

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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April 5, 1932

Mr. Jack Bauman,
St. Louis, Mo.

My Dear Jack:-

Was mighty glad to receive your fine letter the other day. I miss you a lot. Wish you could drift in here now and then and put your nose in the old feed bag out at the hut. We have a new home now, one with over an acre of ground. I am thinking of putting in 18 holes. When I do, I want you to give it a grand opening. The editorial tourney is at Hutchinson May 6 and 7, and I really believe your firm should send you out there then to look over the Kansas wheat crop. This is an idea--and you are entitled to use it free. I shall see that you get into the tournament if you come. Business is not so good here, but we are drifting along and it may get better. Prospects are improved for this month. I am still with the Imperial but haven't seen Bill Prentice lately.

I am sorry we have no Eastern hotel strip. I would surely be glad to pass it along to you, if we had. I am a delegate to the National Republican Convention in June. Is there any chance to see you there then?

Take good care of yourself, old top. It's fine to know that you don't forget me. Best luck always.

Yours,

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REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Chairman
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Vice-Chairman

April 6, 1932

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

My dear Rolla:

I had intended to take no active part in the coming primary campaign until I learned that my good friend Walt Neibarger of Tonganoxie had announced as a candidate for lieutenant governor. During the last few years Walt and I have been closely associated both personally and politically and I am quite anxious to do what I can to help him. I know of no better way to assist him than to call upon my own friends hoping to enlist their support in his behalf.

Mr. Neibarger has always been consistently helpful in the interests of our friends who have sought nominations in the primary campaigns in the past. He is loyal to his convictions -- a Republican always. He is truly a splendid fellow and well worthy of your support.

Regardless of the outcome of the gubernatorial primary campaign if we could have Walt Neibarger on the ticket I am sure it would do a great deal to stimulate the interest of our own group for the benefit of the whole ticket in the fall campaign.

If you feel you can assist Mr. Neibarger I would appreciate hearing from you so that I may get in touch with you later in the campaign.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JH:y

John Hamilton
Just came in from the
Sussey who sent their regards

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Wichita, Kansas,
April 6, 1932.

Dear Sir:

Recently, the Oil and Gas Committee of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee composed of A. S. Ritchie, N. M. Hutchinson and H. L. McQuiston, to investigate and perfect a local A. P. I. Chapter in Wichita.

Pursuant to this appointment, the Committee met April 4, and have drafted the attached by-laws. These by-laws will definitely assign specific duties to various groups and insure a wider participation in the affairs of the Chapter.

The object of this organization is for the purpose of fostering a spirit of economic cooperation among those directly engaged in the production of oil and gas, and the promoting of free exchange of ideas among members. The discussions at these meetings will not be confined to operating problems alone. Special effort will be made to promote a more cordial understanding by the general public of the close economic relationship that exists between the oil industry and other lines of business. Stable or unstable conditions in the oil business are immediately reflected in the general welfare of the community. They effect the population, the bank deposits, the purchasing power of the community and in some areas they are the sole barometer of local prosperity and progress.

It is the intention to invite and encourage civic leaders to attend Chapter meetings, familiarize themselves with a more complete study of the problems of the oil industry and in turn speakers familiar with the oil business should contact with civic organizations and participate in their meetings so as to give the general public a better understanding of the oil industry.

It is desired that we hold a preliminary meeting prior to the general meeting of the Chapter to formulate and place in order such things as will warrant the success of the Chapter.

We have selected a number of prominent leaders in the industry for this purpose and are, therefore, inclosing a copy of the proposed by-laws for your consideration and desire that you attend this preliminary meeting to be held at the Allis Hotel, Friday, April 15, at 7:30 P. M., to discuss such matters as will come before the meeting.

Through your efforts and support, we are confident that an A. P. I. Chapter in Wichita, will be a benefit to the community and to the oil industry in general, and will, without a doubt, be a howling success.

Trusting that we may have your whole hearted support, we remain,

Very truly yours,

APPOINTED A.P.I. COMMITTEE

By _____
Chairman.

ENCLOSURE

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April 8, 1932

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sirs:-

Provided we can buy it at the rate of \$54.00
per ton, we wish to enter our order for a car of news print,
to be shipped at once, assorted as follows:

(Based on 100 rolls to car:)

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25 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rolls

We will ask you to deliver this into El Dorado over
the ~~Missouri Pacific~~ ^{Santa Fe} Railway line.

On his recent visit here, your Mr. W. J. Hilvers
said it was his intention to recommend to his superiors in
your company that the competitive price in this territory be
met. We have had no word from your company, however, to that
effect. We are buying all our news print from your company,
as we have previously stated, but feel we should not be re-
quired to pay more for it than the competitive price now
ruling.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and its
provisions, and let us know about when the car will be ship-
ped.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Friend Rolla:--

El Dorado
~~Cherokee~~ Had a talk this mornring with Mr. H. Eisenhower of
and he is working on a block of oil leases in this county
in connection with some holdings down in McPherson county.
He said he knew you well and wish you would give me the dope on
him as he may be around here for some time and I told him would be
glad to help him any way that I could.
Yours reply will of course be confidential.

Our old friend? is still in town, understand that she is writing a
book and hope you and I are not the leading characters. She still has
her apartemnt but has never spoken to any one connected with the
office since she left.

Am dam glad I still have my old press. The other paper went blue
and their old press was shipped several weeks ago up to
Minnesota. Sure quiet here and have tried to cut down and make
both ends meet but its some task.

Let me known about Eisenhower.

Yours tr ly

April 8 1932

Harry E. Montgomery



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LAWYERS
EL DORADO, KANSAS

April 9th 1932

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

Re: Federal Land Bank of Wichita, v.
Walton, et al. No. 15,774

Dear Clymer:

I hand you, herewith, publication
summons in this action which you will publish
for three consecutive weeks, commencing April
14th, making proof of publication to the
Clerk of the District Court.

This publication should run
April 14th, April 21st and April 28th.

Very truly,

KMG'fs

enc.

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April 11, 1932

Mr. Harry E. Montgomery,
Junction City, Kansas

My Dear Harry:-

What I am about to tell you is extremely confidential and I know you will regard it that way. I have known H. C. Eisenhower for a great many years--used to know him in Emporia, in fact, when he was a paperhanger and before he became an "oil man." He is an excellent lease man but is not to be trusted. One banker told me today that he is crooked. I don't know anything about that. I do know that he has failed to pay his bills and that numerous judgments have been issued against him here and elsewhere. If you have any dealings with him, be sure to keep your guard up and don't let him get into you. I am speaking frankly because of our friendship, feel that you would want the lowdown truthfully and am sure that you will take care of yourself in any dealings you may have with the fellow in question.

I suppose the book you mention as now being in process of birth will have you as Simon Legree and me as Shylock. Well, so be it. There are some things one cannot help. I hope your business will improve. We have noticed a little pickup lately. I have cut expenses some, but it is hard to go as far as one should. We paid off our last machinery note the other day and intend to keep out of debt hereafter. Good luck to you. Hope I can see you some time soon. Sincerely your friend,

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April 11, 1932

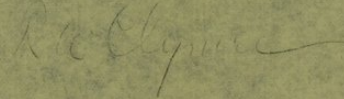
Mr. D. W. Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Mulvane:-

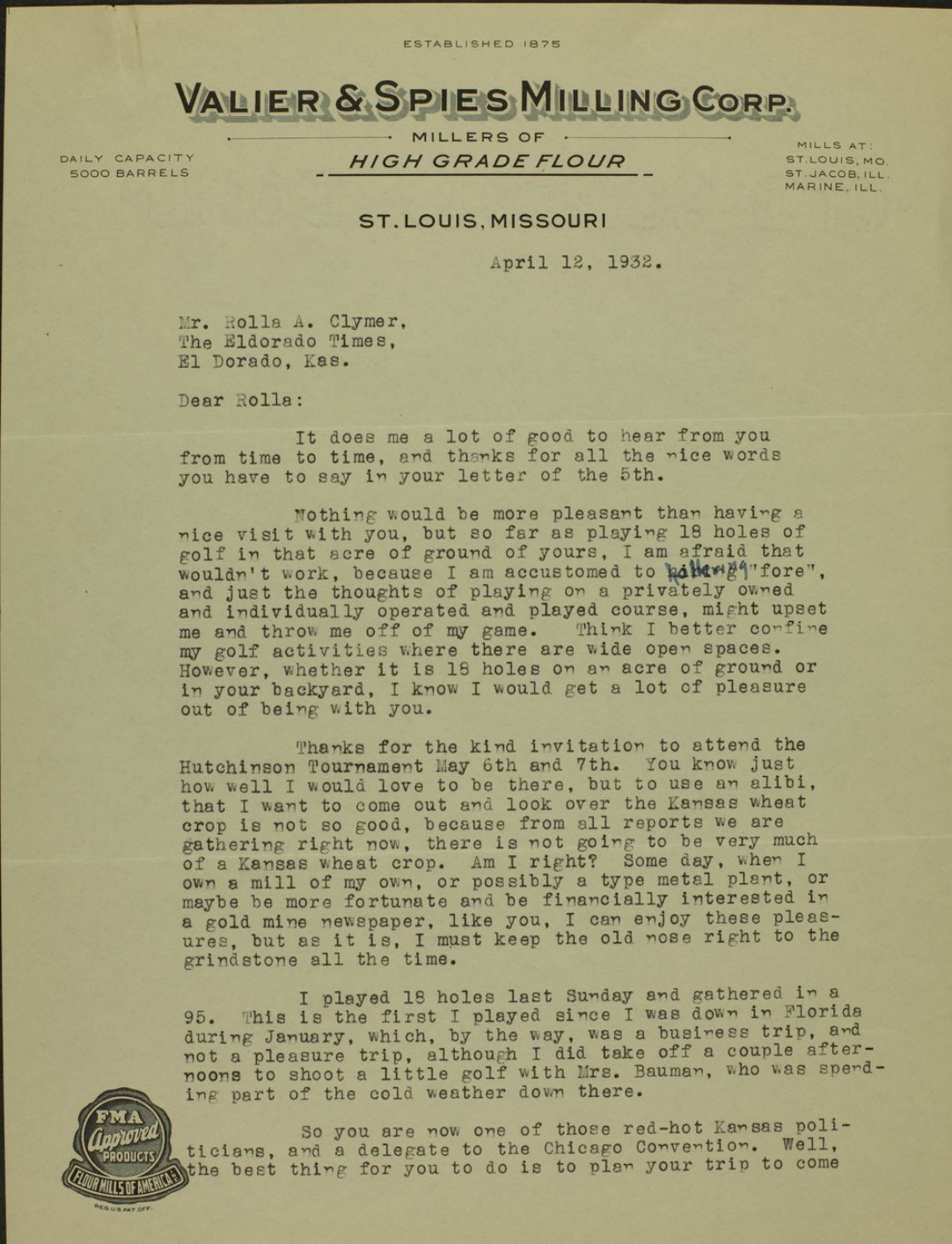
I wish you would save a room for me at the Hotel Stevens for the Republican Convention in Chicago, in June, in accordance with your recent letter. I have been unable to make other arrangements, and certainly would prefer being close to the Kansas delegation anyway. And I want to thank you for your kind attention to this detail.

With best wishes, I am as always

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Rolla A. Clymer.

via St. Louis and spend a week end with me. Are you planning on driving? If you do drive, the natural route is through St. Louis, and if you don't drive, it doesn't cost any more to come via St. Louis, so I am expecting to see you in June, and in addition to the Baumans, you can take in the Lindbergh Memorial, take in the finest Flour Mill in the Middle West, and, of course, shoot a little golf.

With kindest personal regards, and let me hear from you, I am,

Sincerely,

Jack Bauman
Vice President

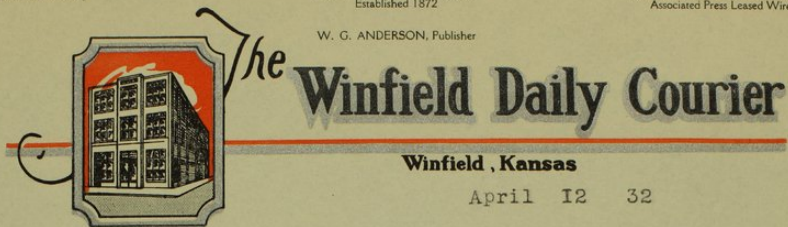
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Rolla Clymer,
ElDorado, Kansas.

My dear friend:

That was a very kindly editorial about me and my work on the Highway commission. You and Paul Jones must have strained your consciences a bit when you let your typewriters dash off those paragraphs. Even though they are more than I deserve I do appreciate them.

I did give the work a lot of time and attention. I tried to push the work. I wanted a high standard of road maintenance. But I did not get for this district as much money for construction as it was entitled to.

I have appreciated your support more than I can tell. Your paper has always been interested, it has given the department good publicity.

For that tribute of Monday's paper believe me truly grateful.

Cordially yours

W. G. Anderson.

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April 12, 1932

Hon. R. A. Clymer,

Eldorado, Kansas.

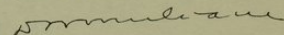
Dear Rolla:

Room 1247A has been allotted to you at Hotel Stevens
for the Convention. Suggest that a few days before you start
you write them, informing as to the date of your arrival.

Hoping to see you sometime in the near future,

I am,

Sincerely yours,





TELEPHONE 5-0410

KANSAS DIVISION

ADDRESS MAIL TO BOX 1253

INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

618 Brown Building
WICHITA, KANSAS

April 13, 1932.

Dear Friend:

We suggest that if you have not already done so, that you write a personal letter to our Kansas Representatives, Hon. James G. Strong, Hon. Wm. A. Ayres, Hon. W. P. Lambertson, Hon. U. S. Guyer, Hon. Homer Hoch, Hon. Clifford Hope, Hon. Chas. I. Sparks, and Hon. Harold McGugin. Address them all in care of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

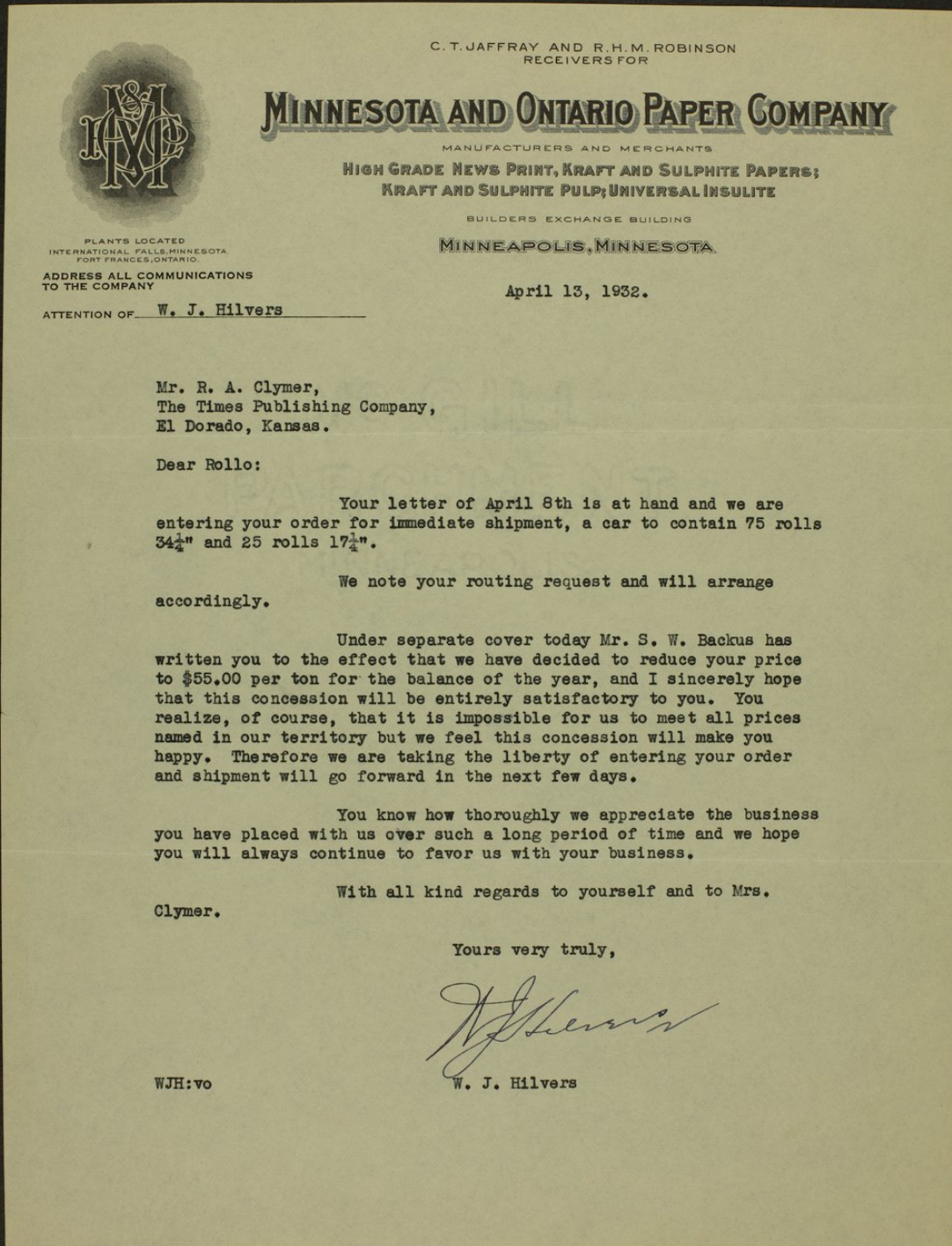
These gentlemen are entitled to a little praise and evidence of appreciation for the work they have done. Some letters probably should go to some other Representatives, too, but by all means our Kansas Representatives are entitled to a little praise for the hard consistent fight and the accomplishment in our behalf. Use whatever language you wish that will show your evidence of sincerity.

We would suggest that you ask some of your friends to also write our Kansas Representatives.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Franklin
Executive Manager.

JMF:ES



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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

April 13th, 1932

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

While our contract with you is based upon the price of Eastern manufacturers, we realize that you are being solicited for business by Pacific Coast mills, and notwithstanding the fact that these prices are below cost to us under present operating conditions, we know that you too are having your struggle during this severe depression period, the like of which has never occurred before.

Therefore, in order that you may know how much we appreciate your continued loyalty, we have decided to reduce your price, effective April 1st and for the balance of this year, from \$57.00 to \$55.00 per ton, f. o. b. mill with full freight allowed to El Dorado, as we are satisfied that you will continue to favor us with your business.

We are not making this concession generally to all of our customers as in some localities competition does not make it necessary. Therefore we hope you will treat this as a confidential communication.

All shipments for the balance of the year will be billed to you as at present, and at the end of each three months period, credit memorandum will be forwarded to you covering the adjustment in price on the shipments made during the preceeding quarter.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

S. W. Backus

SWB H



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G. L. Light
ATTORNEY AT LAW
202 LIGHT BLDG.
LIBERAL, KANSAS

April 14, 1932.

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

I presume you will be a little bit surprised to receive a letter from me and I just as well admit now that I do not expect an answer.

I have written Mr. McCluggage of your city today in behalf of H. D. Bush, head of the music department of our schools here and while I regret very much to see Bush leave Liberal, I hope that your Board, in selecting a new man for that place, will not overlook his very fine qualities and exceptional ability, as I really believe he is one of the most efficient men in that capacity that it has ever been my pleasure to meet. Besides that he is a wonderfully good fellow.

I would be glad to know how you are standing the "Repression" and hope that you and yours are all well and enjoying life regardless of whether you are making any money or not.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

GLL-T



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VICTORIA MURDOCK ESTATE, Owners

VICTOR MURDOCK, Editor

MARCELLUS M. MURDOCK, Publisher

The Wichita Eagle

Morning, Evening and Sunday

WICHITA, KANSAS

April 15, 1932.

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor
Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

We have just completed our arrangements today with the Fox Theatre people to put on our annual Bathing Beauty Show. We have been doing this for several years mainly because we get a section of advertising out of it each year, and it helps the theatre to get full houses.

Your Mr. Wm. Rowell of the Fox El Dorado Theatre will receive full instructions on how to go about putting on this contest. He is getting his instructions from Mr. Nat Holt, District Manager for Fox Theatres, who has worked with us for several years in putting on the Wichita show. Mr. Holt is thoroughly familiar with all the plans and details and is capable of helping your local man make this a big success.

In these times of balancing the budget and digging for new business, we are sure that you must be interested in more lineage. Therefore we are writing you to suggest that when Mr. Rowell drops around to your place to discuss this matter, give him your attentive ear because if you get your people out working at it there is considerable advertising in it for you, and in addition an excellent promotion feature that stirs up a lot of reader interest.

This year we are going into the thing a bit more elaborate than we ever have before. Your town along with a few others will select a winner. Your winner will be Miss El Dorado and will come to Wichita. Wichita will select a Miss Wichita. A grand prize will be given to the winner who will be selected from the various towns including Wichita. This young lady will be designated as Miss Southern Kansas and as the plans go now, will be sent on a wonderful trip to Hollywood. All this takes place from the middle of May to the middle of June.

After having operated a similar plan in Wichita for several years, I know from experience that you would be greatly pleased with the results both from an advertising standpoint and reader interest. If there is anything that we can do to help you along by answering any questions, drop us a line. We will be mighty glad to do anything we can. Or better still, the next time you are in Wichita come in and we shall be glad to sit down and discuss it with you thoroughly.



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With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

The Wichita Eagle

By CW Clymer

C.W.Speer-S



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520 North Michigan Avenue Chicago
PHONE SUPERIOR 4416

April 16, 1932

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In acknowledgment to your kind letter of recent date we are indeed sorry to advise you that we are unable to arrange an exchange advertising contract for you with any one of our Chicago hotels that will be honored during the coming National Republican and Democratic Conventions.

All the Chicago hotels we represent are not honoring duebills during that period.

Regretting our inability to be of service to you at this time, we are

Yours very truly,

HARRY ATKINSON INCORPORATED

John T. Hartman
Business Manager

JTF:SW



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THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

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310,000

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CIRCULATION 400,000
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April 18, 1932

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We are seeking to ascertain the effect the proposed amendment to limit tax levies would have on Kansas cities, counties, school districts and rural communities. I know that you have already given the question consideration in your community, and, as a matter of information, I would be grateful if you would pass your views along to us.

What, in your opinion, would be the effect of the amendment on your schools, city and county governments?

Does your city come under the two-mill or the one-and-one-half-mill limitation provision of the proposed amendment? ¹⁵

What would be the effect in your rural districts? *Gen under 15 miles*

How do you think the people are receiving the proposed tax limitation amendment?

I am very much interested in anything concerning the tax situation in Kansas and, if it is not too much trouble, I wish you would fill out the enclosed slip showing your tax set-up. Anything that will reduce taxes without destroying the functions of government, it seems to me, is desirable. But while seeking rigid economy, we should be careful also not to take a step that would destroy the efficiency of our schools and, by constitutional provision, tie our hands in the future in making of economical and needed capital expenditures in our cities, school districts and counties. It is because of the far reaching effect of the proposed amendment that I am anxious to receive as much information as possible from Kansas communities.

If at any time The Star can be of service to you, I am sure you will find that we are glad to reciprocate.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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

Roy Roberts

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April 19, 1932

Judge C. L. Light,
Liberal, Kansas

You Dear Orangutan:-

Of course, I was surprised to hear from you and more so because you did not try to borrow some money. It must have been a dull day for you when you would go so far as to dictate me a letter. Now I am fooling you. I am answering it.

I have taken up the matter of your Bushy friend with McCluggage, head of the board. Of course, your recommendation did not help Bush any, but I rather smoothed things over and he may get a hearing. McCluggage said he knew you--and that almost spilled every bean in the pot.

Any time you ask the governor for appointment again, I shall be glad to do some work for the other fellow. You know how gracious I am that way, don't you?

I read your Liberal paper almost every day. That's one reason why I am so well educated.

Business here is looking up. It couldn't well do much else. "It's flat on its back, aind't it?"

I see your daughter, Beulah, once in awhile. I don't know yet how you ever sired such rine kids. But that's another mystery.

Wish you would stop some time and visit us. It would be a pleasure to tell you what I think of you.

Yours,



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1027 South Arkansas Street,
Rogers, Arkansas,
April 20, 1932.

Editor,
El Dorado Times,
El Dorado, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

After disposing of my newspaper some publisher friends told me that I was fortunate in being able to get out during the depression. They said I probably was avoiding a lot of grief such as others were having, and that now I didn't have anything to worry about.

They were right for the most part. The only thing I have to worry about now is to avoid starving. The property for which I traded my paper has turned out to be more of a liability than an asset, and I can't sell it. I had thought that with my extensive experience on large city papers and in building up smaller ones, I could easily land a good job. But I haven't been lucky enough to even hear of any jobs to land.

My problem now is to find some way to keep on living until things take a turn for the better. So I am writing to you and a few others to make what may be a strange proposition.

I am offering to hold down any editorial job you may have, and all I ask is mere living expenses. The only condition is that this proposition must not interfere with the position or the salary of any other worker. I know that many newspapers are operating short-handed because they cannot afford to hire at prevailing salaries any more experienced men than they now have. If you can use more help, I believe I can be worth much more than what little you would have to pay me.

As to qualifications, I have held jobs on Kansas City and other papers as copy reader, head of copy desk, telegraph editor, city editor and managing editor. Have run papers of my own in Kansas and this state.

If you are interested, I will be glad to know what you can offer and to give any additional information about myself you may desire. Am single and could come at once.

Yours very truly,

Conard Reeves
Conard Reeves.



INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

WIRT FRANKLIN, PRESIDENT
RUSSELL B. BROWN, COUNSEL

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS
640 SHOREHAM BUILDING
TELEPHONE DISTRICT 2665
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

April 21, 1932

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

Dear Rolla:

The enclosed editorial appearing in the Washington Post today is an example of the utter inconsistency of this newspaper in its attitude toward legislation for protection of American industry. The Post has never overlooked an opportunity to say something against protection for oil. Yesterday men of the copper industry made a splendid case before the Senate Finance Committee and the Post comes out this morning with this editorial favoring this protection.

While I agree that copper is in the same boat with oil, having been denied protection in the Smoot-Hawley bill along with several other natural resource industries producing raw materials for further manufacture, I claim that protectionists and protectionist papers should be consistent in their editorial policy. To my mind this advocacy for a copper tariff could form just as strong a claim for protection for oil, and I thought you might use it in copy or for an editorial strengthening your claims that natural resource industries should be protected along with other American investment.

Sufficient testimony has been placed before the Senate Finance Committee to ensure the justification of including excise taxes as revenue-raising measures in the present bill. Politically this does not suit some people, industrially it does not suit others, but I am hopeful that we can get this reported to the Senate for action where I believe the excise measures will pass.

When you have finished with it, please forward the clipping to our Wichita office, 618 Brown Building, as I would like to retain it for our files.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin Lee
MARVIN LEE

ML/b

DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES

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KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY



J. D. NICHOLSON
DISTRICT MANAGER

NEWTON, KANSAS

April 21, 1932

Secretary El Dorado Country Club
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We are hoping this year that we may be able to form a league among the towns with which we have previously scheduled games. Our plan is that the towns of El Dorado, Peabody, Augusta, Marion, McPherson, and Newton all will form a six-town league and arrange a schedule which will be suitable to all of these clubs. We do not know whether or not you have your schedule made up for this season, so in order to get things started, we are going to foster this movement.

It will perhaps be necessary that a meeting be held in Newton, or some other designated place very soon, with a representative of each of the above named clubs present, so that a schedule will be worked out that will meet with the approval of all concerned.

Before doing anything further in this matter, however, we would like to have you let us know as soon as possible if your club would be interested in entering this league. We shall then arrange to invite a committee from each town to represent the club.

An early start on this schedule will be much better, we believe, for two reasons. One is that we expect to hold an invitational tournament, inviting all players of the six-town league to enter. The other is that we also expect to have a championship tournament at the end of the invitational tournament.

If you are unable to reply promptly by letter, we suggest that you get in touch with us by telephone.

NEWTON COUNTRY CLUB

By *E. B. Edwards*
Chairman Tournament Committee

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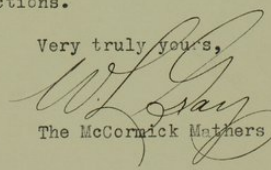
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Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 21, 1932

Mr. Roy Roberts,
Managing Editor The Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Mr. Roberts:-

Enclosed find slip filled out in accordance with the request of your recent letter. Also you will find a statement prepared at the office of the Board of Education, which gives additional information.

Mr. Opinion is, to answer your questions in order, that the proposed tax limitation amendment would seriously cripple the work of schools, city and county government. In fact, it appears that these administrations would almost be wrecked if the law were approved.

Our city of El Dorado comes under the 15 mill provision of the proposed amendment.

The effect in rural districts would not be so serious because most townships are operating under levies of 15 mills already, and the few that are over that mark could come within its limitations without serious impairment of activities.

I find a great deal of objection to the proposal in our town, especially among the thoughtful class. The public is just now beginning to wake up to the extent of the proposed provisions and is discussing it freely. The danger of its passage lies in the vote in the rural districts because, not being affected, they will doubtless vote for it on general principles and leave the towns to worry along with a difficult problem as best they may.

My hope is that every agency will be devoted to a condemnation of this proposal and that it be defeated.

I trust that the information herein will be of some use to you. If you need any additional facts do not hesitate to call on me. I shall always be glad to accommodate you.

Very truly yours,



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KANSAS DIVISION

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INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

618 Brown Building
WICHITA, KANSAS

April 22, 1932.

Directors,
Independent Petroleum Association,
618 Brown Building,
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Yesterday, hearings, on the new revenue bill were completed before the Senate Finance Committee. This Committee will begin executive sessions Monday to rewrite or revise this bill and hope to report it to the Senate within a week.

We believe we have made a strong case for oil and hope to get the rate on imports increased above one cent per gallon and gasoline increased to three cents. Crude imports would remain at one cent. A copy of the proposed amendment will be so worded as to try to prevent any evasion of tax by substitution of shipments under names of the products taxed at lesser rates, and in that way an endeavor will be made to fully protect American refiners. As you know, a tax of ten cents per hundred on imported coal was included in the bill as reported from the House to the Senate.

The producers of copper in my opinion made a splendid case showing that they are in the same position as ourselves, having their markets ruined by the importations of foreign copper which is largely owned by those also owning American sources of supply.

The lumber interests of the Northeast and Northwest in particular showed that their mills and employees were not working because of imports from Canada and other foreign countries which have destroyed both their market and price. This is particularly worse since several European countries have gone off the gold standard, giving them approximately a 30% advantage over Americans in payroll, freight and other expenses. Our state is not a producer of lumber or copper but must depend upon buying these products from outside sources. The New England attitude has been to keep people at a disadvantage who are forced to produce below cost. This does not appeal to me as a true American doctrine to be followed by any political party or individual, and my opinion is that we should urge that the temporary relief available by placing a tax on these imports is justified both as a revenue measure and an emergency protection for these prostrate industries. If this is not done there will remain thousands of men out of work in copper and lumber industries this winter.

Looking at unemployment and its cure from a selfish viewpoint it is to the interests of the oil industry to secure a job for every possible purchaser of oil products. From every other stand-



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point every man should want the other fellow to be self-supporting.

To me it seems absurd that we should rush up and down the land shouting about the loss of foreign trade which is about 10% of the American business. This foreign trade can only be maintained by selling surpluses in competition with sources of foreign supply at lower prices than our costs of production in many commodities and oil in particular. As far as the oil business is concerned, our independent group have none of it worth considering in comparison to home market. We cannot increase consumption except by selling to those who have employment and in that way I think we are fully justified in cooperating with every prostrate and unprotected industry in requesting that our Senators consider favorably a vote that will put Americans back to work instead of allowing the markets to be filled by shipments outside of the United States.

You may not agree with me from a political standpoint, but I believe you would if you could have been here and attended hearings and heard men testify whose last chance is for Congress to take some action so that their investment and their employees might have another chance. If you agree with me it would be well for you to write your Kansas Senators and Senators you know in other states, expressing your views along this line at the earliest possible moment.

The Pan-American-Standard of New Jersey deal, if carried out, as indicated, might be of some value by making it of mutual interest to these two companies to decrease their imports. According to present plans it looks as if there will merely be a stock transfer from the New Jersey Company to the Pan-American for its foreign holdings which would reduce their foreign sales competition, which should be of considerable benefit to both, and perhaps would provide for a lessening of marketing facilities in several of the foreign spots where both have been trying to destroy each other without success, and it might have the effect of a general increase in foreign retail prices. If this result is obtained, it is even better than we had hoped with the one cent per gallon tax as we did not expect it to keep any of the foreign oil out of the States. Of course, such a retrenchment in imports would reduce federal revenue from that source, but perhaps producers would receive more for their crude and their taxes on gross production and income taxes would again provide some of the lost revenue to state and federal governments.

Very truly yours,

Marvin Lee

The above received April 25th at Wichita office and rewritten to you.

Rolla Clymer

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 22, 1938

Mr. E. B. Edwards,
Newton, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Edwards:-

Bill Calkins has turned over your letter to me. Our club will be unable to enter into a golf league this year, for the reason that the board of directors has laid down a policy of having as few tournaments as possible, retaining emphasis upon play at home among members of the Country Club. We will also be unable to play a tournament with Newton this year, which I regret, for only six have been authorized and these have been filled with the Legion, Oil Hill and Eureka.

I am sorry we will be unable to participate but it seems best for us to "shinny on our own side" this season, at least.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer