

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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March 21, 1960

801 HARRISON
TOPEKA, KANSAS

TELEPHONE:
CE 5-0011 EXT. 1961

Dear Friend:

F.W. Brinkerhoff of Pittsburg, chairman of the newspaper committee of the Kansas Centennial Commission, has called a meeting of the group for 5 p.m., Friday, March 25, during the annual convention of the Kansas Press Association in Topeka.

The committee meeting will be held in Mr. Brinkerhoff's rooms at the Kansan Hotel--mezzanine floor, 206-7-8.

Maurice E. Fager, chairman of the board of directors of the Kansas Centennial Commission, and members of the centennial office staff will be present. A newspaper program for centennial year will be initiated.

I shall look forward to seeing you at Mr. Brinkerhoff's meeting Friday.

Cordially yours,

Roger D. Kirkwood
State Executive Director.

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My Dear Dick Long:-

If you will take a look at our paper of today (in your editorial department) you will see that Bazaar is going to observe its centennial on April 16.

One of the boys and I were there Friday to get story and pictures. On Saturday afternoon, we sent a story to the AP for the Sunday wire. Of course, the Eagle is then on UPI so I know you did not receive it. I have yet to find it in any of the other Kansas Sunday papers.

I think this is a story which is down your alley and that you will want to treat it in some way--which is why I am writing you. A little handful of good folks in Bazaar is struggling with the details of the observance, and I am sure they will welcome any interest and attention the Eagle shows them.

Mrs. Charles Schwilling, the postmistress, is the proper one to see first.

This is a little tip which I concereely hope will be useful to you.

Yours,

The wire news just came of Max L.'s death. I wonder if this will mean any changes.



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The Pittsburg Headlight

EVENINGS
EXCEPT SUNDAY

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THE PITTSBURG SUN

MORNINGS
EXCEPT MONDAY

Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas
March 22, 1960

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

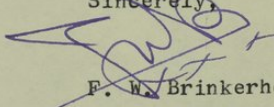
Dear Rolla:

I am reading the Bazaar stuff, news and editorial and shall have something about it.

I plan to be in Topeka before 10 o'clock Thursday morning for our annual Stauffer board meeting. Not only can you put your stuff in my place at the Kansan, but if you decide to stay over night you will not have to move out since there will be plenty of room.

I am happy about Wescoe.

Sincerely,


F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

*I'm trying to put together a
piece on Buford Bain and
his family of July and
Pawnee in Dec 1924*

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Bartlesville Okla
March 22 - 1960

The Eldorado Times

Eldorado - Kans.

Recently I was permitted to read an editorial
from the Emporia Gazette. Written by
Rolla Clymer - of Eldorado. It was so
special and so wonderful. I sent a dollar
requesting copies. I received an assortment
of copies of other dates but none with this
article. Today I wrote again - but might
have the same experience. Could I get
some copies from Eldorado Times -?
I would like at least two or three

copies. That article was so well written
and so full of lovable sentiment.
Something we all need to cultivate.
It creates within us - more love for
one another. Thanking you -

If available I
will send cost and postage
Mrs M. S. Scheller
609 Keeler.

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March 23, 1960

Mrs. H. B. Sheller
Bartlesville, Okla.

Dear Mrs. Sheller:-

I thank you for your letter. We may be able to spare copies of the article you wish from our files, but it needs to be identified. You omitted giving us the title of the article, or its subject.

If you will be so kind as to supply us with this information, we will try to serve your needs. Probably we can let you have two or three copies of almost any recent date. Cost of these from our files is 10 cents each, postpaid.

We shall be happy to serve you.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
per

Thank You

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Dear Mr. Clymer:

It was very nice
of you to send us the
complimentary copies of
your paper with the
Bazaar publicity. It was
an interesting and well
worded article but
quite a little of the
information was
inaccurate.

Might I suggest that
no matter what the
sex of the incumbent
the person in charge of
a post office is a
postmaster. (Sometimes
they are referred to as Psychological

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Engineers).

I do not know the
single copy cost of your
paper but, could I have
about ten more copies
of the issue of March 21?

I expect to be able to
mail you the program by
the first of next week.

Respectfully,
3/24/60. Mrs. Schwillung

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25 March 1960

Dear Uncle Rolla,

For weeks I have been carrying around several clippings that Aunt Helen gave me about your being selected as "Kansas of the year". I think it is wonderful and I want to add my congratulations to those of your many friends and relatives. The next time I get to El Dorado I must see the plaque you received for this honor.

I spent three weeks of leave in Santa Barbara recently and it was like a shot in the arm. That is truly a wonderful spot and I do so enjoy visiting there. Catherine came up one week-end and we had fun. Didn't do anything very exciting but just enjoyed being together. When Catherine and sister and I join forces we can talk at great length on almost any subject.

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Mother leaves home on 1 April to visit
Bobby and Abner in Indianapolis and Nancy and
Rufus Smith in Yonkers. Then on 6 May she
is getting to Europe to spend a few months with
Mary Jo and Jimmy. This is her first visit to
the old country and she is very excited about it.

Congratulations again for your recent honors.
We are all very pleased and proud of you.

Best to you and all of the family.

Love,

Elizabeth



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Dear Kansas Centennial Booster:

The Kansas Centennial Commission cordially invites you and requests your presence at a District Preview conference to be held in Wichita the afternoon of Wednesday, April 6.

Commission members and staff will outline features and general plans for the State's big birthday observance through 1961. Organization procedures will be reviewed and opportunities pointed up for local participation--how communities and counties can benefit by tying to the Centennial theme.

Other district meetings are scheduled at: Dodge City, April 8; Salina, April 12; and Colby, April 13.

The Centennial plans and program are really getting underway, with many events being scheduled. All Kansans must have a part. Please return your luncheon reservation promptly, and invite others to come also.

Date : April 6

Place: Lassen Hotel

Time : 12 noon, starting with luncheon. Conference
ending at 3:30 p.m.

Cost : Luncheon approximately \$1.75. No registration
fee.

Cordially yours,

Roger D. Kirkwood

Roger D. Kirkwood
State Executive Director

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Enc.

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JOHN E. BUEHLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
202 NORTH 5TH ST.
ATCHISON, KANSAS

March 26, 1960

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

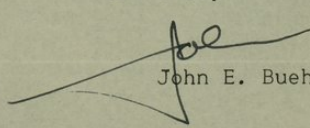
Dear Rolla

Thanks for your note of March 24th with your kind words and the promise of your vote. Actually I have not determined whether or not I should campaign, however, I know of no one that I would prefer over you as a campaign manager.

My enthusiasm for the job was dimmed with the news that Frank Murphy was leaving, however, I recognize that no matter how great a Chancellor he has been we who have supported the institution as great as KU must carry on and not let our enthusiasm be in anyway haulted because of the unfortunate loss.

Therefore, I am looking forward to serving in the event I am elected as Director of the Association and hope that we can push the University through the Alumni Association to even greater heights. Thanks again for your welcome note.

Sincerely



John E. Buehler

JEB/bas

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"THE BAZAAR"

BAZAAR, KANSAS

3/28/60

Dear Mr Clymer:

Thank you for sending the papers, I requested. I think the Editorial in your March 28, issue was especially nice.

We are trying to get our programs in the mails as soon as possible.

Would you please see that one of the enclosed reaches the State Centennial group. I believe I understood you to say you had charge of it. If you wish more copies please let us know.

I am sending a program to

Mr. Brunkhoff.

You mentioned that you would like one of the Rockne plates - I am putting one back for you - In the connection April 16, I shall probably forget it - so wait you please ask?

Over please -

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We expect to try to get one more picture
made which we feel should be in the
publicity.

Sincerely -

Mrs Schuelling

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H I S T O R Y

As long as 350 to 500 years ago the area where Bazaar now stands was a council ground for various Indian tribes.

The town was named by Martha J. Leonard, first wife of Dr. M.R. Leonard in memory of a shoppe or bazaar she had owned in Pennsylvania where she sold pretty fancy work and infants' clothes. Her death on November 11, 1858 was the first in the county.

The settlement was started in March of 1856 on Rock Creek about a mile southwest of the present site. It was later moved about a mile farther north on what is now a cattle lane. Chase County was organized in 1859 and by this time Bazaar had developed into a small town with six homes. From July 20, 1876 to March 19, 1878 it was called, "Mary".

With the coming of the Santa Fe Railroad in 1887 the town was moved to its present location.

According to the records from the National Archives, the first post office was established on April 16, 1860. Twenty-six postmasters have served the office which has stood at a number of different locations. For the past fifteen years it has been at the intersection of Norton Street and Palmer Avenue.

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POST OFFICE
BAZAAR, KANSAS
ESTABLISHED
APRIL 16, 1860

POSTMASTERS

George M.L. Leonard	April 16, 1860
John Manley	February 10, 1869
Allen T. Lewis	January 10, 1870
Peter Strehle	June 27, 1870
C.T. Dixon	March 31, 1871
John Manley	June 23, 1871
William Turner	August 5, 1872
Alphonso Strehle	September 16, 1872
William Norton	May 19, 1873
Calvin E. Sharp	June 24, 1873
William H. Hays	April 6, 1874
James W. Dugan	November 11, 1874
Office Discontinued	March 17, 1876
Office Re-established	May 4, 1876
Richard Foster	May 4, 1876
Name changed to Mary	July 20, 1876
William H. Metcalf	July 20, 1876
Name changed to Bazaar	March 19, 1878
Horace G. White	March 19, 1878
George W. Jackson	April 16, 1886
J.W. Bigelow	February 13, 1890
Eugene E. Chandler	October 21, 1891
Frank M. Gaddie	April 19, 1892
Robert Z. Blackburn	April 23, 1899
John A. Mitchell	April 5,
William R. Blackburn	January 7, 1910
John A. Mitchell	April 5, 1915
Chester A. Blackburn	February 1, 1933
Kenneth Eastham	May 25, 1933
Mrs. Ruth Jeffrey	April 12, 1943
Mrs. Blanche M. Schwillig	September 24, 1943.

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CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Bazaar, Kansas
March 16, 1960

Dear Friend:

We hope that you and your friends will find it possible to help us celebrate our Centennial on April 16. This will be a big day for us and we need your attendance to make it a success. Lunch will be served from 11:30- 1:00 with Mrs. J.I. McClellan as hostess. The banquet will be at the Bazaar School House at 5:30. Please mail reservations by APRIL 9. We shall expect you so don't disappoint us.

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Centennial Committee Bazaar, Kansas

You may expect us on April 16 _____

Please reserve:

_____ plates for luncheon @ 75¢

_____ plates for dinner @ \$1.50

_____ cachets @ 15¢ each 2,25¢

Name _____

Address _____

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Name _____

Address _____

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March 28, 1960

Mrs. Molly Warren Wilcox
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:-

I assume you did not hear from the Centennial Commission because a change in executive direction has been in process there.

Roger D. Kirkwood is now the state executive director and is the man to approach. I feel certain a letter addressed to him will get some action.

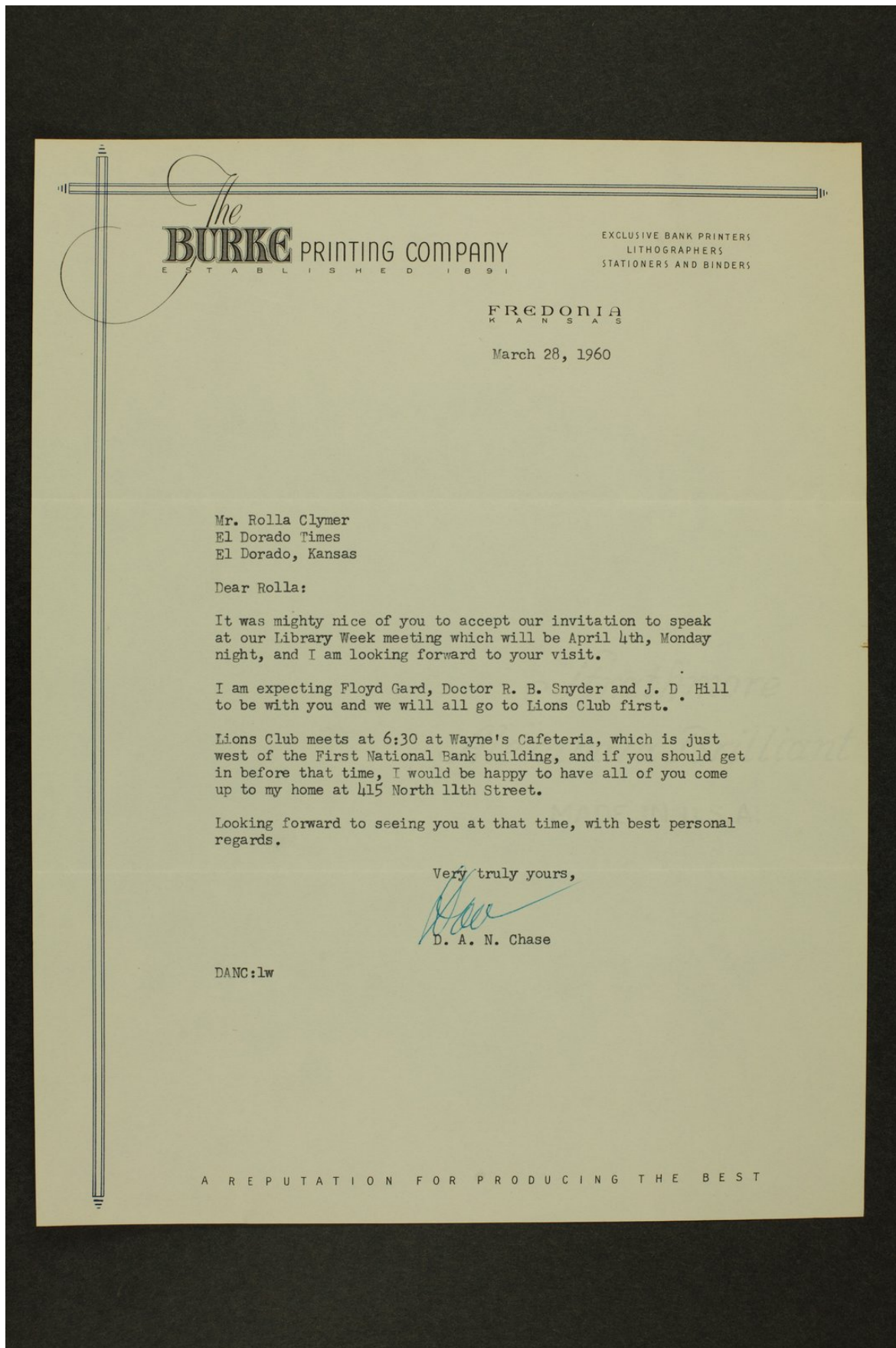
The Commission has announced a District Preview conference to be held at the Lassen Hotel in Wichita on April 6. This conference is scheduled to last from 12 noon until 3:30 p. m. of that day. Maurice Fager, chairman, as well as Mr. Kirkwood and others, will be present.

If I am on hand, I shall be pleased to introduce you to the two men I have named. I have a heavy press of engagements for next week, however, and doubt if I can make it.

Sincerely,



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March 29, 1960

Mr. D. A. N. Chase
Fredonia, Kansas

My Dear Dan:-

It was kind of you to write me. I am looking forward to my visit to your town. The Lions club members here have set up the time for our departure at about 4:45 p. m., as being about the earliest all can get away. We should be able to arrive in your town in time for your club meeting, though not for the privilege of a visit in your home. This last we greatly regret.

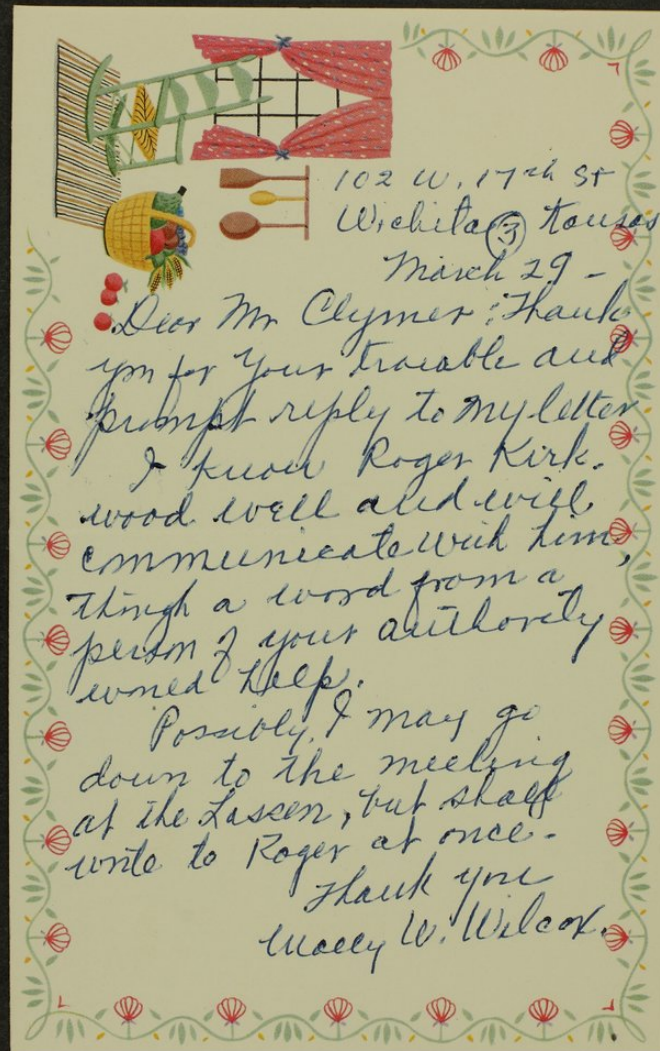
Many thanks for your cordial words. Unless we have another heavy snow, we should be seeing you next Monday.

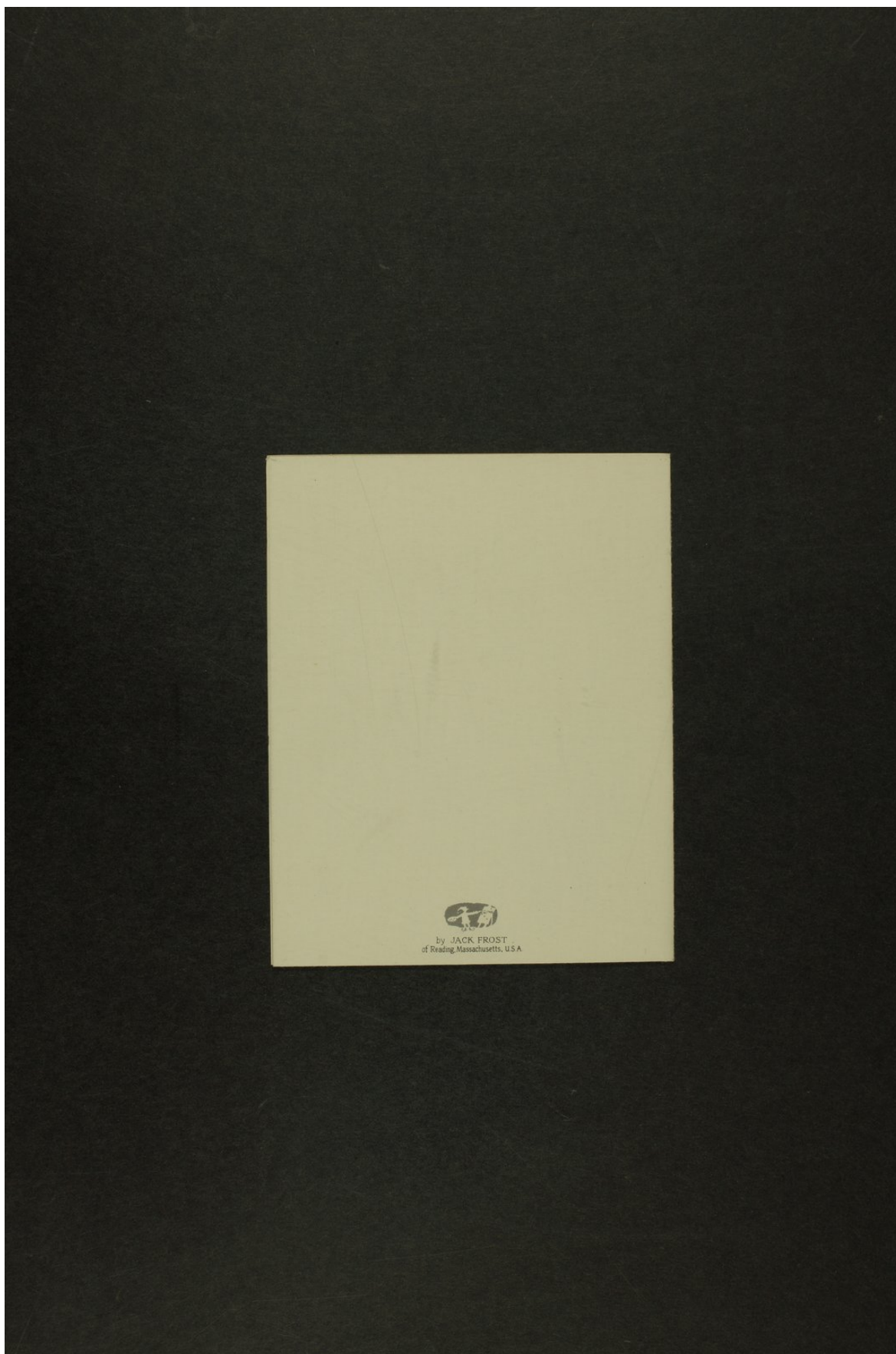
Sincerely,

Esleeck
Clearcopy Opion Skin
MADE IN U.S.A.

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March 30, 1960

My Dear Elizabeth:-

It was doggone kind of you to write to your tottery old uncle and incite delusions of grandeur in his heaving buzzum. Charming nieces like you, scattered hither and yon, do the old man a lot more good than any gaudy plaques--or even a case of Peruna. I might tell you that this ancient gaffer has been strutting like a Cock Robin ever since your welcome letter arrived.

After a cussedly hard winter, it begins to seem now that spring will drop in to stay one of these days. That means the Hills will take on their lovely cover of bluestem, and the whole countryside will blossom as the rose. It also offers a strong hint that you should crawl into your pink Caddy (do you have that lovely creation yet?) and make tracks for Kansas.

Catherine says she is coming home for a spring visit this time--and if you two were here together, we should have a ball. I can personally guarantee a guided tour that will lead you into pleasant and lovely vistas, winding up with a steak dinner at Clint Squier's "hotel" at Beaumont (population 41) which is an experience you will never, never have in the Effete East.

When shall we look for you?

Thanks heaps again for that letter--and why in thunder don't you write more often?

As ever, your dotting uncle,

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[1960]

HOTEL METROPOLE.
MONTE-CARLO.
TEL. 017.41.

March 31st

Dear Ham:- We have been having a grand time on this trip but too much rain thru Spain and Portugal. I flew to Morocco from Gibraltar and had fun and saw some new sights. The Volkswagen runs like a new watch and we like it is fine for narrow crowded roads. We dodge donkeys, goats, carts, autos, people thru streets that are hardly wide enough for a large car. you should have seen and heard me trying to buy some gasolina from a Spaniard who spoke no understood English and I had only English, French and Portuguese money plus some traveler's checks. I wound up with a class of about thirty people who wanted to help and they all talked at once. Finally got about 11 liters of gasoline which is less than five gallons but will take us about one hundred fifty miles in Volkswagen. Everyone was in a good humor but the owner of station wanted Spanish potatoes. Portugal is lovely but people of

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Spain and France are friendly and very kind and considerate. Many times we were unable to find anyone who understood or spoke English. We usually worked the sign language quite well since we did not speak French or Spanish. In larger cities we get along quite well. We stayed at lovely City of Montpellier in France and were invited to have coffee with a lady from Chicago who is living there. She told us she once purchased an interest in an oil lease in Butler Co., Ks that never produced. Small world. We met a nice couple in Paris who knows the daughter of Mrs. C. L. Stone and her husband. We met them at one of the famous dinner clubs of Paris and this fellow was elected king in a carnival spirit and Mabel was queen. We really had fun and the dinner was French and very wonderful. Hope the pictures taken were good. We visited the Shrine of Fatima and it was very impressive after seeing how things of France led it. Not strange that people revolted. It is strange that people of these countries are so

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HOTEL METROPOLE.
MONTE-CARLO.
TEL. 017.41.

far behind us as their civilization is so much older. Few tractors and modern farm machinery in either France, Spain or Portugal and we countless teams of oxen working in fields and people with hoes and shovels instead of plows and cultivators as we have. Few beef cattle but many sheep and goats. They serve poultry, lamb, veal and eggs but none of our beef steak as we know it. The children of Spain are especially lovely and well mannered. Boys & girls are about the same the world over I guess. They always respond to a pat and a smile. Tipping is expected on every hand and you have to go along. We are in Monaco the home of Princess Grace and it is a very lovely place. This is a fine hotel and we can look over the sea and also have a good view of the Casino. Mabel just returned from hair dressers with a French hair do and it is something. I had a hair cut and managed to get away without anything else although

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the barber tried to sell me a few seals.
He spoke and understood some English.
We stopped at Cannes and had lunch
and took some pictures there and at Nice.
Too cold for swimming but their beaches
do not compare with ours. I hope that we
treat people from other Countries who
visit us as well as we have been treated
and I believe we do generally. Most
Americans we have seen here have conducted
themselves quite well. It seems to me the
average British traveler is rather smug
and too well pleased with himself. I
met a Swedish engineer who was quite
struck with the Swedes but a couple
from Canada deflated him quite nicely.
Well, Ham, I haven't time for more of
this palaver that is for your own
consumption. Can tell you many interesting
and amusing incidents that are too
long to write in longhand. We are having
a lot of fun and hope everything is fine
with the folks in Butler Co. Kansas. We
will be glad to be back with you.
Best wishes. Jack Bond

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March 31, 1960

My Dear Dolph:-

I am naming you again as my proxy at the Associated Press general meetings, and will be grateful for the favor of your representation.

I am leaving the proxy blank, in order that you may vote as you see fit, except in the case of the Nathaniel R. Howard vacancy where I prefer Henry D. Bradley of the St. Joseph, Mo., Gazette and Sunday News-Press. I have promised Mr. Bradley that he can have my vote.

I will greatly appreciate your kindness in this respect, as I have done in previous instances.

Sincerely your friend,