

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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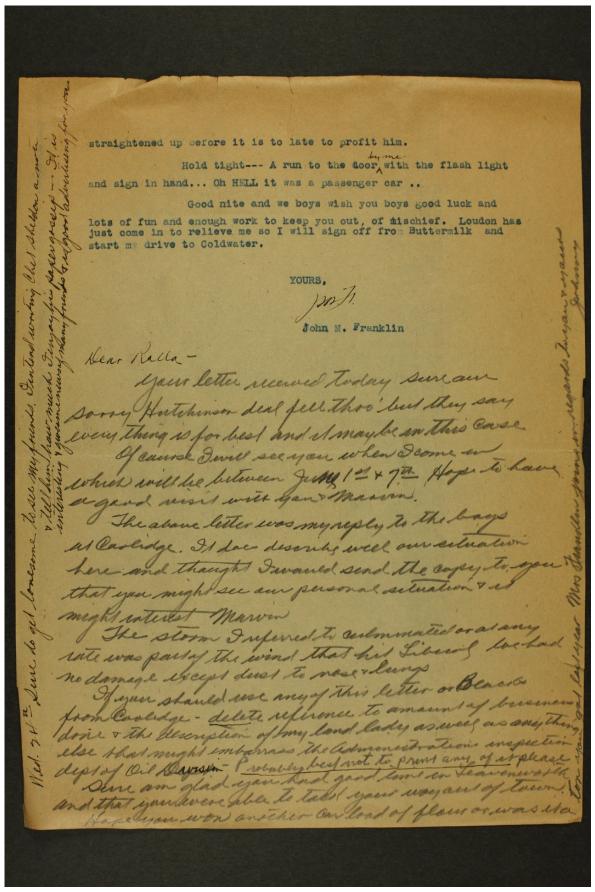
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Wichita, Kansas May 23, 1933

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

Dear Ham:

Your golf game seems to be steadily improving. I have just learned you shot a seventy-nine in the Editors' Tournament at Leavenworth. I invite you to win the State Tournament which will be held at the Crestview Country Club at Wichita sometime in June. I do not know the exact date, but I do not think that is important because I believe you are good enough to win the tournament on any date they set. If you will come over and play in the tournament and agree to win it, I will adjourn all business and caddie for you. Seriously, I think you would enjoy playing in the State Tournament and Betty and the children could have a good visit at our hime and the two families could furnish you with a gallery.

I read and thoroughly enjoyed your editorials on the Civil War Veterans and the G.A.R. Encampment which was recently held in El Dorado. Knowing of your fondness for Civil War history and biography of generals, and your intimate knowledge of Civil War events, I am sure you enjoyed writing the editorials.

I would like to have a round of golf with you soon, on condition that you give me a stroke a hole.

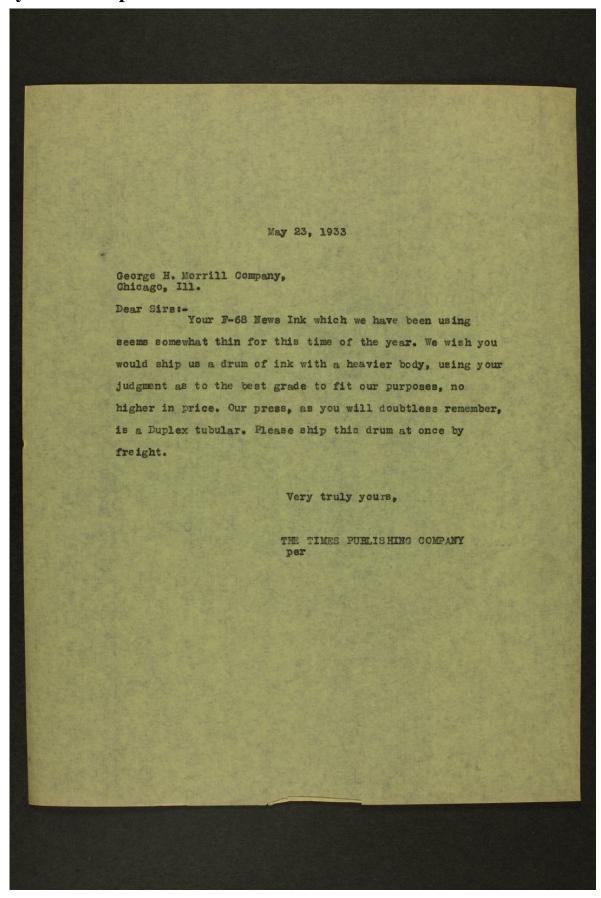
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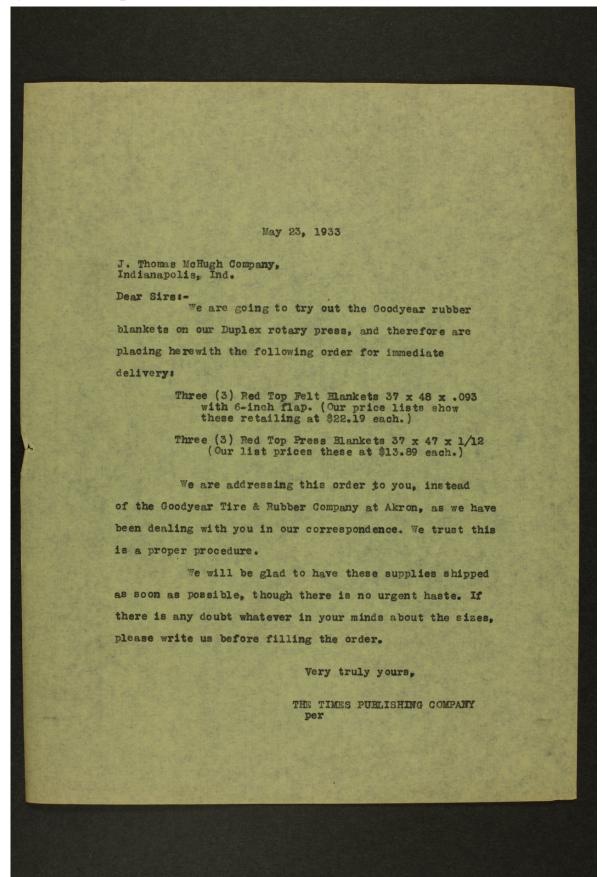


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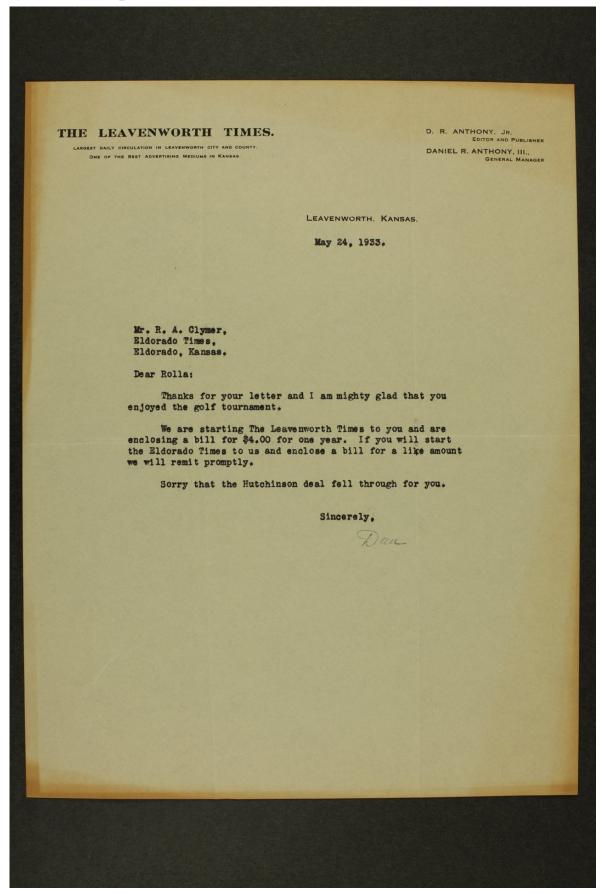






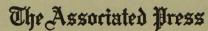








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KANSAS CITY, MO. SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION 1715 GRAND AVENUE GATEWAY STATION P. O.

May 24, 1933.

KANSAS MEMBERS AND EDITORS:

Mr. Oscar S. Stauffer, state chairman, directs me to advise you that the annual Spring meeting of the Kansas Associated Press Editorial Association will be held at Topeka, Kansas, in the Press Club room of the Hotel Jayhawk, starting at 11 AM Saturday, June 3.

The Topeka Capital will be host to the members and editors at a luncheon, probably to start at 1 PM_{\bullet}

Saturday has been chosen for the meeting so the numbers of the association may avail themselves of low week-end railroad rates.

A full representation is urged because there are important committee reports to be made dealing with the economy program, and the new telletype equipment for leased wire papers is to be discussed. This should be interesting to pany papers as well as leased wire papers because assessment reductions and the new machines have put leased wire service within the reach of many of the ponies.

There are many other matters concerning service efficiency to discuss.

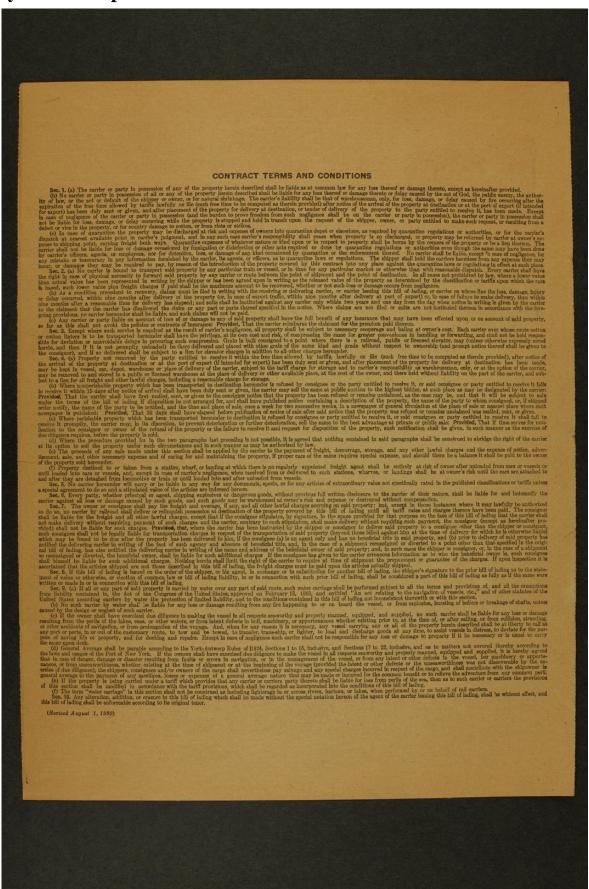
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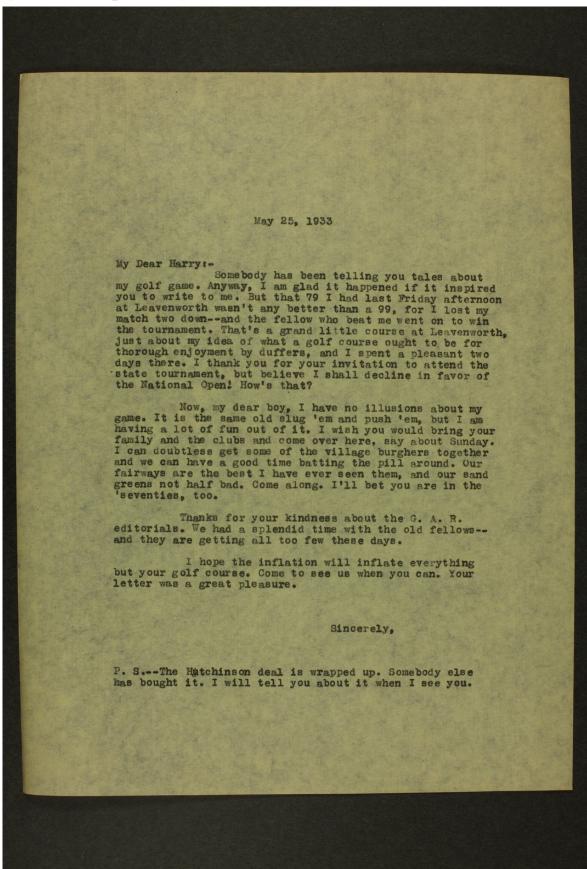
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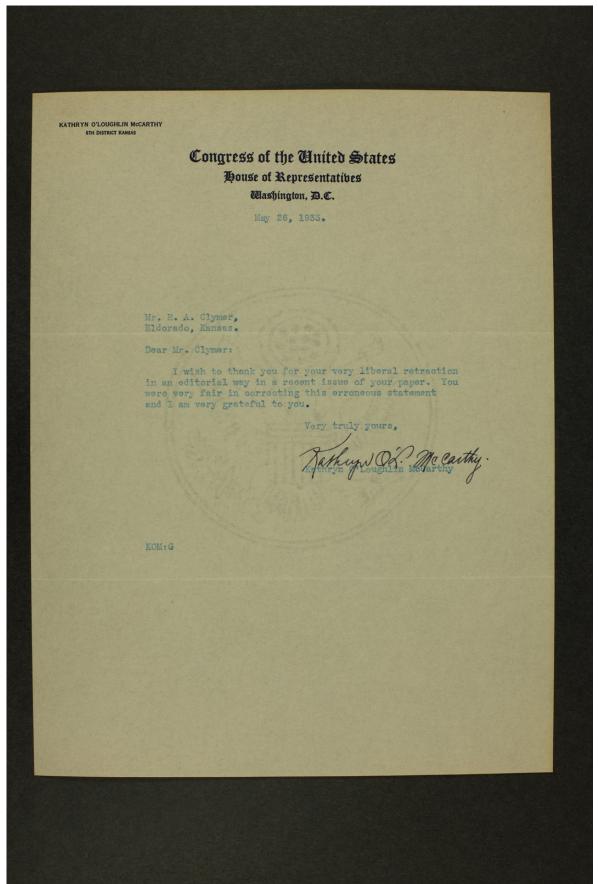
My Dear Senator McGill:-My friend of many years' standing, Mr. D. W. McGreevy, of Wichita, has made application for a position in the Internal Revnue office as deputy collector, field work, and I should like to say a word in his behalf. While we have been of different political faiths, I have always known him as a consistent Democrat, in full accord with traditional party principles. He is an exceedingly capable and energetic business man and has made a success of his own private affairs. I regard his ability highly and believe that he would fit excellently into the organization of the Internal Revenue office. If you can favor him in his aspirations for this place, it is my opinion that you will be securing a most valuable and worthy man for the public service. I shall personally appreciate whatever courtesies you may show Mr. McGreevy.

Very truly yours,

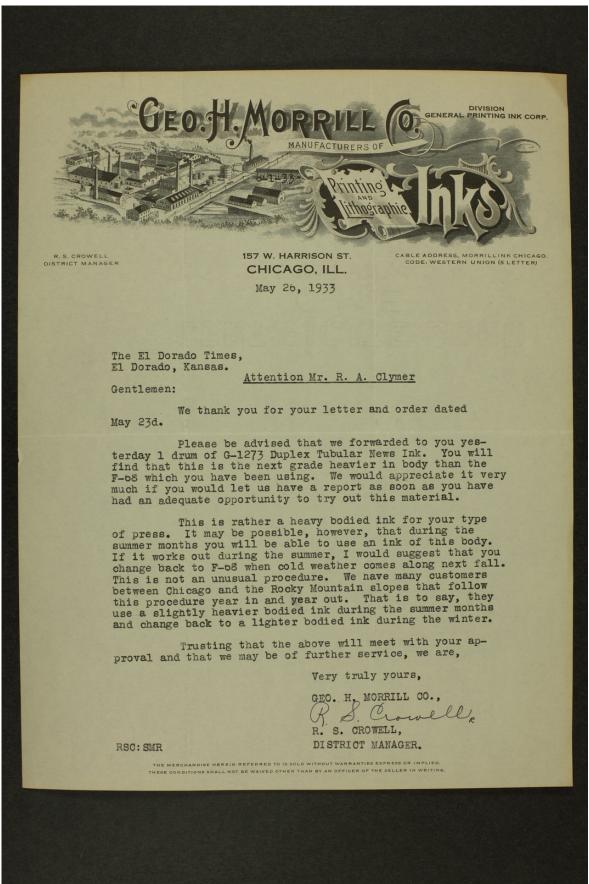




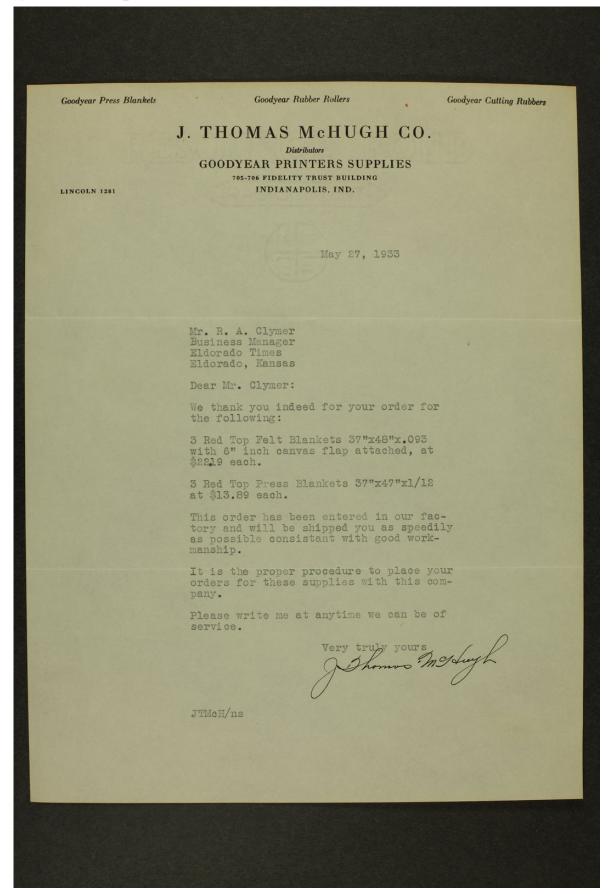














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WICHITA, KANSAS
May 29, 1933

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

Dear Ham:

Helen and I left early last Friday morning and drove to Topeka to attend the State Bar Association and I did not see your letter of the 24th until this morning. We hope to be over before long and I will bring my golf clubs along and we will have a round. The Wichita Country Club course is in good condition and the greens are excellent and I wish you would consider this a standing invitation to come over with your clubs on any Saturday afternoon or Sunday. Bring the family along.

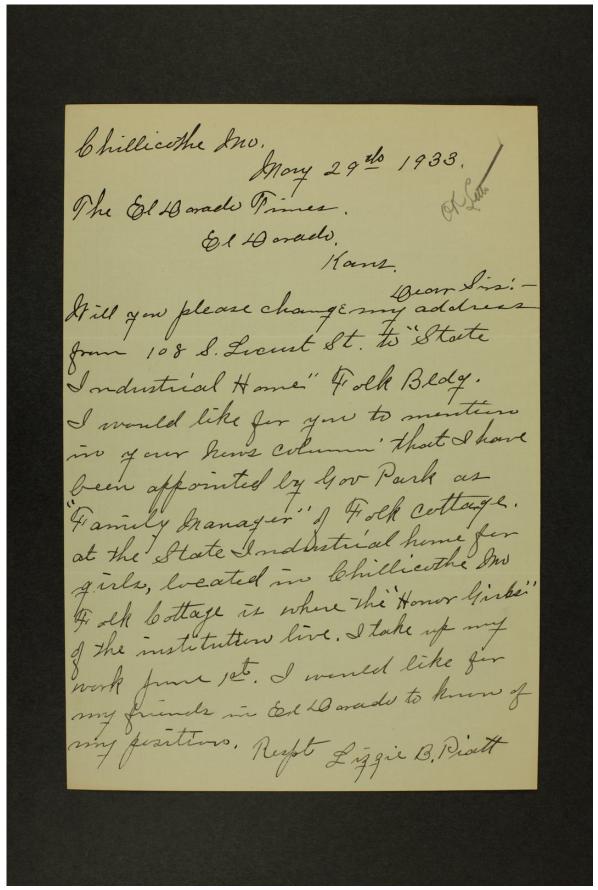
I took my clubs to Topeka and I had a round on the Shawnee Country Club course. I had never seen this course before. The course is well laid out and I consider the terrain ideal, but they made the mistake in sowing the wrong kind of bent grass on the greens. It is the heavy coarse type. I played with W. D. F. Carey from Hutchinson, who was the runner-up in the State Championship two years ago, being defeated by his brother, Emerson Carey, Jr. He is a fine gentleman and an excellent golf player. I was fasinated by his powerful iron shots.

I hope to see you very soon and have a visit and a round of golf.

Yours cordially,

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

May 30, 1933

Dear Friend:

Your communication of recent date has been received.

I am expected to advise with the Federal authorities concerning applicants for appointment as postmasters in several hundred Kansas cities and towns.

On an average, I should say, there are upwards of a dozen applicants for each postmastership that will be available.

There are some few other Federal appointments to be made in the State and the number of applicants for these places runs almost into the thousands.

It is physically impossible for me to make personal replies to all of the hundreds of letters of endorsements of applicants for Federal positions now being received daily in my office.

In order to make such personal acknowledgment, as I should very much like to do, would require all of my time and render it impossible for me to attend the daily sessions of the Senate and perform the other important duties of my office.

With this explanation, may I ask that you accept this formal acknowledgement of your endorsement of the applicant whose name is noted below?

And may I further assure you, your endorsement and each endorsement received by me, will be given my most careful consideration just before the appointment in question is to be made?

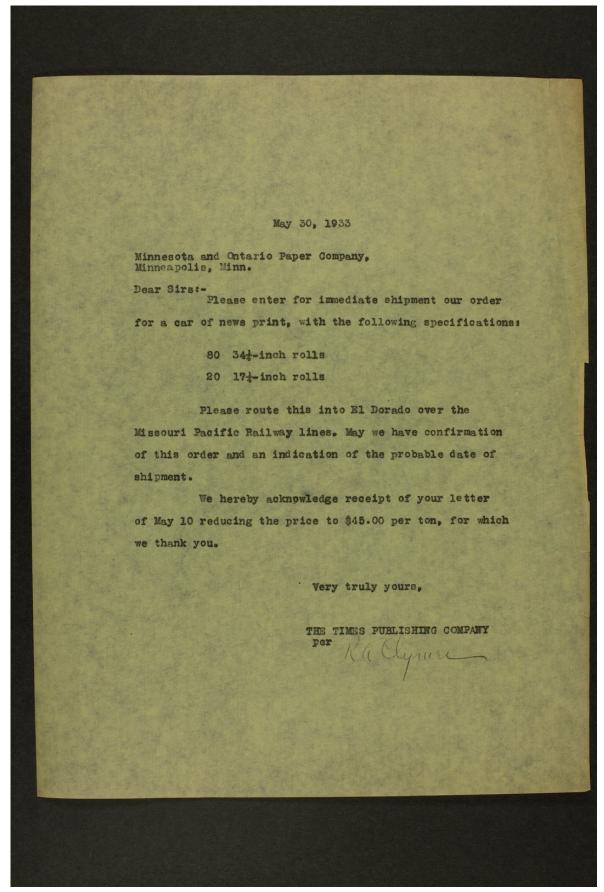
With every good wish, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

APPLICANT ENDORSED BY YOU:

D. W. McGreevy of Wichita for Deputy Internal Revenu Collector

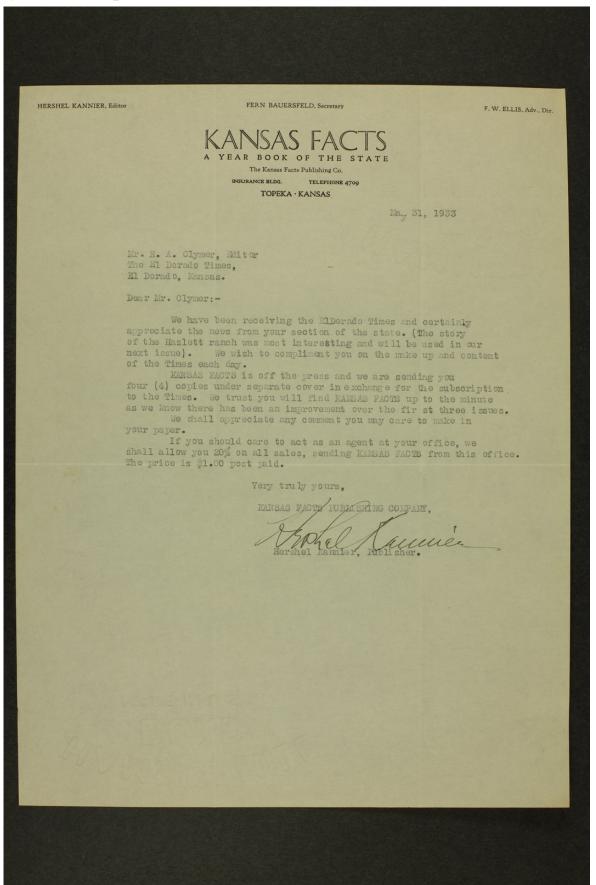






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Mr. R. A. Clymer TIMES El Dorado, Kans.				
Dear Mr. Clymer:				
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	Cordially yours,			
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Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, May 31, 1933

Dear Rolla:

I learned today that Mr.Clifford R. Hope, Garden City, Congressman from the 7th Congressional District can make an appointment to the Military Academy for entrance on July ist this year. Evidently all of his candidates were unsuccessful in the last examination and another is to be held at West Point on June 21st. Our Gregory is eligible by reason of having passed the last test to enter at once if an appointment can be secured for him.

Can't we get you to go to bat for us once more? Maybe Mr. Capper or Mr. Ayers or some other dignitary can be persuaded to use their good offices in our behalf and secure this appointment for Gregory. If any technicality of residence is involved I am willing to send the boy at once to establish a domicile in Garden City or any other

It will be difficult at this late date for any by not especially prepared to pass this entrance examination. Gregory is already qualified for entrance and is therefore a sure thing as a candidate. I have an interest in the 7th District as I believe I was originally appointed from that district before the 8th was created.

The case has two possibilities as I understand it. First, to have

Mr. Hope accept Gregory as his candidate and appoint him for entrance this year. Second, to persuade Mr. Ayers to exchange his next appointment of a year or two hence with Mr. Hope. The latter to name Gregory for Mr. Ayers now and Mr. Ayers to name Mr. Hope's candidate for his next vacancy. This practice has grown up among congressmen of late. It has numerous advantages for everyone concerned and in this case would enable Mr. Hope to defer the examination of a boy of his own choice until sometime later.

Mr. Capper seemed so genuinely anxious to please you that I am wondering of he cannot be of assistance in this instance. Mr. Hope might be willing to make a similar exchange with him or to listen to

his request and name Gregory as a favor. These three men I think are in a position to work out something in our favor is they are willing.

I am ready to defray any expenses involved. Go and see Harry and others anywhere in the State, send telegrams of any length day or night and go to Washington if you will at my expense. Only act quickly. Whatever is to be done or attempted must be undertaken at once.

General Martin suggested that Judge Hutchison could help us. also thought influential people of Hutchinson, Kansas should be asked to assist. Maybe Noonan would help? Who is Judge Hoffman? General Martin thought he could aid us.

I must depart day after tomorrow for Saint Louis for duty with the C.C.C. within the State of Missouri. This practically puts me out of the picture so far as working on this appointment is concerned except to write a few letters. It might be well if I could go to Washington to see these people but it is out of the question. Probably either you or Harry could do better there than I and I will be willing to pay the expenses of one of you to see what can be accomplished.

Anything that you can or will do to help get this vacancy will be very much appreciated. I feel that a request from you will carry great

weight with the people involved.

Grandmother is well and not yet homesick. It is warm today.

The family send love to all of you.

As ever yours, Hoisington



Rolla Clymer correspondence

June 1, 1933

John Clay & Company, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

In the May 25, 1933, issue of your Live Stock Markets (on Page 6) you have published an excellent article concerning the big Brown Swiss steers marketed by George D. Sluss, of this town, at Kansas City on May 16. In connection with this article appeared an excellent picture of these cattle, which is better than any we have available at this time. We are wondering if you would consent to lend us the engraving for use in our paper, as we contemplate the publication soon of a feature article about Mr. Sluss and his herd. We will be glad to give you full credit for use of the picture, will take the best of care of it and will return it promptly to you as soon as we are done with it. We will greatly appreciate this favor if you find it possible to accommodate us. If you can left us have the cut, will you please forward it to us at once.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY



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E. KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY

NEW YORK 500 Fifth Avenue June 1, 1933.

Mr. R. A. Clymer TIMES El Dorado, Kans.

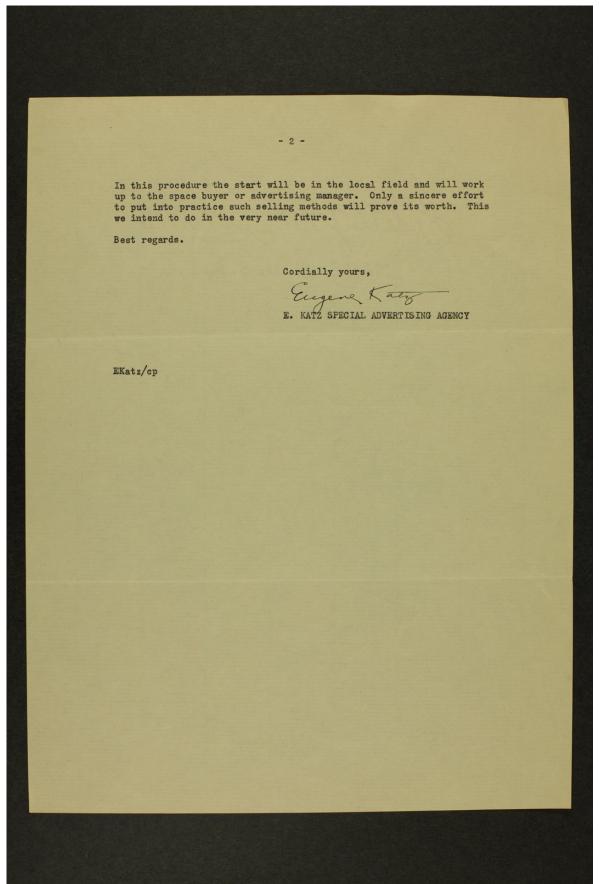
Dear Mr. Clymer:

My recent trip through the state of Kansas proved to me, I think, pretty clearly two things about the business of representing Kansas markets. The first thing that was proven to me is the possibility of selling the small town market in Kansas against the small town market in other states. The acceptance and the recognition given our "Study of Kansas Markets" shows that further work, more thorough, intensive and elaborate, along these lines should produce national business for the small towns in Kansas. (By "small" I mean the cities ranging from Dodge City to Hutchinson as contrasted with Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City.) The second point that was made clear to me is that local field work in the cities where our papers are located should be given a thorough trial. Perhaps only a small portion of the national business can be effected by such work. Nevertheless, we will not know the extent to which this work is productive until we try it.

Acting on this knowledge, we plan to put into effect as soon as possible action along both these lines which will bring pressure to bear on national advertisers. First, we have started to gather information for a thorough-going presentation on the subject of sales opportunities for national advertisers in the small towns in Kansas, which will be issued in book form for widespread distribution, and, second, we are arranging for Gordon Gray of our Kansas City office to work regularly, on a certain day or days every month, in El Dorado to do whatever there is to be done there in the way of national contacts in the local field.

The information which Gray gathers in all of our Kansas towns will be coordinated in our Kansas City office and passed on by them to the office handling the particular account in question, and our Kansas City office will be the focal point of sales direction on these accounts. By gathering information about distribution (which work, you will recall, was started about two months ago), by passing this information on to the jobber or distributor or district manager in Kansas City or Wichita and thereby selling him on the merits of the market in question, and, finally, by passing on the recommendations and information resulting from this local work to the men in the New York, Chicago, Philadelphia or Detroit office handling the account, we should be able to bring pressure to bear on every single point of importance in the national advertising structure.







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June 1, 1933

Mr. T. N. Gretzer, c/o Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company, Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Ted:We have your letter regarding an exchange of advertising for coupon books. I don't suppose you know it, but we have had an exchange arrangement with your company for a long time--posibly several years. We run an advertisement totalling \$18 a month and trade it out in service with your lines, granted us by means of delivery of papers of several Butler County points. This arrangement has been very satisfactory with us, and I believe it has also met the approval of your company. Right now the Southern Kansas is getting the better of the bargain, though there have been occasions when the shoe was on the other foot. But, in view of the fact that we are running a Southern Kansas advertisement on annexchange basis now, I do not believe you will blame me for not wanting to take on your own proposal. Isn't that logical? At any rate, I am glad to know you are back in Wichita and will always be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

THE TIMES PUHLISHING COMPANY



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Congressman Clifford R. Hope, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Congressman Hope:-

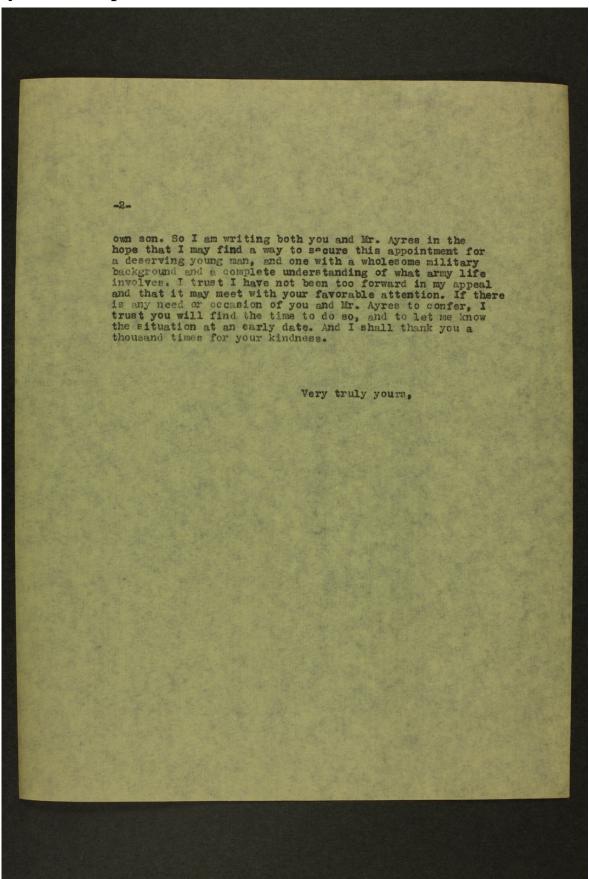
I am wondering if there is any way by which I might be able to secure for Gregory Hoisington, a nephew of mine, now living with his parents at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., an appointment to the West Point Military Academy from your district. I have been informed that you have such an appointment open, that all candidates from your district were unsuccessful on the last examination and that another is to be held at West Point on June 21.

Gregory Hoisington is the son of Major Greogory
Hoisington, of the regular army, until recently established
at Fort Leavenworth; and the grandson of the late Colonel
Perry M. Hoisington, of Newton, with whom you doubtless
were acquainted. The military tradition is strong in the
family and we are anxious that another of the name enter
the nation's service. Young Hoisingtoff took the required
examination in January of this year and passed it. Unfortunately, he was not the highest in grades and the appointment by Senator Capper went to another. But this young man
would be eligible to enter the academy at once by reason of
having passed the test, if the appointment could be secured
for him. I understand it would be difficult at this late
date for anybody not specially prepared to pass this entrance
examination.

I have been informed -- and trust the suggestion is not too bold -- that you might accept Gregory Hoisington as your candidate, if you deemed proper, and appoint him for entrance this year. In such case, I and other relatives would be deeply grateful. If any technicality of residence would be involved, Gregory might be sent to live in your district for whatever time was required. Another alternative, as I have been told, is that you might exchange this appointment with Congressman Ayres, of our own Fifth district, Mr. Ayres to make the appointment now and you to make the one falling to his lot a year or two hence. I have written Mr. Ayres in this mail, asking his advice and reaction to such a suggestion and seeking information as to proper procedure to follow, if this be not correct.

Young Gregory's father has been sent into Missouri to serve with the Civilian Comservation Corps and that duty prevents him from doing anything in behalf of his men







Rolla Clymer correspondence

June 2, 1933

Congressman W. A. Ayres, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Ayres:
I am sorry to trouble you again but a
matter has come up that is of importance to our family, and
I am turning to you in our predicament.

You will recall that last fall I called upon you, in company with certain relatives, in behalf of an appointment to the West Point Military Academy for Gregory Hoisington, of Fort Leavenworth, Kas., son of Major Gregory Hoisington of the regular army, and grandson of the late Colonel Perry M. Hoisington. At that time, you were unable to help us directly. We appealed to Senator Capper, who replied that all his appointments were made directly upon scholarship standing as reflected by the required examinations. This young man took the examination in January of this year, receiving a passing grade that left him high among the competitors, but unfortunately he was not the highest so another was named to West Point.

We have just learned that Mr. Clifford R. Hope, of Garden City, congressman from the Seventh Kansas District, can make an appointment to the Military Academy for entrance on July 1 of this year. Apparently all of the candidates seeking the appointment from that district were unsuccessful in the last examination, for another is to be held at West Point on June 21. Gregory Hoisington is eligible, by reason of having passed the last test, to enter at once if an appointment can be secured for him.

We understand there are two possibilities: First, that Mr. Hope might accept Gregory as his candidate and appoint him for entrance this year. If any technicality of residence is involved, the young man might be sent to Garden City to live there for whatever time is required. Second, that you might now exchange your next appointment of a year or two hence with Mr. Hope, and name young Hoisington to the place--if this should seem desirable to you. I understand this practice is sometimes employed, and do not want to seem too bold in now suggesting it to you. I am here merely passing it along for your reaction and your advice, knowing that you will tell me frankly whether this, or any other such expedient, is practicable or proper, or not.



