

## 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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### KANSAS INDEPENDENT OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION

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February 20, 1939.

The following editorial from the El Dorado Times of February 17, 1939, is quoted for your information.

It definitely brings home to all the imperative need for amending the present proration law so that the adverse effects resulting from the granting of special allowables in allocating the market for Kansas oil will be eliminated.

Two measures are pending in the state legislature - - Senate Bill 185 and House Bill 233 - - which, if enacted into law, will permit the State Corporation Commission to deny the granting of unreasonable allowables.

#### YOU ARE URGED TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THESE BILLS:

##### TO ABOLISH SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Companion bills have been introduced into both houses of the state legislature which provide amendments to the law governing regulation of the production of crude petroleum within the state.

The purpose of these bills, stripped of legal verbiage and free from minor considerations, would establish firmly the principle of ratable taking among pools, as well as within pools. In other words, the State Corporation Commission which is vested with jurisdiction and authority to administer the act would be freed from any necessity of granting special allowables where there was ratable taking and no underground waste.

Special allowables have been the source of much controversy among oil interests the past year. Probably ninety per cent of oil producers in Kansas—both majors and independents—are against special allowables as a practice tending to break down the entire proration structure.

The present law regulating production of oil and gas is based upon the principle of conservation of natural resources and against waste. The word "waste," in addition to its ordinary meaning, is extended to include economic waste, underground waste, surface waste, waste of reservoir energy and waste incident to the production of oil and gas in excess of transportation or marketing facilities or reasonable market demands.

The old commission ruled that under existing laws it had no alternative other than to grant special allowables where there was ratable taking and no underground waste.

One can imagine, considering the fine points that occur to lawyers, how closely debated the matter has been. There is still much lack of agreement among the parties of the controversy.

But this reflection seems clear. Proration has been a successful working principle. The commission fixes the daily allowables each month. The accepted theory is that they be based solely on adjusted field percentages with market distributed under the log-log curve. Special allowables in various pools tend to upset this basis. Thus, one producer in a certain area may be allowed to run a large portion of his oil under special permission, while in other fields the producers are held down rigidly to a low volume of production—in many instances 2 per cent of potential, or less. (It should be remembered that wells whose average daily production is 15 barrels, or less, have been permitted to run all their oil.)

Extreme conditions may arise, of course, where special allowables seem reasonable and should be granted. But the special allowable practice has grown to the point where it has almost upset the proration principle. A great majority of producers, as has been said, hold selective buying in disfavor. If proration is to be continued, and it has proved its worth, the special allowables must be eliminated in general. Special allowables simply mean, in most cases, special privilege to some producers granted over the rank and file. They are not fair, on any share-and-share alike program, undoubtedly create discrimination and work to the injury of the industry as a whole.

The amended law would tend to rule them out—regardless of the injury they might cause in certain individual cases. But the larger good of the Kansas oil industry dictates their passing as a general practice.

It is hard to amend any law on some point, without disturbing related matters. But all the Kansas producers are asking in the suggested changes of the oil law is that the proration principle be clearly established, that the commission be given full power to enforce it, and that special favors and privileges be abolished. It is up to the lawmakers to work out the act itself so that this objective may be reached. The oil men will be satisfied to get along on as little law as is necessary for orderly production and marketing, but they want enough teeth in their law to enable them to avoid such discrimination as has been seen in the past year or two.

The main trouble with the oil industry, now and in past years, is that too many of those engaged in it are purely selfish—and have no regard for the other fellow's welfare. It is up to the law and the courts to see that such selfishness and demand for special favors is eliminated.

The bills now before the legislature, which were carefully drawn by those who have the long-range welfare of the oil industry at heart, should be passed in a form close to that wherein they have been presented.



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10 RICHARDS ROAD

Kansas City, Mo.

February 21, 1939

Mr. R. A. Clymer  
c/o El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

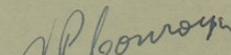
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Cordially,

  
V. P. Conroy  
General Traffic Manager

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February 21, 1939

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Mr. R. A. Clymer  
c/o El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

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February Twenty-first,

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Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
C/o El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

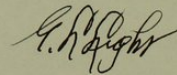
Dear Rolla:

Replying to yours of the 20th, we have not been inconvenienced in the least by reason of your delay in coming out. In fact, I am rather glad for the delay, as we do not have complete details brought together since the merger.

Our Auditor is on the job now and may not have the report to us by the last of this week; hence, let me suggest that you further postpone your trip to next weekend, March 3rd or 4th. I am confident we can be in better position by that time, and furthermore I want you to choose your most convenient time as there is no particular rush on my part, but I am rather anxious for the visit.

Father is not feeling nearly so well; seems to be failing quite rapidly the past several weeks, but is still up and around most of the time.

Yours very truly,



OF LIGHT & LIGHT

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 21, 1939

Mr. Walter Fees,  
Republican State Chairman,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Walter:-

I have not bothered you much and intend to be as little of a nuisance as possible. I have a friend here, Paul B. Kirkman, who wants a job with the state highway patrol. I believe him to be well qualified for the place. If there is any chance to land him such a place, I wish you would please indicate the best way to go about it. Will thank you for your attention to this small matter.

I had fine visits with the governor and Wes Roberts Sunday but did not have time to look you up.

I think you know that if there is any way in which I can be of service, all you have to do is to let me know.

Sincerely,





February 22, 1939

Mr. R. C. Woodward,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Dick:-

I wish you would kick that wage-hour thing  
in the slats.

Sincerely,

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 28, 1939

My Dear Verne:-

As you suggest, will plan to go to Liberal the week-end of March 4-5, planning to be there part of a business day, either Saturday or Monday. My coming will depend somewhat on the weather. Will probably make the trip alone, unless possibly I may bring my boy, Dave, with me.

Will hope you have your auditor's report by the time I arrive. It will help us all to understand the true situation. I trust I may be of some practical help to you people in your problems.

Sincerely,





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

1108 Walnut Street,  
Emporia, Kansas,  
February 24, 1939.

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Editor,  
Eldorado Times,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Several of us from Kansas motored to a national gathering of the Oxford Group at French Lick, Indiana February 10-14th. About a thousand people from 31 states were there to consider Moral Rearmament for the nation.

Among those there were: H. Alexander Smith on the national program committee of the Republican party; Emily Newell Blair, Vice-chairman of the Democratic party; Colonel Mark McKee ( who is said to have nominated the last five heads of the American Legion); G.G. Bennett a former Kansan now head of the Farmers Union of Imperial Valley California; Mrs Sieberling of Akron Ohio; Mrs Cordelia Britten wife of former head of New York Stock Exchange; General Erle Luce of Minneapolis; Fred M. Carter, president of Carter Lead Co., of New York; and many others.

Under separate cover is coming a booklet on Moral Rearmament compiled by "Bunny" Austin, England's Davis Cup Tennis star. It contains statements by Statesmen of Europe and others on the pressing need for moral and spiritual awakening. I believe you will be interested in Austins foreword, and in the statement by Lord Baldwin and sixteen others on page 9, in the statement by the Earl of Athlone on page 26, in Austin Reed's statement on page 55 and in Hoover's word on page 60.

Sincerely,

Rev. C. Lewis Irwin.



February 27, 1939

Mr. E. C. Moriarty,  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Gene:-

I was glad to get your note, even though we are not in agreement on the oil subject. Maybe I am wrong about the matter. But it seems to me that proration must be given a fair chance to work. If it fails, the next step would be government control--and surely none of us want that. I shall be most glad to talk to you whenever I can see you.

Sincerely,





February 27, 1939

Mr. D. E. Vandervoort,  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Van:-

I am sorry that I shall be unable to keep  
the speaking engagement before the Rotary Club there on  
March 13. I am telling you now, so that you will have time  
to make other arrangements.

Sincerely,



E. R. SLOAN, CHAIRMAN  
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WICHITA, KANSAS

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO THIS  
SUBJECT

Russell, Kansas, Feb. 27, 1939.

Mr. Rolla H. Clymer,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Ham:

In conversation with Thee Morgan last week, he told me that while he had been offered the job as Director, it had not been on terms acceptable to him; and that he did not feel he could afford to take it. I believe he is sincere in this.

In Sunday's Wichita papers, it appears that one or two others are now being advanced by their friends for the place. While it is true that the oil industry does not want this Department made a political foot-ball, this does not mean it should be left an important cog in the Kansas Tammany organization.

Personally, I feel that if Morgan wants the place, and they can make the salary and other conditions satisfactory, he is clearly entitled to it; and I will be glad of the opportunity to work for him and with him. If it is a question of someone else getting the place, I would like to be considered. I am not in touch with the crowd in Wichita, but I believe you would find that out in the field I have my fair share of friends who would support me.

My position is now Field Supervisor, and for two years previously was State Plugging Supervisor. Have also been in charge of gas, and have looked after salt-water and pollution troubles. Have probably had more general experience with these affairs than any one else in the State.

I do not think it advisable to attempt to push myself on the attention of the Advisory Board, the Commission, nor the Governor; but if you feel so inclined, a friendly shove by you would be very helpful.

HCS.

Yours truly,

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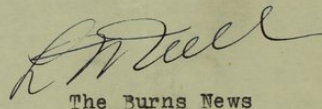
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Wichita, Kansas

Dear Studebaker:

Noticed your ad in the Aux on a 29x42 Miehle. How would you trade for my 6-quarto tape delivery Babcock drum?

Would my Omaha attached folder work on a Miehle? Am thinking of changing to a 6 column 12-em paper, and that 29x42 is just the right size, if it has suitable chases.

Yours very truly,



The Burns News

Clymer:

I have written the Burns News about the press, and told him to come and see you. I priced the press at \$1200.00 cash, and I think this is a good price for the machine.

I think Herb Hickman still owns this paper, but would not say for sure.

Studebaker.

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February 28, 1939

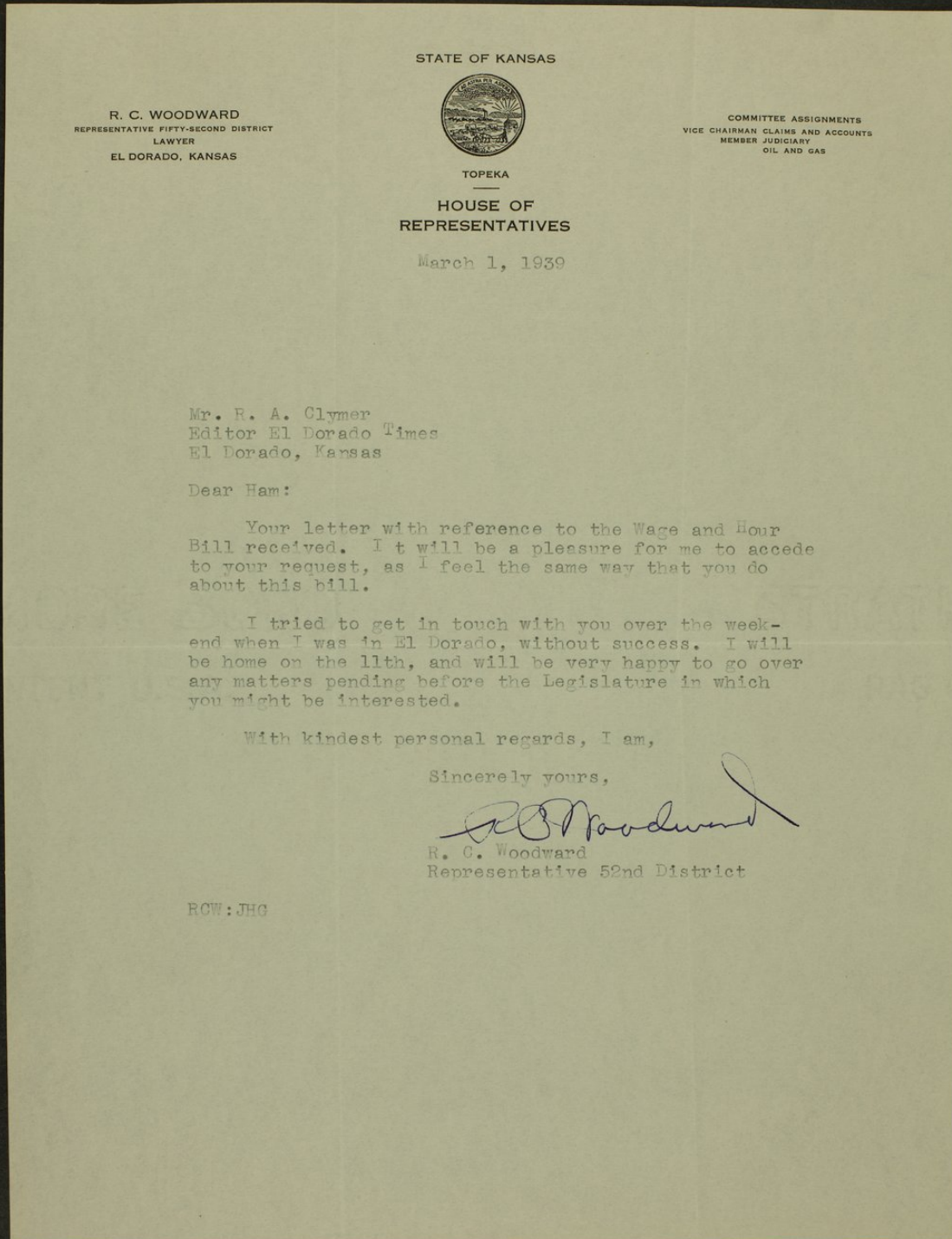
My Dear Tut:-

I am glad to hear the news. You will be better off with managerial and administrative duties off your neck. You are a super-salesman. You make friends and hold them. The Bingham outfit is all right, and I feel you will be happy there--provided they play square with you. You think they will--and that's that.

Of course, you can always count on me and what little business I can throw you and what help I can be to you elsewhere. I shall be looking for you around soon and we will have an order. Give my best to Art.

Sincerely,







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KEITH CLEVINGER  
PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNSEL  
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332 NATIONAL BANK OF TULSA BLDG.  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Temporary Address -  
c/o Illinois-Indiana  
Petroleum Association,  
Robinson, Illinois

March 1, 1939

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Publisher  
ElDorado Times  
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I am sorry to have caused you any undue effort in the search for a picture of the Empire-Enyart Field. I believe, however, that I will be able to secure one from a photographer at Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

I am up here for several weeks of special work and investigation. In the mean time, work on the publication of my story is going ahead in good shape.

Thanking you for your kind interest and helpfulness, I am

Yours very truly,

*Keith Clevinger*  
Keith Clevenger

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THE EXECUTIVE MANSION  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

[1939]

Thursday P.M.

Dear Mr. Clymer

I have wanted to  
thank you for the nice  
editorial for some time  
it was very cute and I  
have put a copy in  
each of the Childrens  
scrap books -

We enjoyed having  
you both and hope you will  
come see us often -  
Paup is feeling pretty  
miserable but hope it  
will soon be over -

Sincerely

Cliffie Patner

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### United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

March 2, 1939.

M. W. MITCHELL, CLERK

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

I do not think that the Federal government has any more  
business operating barges on channels built at public  
expense than it would have to operate a fleet of trucks  
on highways built in the same way.

*Clyde M. Reed*

Clyde M. Reed



March 2, 1939

Mr. T. A. Morgan, Director  
Conservation Division  
State Corporation Commission,  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Theo:-

I don't want to see you subject to "political influence." This is not "political influence." But if you can continue to use Hal Smith as field supervisor, or in some equally important capacity, I don't believe you could get a better man.

I hope you will be given a free hand in picking your men. I know you cannot clean up the mess there in a few days or weeks, but I am going to believe that you will begin to bring order out of chaos before long.

I wrote a "piece" about you yesterday and sent you a copy. Trust that it suited. It expresses my idea as to the way I think the state should handle affairs of the oil industry under this administration.

Please know that you may count on me for any service within my power at any time you wish. Don't ask; just tell me.

Sincerely,





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

LAW OFFICES OF  
LIGHT & LIGHT  
LIBERAL, KANSAS

March Second,

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Dear Folks:

Father was placed beside Mother in the Liberal Cemetery at 4:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a very beautiful funeral service at the First Methodist Church of this city.

Due to a bad snow storm occurring Monday, and it being cloudy and snowing intermittently all day yesterday, the attendance was greatly reduced. The road to the cemetery was impassable but specially opened by the County to accommodate the funeral.

Arvilla was not physically able to attend but all the other members of her family were present. No one attended, outside of the residents of this community, save and except Uncle John and Aunt Emma Fellers, of Mullinville, Sadie Fellers and her son, Jack.

We certainly appreciate the many letters, telegrams and expressions received from all of our relatives and friends near and far and he had a very beautiful floral display, 52 pieces from 74 contributors.

He had left written requests for funeral arrangements, all of which were carried out just as far as humanly possible. We were unable to secure the services of Dr. C. V. Priddle, Superintendent of the United Brethern Church, whom he had requested to conduct his service, and likewise were unable to satisfy ourselves with the services of any minister from that church with whom either Father or any of us had an acquaintance. Our inability to secure Dr. Priddle's service was due principally to the storm and impassable condition of the roads, as he would have had to have traveled some 250 miles by car.

All of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present except only our daughter, Leora and her baby, Shirley Ann, who are residents of Arlington, Virginia, her husband having a position with the Soil Conservation Office at Washington, D.C. They had just moved to this new location the latter part of January and it was impossible for them to return.

Five grandsons and one grandson-in-law were the pall bearers.





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Father's continual wish since Mother's death, which he oftentimes expressed to us, has been fulfilled; likewise we are all extremely thankful that his total complete disability was of a duration of only 62 hours.

Immediately following this stroke, which occurred Friday evening, he lapsed into semi-consciousness, which developed into complete unconsciousness about midnight from which he never reacted; gradually grew worse and weaker, the end coming at 7:43 Monday morning.

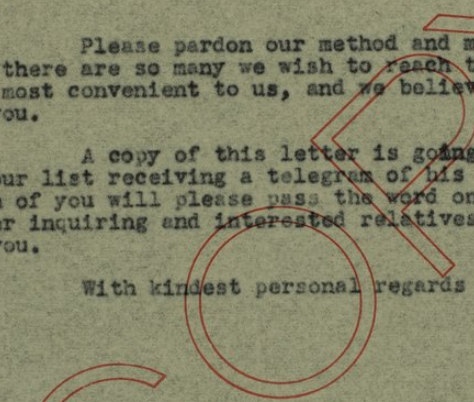
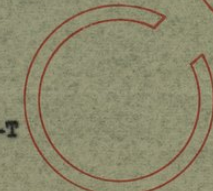
Please pardon our method and manner of writing you but there are so many we wish to reach that we find this by far the most convenient to us, and we believe just as informational to you.

A copy of this letter is going forward to all persons on our list receiving a telegram of his passing. I hope that each of you will please pass the word on and communicate to all other inquiring and interested relatives and friends available to you.

With kindest personal regards to all, I am,

Yours very truly,

GLL-T







### INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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March 2, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In connection with the Essay Contest which is being conducted in the oil producing states by this Association, we are establishing a Committee to make the awards of the nineteen cash prizes.

Will you serve on that Committee?

Mr. Burdette Blue will be Chairman, as he is the Chairman of the Association's Committee on Petroleum Research. Other members who have accepted are Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, past president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mr. E. L. DeGolyer, Dallas, former president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

The contest closes June 30 and it is hoped that the Committee on Award can meet at a place convenient to all sometime in July or early August. All routine work will have been done in this office prior to the meeting.

I enclose copy of the folder which gives the full information concerning the contest. This has attracted wide attention and we expect a large number of entries.

I hope that you will give us your acceptance within a few days. We want to make an announcement soon as to the Committee's Personnel

Very truly yours,

*Lawrence E. Smith*  
Lawrence E. Smith, Director  
PETROLEUM RESEARCH BUREAU

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(C O P Y)

March 3, 1939

*William Allen White*  
Dear Mr. White:

I am disturbed by reports in the press regarding the bill which has just been reported out of the judiciary committee of the lower house of the Kansas Legislature which purports to outlaw sit-down strikes and impose penalties for acts of syndicalism.

According to the report in this morning's paper, criminal syndicalism is defined as the teaching of any change in political or industrial control by force, or aiding an act of sabotage.

If the report is correct, this is a press and school gag law. If left to a court to determine what constituted criminal syndicalism such a statute might conceivably ban the publication of Kirke Macheen's play, John Brown, for the hero of that play taught (and by his martyrdom still teaches) change in political and industrial control by force. Many students of the life of Jesus believe that he taught sabotage: "Render unto Caesar etc."

This is an entering wedge of authoritarian government in Kansas, if I read the description of the proposed act correctly.

I still think there is only one way to preserve freedom for any people; that is, to protect the right of freedom of thought, of speech, and of the press. I don't believe you can fight fascism with the instruments of fascism, or communism with repression. I don't like these philosophies, of course: I like freedom.

The proposed provision banning the sit-down strike today is an anachronism. The sit-down strike has been outlawed by the Supreme Court of the United States. To my mind it is here employed exclusively as a cloak to cover up the real purpose of the bill.

It looks to me like red bill in white panties. Am I right? If so, do you think the organized professors of the college should take action by resolution? It is the only weapon we have. I am sure a substantial group is prepared to go out on a fascist limb deliberately, for if the bill is what it seems to be, we shall be out on one anyway when and if it becomes law. Please advise me.

Sincerely,

*C. E. Rogers*  
C. E. Rogers  
Head of the Department of  
Industrial Journalism

*Rolla—*  
*Am I just jittery*  
*or is it true?*

*C. E. Rogers*

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March Third,

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Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
C/o El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Replying to your telegram, I just wired you  
as follows:

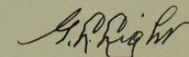
"Next week end preferable. Letter follows."

This is the second day I have been able to  
be in the office for approximately a week, and have  
some emergency new matters pressing me, hence have  
not had any time to give attention to the newspaper  
business in any way. Just talked to our manager and he  
advises that the auditor's final report has not reached  
him but he expects to receive it this week end. It  
would not arrive in sufficient time for me to go over it  
before wishing to talk with you. Furthermore, the child-  
ren are home, having come for the funeral, and they have  
some demands upon my time.

I would like very much, if it would be possible,  
for you to arrange to come out Friday, the 10th, going  
back Sunday, or if you do not come until Saturday, the 11th,  
hope you will not have to return before Monday, as I want  
to have a little time to entertain you as well as to do  
the other things that we have in mind.

I hope this will be agreeable.

Yours very truly,

  
of LIGHT & LIGHT

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

G. L. Light,

ElDorado, March 3, 1939

Liberal, Kansas

shall I plan trip tomorrow, weather permitting. please  
wire answer.

R. A. Clymer

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STATE OF KANSAS  
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March 4, 1939

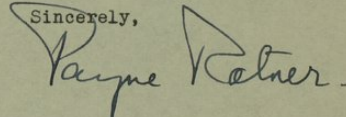
Mr. R. A. Clymer, Publisher  
The El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

As you know, I have of all things, the mumps! Naturally, I have not been feeling so well, but your editorial on Theo Morgan and the oil situation made me a lot better. I think that is the tonic I needed to start getting well. I certainly appreciate what you said and I know it will be of valuable significance particularly in the oil sections of the state.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



PR:BB



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March 4, 1939

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Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor  
Eldorado Times  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Will you address our organization at a general meeting on March 14? I have heard much comment relative to your speaking ability and believe that a talk such as you would give would fit perfectly into the picture.

Here is the situation. We have recently had a very substantial increase in membership in this organization. This naturally presents an immediate problem of membership conservation, and as one means of securing and maintaining the interest, we are bringing good speakers to address regular meetings of the organization at least once every two months.

Our mutual friend, Paul Jones, has promised to make your visit here a pleasant one, and I honestly believe that he is as anxious to have you come as I am.

Our budget for this purpose, of course, is limited as it is in any organization of this size. Putting it bluntly, however, will you come, and if so at what terms.

I shall look forward to receiving your answer in the affirmative.

Very truly yours,

R. K. Baker, Sec't  
Lyons Chamber of Commerce

RKB/PJR



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 4, 1939

Mr. Lawrence E. Smith, Director  
Petroleum Research Bureau,  
Independent Petroleum Association of America,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

My Dear Mr. Smith:-

I suppose I am letting myself in for some additional grief, but if I can help the Association by serving on the committee to award prizes in the Essay Contest, I shall be glad to do so. You may go ahead and announce my name with the others, and I shall await your further instructions.

Very truly yours,