

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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KANSAS EDITORIAL GOLF ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF HISTORIAN

Topeka, Kansas,

May 3, 1935.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
c/o El Dorado Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

At the spring meeting, in 1934, at Topeka, I was delegated to compile the history of the Kansas Editorial Golf Association, which began business in 1921. To get some needed data, I am seeking your help and would like to inquire if you could send me clippings from your paper covering the Association's tournament held in your city, May 23-24, 1930, or, if more convenient, marked copies of the issues containing the reports. If neither clippings nor papers should be available, would you be so kind as to cull from the write-ups the highlights of the meet, including a list of the names of those participating, and send to me.

Any assistant you may give will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. C. Mohler,
J. C. Mohler, Jr.

JCM/DG

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May 4, 1935

Vulcan Proofing Company
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

Please rush us two each of the following:

Felt Impression Blanket
37 x 48 x .093 with 6-inch flap

Underpacking blanket
37 x 47 x .083

These blankets are for a Duplex tubular rotary
press, and we have your blankets on two other decks.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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Sunday, May 5,

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

My Dear Mr. Clymer:

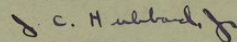
Due to your efforts in my behalf, I have been given a position in the Department of Inspections and Registrations, and I wish to thank you sincerely for your help.

Mr. Mayberry told me that the job might last only a month, but I am hoping to be able to hold it until I am through the Law School or at least for another year.

Dad will tell you more of the kind of work I am doing if you are interested.

Thanking you again, I am

Very sincerely yours



J. C. Hubbard, Jr.

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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

J. C. MOHLER . SECRETARY
STATE HOUSE . TOPEKA

May 7, 1935

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor,
THE TIMES,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

As historian of the Kansas Editorial Golf Association, I am trying to get a report on any incidents that may be recalled in connection with the inception and organization of the association.

It seems that on one winter day in January, 1921, you and seven other kindred spirits sneaked away from a press association meeting, at Topeka, and played golf, as indicated by the following data which I have dug up:

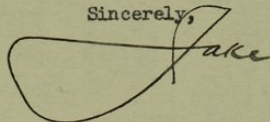
Charles F. Scott,	with a 60 for 9 holes,
Herb Cavaness,	with a 63 for 9 holes,
W. R. Kercher,	with a 68 for 9 holes,
Will Townsley,	with a 72 for 9 holes,
Jess Napier,	with a 47 for 7 holes,
Rolla Clymer,	with a 51 for 7 holes,
Chas. L. Mitchell	with a 55 for 7 holes,
C. B. Travis,	with a 56 for 7 holes.

Mr. MacLennan entertained this group at luncheon or dinner, that day, and at this event Mr. Charles F. Scott was awarded the tin loving cup in honor of winning the "premature championship". This gathering at this time formed the Kansas Editorial Golf Association.

The reason for making this recitation is that I hope it may refresh your memory and that you will write me any recollections you have whatsoever concerning any incidents of that day, as I believe these would be interesting to note in the contemplated history.

By the way, the scores indicated suggest that the intermittent count was not in vogue in that early day. Also, who is or was "C. B. Travis"?

Sincerely,



JCM/DG



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May 7th
1925 -

Dear Mr. Clymer: -

My feelings are
"unspeakable" regarding the
tribute you paid my dear
Father - James Goodwill in
your Editorial -

What a wonderful gift you
have to touch the innermost
being of your fellow men -
find the beautiful characteristics
of their soul and weave
them into a message of Love -

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It flows straight from your heart
with deepest understanding -

I cannot yet realize that the
silver cord of life has been
severed - and that Father (to use
his expression) has gone across
the River - He filled his
niche and accomplished his task
his work was in Eldorado -
how he loved it - the dearest
spot on earth to him - His
loyalty to the city should be
an inspiration ^{to others} and his
memory a benediction -

My brother Leigh joins with
me in expressing our
appreciation -

Gratefully Yours -
Lena D. Dodwell

603 East Macon St.
Carthage, Mo.

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The College of Emporia

EMPORIA, KANSAS

The President's Office
May 7, 1935

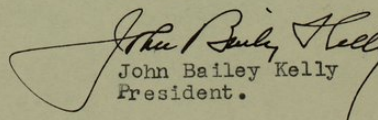
Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

My dear Mr. Clymer:

I turned over your check to the Treasurer with instructions to see that it was credited to the church as well as to you individually and he has promised to do so. The formal receipt of the Treasurer is attached hereto.

I was glad to see you and Mrs. Clymer last Sunday and I appreciate your deep interest and loyal support of the College. I was in Newton, Sunday night and had a delicious piece of shortcake with Mrs. Hoisington before the evening service.

Sincerely yours,



John Bailey Kelly
President.

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The College of Emporia No. _____

Emporia, Kansas, 5/6 1935

Received of Rolla Clymer - Colorado

One Hundred no 100 Dollars

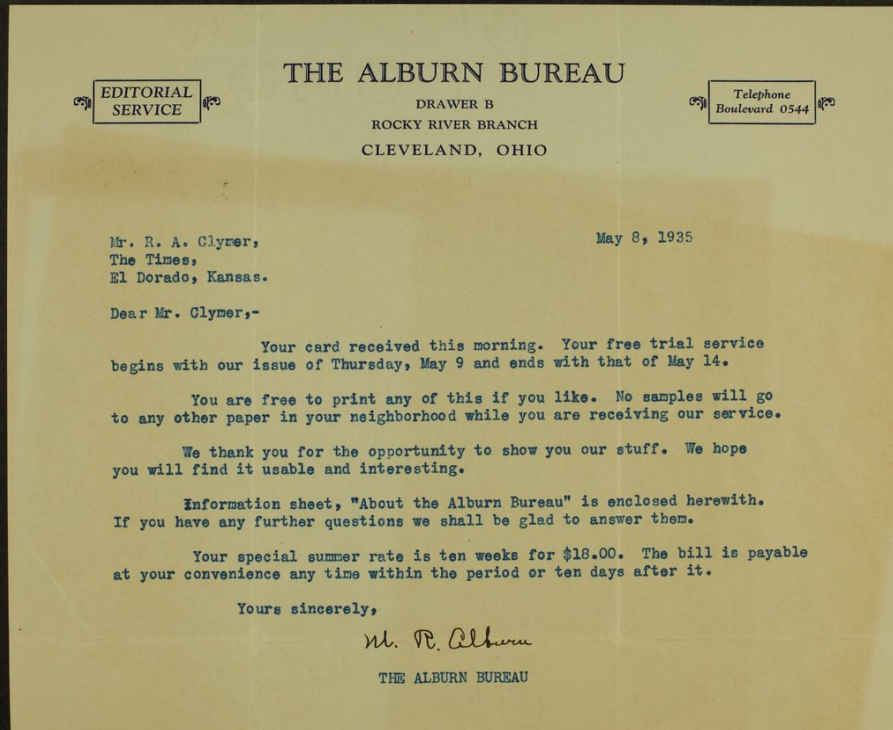
Individual Gift

\$ 100.00

The College of Emporia

By J. C. Fulton

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E. J. BOLAND

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Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado, Kans.

LEON, KANSAS

5-9-35

Friend Rolla: I had just about given
up hope untill you told me what you
did yistarday when you were here in
town. I realize some one is going to have
to lay down on some one else hard.
and they tell me Rolla Clymer & Giles
Atherton are the ones that can accomplish
the fete if anyone can.

I sure appreciate what you fellows
have did and still have faith in you
being able to win out. However it looks
as tho it will have to be done soon as we
now have a little over \$50.00 to go on and
must give up our home and move some where
very soon. Would like to move to El Dorado
but if I am unable to secure work of
some kind it will have to be somewhere
else. Hoping you are successful as I have learned
to like you El Dorado. I am sincerely yours
"Guys" some how and be
lieve I could work with
you very nicely as you have
proved to me you are for me.

E. J. Boland

More people ride on Goodyear Tires than on any other kind

Copy to Giles Atherton



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1145 Louisiana
Lawrence, Kans.
May 9, 1935

Mr. R. A. Clymer
Editor, The Eldorado Times
Eldorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

It's the smell of ink I guess! It's not a woman's game they tell me---maybe one is successful now and then, but she has to be hard and get the breaks.

I am not hard and I am not waiting for breaks, but I am determined to do something worthwhile in the newspaper field, and have confidence that I can do it as soon as I am given an opportunity to learn more about the business.

May I present my qualifications even if there is no immediate opening on your paper? During the first term of this year I was managing editor of the University Daily Kansan, and previous to that, worked in the composing room as make-up editor on the staff. My training has included reporting; much hard work in editing; editorial courses; advertising, for which I believe I am particularly suited, having had art training in the Kansas City and Chicago art institutes; feature writing; short story, etc.

I was editor of the 1935 University handbook, have written for the yearbook, and have done special critical writing for the Kansan. I am now chairman of the Kansan Board, governing body of the paper, and a member of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary journalism sorority.

My health is excellent. I have taken extensive part in activities on the campus and have maintained a good scholastic record.

I would prefer reporting or advertising, or even a combination of the two. I would rather not write society, but if there would be opportunity to learn other sides of the business and to advance, I believe I could work at it wholeheartedly.

If you are interested, you may refer to the following persons for recommendations:

Prof. L. N. Flint, The University of Kansas,
Prof. W.A. Dill, The University of Kansas,
Mr. Fred Keevil, 5700 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Lena K. Wyatt
Lena K. Wyatt

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May 10, 1935

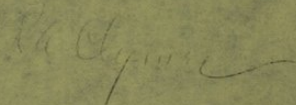
Imperial Type Metal Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

When we made out a check the other day covering invoice for recent purchases, we inadvertently neglected to deduct freight bill of \$5.87 on two boxes of type metal, dated May 4. Would it be in line with your policy to issue a credit memorandum in this sum against future transactions? If so, we will be pleased for the favor.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



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May 11, 1935

Mr. C. L. Peterson,
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Peterson:-

This is to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the legal publication you have sent us in the clemency case of Fred L. Sickelbower. You say to publish it the required number of insertions. Our usual instructions from the clerk at the state penitentiary are for six insertions. However, in this instance--Thursday being our regular day for legal publications--we shall not be able to make six insertions before the application date of June 18, 1935, set forth in the notice. Only five Thursday remain now in the interval--May 16, 23 and 30 and June 6 and 13. If you will please give us your instructions in order to cover this situation, we will heed them carefully. It will be necessary either to move up the application date or to work in an extra insertion some way. That may not be legal, but you will know.

Thank you again for sending us this legal, which you may be assured will have our best attention. Our regular charge for legals of this description is \$4.10 for the six insertions.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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May 13, 1935

Mr. J. C. Mohler
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Jake:-

Referring to your letter of May 7 regarding the inception of the Kansas Editorial Golf Association, you seem to have it about right with a few trifling changes. You say the date was in January, 1921, and that must be the correct time. We were attending a meeting of the old Kansas Editorial Association at Topeka. It was a warm winter day. Someone suggested a round of golf and as near as I am able to tell the men you named went with Mr. Frank MacLennan as host to the Topeka Country Club. None of us had clubs or golfing clothes but we borrowed clubs and played in our street clothes. I remember that the footing was insecure, the ground being slightly muddy from frost. I think your scores must be correct as you have them. I am sure that Jess Napier had the low score and that I was somewhere near him, with Mr. Scott up the line a little. It was Mr. MacLennan's little joke, however, to declare Charley the champion. At the regular association dinner that night, held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, time was taken on the program to present Mr. Scott with a "cup." It was an ordinary big tin cup, with Scott's name and title scratched on it with a nail.

We had so much fun at this little interlude that

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we agreed among ourselves to form an editorial golf association and this was done in the next month or two, Mr. Scott taking a most active part to that end. The first tournament was held at the Topeka Country Club either the following May or June as I remember. I have a picture of the golfing party taken during that tournament and would be glad to have you put it in your history if you care to do so.

I don't know who C. B. Travis was on your list. He may have been a salesman for some paper company or other allied concern but I don't remember an editor by that name.

I hope this information is what you want. Enclosed you will find some data on the tournament held here in 1930. I trust it is sufficient. Am sorry that I cannot furnish you the newspaper clippings, but none is available.

I shall be glad to see you at Wichita next week.

Cordially yours,

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For J. C. Mohler, historian of the Kansas Editorial Golf Association.

DATA ON SPRING TOURNAMENT HELD AT EL DORADO, KANSAS, ON
May 23 and 24, 1930. (No newspaper clippings available
outside of bound files."

83 contestants were entered. This was the large number to
play in an Editorial golf tournament up to that time. The
prize list probably totalled more in dollars and cents
than any other in the history of the association.

The first Capital prize was an 8000-gallon car
of gasoline given by the Skelly Oil Company. It was won
in a blind bogey contest taken from the total scores of
the two days' play by Wyatt N. Peck, of Osawatomie. The
gasoline was on displayed in a specially painted car and
after the tournamentx was delivered to a Skelly dealer
at Osawatomie to Mr. Peck's credit.

The second Capital prize was an 8000-gallon car
of crude oil given by the El Dorado Refining Company. It
was drawn in blin bogey by W. A. Bradley, of Cunningham, and
delivered to his home town.

The prize list totalled something like \$2,000.

The tournament was played over three courses--
at the El Dorado Country Club, the American Legion and the
Empire Oil & Refining Company links. George Hausam, of
Hutchinson, won the championship honors and Will Hinson,
of Topeka, was runner-up. Karl E. & Kilby, of Wichita,
was medalist with a score of 80. The qualifying round
was played in a cold high wind.

Special prizes were given to "the girls who
stayed at home while the boys played golf."

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Arrangements were made for twelve flights, as follows: El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, El Dorado Country Club, Capt. Edgar Dale Post of the American Legion, Empire Oil & Refining Company, Skelly Oil Company, El Dorado Refining Company, Western Newspaper Union, El Dorado Times, Kingdom of Butler, Walnut Valley, Kingdom Come and Glory Be.

All organizations in town joined in helping to entertain the visitors, and newspaper comments on the tournament afterwards indicated that it was a success.

(Names of players entered on attached sheets.)

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT of MILITARY SCIENCE & TACTICS

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

14 May 1935

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
1019 South Denver,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

We learned a few days ago that Perry did not qualify for entrance to West Point. He was taking the National Guard competitive examination as a representative of Maryland as you will remember. Accordingly I went to Washington a few days ago to talk to Kansas representatives in an effort to secure a regular appointment for him. I found that Mr. Houston had just appointed a boy named Claassen, son of a prominent Mennonite of Newton. He was very pleasant and agreeable and intimated that he would be willing to appoint Perry if he had a vacancy. Legislation is pending in Congress to increase the size of West Point. The bill comes before the committee today and I believe there is a strong probability of favorable action. In that event Mr. Houston will have another appointment to be made at once. A candidate appointed for this vacancy would qualify by certificate, as Perry will presently be able to do upon completion of his first year at Hopkins, or by presenting high school certificate and taking a validating examination at West Point on June 21. I believe from what Mr. Houston said that you can help us to land this appointment if your political persuasion will permit you to do so conscientiously. I gathered from what Mr. Houston said that he has some misgivings about being returned to the important office he now holds.

I also called on your estimable friend, Senator Capper. He was very nice to me and said that he would admit Perry to any competitive examination he might hold for a West Point vacancy. I intimated to him that it seemed to me that an emergency appointment which came into his possession like the one in prospect could be appointed without a competitive examination, especially as the time for holding a competitive examination and grading the papers would be so short. He did not seem to like this idea or take to this suggestion kindly. His secretary was also of the opinion Mr. Capper would be in honor bound to hold a competitive examination for all of the boys who had asked him for the appointment.

It would appear that I never write to you unless I want something. However, we all think of you often and have word of the family from grandmother from time to time. We are all well. I enjoy my work and the children are all making good records in school.

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Josephine and the little ones join in love to the whole family.

Sincerely,

G. Hoisington,
G. Hoisington,
Major, Infantry.

P. S. If you will help me with Mr. Houston, it is necessary to act very quickly as he made the arrangements for this last appointment by telegraph within a day or so of receipt of notice that the vacancy was to be filled.

G. H.

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500 Sunset
Manhattan, Kansas
May 15, 1925

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

Please consider this letter as an application for a job during the summer in any department of the circulation or news staffs of the El Dorado Times.

With the ending of this school year I will have completed the required curriculum for graduation in regard to journalism subjects. But, because of one more year of varsity competition in football, I will not graduate.

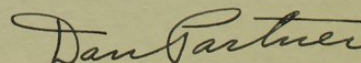
I graduated from El Dorado high school in 1921, had one year at El Dorado Junior college, and have been attending Kansas State college for the past three years. At the latter institution I have been sports editor of the Kansas State Collegian, newspaper publication, and the Royal Purple, the college yearbook. I have also earned two varsity football letters.

I lived in El Dorado until my parents moved to Kearney, Nebraska, about two years ago. My father is connected with the Stanolind Pipe Line Company. For the past seven or eight years I have worked in the oil fields during the summer months. Now I am in quest of actual newspaper experience.

Is it possible that I might serve as an assistant to Victor Boellner in the circulation department? I will be glad to take any position that might be open in order to learn the workings of a newspaper.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Sincerely,



Dan Partner

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The College of Emporia

EMPORIA, KANSAS

May 15, 1935

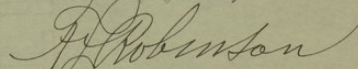
Mr. Rolla Clymer
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

There is an Associated Press news item dated May 13, carried on the front page of the Kansas City Star regarding the Bank Savings Life Insurance Company. You may have seen this news item which states that the Attorney General and Insurance Commissioner have filed suit against this company asking for a receiver and liquidation. A more complete story appears in the Topeka Daily Capital which states that it is quite likely the policy holders and stock holders will take a big loss.

As you know, the insured trust certificate which you have with the College is with this company. Sometime ago, I called the attention of all our certificate holders to the fact that the company was not in a very good position so it will not be a complete surprise to many of the policy holders. The premium on your insurance has been paid up for several months ahead. We will do our best to protect your interests in every way we can. In the meantime, you can probably get further information in regard to the receivership in the daily papers.

Sincerely yours,



F. L. Robinson

FLR:MB

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830 Oakwood Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.
May 15, 1935

Dear Mr. Clymer:

At last I received a chain letter with the name of some one I know on the top line, and so here is your nice thin dime. I didn't know that anybody really did progress to the top line, just thought it was one of those theories that can be proved by figuring but only "heard tells" prove the actual existance of its working out. But I guess this is the year of surprise progressions, anyway. Even the White Sox have climbed out of the cellar.

I have gotten so many chain letters that I thought that when I got an even hundred I would tie them neatly with blue ribbon and put a sticker on the bundle stating, "In proof of the fact that 1935 was the year of great Faith, Hope and Charity," leaving same as a valuable heirloom. I couldn't possibly have kept the chains unbroken. I haven't enough friends. And besides I have scruples. I do not wish to send dimes promiscuously over the country to total strangers. How do I know that the dimes might be the cause of great tribulation. Suppose the man to whom I sent the dime should get drunk on it and go home and beat his wife? Or give the dime to Junior to go to the show on and the child should see an underworld picture and decide to be a gangster! You see really it has rather dire prospects, when one thinks of it.

I hope you have received your full quota of dimes, making in all upwards of \$1500. But if you haven't and the dimes have strolled in so far apart that there was no hope of their being useful en masse, may I make a suggestion that you buy a nice tall coke (or a beer if permissible in Eldorado) and drink to chain letters, the great finder of lost relatives; the purveyor of news of births, graduations, marriages and deaths in families of friends and kinfolks; the means to "chain" with friends when one cannot "chin" with them; and best of all a great decreaser of the national postal deficit so that worried publishers will not have to sit up nights worrying about an increase in second class postage rates to make up some of the deficit. By that time the coke, or the beer, should be gone.

Anyhow I have to get ready to go down town and earn another dime to replace this one. I have my linotype in a typesetting plant here and am an alleged linotype operator. I just got through setting a book called "The Nude Deal," a very clever and funny book. If you should read it I hope you won't find any typographical errors. The firm I work for specializes in setting books and I have set a lot of them including a prize children's book, "Peter and Gretchen of Old Nuremburg." I have had quite a time with my machine which I saved from the wreck of the Anthony Times. Everyplace I went the wolf was crouching at the door with ink in his eye and I got so I called the machine Bowzer and was seriously thinking of buying a leash and leading it around -- it had so many moves. I have been at my present place since the first of the year and the wolf doesn't seem to have found it yet.

If you see any of my old friends give them my regards. I would like to be back in the newspaper business again but am too broke. But if I should get upwards of \$1500 ----.

Fraternally yours,

Lila C. White

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HAROLD HALSELL COMPANY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

32nd Floor First National Building

May 15, 1935

Times
El Dorado, Kan.

Gentlemen:

Summer schedules are in the making, and undoubtedly you will have advertising representatives or editorial men out making contacts.

Many publications have found it profitable to have duebills on various hotels in cities they frequently visit, and we wish to advise you of the hotel clients we are now serving in case you are in need of a duebill.

Hotel Savoy, Kansas City, Mo.
Mark Twain Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
Alvin Hotel, Tulsa, Okla.
Oklahoma Biltmore, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Hotel Lassen, Wichita, Kan.
Hotel Aldridge, Shawnee, Okla.
Hotel McCartney, Texarkana, Ark.

If you are interested in a duebill on any of these hotels we will be pleased to hear from you stating the approximate amount you need. Of course, the customary agency commission of 15% is payable to us upon our completing a duebill for you.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD HALSELL COMPANY

Harold Halsell

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May 17, 1935

Mr. John M. Houston,
Congressman Kansas Fifth District,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Jack:-

My nephew, Perry Hoisington, of Baltimore, Maryland, is greatly desirous of getting an appointment to West Point. I am taking the liberty of asking you to help me out in this matter, if politically or otherwise feasible. He is the son of Maj. Gregory Hoisington, now stationed at Johns Hopkins University, and the grandson of your old friend, the late Col. P. M. Hoisington, of Newton. We in the family are anxious to perpetuate the Hoisington military tradition. I understand that a bill has passed Congress authorizing a class of 500 to enter West Point in August. Young Perry could qualify for appointment to this class, if it came his way, by certificate upon completion of his first year at Hopkins, or by presenting high school certificate and taking a validating examination at West Point on June 21. I believe the boy to be competent and in every way worthy; I don't think there will be any trouble about his grades and feel sure that he would make good if allowed to enter the Military Academy.

I realize that, under all conditions, I am asking a lot of you to give Perry this appointment and you seem to be the only one in official capacity to be able to do it. Frankly, I see no hope for help among members of Congress

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from my own party. What I am asking you for is peculiarly and particularly a personal favor--for the benefit of my family. Doubtless the late Colonel's many friends over the district might well appreciate it. I assume that perhaps you are importuned for the appointment from other sources. I am willing to leave the matter entirely to your decision and to be satisfied either way. But if you can see fit to give Perry this boost to serve his country as a West Point cadet and embark upon a military career, I assure you that I shall appreciate the favor and will try in some way to repay you full measure.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of several communications from you on recent date and to thank you for them. I know you must be engrossed in your work and feel sure you are making headway.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,



May 17, 1935

My Dear Gregg:-

I have written Congressman Houston a strong letter today. I am putting the matter of Perry's appointment on the basis of a personal favor to me and to friends of the Colonel over the district, as well as an appeal to perpetuate the military tradition in your family. Houston is a fine young fellow; I wish he were a Republican. He may have a tough fight to be re-elected next year for the Republicans will be after his hide and will present strong opposition. But I am playing politics with his Democratic friends here and I may have a little weight with him. However, we must not count on that, for I am on the wrong side of the political fence in this instance. I am going to hope for the best and will be greatly pleased if we can land the job for Perry. I do not want to write to Capper; he gives me a green pain. I am going to remember that he has turned us down in every instance, and maybe I can get back a few licks some day.

We are all well here. Business is fair, as good at least as last year. Doubtless you hear from the folks in other channels.

Don't ever hesitate to ask me a favor of this, or any other, sort. I am always glad to help you if I can.
Best luck always.

Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 17, 1935

Mrs. Lela C. White,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mrs. White:-

I am sending back your dime for two reasons: In the first, I really didn't have anything to do with chain letters and this would be taking money under false pretenses; in the second, I want you to place this dime in your savings fund toward that \$1,500. For, I am going to hope that you can come back to Kansas some day. You belong here and can make good running your own paper. I enjoyed your story about Bowzer; it's typical of the way your spirit reacts. Also it was pleasing to hear from you. I shall hope you continue to get along well. I went to Halstead a few weeks ago and made a speech to the Fifth District boys and girls. Outside of my speech, we all had a real good time but missed you, of course.

Thanks for taking the time to write me and good luck to you always.

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 17, 1935

Mr. Dan Partner,
Manhattan, Kansas

My Dear Dan:-

It does not look now as if we would have any opening of any kind this summer. We were able to offer a little work last year in the circulation department but even that is lacking just now. Am sorry. Please come in to see me when you get home from school.

Truly yours,

Rolla Clymer

Rolla Clymer correspondence

JOURNALISM CLASS OF 1935
University of Kansas
Lawrence.

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May 17, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Perhaps you recall your experiences finding a job when you went out from K. U. Maybe you can appreciate the difficulties confronting us of this year's class in journalism.

It has been very hard for the college student to stay in school during these depression years. Many have been able to do so only by relying on the chance of getting employment immediately after graduation. That same depression has made jobs scarce. But we are encouraged by the hope you will assist in placing one of our 40 or 50 graduates of this year's class.

So, if you have any knowledge of a possible opening for a young man or woman from the University this spring or summer, won't you please tip us off and do whatever you can to help? If you know of no jobs, write anyhow and tell us how you went about getting your position when you graduated, if you care to, or give us your ideas on how a college graduate should try to secure a job now. Anything you can contribute to the solution of this problem of ours will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Patt
Carolyn B. Harper

Senior Committee.

P. S.-- The Journalism faculty add their voice to the above plea.
Let's all help!

L. W. Finner

Rolla Clymer correspondence



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Eldorado, Kansas

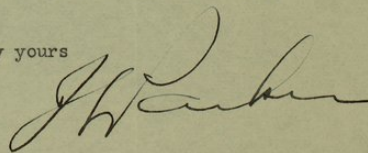
My dear "Ham":

I thought I would let you know of the progress in connection with our being in a position to give the Thompson Printing Company some business.

We recently sent the Thompson Printing Company an inquiry for a few printed jobs and their total estimate for them amounted to \$183.10. This amount was considerably higher than any other bid which we received and the items on which they bid this figure were ultimately purchased for a total of \$116.00. I would certainly like very much to be able to give the Thompson Printing Co. *some* of our business but I think they should find some means of bringing their cost into line with other prices at which we are doing business.

Incidentally, I wish to extend my very kindest greetings and regards to you and to say that I hope you will be up this way some time in the near future so that we can have a little visit together. I am now recuperating from a three weeks stay in the hospital following an operation for hernia but within another ten days I will be entirely myself again.

Cordially yours



P.S.- Will you please ask Mr. Thompson if he will return to us, the sample books which we sent him with our inquiry of May 10th.?

