

#### **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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C O P INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OIL FIELD, GAS WELL AND REFINERY WORKERS OF AMERICA

1200 - 15th Street, N.W. Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1937

Independent Petroleum Association of America Tulsa, Oklahoma

Attention: Mr. Harold Fell, Executive Vice President

Gentlemen:

A cursory examination into the problems affecting economic stability in the Petroleum Industry is the matter of: the control of crude oil production in keeping with refinery requirements which in turn is determined by consumer demand.

The Petroleum Industry is committed to this program, approaching same from two distinct premises (a) conservation of crude petroleum (b) economic determinizm. For the past three years much progress has been made in accomplishing both results.

The workers in the Petroleum Industry are not unmindful of the necessity for fruitful results beneficial to the Industry, but—constantly the workers are reminded of the fact that reasonable earnings were not their lot during depression days and the unfortunate fact today, despite the favorable economic gains of the Industry itself, is that wages are not in keeping with corresponding earnings of petroleum companies.

In addition thereto, we find companies have failed to keep their agreement, which was to continue Code hours and wages. The obvious result is that the competitive factors insofar as the Wages Bill, etc., is not stabilized, and the need for such stabilization is most imperative.

We, therefore, offer to the Industry through its various trade associations the opportunity of accomplishing the purposes sought through its own leadership, i.e., a universal 36-hour work week, and a \$5.00 per 6-hour day base rate of pay, with corresponding differentials as they affect the various classifications of employment.

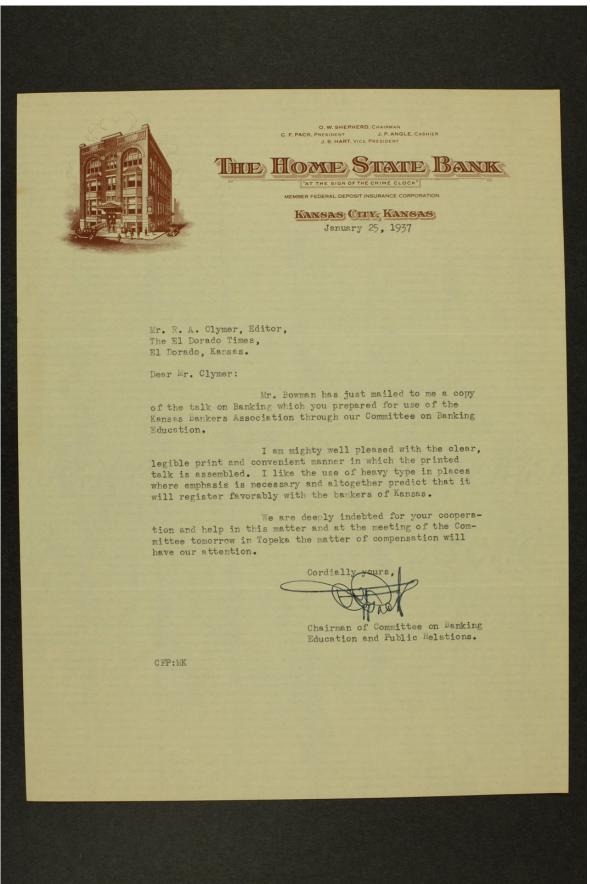
We base our offer upon the often repeated statement uttered by the leadership of the Petroleum Industry, that "government regulation is unnecessary, the industry can accomplish better results through its normal leadership than could possibly come through legislation". If the results named herein can be effectuated without legislation, we happily subscribe to the statement made by Industry, as above set forth. However, experience causes the workers to doubt the ability of the Industry to redeem its pledge of "self-help".

Therefore, if the Industry is unable to accomplish workers' stabilization by March 1, 1937, we shall seek such stabilization by legislation at the hands of Federal Congress.

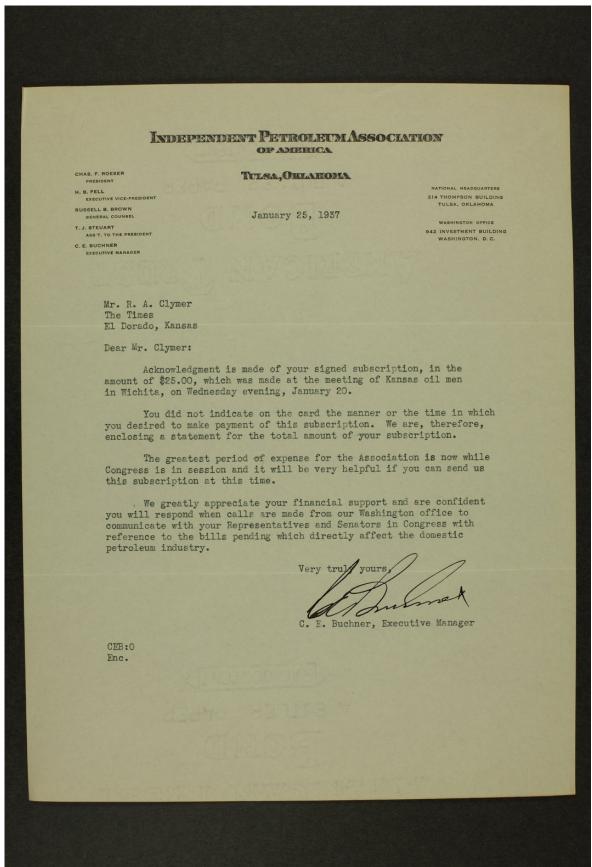
Sincerely yours,

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OIL FIELD, GAS WELL & REFINERY WORKERS OF AMERICA (Signed) H. C. Fremming by President

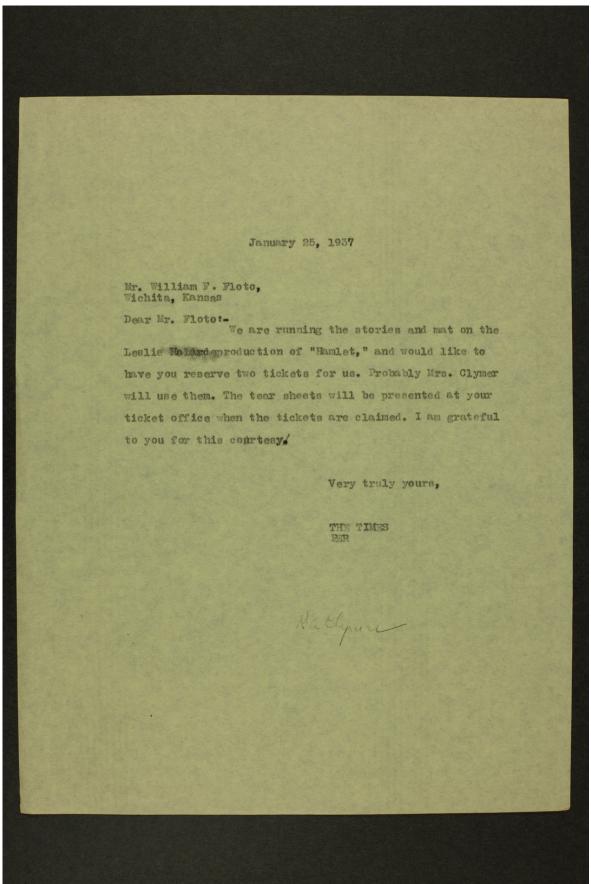






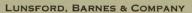








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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

WHEELER, KELLY, HAGNY BLDG.

WICHITA, KANSAS

January 26, 1937

KANSAS CITY 21 WEST 10TH STREET

NEW YORK 80 BROAD STREET

TO OUR CLIENTS:

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has granted an extension until April 1, 1937 for filing returns and payment of pay roll taxes due under Title IX of the Social Security Act. It is unnecessary to make a request for extension or to file a tentative return and no interest will be charged.

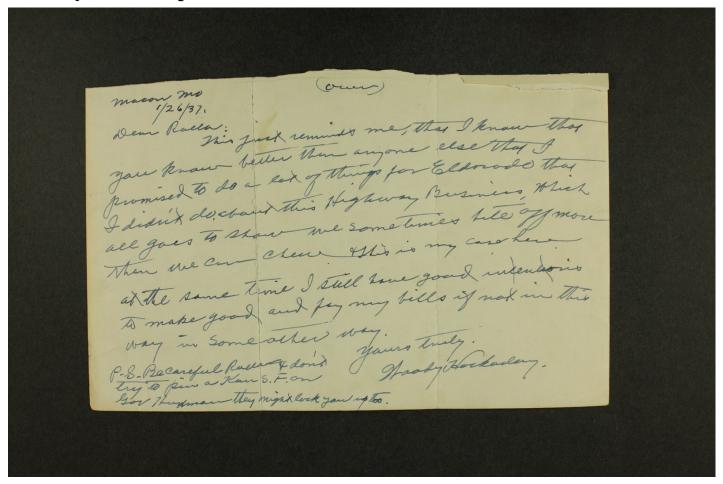
This general extension has been granted primarily to enable such states as Kansas and Missouri, which have not yet enacted unemployment insurance laws, to secure the benefit of the 1936 pay roll taxes. It is suggested that this return not be filed until a short time prior to April 1, 1937 or until we know more definitely whether the Kansas Legislature will pass an unemployment insurance act since if this tax is paid to the Government at this time and a tax is later assessed by the State of Kansas there may be some difficulty in obtaining proper adjustment.

Yours truly,

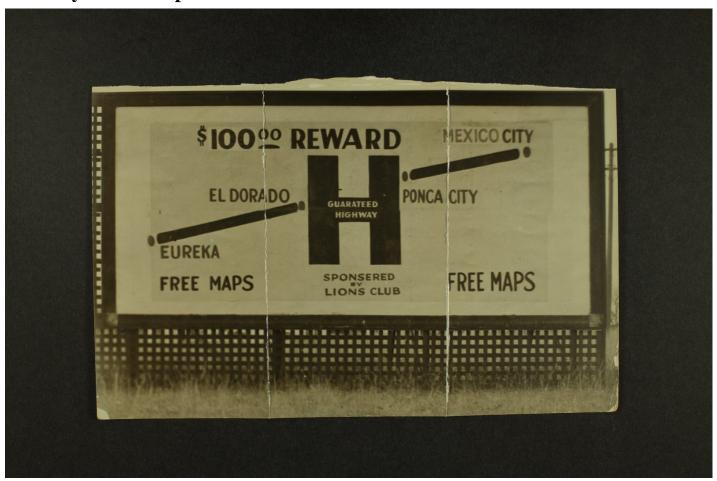
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THE HUTCHINSON NEWS

THE HUTCHINSON HERALD

#### THE HUTCHINSON PUBLISHING COMPANY

JOHN P. HARRIS --- SIDNEY F. HARRIS

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

January 26, 1937.

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

Dear Rolla:

Some months ago my mother gave Sid and me a gift of some of her stock in the Hutchinson papers. The government is now attempting to give us a stinging on the gift tax on the transaction. It is attempting to set a value on the stock, which would place the price of the papers at nearly double what we paid for them.

If my notions of the value are about the same as yours, and your conscience will permit it, an affidavit from you would be of great help to us in fighting this matter. I believe the affidavit should show that you are in the newspaper business, know newspaper values, had reasons to become personally acquainted with the Hutchinson property at the time of its sale to us in June 1933 and were familiar both with it and newspaper values in general in May 1935, which happens to have been the date of the gift. Finally, that your notion of the value of the business as of this latter date would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$350,000 or \$375,000, and that the value of the stock would be the value of the business less the sum of any prior obligations to the stock.

If the occasion should ever arise when I could return this favor to you, you know you have only to call on me for it.

If you can do it in that time, I would greatly appreciate having this affidavit within the next week.

Sincerely, activams

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G. C. & G. L. MªCORMICK, PUBLISHERS

THE INDEPENDENT

Thermopolis, Wyoming

THE RECORD

January 27, 1937.

Mr. Rolla Clymer, C/o The Times, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We are writing to inquire regarding Frank C. Clough, of Emporia, who is considering the nurchase of our paper.

What can you say in regard to the character and integrity of this young man ?

Do you consider him a good news-getter ? Has he had practical experience in newspaper management ?

Does he understand the back office work ? Is he a rractical printer, linotype man or pressman ? Can he estimate job printing prices ? Has he had experience writing and selling advertising ?

Would you be willing to sell him a \$20,000 newspaper on a small down payment and take chances on his making good and eventually paying out on the paper, if located in a good town, with an established, paying business?

Hoping you will give us the desired information as promptly as possible, and thanking you in advance for the trouble, we are

Very truly yours,

THE INDEPENDENT RECORD

Leo C McComick



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[Jan 27, 1937]

#### AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that I am the editor-manager and a part owner of The El Dorado Times, a daily newspaper published in El Dorado, Kansas, and that for more than 25 years last past I have been actively engaged in the newspaper business. During the greater part of that time my participation has been in the capacity of manager and/or part owner of newspapers, both in the weekly and daily fields. I have had experience both in the purchase and sale of newspapers and in the merger of two of them, and believe I have a fair knowledge of newspaper values.

reasons to become personally acquainted with the newspaper property of the Hutchinson (Kansas) News and Herald, and to familiarize myself with its past and then present business status. I was also informed as to its business progress following its sale to members of the Harris family for several years thereafter. My considered opinion of the value of that property in May, 1935, taking into the accounting general business conditions and those affecting the town of Hutchinson and its business area, would be in the neighborhood of \$350,000 or \$375,000. It is my judgment that the value of the stock on that date would be the value I have herewith placed upon the business less the sum of any prior obligations upon the stock. In



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The second second	at any higher figures than those I have named.
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
	hand and seal this 27th day of January, A. D., 1937.
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	Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this
	27th day of January, A. D., 1937.
	Notary Public
	My commission expires



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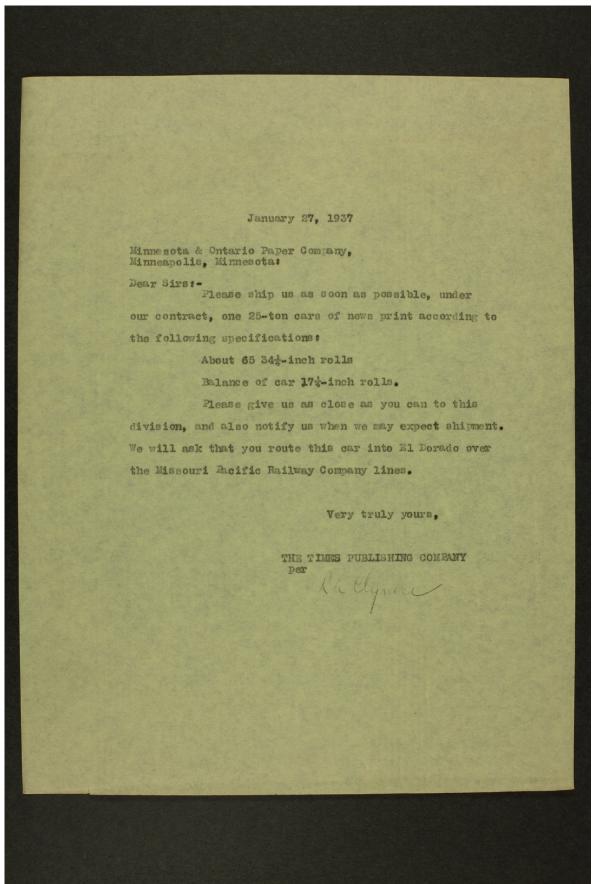
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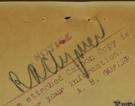
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Emporia, Kansas, Jan. 28, 1937.

H. S. Frazier:

We have read your note in connection with the editorial in the Eldorado Times, entitled "Sympathy and Understanding." We see absolutely nothing wrong with this editorial. In fact, we think it is well written and not out of place. Mr. Clymer, without doubt, expressed full sympathy with the afflicted people in the flood, but what he was trying to say in connection with that sympathy was that Kansas people also suffered great loss during the last several years' unprecedented drouth, and no big stir was made of it in the east. In fact, Mr. Clymer might have added that the Eastern people were inclined to make funny remarks about the Kansas Dust Bowl and the hot winds.

People who lived through the drouth and hot winds and saw crops and vegetation burned up probably did not suffer as much in many ways as those along the flood water, but they surely deserve a lot of sympathy. However, do you know of anyone back east who started a subscription for the Kansans, who had everything burned up? No one turned a hand except Santa-Claus Uncle Sam, and what he did was done just before election. For the life of us, we cannot see why Eldorado should be "up in arms" about this editorial.

We can make one guess as to who talked to you about it. We always know who brings these matters to your attention. It is the same man we guessed a few Saturdays ago. We would not be surprised if other newspapers copy this editorial and praise it. Of course it is all in how you look at the thing, and who started the agitation, favorable or unfavorable. It has been our observation that all too many people let others do their thinking. In other words, there are too many "Yes" men.

We will be glad to read the editorial over with you and any fair-minded person. If anyone can point out anything wrong in it, we will buy a Goca Cola for the crowd.

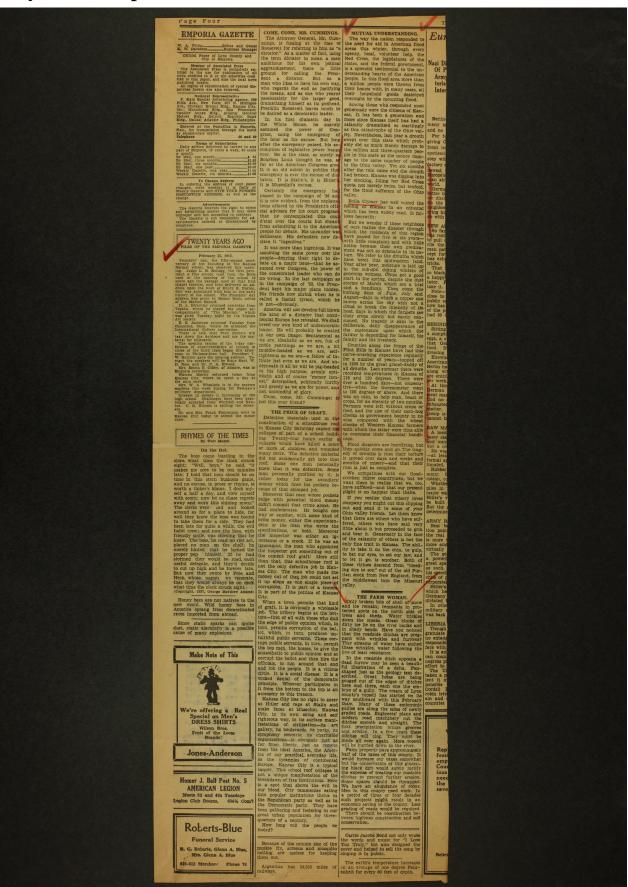
What Mr. Clymer was trying to put over is what is often done by individuals who, when they hear of some calamity that has befallen a friend, will console them by telling of a similar calamity. This sort of follows the idea that to make ourselves feel fortunate, we should consider those who are less fortunate.

Yours truly,

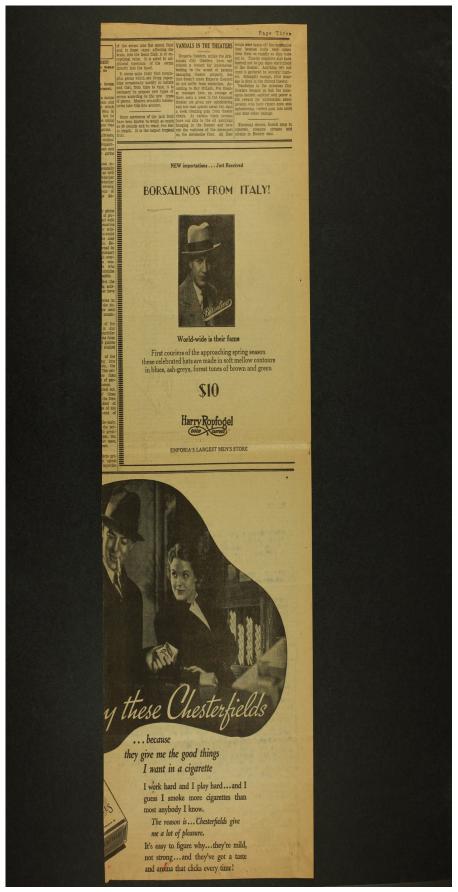
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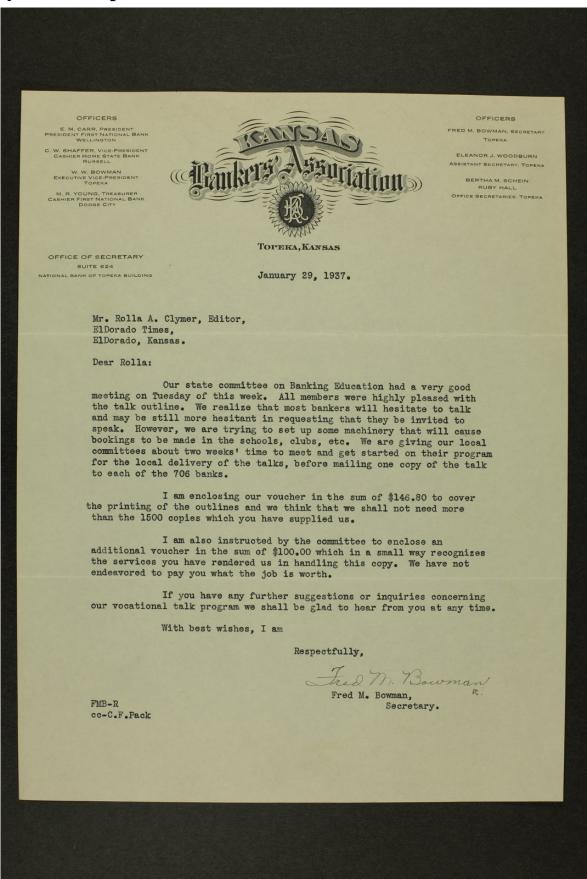




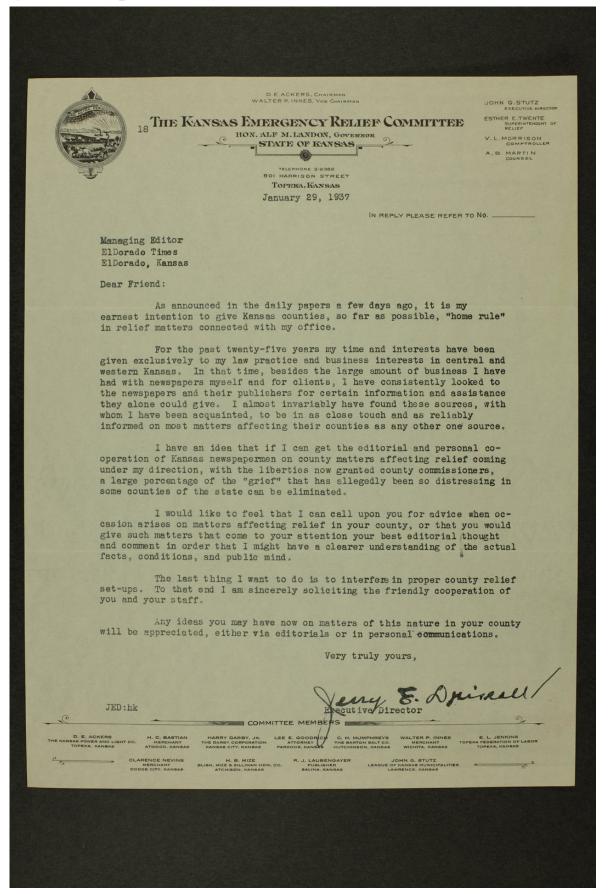




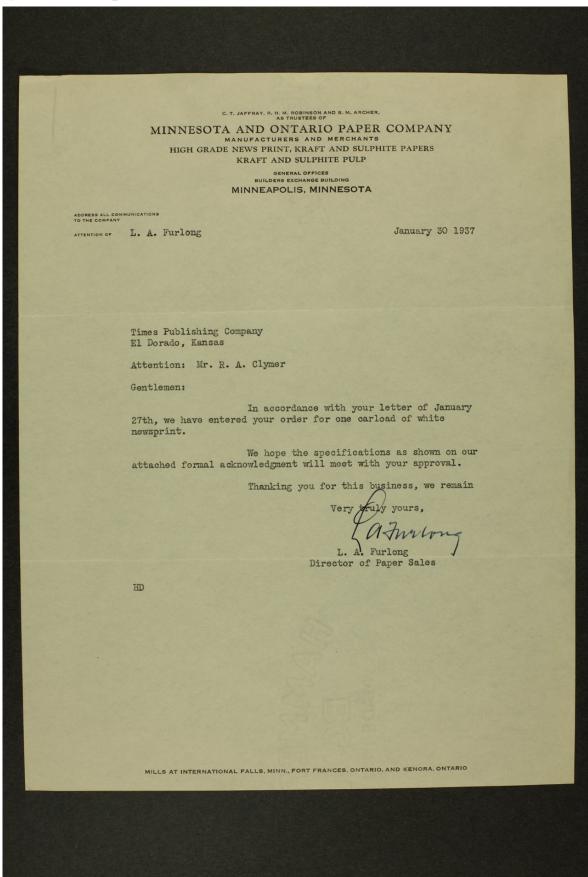




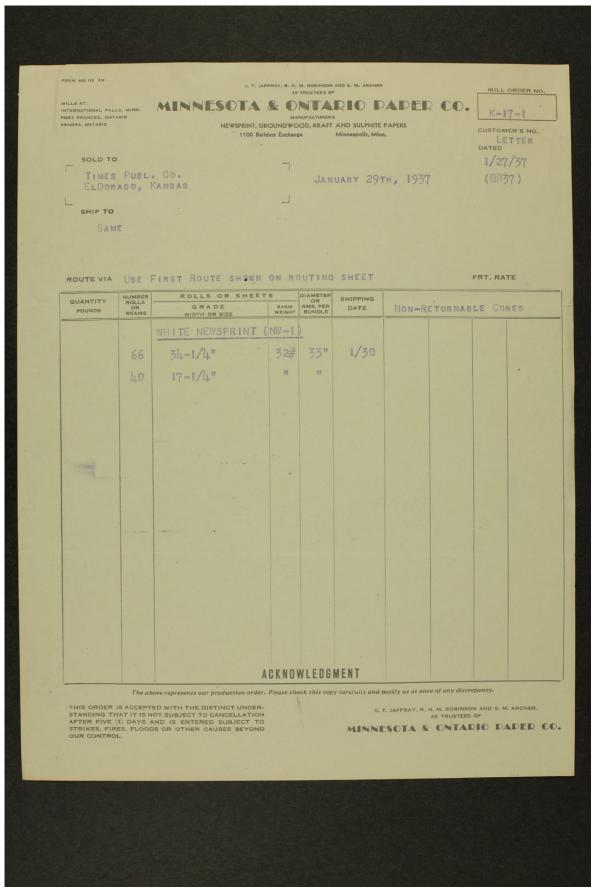




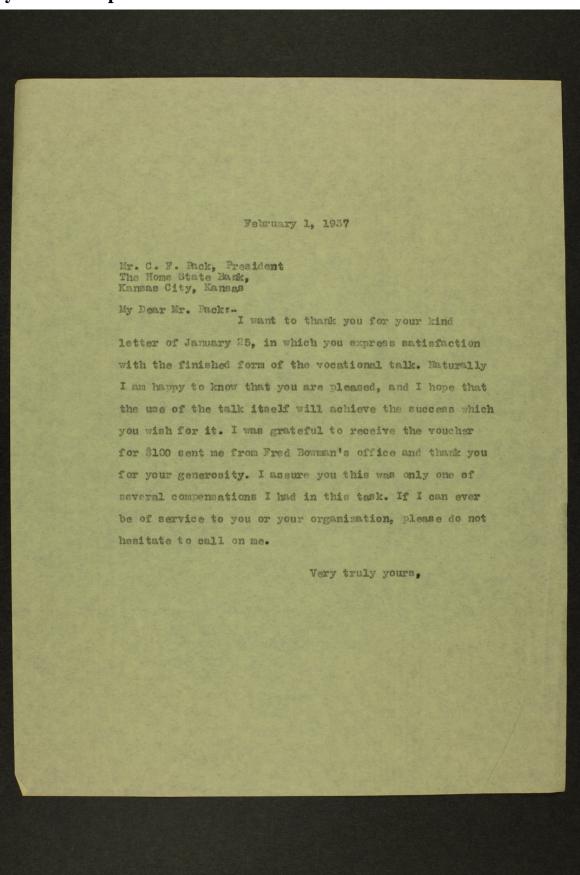




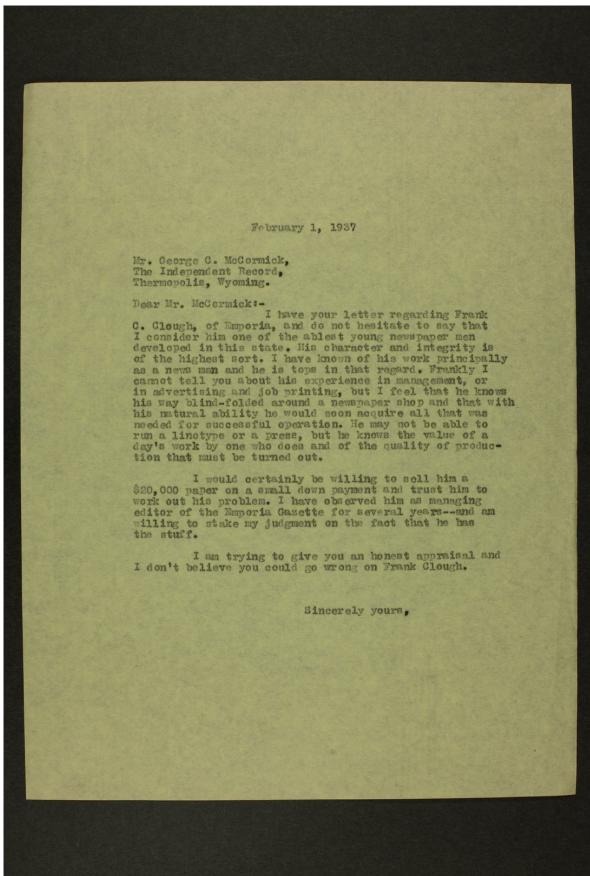




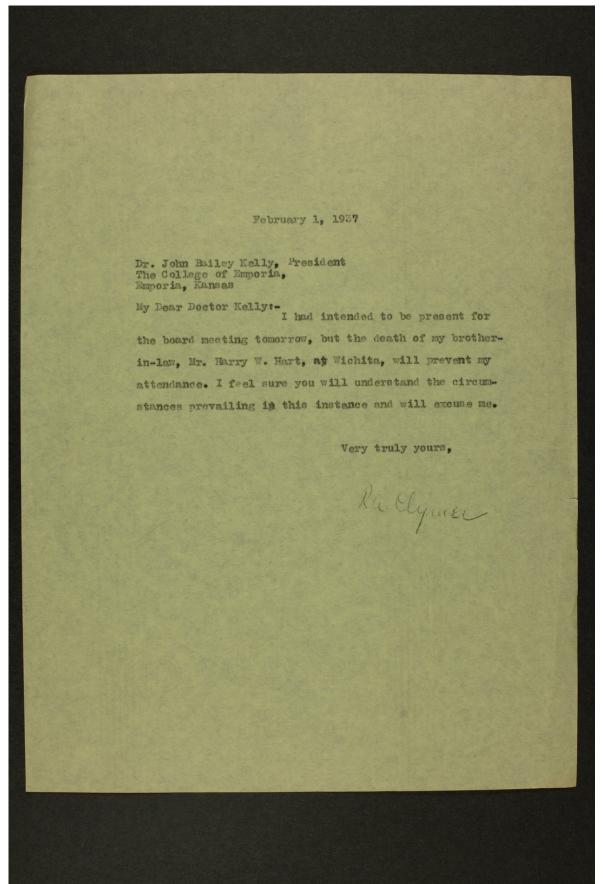














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STATE CURPORATION COMMISSION Topoka

February 1, 1937

Senator Arnold C. Todd, Newber Oll and Cas Committee Sonate Building

Door Senator Todds

I thought the following information might be of value to you. In January 1, 1935, the estimated proven reserves of oil in the nation was 12,177,000,000 barrels. The estimated proven reserves for Kansas on that date was 400,000,000 barrels. In January 1, 1937, the estimated proven reserves of oil in the nation was 12,501,030,546 barrels. In the same date the estimated proven reserves for the state of Kansas was 587,752,064. The increase in the nation was 324,839,546. The increase for the state of Kansas was 187,763,064 barrels. So, therefore, over one-half of the increase of the estimated proven reserves is credited to our own state. This is a very significant fact.

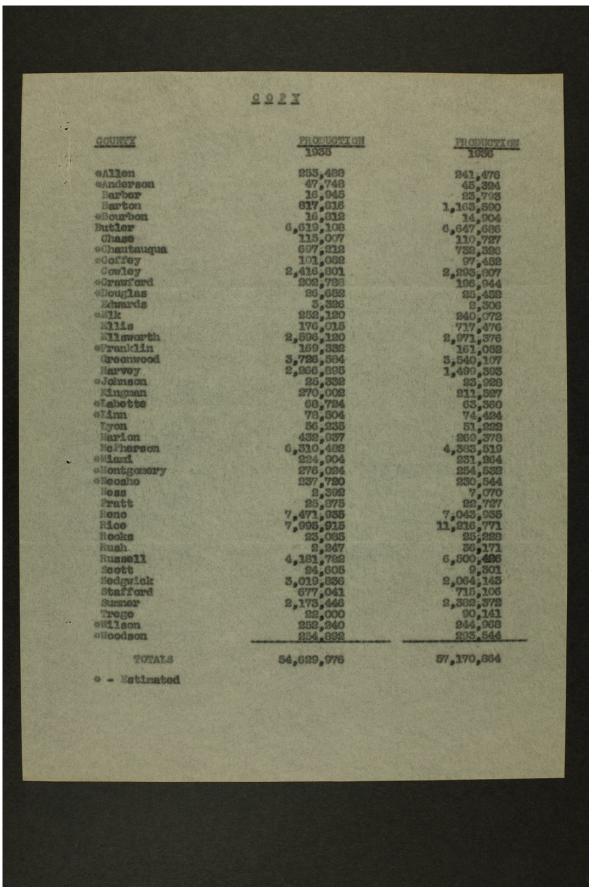
If there is any information concerning this matter, kindly advise.

Yours truly,

Chas. W. Steiger Ceneral Attorney

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February 1, 1937

Mr. Fred M. Bowman, Secretary Kansas Bankers Association, Topeka, Kansas

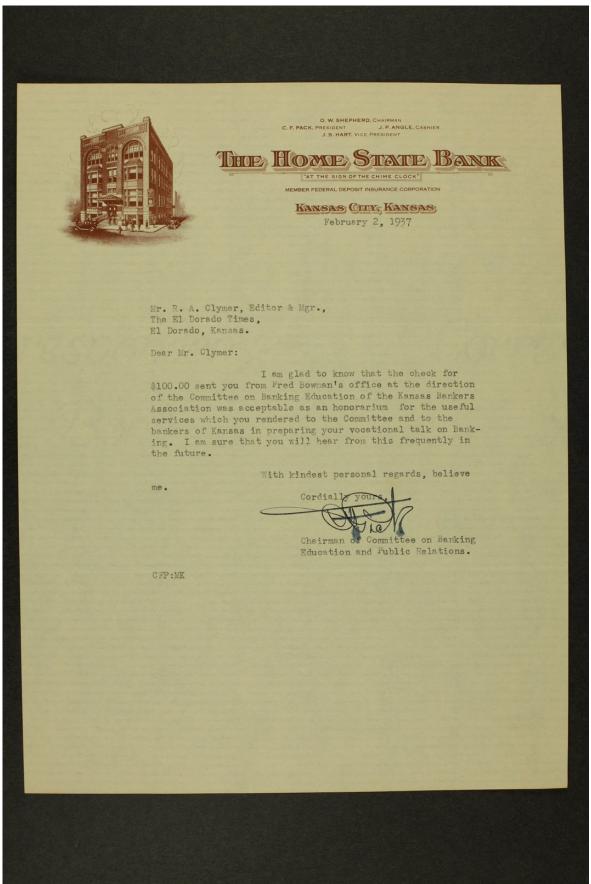
My Dear Fred:- I wish to thank you for your letter, which was delivered to me last week at the Hotel Kansan in Topeka, and also for the vouchers which were enclosed. It was kind of you to pay for the printing so promptly, and I wish to assure you also of my gratitude for your generosity in the matter of the check for \$100 to me. As I have told Mr. Pack, this is only one of several compensations I have had out of this task. I am glad to know that your committee approved the talk outline and its finished appearance. I now hope that you may be highly successful in the use for which you have designed it. I am sure you know that if ever I can be of any assistance to you and your association, you may feel entirely free to call upon

I have noted that 1500 copies are sufficient for your purpose, and we will "kill" the type which has been left standing.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,







W. B. HARRISON, President SAM P. WALLINGFORD, Vice President R. S. ORR, Vice President HARRY SLADEN, Vice President TOM C. JOHNSON, Vice President



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#### THE KANSAS COMMONWEALTH CLUB

OFFICE: CITY BUILDING

#### WICHITA, KANSAS

February 2, 1937.

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of our Board of Directors, your name was endorsed by the Nominating Committee for the Presidency of the Organization for the coming year.

You are thoroughly familiar with the importance of purpose of the Kansas Commonwealth Club and the definite place it can fill in the affairs of our honored State.

Because the office of President has been filled from Wichita in the past, the Committee felt it only fair to share this honor with other Communities, since our interests are State-wide in character.

You are assured of the most whole-hearted cooperation on the part of Dr. Edwards, Mr. Morse, Miss Stella B. Haines, Dr. E. E. Stauffer, R. M. Cauthorn and Mrs. D. W. Basham, also officers and members of the General Board. We shall be happy to have the names of two or three individuals from your Community to serve as members of the Board of Directors.

With your leadership during the coming year, our success should prove unlimited in procuring great things

Your response by return mail, with your acceptance, will be much appreciated.

Cordially yours,

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