

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

### Section 510, Pages 15271 - 15300

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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2 - Mr. R. A. Clymer

I am inclined to think some of my ardent supporters misinterpreted your editorial, or took it too seriously, as I feel sure that you would not intentionally print anything that might be derogatory to me.

Hoping to see you within a few days, and with continued good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jack Houston



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SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR.  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT  
*Division of Insurance*  
900 STATE BUILDING, CIVIC CENTER  
LOS ANGELES  
July 24, 1936

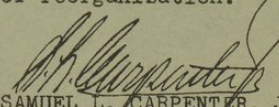
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In reply to inquiries addressed to this office relating to the reorganization of The Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California:

The changes resulting in the new Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company have been consummated under my daily, direct supervision and the new company has my complete endorsement and recommendation. It is fully solvent in every department, having all reserves called for by law and ample surplus. The quality of its assets is excellent and its management of highest ability and integrity. When the plan of its mutualization has been completed future profits will go entirely to policyholders.

The only policyholders of the old Company to be affected in any way are those holding a form of Accident and Health policy known by the trade name of "Non-Cancellable". Claims now being paid under these policies will not be affected by the change. The Court has ruled that in event of claims arising under these policies in the future, benefits will be paid on a reduced basis, according to a published scale. This scale promises benefits adjusted to give full value commensurate with the proper premium rate for this type of coverage.

No other restrictions of any kind are required. All other claims, death benefits and annuities will be paid in full. I considered it advisable, however, to require a temporary moratorium on policy loans and cash surrenders during period of reorganization.



SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR.,  
Insurance Commissioner.







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July 24, 1936

Mr. Clyde Miller,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Miller:-

Because of the jam I did not get to see you yesterday afternoon. I would deem it a favor if you will write telling me what you have in mind. Probably I shall have to stay here most of the time until after the primary.

Very truly yours,

*Rolla Clymer*



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July 25, 1936

Congressman J. M. Houston,  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Jack:-

I wrote a paragraph about you under the head of "Hot Weather Whimseys." It was intended to be in jocular vein. As so often happens with corn-fed writers like me, it fell flat in print. I think your friends have taken it too seriously, for I certainly had no intention of slamming you. I can promise you this, that I shall try to make it up to you later in the campaign. Come and see me as soon as you can. I am anxious to have a visit.

Sincerely,

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### The Associated Press

Kansas City, Missouri

July 25, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

As requested in your letter of the 22nd, we will send you frequent bulletins election night giving the latest tabulations. They will total at least 1,000 words.

Please notify us when you've had enough on that night, and ask us by wire for any particular races you feel are not covered sufficiently. Our filing will be governed by the way in which the figures come in and the closeness of the contests. It is difficult to prepare a definite schedule in advance.

Sincerely yours,



News Editor.

Charles H. Kline - DW  
CC. to BBB.



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1217 Randolph

Topeka, Kansas

July 26, 1936

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

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Insurance Commissioner

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Mr. Barnes, state highway engineer, has told me that his brother-in-law recently resigned his job on The Times.

I am very much interested in getting back in the newspaper game. I thought perhaps with the readjustment on The Times there might be someplace where I would fit.

For the past three years I have been Harry Darby's private secretary and publicity man for the State Highway Department. You have used a great deal of my stuff and know what it is like. I also have been, as this letterhead shows, secretary of the Kansas Safety Council, a no-pay job.

Prior to my present work I was editor for two years of The Larned News, Larned, Kansas. Clarence Judd, whom you may know, was business manager. We built our circulation from 300 to 2,000 in 18 months, our advertising correspondingly. This was despite the splendid opposition of Leslie Wallace's Tiller and Toiler. But when two-bit wheat and a drouth stared me in the face and Judd offered to buy me out at my figure, I sold to him and came to this job.

I was for one year instructor of journalism at Washburn College, one year I worked as a reporter for The State Journal, one year as advertising manager of the Cowgill Date Co., Pasadena, Calif. For two years I was E. E. Kelley's news staff on The Garden City Herald. These jobs paid my way through Washburn College, where I was lucky enough to earn grades high enough to be elected to the honorary scholastic fraternity.

Gale Moss, one of my best friends, could give you a line on me, if you are interested in my qualifications. My present job, I want you to understand, is agreeable work and pays pretty well, but is not like being where I can smell printer's ink.



Page 2.

If you are interested in me and my qualifications, I shall be glad to meet with you nearly anytime wherever you say to talk over the job.

Yours very truly,

*George Mack, Jr.*  
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STATE OF KANSAS  
BANKING DEPARTMENT  
TOPEKA

ROY A. HAINES,  
BANK COMMISSIONER

July 27, 1936

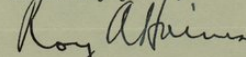
Mr. R. A. Clymer  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

In reading the El Dorado Times of Saturday, July 25, I notice our mutual friend Jim Bourgette has returned home from the east and the next article that attracts my attention was regarding the "AAA" payments in Butler County of nearly one-half million dollars which has been paid to Butler County farmers for the three years of operation. I believe the position of these two articles should have been reversed and Jim Bourgette's return made more prominent than the triple "A" payments.

Enjoyed the short visit with you in Topeka on the night of the notification and also enjoyed meeting the Junior, who no doubt will "take on" after you retire.

Sincerely yours,



Roy A. Haines

RAH/es



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122 North Market  
Wichita, Kansas  
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Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
El Dorado,  
Kansas.

Dear Roll:

I have your most welcome letter of the 25th in regard to the little editorial about my not having visited you, and your explanation fully covers the case. On the day following the writing of my letter to you, one of my friends mailed me the clipping; and as stated in my previous letter, it seems that a combination of hot weather, quick tempers, and prejudice and over-anxiety made them see the thing in the wrong light, as after reading it, I failed to see anything to get excited about; so I am forgetting the whole incident.

You can count on a call by me at an early date, and I want to thank you for your cordial invitation - should you come to Wichita, don't fail to drop in at my office for a chat.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Jack*





July 28, 1936

Mr. George Mack jr., Secretary  
Kansas Safety Council,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Mack:-  
Am sorry I did not hear about you  
earlier. The job has already been filled.

Sincerely yours,

*Rolla Clymer*

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### The Parsons Sun

"A Live Paper in a Live Town"

Parsons, Kansas

July 28, 1936

CLYDE M. REED, PUBLISHER  
LESTER COMBS, MANAGER

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I understand the F. W. Ellis Company of Wichita helped you on your 20th Anniversary Oil edition. Will you kindly let me know about their service and charges?

We are figuring on a special edition here early this winter after the installation of our new press.

Very truly yours,

THE PARSONS SUN

*Lester Combs*  
Manager

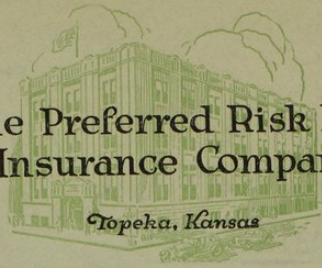
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### The Preferred Risk Fire Insurance Company



*Topeka, Kansas*

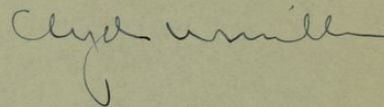
July 29, 1936

Mr. R. A. Clymer  
El Dorado, Kansas

My dear Clymer:

So glad to know that we will see you  
after the primaries. Come at the earliest possible moment  
and we will discuss details when you arrive. We will have a  
room for you at the Jayhawk Hotel.

Yours truly,



CWM:VT

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 29, 1936

Mr. Lester Combs, Manager  
The Parsons Sun,  
Parsons, Kansas

My Dear Lester:-

F. W. (Steve) Ellis did a fine job of selling for us on our oil anniversary edition, but the charges were stiff. We got \$250 a page, stood all the expenses and gave him half of the gross. Our expense was high with photographic and cut service and considerable overtime for the various sections. We grossed about \$6,500 in the edition, some of which, however, was the regular day's business. Ellis is a fine salesman, has good ideas and is perfectly trustworthy. I should like to have him back again for a special number, but would insist that he bear part of the expense--and then split. I will be fair enough to say that he made numerous trips at his own expense, going to Kansas City, Chicago, Bartlesville and Tulsa in our behalf. Don't believe you can find a better special edition man around here than Steve, but think he should be willing to work on a smaller share. All this is confidential.

Very truly yours,



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July 30, 1936

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

Mr. Frank Ellis, of this town, is seeking a part time laboratory job with the State Highway Department to enable him to complete his courses at Kansas State College. He is a most estimable young man. He was graduated with honors last spring at the El Dorado Junior College, and bears the highest opinion of faculty members and students. He has had practical laboratory experience at the El Dorado refinery of the Skelly Oil Company and has performed his duties well. I consider him well worthy of any favors shown him to attain his scholastic ambitions.

Very truly,



R. A. CLYMER agrees to sell and C. G. YANKEY  
agrees to buy the following described property:

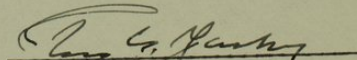
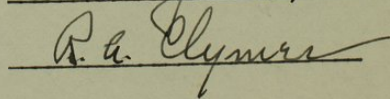
Lot One (1), Block Four (4) in Adams  
Addition to the City of El Dorado in  
Butler County, Kansas.

The price to be paid is \$2500.00 cash, of  
which amount \$250.00 is paid at the time of the making of  
this contract and to be credited on the purchase price.

Clymer is to furnish abstract showing good  
and merchantable title. The property when conveyed is to  
be free and clear of all encumbrances, and taxes paid to  
date. Abstract to be examined promptly and conveyance to  
be made as soon as title is furnished.

The deed is to be made to EDNA S. YANKEY.

DATED this 31st day of July, 1936.



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Touanda Kan  
Aug 1-36

Mr. R. A. Clymer:-  
Ed. Eldorado Times:-  
My Dear Sir:-

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In H. Hoovers time good 100% Rep, I did know thousands of others, what it was to go hungry, as plain as it has been <sup>4 years</sup> we have not in present adm. thanks to Mr. R's efforts.

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F. L. STURGES,  
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Topeka, Kansas, August 1, 1936.

In Reply Please Mention File E-28

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Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
Editor, Times,  
ElDorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

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Yours truly,





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