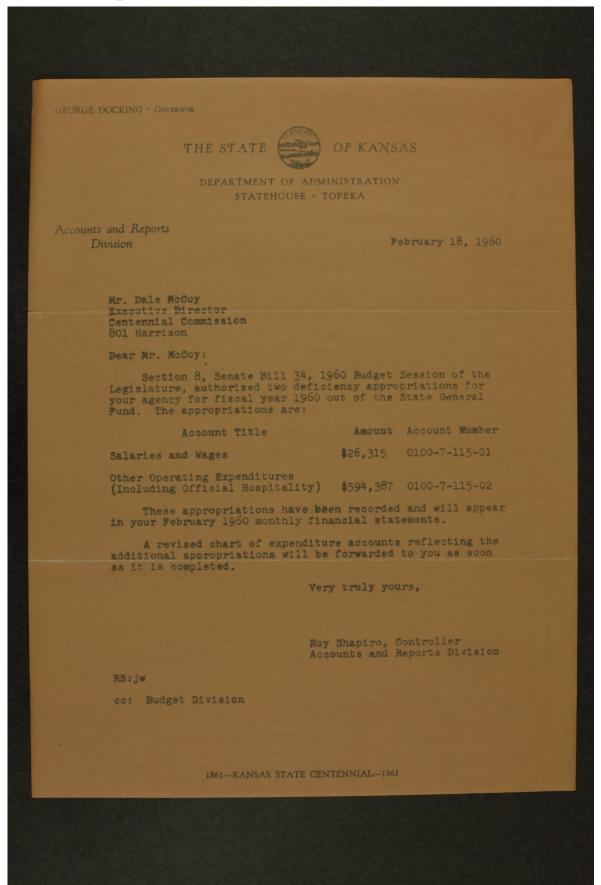
Since we intend to have some work done on our post office before the date and the carpenter has not yet returned from Arizona where he is spending the winter, I cannot say just when we might be ready for pictures and publicity but it is very nice of you to offer. I believe it will make good reading, especially when prepared by you.

We are receiving wonderful cooperation. The programs should be ready by or before April 1 and I shall keep it in mind to let you know how we are progressing.

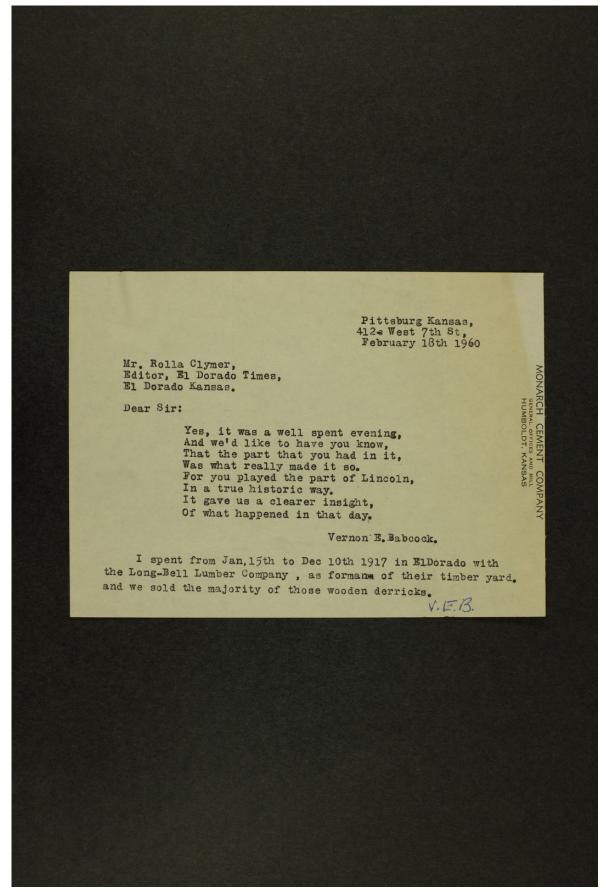
The best place to come, I imagine, will be directly to the post Office but since I shall find it necessary to be away at a few infrequent times, it will be best if I let you know later, so that you can notify us when to expect you.

Mrs Charles Schurlling

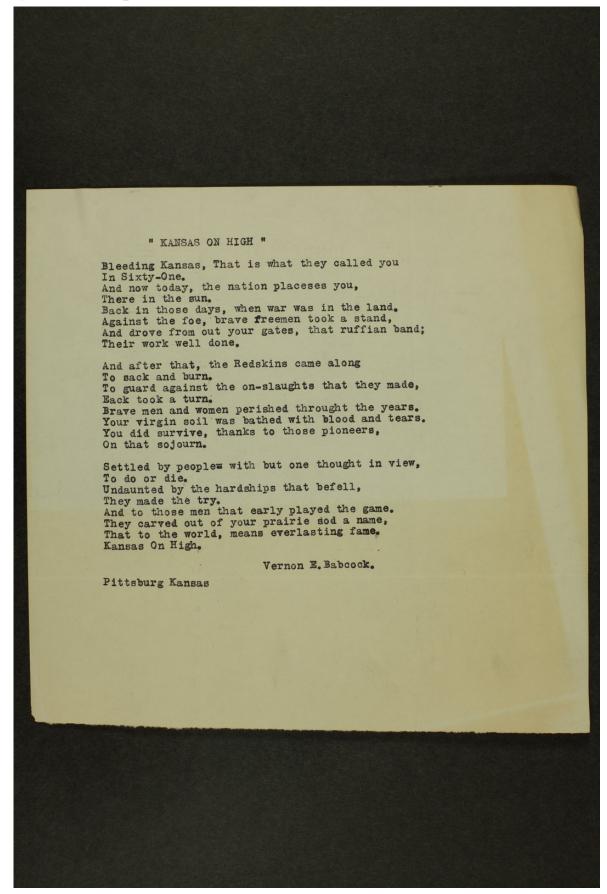




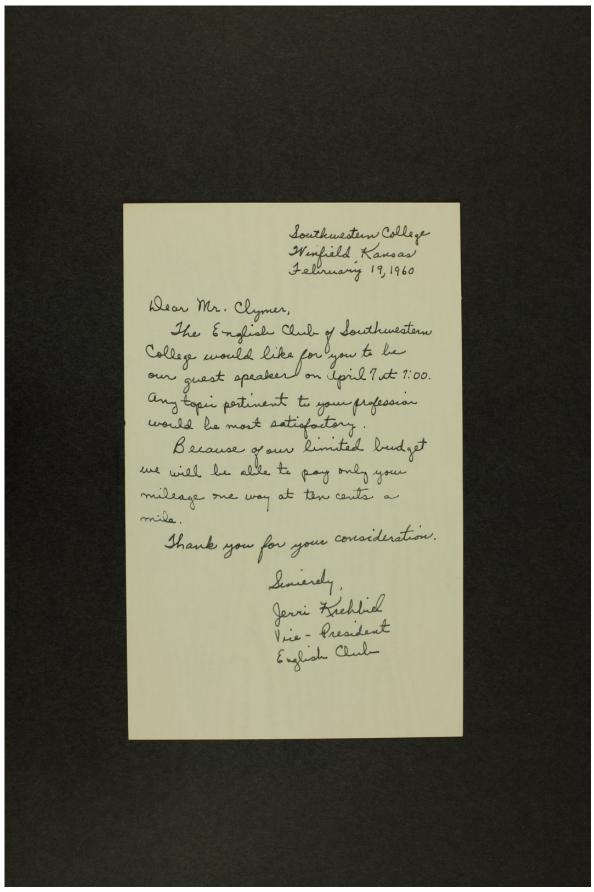




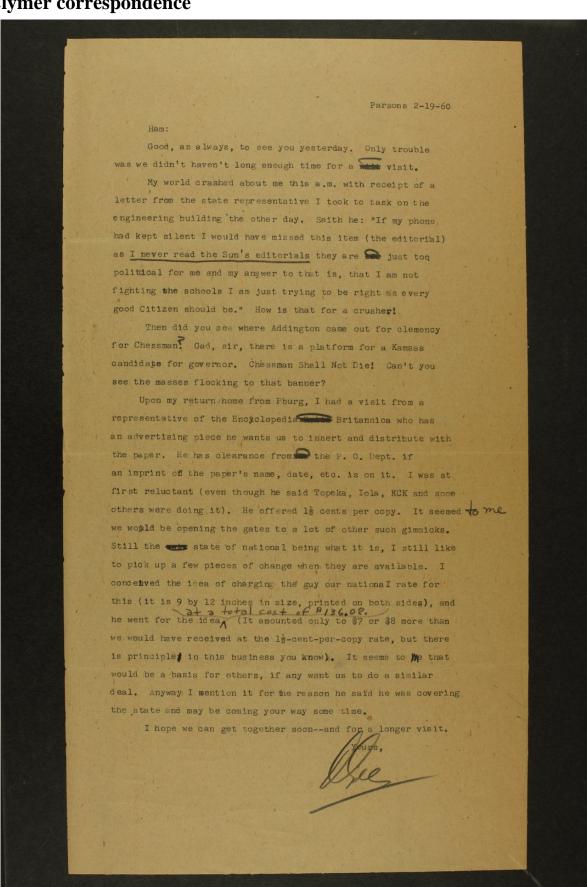




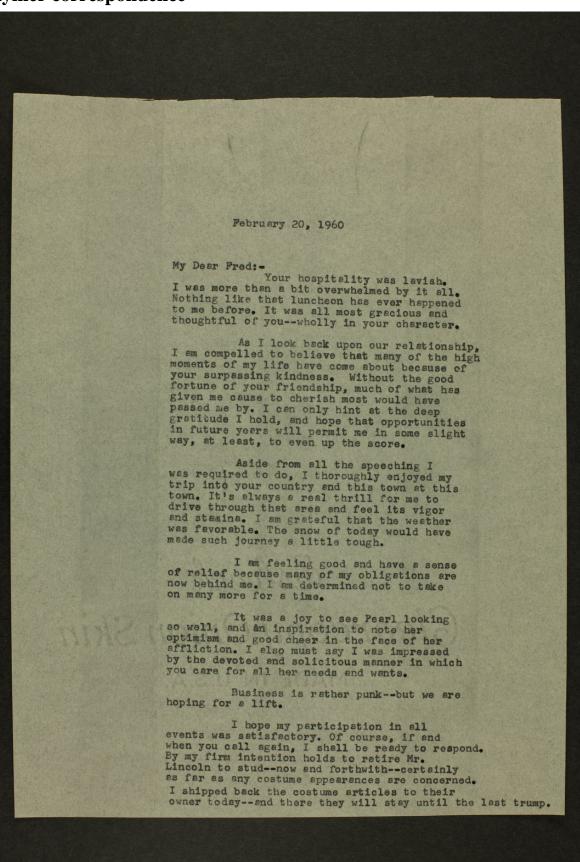




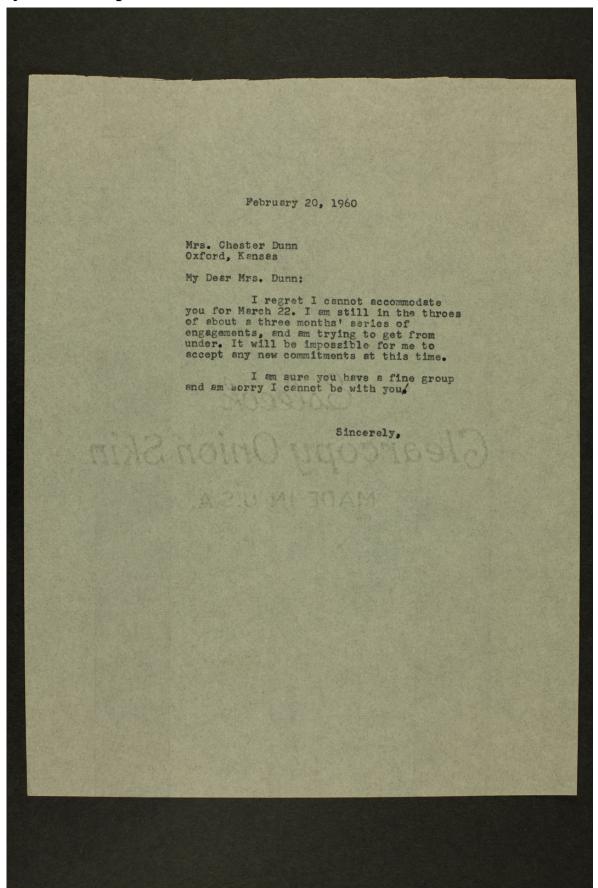














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TELEPHONE VI. 3-4411 . WREN BUILDING . LAWRENCE, KANSAS

February 20, 1960

Mr. Harlan Remsberg, Manager Chamber of Commerce El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Harlan:

I appreciate your letter about the annual meeting in your city on March 7th. The letter gives me some idea of the plans and allows me to plan my talk accordingly.

I would appreciate it if you would make a room reservation for me. Whils I am not sure whether I will stay all night, it will be nice to have a place to rest and freshen up before the meeting. It also could be that I can arrange to stay all night, and allow us to converse after the meeting.

As for a biography mine is very limited. Here are some ideas.

Attended the University of M issouri. Graduated with a B.S. in Business.

Joined staff of Upjohn Company, Pharmaceutical Company, between period 1933 to 1942. Served in various executive capacities.

In U. S. Marine Corps between 1942 and 1945. Served 34 months overseas. Engaged in seven landings made by Marines in Pacific. Discharged with rank of Major.

1946 entered Chamber of Commerce work at Liberal, Kansas. Left there for Chamber of Commerce work at Lawrence, Mansas, in 1948 and have been in Lawrence since that time.

Am member of numerous professional societies. Also, am Chairman, Industrial Council, Kansas State Chamber of Commerce, and member, Special Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

I almost forgot the most important. Am married and have five children.

Well thats about it. I am just an old boy who is plodding along trying to instill in Kansans some idea of the destiny which can belong to this State if everyone will catch the spirit.

See you on March 7th.

R. Zook, "anager



