

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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*Largest Daily and Sunday Circulation
in the State of Kansas*

Evening and Sunday Morning

THE WICHITA BEACON

M. M. LEVAND, President

WICHITA, KANSAS

February 11, 1933

Mr. R. Clymer,
The Times,
ElDorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

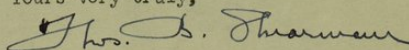
Thank you very much for your courtesies of yesterday. I enjoyed meeting you very much.

Attached please find the proposed Montgomery Ward & Company contract. Paragraphs can be altered or modified in any way that might suggest itself to you and be submitted to them in turn for approval.

Please write Arthur Cooley at Chicago and he will be more than glad to take care of this matter for you. Personally I believe that it can be better handled through the Chicago office than through your local store.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,



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Douglass, Knasas.

Feb.11th., 1933.

Mr.R.A.Clymer,
Eldorado,Kansas.

Dear Mr.Clymer:

Yours of the 10th.,inst. at hand. In reply let me say that I will consider it a very rare privilege to speak on the phase of Brother Satterthwaite's character that you have suggested. It is a dangerous thing to attempt to limit a preacher to the time mentioned but I assure you that I will do my best to make my remarks to the point both as to time and subject.

I, also will enjoy the privilege of making your personal acquaintance on the date mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

A. L. Gail.

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KIRKE W. DALE
SENATOR TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT
ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS



TOPEKA

SENATE CHAMBER

February 12, 1933

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
CHAIRMAN HIGHWAYS
VICE CHAIRMAN PUBLIC UTILITIES
MEMBER JUDICIARY
CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS
FORESTRY, FISH AND GAME
JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT
MANUFACTURING AND INDUS-
TRIAL PURSUITS
FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

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

My dear Rollo:

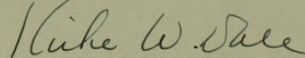
I have your letter of February 8, relative to the proposed amendments pertaining to the Crippled Children's Act, especially as to hospitalization.

I talked sometime ago with Senator Ralston, at which time I told him that I considered centralized hospitalization was a mistake. Since that time I have had such a volume of letters from local doctors and people interested in crippled children that they have about convinced me that my first statement was incorrect.

The doctors down home seem to be almost unanimous in the belief that centralized hospitalization, with orthopedic physician available at all times, is most necessary for the good and betterment of the child. I have not made up my mind just what to do but I shall give your letter and the enclosed statement personal consideration.

Yours very truly,

KWD:FP.





KANSAS NEWSPAPER LEAGUE

*An organization of newspapers to create a
greater consumer demand and dealer interest
for national newspaper advertisers in Kansas*

W. D. SHANK, President

KANSAS CITY, MO.

February 12 1933

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

My dear Rolla:-

THE KANSAS NEWSPAPER LEAGUE IS GETTING STARTED. Both the Hays News and Columbus Advocate have appointed us and while it will take a little while to get business started it is bound to come with the work that is being done in behalf of these papers.

By the first of the month offices will be arranged in both New York and Chicago.

Enclosed you will find copies of a couple of letters from more Texas publishers who are members of The Texas Daily Press League. Surely they ought to be convincing enough that the league idea is right and will develop more national business for your paper if you ever decide to join us.

Other leagues are starting all the time in other states as you have probably noticed in the trade papers.

For the time being I am located at the Stats Hotel and if you ever get up call me. I would like to have a visit with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Stats Hotel

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THE HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY
Publishers of
THE DENISON DAILY HERALD
531 West Woodard St.
Denison, Texas.

January 24, 1933.

Mr. W. D. Shank,
251 East Tipton St.,
Huntington, Ind.

Dear Mr. Shank:

Answering your letter of January 16th inquiring as to the results of our Texas Daily Press League. Am pleased to advise as follows:

We have been getting most satisfactory results from our organization, working through the various sales managers or manufacturers' representatives of the major market points in Texas as well as our contacts with the National advertisers and their agencies in the east.

Our cost of operation has been about half what the usual special representative exacts, and I believe, the volume of business has been even better than any "Specials" operating in the east, could produce.

One big advantage of our league is the fact that they have a definite market and territory to sell to the advertiser whereas in many cases a special representative will have but one or two newspapers in a state and probably thirty or forty newspapers scattered over the United States, and having no particular territory to offer in advertising.

Another big advantage of our organization is the contact we have with each other at frequent meetings, exchanging of ideas and experiences as well as the friendly associations.

I am sure if you organize and conduct a league as the Texas Daily Press League has functioned, you and your members will be entirely satisfied.

If there is any further information I can supply you, will willingly do so.

Yours truly,

J. L. GREER
Publisher.

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SAN ANGELO STANDARD TIMES
San Angelo, Texas.

January 19, 1933.

Mr. W. D. Shank, President,
Kansas Newspaper League,
251 East Tipton Street,
Huntington, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Shank:

The best way to sell a market in the national field is to specialize on a given locality, and sell this area and nothing else.

In my opinion the best place to sell a market is through the state and divisional sales managers, who are responsible for sales in the area you are representing.

The Dallas office of the Texas Daily Press League is much more important than all the others combined. I think that is what makes the Texas Dailey Press League the best representation any of these papers can have.

Very truly yours,

HOUSTON HARTE

Houston Harte, Pub.



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February 15, 1933

Mr. G. W. Kirsch, President
Kirsch Company,
Sturgis, Mich.

Dear Mr. Kirsch:-

It is our intention to use the mat of the newspaper feature, "That the World Needs," which you have kindly furnished us, as soon as we can find space for it. A low volume of advertising the past few weeks has kept the number of our pages for daily editions down to a small minimum. When we get to running ten and twelve pages daily, as has been our custom in the past, we will easily have room for your feature and then will be most glad to use it. When we ordered it, our understanding was that it was in smaller space to be published as a series.

Assuring you that we appreciate your kindness and interest, we are

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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NEW YORK

CHICAGO

KANSAS CITY

LOS ANGELES

SAN FRANCISCO

Inland Newspaper Representatives, Inc. *National Advertising Representatives*

NEW YORK OFFICE
512 FIFTH AVENUE
PHONE LONGACRE 4229-4230

Chicago
Feb. 13
1933.

CHICAGO OFFICE
334 WRIGLEY BUILDING
PHONE SUPERIOR 9398

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
The Daily Times,
El Dorado, Texas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

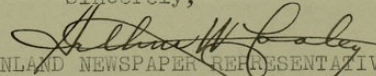
My associate, Mr. Tom Shearman, told me about your hospitality on the occasion of his recent call at your publishing offices.

I assured him that this would be the case and he asked me to send you his word of appreciation. If we can be of service to you in any way, we would appreciate very much hearing from you.

I suggest that you write me your views on the Ward proposition. I was hoping that you had had a conversation with one of the Kansas publishers, who had been working under this deal. I suggest that you write me about it and make any changes that you think advisable. I feel confident I can work this deal out as you would like to have it done.

With word of kind regard, I am

Sincerely,


INLAND NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES, Inc.

AWC:JH

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B. W. BYERLEY
P. O. BOX NO. 84
PERRY, OKLAHOMA

February 13, 1933

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla ;-

I am just in receipt of a letter from my neice, Mary Byerley of Humboldt, that she has made application to teach next year in the Senior or Junior High School of Eldorado.

Mary is my brother's eldest daughter, and you probably remember her as a child when you visited me in Humboldt while I lived in their home. She is graduating this year from K. U. , and I believe has done exceedingly well in her effort to reach the unusual scholastic record made there by her mother before her.

She is a little more mature than the average graduate, having earned the funds for her education by the process of teaching in the Humboldt schools for three years. So in addition to having a fine scholastic record she is also already experienced in the profession. However this information is no doubt set forth in her application.

In this matter of selecting teachers I am sure many applications are considered which indicate the proper qualifications, and in the last analysis the thing resolves itself down to personality and personal qualities which are not clearly indicated on applications

On that account I would consider it a personal favor if you could speak a good word for Mary in that connection to your superintendant, and I assure you, Rolla, if she should be selected for your schools you will always be proud to have recommended her. She has everything -- that is no bunk -- character, personal charm, experience,

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B. W. BYERLEY
P. O. BOX NO. 84
PERRY, OKLAHOMA

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culture, back-ground, tradition, ideals, etc. In fact all of those seemingly intangible qualities which mean so much for success, and yet become known to others only through acquaintance or personal contact.

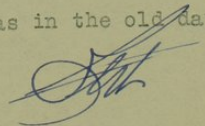
Now all that reads very much like the words of a "fond uncle" --- but this is one instance in which all I might say would be richly deserved. And I am quite sure a word spoken in her behalf by you would be of value to her -- and perhaps of assistance to your superintendant if he has a vacancy to fill.

This big boy of mine is at Oklahoma A. and M. this year, and I have just received a letter from the "head man" of his fraternity that he has won the Freshman Scholastic Cup with the best average ever made by a member of that chapter during the first semester. Sure I am all "stuck up" about it. Why Not? Looks like he might "carry the flag forward" -- and if he does little old insignificant Bert has fulfilled his mission after all.

I better bring this to an end before I get to braggin'.

My sincerest to Beth and those two fine kiddies -- I am still hopeful Mrs. B. will get to see and know them one of these days.

Yours, as in the old days,





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THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY

MIDDLE WESTERN DIVISION—KANSAS CITY OFFICE

1919 Cherry Street, Kansas City, Mo.

P. O. BOX 5127, GATEWAY
KANSAS CITY, MO.

February Fourteenth,

1933

TO THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Dear Sir:

At the present time we are studying our advertising plans for our 1933 fiscal period and like most institutions we are faced with the necessity of scrutinizing closely every item of expense. The fall of commodity prices has given our business a very intricate problem to solve since foodstuffs have tumbled downwards possibly more than any other classification of commodities.

Being in charge of the department which governs the expenditure of money for newspaper advertising, I am being asked today what I can do to adjust my expenses to fit in with the new picture that faces us. It is essential that I submit promptly a report showing what the estimated cost will be of each individual newspaper for 1933 and a comparative report of rates showing the 1932, 1931 and 1930 figure.

I shall, therefore, be very grateful if you will write me at your earliest convenience to let me know if there is any possibility of your making any adjustments in your space rates now or in the near future, or if you contemplate any bonus plan that would entitle us to more space if we approached or equaled our dollar expenditure for corresponding months of last year. Would you mind also giving me at the same time a copy of your latest ABC report or publisher's statement together with the last rate card issued by your company. If you have a statistical analysis of your community would also appreciate receiving that, as it is necessary that we tabulate fundamental characteristics of every territory where we are now operating.

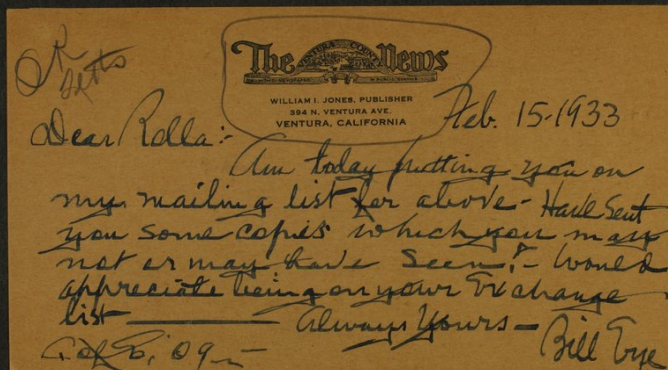
We all have our problems to solve and we are hopeful that we shall soon reach a point where prices for service and commodities will adjust themselves so that business can proceed on a more sound footing and with more happy prospects.

Very truly yours,

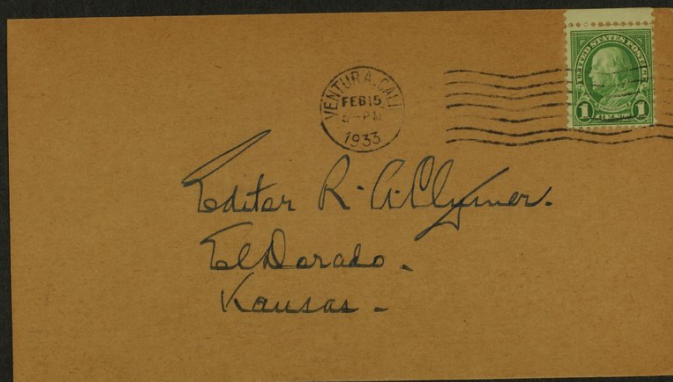
JAMES M. PIERCE

SALES DEPARTMENT
GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO.

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HARRY W. HART
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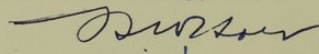
LAW OFFICES OF
AMIDON, HART, PORTER & HOOK
SUITE 505 FOURTH NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS
Feb. 15, 1933

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

Dear Ham:

Mr. Motter, Collector of Internal Revenue, published notice of the sale of an undivided interest in the Hughes oil and gas lease, the property having been seized under a warrant in distraint issued against the T. E. Miller Estate. I think the notice was first published in the Times on September 26, 1928. In the trial of this case we need the publication notice and the proof thereof. The proof can, of course, be dated at this time. If you can do so, will you kindly clip the notice from your files and make proof of it under one of your usual blanks; and if you cannot clip the notice from your files, will you kindly substitute a typewritten copy of the notice as published, and attach your proof of publication to the typewritten copy. Please send the same to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours cordially,



HWH:O



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Mr. R. A. Clymer,
Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have had no word from you on the Montgomery Ward & Company deal. I know you will understand that I am not urging you to make this arrangement because I am not in the slightest interested in it, excepting in serving your own best interests. The reason I am writing you is that the Assistant Advertising Manager, with authority to work out this deal is to be in Kansas City probably this week-end.

I thought I might prevail upon him to delay until possibly Monday of next week so that I could make arrangements for you to be in Kansas City at that time. I would plan to accompany Mr. Alander and we could complete the whole deal at that time.

If you feel to make any commitment as to your future plans on representation, of course, I am more than interested. We doubt if the average Kansas publisher realizes the resourcefulness of our connections with the potential sources of national advertising coming into Kansas as well as the chain stores.

As to the latter classification, we are told that we have done ten times as much work on the chain stores for our papers than has any other representative. We have made the chain store contacts for our papers and in many cases I made the actual contacts. Of late, our efforts have been recognized by chain stores themselves and recently we were called in on a conference to take care of the interests of newspapers generally, not only our own, on a new plan for the allotment of newspaper advertising in the particular town where this chain operates.

I wish to repeat that our own publishers, much less other papers in Kansas do not realize how deeply we are working with all possible sources of national advertising. If this was not a fact our list would be completed by the addition of four or five of the outstanding smaller city dailies including the Times in Eastern Kansas.

February 15, 1933.

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With word of kind regard, I am

Sincerely,

INLAND NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES, Inc.

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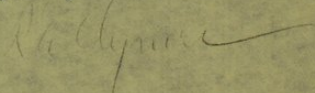
February 16, 1933

Mr. Lacey Simpson,
McPherson, Kansas

My Dear Lacey:-

Impressed with the idea of doing you a favor, I told you at Topeka the other day that I would write the governor regarding the position of warden of the state penitentiary for you. Since then, I have talked the matter over with some of my friends locally, and they think it would put the governor in an embarrassing position to ask him to give a major appointment to the man who was his opponent in the primaries. I suggested it might be good politics to do so; they think it would be bad politics. They feel it might not settle well on the stomach of the state. Now I should like to see you have an appointment, but I would not like to place the governor in an untenable position through any request of mine. I am writing you frankly, asking you to tell me what you believe to be the governor's attitude toward your case. If you think he will regard the suggestion favorably, I shall write him as I promised you, disregarding the advice and opinion of my local friends--who have no interest except the propriety of the matter.

Sincerely yours,





AVERAGE CIRCULATION 4311 LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY COUNTRY WEEKLY IN NEBRASKA ESTABLISHED 1892 THE CONSOLIDATION OF AND SUCCESSORS TO FIFTEEN PAPERS

COUNTY AND
OFFICE
SUPPLIES
LEGAL BLANKS

THE CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
E. R. PURCELL, PUBLISHER
BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

JOB PRINTING
DEPARTMENT
HIGHLY
EQUIPPED

February 16, 1933

Publisher, Times
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have been in correspondence with the Matteson-Fogarty-Jordan Company in regard to their merchants' plan of sending young ladies to the World's Fair at Chicago. Would you kindly write me regarding the success of this promotional plan as conducted by this company in your city?

Is it a plan that, in your opinion, will succeed during the present unusual conditions? I would appreciate it if you would give me some idea of the gross and net receipts which your campaign brought; also if it was satisfactorily conducted both to yourself, to the merchants, and to the contestants.

I am asking a lot of questions but I would appreciate any information you may give me.

Very truly,

E. R. Purcell

ERP:MN

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February 16, 1933

Mr. Arthur W. Cooley,
Inland Newspaper Representatives, Inc.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Cooley:-

It will be impossible for me to be in Kansas City next Monday, something which I regret. I haven't made up my mind on the Ward contract which your partner, Mr. Shermean, submitted to me in blank. I don't know what is meant by the term "net sales." In my own mind, I had always considered such a proposal would be based upon gross business. What are "net sales," anyway? I am more favorably inclined toward the Ward arrangement now than I was, though I still retain my initial inhibitions on the subject. We are hardly averaging \$50 a month out of the local store. I suppose the reprints mentioned in the contract would be--what?--page bills, two pages or four pages. All this makes some difference, of course.

I have enjoyed meeting you and Mr. Shermean. The latter and I had a fine visit. He is much different than most visitors who come in here, but I feel sure he wears. I believe you two young fellows to be hustlers. What I am debating now is the advisability of "changing horses in the middle of the stream." At this critical juncture in business, we dare make no mistakes. And national business just now is better than local.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. R. A. Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Douglas, Kansas, 2/16, 1933.

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

I have been suffering with a miserable cold the past few days and have been staying pretty close to the fire, so have neglected returning the copy of letter you addressed to Mr. Satterthwaite. The committee are in complete agreement that it was a mighty nice letter. Mr. S was very much affected by it and when he talked to me about the proposed celebration said that he was not worthy of it, ect.

Everything is moving along nicely and arrangements are being looked after in a manner that insures the affair to be a success. Just received a dandy copperplate cut of the old gentleman in last evening's mail and will use it on program and menu. The Tribune office will be busy the latter part of next week on account of Community Sale bills, so if you can get the copy for program fixed up so the printer can have it the first of the week it will be a favor for him.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Clay

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. L. WHITE, BUSINESS MANAGER
EMPORIA, KANSAS

Feb. 16, 1933

Mr. Rolla Clymer
ElDorado Times
ElDorado, Kansas

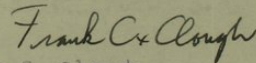
Dear Rolla:

The Gazette is considering a pony service to replace the full wire report of the AP and I believe you have such a service. If you do, will you please tell me how many words a day you get off the pony and at what time the reports come in? And if it isn't a secret, how much does it cost?

We are not sure about anything but we do have to find some way to beat down the cost of our telegraph business.

Any other dope that you think I should know, please tell me.

Yours very sincerely,



Frank C. Clough
Managing Editor

FCC:LR

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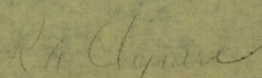
Mr. Dear Bert:-

Your sister and her daughter were here the other day but I failed to be in the office at the time, and missed them for which I am sorry. I took up the matter of a job for Mary with our superintendent, who is a good friend of mine. He said he had been very favorably impressed with her personality and her qualifications, but frankly stated that he could see no opening at this time. The only thing to do is to sit tight. I feel sure that if there is a vacancy she might fill, ~~through my name~~ she will get the call. She seems to have sold herself well enough with Mr. Hughes. That is all I can do now.

I was glad to hear from you and wish you had told me more about yourself. Somebody told me you are out of the bank; if so, what are you doing? I'd like to have the lowdown on you. Both Betty and I enjoyed your letter and are about as proud of that boy of yours as you are. I am going to hope that our respective families can meet some day.

Business is hell plus here. I don't know what the end will be and am just grimly hanging on. If I can do a thing in the world for your niece, I shall surely do so; at any rate, I will speak to the superintendent again in a short while.

Sincerely,



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February 17, 1933

Mr. Frank C. Clough,
Emporia, Kansas

My Dear Frank:-

We get 500 words a day on the pony report--one chunk about 10:30 or 11, another at 12 and the last shortly after 2. We pad it out with the mail service, which is good, and we clip some stuff from morning papers to add to our leads. A lot of the truck you get over the wire, anyway, is merely a re-write of the morning stuff. I know, for I have followed this thing many a year when I was being lambasted to take the leased wire and was "my boy Johnny," the only chap in the army who was in step. We also call the Wichita bureau often, sometimes two or three times a day for overhead on stories we are particularly interested in. In this way, I think we have done a good job of handling telegraph. The stories are not so complete, but we cover the world's news and we miss little of any importance.

Our weekly check to the Associated Press is \$30.65 and, I believe, \$12.00 of it is for the feature service. That would leave \$18.65 for the telegraph, which is approximately correct. It was out \$2.00 last summer. Our records do not show exactly how the total is divided, but the figures I have given you are about right.

The trouble with the Associated Press is this: Five hundred words a day are not quite enough; 30,000 words is a heck of a lot too much. The A. P. ought to be able to set up some middle service. A report of 3000 words, selling for about \$35 a week, would relieve a lot of small publishers who are in difficulty now.

The figures I gave you in the second paragraph include the telegraph tolls. We don't have any extra telegraph expense except for occasional overhead items, and these amounts are always small.

I hope this information will help you. Anything else I can tell you is yours for the asking.

Sincerely,

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Feb. 17, 1933.

Mr. Ralph T. Baker, Secretary
Kansas Press Association,
205 National Reserve Bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mr. Baker:

The community of Douglass will hold a testimonial dinner in honor of J. M. Satterthwaite, venerable editor of the Douglass Tribune, on the evening of Wednesday, March 1. I think you should be present at that dinner. Mr. Satterthwaite has been running a paper in Kansas for a half century or more, and has also served capably in both the House and the Senate of the State Legislature. He is one of the real old timers in Kansas newspaperdom, and a man withal of sterling character. Your association should be represented in person by yourself and any other officers you may be able to bring along in order to round out the effectiveness and make a complete success of it. May I not ask that favor of you? The dinner is set for 6:30.

This will be the only opportunity the organized newspapers of our state will have to pay tribute to Mr. Satterthwaite, and I hope we can show a proper interest in its importance. I shall greatly appreciate your help and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

RAC:AB. —

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Feb. 17, '33

Senator Arthur Capper
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:

Your friend, J. M. Satterthwaite, venerable editor and publisher of the Douglass Tribune, will be the guest of honor at a testimonial dinner given by the citizen of his community on the evening of Wednesday, March 1. I am sure you know Mr. Satterthwaite well, both because of newspaper associations and his service in both the House and Senate of the State Legislature. It would be a big favor to all concerned if you would write a letter of praise for Mr. Satterthwaite and send it to me so that I may read it upon the occasion of the dinner. If you can possibly find the time to do this in your busy rounds, it will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,

RAC:AB.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Feb. 17, 1933

Mr. Charles Curtis,
Vice President of The United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

On Wednesday, March 1, the community of Douglass will hold a testimonial dinner to pay tribute to Mr. J. M. Satterthwaite, venerable citizen of that town. Mr. Satterthwaite is a pioneer editor of Kansas and also served in both the House and Senate of the State Legislature. I am sure you have had a long acquaintance with him and I am asking you if you will be so kind as to send a letter of praise for him which I may read at the dinner on the date mentioned. I am sure that Mr. Satterthwaite and the citizens of his community will greatly appreciate this favor from you, and it is one which will also be personally pleasing to me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

RAC:AB.

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Mr. Harold Hammond,
Caldwell, Kansas.

My Dear Harold;

I think you are president of our district editorial association. At any rate, I want to get the word to you that the community of Douglass is going to give a testimonial dinner in honor of our fine old friend, J. M. Satterthwaite, Editor of the Douglass Tribune, on the evening of Wednesday, March 1, at six thirty. I think our district association should have a hand in that occasion. The district should be represented by as many editors as possible. Mr. Satterthwaite has been one of the real old timers of Kansas, has run a fine paper for fifty years or more and is one of the outstanding characters in our profession. He also served competently in the House and Senate of the Kansas Legislature. The people want to throw him a few bouquets before he dies and I am trying to help them. May I not count upon your cooperation?

If I am right in thinking that you are the district association president, would it be too much to ask you to get out a form letter to all members asking them to try to be at Douglass on the date mentioned and have a share in this happy event? It would be a tremendous favor if you can do this. If any number of them plan to attend, however, it would be necessary to know in advance so that reservations might be made. Space at that dinner is going to be at a premium.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very truly your friend,

RAC:AB.

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Mr. Charles W. Thompson,
Lieutenant Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mr. Thompson:

The community of Douglass is planning a testimonial dinner in honor of J. M. Satterthwaite, venerable editor of the Douglass Tribune, to be held upon the evening of Wednesday, March 1. I am helping with the program and I wonder if you can find time to write a letter in praise of Mr. Satterthwaite, which I can read at the dinner. You will recall that he is not only a publisher of half a century's honorable record, but that he also served most capably in the House and Senate of the State Legislature, representing Butler County. A word from you, as indicated, will be greatly appreciated by us all.

Very truly yours,

RAC:AB. —

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Governor Alfred M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Governor;

The people of Douglass are going to give a testimonial dinner the evening of Wednesday, March 1, in honor of J. M. Satterthwaite, venerable editor of the Douglass Tribune. I am sure you know and admire Mr. Satterthwaite because of his contributions to state affairs through his long conduct of a fine paper, as well as his services in the State Legislature where he served both in the House and in the Senate, representing Butler County. A letter from you praising his high qualities would be greatly appreciated. If you will prepare such a letter and send it to me, I shall be happy to read it upon the occasion of the dinner. I feel this would be a fine thing for you to do and hope you can find time to accommodate me in this respect.

You are starting off excellently in the governor's office and I hear nothing but praise of you on every hand. I am sure you will keep up your lick.

Very truly your friend,

RAC:AB.



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R A Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sir and Friend:

I have not replied to your kind letter of recent date as promptly as I should. I am embarrassed to learn about what my friends are undertaking. I know not what to say, nor how to say it.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude and impressed with my unworthiness.

It is this consciousness of unworthiness that embarrasses me. So I can only be passive, resolving in the future to show greater worthiness of such priceless friendships.

Gratefully yours

J M Satterthwaite