

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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THE ENTERPRISE-CHRONICLE

WALLACE E. EMMONS
Burlingame, Kansas

Aug. 4, 1960

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
The Times,
El Dorado, Kan.

Dear Mr. Clymer--

I have your name as one of the co-chairmen of the Kansas Centennial "typical meal" contest ~~chairman~~ and we've hit a snag...

Having announced the contest locally on the basis suggested by KPA, several have asked what basis the judging would be done. The word "typical" takes in a lot of territory and I cannot set rules that would not coincide with the state committee--yet there needs to be some rules.



MEMO— from

Bill Dorr—associate editor



Pshaw--Mr. Clymer--you deserved every word, possibly more.

Since we at the Aux have a strict policy of never charging our dear friends for extra copies I am returning your dollar plus the copies you requested.

I am pleased that you liked my story.

Very sincerely,

Bill
Bill Dorr

4 August 1960

The Publishers' Auxiliary
210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago 6
ANdover 3-1838

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Kansas State University

OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Manhattan, Kansas

Division of Extension
Department of Information
Umberger Hall

August 4, 1960

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

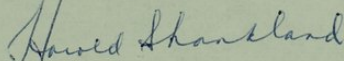
Dear Rolla:

In writing a story about the changes in the Flint Hills, I used a quotation of yours as the basis of the changes.

I have enjoyed reading your articles on the Flint Hills area. It was also a thrill to me to read William Allen White's descriptive editorials on the region.

Attached is a copy of the story we have sent to numerous livestock publications and to a few newspapers in Kansas. Most of them will not have the story for use before Tuesday of next week.

Sincerely yours,



Harold Shankland
Associate Extension Editor

HS:gmd

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August 4, 1960

Dear Martin Fruhman:-

Please give me a little
more time. I may fool you one of these days.

Sincerely,

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W. R. Gross

P. O. BOX 510
EL DORADO, KANSAS

August 4, 1960

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

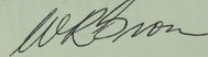
Re: Industrial Committee Co-chairman

In the past few months, I find that Company and personal business has been demanding more of my time than was formerly anticipated, and it appears that I will be unable to devote the time to this committee which would be conducive to good chairmanship. I have agreed to continue as Chairman of this committee if a working Co-chairman could be enlisted to carry on.

A recent meeting between Justus O'Reilly, Harlan Remsberg and myself resulted in the naming of Bernie Christian to Co-chairman of this committee. Mr. Christian has graciously accepted this responsibility, and will be contacting each and every member in the very near future.

I trust we will all give Bernie the full cooperation and support he deserves in this appointment.

Very truly yours,



W. R. Gross

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BRADFORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
EL DORADO, KANSAS

August 4, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

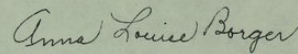
I should very much like for Mrs. Robert H. Bradford to be named an Outstanding Trustee by the Kansas Library Association at its annual meeting the first part of October.

It is necessary for two persons (one must live outside of El Dorado) to write Miss Oneita Johnson, President of the Kansas Library Association, Pratt Public Library, Pratt, Kansas, recommending Mrs. Bradford for this designation. The letter should also give reasons or qualifications of the person.

I should greatly appreciate it if you would write this letter so it will reach Miss Johnson by the first of September.

Will you please let me know when you have written the letter?

Very truly yours,



Anna Louise Borger
Librarian

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Syracuse Camp
Aug 5 - 1960

Mr. Rollo Clymer
El Dorado Kansas

Dear Rollo Clymer:

It seems so though
they want everybody
to send in some
thing to enter for
Kansas Centennial
ides.

This is the only thing
I have - I wrote it to
use myself - the year
I president of the Kansas

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2/ Woman's Ray Club -
It has been used twice
since by request.

Now, I know it is not
heavy stuff - really
"American" but
want to do my part
in creating full
interest possible -

Will you please do
me a favor & go over
it?

Make any remarks
frankly - I know I
am not a writer so
you can not hurt my

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3) feelings.

I attended the Anti-Slavery
meeting in Chicago.

It was the best detailed
Convention that America
has ever promoted - I
think and that was the
great idea that prevailed.

Kansas had a
fine representation
but missed many
of our background
Republicans.

I went with Mrs
R. J. Bates. She was in

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4) The delegation - her husband did not want to go - Easton did not think he wanted to fight the heat and the crowd. he made it fine & had seats & almost everything without asking. So Darned home tired but happy.

I can rearrange this if necessary - anything across the 100th birthday.

Anyway - please be frank. Sincerely
(M.C.) Louise C. Ray

Easton sends his regards too. L.B.

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P.S. Forget to tell you I
sat in the Press section,
one night at the Convention.
It was as much fun—
the stall in sat in was
next to the ropes where
everybody passed by en-
route to the platform, I
felt like "Pop Brass"
must feel. P.C.

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August 5, 1960

Mr. Andrew J. Gray
Richland, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Gray:-

Sister Bertha Shore has written me that she prefers to go to Richland on Sunday, August 14, so that seems to be the program. It's about the best time for a couple of busy newspaper buffs. Of course, that causes us to intrude upon your homecoming picnic, but if you have no other objection we can bring our bit in a shoe box.

I assume that we will reach there about noon of that day.

I have been publishing some of the Fair releases, and will have an editorial reference tomorrow. Hope to be able to give your event another editorial shot in the arm next week.

Now I have taken a rather pretentious liberty. During the past day or two, at odd times, I have banged off a little piece which I call "Small Town Soliloquy" and a carbon of which I am enclosing. I have had Richland in mind as I wrote, and I would like to dedicate it to Richland, as indicated--if that meets with your approval.

I could present it at the picnic, or at some other time, or not at all--depending solely upon what you and Mrs. Gray decide about it. I have no pride of authorship and it can be eliminated, if desirable. I have only wished to contribute a small bit to the success of your brightly unique occasion--and this, I suppose, is about the best I can do.

I shall probably publish this in our paper--but only after Richland has received it, if that's acceptable to you.

I shall appreciate hearing from you soon, and as always, I am yours faithfully,
eagerly

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From the Desk of BERNIE CHRISTIAN

August 5

Dear Rolla;

Just a note to express my appreciation for the fine story on the telephone directory library. I think you covered all aspects of it's uses, and also gave the telephone company and myself a good plug.

My thanks to you, and please call on me when I can furnish any additional help on any project.

Bernie



KANSAS CENTENNIAL

1861-1961

August 5, 1960

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801 HARRISON
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Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Here are photostats of copy prepared for the page ad to go to newspapers.

It has been suggested to us that we roll it in page mats, with the two proofs so that they can run it as is, or cut and rearrange it a bit to get in their local copy if they want to do it.

There have been 125 dailies and weeklies (including most of the dailies) responding, saying they would use it. It is our feeling that we should go ahead and send to all dailies and weeklies, regardless of their response, together with a letter on why they should use it. We should send it out over the name of you two co-chairmen as before, and can redo that letter, unless you would like to submit a new appeal yourself. If you like this layout and arrangement of contact, please give us a quick word and we will go ahead and get it in mats.

Cordially yours,

Roger D. Kirkwood
et

Roger D. Kirkwood
Executive Director

RDK:ps
Enc.



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215 Termino Avenue
Long Beach 3, California
August 5, 1960

Dear Ham,

Greetings! We had quite a parcel of new about all of the Clymers when Cackie and Ed. came down for dinner with us last week. They both seemed to have had a wonderful time in Kansas and Ed. spoke particularly about his trip to the Flint Hills with you as guide, and he told us about going to the Rotary Club with you. You all must have gone all out to see that they had a good time. You certainly succeeded!

I'm writing to ask if you will do something for the "cause". You may have heard from either Betty or Catherine that Grace Hoisington Brompton, our father's youngest sister, has written the story of the Hoisington family as she saw it as a child growing up, and there are some observations from her more mature point of view. She has written interesting material in a kind of chatty style which we feel will be of interest to all of the Hoisington tribe. I took on the original job of typing it and now am in charge of having it reproduced so that all members of the family can have copies.

As the youngest in the family, she did not know her older brother, Perry, very well and she has written practically nothing about his achievements and those of us who have read it feel that this is a distinct weakness of the story especially so far as Greg's kids are concerned. We feel that it would be good to add a chapter written by someone else (and Grace has agreed that this would please her) so that the grandchildren and great grandchildren can see their grandfather as he was in his mature years.

Because you had done such a good job, we had thought at first of just copying the material that you wrote at the time of his death for publication in the papers. However, without editing this does not seem quite to fill the bill and none of us feels capable of editing your material.

We can supply you with the newstories you wrote at the time of his death and which gave such a good picture of him. I am writing to ask if you would let me send you this material and if you would write that chapter for us. It should be written of course in your style and should be introduced by a sheet that tells that you wrote it and why.

On the introduction of the story Grace has written:

"This family story is dedicated to my neices, Margaret Hoisington and Maude Walker, and to my grand neices, Elizabeth Hoisington and Catherine Clymer who, by their encouragement and enthusiasm have given stimulus for its completion."

Grace has told us that she hopes others will add to her story but none of us is a writer and we really could not do it. If you are willing to do this for us I will send you the newspaper clippings and we will all be eternally grateful to you.

Yours cordially,

Reg.

Margaret Hoisington



The Pittsburg Headlight

EVENINGS
EXCEPT SUNDAY
Established 1887

THE PITTSBURG SUN

MORNINGS
EXCEPT MONDAY
Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Pittsburg, Kansas
Aug. 6, 1960

Rolla A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Things are about the same with us. The pain which Pearl suffered from her break has been gradually diminishing. We will have some weeks to decide whether to have an operation in the hope that she would be benefited. The doctors, including my old friend, Dr. Claud Young of Fort Scott, secretary general of the Scottish Rite at Washington, do not believe there is much risk in an operation. Young believes that an operation can be of benefit.

I was intrigued yesterday by the dog story from El Dorado--the delinquent dog that hopped into a car and caused a wreck. I called Hon. Reed's attention to it and told him I thought I would discuss the misbehavior of dogs in El Dorado.

You have received a copy of the proposed ad. Kirkwood said they were considering sending mats to all newspapers. At the moment I am opposed to that. More than 125 Kansas publishers were interested enough to answer our letter. These cover almost every important newspaper. I do not believe we would gain anything by begging in this manner from those who did not do us the courtesy of answering our letter. I have not had time to go over the copy to see whether it meets the test such as our friend Jack Harris suggested. However, I will have to be guided by my own judgment--and yours--in appraising the type of advertising.

Sincerely,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls





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El Dorado, Kansas
August 6, 1960

Mr. Roger D. Kirkwood, Executive Director
Kansas Centennial Commission
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Roger:-

I have carefully examined the package you sent me regarding the page advertisements to go to Kansas papers this month. I have been wondering for several days what had become of this project.

I have always been against the idea of sending out rolled mats--and still am--because of the wide variety in the formats of our papers. Most dailies in Kansas have 8-column, 12-em pages; some papers, dailies or weeklies, have 9 columns--as we do, while others go down to 6 or 7 columns, with accompanying differences in column depths. For example, neither the Augusta Gazette or the Olate News could possibly use page mats of the size you have submitted.

I think rolling mats and distributing them is a needless expense. I would print up page proofs, send mats of illustrations and logotypes, thus allowing different publishers to adapt the layouts to their own specifications.

I hardly see the advisability of sending two page proofs. For my part, I prefer the copy which leaves no space for local centennial message. Few papers will have any particular message for the home folk just now. The main idea is to get the imminence of the centennial home to the state generally.

If proofs are printed and distributed, instead of rolled mats, it might be all right to send the two and allow publishers their choices. If you decide to send mats, I think only the one should be used.

I might say here that I don't think you have listed enough special attractions to

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fill properly the space in the boxes.
I believe this space should be expanded.

If you send proofs, I would agree that all papers be supplied. If you go into the rolled mat end of it, I should say send the advertising only to those who have consented to publish it--plus perhaps a few selected others whom you think will go along. Mats to all papers would entail further additional expense, for under such circulation, I doubt if more than half or two-thirds of them would be used.

As far as I am concerned, as a c-chairman of the committee, it is wholly agreeable with me for you to issue such letter as you deem best and sign my name to it. Brinkerhoff will have to speak for himself, but I doubt if he will have any objections.

I believe you should push the mailing of this advertising material with all speed. If you do not get it out until the last of the month, many papers will have their space utilized for back-to-school and fair promotions--and will have little space to devote to us.

If you want to call me about any of these items, Okay, but this is the way I see the matter.

Yours,



The Richland Homecoming Fair

PRESERVING A GOOD WAY OF LIFE

"Hometown Capital of the World" -- Richland, Kansas

6 August 1960

Dear Mr. R. A. Clymer:

I never expected to find Santa Claus in Kansas on a near-100 degree day. You have utterly overwhelmed Georgia, me and everybody with your generosity and spirit simpatico.

To put it boldly, I am arranging to have some sort of an under-the-elms reading, if that is okay with you. It might be taped for radio and TV. I am not exploiting it or you--it is just too good not to share with the world.

We look forward with delight to welcoming Bert and you on a Sunday noon. Be sure to take the left off Highway 75, just below the Santa Fe and Turnpike overpasses--45th street is the legend.

I truly hope that we do not disappoint you with our simplicity. As for bringing viands, be our guests. I have opportuned some of the best cooks hereabouts to put forth calories that sing for the eye and belly.

You are the word-master and I won't attempt to go further than to say, as the British put it, God bless!

Sincerely,

A. J. Gray
A. J. Gray

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



A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY
Sponsored by The Richland Fair Association

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August 6, 1960

Society Editor The Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Madam:-

Enclosed is the story of the Rice-Collingwood wedding at Abilene today, which is submitted to you, with photograph of the bride, for publication in the Star of Sunday, August 14.

It will be a distinct favor to us if you can use the story and picture, since the Rice and Collingwood families are prominent in business and social circles in many parts of Kansas, including Wichita, El Dorado and Abilene.

You were kind enough to publish ~~an~~ story and picture at the time when the nuptial engagement was announced, and we sincerely hope you can find space for the wedding itself.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely,

Editor

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BOYD for GOVERNOR

PHONE 296

PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS

Aug. 7, 1960

Dear Rolla:

Marie and I have recuperated from the "long night" and are back in gear, ready to go to work for the party this fall.

We were quite pleased with the results in Butler county, and know you had a lot to do with the outcome. No man likes the taste of defeat, but we have had a rewarding experience in many ways and the loyal and devoted support of friends like you in all parts of the state will always be a cherished memory.

The vote here at home - 1900 of 2200 - is something we hope our grandchildren will enjoy knowing about.

Until I can see you in person, accept these poor words as my sincere thanks for your help.

Warmest personal regards,

Jack

You have given, George,

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Rolla - I've enjoyed ^{8/8/69} back to
me + everything appears itself.

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If I can wait till he at
Portland - Gray route to me +
Portland is the second station
north from Michigan City on the
K. M. & P. - it is about fifteen
miles from my birthplace +

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August 8, 1960

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

Our dear friend

You are William Allen White, Everett Dirkson, and James Whitcomb Riley rolled into one. The reason you were called to do Abraham Lincoln, well, who else.

Our gratitude to you is unbounded. Few people have the privilege of reading their own obituary while still very much alive. Now, coming from the twilight zone, we thank you for all the kind things you said about us in such convincing Clymer logic. You almost had us believing some of them.

Eight months now, we have been in retirement from Cities Service and the oil business. We live in a land of sunshine, spring weather, flowers, lakes, beaches --- a land of leisure and industry --- a land that, each year, is visited by nine million people who leave one and a half billion dollars. George Berry gave us two Spinning rods and reels that have not been used near enough. My new golf clubs have for too little paint knocked off. Retirement has been only the transfer of responsibilities. A transfer from Oil and people to Citrus and people.

Since February, I have been taking six hours of formal Citrus study in Florida Southern. This is supplemented with field trips to the State Experiment Station, the Citrus nurseries -- to learn soils, root-stock, grafting, and Citrus varieties; to the groves to study plant deficiency symptoms, predatory insects, scales, and viruses. I am just a farmer at heart.

Along with this angle of interest is the little item of \$40,000 to be paid off on 25 A..of groves in six years. So you can see my work is cut out for me.

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If Charlie Driscoll thought the lot of the Kansas farmer was hard he should hear of the trials and tribulations of the Florida Citrus grower. Florida soil (Everglades excepted) is 95% Kansas Wilcox sand. Its only function is to hold up the tree. It is a soil deficient in humus, manganese, magnesium, zinc, iron, copper, nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, molybdenum, boron, and seven other elements essential to Citrus growth.

Then there are a few predators of Citrus fruit and trees: rust mite, red mite, six-spotted mite, Texas mite, mealy bug, cottony cushion scale, soft scale, white fly, black fly, aphids, black scale, Florida wax scale, red scale, chaff scale, plant bugs, Kansas grass hoppers, orange dog, Mediterranean Fruit Fly, yellow vein chlorosis, arsenic toxicity, perchlorate toxicity, biuret toxicity, salt burn, sunburn, fertilizer burn, sulphur burn, star melanose, sooty blotch, felt fungus, Citrus canker, mesophyll collapse, hail damage, styler end russetting, tresteza, xyloporosis, exocortis, greasy spot, sooty mold, green mold, Citrus blight, gummosis, clitocybe, root rot, stem-end rot, brown rot, black rot, green rot, lime bark disease, Citrus scab, anthracnose, leprosis, alga spot, sphaeropsis knot, lightening, freeze damage, drought, and hurricanes.

It costs \$150 per acre per year to have a grove maintained. Service cannot always be obtained promptly. A destructive insect can move in and devour half the grove before a spray machine arrives. The trick is to spray for every predator just before it arrives. However, spraying must not be done in April and November. These are drought months. Spraying must not be done in February and March while the trees are in bloom. Spraying must not be done within 30 days before picking. And every insect knows the schedule.

About time the crop is ready to pick the Citrus Commission announces that there has been a price drop --- oranges from \$2.00 to \$1.50 and grape fruit from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per box (box is 1 3/5 Bu.) So, it is decided to delay picking until the price gets better. The insects get the announcement and move in. If the natural drop and the insects leave any fruit on the tree, a freeze may come along and take the rest.

In spite of it all we sold enough fruit to pay the maintenance cost and the interest on the note, and the good banker forewent the annual payment.

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We live in a very comfortable little four room house, three bed-rooms and two baths. Frances complains because the bathrooms which are side by side are not sound proof. Although privacy is not complete, we do enjoy that coveted togetherness. It is amazing how eloquent your morning ablutions can be, especially when you have company. (One of Frank Lloyd's Wright's idiots built our house)

Every day of our retirement is busy and happy. I get up every morning about eight, make my bed, turn on the coffee pot, and begin my tontorial hour.

We don't miss Kansas so much, but we do miss the Kansas people. No doubt, there are people in Florida like the people in Kansas. We just haven't found them, yet. I'll never enroll in the Baptist church, register Democratic, or--Oh! I may join the K. K. K. Yet, when you live in Rome --Well, I just don't like spaghetti.

Segregation is just like any place else --- the whites discriminate against the poor Negro and the Jews discriminate against the Whites. The Whites are the minority group and are fighting for survival, but they can never win. In twenty years there will be nobody left in Florida but Negroes and Jews. By that time we will have the same kind of integration we have in El Dorado: Just the children will be integrated in the swimming pools and the school rooms. They will never be integrated in the restaurants, barber shops, civic clubs, or churches.

We think we have a good Republican ticket. If I can get your County Clerk to send me and Frances an absentee ballot we will vote 'er straight.

Come see us.

Kindest regards

Rolla & Frances Evans
720 Orange Park
Lakehurst, Florida

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August 8, 1960

My Dear Margaret:-

I shall be most happy to write the chapter of your father for the Hoisington family history, as you request, and if you think I can do so satisfactorily. I have held a vast admiration for your father--and the years since his death have enhanced that sentiment.

So you may send me your clippings, at once if you can, since I think I shall be fairly swamped during the fall and winter--and would like to complete this chapter before the deluge hits me.

I would like to have all the data that you possess, for your father's life covered many phases and I don't want to leave out any part. One clipping I need in particular is that of the article I wrote for the Newton Kansan a few years ago when the armory there was dedicated. I laid myself out a little on that one, and suggested to the Kansan folk that they use it as an editorial. They preferred, however, to use it as a news story--and handled it well. As I recall, it fairly well condensed the Colonel's many activities, and its subject matter would be helpful to build the story around. I have asked B. to look for it, but she seems not to remember it as well as I do.

We have had a gorgeous summer--and the Hills are magnificent. Over three more inches of rain last night swatted the heat demons in the solar plexus.

B. is in Newton today moving Maud to the manor.

I shall look for further word from you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Joe Grossman
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Grossman:-

In answer to your letter of August 1, will say that we will like to have you and your partner give us exclusive coverage concerning the activities of Miss Gayle Leigh Shoemaker, of El Dorado--Miss Kansas for 1961--at the Miss America contest in September. We have approving reports from some of the Kansas papers which you have represented in previous years.

We will expect to keep your service charges within \$75 to \$100 limits. The rates you have quoted on various items appear satisfactory.

We believe no story should exceed 500 words in length. Moving these stories by Western Union wire constitutes something of a problem for us, since the local W. U. office is open only at odd hours. If you will indicate your probable filing times, we can doubtless make arrangements with the office here to handle these stories without delay to us.

As to pictures, you must bear in mind that our paper is published in 9-column pages, with column width of only 11 ems. Moreover, our Fairchild will not handle prints of more than four columns (44-45 1/2 ems) wide, and of shallow depth. We can use ~~any~~ one, two or three column prints in any depth.

We should like to hear from you soon concerning any suggestions you have to make regarding these points.

We will count on you to take care of us during the contest.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
per

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 8, 1960

Hotel Jayhawk
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Please reserve one room with baht each for J. E. Morris, El Dorado, and myself for the night of Monday, August 28. We expect to attend the Republican party council at that time.

We desire separate rooms. We intend to reach Topeka late in the afternoon of August 28.

We ask that your confirmations of this request be sent to us separately. Please mail Mr. Morris's in care of Rex & Morris Drilling Company, P. O. Box 344, El Dorado, Kansas--and send mine to me here in care of The Times.

We will be grateful for an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

8-8-60
Parsons

Dear Ham:

Another three inches! Gad, how do you do it? I suppose this was in celebration of Rinni's arrival and what do you plan to hang the next one on, while poor parched Parsonians are going around with tongues dragging? We had ~~to settle~~ for a mere three-quarters of an inch or so last night.

I caught that picture of Rinni in Friday's times. He doesn't look so fierce to me. I suggest we match him against Independence's finest, Texas rules, three falls to a finish. Of course we want Billy Martin on our side, too, just in case the Independence entry turns out to be not ~~much~~ of true Balkan character.

For a campaign that was as quiet as this one, the finish certainly left one breathless, didn't it? I didn't anticipate quite as close a finish. I hope John reads the returns correctly and starts to hustle. I think he will need to do that, particularly in western Kansas whose votes are not many, but still count.

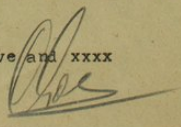
The right to work people flooded the mails in Johnson and Wyandotte counties a ~~few~~ days before the primary with that mailing piece which couples articles by W. L. White and Charles Tucker. Our Emporia friend should be proud of that company. They sent it to every registered Republican in the two counties and caused quite a flurry. I wish they (the right to workers) would cease and desist, crawl in their holes and generally stay out of sight. I fail to understand what all their shouting at this late date is about.

I suppose you heard the one about how the Democrats will raise their campaign funds--they'll freeze holy water and sell Pope-sicles. Or their campaign slogan--Hail Mary, you ah-ll.

Our business in July ~~was~~ was just so-so and August is starting out same way. But we did set an all-time record (for any month) with ~~the~~ July collections, after a rip-roaring June, so I guess we can't complain too much.

Give four regards to Old Nosey, Rinni and all the other characters thereabouts. If your rains keep up, we'll have to get Fred Hall back and run a pipeline to Butler. No need to go to the Great Lakes when you're getting it all.

Love and xxxx



Rolla Clymer correspondence

El Dorado, Kansas
August 9, 1960

My Dear Huck:-

I was more than glad to hear from you. I know that your defeat hurt some, but you have taken it like the man you are--and that's the real test. That vote at home--1900 out of 2200--is truly remarkable, and should give you a satisfaction which is worth more than bales of money.

Ernie Shawver has figured that you lost by a 2 per cent margin. Considering your initial handicap, this is a most extraordinary showing. It's too bad that you could not have closed that small gap. The big gain for you, however, lies in the friendship and high esteem you have piled up for yourself all over the state. This is definitely a most precious asset--of untold value--which none can ever take away from you.

I say again that I have never seen a candidate work as hard as you did--so that what you have accomplished represents an earned run in your storehouse of achievement.

It was altogether like you when, with a rare degree of sportsmanship, you said you will do all you can for John. I think the help he needs most lies in the realm of personal contacts--where you are superb. In spite of all our handicaps, I think we have a real chance to win this election. If we do, we can credit a large part of it to the seed you sowed so effectively in your own primary campaign.

Eddie Morris and I intend to be at the party council, August 29 and 30, and I sincerely trust we will see you there.

Ever your friend,