

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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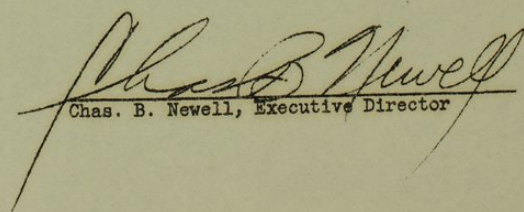
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3. SUCCESSOR EMPLOYERS

Employers who desire to improve their chances of obtaining a reduced contribution rate under the merit rating provisions of the law by taking over the contribution and benefit experience of a predecessor employer must meet the following requirements:

- a. With respect to succession occurring prior to April 20, 1941, the successor employer must file with this agency not later than June 19, 1941, a written request that the predecessor unit or units and the successor be considered as a single employing unit for purposes of determining the successor's merit rating.
- b. The successor must show that the predecessor employing unit, or units, are continued solely through a single successor.
- c. The successor must be owned or controlled by substantially the same interests as the predecessor.
- d. The successor must assume liability for all contributions required of the predecessor under the terms of the Kansas Unemployment Compensation Law.
- e. It must be shown that it is not inequitable to allow the successor to succeed to the experience of the predecessor.

KANSAS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DIVISION



Chas. B. Newell, Executive Director

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TELEPHONE 2-2459

2637 NORTH BROADWAY

WICHITA TRUCK SERVICE AND PARTS COMPANY

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White Trucks - Sales and Service

WICHITA, KANSAS

April 19, 1941

Mr. R. A. Clymer
Industrial Development Commission
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

My son, Tom, has submitted his application for admission to the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis.

Elizabeth and I are asking several of our influential friends to help Tom accomplish his achievement. Tom is worthy of such an ambition due to his outstanding school record. Out of a graduating class of 210, he ranked second in scholastic honors for the four years of work.

Any assistance that you can give Tom by writing letters of recommendation to our Congressmen and Representatives or any other ideas that you may have, will be greatly appreciated by the "Faulders Family".

I thank you for this courtesy.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

Cyril T. Faulders
Cyril T. Faulders

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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRIAL JOURNALISM AND PRINTING

April 19, 1941

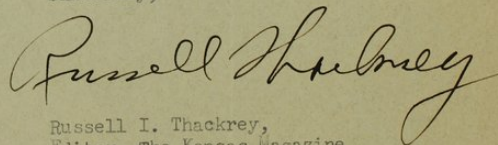
Mr. R. A. Clymer
Secretary-Director
Kansas Industrial Development Commission
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Otto Meyer seems to be one of the kind of Kansans
the magazine is looking for, and I have written asking him for a
contribution.

Thank you for the suggestion and please make them
frequently. Believe me, the magazine's staff appreciates your active
interest in what it is trying to do.

Sincerely,



Russell I. Thackrey,
Editor, The Kansas Magazine
and
Head, Department of Industrial
Journalism and Printing

RIT:rmf

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April 22, 1941

Mr. Otto Meyer
Cassoday
Kansas

Dear Otto:

Russell Thackrey writes me that he is asking you for a contribution to the next issue of the Kansas Magazine. I hope you will give the old bean a thorough dousing of 3-in-1 oil and "bear down" on this assignment. Here is your chance to put the Meyer family and the Kingdom of Butler in a real spot in the sun. Best luck to you.

I hope to be at the cabin as often as possible during the summer and will stop to see you whenever I am in that locality.

With best wishes to you and the nice wife, I am

Very truly your friend

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 22, 1941

Mr. Cyril T. Faulders
Wichita Truck Service and Parts Company
2637 N. Broadway
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Cy:

I received your letter this morning and have immediately written Cong. John M. Houston concerning Tom. If I can accomplish anything toward helping Tom land this appointment, I shall be most happy to do so because I consider your boy an extremely fine chap.

With best wishes to yourself and family, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 22, 1941

Cong. John M. Houston
Washington
District of Columbia

My dear Jack:

My friend, Cyril T. Faulders, of Wichita, informs me that his son, Tom, has submitted his application for admission to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. I do not know, of course, how many applicants you have for this appointment but I do know that Tom Faulders is a boy of splendid type. I have known him since he was a child and have been impressed with his excellent scholastic showing and his athletic prowess. Out of a graduating class of 210, he ranked second in scholastic honors for the four years of work. If you can see fit to give this boy favorable consideration, I shall personally appreciate it.

I am also grateful to you for your cordial letter of last week regarding our latest promotional literature. It does not now appear that I shall be in Washington soon, but I trust I shall get to see you before many weeks roll by.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

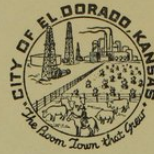
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The City of El Dorado

El Dorado, Kansas

OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER



CITY COMMISSION
J. C. TRUMAN
T. W. HUDSON
W. I. PAULSON

April 22, 1941

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Director
Kansas Industrial Development Commission
Capitol Building
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I want to thank you for the nice letter I received some time ago, when it looked like I might be called into the army. It is always gratifying to receive letters of commendation, but I am wondering why, since you left, there has been so little active cooperation between the city and your newspaper.

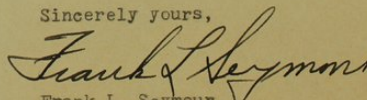
I should like to keep this discussion confidential between you and me, but honestly, I am at a loss to understand why your newspaper takes such a passive interest in civic affairs.

In the past four years the city has paid the Times Publishing Company and the El Dorado Times, for legal publications and printing, over \$6,800, and for myself I have asked nothing more than cooperation. When the city is not doing any improving, these figures are cut over 60%.

Perhaps you have been too busy to follow any of the current events, but I am calling your attention to this in the hope that the next time you are down here you may want to inform your organization how you feel concerning the organization which you speak of so highly.

It isn't likely that I will go to the army at present, but I want to thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely yours,



Frank L. Seymour,
City Manager

FLS/jr

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April 22, 1941

Mr. R. A. Clymer
Kansas Industrial Commission
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I have not heard as to the Flora Ranch, and do not know what they intend to do. As I told you over the telephone Flora was "that way", and the deal is temporarily, at least, at a standstill. As soon as I learn anything I will get in touch with you immediately.

I have known about a ranch down in Shannon County for sometime. A. P. Hudson bought his ranch in that county two or three weeks ago, and it is the same county in which father and I bought a small acreage over twenty years ago. I drove down there Saturday and Sunday and looked at this ranch at length.

This ranch is located upon an excellent road, has one hundred acres in cultivation, and consists in all of 2880 acres. A wealthy man in Butler, Missouri, started in about five years ago developing this ranch, and at that time had some five hundred head of hogs upon the same, some sheep, some registered white faced cattle, a registered saddle stallion and a jack. This gentleman was so enthused with the possibilities of the ranch that he incorporated it, and it is a living corporation now, although the corporation is not actively operating due to the fact that the president of the corporation, Mr. Duvall, died a couple of years ago. They have their corporate offices in Butler, Missouri, and the other Duvall interested in the corporation is approximately seventy-three years old, and is not physically able to operate the ranch.

Twenty four hundred and forty acres of this ranch are fenced with as good a fence as money could buy, sheep and hog tight with barbed wire below and above. It is as good a fence as I have ever seen on a ranch, and is just as good now as it was the day it was built.

The buildings consist of four nice cabins, however, you will note that only three of them are described in the information enclosed. There is ample barn space, sheep sheds, hay sheds, and all of them have been build within the last five years being in an excellent state of repair.

The possibilities on this ranch are unlimited for raising sheep, cattle, and hogs. The ranch is valued at \$21,600.

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Mr. R. A. Clymer

April 22, 1941

The owner lives in the saddle horse country, knows something of the value of my stock, and originally offered me \$9,000 for the same subject to inspection. They will allow \$5,000 cash to be paid upon the same, and will carry the balance back for five years at 5%. The large timber has been sold off the ranch; there is an abundance of timber, however, for further building if one desires.

I advised Mr. Ross Sunday that previously I had had two offers of \$10,000 for my horses, and that I would expect the offer duplicated. He agreed to this figure if we were interested.

We would have enough cabins to go around on this place. One for you, one for myself, one for David, and one for Bud. The ranch is amply watered, and the Current River, and the Jacks Fork River (two excellent fishing streams) are within close driving distance. Some of the descriptions are enclosed, and you may return them after they have served their purpose.

I was greatly impressed with the entire set-up from a commercial view point, recreational view point, and the comparative ease with which the transaction could be handled.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

WHC:FC

W. H. COUTTS, JR.

Encl.

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OZARK STOCK RANCH

2,880 acres, lots of improvements, consisting of main barn 32 x 80, sheep barn 28 x 40, other barn 32 x 32, also granary, tool house, ice house and other buildings. 3 log cottages water piped to improvements. 2,400 acres fenced with 32 in. American wire with four barb wires, fencing and buildings all build in last 5 years. On account of death this ranch can be exchanged for smaller farm or city property. Mortgage \$11,800 recently paid down from \$14,000. Price \$7.50

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LAW OFFICES OF
W. H. COUTTS, JR.
Citizens State Bank Building
EL DORADO, KANSAS

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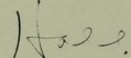
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Very truly yours,



W. H. GOUTTS, JR.

WHC:FC

Encl.



Santa Fe Trail Transportation Co.

SANTA FE TRAILWAYS
ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

A. E. PALMER
ADVERTISING MANAGER

WICHITA, KANSAS

April 23, 1941

Please Refer to File

22108

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

Dear Rolla:

In your letter of April 19 you wondered if we could find use for a quantity of the new Kansas folders. On the day that I wrote you about titling the folders, I asked your Department of Information to send us 2,000 of each.

Thanks for the offer of the coke, but I'll forget that offer if you will do me a favor. I have just written the Jayhawk Hotel to reserve a room for my wife and daughter for May 8th and 9th. There is a big musical festival going on there on those dates, and it is possible I haven't written for reservations soon enough. If you would use your influence with the clerk to get me a not-too-expensive and not-too-cheap room for Mrs. Palmer and the daughter on those dates, I would certainly appreciate it.

By the way, looking through the current issue of Camera Magazine just now, I note that on Page 20 it lists you as "R. A. Cloymer." Where do you get that stuff? I knew you back when you were simply "Clymer."

Sincerely yours,

Palmer
A. E. Palmer

AEP:ER

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 23, 1941

Mr. Frank L. Seymour
City Manager
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Frank:

I am rather disturbed by your letter of April 22, because it was my belief that the city administration and our paper have been in the utmost harmony and were cooperating in an understanding way. You will readily agree that all such affairs do not always go smoothly when the responsible executive is away much of the time, as I have had to be. I certainly will look into this matter on my next visit home and will respect the confidential treatment you have suggested.

I am hoping that The Times may continue to be the official city paper and trust you will not consider any change until after I have had an opportunity to confer with you.

I certainly meant everything I said concerning you and your efficient work in my last letter and am really glad to know that the Army service will not take you away from El Dorado at least for the present.

With kindest personal wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd



Rolla Clymer correspondence

Augusta, Kansas.,

April 24, 1941.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Rolla: Following our phone conversation last Tuesday, I shall appreciate any information you may be able to get on the set up for the two places in the retirement board. As suggested in former letter, I would like to have first or second place in this. Reasons I do not need to restate for you know them well. I know the Governor will have influence in making these choices and I think he should be willing to help me since I helped him twice in elections and in other ways. I believe he will do this if I can get him sufficiently interested in a personal interview. Last time I tried to see him after making an appointment date, did not work out right. If you will be kind enough to work this out, I shall be very grateful for the help. I know he is a busy man but not too much so to see me on this occasion. I will come Monday forenoon unless you tell me otherwise.

I know some others are interested in these places, but they have not the statewide acquaintance I have. I worked for both Walter Wilson and Geo. McClenny in both elections too.

The other fellows who are interested in the jobs, have jobs while I do not and would like to have for the next four or five years at least. I note the Commission is issuing a very fine line of information about the resources of Kansas. That is fine. We need more of that.

Cordially,

J. M. Murphy
1057 Dearborn St.



JOHN M. HOUSTON
5TH DIST. KANSAS

ASSISTANT MAJORITY WHIP

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

COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES:
INDEPENDENT OFFICES
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
STATE, COMMERCE, JUSTICE,
AND THE JUDICIARY

April 24, 1941

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

Dear Rolla:

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd in behalf of Cyril T. Faulders and to assure you that he will be given consideration when my next nominations of candidates for admission to the Naval Academy are made.

I have informed Cyril and his father as to the procedure which will be followed, and your letter is being associated with the file.

I am glad to have your high estimate of the young man's ability and character, and with the very kindest of personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jack Houston

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 26, 1941

Mr. A. E. Palmer
Advertising Manager
Santa Fe Transportation Company
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Paddle:

On receipt of your letter, I phoned the assistant manager of the Jayhawk Hotel and after delay of a day or two received assurance from him that Mrs. Palmer and your daughter have reservation for room with bath for May 8 and 9. I trust this will be satisfactory and that your people will have a pleasant time in Topeka during the big festival.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd



Rolla Clymer correspondence

The POSTLETHWAITE
COMPANY



BOX 556
KANSAS CITY, MO.
3128 BROADWAY

April 26, 1941

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Secretary- Manager,
Kansas Industrial Development Commission,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The Get Acquainted section in El Dorado
is now history and I am wondering how you yourself liked it.

From the figures given me by Roy , I can see that
it was much more profitable than our former two page
affairs. And I know from our own standpoint , we were better
renumerated than we were the first and the second times.

As the evidence piles up it looks as though the
two page deal will be relegated to the past for I feel
in my own bones that we have found a better way.

Since we have served your paper twice before, I
would like very much to have your reaction to our
work on the third trip for after all your paper is the
first one we have served for the third time.

Hope this finds you in good health.

Sincerely yours,

Carl A. Postlethwaite
Carl A. Postlethwaite.

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<p>PRESS REPORTS GOVERNOR IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE WIRE ME</p>					
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Rolla Clymer correspondence

LAW OFFICES OF
W. H. COUTTS, JR.
Citizens State Bank Building
EL DORADO, KANSAS

April 28, 1941

Mr. R. A. Clymer
Kansas Industrial Commission
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I have heard nothing further as to the Moon Valley Ranch. I have checked up some, and have come to the conclusion that Flora and his first wife have not remarried, but that Flora is desirous of remarrying her, however, knows that this will be impossible if she sells the ranch and returns to Texas. Therefore, he is advising her against her best interests as to the sale of the ranch.

I have been in touch with sources of information at Windyville, and they have confirmed the conclusion which I heretofore reached along this line. It is possible that if we raise the ante some we could make the deal, however, I did not know your wishes as to this and have done nothing further.

As to the Pine Forest Ranch in Shannon County, Missouri, I have been giving this considerable thought recently, and the corporation owning it sent one of their officers down with another individual and today inspected my horses and property. Fortunately this company and these people are really substantial, and they are indeed a high class outfit. I have verified every statement they have made, and they have greatly impressed me with their manner of doing business. I do not know whether or not they will allow me my price for the horses and equipment. In fact, we didn't go into that today by reason of the fact I advised them that you were interested in any transaction which I made, and that it would be necessary that I talk with you prior to the opening of negotiations. I believe they are interested in my horses and equipment, and they advised they were better than anticipated.

The improvements upon the Shannon County Ranch are ample, the cabins are neat and attractive, however, the value of the property lies mostly in the land rather than in the improvements.

Your ideas, suggestions, and advice will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. COUTTS, JR.
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WHC:FC
P. S.

Giles is back. He is looking and feeling fine. He told me he greatly enjoyed your letter.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 28, 1941

Mr. J. W. Murphy
1057 Dearborn
Augusta, Kansas

Dear Jim:

In reply to your telegram I wish to say that Governor Ratner will be absent from his office the whole of this week. The best information I could get is that he will be back at the State House next Monday. I am not sure that I can be here that day for the reason that engagements may keep me out of town. I expect to be on hand by Tuesday of next week, however, and will be glad to assist you in whatever way I can.

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 28, 1941

Mr. Carl A. Postlethwaite
3128 Broadway
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Postlethwaite:

In reply to your letter, I wish to say that I was more than satisfied with the "Get-Acquainted" issue of The Times last week. I think the treatment was splendidly done and I am sure all our people appreciated the novelty of this feature. I think you have hit upon an excellent advertising plan and one which will be capable of considerable development as you go along with it.

I am rather proud to know that our paper is the only one which you have served three times. Our relationships have always been excellent, and we have never had the slightest bit of unpleasant aftermath. In about a year I think the time will be right for you to come back again and I do not want you to hesitate to get into touch with me.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

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April 29, 1941

Mr. George Bauer
Arthur H. Haag & Associates
Dwight Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear George:

I wonder if you could get another due bill for the El Dorado Times on the Hotel President at Kansas City. The one I have was dated last November but is fairly well used up. If this is not coming back too fast on the Hotel President people, I could use another one in the sum of \$100 within the next month. Please let me know as soon as you can what the decision is. In order to avoid delay, I am asking you to send any personal mail to me here at my Topeka office.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

RAC:bd

April 29, 1941

Mrs. Myrtle Barton
P. O. Box 143
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Barton:

Mr. Oscar Stauffer has returned to Topeka from a trip East and has promised to write to Miss Helen Moore, Dean of Women at Kansas State College, in your behalf. I trust you will be able to obtain the position you seek.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
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April 29, 1941

Mr. Oscar S. Stauffer
Topeka State Journal
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Oscar:

Mrs. Myrtle Barton, of El Dorado, Kansas, is an applicant for the position of housemother of Van Zile Hall, the girls' dormitory at Kansas State College, Manhattan. The present incumbent has sent in her resignation to take effect June 30, and there are several applicants for the position. It is an appointive one under Miss Helen Moore, Dean of Women, Kansas State College. A letter from you to Miss Moore, I am sure, would carry weight because of your membership on the State Board of Regents.

Mrs. Barton has had a broad and interesting experience. She was born and reared in Topeka, was graduated from the Topeka High School, served the Topeka Provident Association for seven years as social worker and the last two years as executive secretary. Following the death of her first husband, she was housemother for the A.T.O. fraternity at Kansas State College for one year, resigning to care for her mother. Later she was employed as social worker by the State of Washington from 1935 to April, 1939.

I wish to commend Mrs. Barton to your attention for the reason that the many contacts she has had with young people combined with her social service training of eleven years has given her an understanding which is requisite in a position of this sort. I shall greatly appreciate any consideration you give to this matter.

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ARTHUR H. HAGG & ASSOCIATES

PUBLISHERS' REPRESENTATIVE

DWIGHT BUILDING

PHONE GRAND 1013

HAROLD W. BENIGHT, KANSAS CITY MANAGER

KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 30, 1941

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
Kansas Industrial Development Commission,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Mr. Woodbury of the R. J. Potts Agency is out of town and will not return until May 5 but his secretary was certain a new due-bill on the hotel President could be arranged.

The advertising on the past \$100 does not expire in the Times until May 15 and in order to get this thru it will be necessary to date the new one as of May 15th.

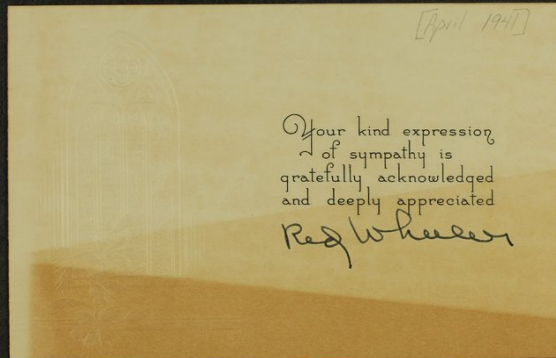
I will see Mr. Woodbury next week and see that this is taken care of as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR H. HAGG & ASSOCIATES,

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(Letter to producers)

[April 1947]

Dear Mr. So-and-So:-

I am writing you as Republican State Chairman and also as a fellow Kansas oil producer who has had an opportunity to observe the working of Governor Ratner's administration at close range.

I am convinced that Governor Ratner has accomplished more for the oil interests of Kansas, under adverse conditions, than any governor in the state's history.

Governor Ratner is not an "oil man" and had little acquaintance with the industry in his professional experience. He has recognized, however, its extreme importance to the prosperity of Kansas, has shown a ready sympathy with its problems and has tried at all times to acquire the most exact information concerning its affairs from practical and seasoned oil men.

Before he took office, he held a conference of representatives of the industry at Parsons and listened carefully to all phases of that discussion. At its conclusion, he said, "My administration intends to work in a proper, sympathetic way with the oil interests of Kansas at all times."

He has lived up to that pledge a full ~~100~~ 100 per cent.

He received from a conference committee a list of suggestions as to the best way ^{to} proceed. He was careful to direct, under his legislative program, changes in the existing oil laws that served to strengthen them and make them more workable. He appointed an oil advisory committee of nine men to the Kansas Corporation Commission—and has given that group his close attention and cooperation at all times. He appointed the best ^{man} available ^{for} director of the conservation division in T. A. Morgan—and has stood squarely behind that official and all others having ~~any~~ anything to do with the administration of the oil laws.

He had hardly taken office before his attention was called to the fact that several thousand stripper wells of Southeastern Kansas were threatened with the loss of their markets. He acted with commendable promptitude, summoning to Topeka representatives of some of the larger operating



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companies and pipeline transporting systems. By prompt and firm negotiation, he was able to save these wells—and their irreplaceable natural resource. He gave the buyers to understand that their responsibility to producers and the state did not cease when the output of these wells slumped to low figures, and that he would not tolerate any dodging of this public duty. So Southeastern Kansas is still producing and marketing its oil, and the income from that source is supporting many companies, ~~the~~ hundreds of land owners and royalty holders and giving employment to large numbers of men. Governor Ratner handled this situation in a way that commanded the admiration of all producers in that area—of whom I am one.

You will recall that during the late summer of 1939, another crisis in oil affairs arose overnight. Certain of the larger companies posted new price schedules which ~~represented~~ represented a slash of 20 per cent. This was the "old army game," with which we producers are all too familiar to our sorrow—whereby purchasing companies can fill empty storage with low price oil. There was nothing statistically in the position of the industry at that time to justify such price reductions—and Governor Ratner was fully ^{informed} ~~aware~~ of the fact. He took the lead in reviving the Oil Compact among six states in the Mid-Continent Field, which had been allowed to slump into futility ~~by Governor~~ ~~himself~~ under the administration of his predecessor. His vigorous action resulted in the shutting down of all wells in these six states for a period of fifteen days. Oil producers cooperated loyally; there was no weakening anywhere along the line. At the end of the period, the former prices were restored by all purchasing companies and the wells were reopened. The Kansas allowable jumped over 23,000 barrels ~~per~~ per day, under the Bureau of Mines estimate and action of the Corporation Commission by October 1, 1939. All you oil men well know what such an increase means in the way of operating income, of royalties and of wages to oil field workmen. But the biggest gain of all, no doubt, was the demonstration of the oil industry's essential independence and that sovereign states, by exercise of courage and intelligence, can solve their oil industrial problems ^{without} ~~the~~ help or interference from the federal government.



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It was not long after this incident that the Cole Bill came up for action in the Congress of the United States. Any of you oil producers who read that bill understand fully its viciousness. Introduced by a man from Maryland, which is not an oil-producing state, it proposed ~~that the federal government take over the oil industry of the country and operate it under the most stringent regulations. By its provisions, not an oil producer in the country could call his soul his own, not an oil field worker would have any species of independence. All decisions pertaining to oil matters would be made by bureaucrats at Washington—and an army of straw bosses employed at staggering cost would have carried out supervision of the fields.~~ ~~Against Governor Ratner moved quickly.~~ I have never heard of a practical oil man who favored this bill. Again, Governor Ratner moved quickly. Joining with the governors of Oklahoma and New Mexico, who were also greatly disturbed over the implications of this proposed legislation, he invited about twenty other governors to go to Washington to protest it. The outcome was that eight governors actually made the trip; it was the largest delegation of governors in history ever to go before a Congressional committee with regard to pending legislation. ^{Three} ~~Other~~ governors had personal representatives in attendance and others ~~sent~~ expressed their views in messages. The upshot was that a body blow was given to the Cole Bill. It died in committee. This was a service that certainly the oil producers of Kansas can well appreciate.

Governor Ratner has stood foursquare against increasing foreign importation of oil. More oil is coming ^(into the United States) ~~in~~ daily from foreign countries than ^{is} ~~the~~ represented by the allowable of the entire state of Kansas. He intends to fight this situation with all his power until it is corrected.

Competent observers believe that the shutdown of 1939, stopping the proposed crude cut, saved \$30,000 to \$35,000 per day to Kansas producers. They also think that the increase in daily allowables from 150,000 barrels, when Governor Ratner took office, to 190,000 barrels at this time, means another addition of \$40,000 to ^{\$45} ~~\$35~~,000 per day to the Kansas oil pocketbook. Add the stripper wells' saving, the gains under 20-acre spacing and ~~the~~