

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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A. R. JONES
STATE ACCOUNTANT

STATE OF KANSAS
DIVISION OF AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING
DEPARTMENT OF THE BUDGET
TOPEKA

February 15, 1937

Editor
El Dorado Kansas Times
El Dorado, Kansas

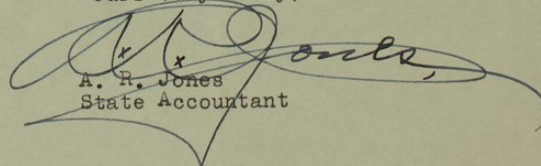
Dear Sir:

The editorial in the El Dorado Kansas Times on February 3, 1937, has come to my attention, and I want to thank you for the consideration you have given the facts contained in my recent article concerning state income tax. You are entirely correct in your contention that this relief to property, although constituting a fairly large portion of the State tax, when considered in connection with the total taxes paid is of very little significance.

It is unfortunate that the financing of State government can not be entirely eliminated from the property tax field so that there might be a more definite realization that the responsibility for high property taxes rests definitely with the officers of the local subdivisions who are now levying well over ninety per cent of the total property taxes. If the federal government and the local subdivisions had practiced the same economies that have been practiced by the State of Kansas for the past four years, our tax situation might now be different.

It certainly is not a foregone conclusion that high and higher taxes are inevitable. A little more common sense and a little less paternalism on the part of all governments - local and State as well as federal - is what this country really needs.

Yours very truly,



A. R. Jones
State Accountant

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SAMUEL N. BECKER
VICE PRESIDENT

February 16, 1937

Mr. N. F. Frazier, Jr.
President
Times
EL DORADO, KANSAS

Dear Mr. Frazier:

We notice that your House of Representatives has just passed a bill which makes illegal "all beverages which contain any per cent or fraction of a per cent of alcohol by weight or volume". The bill is now before the Senate.

We are asking you co-operation and editorial support, and also asking you to bring this matter to the attention of your State Senators so that THIS BILL SHOULD NOT BE PASSEDEY THE SENATE.

This is predicated on the following reasons:

Beer is not an intoxicating beverage but on the other hand is a beverage which from time immemorial has been known as a food beverage and in certain countries has been called "liquid bread".

We believe that it is better for the people of your great state to have legalized beer so that your state would have the benefits of the revenues that the taxation would provide.

We further believe you will agree with us that it is true that many of the people of the State of Kansas will make purchases outside of the state without the State of Kansas in any way getting the benefit of the taxation thereon.

Also in the event your Senate should fail to defeat this bill, we believe it would have to appropriate many hundreds of thousands of dollars, and perhaps a million dollars or more per annum, to be used for police purposes in order to keep bootleggers from operating.

We are calling these points to your attention as we believe that it would be to the benefit of the people of your great state were this bill "killed" in the Senate as far as beer is concerned. This is true not only from a temperate point of view because beer is a temperance drink, but also from an economic point of view as the elimination of legalized beer will not only reduce employment and also deprive the State of needed revenues but would invite vicious bootlegging with its many attendant evils.

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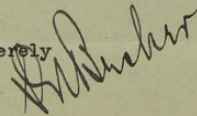
Mr. N. F. Frazier, Jr.
El Dorado, Kansas

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February 16, 1937

We are bringing this to your attention with the sincere hope that you will be good enough to co-operate with us in the protection of our client's business which is an industry that gives support to many people, to the farmers, to the railroads, to the people in the whole-sale and retail and the distribution of beer in your own state, of which we should not lose sight. We would appreciate your response and remain

Sincerely



S. N. Becker
MBH

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Cassoday Kas. Feb-16-1937
 P.A.C. El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kas
 (not Germany)
 Beloved Master of Black Art: a long time ago
 I had occasion to become acquainted with
 Latin quotations. The British used one that
 impressed my simple prairie soul.
 It read like this: "Noni soit que since mahl
 a kick in de pence."
 Then again the British gobs aboard H.M.S.
 Argyle used the motto on the Coat of Arms
 most effectively and this Kansas sparrow
 picked it up and added the quotation to
 his lingua slangua. It reads like this—
 "Dieu et mon Droit- To hell with you
 Jack I'm all roight."
 Beautiful isn't it? It jolly well struck
 me pink.
 Now I'll admit fudging on you and dibbing
 off into quarters away from the home
 environs and fudging outside of our own
 bailiwicks.
 Well this Paul Jones seemed such a real
 sport when he answered my sarcastic
 letter and spoke so damn well of you—that
 I figured that he was entitled to a return
 and damned if I didn't do that.

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By his own admission (see his letter to me) I drove that poor unlettered inebriate to the Dictionary. (He really has one)
Of course she switched and lost as you can plainly see (by her note) and him being named Paul Jones. I sort of had a weakness for him, because I married Ruth Jones. Hell's fire, what else could I do?

I remember when the first settlers came into Texas and was driven out by red ants. Then the Jones family came along and all the red ants left Texas.

So now you see I've explained fully. I started out on this letter and got so far along that I don't know what it's all about. Oh yes. you remember the tale (or tail) of Reagan's pig. the same which grew round and round in a circle and had neither beginning or end? Well this is it.

Ending you more trifling.

P.S. Don't ever apologize - just visit

B. W. & Ruth Jones -

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JAY B. IDEN
EDITOR

The Pink Rag

113 East 8th Ave.

TOPEKA, KANSAS
February 17 1937

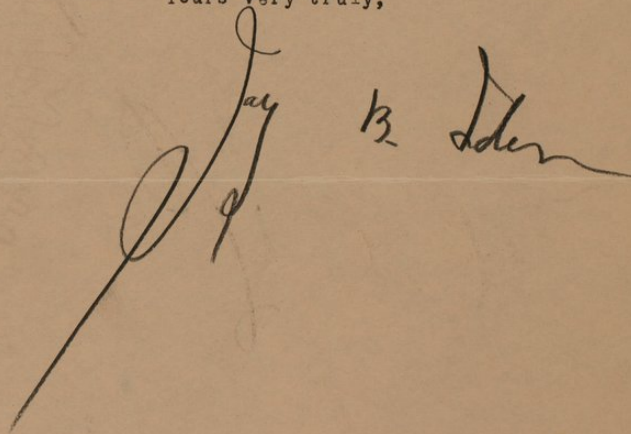
Mr. R. A. Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear friend:

We want you to know how grateful we are to you and the other good friends who wrote the stuff for our special edition. The compliments coming in are packed with superlatives.

We are aware that we asked a big favor and it turned out to be a big favor, for the stuff you folks wrote has given the Pink Rag class and added a lot to its prestige.

So we do thank you sincerely
Yours very truly,



February 17, 1937

Mr. Carl A. Rott,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Carl:-

I am glad that you remembered to send me Alf's Gridiron speech. I have enjoyed reading it, as have several of our close friends. I am returning it herewith and thank you for the favor.

Will be glad to talk over your individual problems with you as soon as we can get together. Maybe we can have you and the Missus down here soon, as has been suggested previously. That would give us a chance to go into your matters fully, and also to discuss the subject of a magazine article about "A Candidate's Correspondence."

Please tell I. W. that Fred Seaton is full of prunes about me entering politics. Never was a bigger mistake. My belly is plumb full of the critter.

Hope you are o. k. We are getting along but the dang Roosevelt prosperity seems delayed in transit.

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer

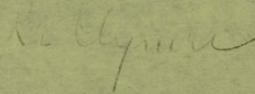
February 17, 1937

Mr. Dwight Hinshaw,
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Dwight:-

After careful consideration, we have
decided not to go ahead with your proposal at this time.
Sorry. Maybe we can get together on something else in the
future.

Truly yours,



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ALBERT H. GUFLE
EMPORIA, KANSAS

Feb. 17, 1937.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Old Sock:

This letter is "off the record," although before writing it, I asked our mutual friend, Mr. White, if he had any objection to my doing so. He said, "Not on your life, I wrote the editorial at your suggestion."

Here it is: About January 26th, our salesman, Mr. H. S. Frazier, told us that some of your Eldorado friends were "up in arms," so to speak, because of the editorial you wrote a few days before that time, entitled "Sympathy and Understanding." He told the writer about it in connection with sending the editorial, because he knew we were friends.

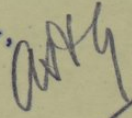
While the writer, so to speak, had no chips in the game, it did make him about as sore as a "boiled owl," to be advised that some of your home town friends had taken umbrage at this editorial, and were making a "phuss" about it. We could not help but tell Mr. Frazier what we thought about it in our letter of January 28th, of which letter we enclose a copy. Following that, the writer made up his mind that the next time he saw Mr. White, he would show him the editorial and tip off to him that he might copy your editorial and comment favorably on it, which he did, the editorial being in Monday night's Gazette, and which explains itself.

Thinking you might overlook it, and also in order that you may know what inspired it, I am sending it to you herewith. You may see fit to publish it, or at least you will have it in the event there is any more squawking. I do not ask for any credit for it. I just want you to know when anyone throws a foul ball at any of my friends, I am going to see that it is called a "foul."

If it is worth anything to you, the next time we meet it will cost you at least one Coca Cola. Doggone it, such a fool attitude on the part of people sinks my thermometer of patience to zero, and, as Mr. White says, I have got to "let them have both barrels." "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." By the way, Mr. White ought to have ten Cokes.

Yours sincerely,

AHG MD





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February 17, 1937

Mr. Chester E. Fellay,
Madison, Kansas

My Dear Chester:-

Was glad to have your letter concerning the vocational talk on banking. I hope you approve of the finished article. It was a bit difficult for me to put myself in the place of another man and his profession and help him to put his best foot forward, but I received many compensations for the close study in which I engaged before I wrote the article. I am now trusting that it will serve to produce all the benefits for the high profession of banking intended for it. One of our national bankers told me today that he is going to deliver this particular address before our Rotary Club at the first meeting in March.

It was kind of you to write me and I thank you. I shall take great pleasure in passing along your friendly regards to our family.

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer

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February 17, 1937

Mrs. J. C. Forsythe,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Forsythe:-

For some reason, we do not seem to have a signed copy of the lease to your property on which our barn is located. I turned this matter over to George Pullinwider for handling, as usual, but he has been ill and does not seem to be himself these days. We want to continue the arrangement we have with you, want the papers filled out in form and want you to have your lease money for the first six months. If you will return me a signed copy of your lease, provided you have one, I will see that you get a check not later than next week.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

R. H. Clymer



Mr. R. A. Clymer
El Dorado.

820 Belmont St
Springfield Mo
2-18-37

Dear Sir:-

I am indeed sorry to hear of Mr Fullinwider's illness, I was afraid there was some thing the matter. Mr Clymer I do not have a copy of lease, Mr Fullinwider just sent me two blanks asking me to sign and return which I did. How ever I knew we never did that away before, he also said the lease should not start until Jan. 10-37. I am really sorry about him. So far as the lease that has not worried me for I knew that would be O.K.

Very Truly Yours

Mrs. J. B. Forsythe

The Topeka State Journal

HENRY J. ALLEN

February 18, 1937

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

You done the State Journal wrong by hooking us into the papers that are in favor of a gross production tax on oil and gas, but it served me right. I have had a notation on my desk for quite a while to write an editorial on the subject. You must have seen something in the news columns, and being naturally of a suspicious nature, you spiked my guns before I had a chance to fire them.

You will notice I have made a passing reference this morning in my editorial about the Governor's taxation message, and that you and I are shoulder to shoulder on the issue.

Moreover I am grateful for the beautiful compliment you pay the State Journal in your editorial.

If you write anything special on the subject of the Governor's message, send it to me in a separate envelope so that it won't get lost in the exchange room.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Henry J. Allen



February 18, 1937

Mr. A. H. Guffler,
Emporia, Kansas

My Dear Friend:-

I was glad to get your letter with its communications and wish to thank you for your interest. I have learned, however, after all these years of acquaintance, to know how kind and considerate you always are. I noticed the republication of my article in The Gazette the other day, clipped it and wondered how it hopped up after three weeks. So you were behind the gun, were you? It is strange that I never heard anything about the so-called furor here. Usually I am always told about the "bad " editorials in no uncertain language. Sometimes, when I flatter myself I have written something worth while, I never hear of it. But so it goes. I am pleased that you have agreed with my position, which I really think was reasonable and the truth. Too many of us are trying to evade true circumstances--and I don't believe we should spoof ourselves.

Again thanking you for your favor and courtesy in this instance and assuring you that I respect you most highly in my small circle of friends, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer



February 19, 1937

Mr. Henry J. Allen,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Senator:-

I am sorry I swatted you so severely on meagre evidence. You had reprinted an editorial from Mr. White, which I took to express your views, though I confess I had seen no definite editorial utterance from you on the gross production tax. So I just took a leap in the dark. Hope you will forgive me, for I greatly value the friendship of The Journal and all its folks. I now hope that you will unlimber your guns not only against this tax, but the wholly ill-considered tax program. It seems to me that those in state power feel, like the federal government, that they must "do good," and the only way to do it is to tax somebody to the bone and spend the money in great gobs. I am enclosing an editorial I wrote on the subject yesterday but was so indignant about the whole question that I don't think it is persuasive or cogent. I have about come to the point where I am against any tax--no matter how worthy the purpose.

Please accept my continuing admiration.

Yours,



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E. KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY

NEW YORK
500 Fifth Avenue
February 19, 1937.

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

"KEY TO KANSAS"

Dear Rollo:

In the accompanying package you will find two copies of "Key to Kansas", a handbook for merchandisers and advertisers interested in sales in your territory.

Our purpose in publishing this book was two fold: (1) to show the importance of Kansas among the states and (2), more especially, to show the importance of cities of under 30,000 population in the retail sales picture in Kansas.

We have stripped this book bare of superficial detail in our effort to dramatize the stark and simple fact that Kansas is a small town market.

The "Key to Kansas" was published as much for your use as for our own and we are sending you under separate cover 25 copies for distribution by you to salesmen, factory representatives, distributors and jobbers in your territory on whom you may be able to use this book with good effect.

If you need more, write us and we will be glad to forward them.

In the meantime, of course, "Key to Kansas" becomes standard sales material in the national field used on agency and advertiser prospects by all Katz Agency salesmen.

Assuring you that any criticisms and suggestions about this book will be accepted and acted upon, we are

Cordially,

Eugene Katz

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THE CHENEY SENTINEL

Hugh C. Gresham, Publisher

(Sedgwick County)

Phone 47 J

Cheney, Kansas

February 22, 1937.

Dear Sir:

It has been suggested to the writer that the Republican editors of the Fifth Kansas District organize a Republican Press Association.

What do you think of such a proposal?

If it meets with your approval when and where do you suggest that the first meeting be held?

Naturally a Friday meeting will best suit the weekly newspaper men.

And who do you suggest for the speaker at the first meet?

The following men have been suggested:

Willard Mayberry of Elkhart.

Clyde Reed of Parsons.

Roy Bailey of Salina.

- Your choice _____.

What topics should be considered at the first meet?

There should be no publicity of this suggestion, until the call for the meeting has been announced.

An early reply will be appreciated.

hcg/whg

Yours Sincerely,

Hugh C. Gresham
Hugh C. Gresham.

Our Community—Cheney, Garden Plain, Goddard, Anness, Murdock and tributary trade territory—Cheney and Routes 1 2 & 3; Garden Plain and Route 1; Goddard and Routes 1 & 2; Murdock; West and Southwest Sedgwick County and Eastern Kingman County; Serves a population of 5,000 of whom 80 per cent read the Sentinel every week—Co-operates with advertisers in every possible manner—All advertising is placed next to reading matter—Can use small mats; prefer cuts when available—Maintains a modern equipped Commercial Printing Department.

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Form 5194
SUBJECT:

Railway Mail Service

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK DISTRICT 5

Wichita, Kansas. February 23, 1937.

Times Publishing Co.
Eldorado, Kansas.
Att; Mr. Clymer.

My Dear Sir;

The establishment of a temporary proposed star route operating from Eldorado to Leon, Kansas, one way only, six days a week, has again been referred to this office for further comment.

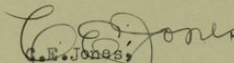
Please understand that this will be only a temporary contract, to run not to exceed one year, no bond is required, and the route can be discontinued on fifteen days notice by either party.

I have recently gone over this matter with the Division Superintendent, Railway Mail Service, and it is ~~agreed~~ believed the expense in this case, in comparison to the postal benefits to be derived from the proposed route, would not justify more than approximately \$ 150.00 per annum, on account of the small amount of mail to be handled and the postoffice is located near your place of business, just a very small amount of time would be consumed in the handling the mail, and it would all be dispatched at the Frisco station at Leon.

Kindly advise if you would consider a bid around approximately \$ 150.00, if so, the necessary forms will be forwarded.

Sincerely,

CEJ/CD


C.E. Jones,
Chief Clerk.



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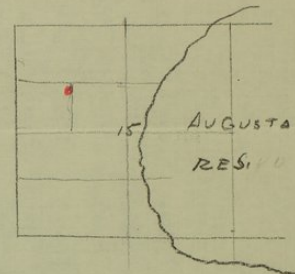
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ISADOR MOLK
El Dorado, KANSAS

FIRST REPORT

February 24, 1937

Loomis Farm
Augusta, Kansas
15-27-4, Butler County, Kansas



Well No. 11 Location in SW/4 of S/2 of Nw/4 Section 15 (NE corner)
Standard ~~rig~~ rig

Rig built rigging up today and will start spudding Thursday 25th.

Molk Petroleum Company -

Will drill to lower pay around 2525'

February 24, 1937

McJunkin Advertising Company,
Chicago, Illinois

Attention Mr. B. H. Becker

Dear Sirs:-

Your letter addressed to Mr. N. F. Frazier
jr., president of our company, has just been brought to
my attention. I wish to assure you that our paper is
greatly interested in legalizing the sale of beer in
Kansas, and doing everything in our power to influence
the State Senate to pass a bill to that end.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per *Rolla Clymer*



February 24, 1937

Mr. Hugh C. Gresham,
Cheney, Kansas

My Dear Hugh:-

I am rather doubtful of the efficacy of a
Republican Press Association for our district, though it
probably would have some good points. A meeting at Wichita
with Willard Hayberry as the speaker probably would help
to clarify the general judgment on the subject.

Sincerely,



INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION
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February 24, 1937

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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TULSA, OKLAHOMA

WASHINGTON OFFICE
942 INVESTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the Members of the Board of Directors
of the Independent Petroleum Association of America

Gentlemen:

You will find enclosed herewith for your information, copy of letter under date of January 25, 1937, from H. C. Fremming, President of the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America, together with copy of our reply under date of February 12.

We would be very glad to receive any comments with reference to the exchange of communications enclosed herewith that you may desire to make, and would also be glad to receive any information that you might care to give us with reference to labor conditions in the oil industry in the area or areas in which you operate.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Vice President

HEF:B
Enc.



February 24, 1937

Mr. C. E. Jones, Chief Clerk
Railway Mail Service,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I have given your courteous letter regarding the proposed star route from here to Leon careful consideration. We would be to some extra expense in handling this work, and I am willing to do it for the lowest possible sum. If you could see your way clear to appropriating \$200.00 per annum for the service, under the conditions you have outlined, I believe we could assume the responsibility. If this meets with your approval, you may send the necessary funds for ratification. I have discussed this matter again with Mr. J. H. Sandifer, postmaster here, and he believes the amount I have named a fair one.

If this meets with your approval, I shall be glad to hear from you at once.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per *Rolla Clymer*



February 24, 1937

Mrs. J. C. Forsythe,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Forsythe:-

Absence from town caused me to delay answering your letter which passed mine in the mail last week. I found your communication here upon my return. I sent you a check last week for \$126 to pay the rental on your property for the first six months of this year, and hope you have received it by this time. Please acknowledge it for our records. Also enclosed you will herewith find your copy of the lease, which you may sign and keep in your possession. This makes the transaction legal now and I hope everything in condition. I am sorry that the confusion has occurred but you understand the reason.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN WICHITA

CAPITAL \$ 1,000,000.00
SURPLUS \$ 1,000,000.00

WICHITA, KANSAS

February 24, 1937.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

May I call your attention to a situation that may seriously affect the crippled children work in the State of Kansas.

There has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Warren and in the House by Mr. Dubbs, a bill which is the Administration's bill in connection with the Social Security Act, and which if passed will consolidate in a general way the duties of all state agencies now functioning in that field. This would do away with the Kansas Crippled Children Commission as at present constituted, and transfer the work our Commission has been doing into a General Welfare Board. I am not advised as to how economically other welfare work is being done but I do know that the crippled children work, under the direction of the Crippled Children Commission has been conducted as efficiently and economically as any business of which I have knowledge.

In House Bill Number 159 introduced by Mr. Dubbs of Ness County, and Senate Bill Number 129 introduced by Senator Warren of Fort Scott, the sections which would materially affect our work are

"Section 6: Administer all forms of state public assistance including old-age assistance, state aid to dependent children, state aid to the needy blind and otherwise handicapped, and such other public welfare functions as are now or may hereafter be assumed by the state."

"Section 8: Administer all state aid or service to crippled children including the extension and improvement of services for crippled children insofar as is practicable under conditions in this state, and to provide for medical surgical, corrective and other services and care, and

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facilities for diagnosis, hospitalization and after care for children who are crippled or who are suffering from conditions which lead to crippling. The crippled children's commission is hereby abolished and all powers, authority, jurisdiction and duties heretofore exercised and imposed by law upon said commission are hereby transferred to and imposed and conferred upon the state board of public welfare."

As far as the bill as a whole is concerned is not for us to pass upon, but to conserve the crippled children work as I believe it should be conducted, it would be necessary for both of these sections to be eliminated from the bill. I would want it fully understood that we are not raising any objection to the bill as a whole, it is the unfortunate part of attempting to make crippled children work conform to the bill as a whole, with which it will be impossible in the final analysis for the crippled children work to be carried on as efficiently in the state as at present.

In addition to the foregoing, I am enclosing a copy of letter which was written to Mr. Shattuck in the House of Representatives because he asked for some information, I want to ask you to go over this very carefully and write an editorial in the matter. Especially bring out the fact that we have been working under the Social Security act ten months in perfect harmony with the Federal authorities and that there is no need to have the law in the State of Kansas changed.

Will you kindly send me a copy of your paper containing whatever article you write.

Yours very truly,

E. Q. Chandler



Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 16, 1937

Hon. W. H. Shattuck,
House of Representatives,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Shattuck:

Mr. C. Q. Chandler requested that I answer the questions which you presented in your letter to him of February 15.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN CARED FOR. At the present time the Kansas Crippled Children Law provides for the care and treatment of children afflicted with harelip, cleft palate, congenital cataract, or an orthopedic condition or deformity that can be cured or materially improved. The Law has been in operation since January, 1932 (five years) and the number of children who have received care and treatment under its provisions has reached 4,469 to date. Of this number 553 were admitted to hospitals for the first time last year (1936).

COST. For the biennium just past, July 1, 1934 to July 1, 1936, the average cost of treatment was \$174.11 a child. That includes everything-hospital charges, doctor's fees, braces, artificial limbs and other appliances. The average hospital stay for each child was 43.65 days. These figures are in the Third Biennial Report of the Kansas Crippled Children Commission which will be ready for distribution in a few days.

The funds for the care and treatment of children under the crippled children law are provided by a county levy in each county of a one-tenth of a mill on the total assessed valuation of the county. The only money that the State of Kansas expends on our program is \$5,000.00 per year toward the administrative expenses of the Commission itself. We have schedules of prices for everything and the cost is less than for private patients. For instance, the doctor's fees average about one third of what the same doctors charge private patients for exactly the same services. Claims for services to children under the law are sent to the Kansas Crippled Children Commission office for checking against an approved fee schedule and if approved are forwarded for payment to the county clerks of the counties in which the children reside.

CLINICS. The Crippled Children Law authorizes the Commission to organize and conduct diagnostic clinics throughout the state. These are in charge of medical specialists approved for the purpose by the Commission. The expense is pro-rated to the counties having patients examined. The Commission has held sixty-seven (67) clinics since January 1, 1932 in which 2,726 examinations of children under twenty-one years of age were made. During the past year eleven (11) clinics were held in which 534 examinations were made. During the past biennium the average number examined in a clinic was forty-five (45) at an average cost of \$46.04 a

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clinic. The doctors who conduct these clinics make no charge whatever for their services. They almost always have to travel some distance from their homes to attend these clinics and we pay their actual expenses. That item is included in the \$46.04 average cost.

HOSPITALS. Under the decentralized plan of hospitalization for crippled children the Kansas Crippled Children Commission has approved nineteen (19) hospitals. The hospitals are

The University of Kansas,	Kansas City,	Kansas
Providence Hospital,	"	"
Bethany Methodist,	"	"
St. Margaret's Hospital,	"	"
Lawrence Memorial,	Lawrence,	Kansas
Christ's Hospital,	Topeka,	Kansas
St. Francis,	"	"
Jane C. Stormont,	"	"
St. Francis,	Wichita,	Kansas
The Wichita,	"	"
Wesley,	"	"
Hays Protestant,	Hays,	Kansas
St. Anthony's,	"	"
Burke Street Mercy Hospital,	Fort Scott,	Kansas
St. Mary's Hospital,	Winfield,	Kansas
Wm. Newton Memorial,	"	"
Axtell Christian,	Newton,	Kansas
Susan B. Allen Memorial,	El Dorado,	Kansas
The Halstead Hospital,	Halstead,	Kansas

Only those hospitals are approved under the Kansas Crippled Children Law which are fully approved by the American College of Surgeons, are adequately equipped for our work, and have on their staff at least one specialist in the line of practice for which they are selected.

SOCIAL SECURITY. The Crippled Children Commission recognized from the beginning the need for intensive case finding and follow-up service in order to round out the Kansas program. It realized also the need for additional money to care for the children in those counties in which the funds provided by the one-tenth of a mill levy were exhausted. Like all diseases and sickness, we never know just when a child is going to be crippled. Some times (but not very often relatively, thank Heaven), they seem to develop all in a bunch in a county and quickly exhaust the county crippled children fund. To meet these needs and supplement the exhausted county funds, the Commission submitted a plan to the



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Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C., for approval under Title 5, Part 2, of the Social Security Act. The Plan was approved by Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the bureau, on April 3, 1936, for the four-month period ending June 30, 1936, with a budget of \$9,726.64. The plan for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 1937, with a budget of \$36,810 was approved on July 2, 1936.

The Kansas Crippled Children Commission has employed seven orthopedic field nurses who are doing case finding and follow-up service in seven districts in the state. These nurses have headquarters at Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka, Wichita, Fort Scott, Dodge City and Hays. From May 1 to December 26, 1936, they made 4,634 visits on crippled children.

As Mr. Chandler pointed out in his letter to Mr. Berryman, we have four members on the Commission who have served six years under two administrations in the state. Under the law one member is appointed each year, so that those who are familiar with the work make a continuing body. The members of the Commission receive no salaries or other monetary compensation for their services and live in different parts of the state where they are available for service in crippled children work. In addition, they have no responsibility for other commissions and all their thought and sympathy in respect to welfare work is centered upon the crippled children. It is, and from the beginning has been their well warranted boast that under their administration of the crippled children law, the child of the poorest and most humble citizen receives just as good treatment as a millionaire can procure for his child in the state.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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