

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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Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF

Pittsburg, Kansas March 2, 1960

Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Herewith are the speeches. I thought I had told you I had read your award speech and found it up to Clymer standards. If I didn't tell you, I tell you now. I would know of no way to remodel any part of it as an improvement. Furthermore, let me tell you that Oscar was very happy about it. In fact, he asked me to send him the speech so he could make a copy of it, not wanting to wait for the official publication. So we made a couple of copies here and sent them to him. So you need have no anxiety on that score. He has a way of not appearing enthusiastic about something which he really is enthusiastic about.

I do not think we will want to have a meeting of the Centennial press committee unless you can be there. Maybe we can fix another date-possibly after the Stauffer-Capital hospitality on Thursday night. I would not stay over Friday night if it were not for this meeting as it is going to be tough for me to get away at all. But I think this committee must meet and consider a program.

It is snowing like the devil and has been all morning. I understand the same is true up north. So I will not be present at the Centennial board meeting tomorrow. If the storm keeps up I doubt whether Maurice can have a quorum.

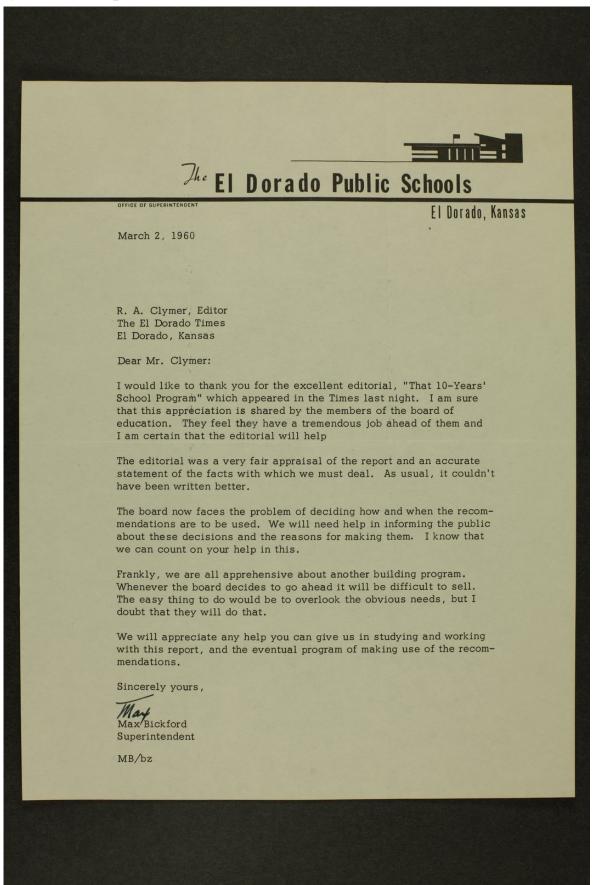
That was a lot of fun we had with the boys who goofed on ot. John. Old Clyde wrote McCoy a nifty letter and Alvin has had nothing to say about it. How could a fellow forget such a conspicuous high point in Kansas political history as prohibition and St. John and the first Democrat governor? And then to see all the fellows who followed along in comment accepting the word of McCoy, Clark and Mack. Our Topeka Capital had an outstanding display of the flounder. It, however, is the only one of the offenders that has apologized, to my knowledge.

Sincerely,

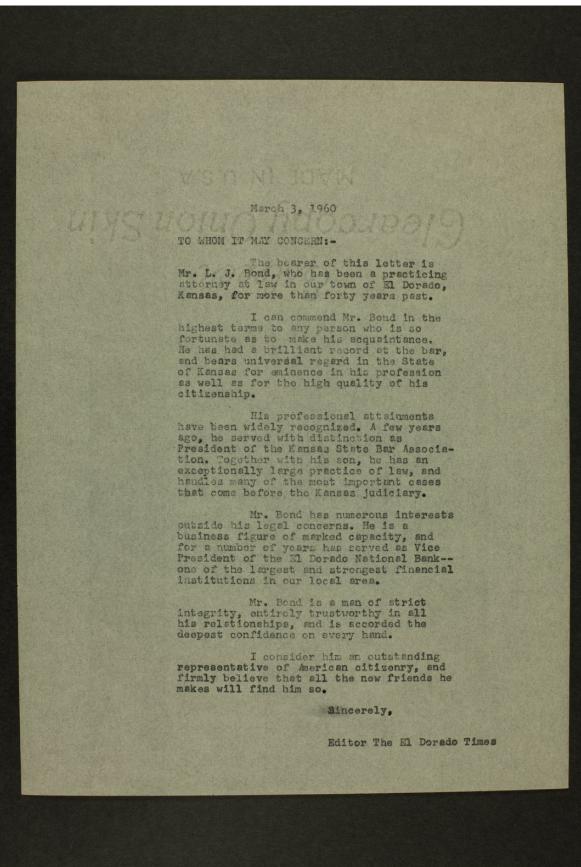
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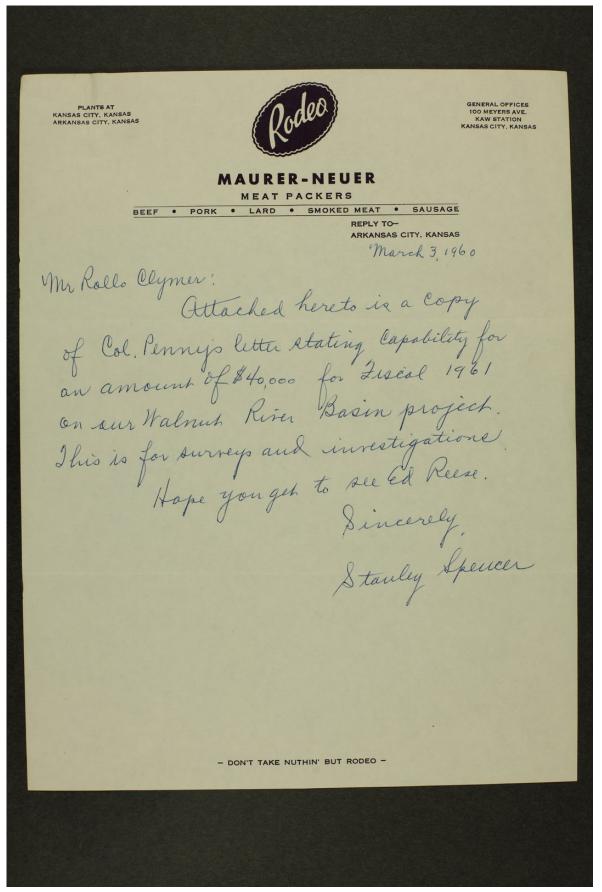




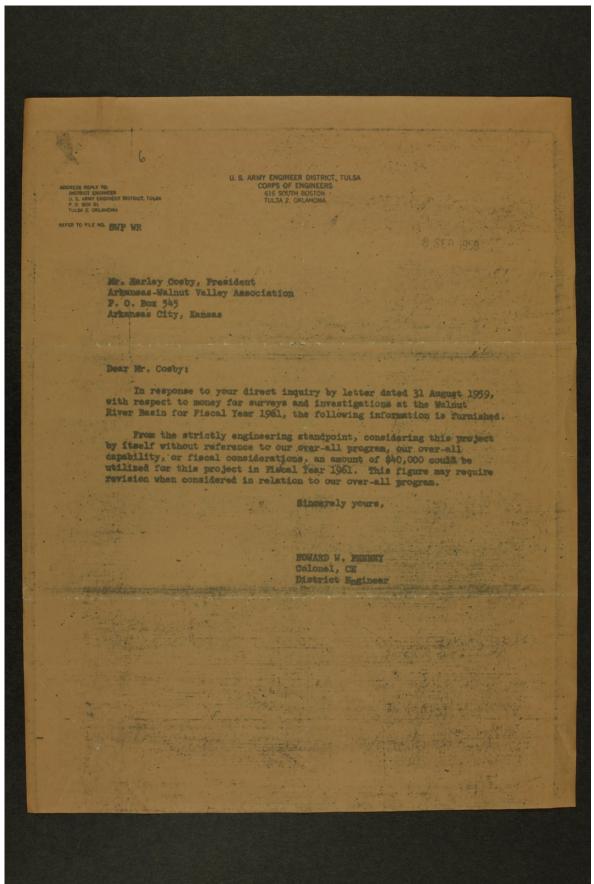














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AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, KANSAS CENTENNIAL COMMISSION March 3, 1960, 10:30 a.m., Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas

PROGRESSIVE KANSAS BOOKLET - Maurice Fager

We presented in our deficiency budget a proposal for a booklet to be published on Kansas of 70 or more pages, with five-color front and back cover, and two-color inside pages. These are for nationwide distribution and distribution throughout the State of Kansas--schools, chambers of commerce, etc. The budget was approved for 100,000 of these booklets. The cost for art, engravings, and printing was estimated at \$38,616, copy and photographs from newspapers or historical societies, county by county to be furnished. All art work and copy preparation were estimated by Burger-Baird, Kansas City, Kansas; McCormick-Armstrong Advertising Agency, Wichita; and Lago and Whitehead Advertising Agency, Wichita, all of which have a professional staff of artists and copy writers. And/or we can purchase 100,000 of the Kansas Travel and Recreation Guide from the Industrial Development Commission or the State Printer with new Centennial art work on the cover at an estimated cost of 25 cents each, plus additional art and engraving which would cost approximately \$150 to \$200, total cost of 100,000 -- \$25,200.

Other pamphlets in two colors approved in the budget are:

 Sports and Recreation
 25,000 copies

 State Attractions
 25,000 %

 County Fairs
 50,000 %

 Historical
 30,000 %

 Agriculture
 25,000 %

 Industry
 50,000 %

 Religious
 50,000 %

255,000 copies for estimated cost of \$33,703.

"THE KANSAS STORY" FILM - Dale McCoy

Depending on the quality of film recommended by the board, the Centron Corporation of Lawrence, Kansas, offers a film at a cost of from \$15,000 to \$18,000 or from \$20,000 to \$25,000, with 30 black and white prints, and 20 color prints.

Landon and Landon of Manhattan, Kansas, will produce a 28-minute film with 30 black and white prints and 20 color prints for a maximum of \$20,000. They have presented a script.

Basore and Langmoor, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, have also contacted the Centennial office regarding a film; but they have made no estimate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Dale McCoy

John Sticher, of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission, advises that their preparation and distribution of a calendar of events has been assigned to the Centennial Commission. The development of tourist promotion is now the responsibility of the Kansas Centennial Commission, quoting from the Governor's Budget Report on the Industrial Development Commission, "Tourist promotion activity has been cut back to current level of operation and a KIDC request for \$50,000 for a national advertising program has been



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eliminated in view of the fact that the Centennial Commission will be performing such activity during 1961."

The Kansas Centennial can produce 250,000 copies, $8\frac{1}{2}$ by 11, in four colors folded to envelope size, for an estimated cost of \$13,658.30. This number of copies is needed for nationwide distribution with change of copy every two months, using the same art. KIDC prepared only 10,000 copies which were mailed out to chambers of commerce on request.

CENTENNIAL PERMANENT-TYPE EXHIBIT - Dale McCoy

The Commission was allotted \$10,250 for a permanent-type exhibit to display at all the county fairs, special attractions, conventions, and parades. The Historical Society has no funds available for a historical exhibit statewide, and a board decision should be reached on whether this amount should be spent on the historical exhibit which will equal the amount of money spent on the art exhibit.

NEW APPOINTMENTS ON STATE COMMITTEES - Maurice Fager

Banking State Committee - Jesse Boomer resigned; Religious Committee - Lois Barrett would appreciate the board naming two persons, laymen or ministers, to serve as co-chairmen on her religious committee; Sports Committee - Jack Harris; Radio and TV Committee - co-chairmen; Tourist Committee - George R. Lehmberg, of McPherson, has resigned as head of the committee.

"VISIT KANSAS IN 1961" NATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN -

Several advertising agencies have asked to make proposals and recommendations for a national advertising campaign not to exceed \$75,000, and the Centennial office would like to have board approval on a competitive basis from Patterson-Wright Advertising Agency, Topeka; McCormick-Armstrong, Wichita; and Lago and Whitehead Advertising Agency, Wichita; or would the board prefer a hearing at some future meeting for their proposals and presentations.

OFFICIAL GIVE-AWAY SOUVENIRS - Maurice Fager and Dale McCoy

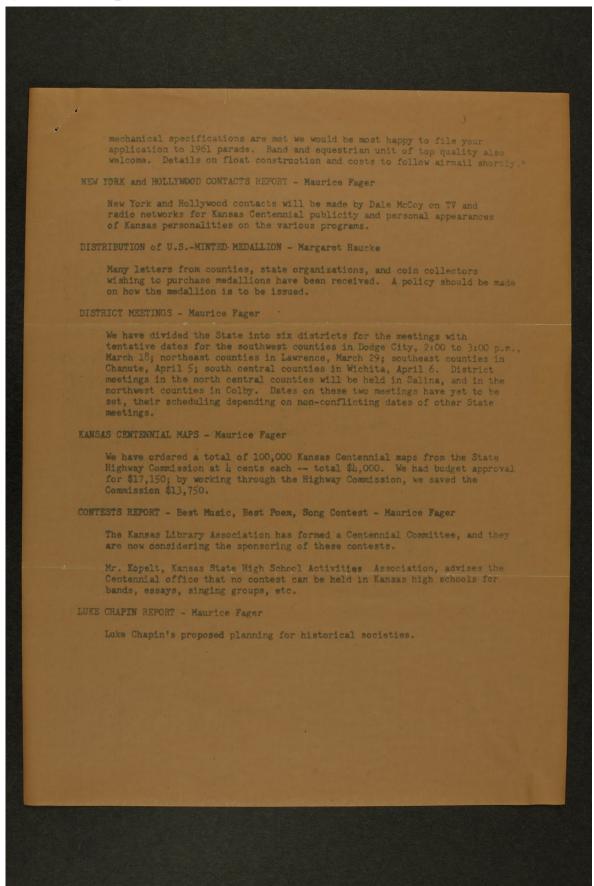
The Commission was allotted \$11,000 for souvenirs, such as a key or medal, to be given to famous Kansans, VIP's, and those active in civic and other groups during the Centennial year.

For publicity purposes, the Governor should be given a suitable gift for all the 50 governors of other States previous to or during the 1960 Governors' Conference to be held June 26-29. The Commission office requested estimates for a key (sketch to be shown), which will cost approximately \$3 each in bronze and \$5 each in silver for the 50 governors. This key can also be used by the Governor and others connected with the Centennial for a much lower price, depending on the number used. The Centennial office will appreciate a board decision on 50 keys at this meeting, the balance to be taken up at a later meeting of the board.

PASADENA TOURNAMENT of ROSES REPORT- Maurice Fager

The Kansas Centennial office called Mr. H. W. Bragg, chairman of the parade entry committee, with regard to the Kansas participation in this internationally publicized event. In a telegram received from him on March 1, we quote, "Have discussed possibility of Kansas State float with tournament officials. Delighted to advise that providing quality and



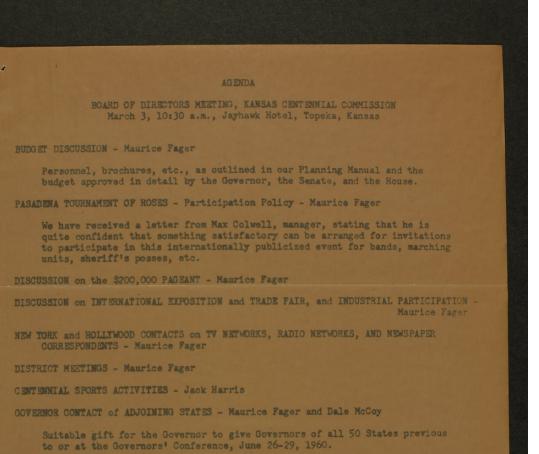








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MISS KANSAS and MISS AMERICA COUNTY CONTESTS DISCUSSION - Dale McCoy

SPECIAL CENTENNIAL EDITIONS of KANSAS NEWSPAPERS - F. W. Brinkerhoff and R. A. Clymer

POLICY ON ISSUANCE and DISTRIBUTION of U.S.-MINTED MEDALLION - Margaret Haucke

KANSAS CENTENNIAL MAPS - Maurice Fager

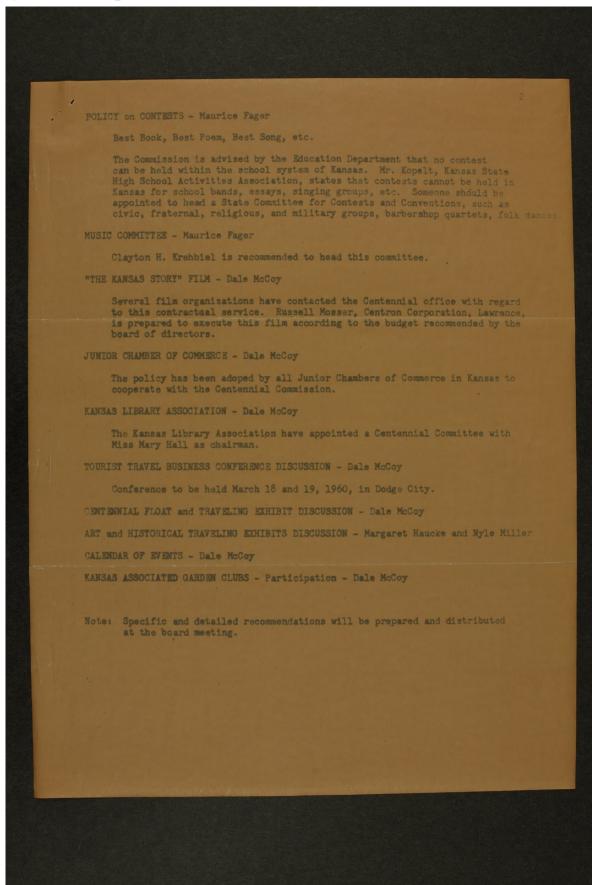
REARRANGE and REAPPOINT STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN or CO-CHAIRMEN - Maurice Fager

Banking State Committee, Educational State Committee, Religious Committee, Sports Committee.

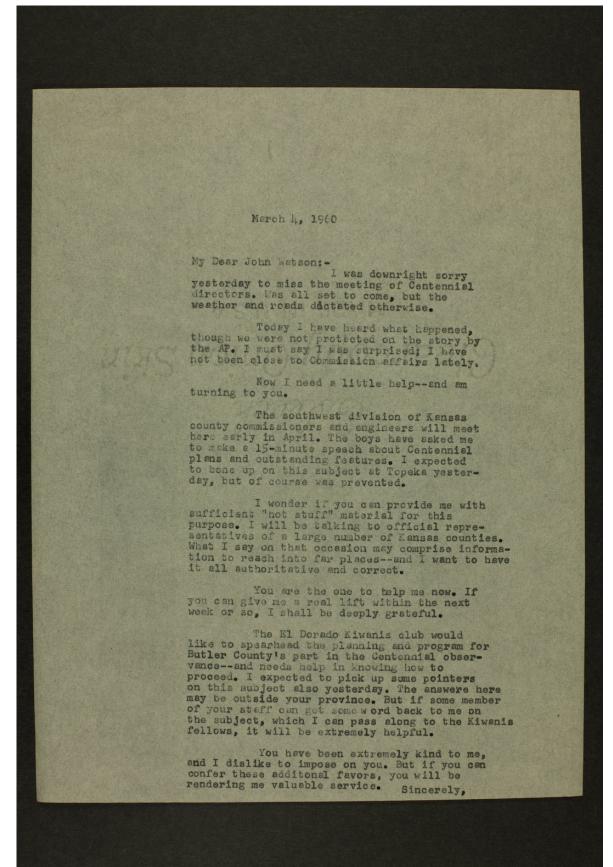
It is suggested that Arden Booth, radio station KLWN, Lawrence; Olaf Soward, WIBW-TV and radio, Topeka; Robert Schmidt, KAYS-TV, Hays; and Robert Wells, KIUL, Garden City, serve under John Montgomery as co-chairmen of TV and Radio State Committee.

A new State chairman should be appointed for the Tourist State Committee because George R. Lehmberg, of McPherson, has resigned.











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STATEMENT OF EDWARD H. REES AT THE REPUBLICAN MEETING OF THE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MARCH 5, 1960.

I want to use this opportunity to again express my deep appreciation for the active support I have received from the workers and the voters of the 4th Congressional District. My service in Congress is a rich and rewarding experience. Whatever success I may have attained is due to the support and interest you have manifested on my behalf.

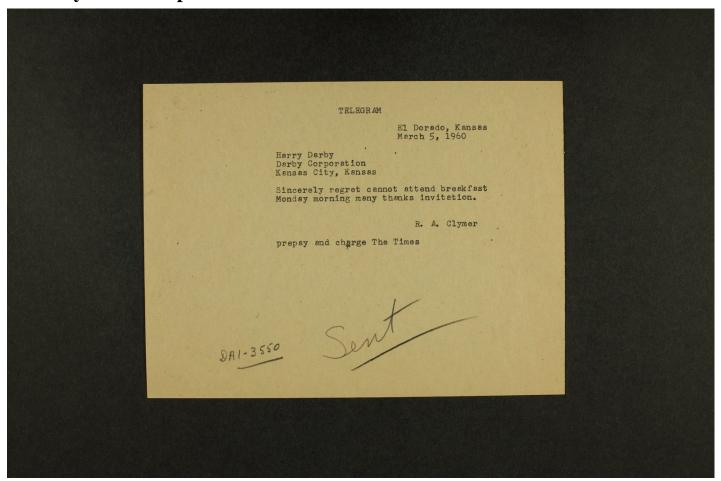
I am here not only to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Republican Party and to the citizens of the 4th Congressional District, but to tell you that I am not a candidate for reelection in 1960.

It is with the sentiment I have just expressed -- that of affection and appreciation of your many kindnesses -- that I make this announcement.

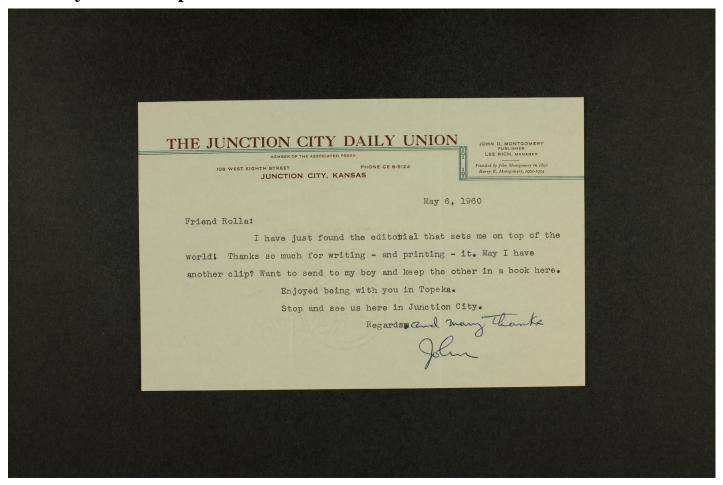
I pledge to you the same unfailing service and support that I have given in the past to our organization. You may be assured I shall do everything I can to assist all candidates of our Party who will be chosen to carry our banner in the next election.

If we will all join hands and work together, we can and will elect a Republican ticket from top to bottom. This is a Republican year.

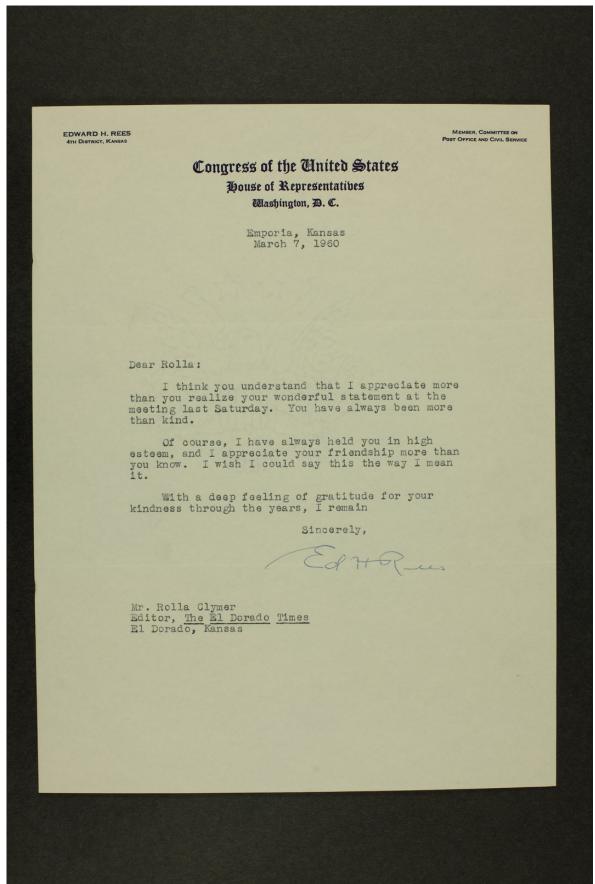




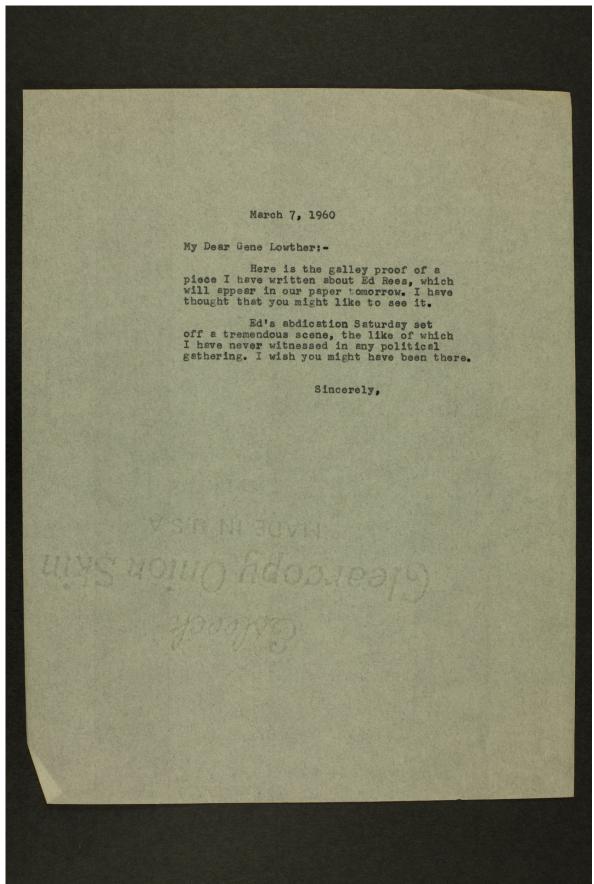




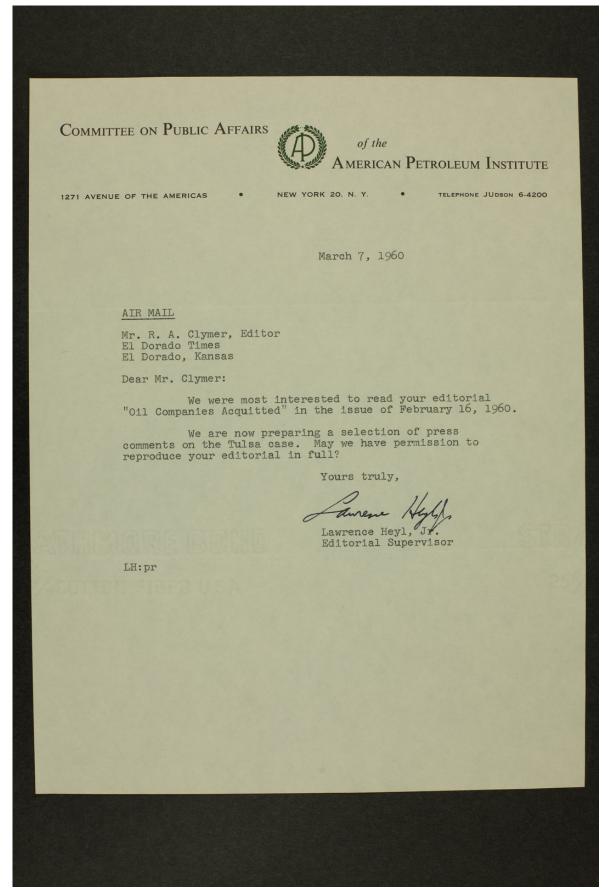




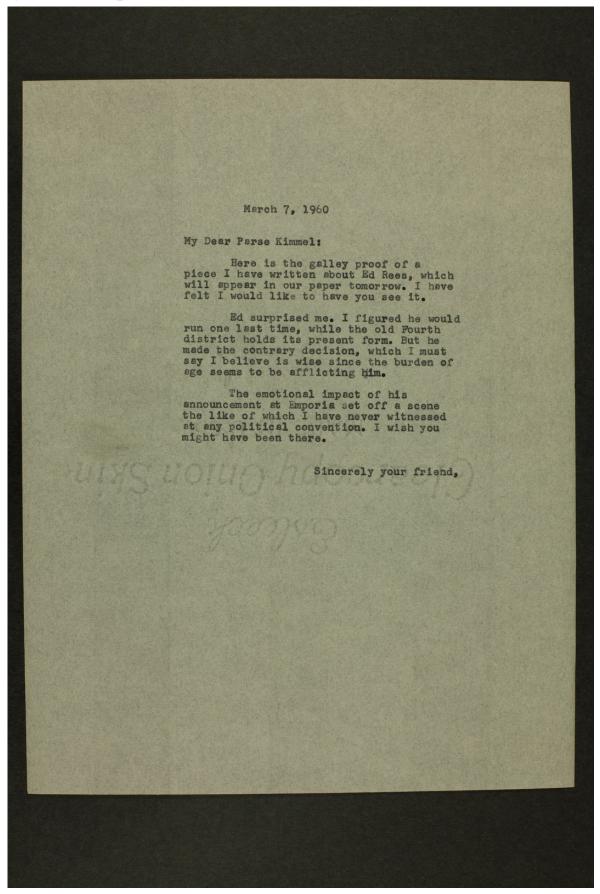




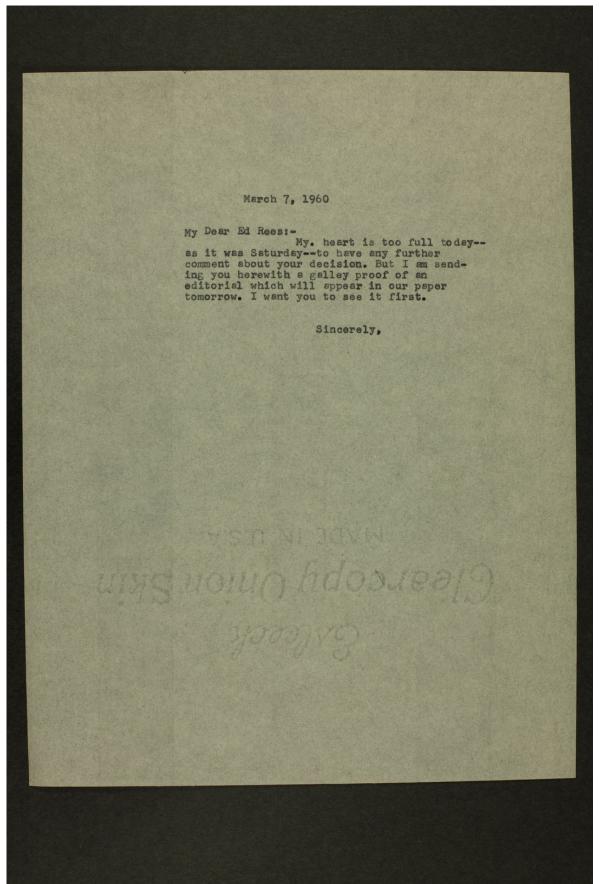




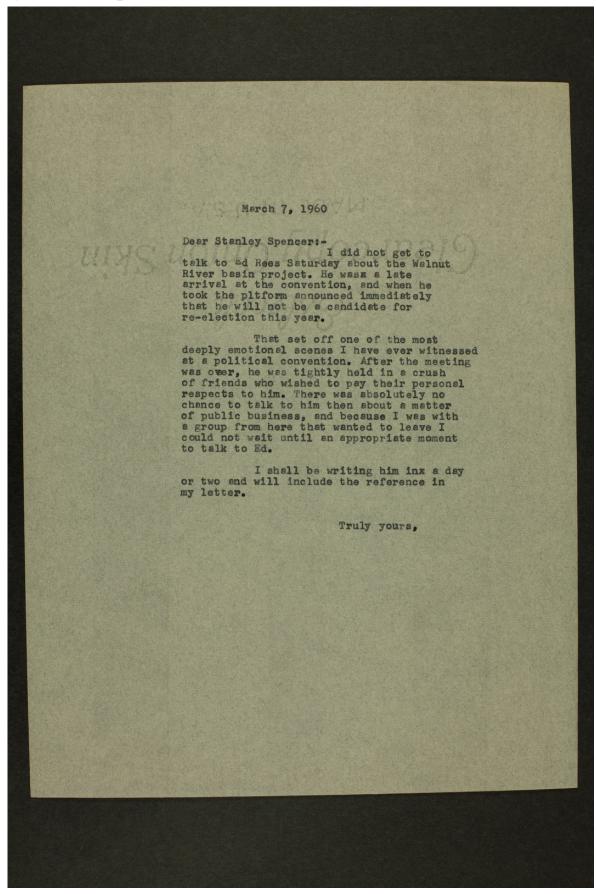




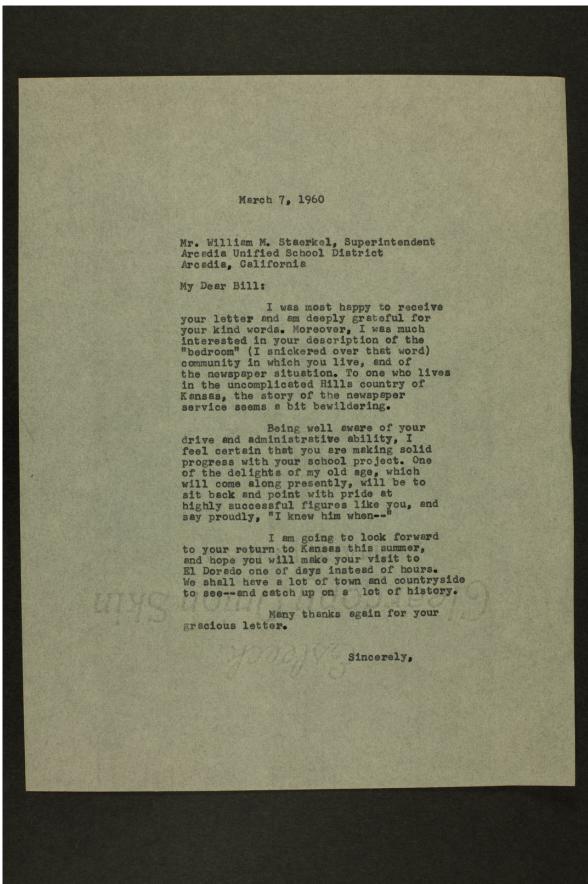














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Parsons 3-8-60

Dear Ham:

I want to report that everything is shipshape on the Canadian, having made my annual pilgrimage at the expense of YOU taxpayers (at the rate of \$50 per day, plus expenses) and I foresee no problems, darn it, that may arise to plague that meandering stream before next year's annual meeting.

In my brief absence (I left early Sunday for Lubbock and returned late yesterday), I note a declaration by one of your sterling statesmen in the 4th about possibly running for Congress, that the pressure was heavy on him, etc. and right then and there is decided you folks have no problems at all—that here that he is, is a man, former governor, when, who can solve them all for you.

Not much else to relay from here. Business is lousy, the same as the weather, and if this stuff holds much longer, I think we may as well all fold up and seek sustenance from the great white father in Washington. I don't remember when we've had such a stretch as this.

I hope you have rested from some of your recent chores and will be fit and fighting when the golf and green bean seasons arrive, as I know you will. As for myself, I have turned out to be a shutterbug with a dark room in the basement at home as a means of taking my mind off the world's troubles—and my own. Having lots of fun, too, and I taking a decent picture now and then.

Be sure to tell Eddie hello for me when you see him. He is a fine guy.



