

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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ment and seek no personal aggrandizement in the use of this article. My interest in this matter is simply my contribution to a common cause which I think is vital. If you use the article, please comply with the recuest of Mr. Eastwood by sending him a copy of your paper with the article, c/o the Public Ledger, Philadelphia. Also, be sure to credit the article to the Public Ledger.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

HM: wh

(Copy of Mr. Eastwood's letter to me)

Representative Harold McGugin, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McGugin:

Your letter to the Ledger was turned over to me yesterday by the editor-in-chief, Mr. Charles M. Morrison, with the suggestion that I take up with the Ledger Syndicate your request for mats of the tax-rebellion page.

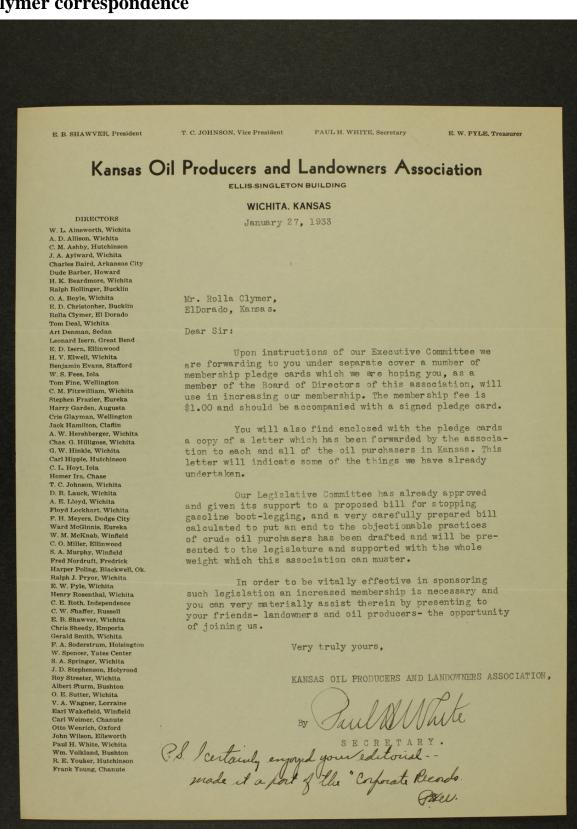
I am happy to report that the Syndicate has not only agreed to do this at the minimum expense but, anticipating your approval, has already prepared a mat of the article for each of the thirteen daily papers in your district. The charge will be \$1 each, to cover the cost of labor, mat and mailing. I am sure you will agree that \$13 is a very nominal sum. The article should, of course, be credited to the Public Ledger.

The Syndicate suggests that you supply us with the list of papers to which you wish the mats mailed, as it would be advisable to send them direct from this office. You may send this list either to me or to Mr. Clyde Rex, c/o the Ledger Syndicate, as soon as you are ready for action.

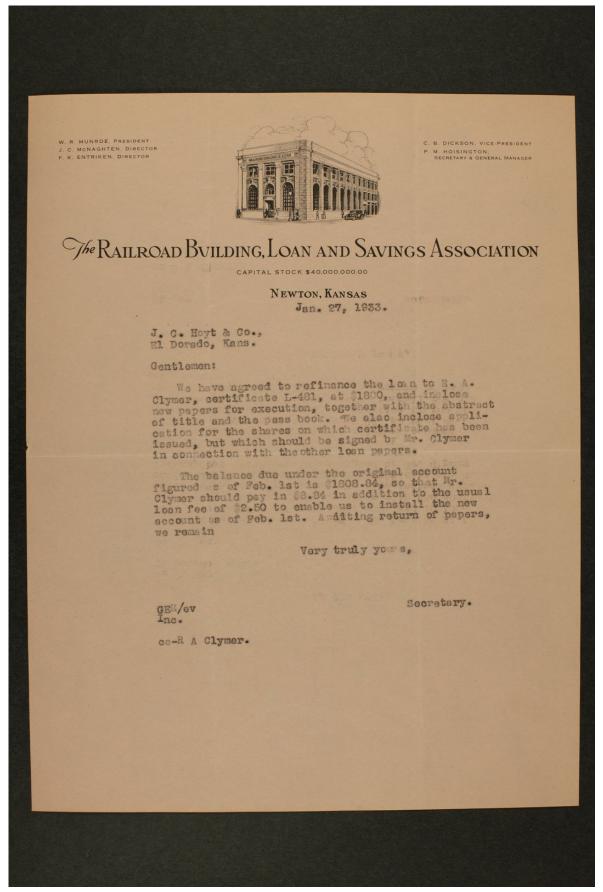
You may be interested to know that I am a native of your district. Winfield is my birthplace and Oswego was my home for about six years. Thus it gives me especial pleasure that Mr. Morrison and the Syndicate are so willing to supply mats of this page at the actual cost. I would be glad to receive a copy of each paper in your district in which it appears.

Yours very truly, EARL EASTWOOD.

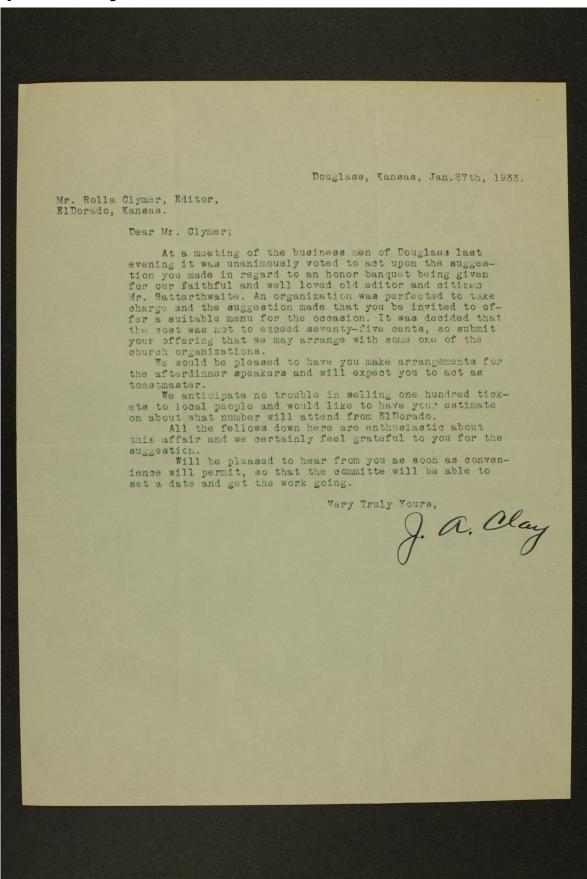




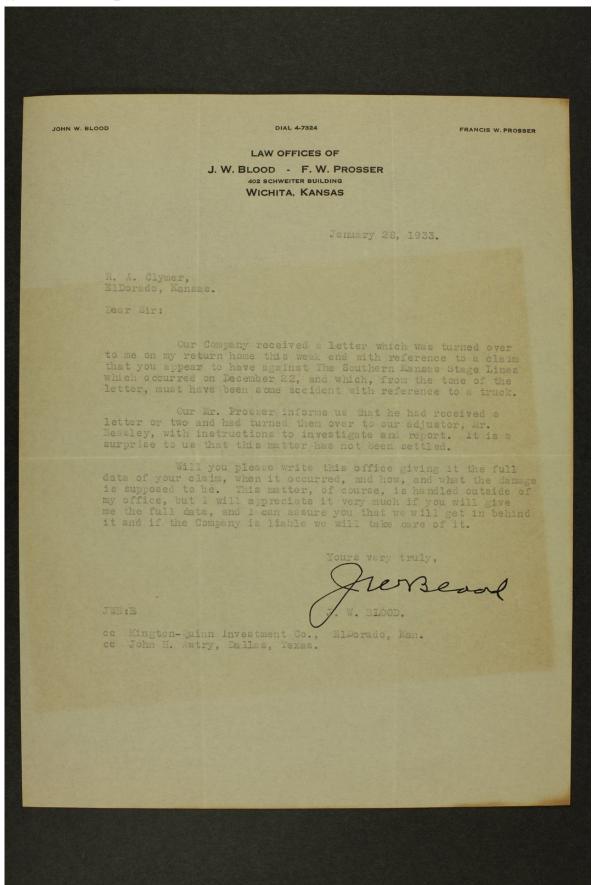




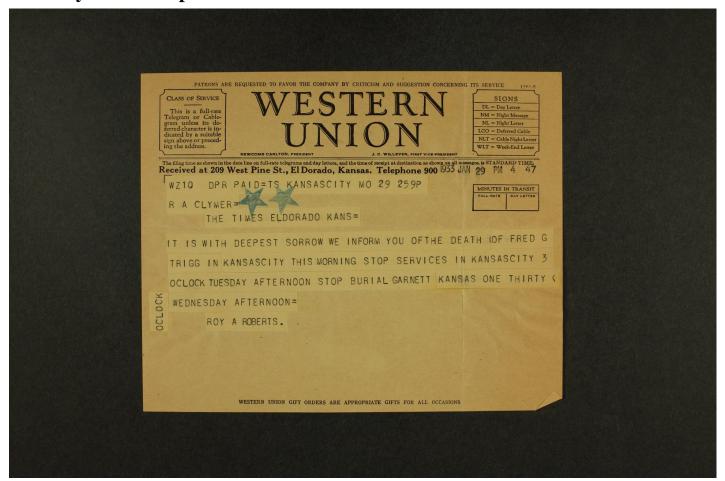




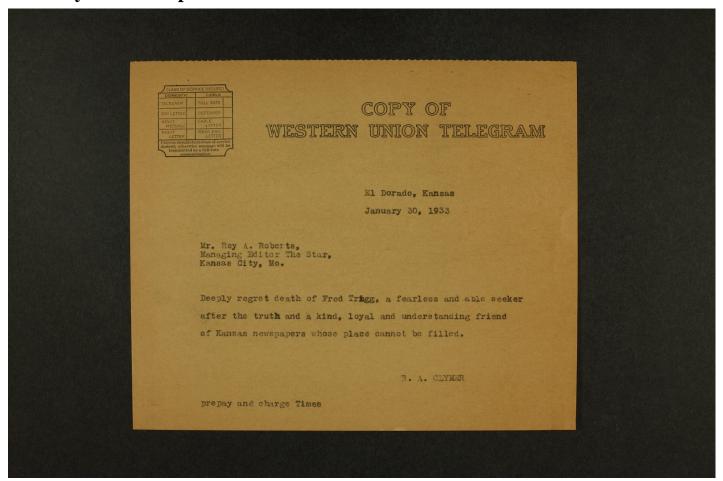




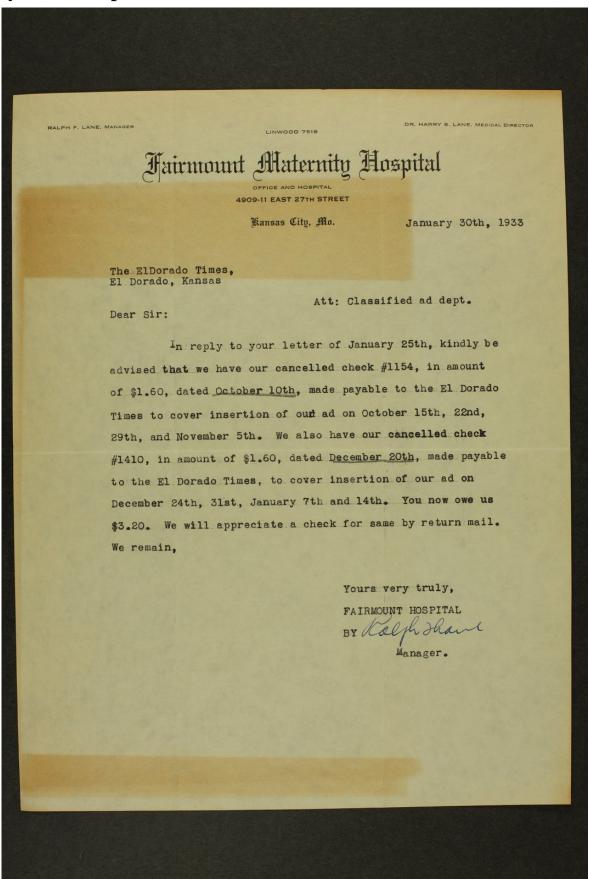














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January 30, 1933

Mr. J. A. Clay, Douglass, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Clay:- I am glad to hear that Douglass people have taken kindly to the suggestion of a testimonial dimner for our old friend, J. M. Satterthwaite. Now please do not ask me to provide the menu. That's clear out of my line. The women who will serve your dinner there will know far more about such things than I do, and I am sure they can submit your local committee two or three menus from which a choice can be made. You do that, and I shall try to arrange the program and will be glad to serve as toastmaster. That's a fair share, isn't it?

What date do you people think best for the affair? If you will select two or three dates and submit them, I will give you my idea and we can then agree mutually on which one seems best. In the meantime, I shall try to find out how many local fellows we can expect to attend.

I think perhaps we should allow ourselves about a month, or so, to get ready. I would suggest that the dinner be held at 6:30 in the evening, to allow for a program of an hour or two and give everybody a chance to get home that night.

I shall cooperate with you to the best of my ability.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. J. W. Blood, Wichata, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Blood:-

I want to thank you for your kind letter which came today. On january 6, 1933, I wrote the Southern Kansas Stage Lines, Mr. A. R. Marshall, general manager, as follows:

"On the evening of December 22, 1933, about 9:30 o'clock, while driving home from Wichita, my car became mired while trying to pass one of the large box freight trucks and trailer of your company, on the detour around a culvert under construction at a point on Highway No. 54 about eight miles east of Wichita. Your truck was also stuck and powerless to get over a slight rise made slippery by rains. During my efforts to get chains on the wheels of my car, your truck slipped sidewise, pinning my car between it and a post guarding the detour on the north side. Both front and rear fenders were crumpled on my car, the tail light bracket was broken off and the rear bumper damaged. I have just received a bill from the Smith-Angle Motor Company of this town for \$10.75 in making repaids for this accident.

"If consistent with the policy of your company, under its liability obligations, I should like to be reimbursed in the above amount. I have no intention of bringing suit or causing you other annoyance, but am making this as a request. The number of the truck involved was, I think, 693. At any rate, it was bound for Tulsa and was manned by two employees.

"I should like to hear from you in this matter at your convenience. I have only the friendliest of feelings for your company, and will be guided by your decision as to whether you feel you have any responsibility in this incident."

That letter tell my whole story. If I am not making an unreasonable request, I should be pleased to be compensated in the above sum. If I am, we shall forget it and I certainly will have no hard feelings about it.

Thanking you for your attention, I am

Very truly yours,



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January 31, 1933

Fairmount Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

Attention Mr. Ralph F. Lane, Manager

Dear Sirs:We have your letter saying you have max cancelled checks of dates October 10 and December 20, 1932, for \$1.60 each covering insertions of advertisements on various dates. A careful check of our classified advertising ledger, of our check register and deposit slips fails to reveal the receipt of any such remittances to us. Moreover, we did not publish any advertising for your hospital on the dates you mention in your letter as having ordered. We are now holding a check for \$1.60 on the Blue Valley bank which is now not negotiable owing the the failure of that institution.

If we owe you any money for having failed to render your institution the service you desired, we are more than willing to repay it. But the absence of any record of these checks on our books is puzzling us. May you not have us confused with a paper in some other El Dorado?

We should like to have any early reply from you as we are anxious to get this matter untangled. Possibly if you would send your cancelled checks to a local bank here, to be held in the custody of that bank, so we might inspect them, it might serve to enable us to learn the facts regarding this matter. Please understand that our interest is altogether friendly and helpful.

Very truly yours,



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Claremore, Okla. Jan. 31, 1933

Mr. Tom Sherman, Inland Newspaper Rep., 410 North Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Tom: --

Ward check received. Thanks for everything.

I regret that you can not handle the Hotel Will Rogers News for me but realize it is principally a local matter. Am getting some fine assistance on the matter out of Tulsa.

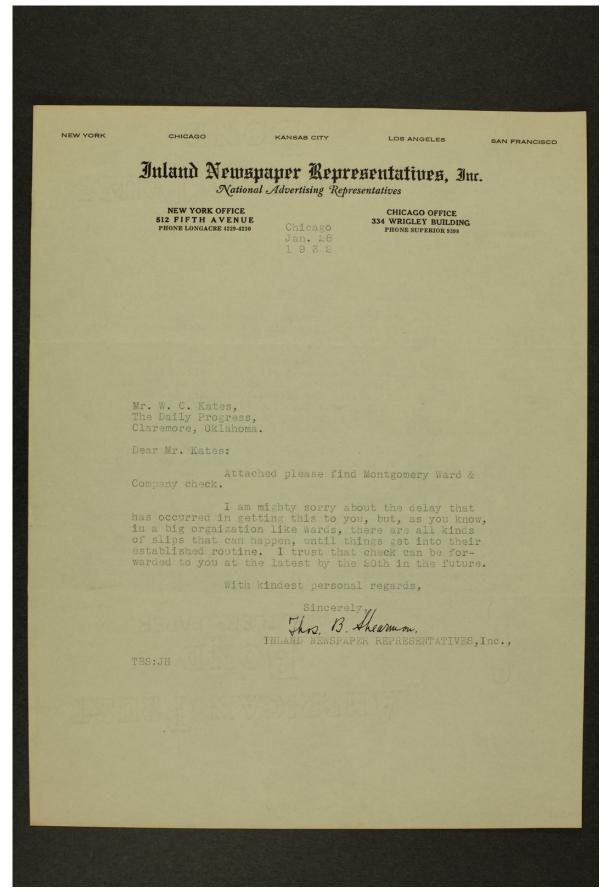
Here is a piece of news for you. There is a new manager at the Claremore Ward Store -- a Mr. Nunn. Nice fellow. I think Bronson got the gate, altho he says he goes to the Kansas City regional zone with Wards. The regional manager, Mr. Denney had a conference with me prior to the first of the year. That might have had its bearing. I saw right away that he was dissatisfied with the Claremore situation and was going to remedy it. He did.

Mr. Nunn has never operated on a percentage contract but I have explained it to him and he says he believes he will like it. He should. Dad is well pleased with the Ward contact. The check was for more than he expected. I think that settles the Ward situation for a long time, thanks to you.

They are wearing their pencils out at Ward's writing ads but I believe they will get tired of that. The new manager gave me a different advertising man. I recommended him as being very capable. Nunn seems open to suggestion, is a good business man and does not drink liquor to excess. There are possibilities for growth and development now at this Ward unit. Give my very best regards to both Mr. Alander and Mr. McCauley when you see them. Keep plenty for yourself.

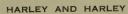
Your friend, Bill Ifates.







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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

SUITE 520 FOURTH NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

WICHITA, KANSAS

January 31, 1933.

TOM HARLEY, JR
SEC. MISS MC CORGARY

Eldorado Times, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Editor:

During the past two months, we have had occasion to adjust, in this office, two farm loans that were past due. Instead of foreclosing, we were able to handle them to the satisfaction of both the mortgagor and mortgagee as outlined in the enclosed article. We have discussed the plan with a few members of the Bar, who have expressed an intention of trying to make the same kind of adjustment in cases which they have.

Is the idea worth passing on through the medium of the Press?

We are sending this article to a number of the leading papers of Kansas for their consideration and use if they see fit.

It seems to me, we are developing a mental attitude of Alms Seeking, looking to the Government to be the donor. We will never be able to get around the corner by sitting on our Bezot in the middle of the block with a tin-cup in our hand.

Ninety per cent of the problems confronting us to day are individual and each individual will have to be his own Moses and do his own leading. There is too much individual crying and not enough individual action. We will have to stop crying. We never see things in their true light with tears in our eyes.

Yours very truly,

TH-M Enc.



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HAROLD MCGUGIN

HOME ADDRESS COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS COMMITTEES:

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Mr. Folla Clymer, El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas.

February 1, 1933

My dear Rolla:

Hereinafter I am setting forth the last letter which I have received from Mr. Earl Eastwood of the Philadelphia Public Ledger pertaining to the mats for his special article, "Tax Rebellion Sweeps World," which I recently sent to you. You will observe that they have made this up in a special mat for one color. I suppose you have heard from the Public Ledger by this time.

Mr. Eastwood is an old Kansas boy. He was born at Winfield and was reared at Oswego and Iola. This may add a little local color and interest to the story.

Mr. Eastwood's letter is as follows:

"Dear Mr. McGugin:

"In response to your letter of January 27th, containing a list of 26 Kansas newspapers and a check for \$26, which I have turned over to the Ledger Syndicate, an additional number of mats is being prepared. They should be in the mails early this week.

"These mats are made for printing in one color. The page which you saw required four mats, but the necessity for more than one color has been eliminated by recasting. You are more than welcome to any assistance on my part in this matter, which has consisted largely of carrying out arrangements suggested by Mr. Morrison.

"I remember Mr. Condon, for whom my father worked at Oswego, and a few others mentioned in your letter. Doubtless I have seen them all, but I was still rather young when we moved to the vicinity of Iola, where most of my boyhood was spent.

Very truly yours,

EARL EASTWOOD (Editorial offices, Public Ledger Syndicate.)"

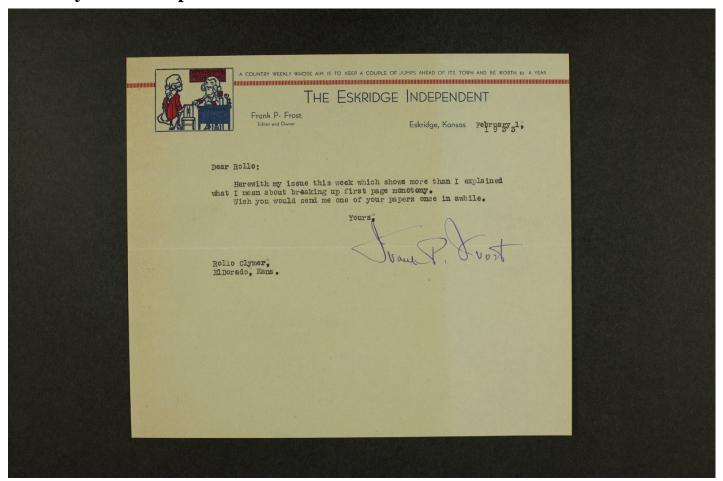
Trusting you will receive the mat for this article in due time, and with sincere best wishes, I am $\,$

Very truly yours

Harold M. Bugin

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Douglass, Kansas, 2/1/33.

Mr. R. A. Clymer, ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

Replying to your letter of 30th, will say that the committee has had a couple of menues submitted to them and they will select one within the next day or so.

Now in regard to the date. They have asked me to submit for your approval any evening excepting, Saturday, after the 21st. They expressed a preference for the 22nd, Washington's Birthday, but we can arrange almost any date that will suit you. Mr. Satterthwaite will have a birthday on February 12th, but that will be too short a time in which to make the necessary arrangements, as we enticipate inviting some of his friends from a distance.

Pledges are being made for reservations at a lively rate and I don't anticipate any trouble in selling one hundred fifty.

We are very glad to know that you will take charge of the program part and we are all expecting that the testimonial will be one of the biggest things that we have ever pulled off in Douglass, and thank you for your co-operation.

Please let us know as soon as posible your selection of date.

Sincerely yours,

Ja Clay



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THE KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

RALPH T. BAKER, Secretary and Field Manager
Room 205 National Reserve Building
TOPEKA, KANSAS

February 1, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I regret that I did not get a chance to visit with you while you were in Topeka during the recent annual meeting of the Kansas Press Association. I am looking forward to a personal chat with you.

If the Kansas Press Association is to function adequately for the newspapers of the state, it should receive the whole-hearted support, financially and in every other respect, of all K ansas newspapers.

For this reason I am soliciting your membership dues for 1933 as well as your personal backing of the program of the association for the coming year.

The records show you paid \$40 in 1932. I am enclosing a statement for this amount, minus the \$1 registration fee paid at the convention.

With best regards, I am,

Very truly yours,
Ralph J. Baker



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To THE KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION, Dr. Annual Dues for 193 3 (From Feb. 1 193 3 to Feb. 1 193 4 \$3 9 Gal.	
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February 2, 1933

Mr. Paul Lane, Wichita, Kansas

We have your letter with its copy for an advertisement and are holding it for a day or two when possibly you can be in El Dorado. We have had some difficulty in past years because of advertisements of this nature being sent in by persons other than the signatures indicated, and so in order to protect all parties concerned, as well as ourselves, have made a rule not to accept them for publication except on personal order. I am sure you will understand the necessity of our precaution in such instances, in order to safeguard innocent persons and thus be of greater service to our friends. Your credit is perfectly good with us; we are simply withholding the advertisement today in order to have your personal assurance that it is your own copy.

Very truly yours,



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E.Katz Special Advertising Agency Established 1888 From Chicago Office DATE February 2,1933 To The Times, Eldorado Kansas Gentlemen: The Mc Cann Erickson Agency is sending out a form letter to all newspapers who are scheduled to carry Standard Oil Company of Indiana advertising during 1933 asking what the minimum rate will be for this schedule. They are asking for a reduction, which we suggest you absolutely refuse. This concern has been agitating rate reductions for some time, but we have failed to see any case where they did not place the business where no reduction was given. We would appreciate your sending us copy of your answer to this agency. Yours very truly E.KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY GJD:S



