

## **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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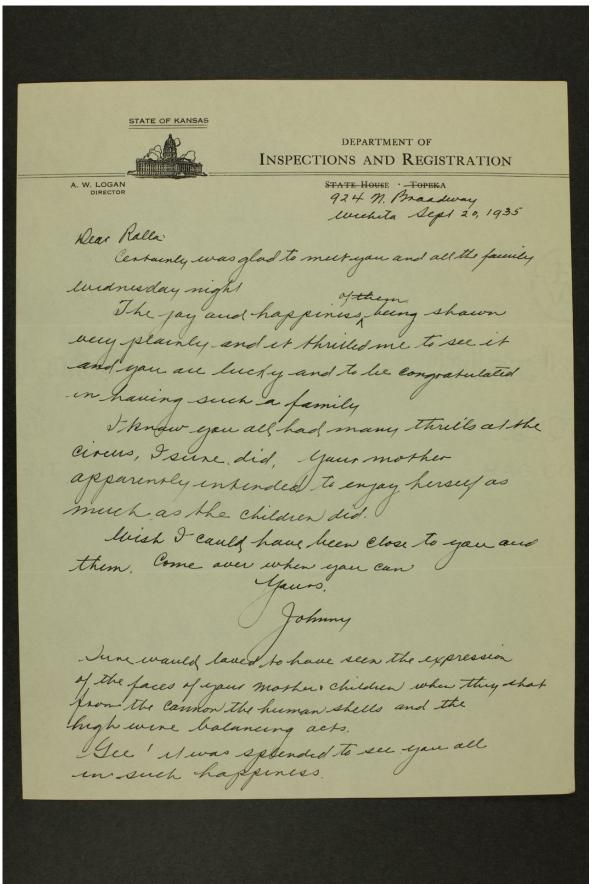
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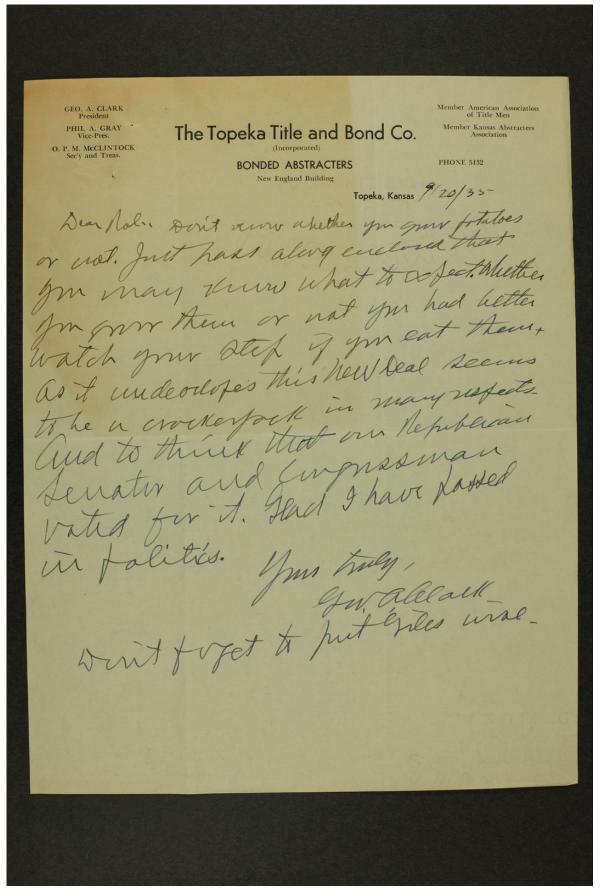
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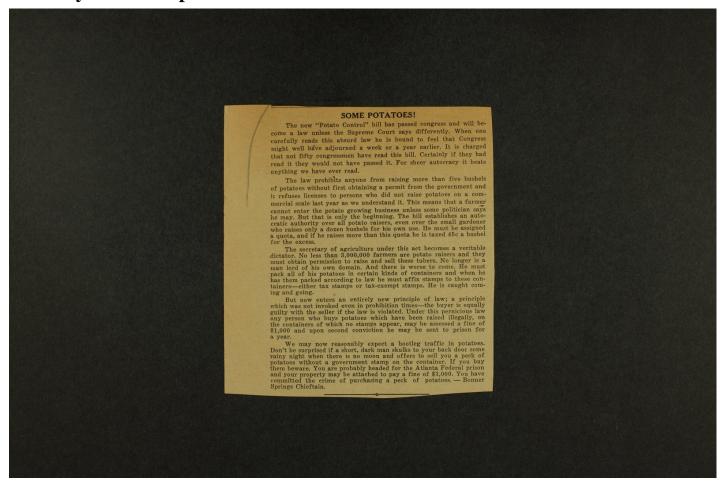




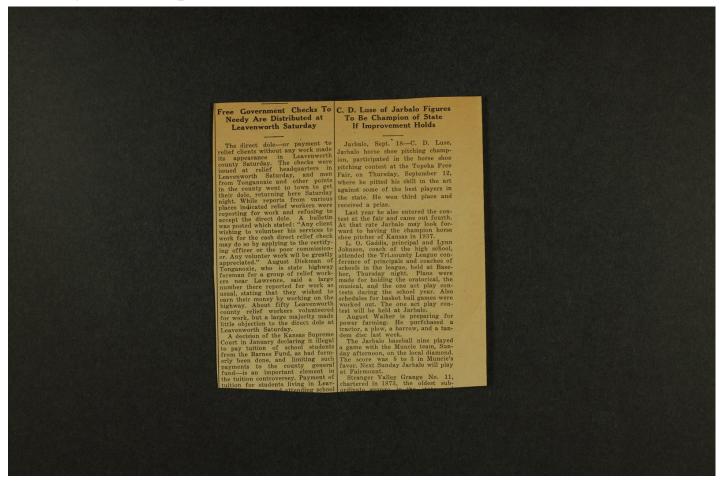






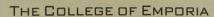








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DR. JOHN BAILEY KELLY, PRESIDENT EMPORIA, KANSAS

ALUMNI OFFICE

September 20, 1935

Dear Friend:

Sometime ago you made a contribution as a former student of the College of Emporia towards the project of erecting lights on Schaffner Field. The lights are now installed and illuminate the field exceptionally well and the College is proud of them.

In appreciation of your gift, the College office has issued some complimentary tickets which I am enclosing herewith for your use. The tickets are transferable and are not dated for any particular game. You may use them yourself for each of the four home games or they may all be used by your friends at any one of the games. Of course, they are only good for home games on Schaffner Field this season.

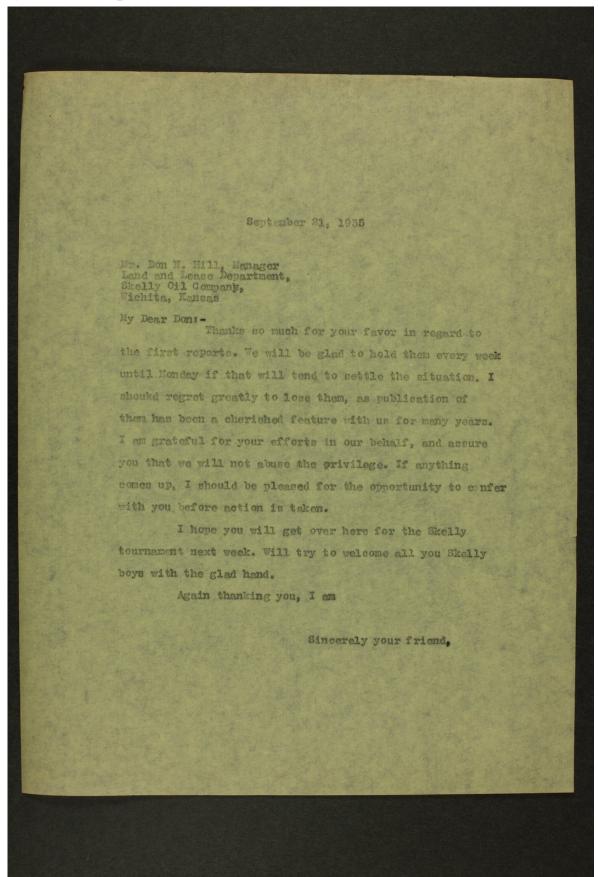
The first game on the schedule is at 8 O'clock, September 27, with Alva Teachers. The football prospects this year look especially good and you will enjoy seeing the boys play with the "Ol' Fighting Spirit" under the direction of Herb Worl, '26. The HOMECOMING GAME will be the game with BETHANY COLLEGE on Friday evening, October 25, at 8 o'clock. If you cannot attend all the games, you will want to make a special effort to be on hand for this one. Other home games include St. Benedicts on October 18, and Ottawa on Thanksgiving Day.

We shall be expecting to see you sometime during the football season.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Roy Timmerman Alumni Secretary.







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September 21, 1935

Mr. M. R. Shaffer, Manager of Production, Empire Oil & Refining Company, Bartlesville, Okla.

First I want to thank you for all your kindness to me on the occasion of my visit there a week ago with
Charley Warren. I really had a wonderful time--yes, even
including all my sorrows on the golf course. The queer thing
about it is that as soon as I got home here where there
isn't a tree within miles, I began hitting all my shots
straight. Your tree-lined fairways must constitute a hoodoo
to the uninitiated.

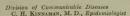
Then, also I went to thank you for what you did with Steve Ellis yesterday. We are very grateful for the Empire's part in our oil edition and sincerely wanted your company to have that much share in that enterprise. It is a big help and only adds to the debt of gratitude that I feel I owe the Empire and all its family.

I am greatly interested in the newspaper situation there-especially since the death of Jess Leach. If you can keep me in touch with immediate developments I shall appreciate that greatly. There may be an opportunity there and I should like to have a whack at it if there is. Your candid advice and information will be a big help.

Give my warm regards to all the bunch. Sincerely,



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THOMAS I. DALTON, PH. C.,
Asst. Chief Food and Drug Inspector
Public Health Laboratory

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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE FOR DIVISION OF SANITATION TO LAWRENCE, KAN.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

September 21, 1935.

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor, The ElDorado Times, ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

It is impossible for me to express to you the appreciation of the State board of health and of this office for the valuable favor which you extended us in securing the report of divorces in Butler County for 1934. We had made every possible effort to obtain this information from the clerk of the court, and we regretted that it was necessary to bother other people for this information, but I assure you that your assistance and cooperation will not be forgotten and I wish that there was some manner whereby the people could definitely realize the many important favors the Press of this state extend to the citizens.

Personally, I will always take a great pleasure in explaining to the people the service which you and your organization rendered to us in this work and I wish everyone in the state could fully appreciate the fact that you go out of your way to accomodate the public in general.

Sincerely thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

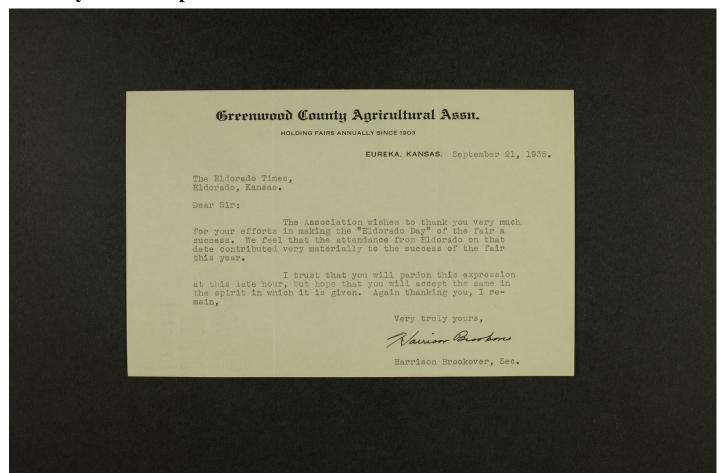
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Most truly yours,

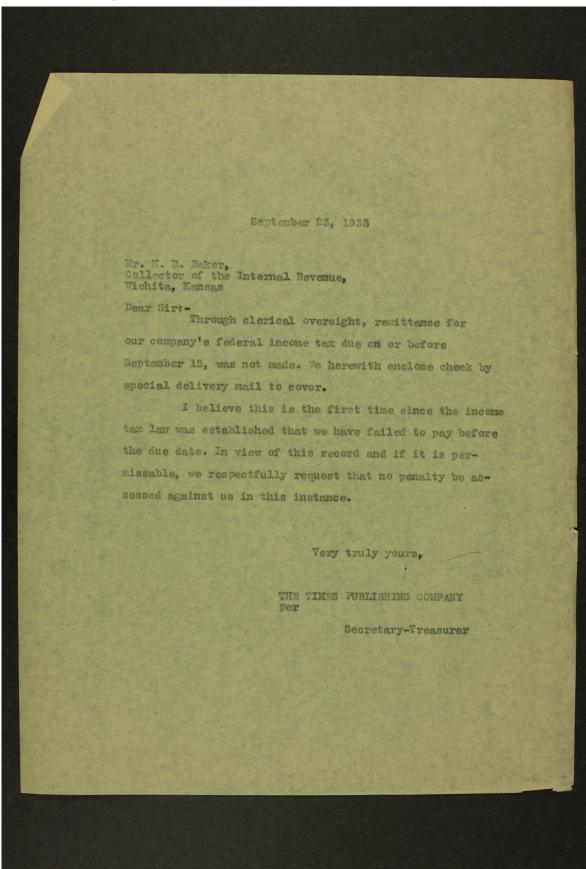
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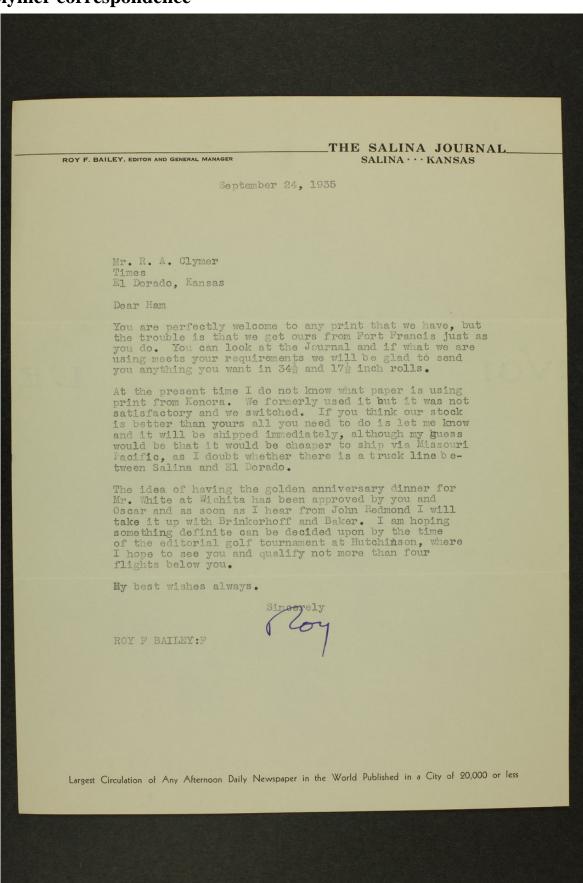














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September 25, 1935

Mr. F. L. Robinson, Treasurer The College of Emporia, Emporia, Kaneas

My Dear Mr. Robinson: -

tents of your letter of September 16 before answering. It is my opinion now that Mi Dorado would not be able to raise the money for two bonds you have proposed as its quota. I really doubt if it could hack one bond. The reason is that the every-member canvass assessment for the College at a dollar a head has not been paid; you recall I offered to pay one-fourth of that amount and have done so. The balance has not been made up, according to information furnished by our minister. The congregation seems to have little money available at this time. I would not wish to approach either Mr. Hazlett or Mr. Allen. I know they are both urged for frequent contributions for something in which they are not interested—and neither have any interest in education, to my belief.

This is a discouraging letter and I dislike to write it but these are the facts as I see them. If I see any opening here in the immediate future to help you with your hard task, I will certainly let you know.

Sincerely.



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September 25, 1935

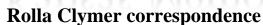
Mrs. John Howell, Bartlesville, Ckla.

My Dear Mrs. Howell:- I have your kind invitation to be in Bartlesville on October 5 and have also seen the gracious note which you wrote to Mrs. Clymer. I wish we could accept, but unfortunately that date is just ahead of an especially large edition we are issuing here and it will be impossible for me to get away. I am hoping, however, to be in Bartlesville some time soon after that and will certainly look you up. It was most courteous of you and John to have me in your home at the time of my recent visit and I greatly appreciated all favors. Hope that I can reciprocate in kind.

Mrs. Clymer will doubtless write you in enswer to your note to her. I am mighty sorry for the conflict in dates that keeps me here at this time -- but business must come ahead of my inclinations in this instance.

Again thanking you for your kindness and hoping that I may see you all soon, I am

Sincerely yours,





## The Gannett Newspapers

Frank E. Gannett

Executive Offices Rochester, N. Y.

September 25, 1935

Mr. N. F. Frazier, Jr., President Times Publishing Company Times El Dorado, Kansas

My dear Mr. Frazier:

Will you please read enclosed copy of my telegram to members of the Republican National Executive Committee and write me how you think the two questions should be answered?

Only by the freest discussion of issues can a program be formulated that a majority of citizens will vote for in 1936.

To assist in extending this discussion, will you not send me by return mail (on the enclosed form) the names, addresses and business or professional connections of leading men and women in your district whose judgment on national issues you would value most highly? I will in turn write to them.

I feel deeply that appealing to people's emotions to uphold the Constitution is not sufficient. We must find out what is wrong with our economic system, and present a remedy.

We must show how agriculture can produce in abundance and prosper, how private enterprise can be freed and stimulated to give full employment. And that a strong and prosperous America can demonstrate to the world that peaceful production, not wer, is the way to more widely diffused and higher standards of living.

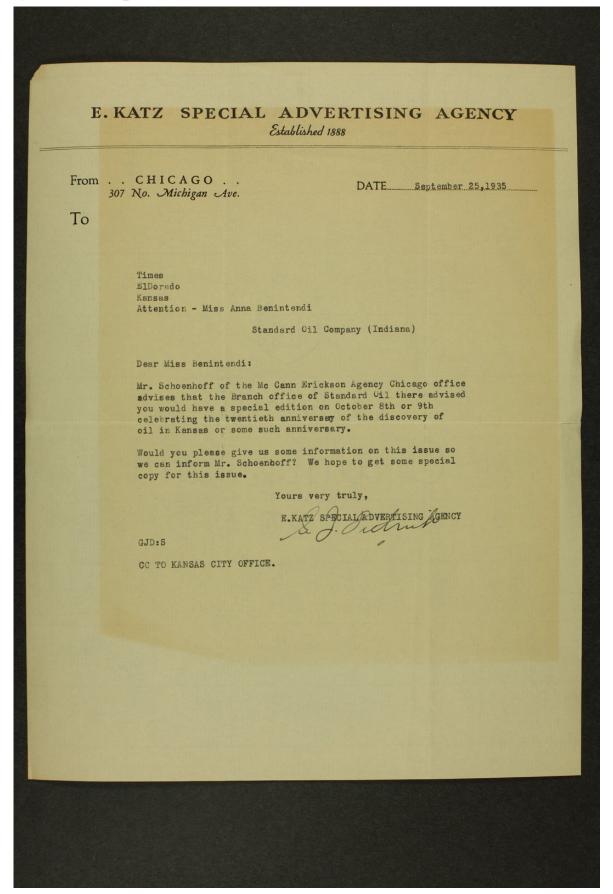
I hope that out of these replies will come a national cross-section of ideas and local judgments, useful in formulating a platform. Your opinion will be of great assistance and I shall appreciate receiving it. I expect to make a summary and conclusions available to those who cooperate. I shall not disclose the names of correspondents and will use their letters only in the way and for the purpose above stated.

I hope you will agree with me that this discussion of issues is important and that you will write me fully, frankly and promptly.

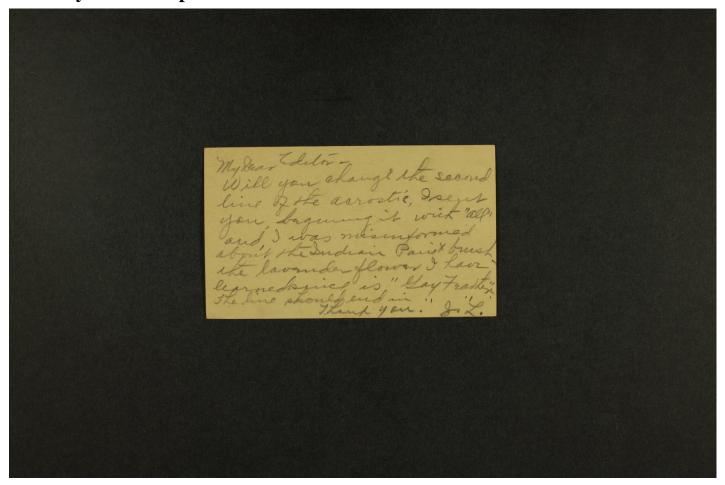
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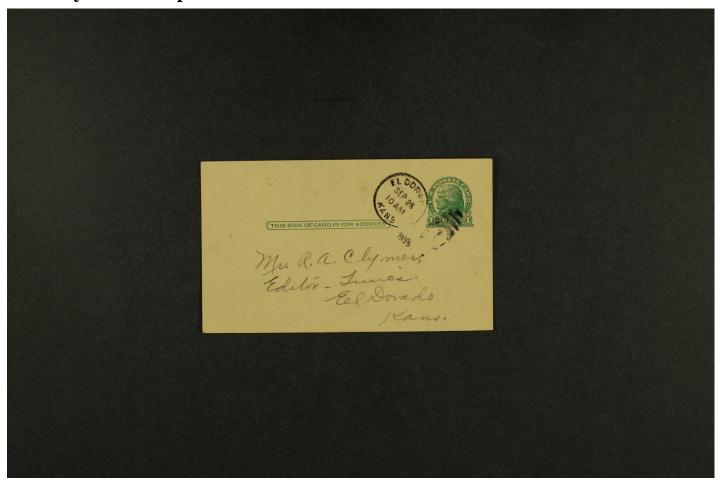




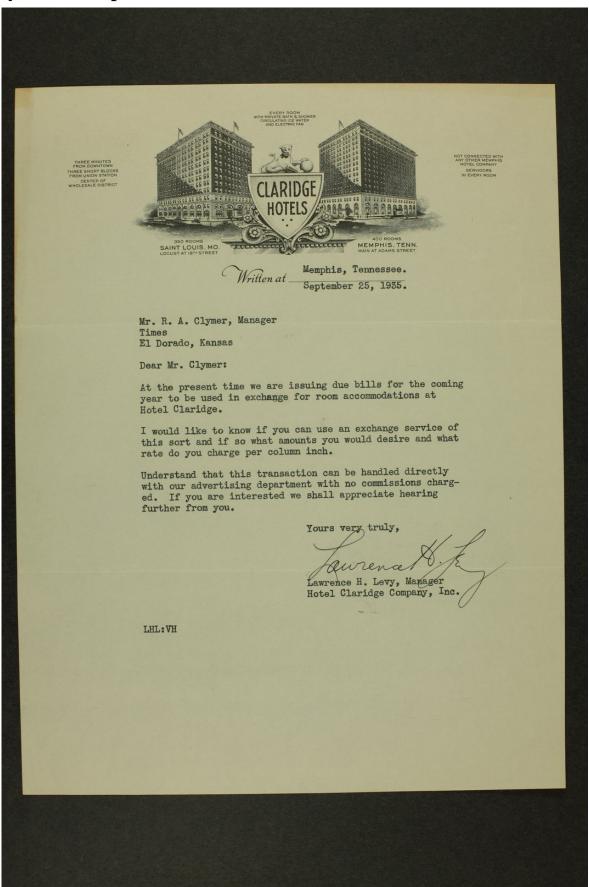














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## INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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TULSA, ORLAHOMA

September 26, 1935

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

WASHINGTON, D. C

Mr. R. A. Clymer c/o El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The Executive Committee of the Independent Petroleum Association of America at their meeting Monday, September 23, in selecting committees for the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at Dallas, Texas, on November 4 and 5, 1935, named you as a member of the Public Relations Committee. This Committee will be headed by H. G. Hunt, Executive Secretary of the Oil and Gas Association of Michigan, as Chairman.

Public relations is, as you realize, a most important part of the work of the Association and the Executive Committee has, therefore,  $\,$ endeavored to select a strong Committee which can make constructive recommendations that they believe will be helpful to the work of the Association in the future.

I would appreciate it very much if you would arrange promptly upon receipt of this communication to write me advising that you will serve on the Public Relations Committee at the Annual Meeting of this Association. It is necessary that we complete definitely the personnel of this Committee at as early a date as possible in order that the Chairman may know just who will serve on the Committee, as he will probably desire to communicate with the members of the Committee prior to the Annual Meeting.

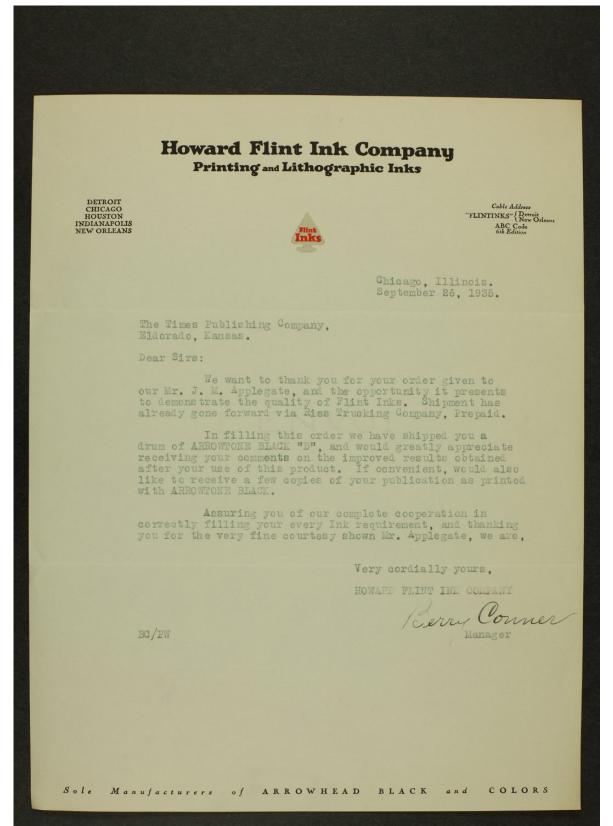
Thanking you for a prompt reply, I am

Yours very truly,

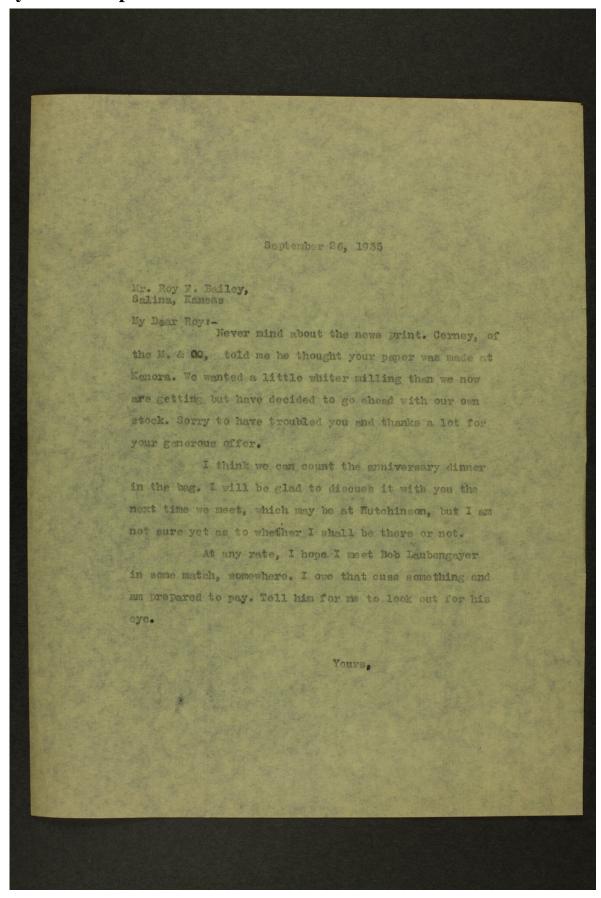
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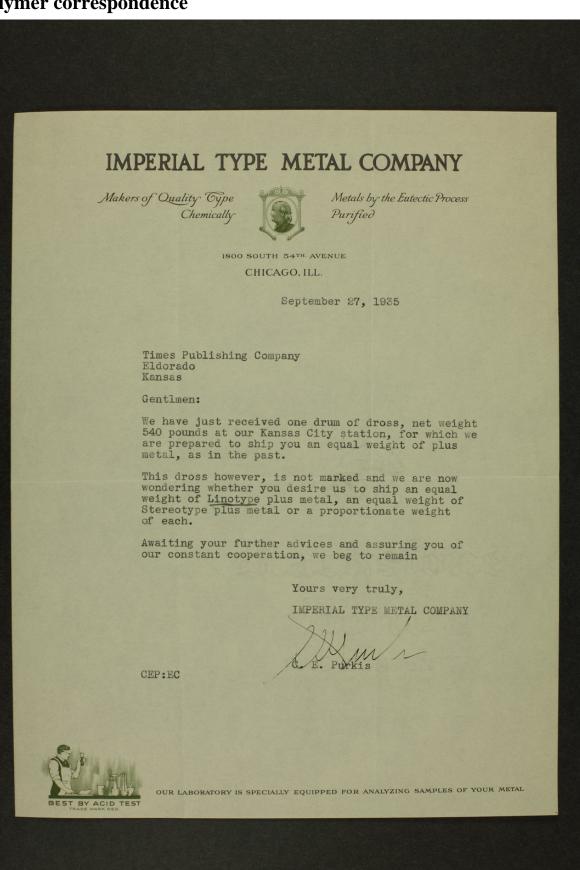














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### LOW COST ROADS ASSOCIATION

DIERKS BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MO.

September 27, 1935

Dear Mr. Editor:

Because of the intense interest in farm-to-market and secondary road construction and the frequent requests we receive for illustrations and information, the mid-continent oil companies, through the Low Cost Roads Association, are making available a publicity series in mat or stereotype form to such newspapers as may care

The general character of the illustrations and features is indicated in the attached proof, the first in the series. May I ask that you examine it carefully to judge its news merit and reader interest? Then indicate on the attached card, which requires no postage, the form in which you should like to receive the series. We have made arrangements with Western Newspaper Union to send this story to you in grooved plates or mat form. Mail the card and the service will come to you without charge.

Although the Low Cost Roads Association is composed of such companies as Standard Oil, Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Phillips Petroleum Corp., Shell Petroleum Corp., Continental Oil Company, Sinclair Refining Co., Mid-Continent Oil Co., Skelly Oil Company, White Eagle Oil Company, Lion Oil Co. and a number of others not so well known, no effort will be made to obtain publicity for the individual companies.

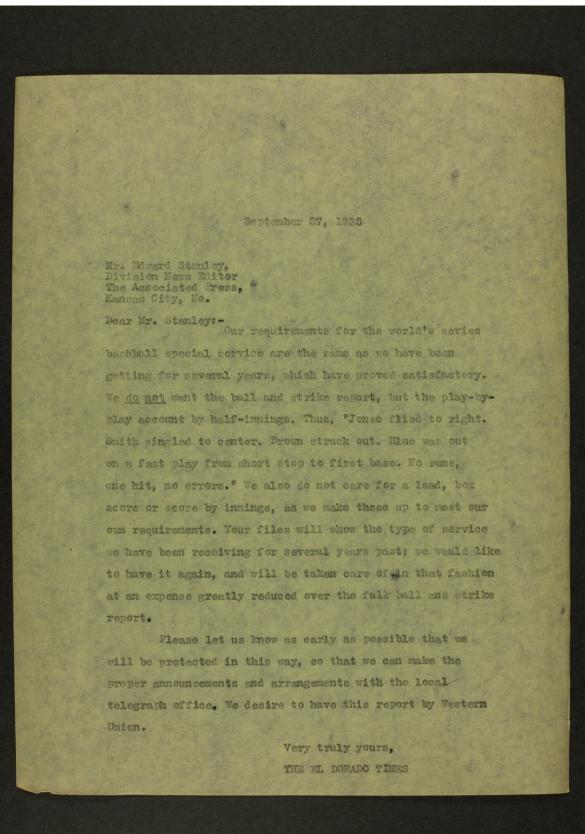
We ask that you consider this service strictly on its merit and without regard to advertising received or expected from the sponsors.

G. E. EVERETT, Secretary.

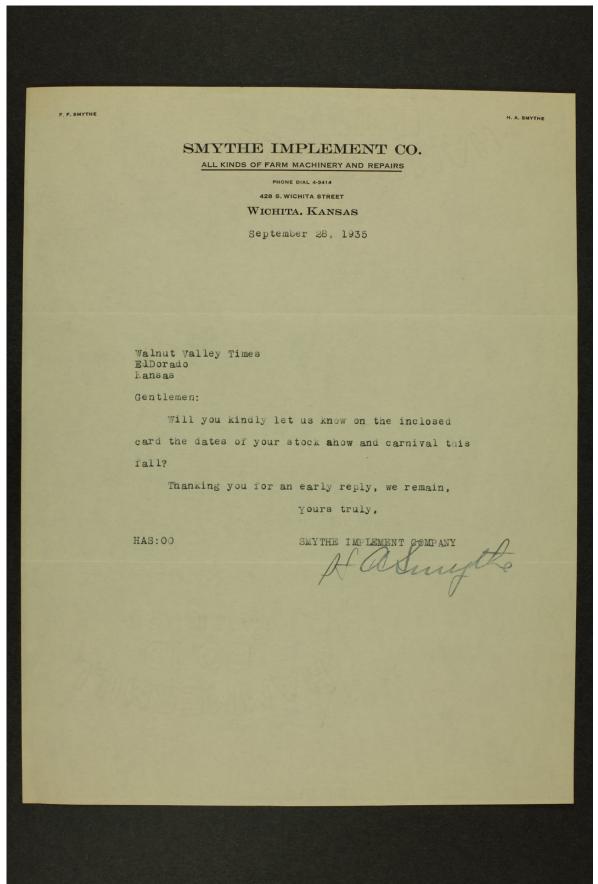
Yours very truly,

LET'S SPEND LESS MONEY FOR MORE PAVED HIGHWAYS

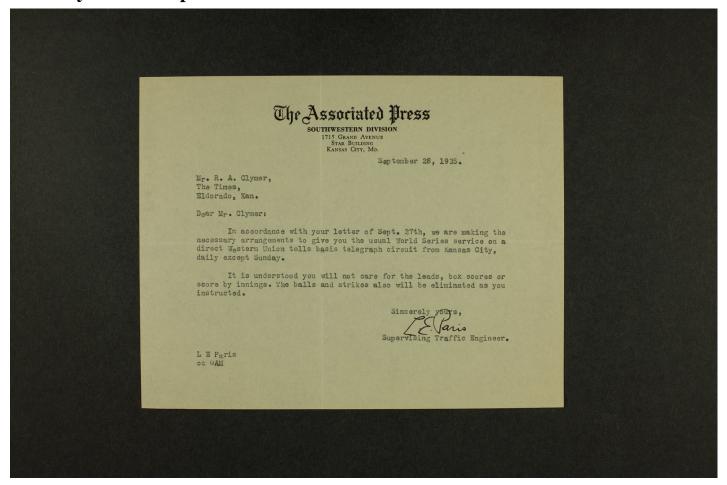














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September 28, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Have been planning to write you ever since you were up here, but using your language "the spirit did not move me "

I think you would be justified in assuming that I was a little put out because you did not print my last items which you said was by a mistake on the part of one of your men. I consider it rather fortunate that you did not print them because I am so busy these times that I seldom write an item of any kind for the papers and if I were writing these for you I would feel more or less under obligation to send in a bunch occasionally. With life's duties bearing upon me at my age I am very much afraid that these 'thoughts' as I call them would soon be considered a flop and that the readers would be sorry for me rather than interested in reading them. At my best, Mr. Clymer, I am not a good writer and often say- both in speaking and writing- a great many things that I should not. So with the mellowing effect of years I am not so anxious to air my views in regard to the matters of this life and think it best, as well as a relief, to be very slow in writing for papers or speaking to the public.

Conditions in the United States, both social and political, are different from what they ever were before. I feel wholly incompetent to undertake solutions. With a kind Providence that watches over us and evolves the destiny of man and civilization it is to be hoped that the proper influences will produce the proper results.

This letter is strictly private.

This letter is strictly private. With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly

Your friend, Joseph



