

### **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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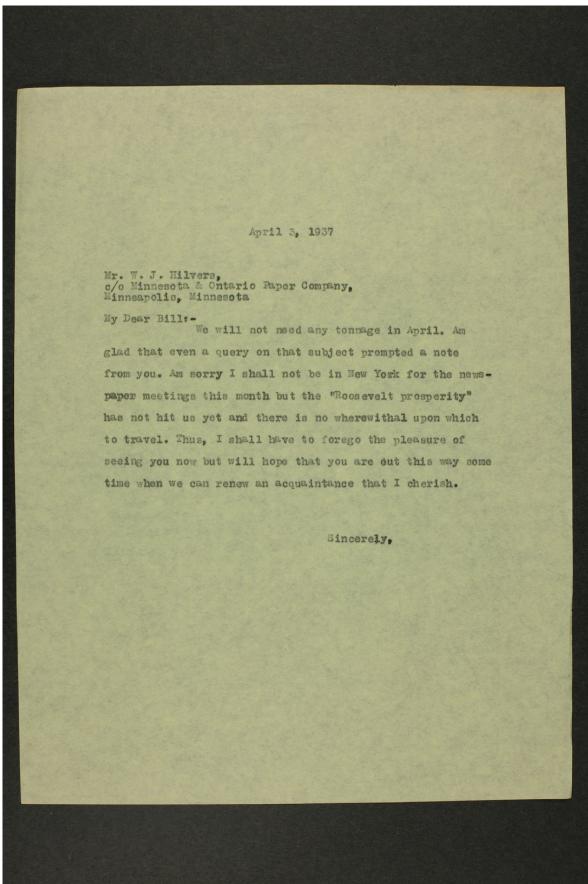
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Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor The Times El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you very much indeed for taking advantage of our offer of a month's free service of our feature "Religious Remarkables."

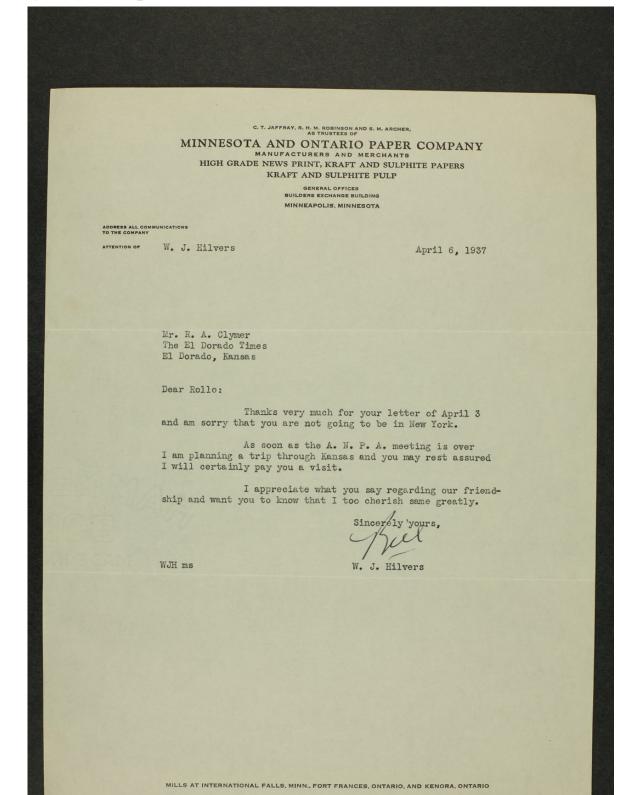
Enclosed you will find current releases and also promotional material. We suggest that you play up the promotional material a few days before the release date as we feel confident there will be a great deal of interest in this feature. We will write you again in about a month.

Associate Editor.

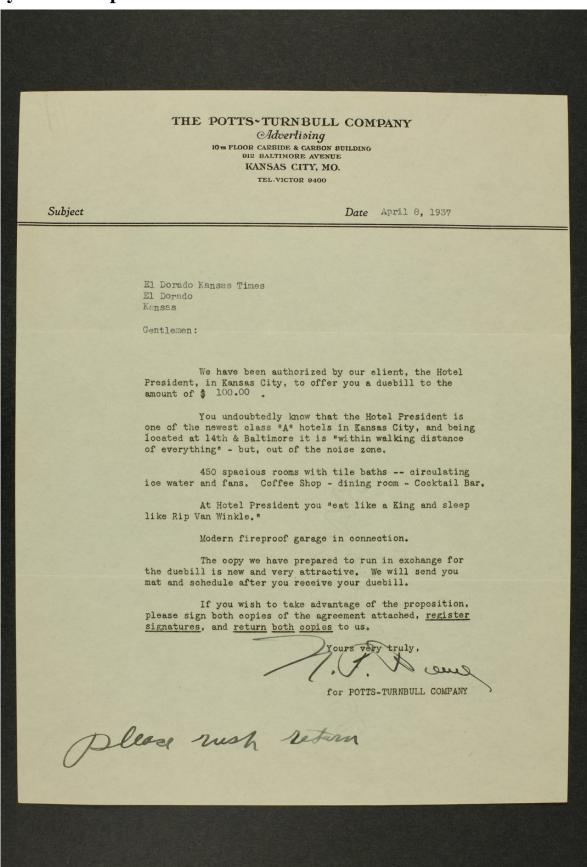
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LE ROY J. SNYDER
912 LAND BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 8, 1937.

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor, The Eldorado Times, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

By way of introduction, some years ago in the past (which by the way, some of us are trying to forget) I was laboring under the dilusion of conducting a hardware store in Olathe. During a part of that period you were holding the inspiring position of Editor of The Olathe Register (or was it The Mirror?). Anyhow, you were a bitter rival of Bert Rogers, he of Red Necktie and Pencil behind the Ear fame.

If my memory serves me right, there was a Sunday School Class which a goodly number of the male population attended, especially on the Sunday mornings when we served a breakfast.

At that time I had great hopes that through the influence of that Sunday School Class there might be a chance to save you from the pitfalls of modern society, but judging from some of the items in various Kansas papers credited to you and the Eldorado Times, I am afraid you are a lost brother. For instance, that one about the Indian Maiden Pretty Bear.

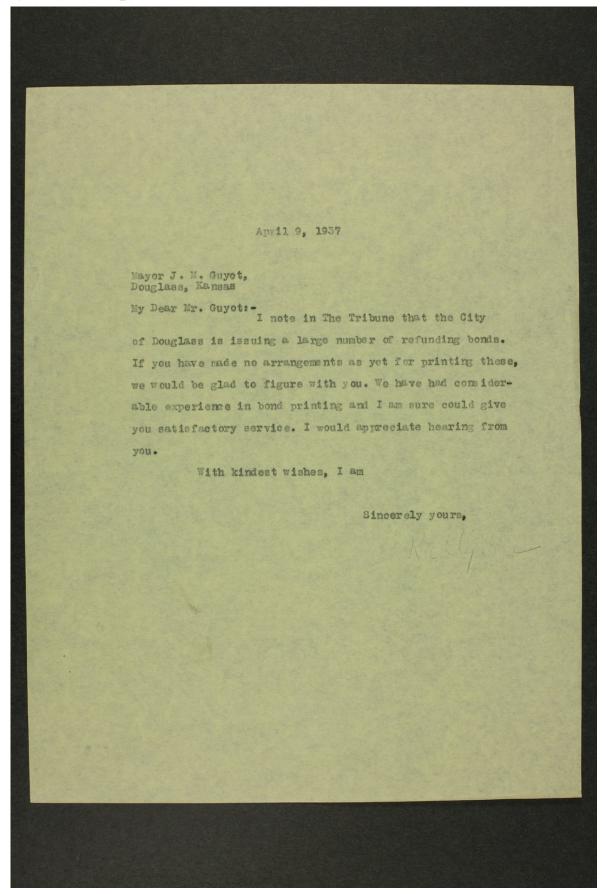
I have heard it said that a good tonic to sweeten ones disposition is a course of onion salad. This is just a suggestion.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

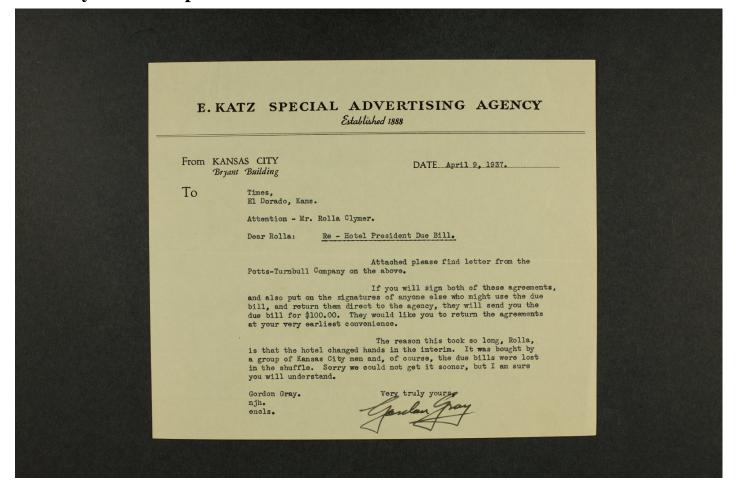
Very sincerely,

912 Land Bank Bldg, Kansas City, Mo. (But my home is in Kansas).

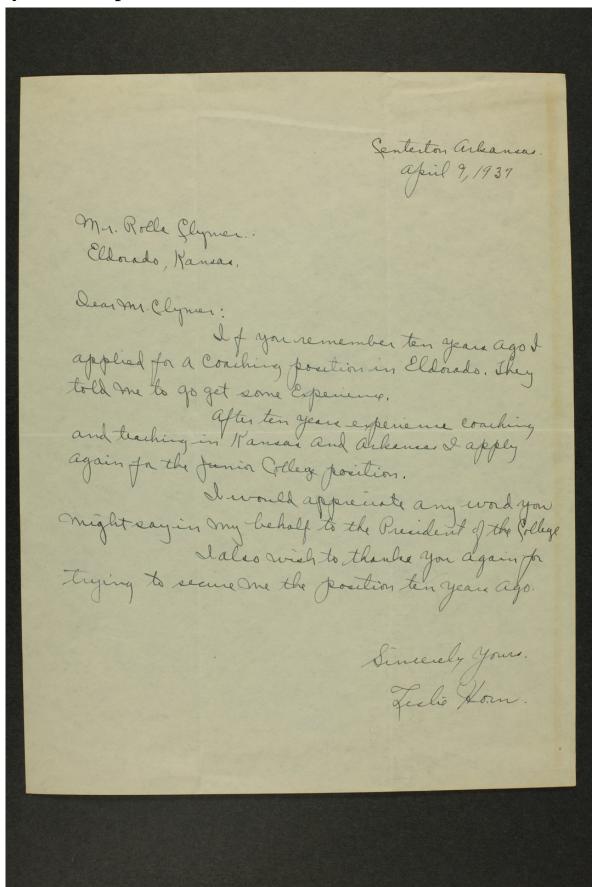




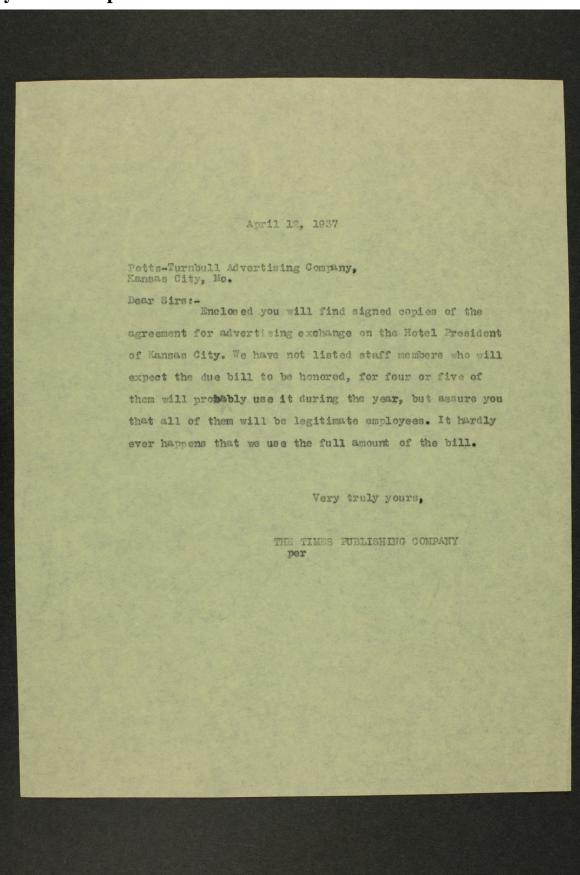




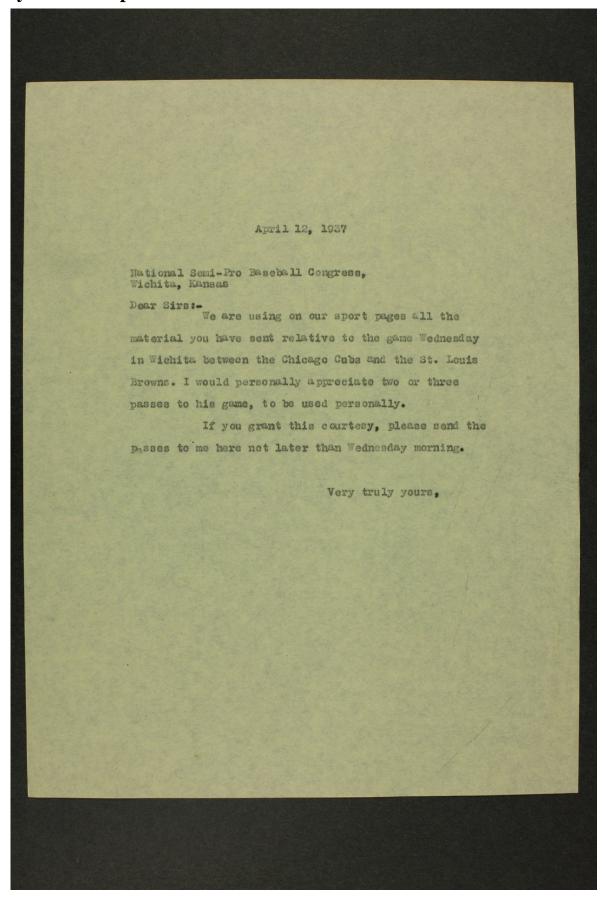














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April 12, 1937

Mr. Hugh M. Dixon, Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Hugh (cut that Mister stuff with me, will you?):-

I am glad that even so modest a maiden as Pretty Bear was able to bring us back into touch with each other. Of course, I remember you well. Those were happy days in Clathe in the long ago and I have always felt that the friends I made there were lasting ones. It was mighty kind of you to write and renew acquaintance, and I hope that we may be able to see each other and have a personal visit before long.

I trust the world has been using you well. You did not tell me what you are doing now. I find it increasingly difficult to manage a newspaper business these days with low volume, NRA wages and taxes rolling in like a flood tide. But maybe we will all emerge some day into a happier state.

Again thanking you for your message and with all good wishes for you, I am

Sincerely,



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**PHONE 33291** 

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer Editor - The Times

El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

That was a splendid editorial, and I surely do appreciate the co-operation. I am going over to the Attorney-General's office this afternoon and let him take a look at what you have said. Clarence should get you out of jail sometime considering your good favor.

Have you ever heard of a likely spot where a newspaper may be bought? I am still on the lookout and hope you will not forget to let me know if you hear of anything.

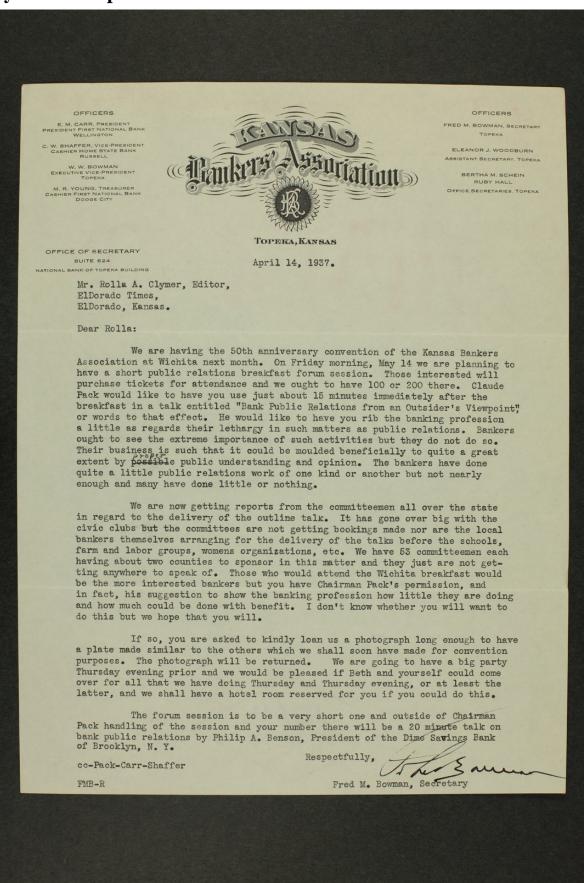
With best wishes.

Sincerely yours

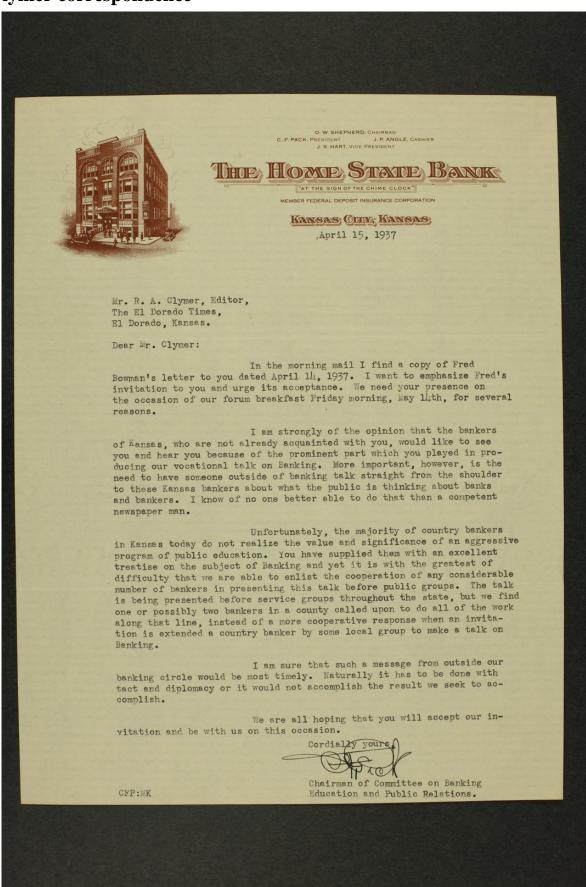
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CHAS. W. STEIGER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
216-18 INSURANCE BULLDING
TOPEKA, KANSAS
April 15, 1937.

R. A. Clymer, Editor ElDoredo, Kens.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have severed my connection as general attorney of the Regulatory Commission after almost eight years' service, and have opened an office for the practice of law in this city.

During this time I have handled the legal matters connected with oil and gas proration exclusively, and have given the subject considerable thought and have studied the problems involved in the producing industry from every conceivable legal angle.

I have prepared a statement, attached hereto, which sets forth my view based upon that experience, which I believe, if adopted, will result in the betterment of the oil industry.

We have learned much during the past ten years about conservation of our natural resources in the truest sense, and there is much yet to be accomplished.

If you have any suggestions or questions about the matters contained herein, I would be only too glad to answer the same if I am able to do so.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours truly

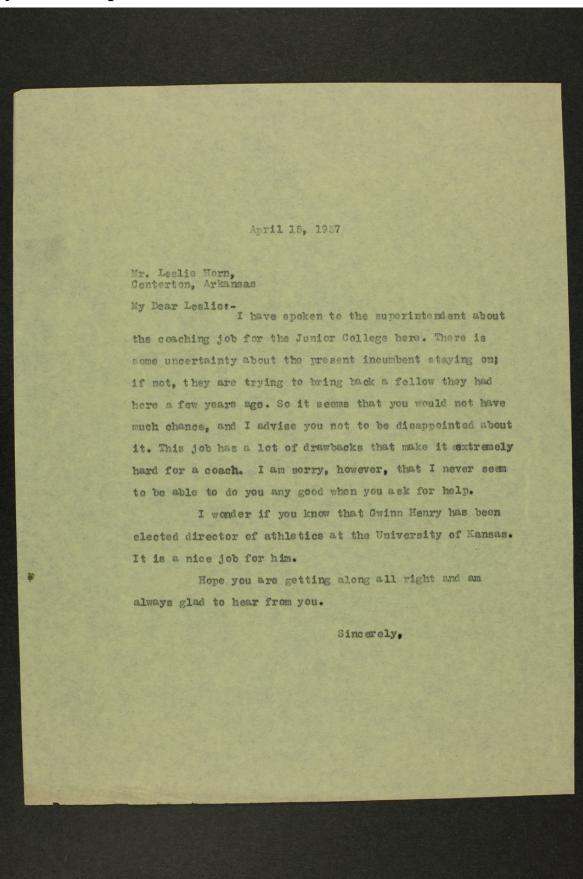
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In leaving the Commission I am of the definite opinion that there are several important problems pertaining to oil and gas to be solved by those interested to perfect as rapidly as possible: 1. Protection of the reservoir energy and the application of sensible means in the recovery of oil. This can be determined by the exercise of legislative enactment or 2. Maintenance of the natural reservoir pressure and the apportionment of the energy among land proprietors. This can be accomplished by legislative enactment or by agreement. 3. The law of capture should be modified as to permit and whenever possible to compel the drilling and producing practices which are doemed advisable. In my opinion the modification or repeal of the law of capture must come by legislative enactment. 4. Universal adoption of wider spacing. This should come by agreement, but if no agreement is possible, then by legislative enactment with authority for the Commission to base the spacing upon the poculiarities of each pool. 5. Basing potentials on a more scientific basis. Basing allowables on well potentials or flat rates per well are unsound. 6. The rate of withdrawal should be permitted by the utilization of the reservoir energy. This possibly will have to be obtained by legislative enactment, or by agreement if possible. 7. Legislative enactment requiring the issuance of a permit to drill a well for oil and gas purposes and requiring a bond to be given by the operator, conditioned upon that he will drill the well in a scientific manner, properly case the same, and in the event of abandonment plug the same under the rules and directions of the Commission. The requirement of a bond can be made optional at the pleasure of the Commission. 8. The establishment of a department of natural resources to have jurisdiction over all of the natural resources of the state of Kansas, to be maintained upon a fee basis chargeable against the producers thereof operating in our







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

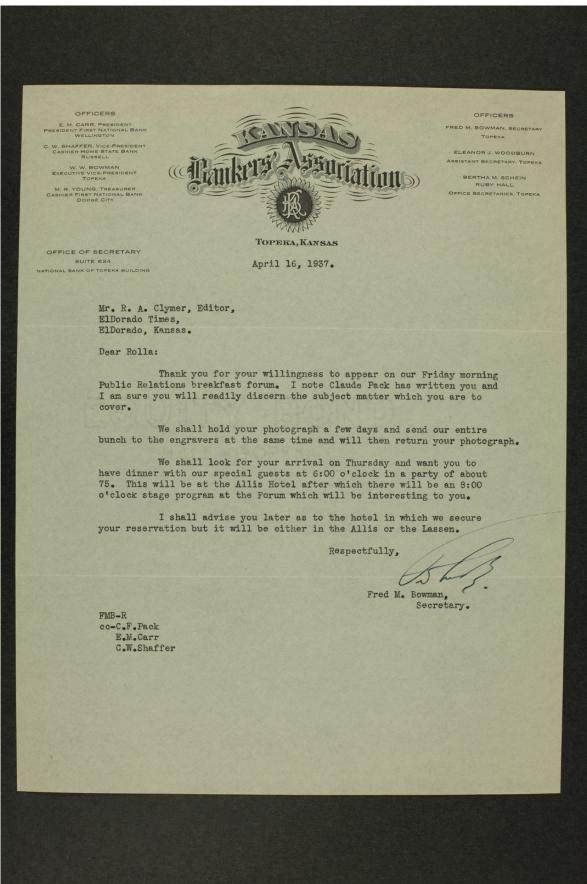
My Dear Fred:- I have your letter regarding the talk at the breakfast forum on May 14, and will try to do what you ask. I understand that you want nothing weighty from me and that if I razz the boys a bit for not putting their best foot forward I shall not be deemed guilty of lese majeste. I assure you that I shall keep well within the 15-minute limit and will probably take less time than that. I believe I shall be pleased to come over the evening before and so if you reserve a room for me, I shall appreciate it. Please let me know where the reservation will be.

Am sending you a picture under separate cover and trust when you are through with it, it can be returned.

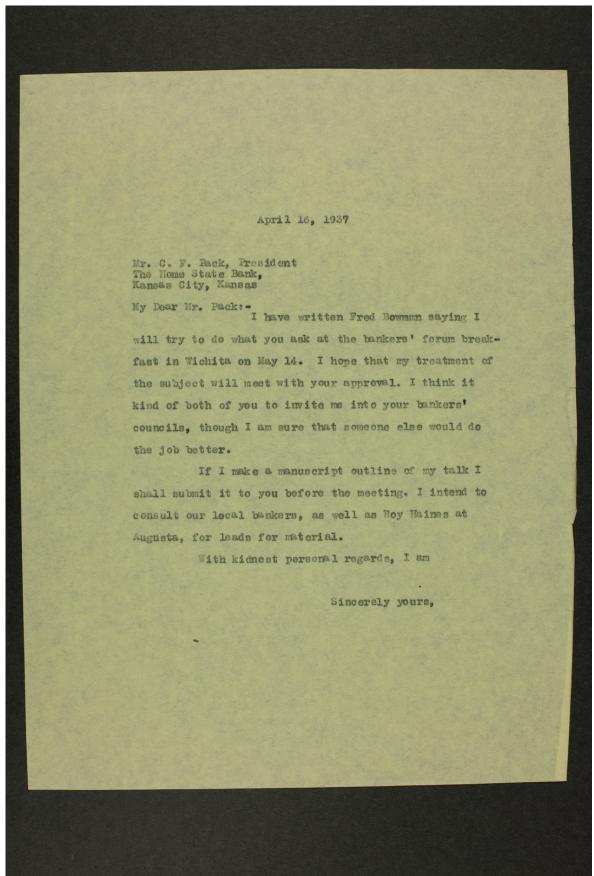
Am sorry to hear that your committees are not making the bookings for as many speeches as you think they should have. The time is ripe to make hay in good will, I believe.

Sincerely yours,

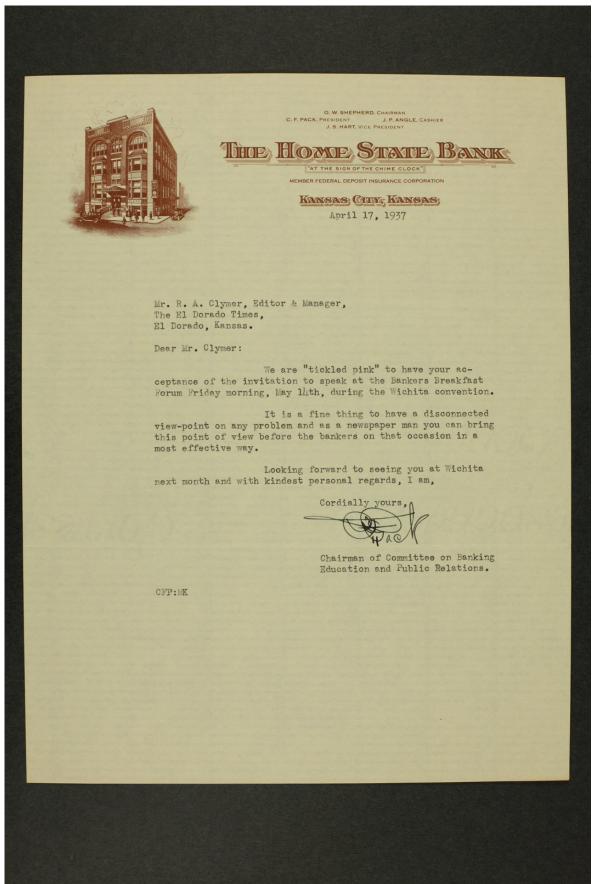




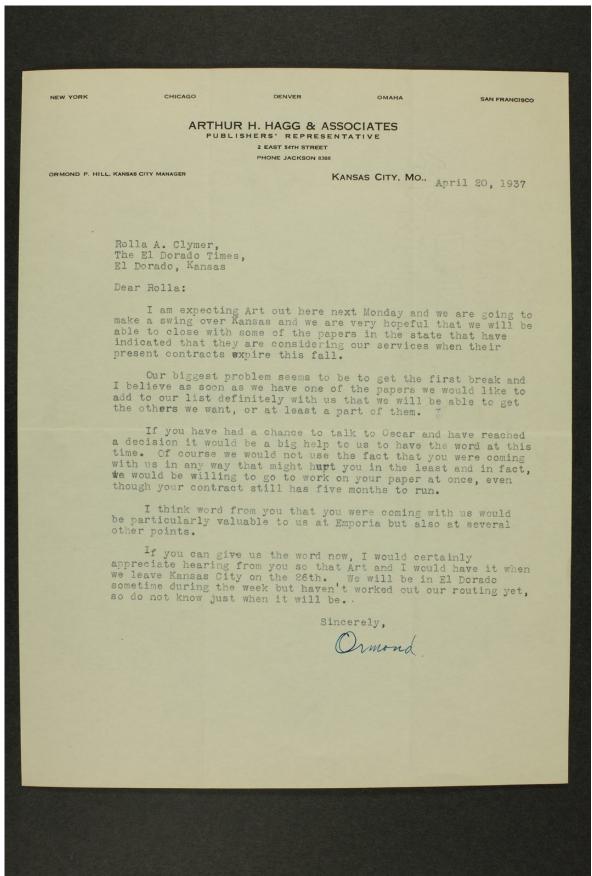




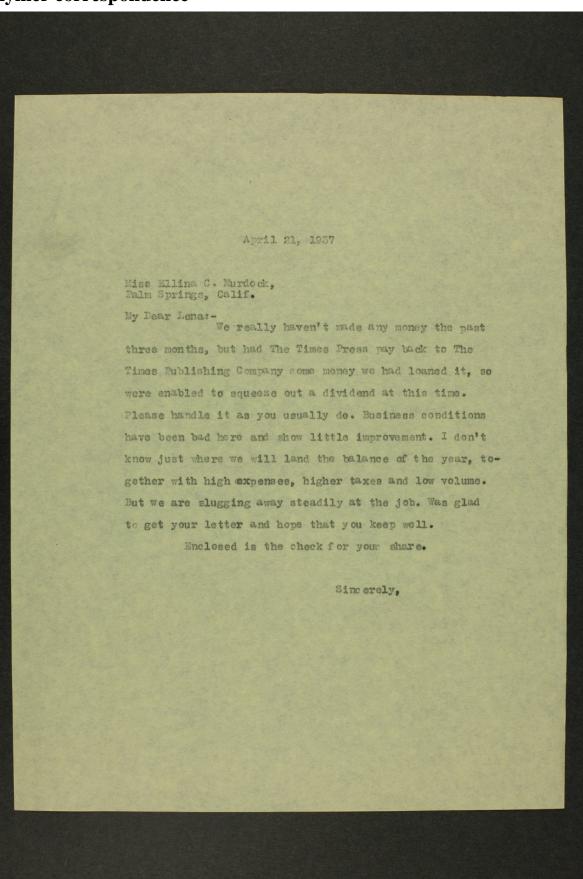




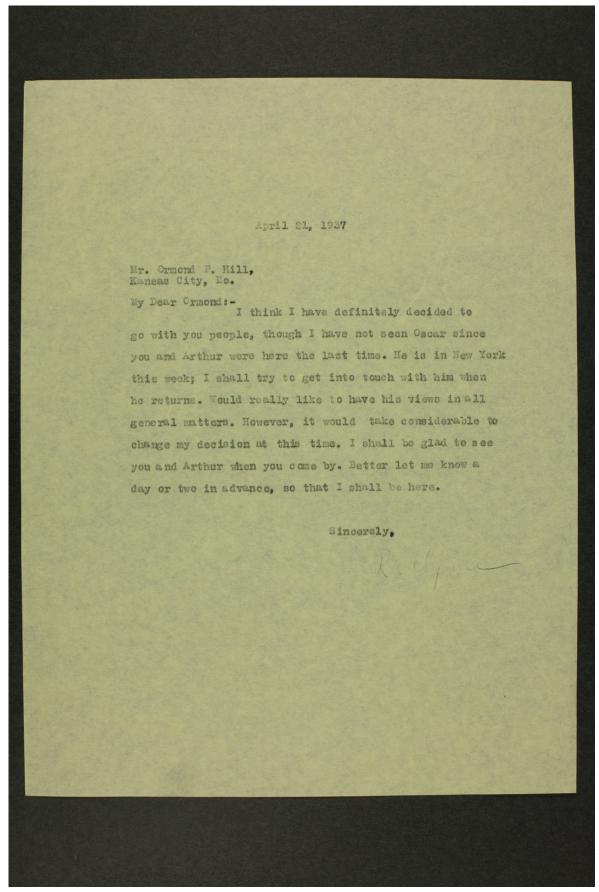




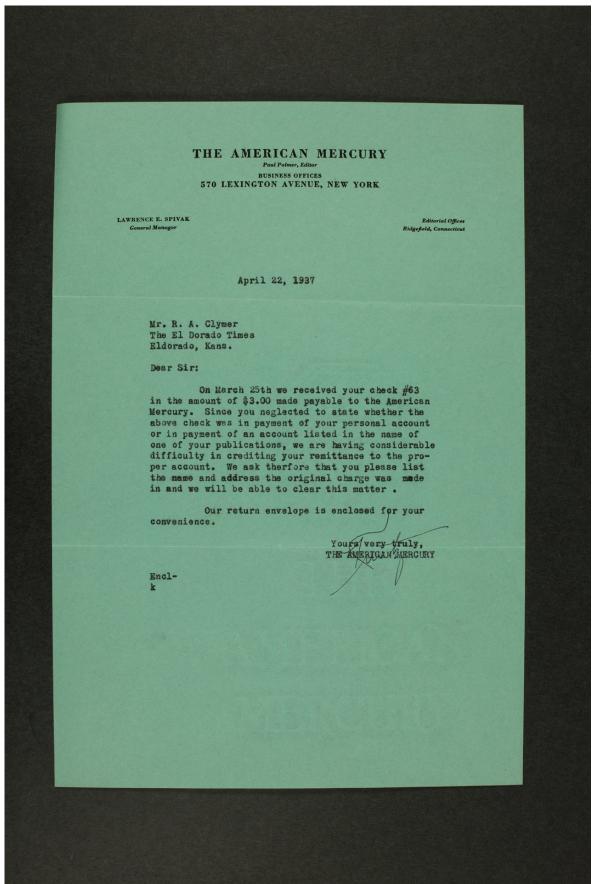




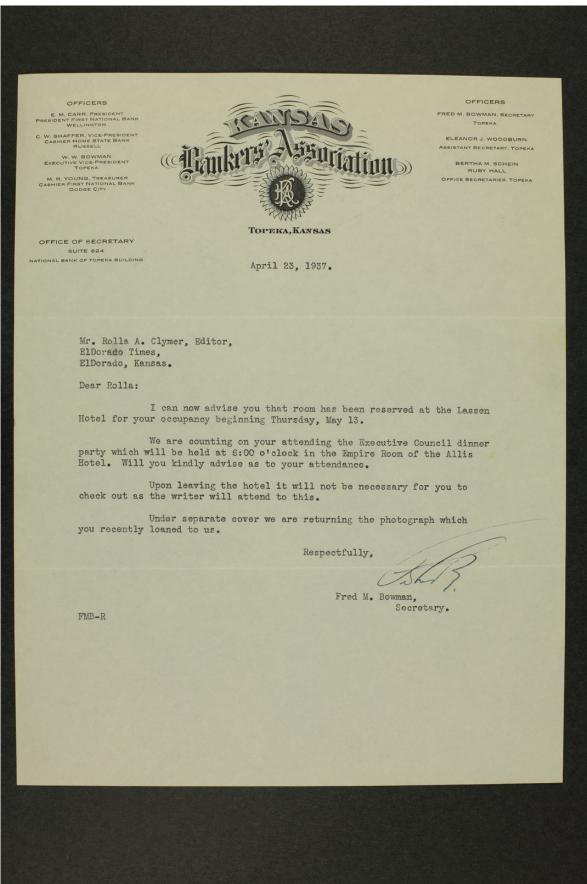














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Brother Justin D. Bowersock is one of our most widely known Sigma Chis, and this banquet is planned as a "get together" for Sigma Chis from all the surrounding vicinity, to honor him as a loyal and enthusiastic Sigma Chi. We expect to have a large attendance from out of town, and hope that everyone will help to make the affair a success by telling all of the brothers you know to be there.

Brother Bowersock can be counted on to give one of his always entertaining speeches, and there will be short talks by representatives from the Missouri and Kansas active chapters and some representative from the National Sigma Chi Headquarters.

The price of the banquet will be \$1.50 per person. However, as there will be a few guests invited, and other incidental expenses to be met, it will be greatly appreciated if you would care to send any additional amount over the cost of the ticket.

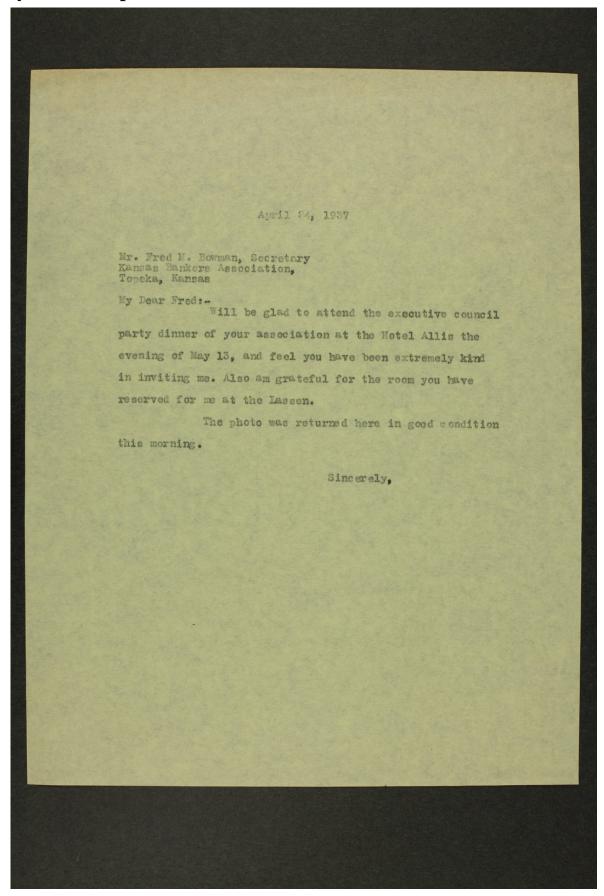
Arrangements have been made to send your ticket, if you will mail your check directly to Merton H. Diels, 200 Scarritt Bldg., 9th and Grand, Kansas City, Mo.

We will expect you at the banquet. Don't delay in sending your reservation.

Fraternally yours,

Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter Kansas City, Missouri







### Rolla Clymer correspondence

W. A. Seiler Certified Shorthand Reporter <sup>224</sup> McKinley Bldg. Joplin, Mo.

April 26, 1937.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
Manager and Editor,
The Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

The last time I saw you, you were around the Jayhawk Hotel, in Topeka, endeavoring to help Alf Landon be elected President. You may remember me as the shorthand reporter who reported the Governor's speeches.

Mr. Clymer, I have a boy, 19 years old, who is attending Missouri University. He will enter the School of Journalism this fall. He is a tall fellow, good looking, amiable and industrious. He would very much prefer, for a summer job, something around a newspaper. If by any chance there will be such an opening on your paper, I would appreciate it very much if you would give him consideration.

Thanking you for your consideration, and wishing you all the success possible under our present form of government, I am,

Yours very truly,

