

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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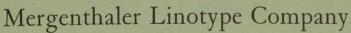
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531 PLYMOUTH CT. CHICAGO, ILL.

Mr. R. A. Clymer, The ElDorado Times, ElDorado, Kansas. June 6, 1938.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for your letter of June 3 calling our attention to the duplicate charges of \$144.75 for the work done on your new Linotype by Mr. Goggin.

The last charge was issued thru a misunderstanding and the enclosed credit memorandum cancelled it. You will also find a corrected statement.

We are pleased to learn that you obtained an adjustment of the claim and will send us \$249.25, our expense in connection with the repairing of your machine.

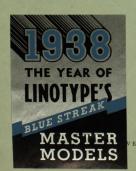
Assuring you your co-operation is appreciated, we are

Yours very truly,

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE COMPANY

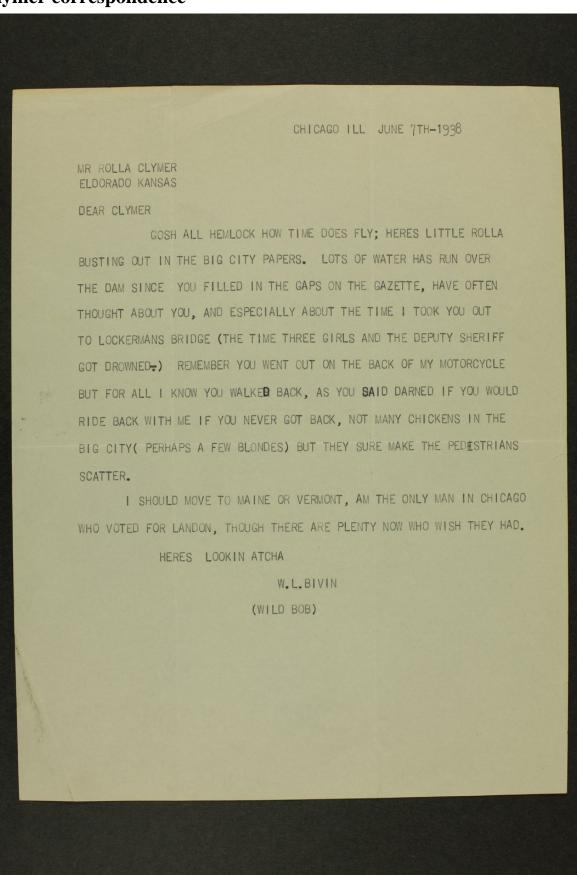
Order Department.

W.R. Harley



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THE SUPREME COURT OF KANSAS TOPEKA

WALTER G. THIELE, JUSTICE

June 7, 1938

R. A. Clymer, Editor The El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Even though it may be late, I want to thank you for the publicity you gave my announcement of candidacy for Justice of the Supreme Court, position

No. Six, for a second term. I appreciate your attention to the matter.

My formal declaration will be filed with the Secretary of State about June 9th.

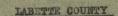
Yours very truly,

Walter G. Thiele

WGT: JFJ



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REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

June 7, 1938

Mrs. George Chew Coffeyville, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Chew:

I have just completed an extensive survey of the Third District on the Governorship race, for a chain of Newspapers, and I know you will be interested in what I found.

In every county in this district I found it all McCugin with fully 90 percent of the organizations of the various counties working hard for him. I have never found this third district so unanimous for anymandidate for Governor before. No other candidate has any strength in the Third district at the present times, and the men I saw said that it would still be all McCuginat election time.

In Labette county I naturally found some
Ratner support, but I found just as much strength for
Harold, so this county looks like a toss up. All of
the Republican papers but one are supporting Harold as
is also our Republican Representative, Dr. R. L. VonTrebra.
I would say that Ratner would carry Parsons at the present
time and lose the rest of the County.

This survey was very extensive as I had reports and saw everyone that is supposed to know what is going on.

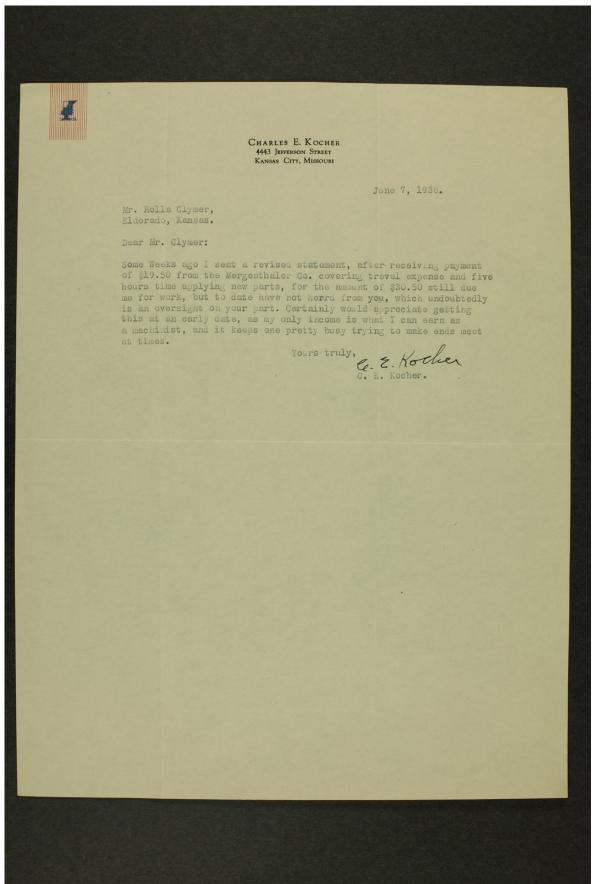
It is ALL Harold McGugin in the Third District.

Respectfully yours,

MYRON V. GEORGE

Chairman







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June 9, 1938

Mr. G. L. Light, Liberal, Kansas

My Dear Verne: I was glad to get your letter and thank you
for the verse. I had not seen it before and it carries quite
a punch.

I had assumed that your unfortunate illness would prevent you from making the race for the Supreme Court. Am sorry that you cannot get in this year-but there will be other times. I want to swing for you when you do. Jim McKay said he saw you at the bar meeting and that you looked fit. But I suppose it is the acme of good judgment not to take on a burdensome campaign when you are not quite up to pat physically.

Mother has not been well for several weeks and we are concerned about her. She seems to be improving now, but is very frail and weak, and will need the best of care for receovery. She had told me about Uncle John's sickness and also that of Aunt Linda's. Both of these preyed on her mind and di her no good in her own condition.

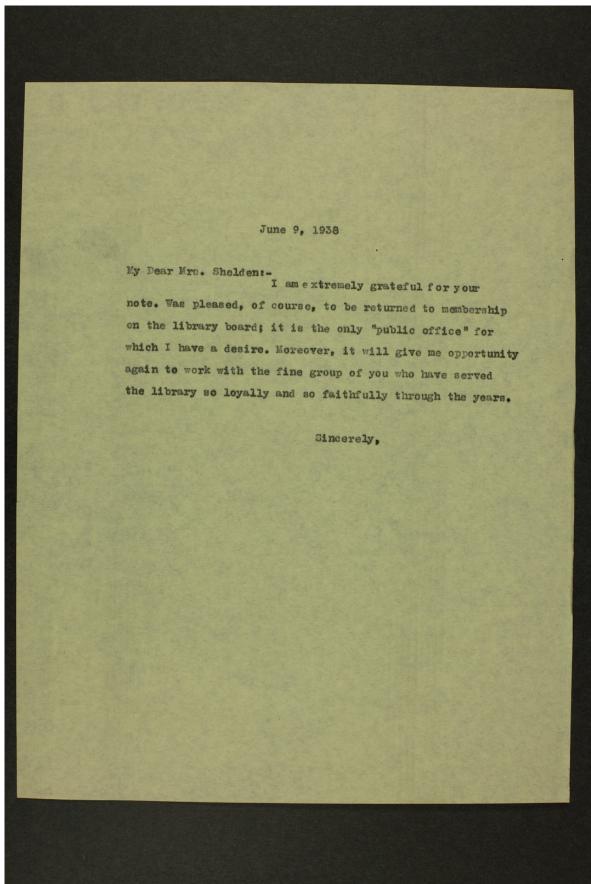
Things politically offer a ray of hope. I was especially heartened by the big Republican vote at the Iowa primary. We may have a chance here in Kansas this year, if we can get together and stay that way. I am for MeGugin for governor but do not intend to get out too far on the



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-2limb in the primary. The senatorship is another thing -- and I am a bit at sea there. Many tell me that Winrod is a force to be reckoned with, but I simply cannot be for him. I knew him well when he was a clerk for the Kansas Gas & Blectric Co. here twenty years ago -- and played both baseball and tennis with him;. I hope you will keep in good health from now on and that conditions will favor you. Business is terribly dull here; mighty hard to make any money against government taxes and regulations, union labor and an increase in almost every item of the overhead. Hope I can see you before long and have a good visit. I think it a crime that two cousins as temperamentally close as we are cannot see ach other more often. Sincerely,







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june 9th, 1938

dear boss:

My unqualified thanks for your letter. Always pleased as punch to hear from my favorite writin8 man! Especially glad you brought up the matter of the mondy, because there's a slight discrepancy somewhere. I'm attaching the copy of a letter of mine, together with your reply (early in February). Of COURSE I keep your letters. I like 'em because they flatter hell out of me. Please send this one back sometime.

According to my calculations, this burst of spume will clear the decks for us on June 15th. I imagine what has happened is that the \$13, due you from The Times fof Spume November, December and January, has not yet been paid. It's possible I'm mistaken, and if so, please don't hesitate to tell me. At all costs, the business and personal relations of the archer and clymer must be kept clean and healthy.

You've been a brick to be so patient with me in this, and surely I needn't tell you again how very much I appreciate it. I know it's been a headache, both to you and Polly, to say nothing of me and the spume readers, if any!

And I want to keep on writing spume if you want it. But whenever you're ready to fire me, I'm sure you can get the job done with Clymeresque dispatch and finality.

as always,

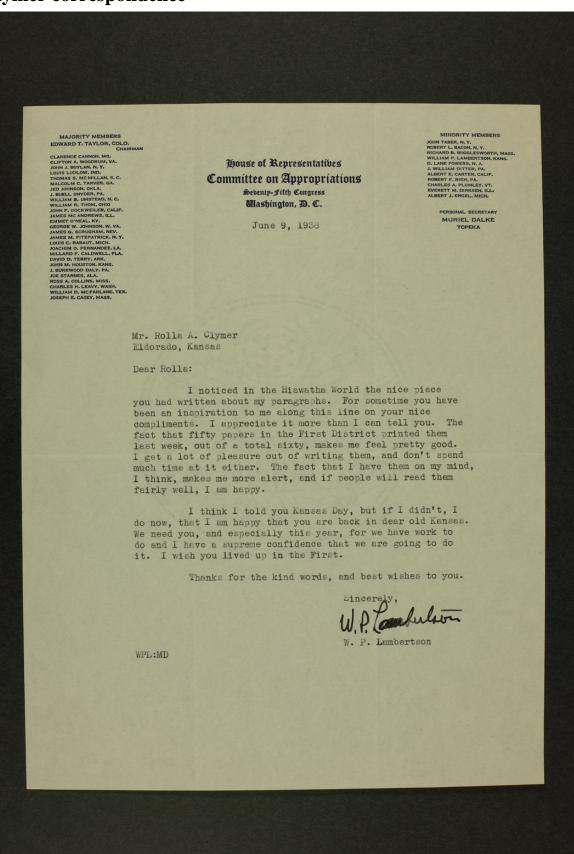
mace

Look for my beautiful DEL MONEE Pineapple Juice ads in Colliers, Life and SEP before long. My, I'm proud of them

mace.

My very best regards to you, now and always. You mention the depression. I haven't felt it personally, save in too high prices and too derned many taxes.







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Mrs. J. C. Mack, Newton, Kansas

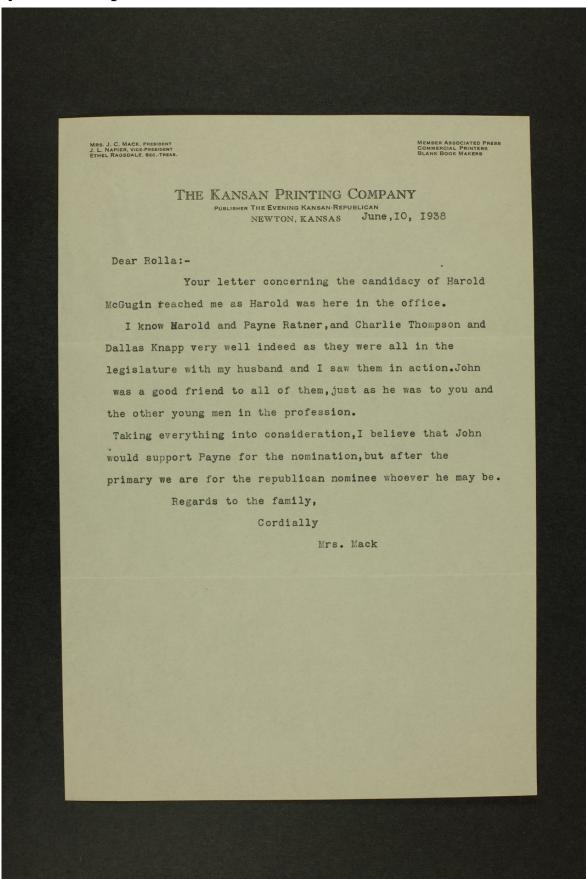
McGugin for governor. I know conditions surrounding this
Republican primary are somewhat confusing—and not altogether satisfactory to many of us. Yet I have strong confidence in McGugin and believe that if he is nominated he will
carry the fight to the enemy in the election campaign better
than any other candidate. I am convinced that he must be
aggressive and full of fight in this campaign. While I do
not intend to stick my neck out too far in the primary,
in the interests of party harmony, I still favor McGugin and
will govern my editorial treatment accordingly.

I know that both you and my dar friend, John, were long time friends of Harold. If you can be for the boy in this primary campaign, it would help him a lot and would please me. Of course, you must do as you think best; I am merely offering the suggestion for your consideration.

Be sure that I shall be glad to hear from you. With all kind wishes, I am, as always,

Cordially yours,







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June 10, 1938 Mr. Arthur H. Hagg, Chicago, Illinois My Dear Art:- Our linage records show that our national has dropped off a matter of more than 1200 inches in the past five months. I realize conditions have not been favorable, but still that seems like more of a slump than we should be forced to take. The loss in May alone was more than 500 inches -- and May has usually been a good month for us. I wonder if there is anything we can do to stimulate this business. Naturally I am much concerned over the big drop that has come to us this year, with our expenses all mounting at the same time. If you have any helpful ideas on the subject, I should be glad to hear from you. May be in Chicago in a few weeks and will look you up if I am. Very truly yours,

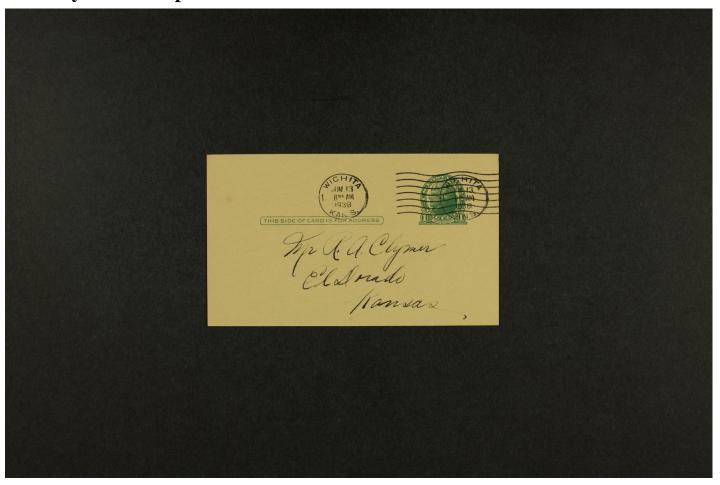


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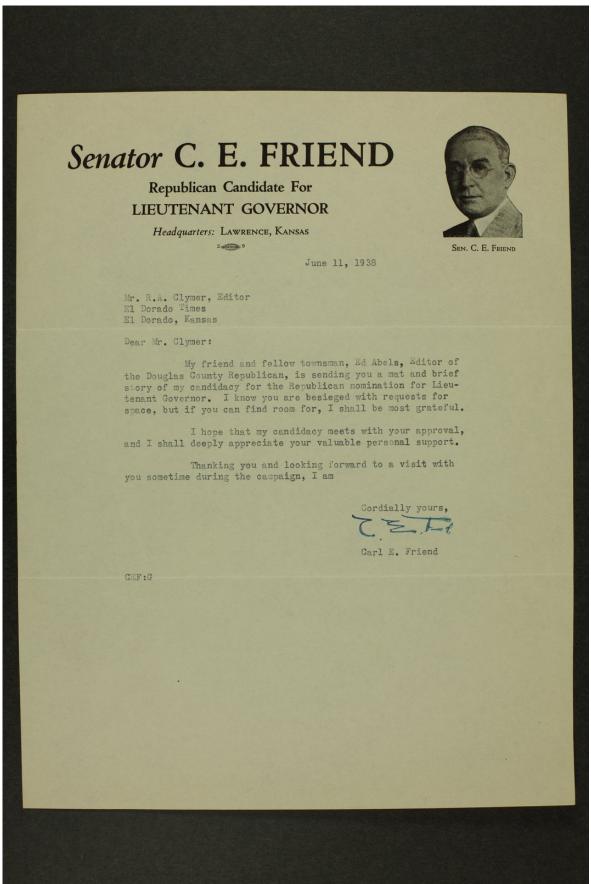
OFFICE PHONE 449 11/2 NORTH MAIN STREET HARRY W. FISHER LAWYER FORT SCOTT, KANSAS June 11, 1938 Eldorado Times Eldorado, Kansas Gentlemen: I thank you for the courtesy shown in publishing the article with reference to my candidacy for the Supreme Court, position No. 5. I do not only appreciate the courtesy of the publication, but your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the paper. I have now filed my declaration and am trying to make every possible contact. My prospects are very good. The publicity given is a great aid. Wishing you success and good fortune, I am Yours truly HWF:LG



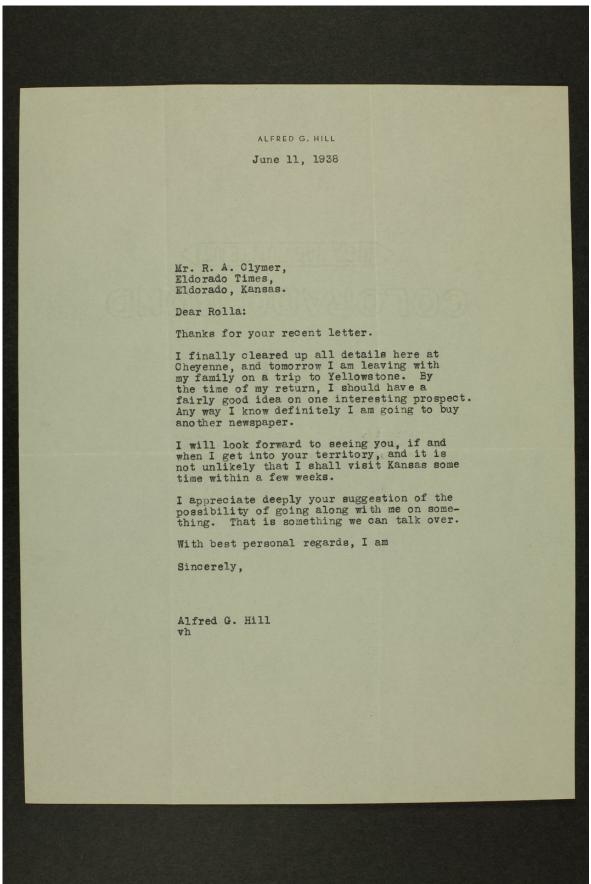




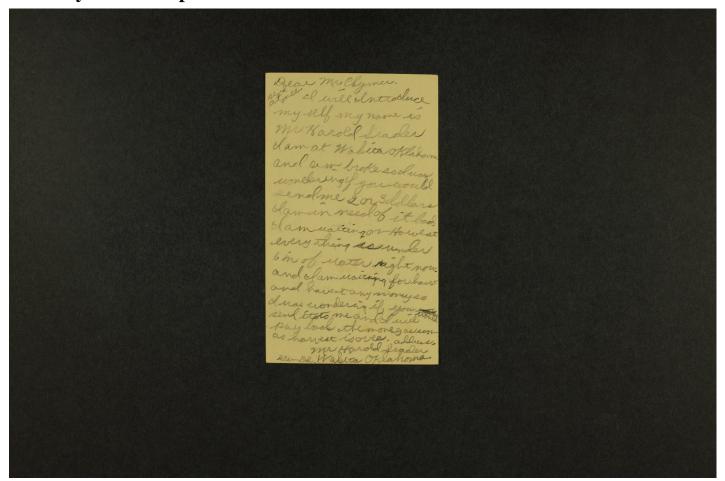




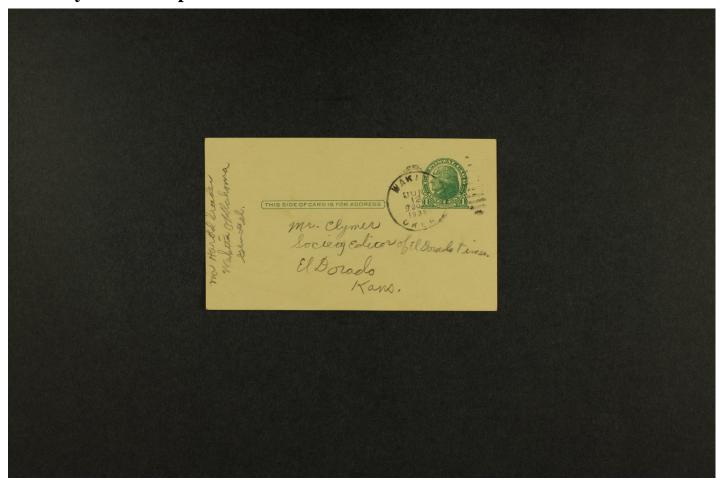




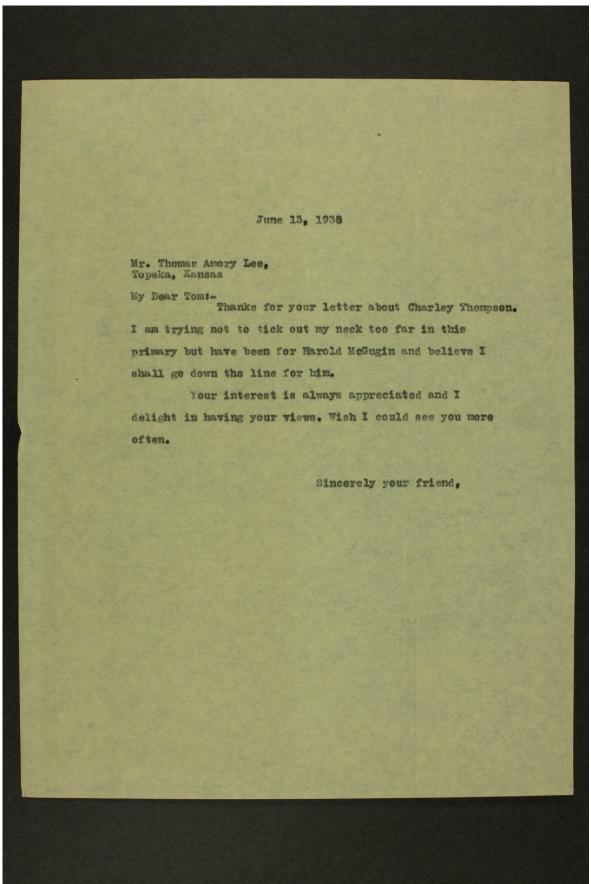














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June 13, 1938

Judge G. L. Light, Liberal, Kansas

Mrs. Clymer is head of a committee to select a new pastor for our Presbyterian Church here. She has had some information about the Rev. Charles R. Martin, of your town. It would be a favor to her if you would give her, briefly, the low-down on him--your impressions, etc. The committee naturally does not want to waste any time on some one who might not fit into this place for various reasons. If you can find the time to write your candid opinion, we will appreciate it. I remember once how you skinned the Rev. Bill Jackson in a letter to me--and he proved to be everything you said, and then some.

Hope you are feeling all right these days. Mother is not well; nothing chronic wrong, as far as we can discover, but she is very frail.

Thanks much in advance for your trouble in doing this favor for us.

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FOURTH AND JACKSON STREETS

Oakland, California

P. O. BOX 660

June 13, 1938

Mr. John Francis Neylan Crocker 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg. San Francisco, Calif.

Dear. Mr. Neylan:

In response to your suggestion that I summarize the outline I gave you verbally of my ideas on the advertising allowance matter, let me say:

- (1) In the past the manufacturers paid out a large sum of money improvidently and received a fraction of what they paid for.
- (2) The chain stores participated in this improvident expenditure and were charged with the sins of everybody.
- (3) The publishers were credited with getting a large amount of advertising they did not get, and wound up with a thorough misunderstanding of the whole situation.

The remedy is simple:

- (a) Eliminate all advertising allowances;
- (b) Let those interested in the promotion of their brands deal directly with the publishers and expend their money legitimately in proper advertising to create consumer demand for their goods;
- (c) Let the manufacturers sell to the whole-salers and retailers at a legitimate price which is not complicated by mysterious allowances.

I am sure, if the above three steps are taken, everybody concerned will be benefited tremendously.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) L. A. Warren President, Safeway Stores, Incorporated.



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JOHN FRANCIS NEYLAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
CROCKER FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO

June 13, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In these days of confused thinking in relation to economic problems, the thought occurs to me that consideration of any given problem by those directly involved, with frank interchange of views, might be an intelligent course.

I do not believe it is feasible to reform detailed economic practices "by passing a law".

Applying what I have in mind to a concrete situation, namely, the subject of advertising allowances made by manufacturers to distributors of their products, which has been a subject of so much controversy, I think the manufacturers, the distributors and the newspapers, acting frankly, can clear up all misunderstanding and lay a foundation for sound practice without the intervention of any outsider.

The Safeway Stores, Incorporated, are clients of mine.

I have discussed with Mr. Lingan A. Warren, the President of this institution, the whole subject matter of advertising allowances.

He is intimately familiar with the subject.

To my mind, he has set forth a sound and complete remedy, in a one-page letter, a copy of which I enclose you herewith.

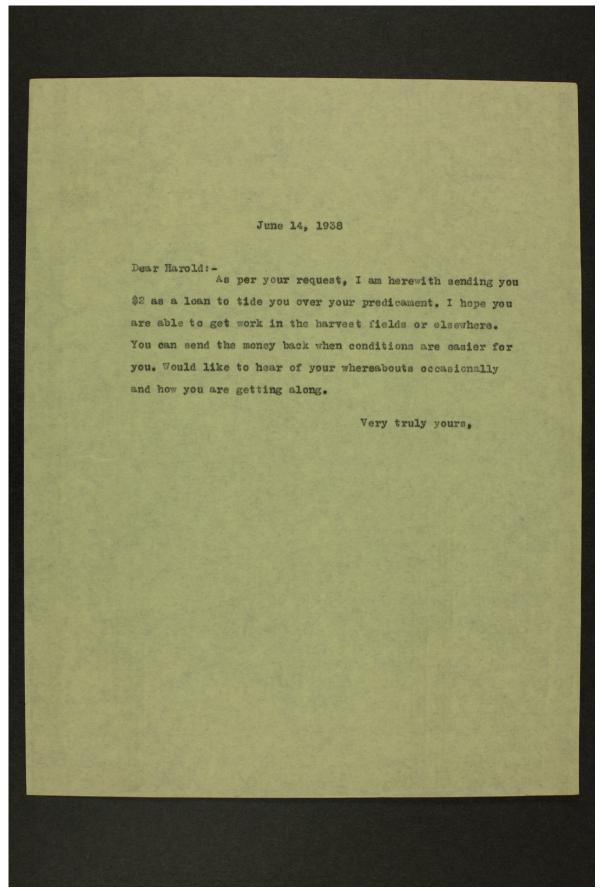
Do you not think it wise for all persons interested in this subject matter to survey their own affairs and adopt such a formula, eliminating unsound practices and avoiding costly controversies and the interposition of politics?

If this appeals to you as sensible, I would suggest that you and Mr. Warren interchange ideas and if we are successful in clearing up this subject that we proceed on a common sense basis to clear up any other matters that might be open to discussion. Naturally, because of my interest as counsel for newspapers for so many years, I am not unsympathetic to their problems; likewise, I have a natural interest in solving the problem of my clients, the Safeway Stores, Incorporated.

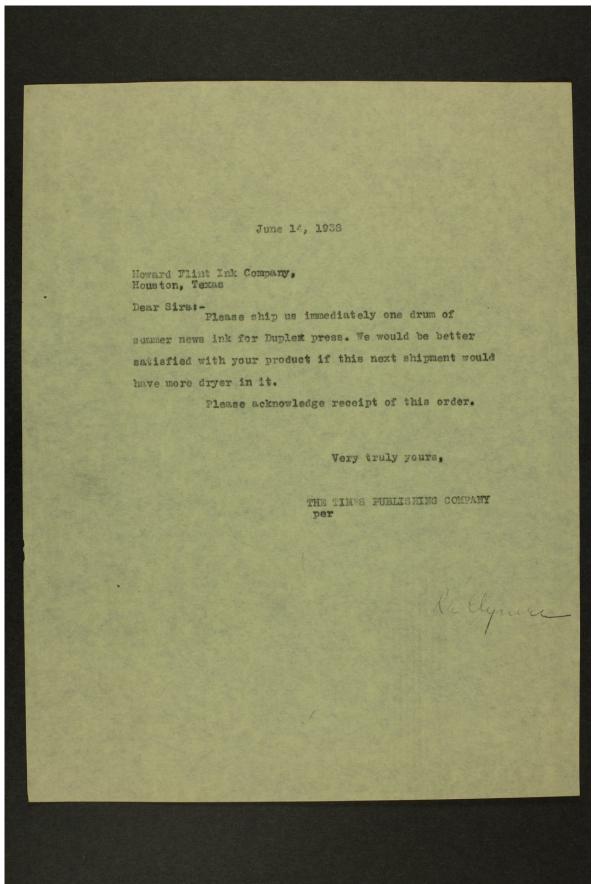
I know that the adoption of the above suggestion would relieve us of the necessity of having to protect ourselves constantly by going along in a competitive situation which we believe is on an unsound economic basis.

Very sincerely yours,



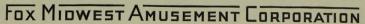








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GENERAL OFFICES
UPTOWN THEATRE BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

OFFICE OF H.E. JAMEYSON
DISTRICT MANAGER
MILLER THEATRE, WICHITA, KANSAS

June the Fourteenth

Rolla Clymer, El Dorado Times
Ray Greene, Concordia Blade-Empire
Frank Motz, Hays News
Paul Jones, Lyons News
Arch Jarrel, Arkansas City Traveler
Jess Denious, Dodge City Globe
W. G. Anderson, Winfield Courier
Ray Breitweiser, Clay Center Dispatch
Willard Mayberry, Liberal Times

Gentlemen:

There is an outfit in Chicago by the name of Pictorial Promotions Inc.
These people have some sort of a film cooking school tied up with several national advertisers. I got a line on the proposition and wired for information. In their reply, they told me the information was not available to theatres, but only to newspapers. We turned this reply over to the Wichita Eagle, Wichita, Kansas, and when the Eagle communicated with them they received in reply a telegram stating the proposition was only suited to smaller dailies. I am still in the dark as to what the scheme is, or as to what the hook-up is between the theatre and the newspaper.

I, as you know, am interested in increasing the income of my theatres; and you, no doubt, are interested in increasing your lineage. If there is anything to be worked out on this film cooking school idea, you will find us cooperative.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

HEJ:cm

H. E. JAMEYSON, District Manager Fox Midwest Theatres

P.S.: The address -- 1345 Argyle Street, Chicago



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ARTHUR H. HAGG & ASSOCIATES

PUBLISHERS' REPRESENTATIVE

360 NO. MICHIGAN AVE.

CHICAGO, June 14, 1938

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

Dear Rolla,

Your letter of June 10th is very much appreciated. Frankly, I don't know what we are coming to. The terrific losses we have suffered in every one of our papers, ever since early last fall, have been most disheartening. As with you, our costs have mounted, and our revenue has gone down.

In spite of all this, I cannot help but feel optimistic. In the first-place, I believe this new depression, which is far worse than the original, has made publishers a bit more "national advertising conscious". Generally speaking, publishers have, in the past, given little thought to national. It is something which came to them, but how or why, well, it really didn't matter so long as they got it. Take, for instance, down in Kansas. Quite a few smaller market papers employed the same representation as the Oklahoman-Times. This went on for a good many years, very much to the detriment of the smaller market publishers, but so long as they received what they believed to be their just share, nothing else mattered. This new depression has snaken them out of their shells, and the result is there have been so me changes down in Oklahoma.

Frankly, I believe the Bureau of Advertising is our strongest bet. I cannot say that I am sold on the present personnel, and I am most certainly opposed to their charge for membership, which is based on \$2.00 per permy line rate per month. The fee should be based on the national revenue, but, then, I believe if the smaller papers would all go in the Bureau, this would soon be corrected, and the charge made on a more equitable basis.

Last week I learned thru one of the members of the Fawcett Publications that their loss in national advertising exceeds 50% for the first five months of this year. Most every other periodical has suffered a serious loss, and the only advertising media which seems to be holding its own in good shape is radio. If we had a strong newspaper publisher's organization, I believe much of the money which is now being contributed to radio could be diverted to newspapers. This, of course, is the aim of the Bureau of Advertising.

I do not look for much improvement during July and August, but with the present outlook of crops throughout the west, I fully expect to see a marked improvement in national advertising this fall.

Indications are, at least it would appear so from recent elections, that people are pretty well fed up with the New Deal. With a change in administration, and with improvement in farming communities, I am confident we will see a real pick-up in all lines of business, and this, of course, would be reflected in national advertising linage.



