

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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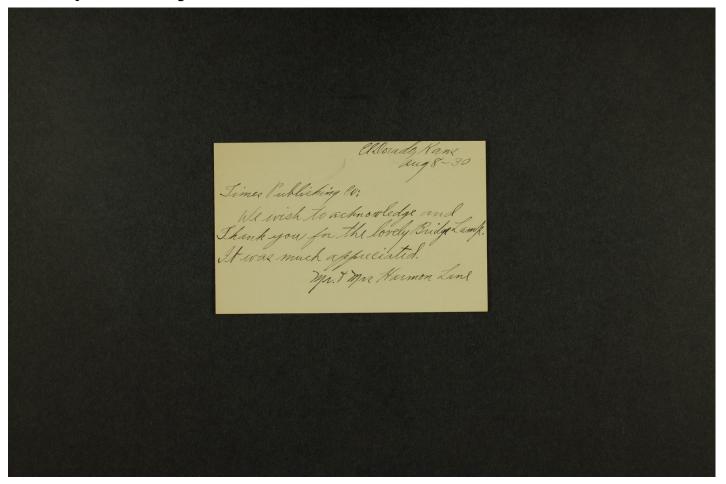
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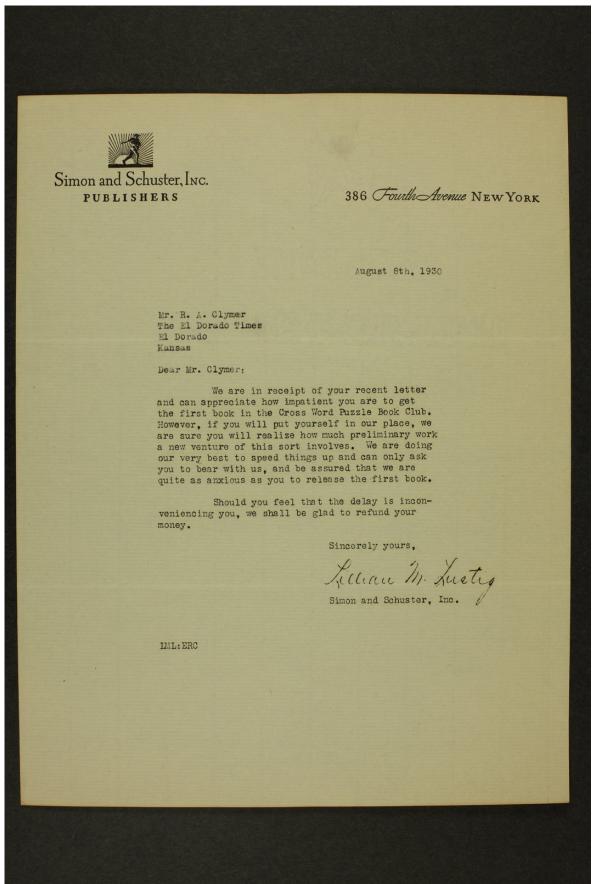
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own car, that would eliminate such a solution and I should probably have to go after my folks. Betty could not manage two lively kids and still drive the car back. In the event that I have to rally around, I will not go after them until they are ready to come home. It is vacation period here and we are operating underx with a reduced force. I shall have to fill in at certain places the next few weeks. It is a bit lonesome here, but I am comfortable and am glad that Betty and the little ones, as well as Mother Hoasington, are out of this terrible and relentless heat. They seem to be having more or less of a strenuous time in the mountains, but at that they are better off there than here. This has grown to be quite a letter. I am sorry I did not get to see Gregg et al. I heard they were on their way back to Kansas and called Helen last Saturday, only to find they had gone on that day. Sincerely yours,

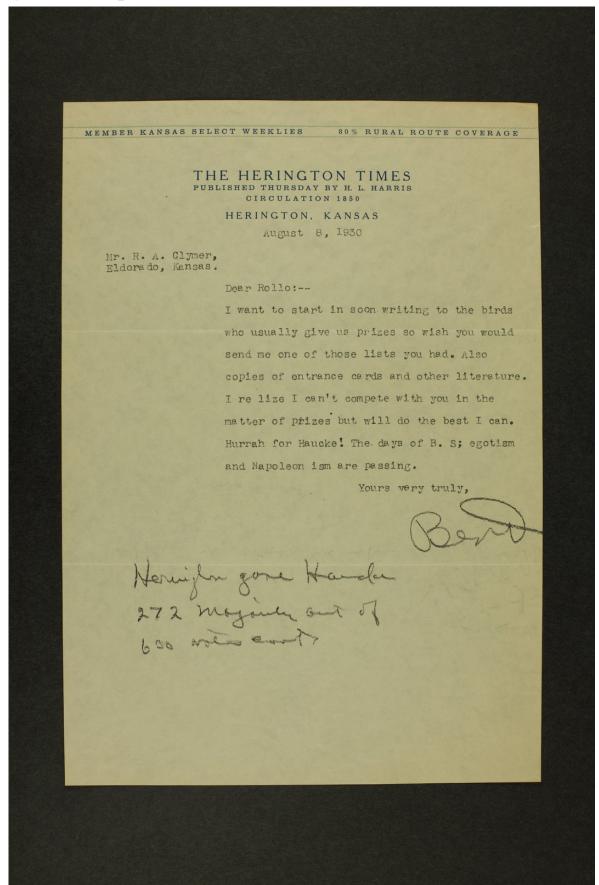




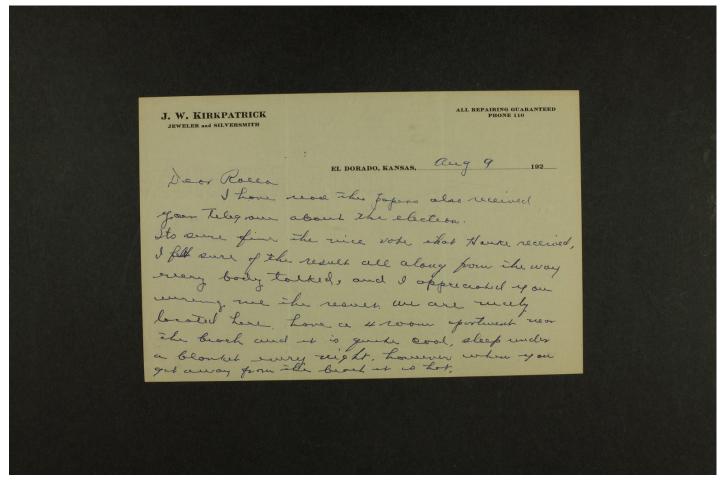




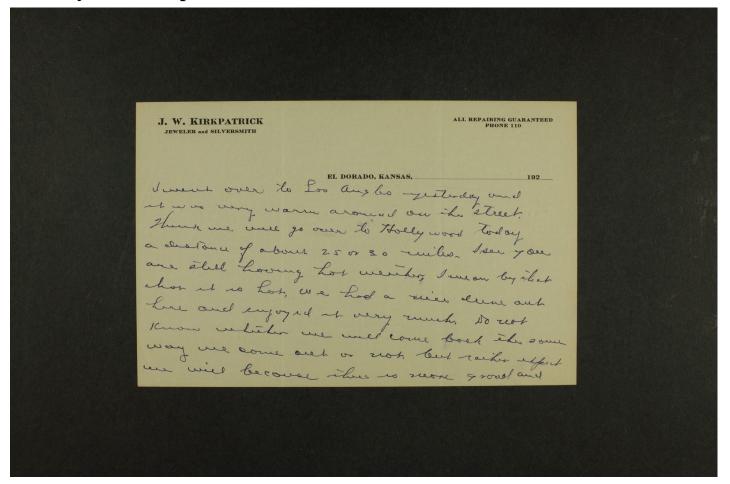








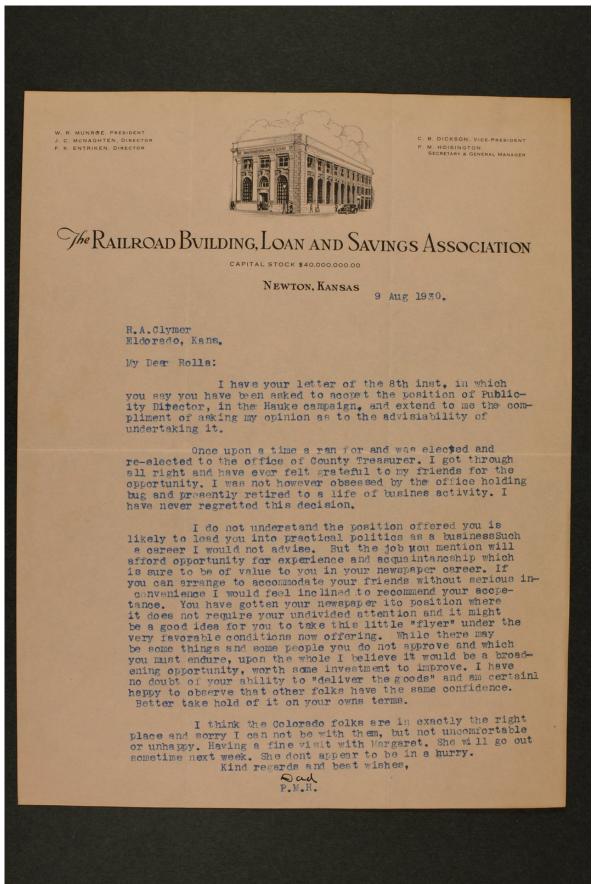






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August 9, 1930

My Dear Dutch:
I suppose it is no secret to you that Haucke,

Hamilton, Breyfogle et al have asked me to take over the

publicity for the campaign. The request rather studined me. I

am just a country boy who has never had much luck with the

city slickers and I know a whole lot less than nothing about

the handling of such a job. If I should take it, I would

have to have a lot of coaching from you and Art and Clug

and some of the rest of thus bunch. I know this would be

forthcoming freely, but even your help might not be enough

to put me over provided I showed a tendency to fumble the

ball.

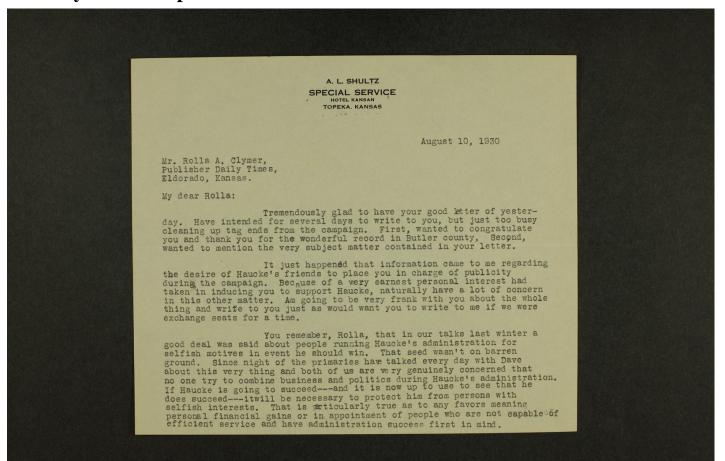
That is one concern. Another is my business. I presume you know I work at my job. I like it. I watch about everything there is around this newspaper and try to keep the business and all else coming. Breyfogle said the state job would require at least half of my time for six or seven weeks. That would entail some sacrifice on my part. I haven't any desire for any political job or appointment in the world; wouldn't have one on a platter and you know it. Also, I hold no particular yen to sit with the brass hats and parcel out the pie. Nevertheless, the job rather tempts me in that it would broaden my acquaintance, tend to lift me out of provincialism and give me contacts with some influential men.



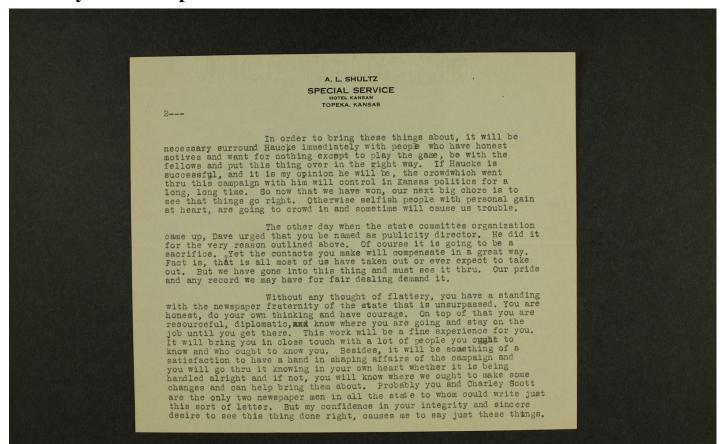
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That, I take it, would be personal gain and wouldn't help the newspaper much. Sometimes the home boys get a bit jealous and backward if they think one of their crowd has delusions of grandeur and is trying to break in for a trial in the big leagues. I am just talking out loud to you and doubtless am boring you. I have a couple of weeks in which to make up my mind. If you could give me some advice out of your valuable experience and philosophy, I know I should appreciate it like time -- just at this juncture. And I expect you had better keep the fact of this letter to you confidential. We handed Reed one to the chin in Butler County and nothing has tasted so good to me in twenty years. The Reed headquarters had the guts to call me Tuesday night, and I got considerable satisfaction in relating the way things were going here, expecially in Oil Hill precinct where the vote was 100 to 9. The Empire boys are still out with wet elm clubs hunting for those nine. Sincerely yours,











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A. L. SHULTZ
SPECIAL SERVICE
HOTEL KANSAN
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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It seems to me that even at a sacrifice you should go just as far as possible in the work of this campaign and affairs of the Haucke administration. Instead of developing community jealousies, am sure you will handle it in a way to develop confidence not only at home but thruout the state.

In my opinion there will not be a great deal to do before October 1. At least not more than two or three days a week required here from September 10 or 15 until first of October. Much of your time will be required during October. With exception of a week-end, maybe most of it for that month. If did not believe it was the right thing to do, would not write this way. But earnestly urge you to take this and feel you will never regret it.

Suggest you run up for an evening sometime this week and talk it over if you wish. But do not hold off and do not decline. You have been carefully thought out for this chore and the decision was reached because you are just the man needed.

Showed your letter to Dave. Hope you will not regard that as a breach of confidence. But we have gone over these things so many times, that this action was rather imperative. Subject matter of your letter will, you may be sure, go no further.

Pardon this long letter. But just had to make this speech and wanted you to know how the fellows who have their heart in the Haucke matter really feel. Of course you know will help in any possible way after you get here.

Best regards to yourself and Mrs. Clymer.

Very sincerely,



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August 11, 1930

Dear Bert:
I am sending you the list of names which we made

up mx for ourselves at the time of the golf tournament, and

from which we worked. We plastered them all generally with

the first announcements sent out. Then we checked the list

and sent cards and information thereafter only to those whom

we were reasonably sure had some intentions of attending the

tournament.

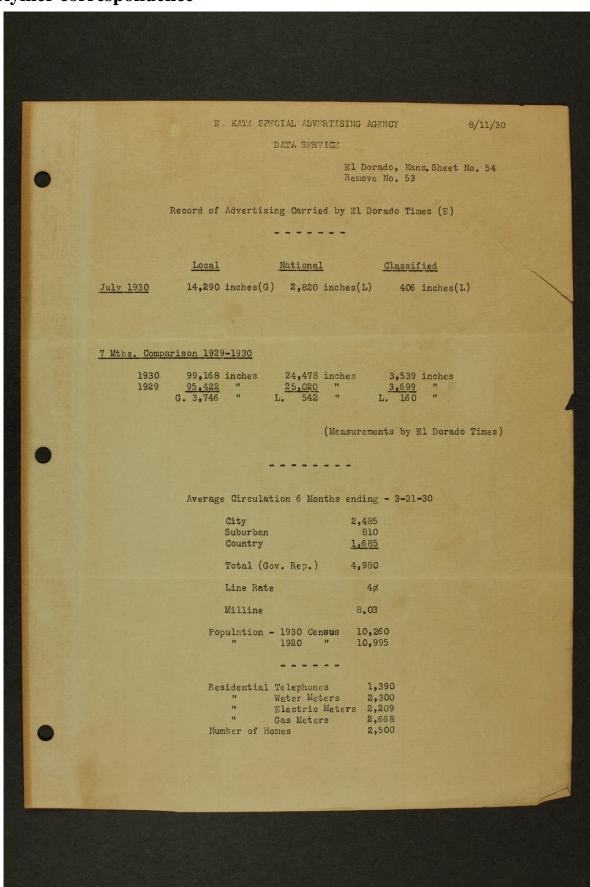
You will also find among the enclosures the prize list, copies of registration cards and the requisition sheets with appended information. I found all this good stuff and it certainly made the handling of the affair easier. I don't have any copies of the original announcements or news stories that we made up and broadcast, but you will want to do that by ourself according to your own line-up, anyway.

Kirkpatrick is in California and I won't know until his return how much money the association has on hand. There is a little, enough to start you off on printing and postage which was more than I had.

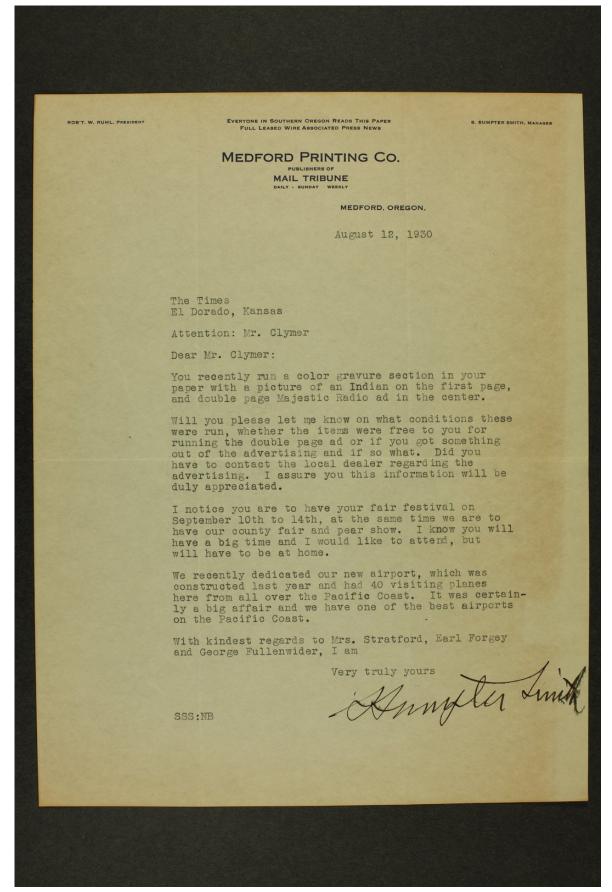
Make the tournament early in October. The election may be hot and I may be at Topeka directing Haucke publicity, and certainly don't want to miss your party. Call on me for anything else you want that I might have overlooked.

Yours,

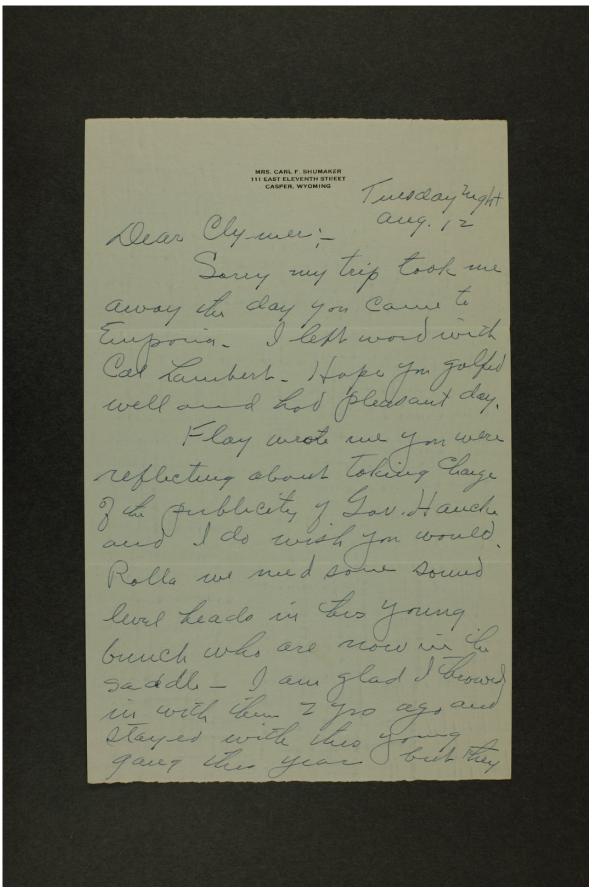




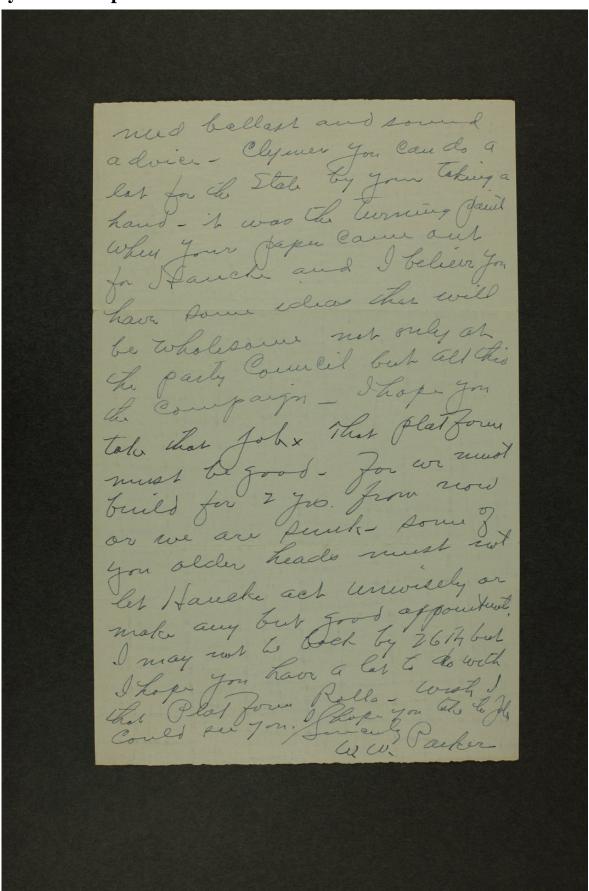














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August 12, 1930

Here is a little surprise for you. The powers that be decided we were carrying too much money yesterday, so held a meeting and a dividend is forthcoming. I have deposited individual checks for you and Lena ininkingx in the sum of \$225 respectively, total \$450, in the name of the Murdock Estate and am herewith sending you the deposit slip. I thought this would be a favor to you, as handling that money in the mountains might not be convenient. Hope you will approve this, as well as the idea of having a dividend at all.

But keep it mum, keep it mum. These are hard times and it wouldn't do for any body to know that the Old Home Paper is making any money.

I hope you are having a good time. Betty has given me some information concerning you. If you get a good chance, you might hug my kids a couple of hundred times for me. It is so quiet around the house I can't sleep.

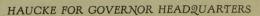
The weather is cooler here just now but I don't think it will last. Have a good time and stay all winter if necessary.

By the way, we had an election here last week and you ought to see what we did to the other fellow. It was lots of fun. Business is a little draggy but we expect to keep going.

Affectionately yours,



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New England Building TOPEKA, KANSAS

JOHN W. BREYFOGLE, Chairman

August 13, 1930.

Mr. Rolla Clymer, El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Permit me at this time to formally thank you for the very great service which you rendered M_T . Haucke and this organization in the campaign which has just closed. We are very grateful, indeed, and want you to know that we realize, fully, that the victory was won out on the firing line where you men went "over the Top".

We will be calling on you again this fall, knowing that you will respond just as readily. In the meantime, we are going fishing and hope to get a much needed rest.

The Chief joins me in extending our sincere appreciation for all that you have done; also please convey our appreciation to our friends in your community who have so ably assisted in the campaign.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

chairman. A Brey fogle

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