

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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These would either be sold to the sponsors of the Governor or run as campaign contributions by the newspapers. No national committee funds are available for their publication. I have asked Fred Vandegrift to help me with copy on an ad of half-page size, and Jack Harris suggested to me that I might be able to persuade you to write copy for one quarter-page ad. This should be along the general line of presenting Alf, as a Kansas product, who fully represents the Kansas character of tradition and reality. I will be most grateful if you will assist me in this respect.

Please send your copy to me here at Topeka, room 302, care of the Republican National Committee. I would like to have the copy approved and the layouts put into printed form within two weeks. I shall be grateful for your help.

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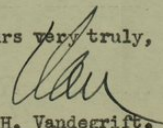
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You, being an editor, probably realize that politics comes much closer to the editorial chair than to a mere advertising manager.

It will be my first attempt at any big league political advertising copy writing.

Thank you for all of the unjustified confidence you were unwise enough to place in me.

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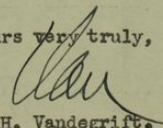
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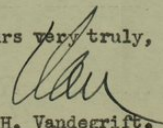
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Iowa is for London in a big way. and how they are working for him. At Des Moines last night they demonstrated what they have been feeling in this case. It was a fine meeting. a good speech and well received. The crowd was larger than when London & Roosevelt were in 3 years ago.

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I had a fine visit in ~~Shenandoah~~
Shenandoah with Mr. May
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Miss Graham is one of the most unusual young women
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insurance real estate firms, and her qualifications are such
that she will make you a very valuable and loyal employee.

Miss Graham has the best of clean habits, and anything
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Born in Pennsylvania, reared in Ohio, he found in Kansas, the state of his adoption, the human laboratory in which he might work out his destiny.

He is a plain man of a plains people. He lives in a world of reality. He faces facts in their naked reality. He does not distort true aspects by looking at them through a prism of emotionalism. He holds to no fine-spun theories. He believes there is no short cut to success or prosperity. He knows that the way to the hills of achievement is along the hard, rough path of human endeavor. He has fitted his life to this philosophy and he stands today before the American public as a man who has been tested in the crucible of circumstance, and who has been found not wanting.

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