

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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Dear Boss:

You may be sure it gives me more pleasure than it does you that I am able at last to give you half of what I owe your estate. I hope the remaining half will not be too long in accumulating--and will you believe me when I say that it has been more than kind of you not to hurry me about this? But then, you've always been kind to me--except on one rare occaion occasion when you made me cry!

Many are the times I think about you and wonder how things are going. It seems to me your editorials get meatier all the time--or maybe I'm just weary of the wishy-washy scribblings of the metropolitan fence-straddlers. You've got virility in your writing, and drive and rhythm. If I haven't told you already, I should have long since mentioned that I enjoyed your yarn about ice hockey as much as anything you've ever done--except the Cassel piece, of course, which now happily is deathless. I cannot yet read that piece without clouding up--and tears are the sincerest compliment, you know.

I'm going to see the Blackhawks and the Red Wings play one night soon. I so much wish you might go. It's ~~aw~~ such grand fun. I wisely steer clear of any journalistic expression regarding my puny thoughts about this lightning-fast sport. You've done so good a job--what more is there to be said?

I have a feeling Spume is weakening. I am so tired--work like the devil and love it, of course--that I think my tiredness somehow gets between the lines. I want people to like it or I'd rather not write it--you know, Boss, I love doing that little piece, and if it falls to pieces, I want it to fall in a heap--not die a lingering and cancerous death! Let me know if people are kicking, will you please?

all kinds of honorable love,
mace

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Dear Boss:

I've had to move again. Scarlet fever in the Irish household. So I haven't seen The Times-(god bless er) for a week. I am lonely without it, of course, and wish I might tell you to have it sent to my new address--but I haven't got one as yet. Just now I'm living in a cockroach castle over here on the West Side. Will be there only until Sunday--and then I don't know where I'll be.

But when I do get fixed, you'll have Vic ~~#####~~ send the paper to me, won't you? Will let you know where I'm going to be, because I still have hopes you'll come up this way, and give me a call.

Because I haven't seen the paper, I may have repeated something in ~~####~~ Thissen That. Seems I mentioned the Roosevelt Road beggars last week--don't know. If I did, will you please ~~###~~ delete any repetition in this week's offering? A rather poor one, I'm afraid.

I'm very busy, like my job, but hate the location. I've ~~####~~ asked to be transferred to the Los Angeles store--but don't know when it'll come, if ever.

love,

mace

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Sunday

Dear Boss:

Enjoyed your Whimseys more than I can say. I'm sure your trip was extremely interesting and worth-while. I am not going to ask if you came through here; if you did and I missed seeing you, it would be too disappointing.

Have moved back to Evanston; couldn't quite stand the smoke and slime and grime and grayness of the West Side, what with spring about to come. It's still quite cold here. Keep thinking I'll get home, but don't know when.

I know you're head and ears deep in campaign dope, but let me know how you are. Always am interested, you know. And will you have Vic send me my favorite newspaper to:

2040 Sherman Avenue,
Evanston, Ill.

I swear it's the last time I'll ask you to change it. I'm never going to move again.

love,

mace

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Dear Boss:

Greetings and salutations
from the waterfront. And
do I get a sight of you
pretty soon?

think I'm going to
get a raise - to 40 bucks
a week. Jesus ReBuck God
bless 'em - are beginning
to treat me like a prime
cowboy. Maybe it's because
I'm a workhorse!

Love
mace

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Dear Boss:

How've you been? I've been having a little illness--nothing serious, but unpleasant. Got too cold too many times, I guess. Haven't been out much--hence the thinness of Spume this week.

I am increasingly distressed at the number of deaths you're having at home. Whatever is the matter?

I can't tell you how much I would enjoy seeing the good old Kansas sun. I just don't know how long it has been since we have even caught a glimpse of ~~any~~ any sun.

Do take care of yourself Boss. And drop me a line when and if you can conveniently. I ~~should~~ should like to know how things are with you.

my special love to you

mace

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Dear Boss:

Thanks so much for your note. Will look forward to your visit. I can't think it won't materialize. It might be that I will try to get home about Easter. Don't know of course, so don't mention the possibility to anybody.

I haven't got the raise as yet--it seems the mills of the gods grind very slowly. However, I'm "In" as far as acceptance goes. Get increasingly more important jobs ~~and the time~~. Have just finished a book (~~for~~ fifty pages) about Venetian Blinds. They've found out I'm a work horse, and give me the things that require very careful attention. Seem amazed that I can turn out jobs without typographical ~~errors~~ blunders in them. They don't know my schooling under your eagle eye. I've never yet ceased to be grateful that you were particular.

I notice with regret that Spume gets more personal all the time. I am sorry ~~for~~ for that--even ~~if~~ if my friends do eat it up. I'm afraid it's degenerating--and it just can't be helped. I have so little time for leisurely poking around--which is my dish, and something I'll always love to do, no~~x~~ matter where I'm put down.


I shall watch Landon's ^pprogress with all the more interest, knowing your close connection with it. Write me another note when you can. I doubt if you know how much a letter helps.

love,

mace

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THE COLLEGE OF EMPORIA, Emporia, Kansas.
INSURED ANNUITY BOND

Whereas, Jonathan Smith of Smithville, Kans, has donated to and paid into the treasury of The College of Emporia, the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS, as a contribution to the General Fund of said College, NOW THEREFORE, the said College of Emporia in consideration thereof, hereby agrees to pay interest on said contribution to said Jonathan Smith during his natural life, at the rate of 5 % per annum, payable semi-annually, the first payment to commence on Jan. 1, 1937 and the same sum each six months thereafter during the life of said donor. Said payments to cease on the death of said donor. It is further agreed that said College will re-insure this contract with the Equitable Life Insur-
Company, and that evidence of this re-insurance contract be attached and made a part of this bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said COLLEGE has caused this INSURED ANNUITY BOND to be signed and executed half by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said College and has caused its corporate seal to be here-
tofore affixed this 1st day of January 1937.

THE COLLEGE OF EMPORIA

By John Bailey Kelly SECRETARY By J. W. Berryman By PRESIDENT, Board of Trustees



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TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Trustee hereby CERTIFIES that there has been deposited in his care and custody a contract with Jonathan Smith of Smithville, Kan And The Equitable Life Insurance Co dated Jan. 1, 1937, No. 37485492 properly signed by the officers of said insurance company, said contract agreeing to pay to said Jonathan Smith \$ 250.00 on the first day of January and each six months thereafter during his natural life time.

A. Banker

TRUSTEE.



Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 2, 1937

Mr. Karl Kennedy,
Publisher Kansas Business,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Karl:-

I am extremely grateful to you for your kind mention of The Times and me in your January issue. While it was mainly undeserved, I am frank to say that I like it--and am in your debt, as usual. Please do not forget me when the time comes to open guns on the gross production tax on oil. I am ready to go any time.

Will hope that I may see you at the time of the Press Association in two weeks. In the meantime, please again accept my thanks and my wishes for a wholly happy and prosperous year for you. And please remember me kindly to the Missus.

Sincerely,



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January 2, 1937

Mr. James A. Adams, Vice-President
Benton & Bowles, Inc.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Adams:-

In reply to your recent letter, will say that our paper has consistently opposed a sales tax, and intends to continue to do so on a measure of that type soon to be introduced into the Kansas state legislature. Our stand in this regard automatically places us as opposed to taxes on food and this, of course, would include margarine.

Trusting that this information answers your query and assuring you of our appreciation of your interest and good will, I am

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer

January 2, 1937

Mr. Roy F. Bailey,
Salina, Kansas

My Dear Roy:-

Of course, I remember your fine services as chairman of the resolutions committee at the Republican State Convention in 1930. You held the gate for those who favored an oil tariff plank at that time. We could have arrived nowhere without you. And all our efforts went for naught later on when the National Convention "sterilized" our plank there.

As I recall, your paper took no particular part in the oil tariff fight, and justly so, because you were not then in the oil territory. My piece the other day was misleading, in that I did not get over the fact that neither of the two Wichita papers--and Wichita profiting more from oil than any other town in Kansas--ever came out flatfootedly and fought on our side. I merely meant to indicate that the progress of oil development has been so widespread in the past few years that many of the influential papers now can be counted on to take up cudgels in behalf of the industry. I certainly intended no offense toward you; please be assured that your fine help in a time of need has not been forgotten by me--and never will be.

The past year has not been too good for us--and I am still waiting for the "Roosevelt prosperity" to hit.

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I hope the position of The Journal has been improved, and wish for you and your business great gobs of prosperity during this coming year. I am also going to hope that you and I will get to see each other more often--perhaps beginning at the Press Association meeting in two weeks.

I want you to know always how much I cherish your friendship. It has meant a great deal to me in the past, and I hope never to be guilty of any act that would dim it in the least.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 4, 1937

Major John W. Thomason Jr.,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Major Thomason:-

I noted in a sketch of yourself published in the Saturday Evening Post, issue of November 14, 1936, that you say you have one more book on the Southern Confederacy in your system. I hope you get it out. I think I have enjoyed your book on "Jeb Stuart" more than any other single historical volume I have ever read. It has been on my reading table for several years. I feel certain I have been through it a dozen times. I, as one of your admirers, would welcome all such biography you could produce.

I am a country editor who would doubtless have been a "damnyank" seventy-five years ago, but whose hobby now is Civil War history with impartial admiration for the heroes on both sides in that conflict.

I have also read your World War books and just want you to know how sincerely I appreciate the high quality of your work.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 4, 1937

Mr. C. F. Back, President
The Home State Bank,
Kansas City, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Back:-

Well, here it is. I am sorry for the delay in getting this copy to you. Some of it has been my fault; some has not. I worked on it all day yesterday.

As I said before, I want you to feel free to edit it in any way you see fit. I realize my shortcomings in preparing an article of this kind, but have worked at the matter faithfully. I have tried to make it as simple as possible. I claim little originality for much of the matter, but have taken freely from many sources. Banking literature is full of comment on these various related subjects, and much of it is so similar in content that I do not feel guilty of plagiarism.

Perhaps I have not stressed sufficiently the fact that banks are chartered institutions, nor the part both federal and state governments play in their supervision. The article was growing long, however, so I have referred to these influences only in passing. I had in mind always that this copy was to go into the hands of men wholly familiar with the banking business, and who could adapt its statements to their own processes of thought and choice of expression.

You will note that, in the final pages, I have quoted from Mr. Campbell's article. I believed that his statement was a fitting finale to an address of this kind. I note that you may feel obliged to use his whole article in some separate ~~article~~ manuscript form. It would be necessary then to eliminate the sections that are his from this composition. I suggest that in case you print his separately, it might be done under some such heading as "The Tale of a Country Banker." However, the portion included in this main address is most fitting and gives it strength, in my opinion.

I should like to know, as soon as you have had a chance to study it, your reactions to the copy I am herewith sending you. I expect to be in Topeka on January 15 and 16 to attend the meeting of the State Press Association. If you and Fred would like to have a personal discussion with me at that time, I shall be glad to oblige.

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I have asked for the privilege of printing this article in our plant, which Fred has graciously promised. Again I suggest that the form of the Ohio article be used. Please note that I kept away as much as possible from the Ohio article. It was so splendid that I threw it away, and developed this speech along lines of my own choosing.

I am conscious of many faults in this article but want you to know that I have given it my most serious and considered attention, and am grateful for your confidence in letting me go ahead with it.

I shall hope to receive word from you within a few days. Please do not hesitate to comment critically.

Very truly yours,

Postscript:-Please preserve this copy carefully, as I took no carbons of it.

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January 4, 1937

Mr. Sam Blythe, Manager
Hotel Kansan,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Sam:-

I am planning to attend the Kansas Press Association in Topeka next week, and wonder if you could reserve a corner room for me beginning some time Thursday, January 14. I shall appreciate a reply, as I do all your kindly favors to me.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer

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JOHN S. SWEET, PRESIDENT
H. W. McCALL, VICE PRES.
DAVID FRANK, SECRETARY

Sweet Hotels
INCORPORATED

written at Topeka, Kansas
January 5, 1937

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Come on up and we will take care of you some way. While it may not be possible to get you a corner room still we will do our best and make all efforts to do so, but owing to the crowded conditions of the legislature and the Kansas Press Association meeting it has filled our hotel but we will take care of you in some way.

With kindest regards.

Cordially,

HOTEL KANSAN OPERATING COMPANY

Sam Clymer
Manager

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COLUMBIA, MO.
HOTEL MISSOURI
JEFFERSON CITY, MO.
TIODA INN
CHANUTE, KANS.
HOTEL MARK TWAIN
ST. LOUIS, MO.

January 6, 1937

Mr. Wes Roberts,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Wes:-

Because of delays in counting the ballots at the election and inaccuracies, we did not publish a tabulation of the Butler County returns by precincts. We kept a card for ourselves but it is not accurate, varying in some respects with the official count. I wish I could accommodate you but I have no one available just now to go to the courthouse and make a copy from the official records. If you want me to do so later, I shall try to put someone at the task for you. Certainly I owe you a lot for the favors you have extended to me in the past.

I have ordered the address changed on Gertrude's paper and trust she will get it promptly at the Kansan.

Expect to be in Topeka next week to attend the Press Association meeting, and trust I may get to see you then. In the meantime, and as always, my wishes for the best of luck.

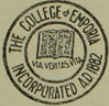
Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

THE COLLEGE OF EMPORIA
EMPORIA, KANSAS

January 6, 1937.



DEGREES OFFERED

BACHELOR OF ARTS
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Mr. Rollo Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

For some time we have been working out a plan that will enable us to write annuities without jeopardizing the financial position of the College or the annuitant. Our plain annuities as you know have not worked out satisfactory especially during the depression.

The enclosed bond is a sample of the new plan we have now worked out. It protects both the College and the investor as the responsibility for payment rests entirely on a legal reserve life insurance company. The individual who purchases the annuity may choose his own company if he has a preference. If they have no preference, I will write them in my own company which is required to deposit the full amount with the State Department of Iowa. (At the present time there is \$130,000,000.00 so deposited which will pay out dollar for dollar if anything should happen to the company.) There is no possible way for any one to lose unless the entire government structure goes to pieces.

What I need now is prospects. Last year you may recall I wrote one of these annuities for \$13,500.00. We know it will work if we can just find the individuals who are in the right frame of mind and who want to help further the cause of Christian education. We can give them 4%, 5%, and on up, depending on the age of the donor. This means they will receive interest on their donation as long as they live. They can, of course, deduct this donation from their income tax report and will only have to treat the income thereafter, and a large percent of this will be exempt. I hope you will be able to think of some prospects for my files. Your name will not be used in any way.

Dr. Templeton has just received a contribution of \$1500.00 from a man in Garden City. Mr. Denton has just paid his \$1000.00 contribution that he promised me last year. This is a good start for 1937 and maybe if we all pull together we can put this College on the map yet.

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Robinson
Treasurer

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Encl.

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ARKANSAS CITY TRIBUNE

R. C. HOWARD, Owner
ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Jan. 6, 1937

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times,
El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I was informed by Mr. Stauffer's secretary yesterday that he had written you and that you wanted me to write also. I have had 10-years' experience on the Tribune as a reporter and I am listed in the city directory as it's city editor. During the last 10 years I have written practically all of the news in the paper-covering everything from personals to murders.

Mr. Howard says I am the best reporter he has ever had. You know he established the Traveler and ran it for nearly 50 years. I like Mr. Howard and the Tribune, but I am ambitious and want to get on a paper where there is a chance for advancement. I am now getting \$25 a week and would like to get more.

I was graduated from high school here and attended the junior college one semester. I was an average student, but outstanding in extra-curricular activities. I am single, but expect to get married as soon as I have saved a few hundred dollars. I am a member of the Episcopal church, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the International DeMolay Alumni Association and the national intermediate fraternity of Pi Delta Koppa. I am a member of the Republican party and the Young Republicans' club of Kansas. Among my best friends are Rep. George Templar and Sen. Kirke W.



Rolla Clymer correspondence

ARKANSAS CITY TRIBUNE

R. C. HOWARD, Owner
ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Dale. Mr. Stauffer thinks highly of me although I only worked for him a short time.

I will be glad to hear from you. Please write me in care of the Tribune.

Yours Truly,

Bill Miller

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R A CLYMER=

THE TIMES

WILL APPRECIATE YOUR WIRE ME IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FIVE COLLECT
CARE OF STATLER HOTEL SAINTLOUIS YOUR UNBIASED OPINION AS
TO WHICH KANSASCITY RADIO STATION IS MOST LISTENED TO IN
YOUR COMMUNITY THANK YOU=
JOSEPH SPADEA.

THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME



Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 9, 1937

Mr. Fred Bowman,
1220 Taylor Avenue,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Fred:

In accordance with our conversation this week, I am enclosing the one and only copy of Mr. Clymer's prepared talk on Banking, which he submitted to me under date of January 4th.

I have read this article through several times. There is little if any change that I find necessary and for that reason I have made no blue pencil marks on the copy. I do think that a sentence might well be inserted where mention is made of the number of banks in Kansas, part of whom are chartered by the state and part by the United States Government, in amplifying the term "chartered institutions". One other place in the article refers to the shareholder and the language might be changed slightly in referring to his investment in the capital stock and in the following paragraph a sentence which I have marked "x" might be restated so as to be more directly applicable than the term which Mr. Clymer uses.

Altogether I am well pleased with the approach and presentation which Mr. Clymer has followed in presenting the place of the bank in the community in its several relationships.

I am enclosing his letter of transmittal dated January 4th as it contains some reference to Mr. Campbell's article and the use of part of the article by Mr. Clymer in his paper. You may return the letter to me after it has served its purpose.

I will await your further word with reference to a meeting of the State Committee the latter part of January.

I am heartily in favor of directing Mr. Clymer to proceed forthwith in printing up as many copies of this talk as in your opinion we will need and to follow the form used by the Ohio Bankers Association in a similar talk which they published and distributed to the banks of Ohio.

Cordially yours,

Chairman of Committee on Banking
Education and Public Relations.

CFF:MK



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THE SALINA JOURNAL SALINA · · · KANSAS

ROY F. BAILEY, EDITOR AND GENERAL MANAGER

January 9, 1937

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

Dear Rolla

That was a swell reply to my letter and I always shall be glad that I took exception to your remarks regarding the newspapers of Kansas that are friendly to the oil industry.

Naturally we do not declare ourselves as often as you do in the heart of the oil fields, but we always have been friendly to the oil men as a leading Kansas institution. During recent years our interest has been more than platonic because of the developments in McPherson, Ellsworth, Russell and Ellis county.

Of course, I did want to remind you that I thought for a time I was going to lose the friendship of Dave Mulvane over the oil plank in the Kansas republican platform. You may or may not know that we had a half hour private conference in his room at which he told me quite frankly that the national convention would not recognize the oil plank and that he had been asked to keep down agitation in Kansas if it were possible. After I pointed out to him the importance of the industry to the state and my own feeling that the Kansas senators and congressmen should have the backing of the republicans in their demands upon congress, he came across very gracefully and went the whole way. Because of his attitude this is not meant to be critical of Dave Mulvane, for originally he merely tried to do what he had been asked to do by the national committee, but without very much thought about its effect in Kansas.

About all I want to do is to make it plain that we are enough interested in the oil industry so that you can tell us if we can be of any help. Some times we may not follow your suggestions but they always will be given every consideration and we probably will lean backward to get on your side.

Like you, business has been none too good during 1936 but we always have great hopes for the future. Some of these days I hope you make it a point to pass through Salina on some of your numerous jaunts and see our new office. It is the reason we think prosperity is much further away than around the corner, but it is a beautiful thing to contemplate. As the bills begin to roll in we have begun to realize that we are in the same shape as a chap who marries a beautiful girl. It is not the first cost but the upkeep.

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ROY F. BAILEY, EDITOR AND GENERAL MANAGER

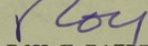
THE SALINA JOURNAL
SALINA · · · KANSAS

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If everything goes well I hope to see you at the press association meeting in Topeka. Any my hope for this year is that I see a lot more of you than I did in '36. May be one of the rewards of the late lamented election is that there is not much left for us republicans to worry about.

My best wishes always.

Sincerely


ROY F BAILEY:F

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

1704 E. Silver
January 9, 1937

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

Dear Boss:

Frankly, I don't exactly know how to express my gratitude for your letter of January 5. While I was in hopes that you ^{would} ~~may~~ have been able to put me in touch with an opening somewhere, the possibilities of an opening in your own organization seemed so remote as to be almost impossible.

Ruth and myself have considered every angle. My time with the Scribner expires Jan 15. Any time after that date we will be more than glad to come — and to become part of the Times Fam-i-lee.



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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

R. A. Clymer - 2.

The matter of Salary is one that we are going to leave in your hands. Both Ruth and I have complete confidence in your fairness and you know just what kind of a Tax your budget will stand.

There is only one request that I would like to make. While it is not absolutely essential, because of the fact that we have made two moves in the last few months - each more or less costly, it would be very much appreciated if some arrangement could be made to defray at least a part of the transportation and moving costs from here to El Dorado.

However, whether this is possible or not, it will have no bearing on our decision to come and settle down

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

R. A. Clymer - 3.

and assume any responsibilities
that you see fit to assign.

I would appreciate a wire
from you stating just how soon
you want us to come - So much
for business.

I received a note from Bill
the other day inquiring as to whether
I had completely dropped the old
gang or not. I can assure you that
I will see them all before I leave.

I understand that Johnny
is doing a good job as the ad. mgr.
He sent me a copy of his Christmas
edition - and at last "Little Lumber"
had his eye for 24 pages satisfied.

Glad to learn that you are
on the "wagon". I, too, since leaving
Santa Fe have been quite conservative
and am now, with the exception of



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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

L. A. Clymer - I

an occasional glass of "seeds"
am right on the old crate myself.

Ruth and Mother both send
their kindest personal regards.

Looking forward to an early
word from you and a long and
pleasant association, I am, both

Sincerely and appreciatively

Yours.
Willow

P.S. I write a terrible hand so I hope you
have no trouble in making it out.

W.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Rolla:

Herewith the copy - with a few suggestions. Those in red are Beck's & mine are in black lead pencil.

This should leave the copy in final shape for you & you can go ahead with the composition. Also you can proof it & run off the job without further delay. It's a good job. I will notify you later as to the number of copies. We have envelopes here for mailing so send the stuff here together with statement for amount due. When do you figure you will have them here? We want to time distribution to other factors and are ready to put them out. In fact, we are awaiting some steps on the time of delivery.

Truett

June 10th -