

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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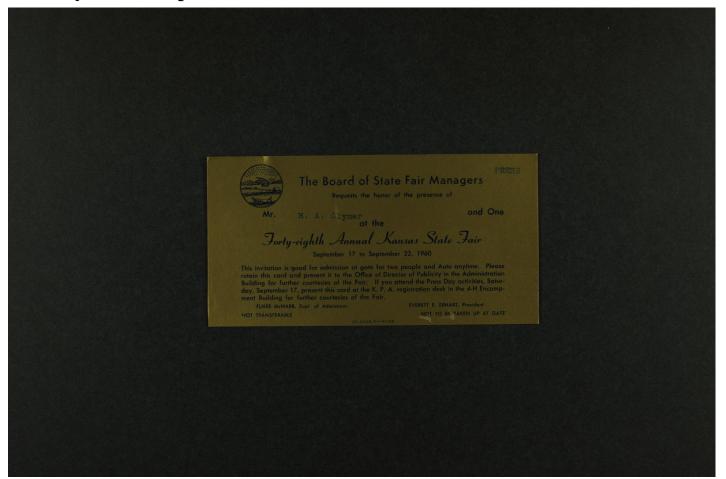
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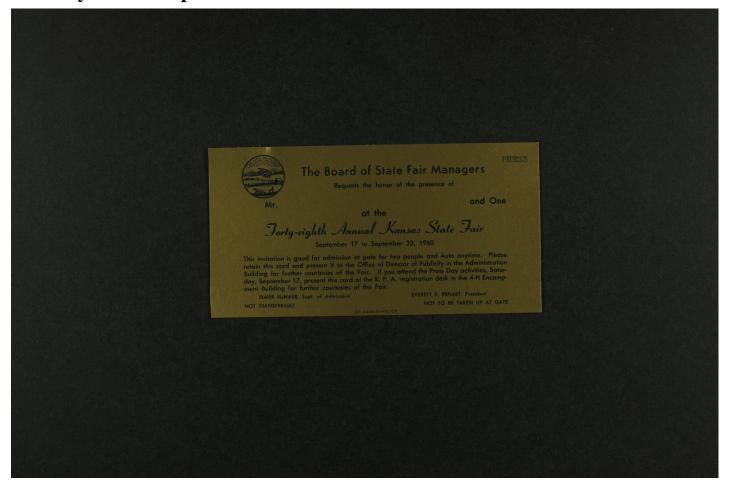
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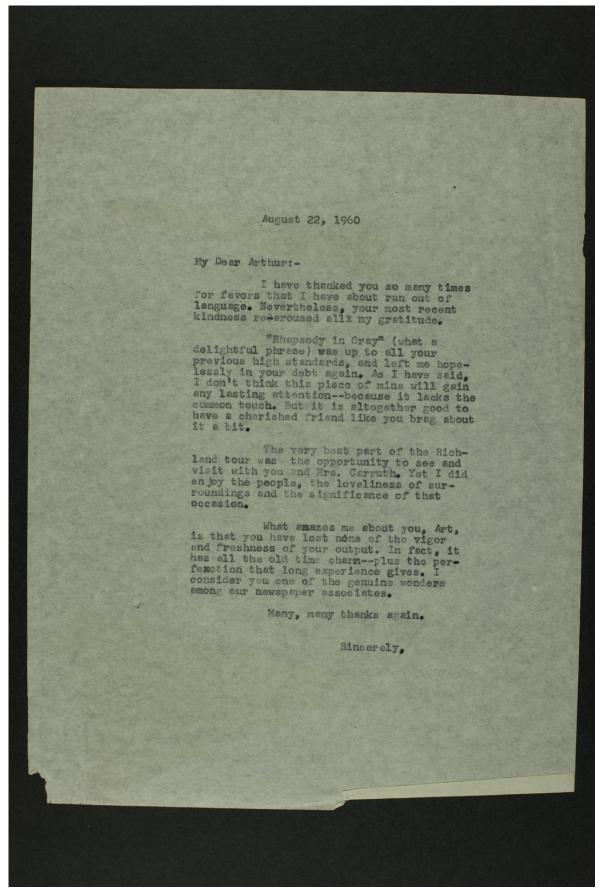




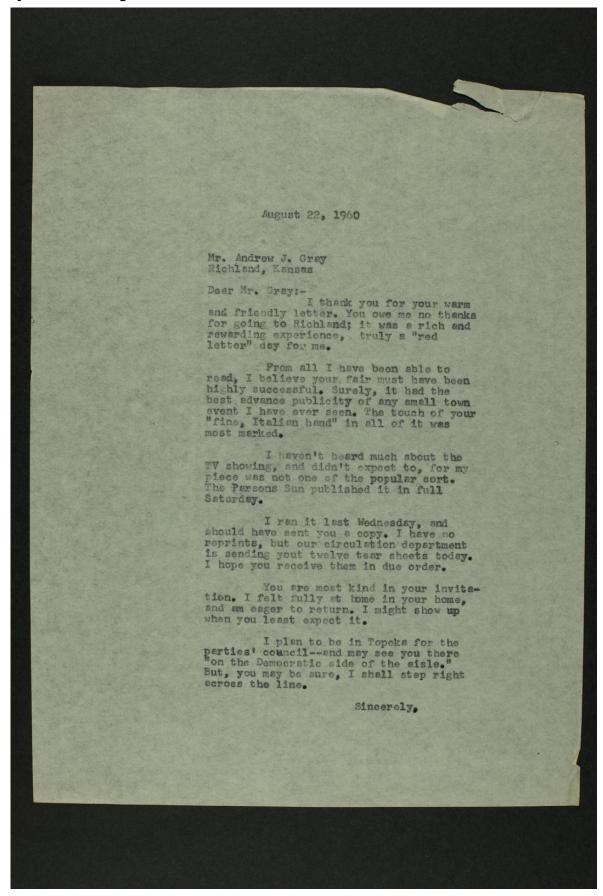




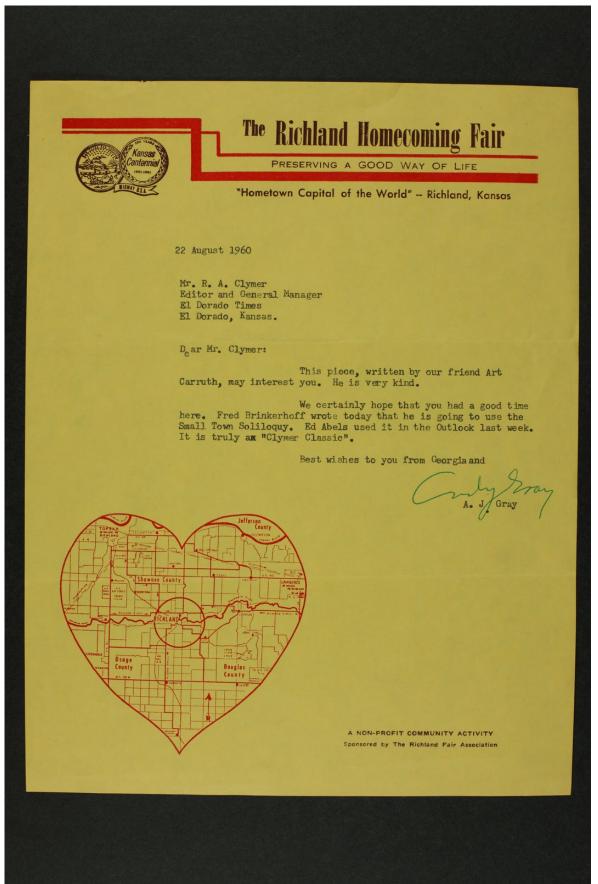




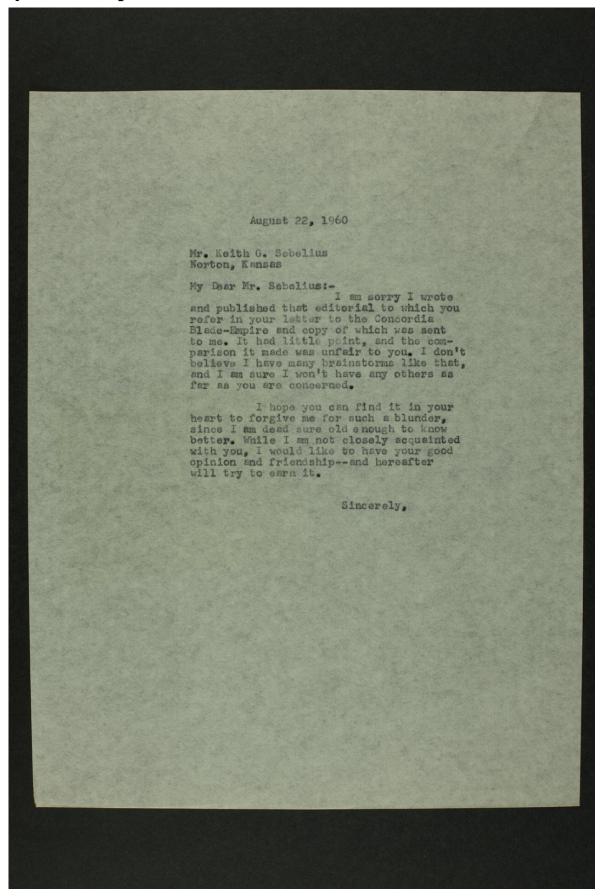




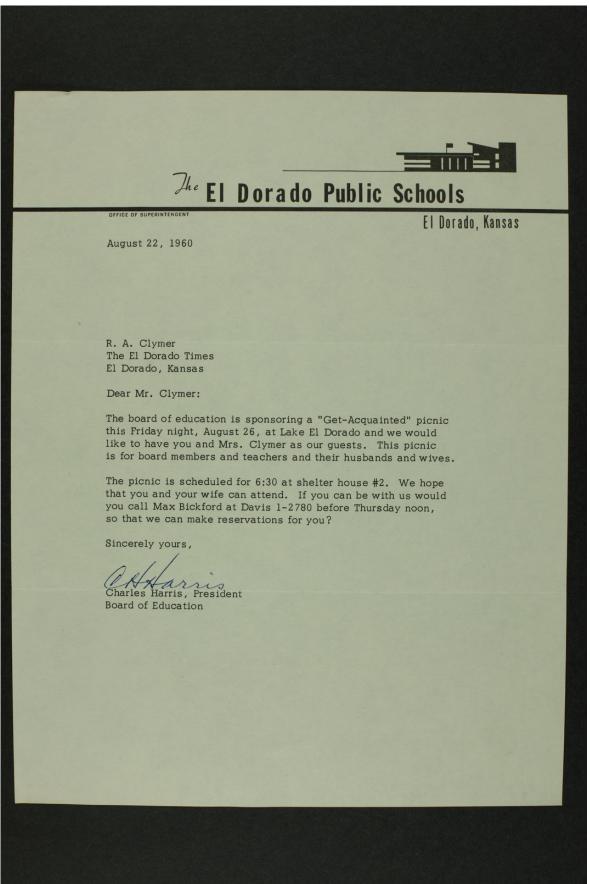




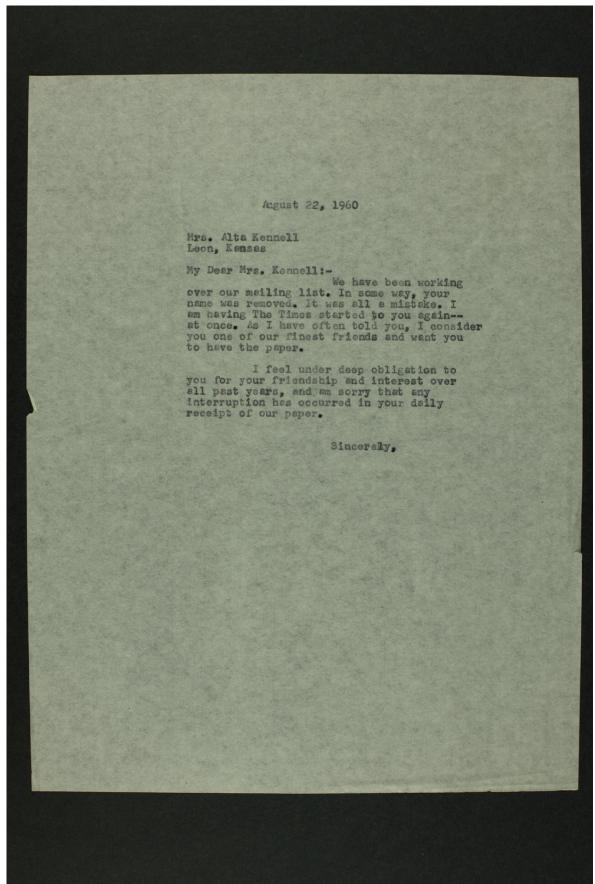










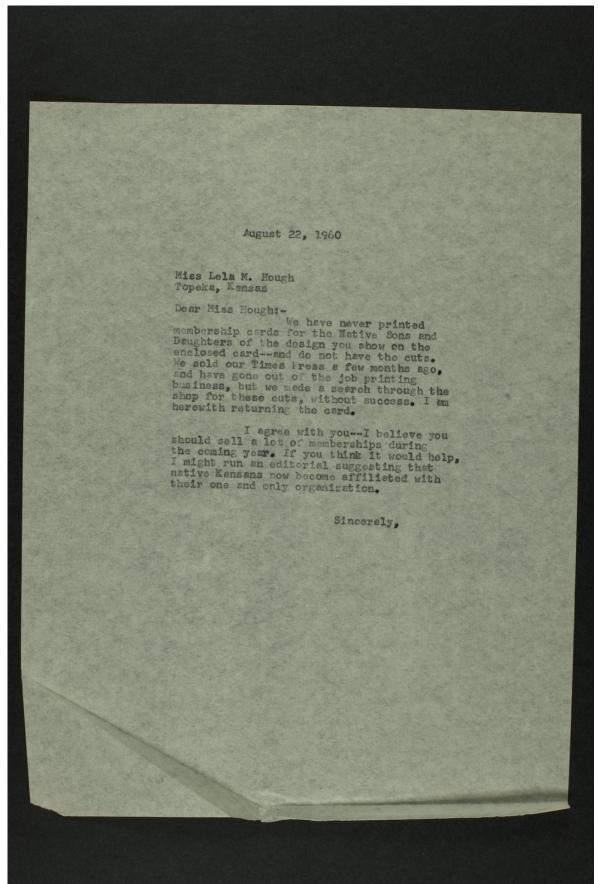




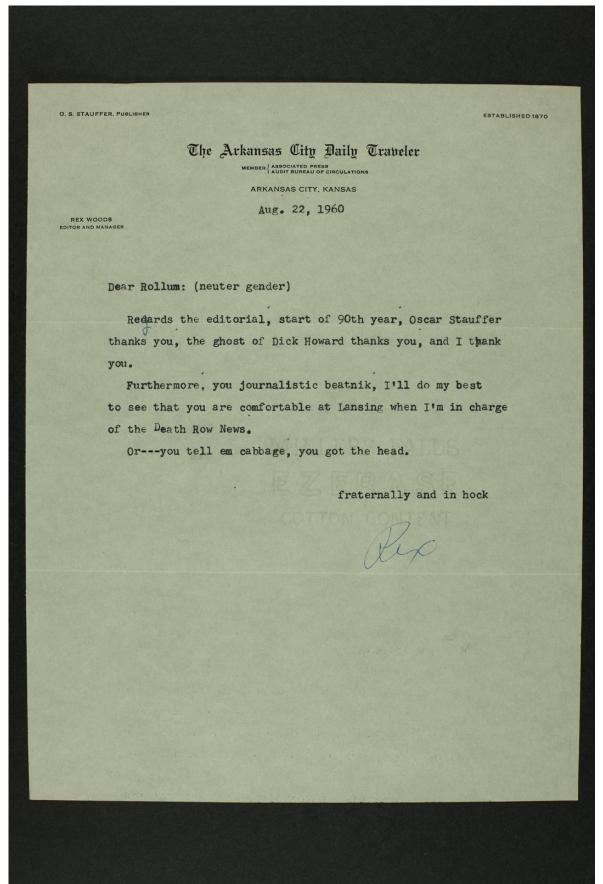
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Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 22, 1960. Mr. Rolla Clymer, Eldorado Times, Eldoread, Ks. Dear Editor : I read with interest your K.C. Star Notes about 12-ft, Kansas Since retiring from telegraphing on kansas railroads the Rock Island and the Union Pacific, I now own and operate a Phillips 86 service station at 5900 Blue Parkway, (East 50 Highwy particular raise a lot of flowers, roses zinnias, marigilds begonias, hollyhocks, phlox rubber plants, airplanes, tiger lillies, iris, daisles, mullen, larkspurs, redbuds, honeysuckles, violets, sweetwilliams, wild cherry, volunteer peach and pear blossoms, and many wild flowers. The most attractive one of all though is a thirteen and one-half foot sunflower. The head or flower is one foot across; the leaves fourteen inches, and the trunk six inches in circumference. I have taken these measurements several times. Just once sunflower species has sunflowers growing out from every leaf, nearly as large as the main sunflower at the top. Many say they are the largest sunflowers they have ever seen. Many city folks do not know what they are. They have to ask me. They think they are overgrown daisies. They attract more attention than any other flower we have. They are the prettiest yellow we have. of course folks around K.C. are crazy about eating the sunflower seed. They are delicious. I ey seel in the store at 40 cents a small jar. Some of them are Mexican grant sunflower seed, blanched, I would like to get some seed for these giant sunflowers. Some call them Indian potato sunflowers. Does Kansas want to get rid of the sunflower as the state flower? Folks don't fail to advertise in your hometown paper, the Eldorado Times. Estell -rthur owens. 5221 East 51, Kansas City, 30, Mo. Stell arthur Owens Editor: pls, use all you wish of this in the fimes.



















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Parsons 8-23-60

Dear Ham:

Thanks for your letter and the kind words, including the plug in your colyum. That was nice.

Yes, I'll be at party council and will look forward to having a visit with you and Eddie. Binni coming along?

We had quite a blow Saturday, as you may have seen by our paper. We were all working, getting out the Sat aft paper when it hit. Stuff went flying by and rain came down in sheets. Worst damage was to the town's trees. Hundreds of them uprooted or otherwise harmed. Our dining room window blown out at home. Some fun!

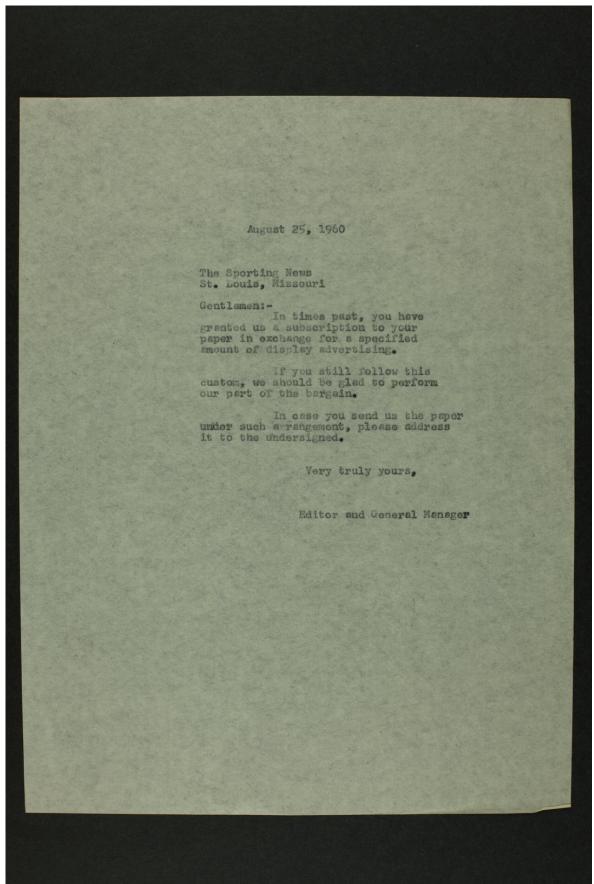
Talked to FWB today and he was quite low about Mrs. B. Said she was still in pain, the not as much as earlier. Main concern, however, was depression moods which are becoming more frequent. His morale seemed lower than at any time since her first illness. Betty and I are planning to go over tonight for a visit, mainly to try to cheer him up some. He said he still doesn't know what they will do about an operation, but it would seem to me that is out of the question now.

I'm going to St. L Friday to see the Cards (my favorite ball club) and the Pirates in three games--Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Going with three friends here. We'll be back Monday a.m. and I'll go up to Topeka early Tuesday.

Business rocking along here. Not much exte exciting. Hope the soaring 60's will take off soon.

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P. O. BOX 9162 KANSAS CITY 50, MO.

August 27th, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thanks for your nice letter of Aug. 22nd. I am happy to know that you have been and still are running Pet News & Gossip and giving it such favorable space.

I do not know why you have not had some comment from your readers, as response has been not great, but steady and gratifying from Tulsa area. However, the other papers do not have the response I am getting from the Tulsa paper, either, mail-wise, but do have readers indicate their interest verhally from time to time. My Tulsa mail did not amount to much for several months, but has been increasing pleasingly during the past few weeks.

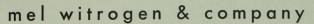
Of course, this type of column is really not designed to draw mail in quantities as do some other types that are of the question and answer type. Mine is just for what I hope is, interesting short human interest stories about people and pets, and from mail I get I know that people will read my "stuff" for months and enjoy it, but never think about writing in until some particular feature tale strikes a cord and moves them to tell me about it. Some write that they have been reading my column every since it started last February in Tulsa World, and enjoy it much, but just hadn't thought of writing until one of my tales reminded them of some particular pet story of their own.

I'll write you again about Sept. 1st and make a suggestion about how you may satisfy yourself about the value(or lack of it) of my column to your paper. Meanwhile, thanks for being so fair and cooperative. Please send me a couple of tear sheets from recent papers carrying my column.

Savry Edwards



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August 27, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for your splendid effort as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Centennial Commission toward placing the public relations account with a Kansas firm.

It was a good effort. I regret, of course, that the majority of the Board did not agree. However, we must have unanimity in this thing if we are to succeed, and I sincerely hope for great success on all fronts in the Kansas centennial year.

Thank you again. It has been a great pleasure to meet you and I hope we may see one another again soon.

With best wishes,

Mel Witrogen

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TELEPHONE No. DAVIS 1-2500

B. H. CHRISTIAN

August 30, 1960

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

Dear Rolla:

In winding up things in El Dorado before I ship out to Kansas City, I wanted to drop you a note to express my thanks and appreciation for all your help during my stay in El Dorado. This includes not only your advice and co-operation concerning the telephone business, but also putting up with me on the golf course.

We haven't always viewed everything from the same viewpoint but you have a job to do and so do I, and we were both just doing our jobs.

I've enjoyed being on "the El Dorado team" and kinda hate to leave, but I am also looking to the future.

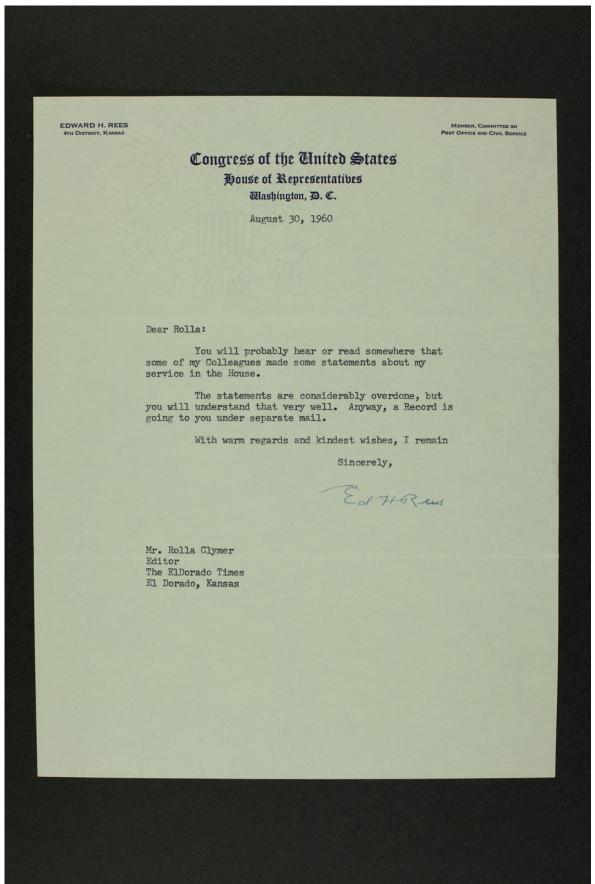
My best wishes to you in the future and I'll be looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

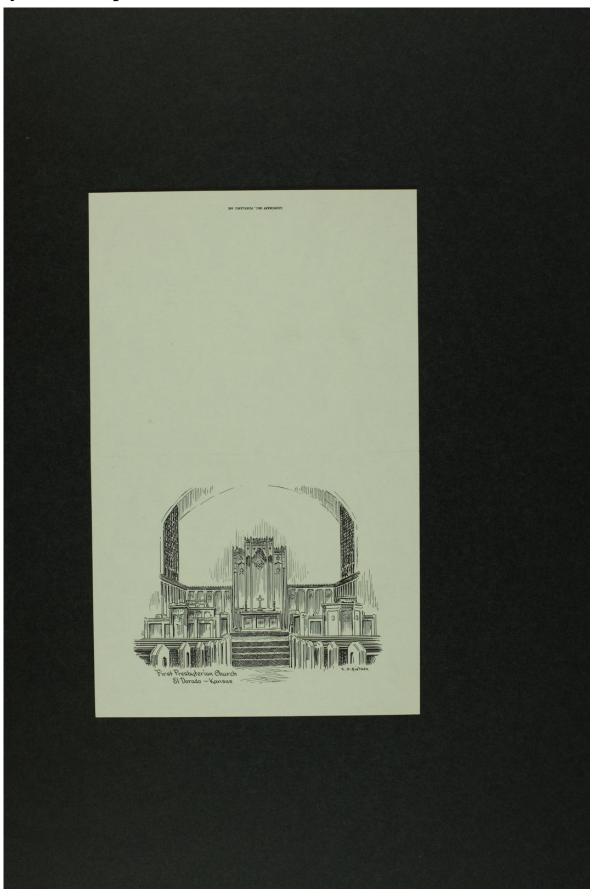
Bernie

P.S. The only thing that ever made me half hot in my dealings with the Times was the printing of my golf score of 120.

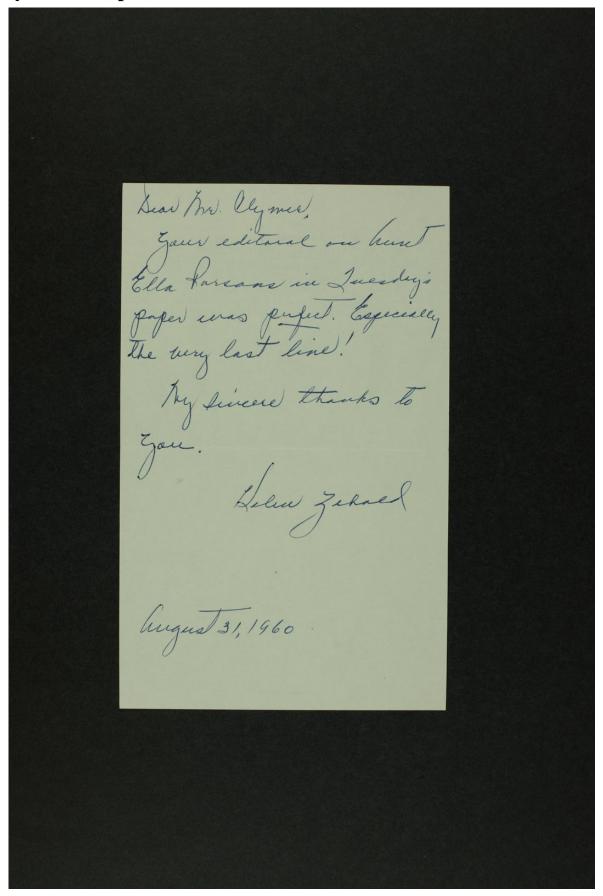




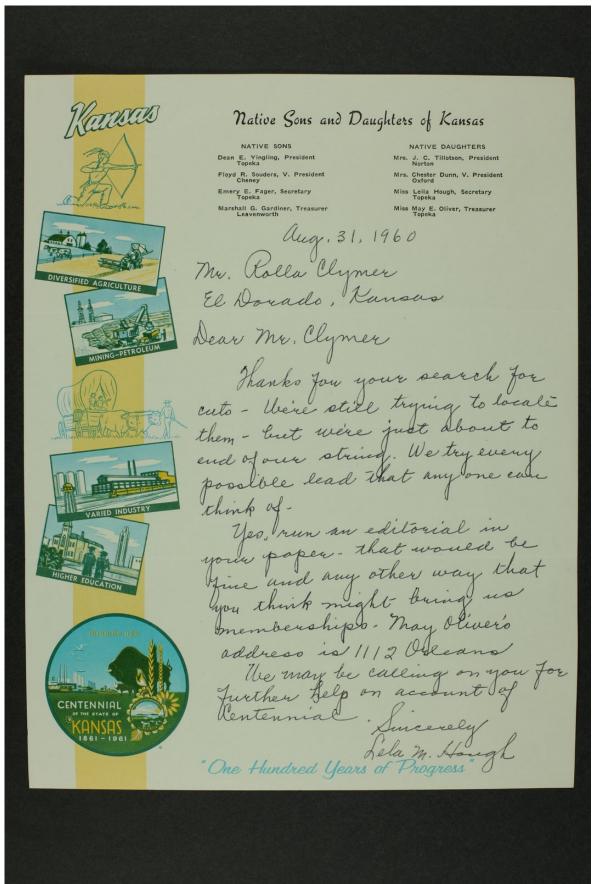
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Kansas Centennial Commission 801 Harrison St., Topeka, Kans.

The Kansas Centennial Commission has announced three contests in which cash prizes will be presented for a centennial book, a centennial poem and a centennial song. Rules and other details of the three contests are outlined below.

- 1. The Kansas Centennial Commission will honor with a recognition certificate and \$200 in cash the author of a historical novel about Kansas or Kansans, a biography of a Kansan or a book of factual material on Kansas, published between January, 1960, and August, 1961. This will be an honor award principally, with the commission reserving no rights of any kind.
- Published books should be sent to the Kansas Centennial Commission, 801 Harrison, Topeka, Kans. The book should be not less than 250 pages of regular book size.

Poem

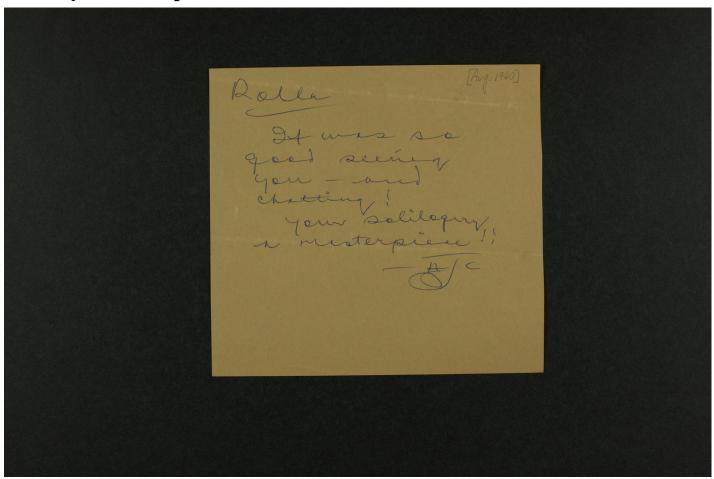
- 1. Open to all persons in the U.S., professional as well as non-professional.
- 2. Prize is \$100. Poem to be read at Founders' Day Banquet early in 1961 and the writer honored.
- 3. Poem must be appropriate for the Kansas Centennial in 1961; not more than four stanzas or 16 lines; must be the writer's original work. The winning entry will be used by the centennial commission but in all cases where used, credit will be given the writer.
- 4. Name and address should be listed below each poem entered in the competition.
- 5. Judging will be on aptness, suitability and originality, by qualified judges.
- 6. Contest closes Now. 1, 1960. All entries must be sent to Kansas Centennial Commission, 801 Harrison, Topeka, Kans. No entries will be returned.

Song

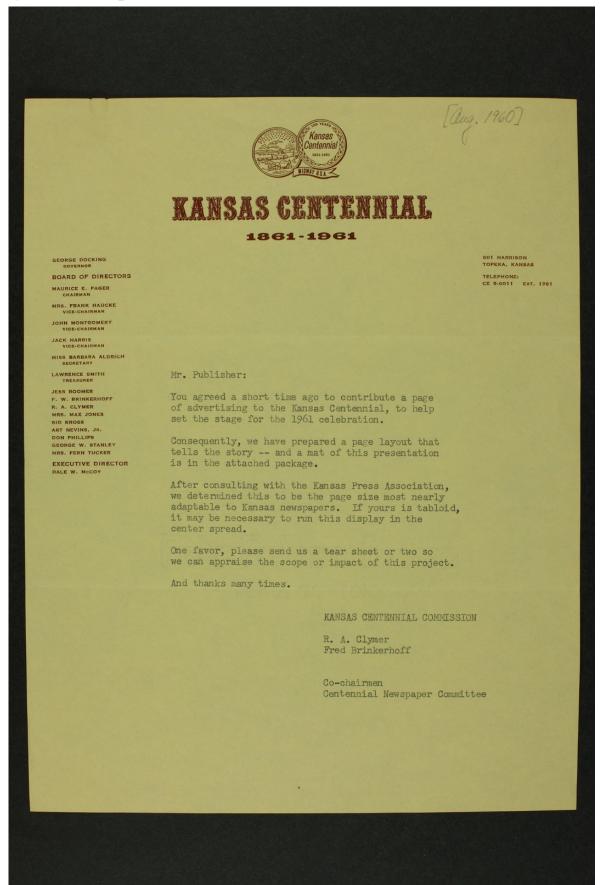
- 1. Contest open to all persons in U.S., professional as well as non-professional.
- 2. Prize is \$200.
- 3. Song, both music and lyrics, must be appropriate as the official song of the Kansas Centennial. Must be the original work of the individual entering the contest and not a parody. No lyrics without music or music without lyrics will be accepted. Sheet music, recordings if accompanied by written music, will be
- 4. Name and address must accompany each entry. Only one entry will be accepted from an individual. Songs which are class projects will be accepted. (See footnote)
- 5. Entries will be returned if requested but no entry can be returned until after Dec. 1, 1960.
- 6. Judging will be based on aptness, suitability and originality. Judges will be three in the field of music and two in the field of history.
- 7. Contest closes Oct. 31, 1960. All entries must be sent to the Kansas Centennial Commission, 801 Harrison, Topeka, Kans.
- 8. The centennial commission reserves the right to use the winning song during the centennial observance in 1961 but if published for re-sale or in the form of a recording, the writer would enter into the royalties by agreement at the time.

Note: Two individuals may team up in composing the words and music for an entry in the song contest. However, only one top prize of \$200 will be given.











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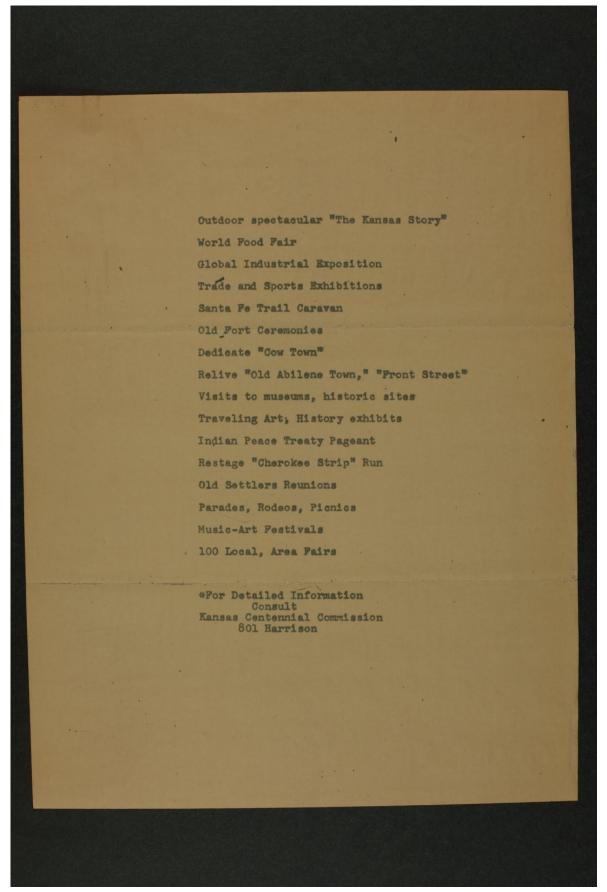
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Statehood Day comes on January 29, 1961. Thereafter during the entire year, Centennial features will roll in colorful procession.

PLAN NOW, PLAN BIG, PLAN LOYALLY for the individual participation which your own community will devote to a tremendous year of commemoration.

None of us dares let Mother Kansas down.







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