

#### **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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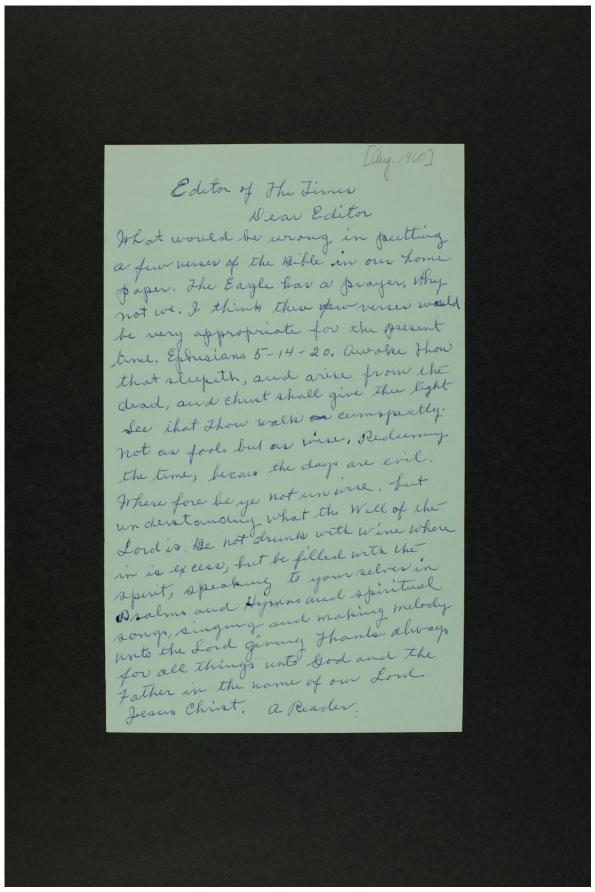
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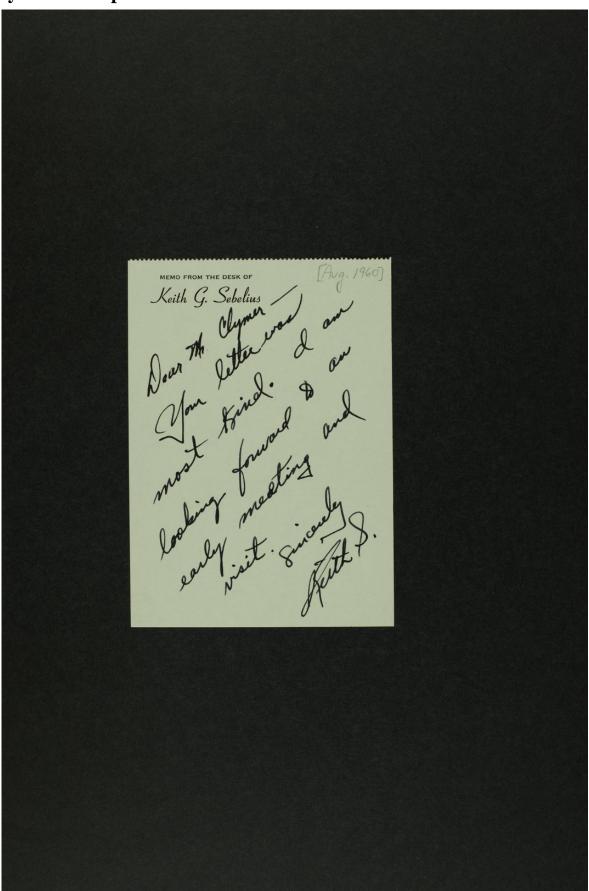
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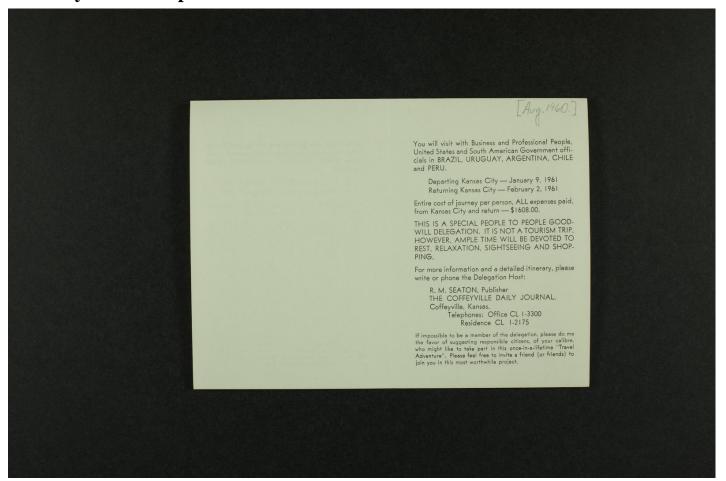
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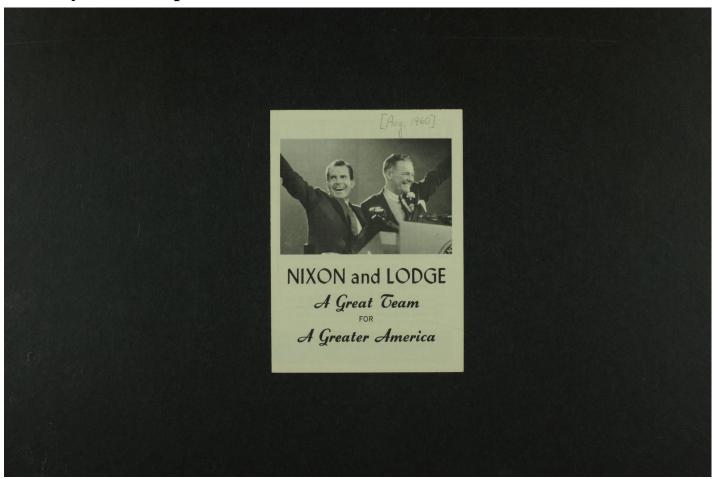




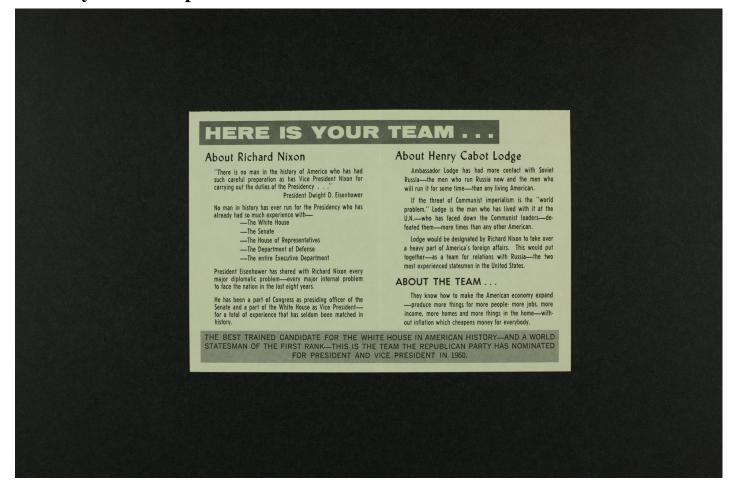




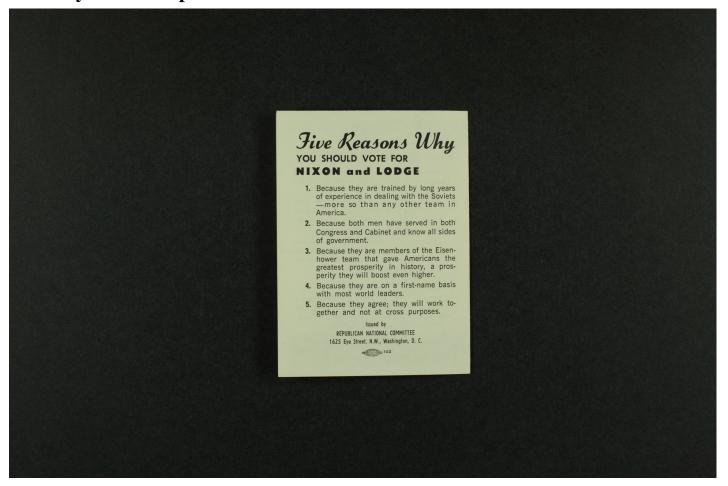




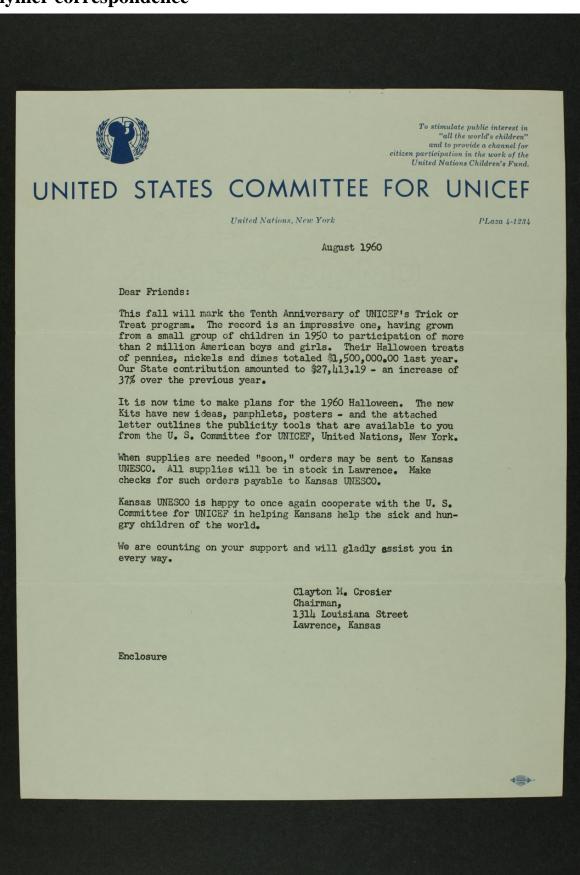














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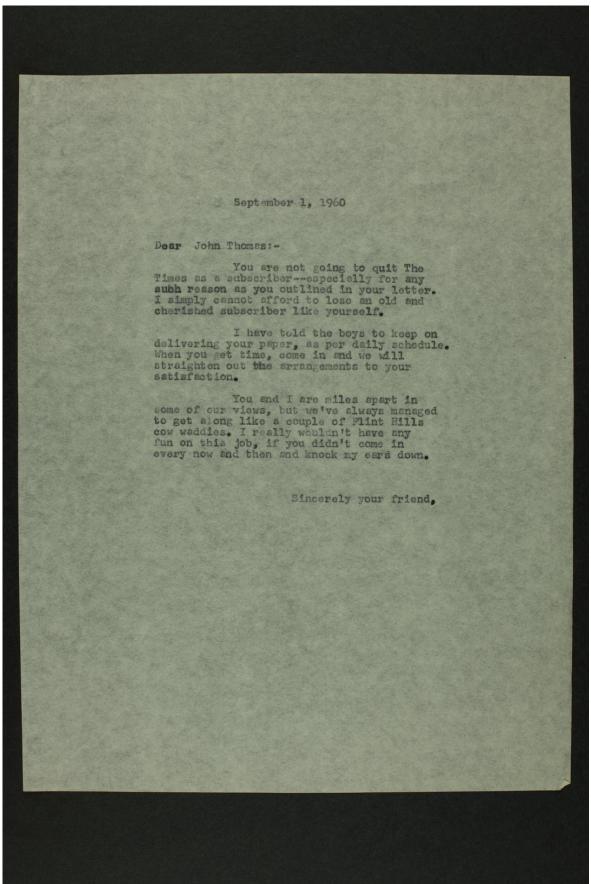
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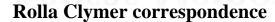
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September 2, 1960

To Fellow Members:

The Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 2:30 p.m., Room 529 in the Statehouse.

Our Committee on Constitutional Simplification will be reporting to the Commission with a view to introducing proposals in the Legislative Council which meets the following day. The committee has been concerned primarily with cutting out "deadwood," but also with a proposal to modify slightly the Commission's recommendation on legislative apportionment in the light of the views of our Legislative Council members as to what might appeal to the legislature. The mechanism of just how to eliminate the obsolete provisions in various parts of the constitution will need some thinking through.

Also it would seem that some other matters could profitably be discussed just now. I think we are assured of a goodly attendance, even though unfortunately two or three of our academic members will not be able to attend due to the beginning of semester rush.

Lloyd Ruppenthal requests that members of the Committee on Constitutional Amendment, Elections and Popular Control meet in the Statehouse (Room 529) at 10:30 a.m. of the same day, September 13. I enclose a couple of reports that are initially the concern of this committee. Possibly the Commission as a whole may be giving some thought to the agenda of the Ruppenthal committee.

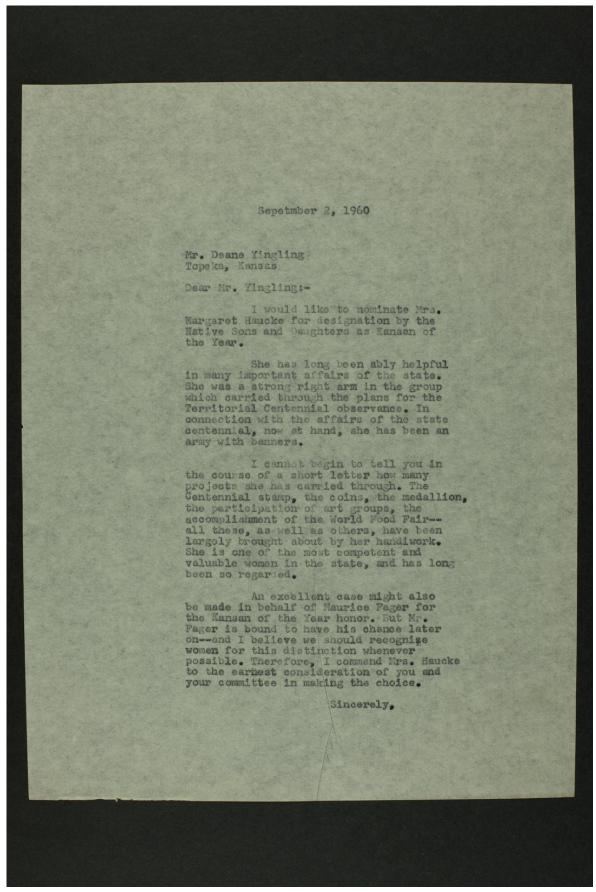
Presumably we shall be able to finish what is on the board just now in the one afternoon session. Then in all probability another session will be in order immediately following the November election.

Might I have a note from anyone who will not be able to attend, except from the couple of members from whom I already have this information?

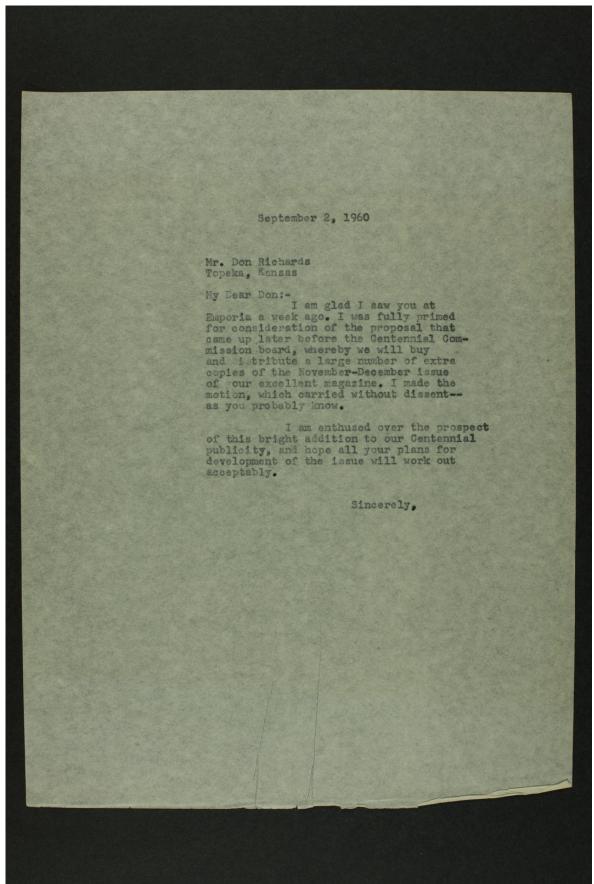
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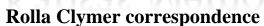
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Dear Mr. Clymer:

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Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

I am enclosing tear-sheet showing the use of the Richland soliloguy. That was a fine piece of goods, as I told you.

I did not regret that I passed up the party council invitation. I noted that the keynoter did not get much play.

I am most highly honored to have the first product of your new typewriter. It seems to spell all right and do other things too and I am sure it will do itself proud as it takes over for the editorial page. I shall file your letter in the regular place but later may have it framed.

Let me say right now that I feel better than I have for two weeks. Yesterday morning Pearl was up in the chair and went out into the card room for breakfast. She had been up several times during the last ten days but not for breakfast or to read. But night before last when I went home from the office she gave me the first smile that I had had for two weeks. She had been depressed and despondent and I had become alarmed. We cut off the medicine. The nurses thought over-medication was the cause of the trouble. I am now positive they were right. Oscar told me yesterday that he was sure that medication would do that very thing and he had reason to know.

Yesterday morning, as I said, she was in the card room for breakfast at a table. About 11 o'clock I answered my phone to hear her at the other end trying to talk to me. The nurse had her up for a shampoo and hair do. She was in buoyant spirits. She spent the rest of the day in bed but she was up again for dinner in the card room at a table. She ate heartily and stayed up quite a while. This morning she was up and into the card room for her breakfast with laughter and smiles as in the past. She read the morning paper. When I left she told me good-by from the window of the card room as she had done for many months before her accident.





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Rolla A. Clymer -- 2 -- Sept. 2, 1960

So there will be no more modernized medication. The pain has gradually subsided and I think there is very little now. That is the report and I am happy to make it. I am hopeful that after a while we can have the operation that Dr. Peltier talked about and that it will be of help to her. In getting into the chair and back into bed she stood up and helped herself a lot.

I meditated allthe way on the lonely drive home from Topeka about the sad situation that I see developing on the commission. Not only were they determined to put Docking's friend on that job but they were raising a point to embarrass Maurice. And did you note what Sid Kross said about Docking's name not being on that booklet? I am sure that every effort will be made now to use the Centennial to the political advantage of Docking. We must watch everything carefully and do the best we can under handicaps. There could easily come a change early in November.

I also deliberated to myself on the type of membership. If some of them represent anything in Kansas I think it must be something as yet undiscovered. If things get too raw surely we have the advantage of friends in the press. It may be necessary to give more attention to this thing should providence deprive us of support in November.

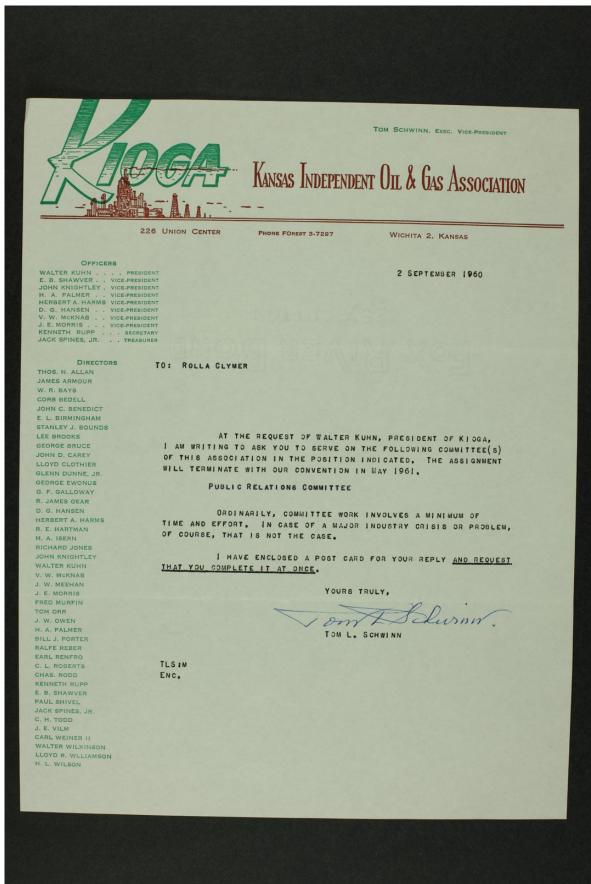
Thanks for your letter and the best of luck to you with your new Royal.

Sincerely

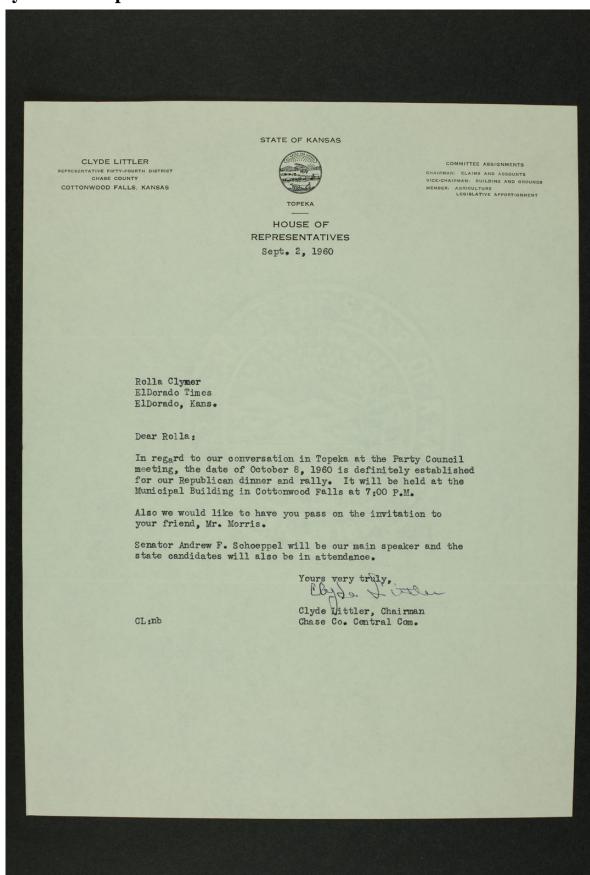
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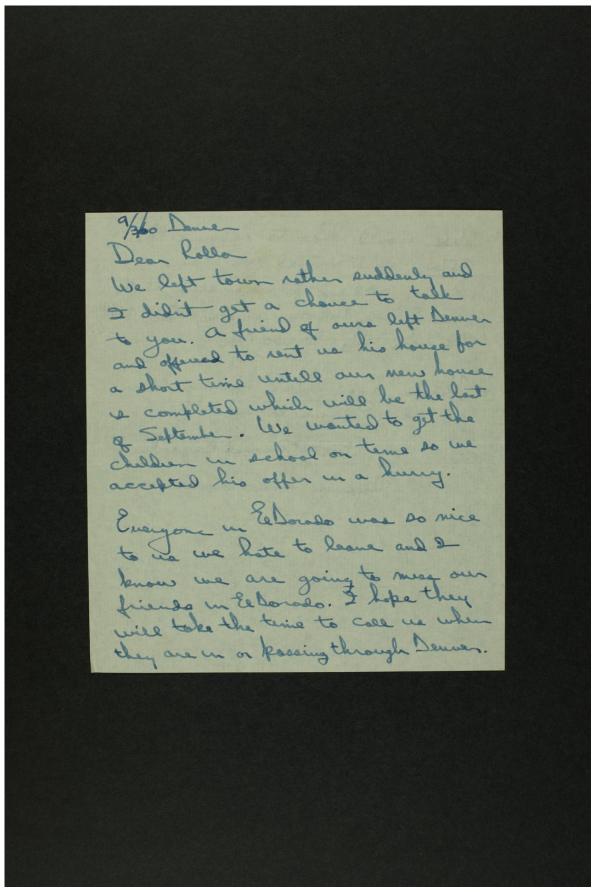




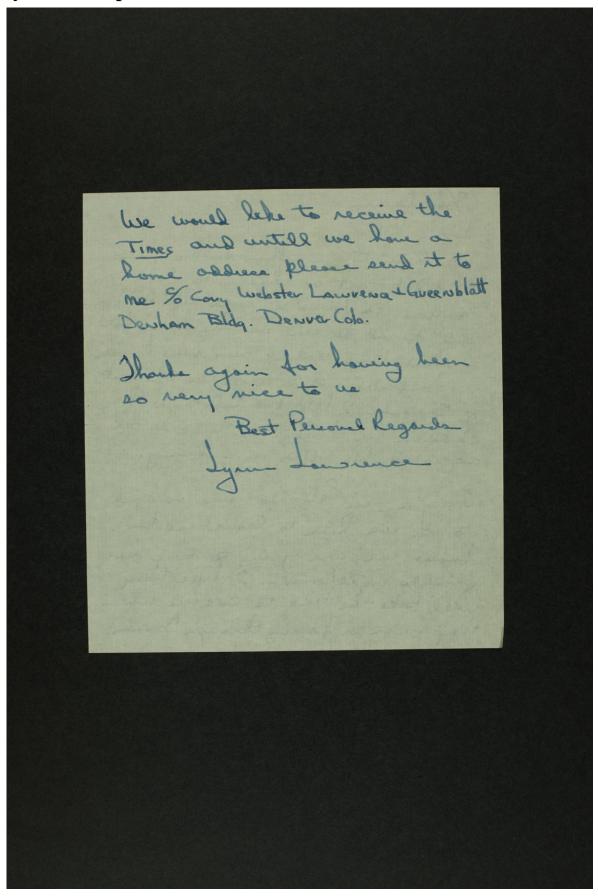














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P. O. BOX 9162 KANSAS CITY 50, MO.

Sept. 4, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The suggestion I would like to offer relative to my column is this: why not run an Editor's Note, either at the beginning or end of the next couple of runs in which you request readers to indicate whether or not they like this column about pets, and would like to have it continue. You might say that you are considering a replacement unless you receive a sufficient number of calls or letters showing interest in Pet News & Gossip to justify it's continuance.

Another thing, and this may be pertinent, is the day of week. Two other papers that ran on Saturday changed to Thursday and Friday with a favorable result. There had been no mail from one, and after the change from Sat., letters started coming. The other had (K.C.Kansan) almost no mail, having had it fall off after the first few weeks when they stopped running it Friday. Now that it is back alternating between Thursday and Friday, mail is increasing nicely. However, I never expect to pull mail such as the question and answer type of communs do, but I'll bet I have the reader interest, anyway.

Anyway, Mr. Clymer, I have been grateful to you for having given my material an opportunity this long, and although I still am confident that it is the type of thing your folks read and enjoy as they do your other feature stories, I shall not complain should you decide to drop me later on, if mail does not improve, and that is your yard-stick. Please know that I am most appreciative of the manner in which you have placed my column as it surely couldn't be in a more advantageous spot. You've been most gracious to a neophyte in this business of writing. Hope I'm in your paper a long time ahead, but will be grateful for the period Pet News & Gossip has been run, and still will be.

Sincerely farry balwards



### Rolla Clymer correspondence

For Week Ending Sept. 11, 1960

PET NEWS & GOSSIP
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#### NATIONAL DOG WEEK

The theme for the promotion of National Dog Week this year is "Deserve To Be Your Dog's Best Friend". This is an annual week of being kind to canines, and attempting to educate increased numbers of americans about dogs, their value to mankind in many ways, their many talents that make them a valuable addition to any home as a companion as well as a protector of people and property, and our responsibility to see that dogs are properly and kindly cared for by their owners, as they richly deserve.

Each year this National Dog Week has been observed by larger numbers of communities, in most of our states.

Not only dog clubs, but civic clubs, youth organizations such as Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs etc. are already getting set to put on pet shows, pet parades and exhibitions in many states and in local areas throughout \*\*\* the country.

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However, just about mid-night his dog awakened him with an unholy racket, barking as though his life depended on it. Jack went to the window and called to the dog to be quiet. This only caused a temporary respite, because his dog again barked furiously and loudly. Angered by this interruption of his slumber, Jack stuck his head out of the window and shouted, "Cut that out or I'll kill you" .! Soon the dog subsided, and quiet prevailed. Next morning it was found that someone had removed the hinges from the front door of the grocery store, and had been about to go in when they no doubt heard Jack call at his dog. Apparently the would-be robbers thought he was shouting at them, and left in a hurry without stealing a thing. How about that! That dog couldn't see what was going on at the front of the store, but he could hear it, and he gave the alarm in the only manner he could, by barking loud and furiously. and he got results, even though it was sort of round-a-bout. 2 REMINDERS

Because of a number of letters requesting travel information, I shall repeat a tip I gave some time ago: for a booklet which lists motels and hotels throught the United States where pets are accepted, write to Gaines Dog Research Center, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. enclosing 25¢. You will find this a real help on your vacation trip.

Check your dogs daily for ticks and fleas this time of year, as they are giving dogs the dickens most everywhere. Only wood ticks are no longer a menace, as they quit in September, or work from May to August. All other types are pests the year around, and abound in grass and shrubbery. If you don't know what to do about such, write me P.O. Box 9162, Kansas City 50, Mo.



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Kansas Ctiy, Mc., Sept. 5, 1960.

Mr. R. A. Ulymer, Ed. and Gen. Mgr.,
Mr. David H. Clymer, Assc. Gen. Mgr.,
The Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.
Kind Editors:

Thanks so much for printing my letter to the editor about Mansas City sunflowers. Thanks for the copy you mailed to me

So we can't talk you out of the Kansas sunflower? We wouldn't wint to lose our "Missouri Waltz. I don't know what they would play for Harry S. Fruman on special occasions if not for the Mo. Waltz. But he doesn't like

the waltz. I wouldn't want to lose this 1901 Oliver typewriter I am using now. I wouldn't want to break in a Smith-Premier, or a woodstock, or Fox.

Someone is capitalizing on hansas sunflowers, I believe. I bought a

package at the store the other day, for five cents. They are put up by Fisher Nut Co., St.Paul, Minn. They are "salted in the shell". They look exactly like hansas sunflower seed. Their slogan: "Yum, Yum, they're good." They taste like peanuts, shell and all. Mansas has royaltaes due them.

The Clinton, Mo., Democrat says: Many Mansas Republicans may find cheer, after two Docking Democratic administrations, in a prediction of Judge Marold Pierce, of Clinton, Mo. who was tasked by M. N. white Clinton Democrat publisher, if there was any significance in the huge 14-inch sunflowers in the Pierce garden. Whot that I know of, " the judge said, "unless it means the Republicans are sure to carry Mansas." (Mansas notes today.)

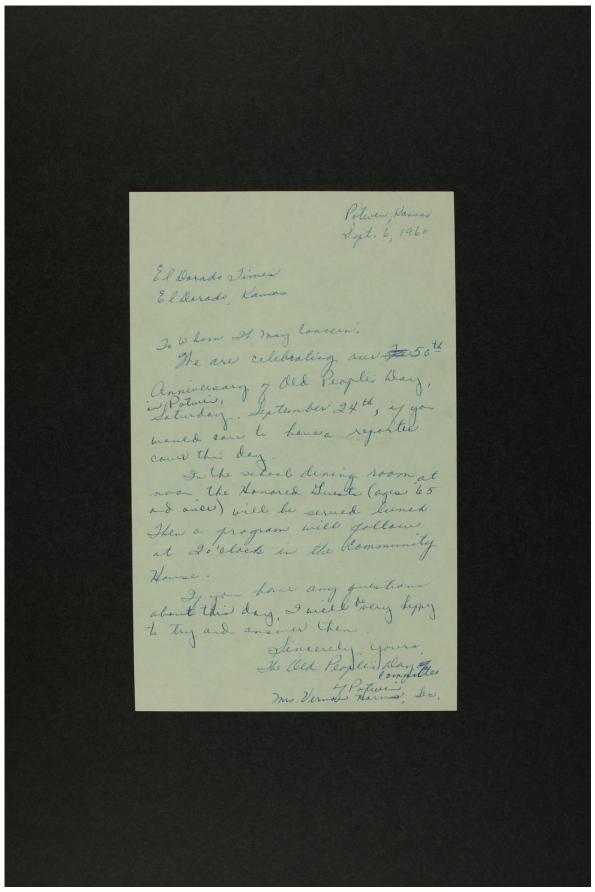
Since writing last I have grown a sunflower of 15 inches. We owe it all to Mansas, the sunflower state. I saw the day in July 1913 in Mansas when several sunflowers clustered together, made a fine shade.

Since you started the ball-arolling about 14 inch sunflowers, we haven't heard the last of them.

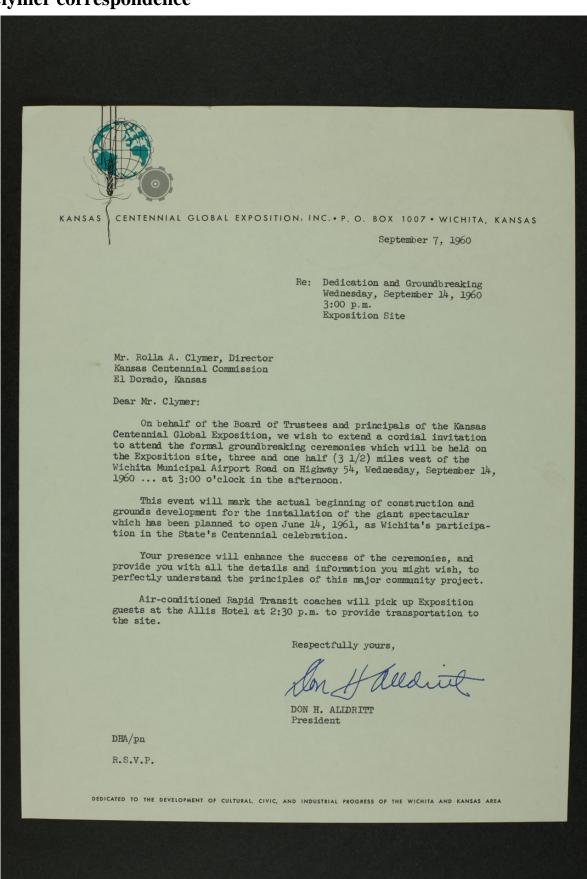
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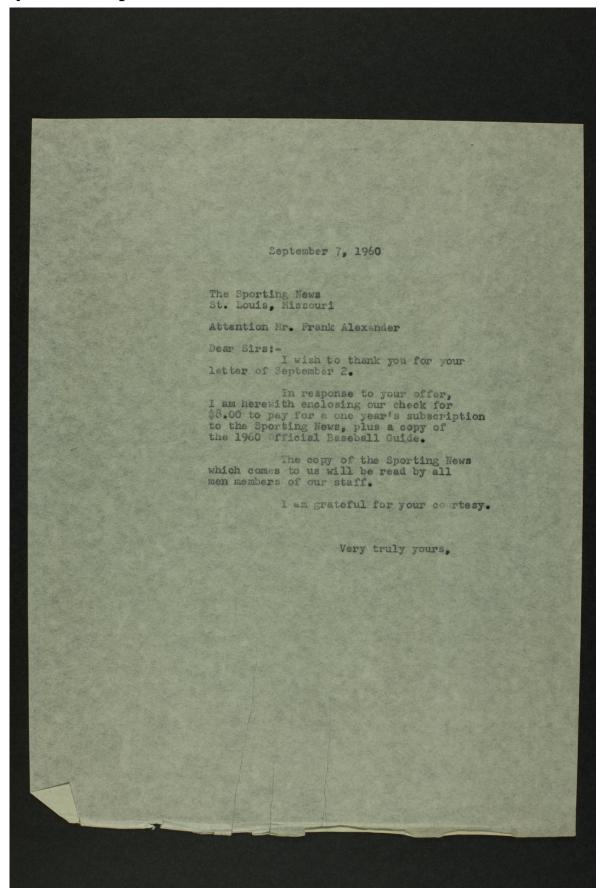














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Parsons 9-7-60

Dear Ham:

This is quite a day in the Reed family. Our son Martin left today to go to K. U. and it has left his father, and probably his mother, a little bit shook up. Nobody yet has succeeded in stopping time, but it does give you pause to think where "he left home as a boy, and will come back as a man."

It will keep Father's nose to the grindstone paying for it, too. College educations certainly don't come cheap nowadays and I am only thankful we laid back a bit these past years to give us a running start in meeting his expenses. But it will be worth it!

I am having a lot of fun out of the colyum, and thank you again for convincing me I ought to do it. Some of the clippers around the state have treated me generously and I had a nice letter from Parse Kimmel about it, as well as some comment here at home.

We had a fair August, closing out with a respectable gain although last August (1959) wasn't anything to stimulate dividends. As long as we keep moving in the Right Direction, I guess everything will be all right.

I'm sorry I didn't get up to party council, but wasn't quite feeling up to it. I think maybe I'm getting to the bottom of my stomach troubles. A Kansas City doctor I've been going to thinks it might be a bad tooth or two, causing a low grade infection. As a result I had all my teeth X-rayed yesterday and fear one or more may have to come out. I'll wind up probably with a full upper plate, and as Umpleasant as that can be, I still will take it over ulcers, indigestion, etc.

Politics continues at a low point around here. The weather is too hot for any interest and I am only happy that I'm not out beating the pavements and happy highways on these targets a torrid days. There are easier ways of keeping body and soul together.

Hope all is well with you.

