

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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Rolla Clymer correspondence

Emporia, Kansas
October 23, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I was graduated from the journalism department at the University of Kansas last June and am looking for a news job in the state this fall. I do not know whether or not your paper has a vacancy, but thought that I would make an application in view of an opening later on if not at the present. I am qualified for desk work, court reporting, editorial writing, and feature work.

Because I am fresh out of college, my training naturally has been wider than my experience; the latter, however, includes the following:

University Daily Kansan (1938-1940), two terms as associate editor; writing a shopper's guide column for advertising; reporter; desk work.

Emporia State Bulletin (1937-1938), official student paper, semi-weekly. Reporting; features; editorials; a column of comment.

Feature articles in the Kansas City Star, Christian Science Monitor, Wichita Eagle, Kansas City Daily Drivers Telegram.

Emporia High Re-Echo, yearbook, (1935-1936); junior editor; editor-in-chief.

Emporia High Echo (1934-1936), student paper. Reporter.

My course has included 37 hours of journalism; 40 hours is the maximum allowed at the University of Kansas. I have specialized in both reporting and editorial writing. My third course in reporting, open to seniors with sufficient background, involved a study of gathering news from public officials. For laboratory work, the class covered the Douglass county courthouse and Lawrence civic offices. The class also worked on the Ottawa Herald, the Opoka Daily Capital, and the Kansas City Kansan. I have had one course devoted entirely to the writing of features and another to editing copy. I also took 3 hours of "Elements of Advertising," an introductory course.



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My specialties outside the field of journalism have been Spanish, English, social and biological sciences, and geography. My grade average is a little better than a "B" and I have no "D's" or "F's." I was elected to Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary journalism fraternity for university women during my junior year at the University of Kansas.

If I have failed to anticipate any questions which might arise, I shall be glad to answer them either by letter, or by interview if you feel that you could use my services. For further information, may I refer you to these three journalism professors; L. N. Flint, head of the journalism department at the University of Kansas; Richard B. Eide and Ray Heady, also of the department.

I hope that if a vacancy occurs on the Times, you will let me show you what I can do. I'm 22 years old, have lived in Kansas all my life, and am glad I'm old enough to vote in the November election.

Sincerely,

Loretta Diggs

Loretta Diggs

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 24, 1940

Mr. R. W. Leach
Unemployment Benefit Advisors, Inc.
Washington Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I regret to say that I do not have an extra copy of the "Military Map" to which you refer. I would like to have one of these for myself. If you will communicate with our industrial agent, Mr. R. H. Rhoads, Harwill Apts., 1835 K, N. W., Washington, D. C., he may be able to secure one of these maps for you from the Planning Division of the War Department. Mr. Rhoads, however, expects to be in Kansas all of next week and will not be available in Washington until probably after election.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R. A. Clymer
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 24, 1940

Cong. John M. Houston
Wichita
Kansas

My dear Jack:

Mr. Gene E. Neal, of El Dorado, Kansas, has passed the civil service examination for junior officer mechanic. He would like to know where he might possibly be placed. Any information you can give either directly to him or to me will be greatly appreciated. Mr. Neal is a young man of the highest type and would serve capably in any position which he might fill.

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 24, 1940

Miss Ruth Creswell
Oil Hill
Kansas

Dear Miss Creswell:

Your letter of October 21 reached me at El Dorado. I regret to tell you that we have no places open on our paper at this time which you might fill. I shall be glad to hear from you at some future time and hope you will not hesitate to make further contact with me.

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 25, 1940

Mr. Sidney F. Harris, Publisher
The Herald
Ottawa, Kansas

My dear Sid:

If it is not asking too much, I wish you would dictate a letter to me outlining the methods you have used to place your newspaper and plant force on the forty hour week. I shall have to do something about this at El Dorado and would like to know what disposition you have made of our office force and advertising, circulation and reportorial departments. Your paper and ours compare somewhat in size, and I feel I could safely follow your general plan. Any further information you give me will be greatly appreciated.

It has been a long time since I saw you, and I hope you are doing all right. We are still trying hard to procure some defense facilities for Kansas but as yet have little on the line.

Thanking you in advance for your courteous favor and with best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

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KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R. A. CLYMER, SECRETARY-DIRECTOR
TOPEKA, KANSAS

MERSAL LETTER

October 25, 1940

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R A Clymer

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

Dear Rolla: We have been working on a 44-hour week here and expect to continue to do so ~~XXXXX~~ all pending court decisions are ~~xx~~ handed down ~~xx~~ (unless) and we are ordered to do otherwise. We consider our wage scale on an hourly basis as of when the law went into effect. The four hours we lopped off we consider an increase in pay. On the span from 40 to 44 we figure base rate and four hours overtime, making the same pay for 44 hours, etc. In some cases this has been held to be a subterfuge. We don't think it is. This applies to all in the shop. Some are border line cases as to whether they come under the law or not. In other words we are telling our way and realize we are somewhat vulnerable. What do you think about all this? I am my own secretary on this...sid



JOHN M. HOUSTON
5TH DIST. KANSAS
ASSISTANT MAJORITY WHIP

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

COMMITTEE ON
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LABOR-SOCIAL SECURITY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

✓216 South Broadway
Wichita, Kansas
October 28, 1940

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

Dear Rolla:

About this time every two years I call on you for some free advertising and in the past you have always nobly performed.

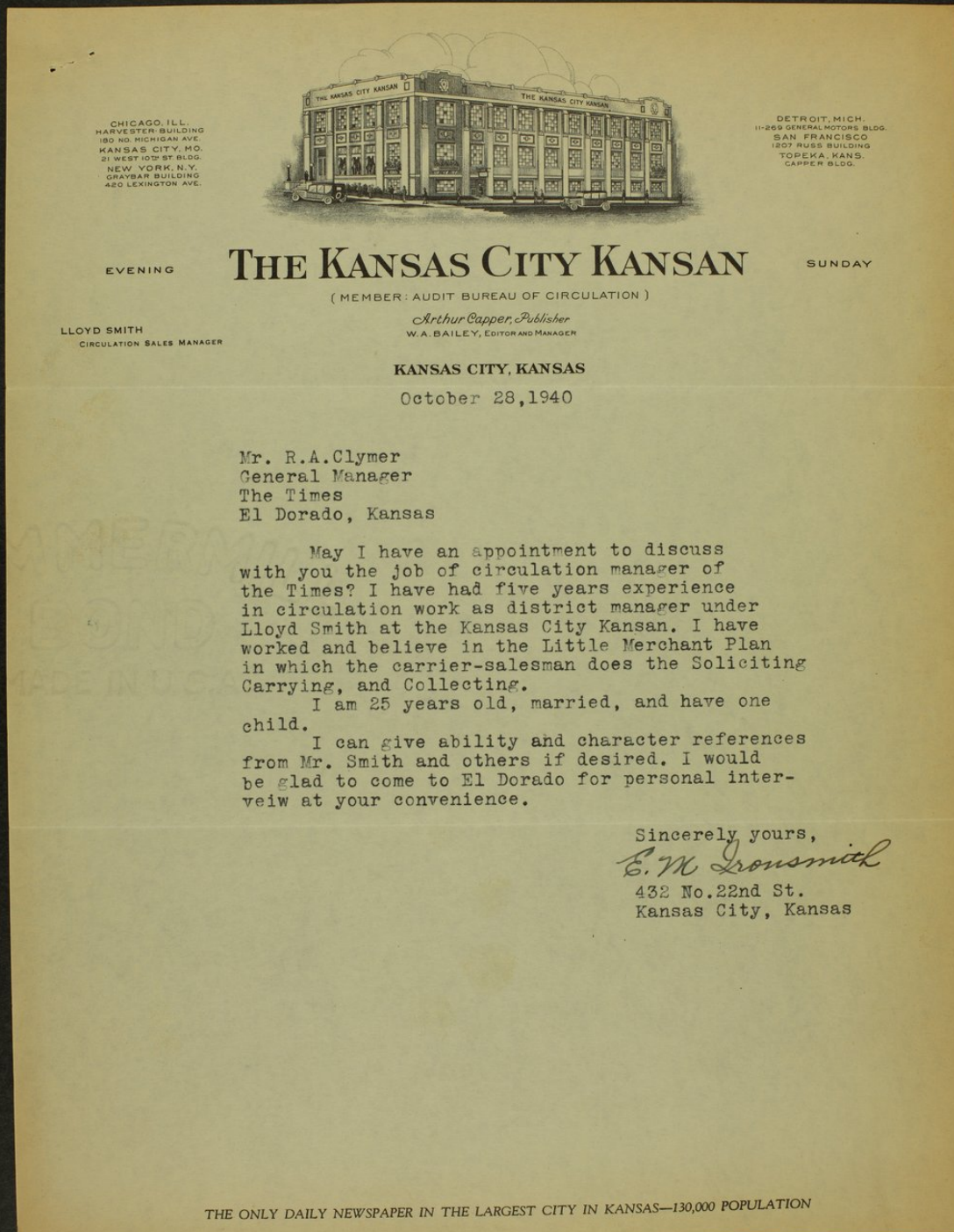
When in my Washington office a few weeks ago I believe you reminded me of your willingness to help out again this year, and assuming you are still in that frame of mind I am sending you some copy for an ad and a two-column mat. Use your own judgment as to the date of running the advertisement, but I believe it would be most effective immediately before the November 5 election.

Believe me when I say that I certainly appreciate your good will and assistance, and whether or not you run this half or full-page ad free of charge, there will be no change in my high regard for you.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jack Houston



Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 28, 1940

Mr. Gene A. Neal
Angle Motor Company
El Dorado, Kansas

My dear Gene:

I am herewith enclosing a letter which came today from Cong. John M. Houston in reply to one I wrote him last week concerning your case. I trust he will be able to help you and will be glad to have you let me know if he does.

Very truly your friend

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

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RAY GREEN, President

LESTER B. SHROUF, Secretary-Treasurer

THE BLADE-EMPIRE

THE BLADE-EMPIRE PUBLISHING COMPANY

CONCORDIA, KANSAS

October 30, 1940

Mr. W. G. Anderson, Winfield, Kansas;
Mr. G. F. Reed, Garden City, Kansas;
Mr. Will Townsley, Jr., Great Bend, Kansas;
Mr. Carl Brown, Atchison, Kansas;
Mr. Rolla Clymer, Eldorado, Kansas;
Mr. Sid Harris, Ottawa, Kansas;
Mr. W. A. White, Emporia, Kansas;
Mr. Henry Allen, Wichita Beacon, Wichita, Kansas;
Mr. Arthur Carruth, Topeka, Kansas;
Mr. John P. Harris, Hutchinson, Kansas;

Fellow libel suit victims:

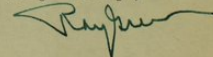
The attorneys for the newspapers sued by one Sweeney will have a meeting in Topeka in the office of Mr. Kline in the National Bank Building at ten o'clock the morning of November 9. Among other things to be decided is whether or not the defendants in these cases should send one or more attorneys east to take some depositions, also whether wise to send an attorney or two to sit in on the trial of a Sweeney libel case in Chicago the latter part of November.

A meeting was held in Emporia last June in an effort to try to work out some plan of cooperation of defendants in the libel action and apparently an agreement was reached, but evidently this arrangement did not prove satisfactory to some of the defendants.

I think we should make another stab to try and agree upon some plan of procedure in order to reduce the costs and avoid duplication of expense. The reason I am taking the initiative in calling another meeting is that I seem to have been selected to stand trial first from the Kansas papers, and I feel that there should be some definite understanding about expenses and costs which may be incurred which would be beneficial to all the defendants.

If you think that such a meeting is unnecessary and futile, I would be pleased to have your advice to that effect; or if you think we may be able to do something, I would be glad to hear from you indicating that you will be present at the meeting.

Very truly,



Ray Green.

RG/ph

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ARTHUR H. HAGG & ASSOCIATES, INC.
PUBLISHERS' REPRESENTATIVES
366 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

PHILIP A. BRODERICK
EASTERN MANAGER

October 30th, 1940

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Kansas Industrial Development Commission,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Rolla:-

This year, by the time it was decided to make a special arrangement with the William Esty Agency to secure the CAMEL advertising their lists were tightly closed and we could not secure the addition of your market.

As the agency is now getting around to making up their 1941 plans we are renewing our efforts to gain consideration for you, and will do our level best to put this over for '41.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR H. HAGG & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 6, 1940

Mr. Ray Green, President
The Blade-Empire
Concordia, Kansas

My dear Ray:

In reply to your letter of October 30, which has just come to my attention because I have been out of town, I wish to say that such a meeting as you suggest is desirable in my opinion. The morning of Saturday, October 9, is a bit awkward for some of us who will want to attend the round tables at Lawrence. I shall try to be present, however, and at least The Times will be represented by its attorney, Mr. J. D. McKay, of El Dorado.

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

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November 6, 1940

Miss Loretta Diggs
Emporia
Kansas

Dear Miss Diggs:

Your letter of October 23 reached me only a day or two ago at El Dorado, Kansas. I am sorry to tell you that we do not have any vacancy on our staff at present. If any opening occurs, I shall be glad to inform you.

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 6, 1940

Mr. E. M. Ironsmith
432 N. 22nd Street
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ironsmith:

Your letter of October 28 reached me at El Dorado only a day or two ago. We are not counting upon any change in our circulation department unless the present manager is required to go into the army service under the selective draft. In the event a vacancy occurs, I shall be glad to give you consideration.

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 7, 1940

Cong. John M. Houston
216 South Broadway
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Jack:

I wish to congratulate you upon your reelection as congressman from the fifth district. The hold you maintain upon the confidence of the voters there does you great credit.

I wish to say that we ran two half-page advertisements for you in issues of our paper immediately preceding the election, and there will be no charge for this service. I have already issued instructions to that effect to our El Dorado office.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 8, 1940

Federal Communications Commission
Washington
District of Columbia

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Oscar Stauffer, of Topeka, is making application for a new 5,000 watt broadcasting station in Topeka. I am familiar with conditions in the capital city of Kansas and believe they well warrant your favorable consideration of this application.

Mr. Stauffer and I have been friends and associates since boyhood, and I am closely acquainted with the high record of public service he has performed in his adult years.

He has given freely of his time and energy to many public affairs. He has been chairman of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission, member of the Board of Regents of the University of Kansas, college trustee and has had a part in innumerable civic activities. I believe him to be extraordinarily well qualified to assume the direction of a new broadcasting station in Topeka for which there appears to be a definite opportunity.

Trusting that you will be constrained to look with favor upon this application of Mr. Stauffer and his associates, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. GLYMER
Editor and Manager

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Topeka, Kansas
November 8, 1940

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

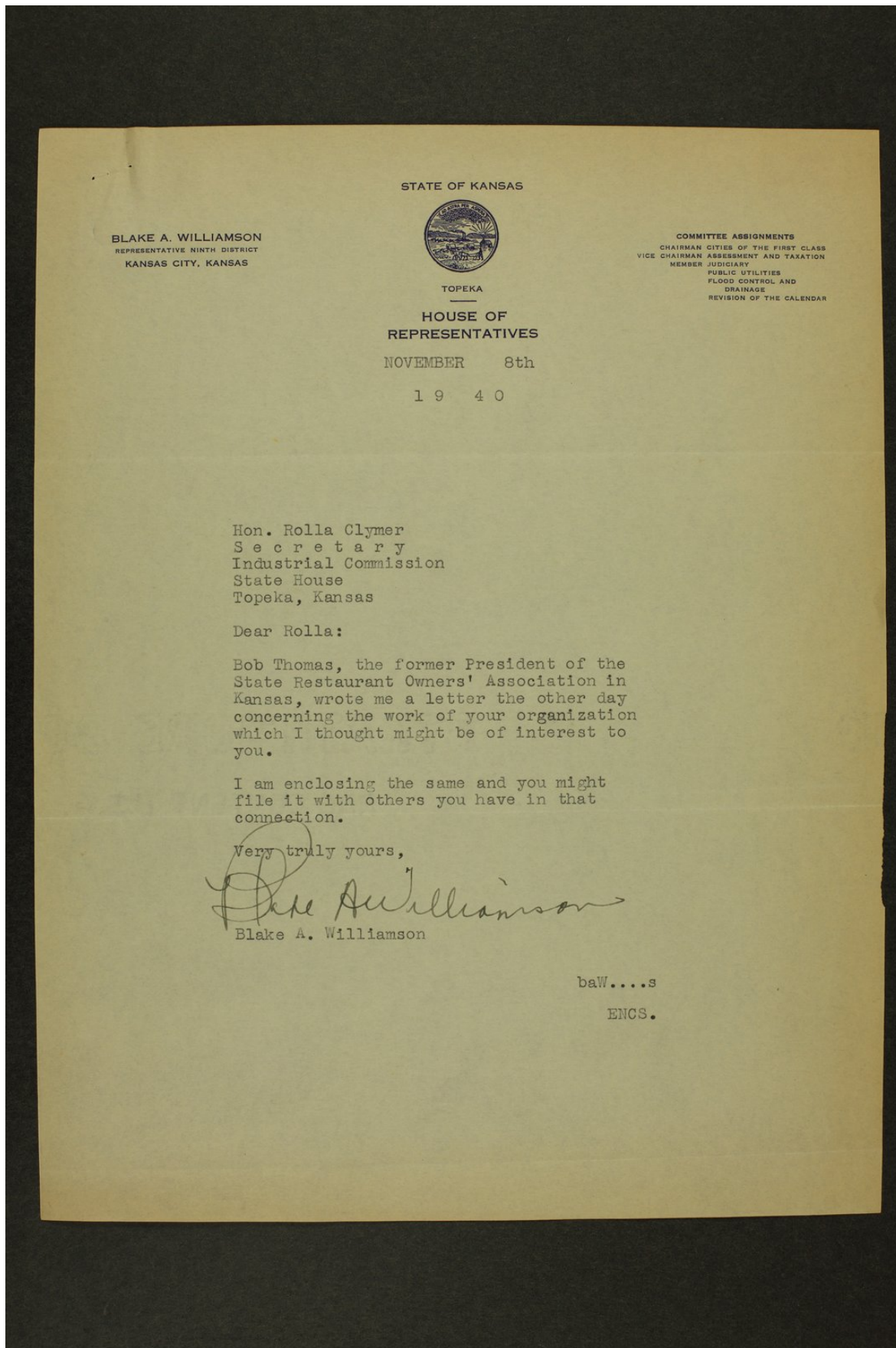
I understand Oscar Stauffer of Topeka is making application for a new 5,000 watt broadcasting station in this city. I have know him intimately since our student days together at Kansas University, and have watched with personal interest the development of his career as publisher and broadcaster.

I want especially to endorse Mr. Stauffer's record of public service. He has always given willingly and generously of his time and ability to serve the public good--as University regent, college trustee, civic worker, and many other activities of this nature too numerous to detail here. In my opinion his background of experience eminently qualifies him to assume the responsibilities of direction of this new station, for which there is a great opportunity and need in this city and area.

I earnestly hope the commission may see fit to grant the application of Mr. Stauffer and associates, and I assure you of my opinion that this additional service will be appreciated in my home city.

Yours very truly,

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R. G. THOMAS
OWNER AND MANAGER

ESTABLISHED 1916

Thomas Cafeteria

"The Home of Good Foods"

645 MINNESOTA AVENUE

Kansas City, Kansas

October 28, 1940

Mr. Blake A. Williamson
903 N. 7th Street
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Blakely:

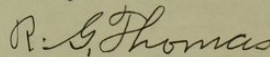
Recently maps, books and other literature, advertising the State of Kansas were taken to the Restaurant Convention in Chicago by Ed Burge and the Industrial Commissioner. I noticed that these maps were in great demand by all who attended this Convention and many favorable comments were made.

Washington was the only other State that carried any form of advertising. They carried apples and wore badges. I think our literature was far better and I would appreciate any efforts you make in carrying on this kind of advertising.

Last week Mr. Beeby brought some of these maps down here and our own Kansas City, Kansas people took them, anxious to know more about their state.

I, personally believe that advertising pays.

Yours very truly,



R. G. Thomas

RGT:ph

Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 9, 1940

Mr. Blake Williamson
Representative Ninth District
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Blake:

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of the letter from Bob Thomas. The Kansas Hotel and Restaurant Association has been extremely helpful to us all the way, and I am more than grateful to that group for its services in aiding in the distribution of our material. I intend to appear before one of its regional meetings at Wichita next week.

I am happy to know that you were reelected and will count upon you heavily in the problems we are likely to face in the coming legislature. I am convinced this is a situation in which all of us should stand squarely by our guns.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R. A. Clymer
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd



JOHN M. HOUSTON
5TH DIST. KANSAS

ASSISTANT MAJORITY WHIP

Congress of the United States
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COMMITTEE ON
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INDEPENDENT OFFICES
LABOR-SOCIAL SECURITY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

216 South Broadway
Wichita, Kansas
November 9, 1940

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Secretary-Director,
Kansas Industrial Development Commission,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

This is to thank you for your word of congratulation
and the very effective assistance you gave me through
the free advertising in the Times.

It is needless to say that I am very happy over the
result of the election and am determined that the people
of this District shall have no cause to feel that their
confidence has been misplaced.

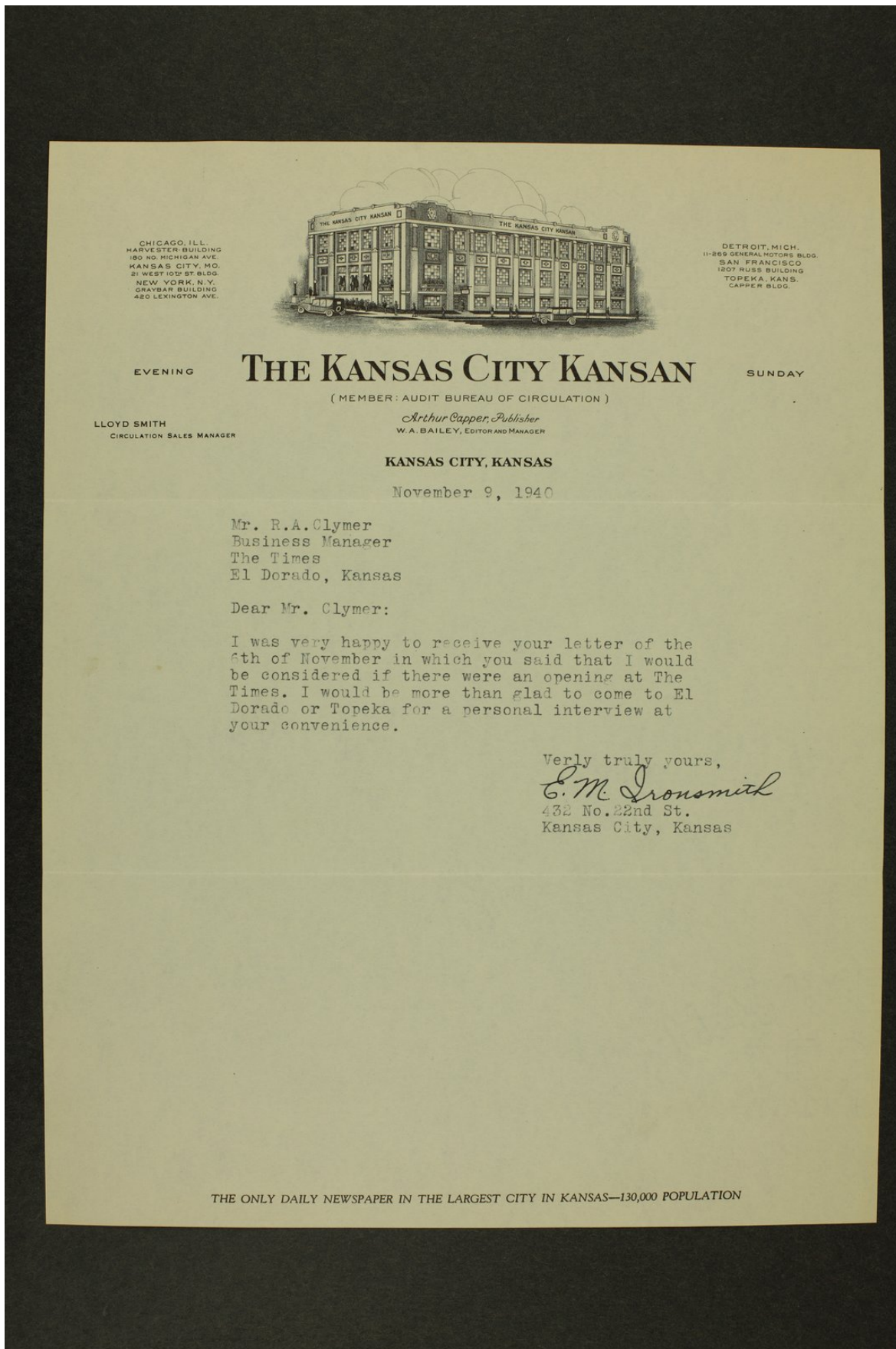
It is my intention to return to Washington about December
1, and should you get back there about that time, don't
fail to drop in at my office for a visit.

Again thanking you for your many kindnesses, and with
every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jack Houston

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RAY GREEN, President

LESTER B. SHROUF, Secretary-Treasurer

THE BLADE-EMPIRE

THE BLADE-EMPIRE PUBLISHING COMPANY

CONCORDIA, KANSAS

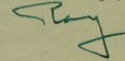
November 11, 1940

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
c/o Kansas Industrial Development Commission,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

You are supposed to send your check for \$100.00 to Sid Harris to create a pot for common defense purposes. Please do this within the next few days. This money is to be placed at the disposal of Fred Harris, and any that is unused for general defenses will be returned to you pro rata.

Sincerely,



Ray Green.

RG/ph

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D. R. Lauck
Fourth National Bank Building
Wichita, Kansas
November 12, 1940

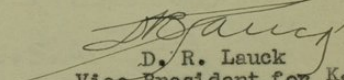
To The Directors of the
INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;

Dear Sir:

I am calling a meeting of the Directors
in Kansas, for Friday noon at the Allis Hotel, November
15th, 1940, at 12:15, and would like very much to have
you present at this meeting.

Will you please call or write me, 520
Fourth National Bank Building, Wichita, Kansas, Telephone
3-8267, whether or not you will be able to attend this
meeting.

Yours very truly,


D. R. Lauck
Vice President for Kansas
Independent Petroleum Association
of America.

DRL:G



THE FARMERS STATE BANK

L. A. LIBEL
PRESIDENT
P. A. PETTIS
VICE PRESIDENT

ORGANIZED IN 1903

R. F. GLICK
CASHIER
JOHN N. LIBEL
ASST. CASHIER

WATHENA, KANSAS

November 13, 1940

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Kansas Industrial Commission,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Roy and I keenly feel our promise to you regarding some duck shooting and we have kept a careful check on the flight. During the extreme storm of Sunday and Monday, there was a small flight or two, but even then, it was not sufficient to justify a very long trip. Besides that, the weather and the wind were entirely too rough to make it a pleasure.

Again we assure you that in event there should be any flight on, you will be advised as we very much want to have you with us on a good duck shoot.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

L. A. Libel
L. A. Libel

LAL/plg

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OFFICERS
R. C. WOODWARD, El Dorado
Chairman
MISS STELLA B. HAINES, Augusta
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MRS. JOSEPHINE GILLILAND, Leon
Secretary
GEO. W. RAMSEY, El Dorado
Treasurer

BUTLER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

El Dorado, Kansas

November 14, 1940

Times Publishing Company
El Dorado, Kansas

Attention: R. A. Clymer

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I want to acknowledge with our most sincere appreciation the space you contributed to the Butler County Central Committee during the past campaign. This was one of the best contributions we received from anyone. I want you to know that we are very grateful to you for your consideration.

Although the campaign did not materialize as we had hoped I am sure that your part was well done. We could not have obtained the advertising which we did if we had been without your assistance.

Thanking you again for your contribution, I remain

Respectfully yours,

GWR/VA

158 N. Room
Geo. Ramsey

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THE EL DORADO TIMES

MERGER OF

WALNUT VALLEY TIMES

EL DORADO REPUBLICAN

EDITOR AND MANAGER
R. A. CLYMER

EL DORADO, KANSAS

Nov. 14, '40

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Sec'y. Director
Kansas Industrial Development Commission
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Berdine Cousland called in yesterday and said she has some time this year and would like to sell greeting cards and stationery for us between now and Christmas.

We have been advertising the cards and stationery all fall and so far haven't had an order except for the usual stationery orders that come to the counter.

I worked quite well at the job of selling in the evening last year but since it takes about all my minutes to do the odd jobs and home-work around my shack I haven't time to divide on the card and stationery work. Berdine does have time and access to the phone and a lot of friends, can make appointments and fill them while we haven't here at the office.

If you see fit to make arrangements with Berdine we may have some business yet for she will really work at it.

Her address is 519 West Second if you want to write her direct.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY

By *Anna Benintendi*

Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 15, 1940

Mr. L. A. Libel, President
The Farmers State Bank
Wathena, Kansas

Dear Mr. Libel:

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in trying to arrange a duck shoot. I understand the weather has been against us, but no doubt we will have more favorable conditions before the season closes. I am going to hope that we can arrange to get together because I always greatly enjoy association with you and my other good friends in your community.

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R. A. Clymer
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

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November 15, 1940

Mr. D. R. Lauck
Vice-President for Kansas
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Fourth National Bank Building
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Dee:

Your notice regarding the Directors' meeting for to-day was sent to El Dorado and was delayed in reaching me. I am sorry I am not able to be present but I want you to know I still have the best interests of our association at heart and will always be ready to help in any way I can.

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

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