

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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He drives splendidly but hates city traffic; gets seas and nerves. I could see why for he seems to have his car in perfect control all the time. Never kills his engine on a hill - as I would do.

These "crazy" streets in these western cities are confusing to flat minded Kansans.

So far this is a delightful experience. I am more thrilled over the prospect of Canada than Alaska. The climate is like Colorado.

All send love - and hope you are well -
Betty -



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EL DORADO REPUBLICAN

EDITOR AND MANAGER
R. A. CLYMER

EL DORADO, KANSAS

Aug. 2nd 1941.

Dear Ham;

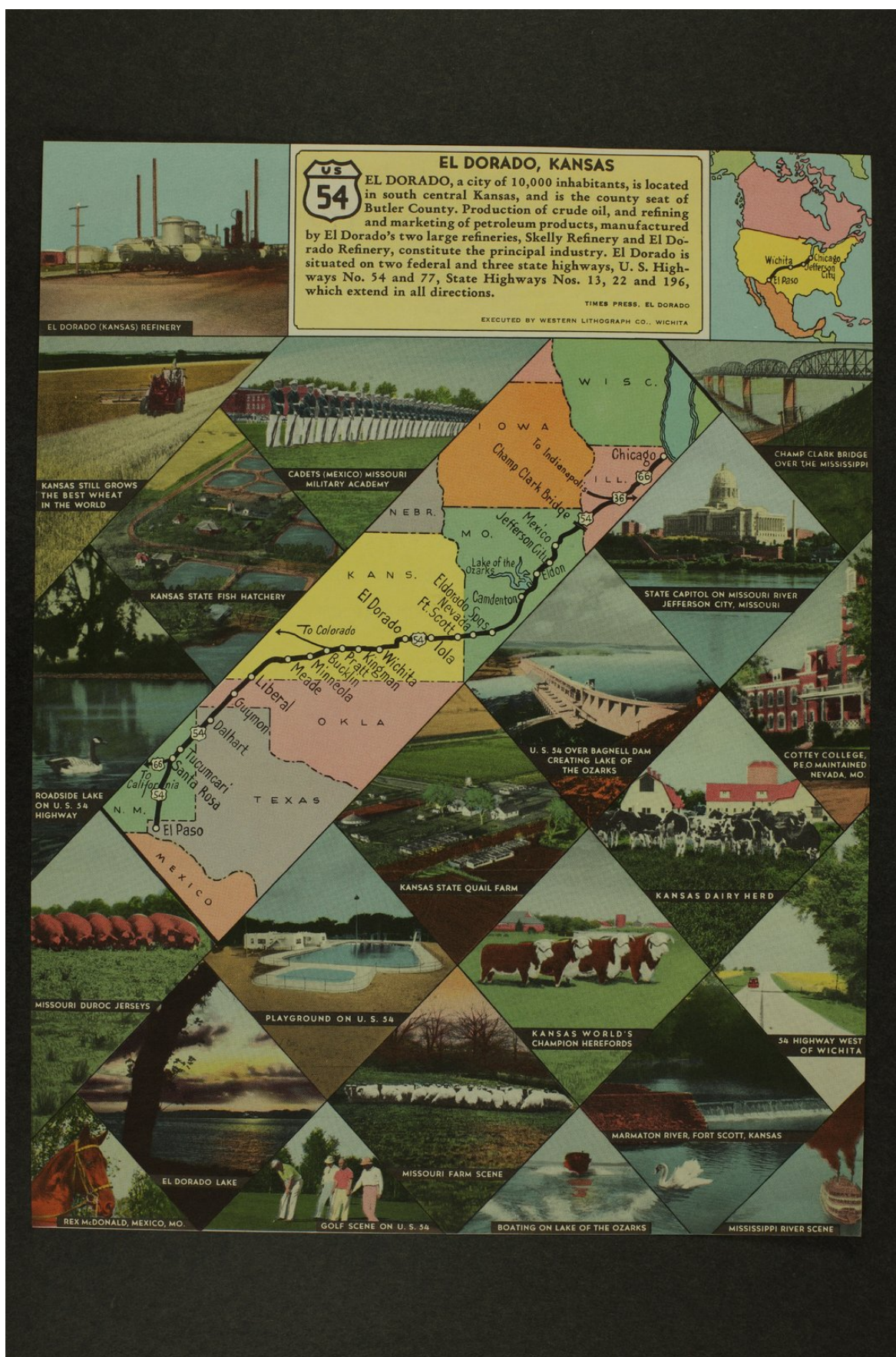
There has been a lot of things that I wanted to talk to you about for the past months but have not been a position to do so until now. I am making a seperate page of each item so that you can look them over at your leisure and want to assure you that I am making these statements in good faith with no ill will towards anyone.

If you had been here I am sure that you could see them as I do and it would not be necessary to tell you about them. I am interested in the company making money for know that if we are not it will mean my job. I might be wrong about some of them but they are all food for thought.

I have had a lot of experience in selling, handling complaints of customers etc and I can see ~~every~~ day that we must correct some of our ways if we expect to increase the business. No one ⁱⁿ the organization is tickled more than I when we come out with a good ten pages full of advertising.

Hope that this letter finds you out of the hospital and that you will be coming down soon.

Yours truly,



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Thurs. P.M. Aug 4, 1911

Dear Rolla:

We were delighted to get your letter this morning and to know you were improving. You may not have been sick, but what you have gone through is not a pleasant experience. We are glad to know you are on the way to recovery. We will be glad to see you whenever you can come but do not want you to do anything to give you a back set.

Mother seemed better this A.M. but her head turned up again at noon and she has been down all P.M. I think cooler weather will help some but she does feel miserable

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most of the time.

I am glad we changed Drs. and feel that Dr Hagan knows exactly what her trouble is. He will help her if he can.

Mother said she would add a word so I won't write more. Let us know where you will be over Sun.

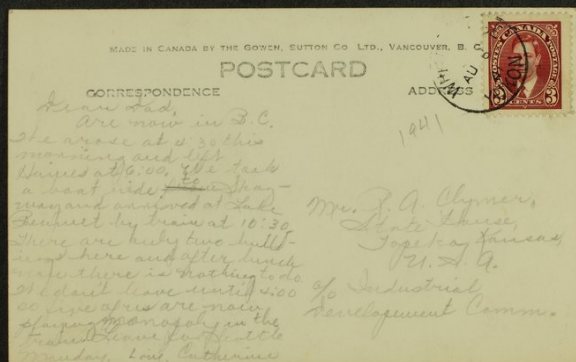
With Love your Sister
Rulry.

My Dear boy Rolla

WE WERE SO VERY glad to get your nice letter today for it had been so long since we had a letter. WE are glad for rain and cooler. I hope I may feel better some time but I don't know. WE will be glad to see the folks when they come.

I am truly thankful that you are better. I did worry.
Lots of love and devotion your mother,

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August 12, 1941

Mr. B. C. Adams
President and General Manager
The Gas Service Company
Scarritt Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Adams:

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of the July 31, issue of Gas Age. I have been greatly interested in the articles therein which gave your company excellent treatment. I rather thought that republication of some of the favorable editorials concerning the Gas Service Company which have appeared in the El Dorado Times during the past ten or fifteen years might have rounded out the picture, but the story was well told, and I wish to congratulate your company upon its high standing among the utilities of the nation.

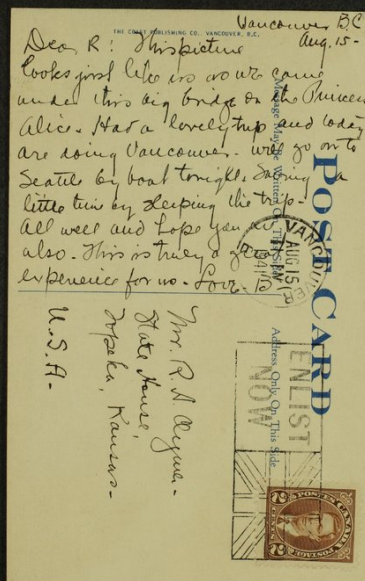
With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

R. A. CLYMER
Secretary-Director

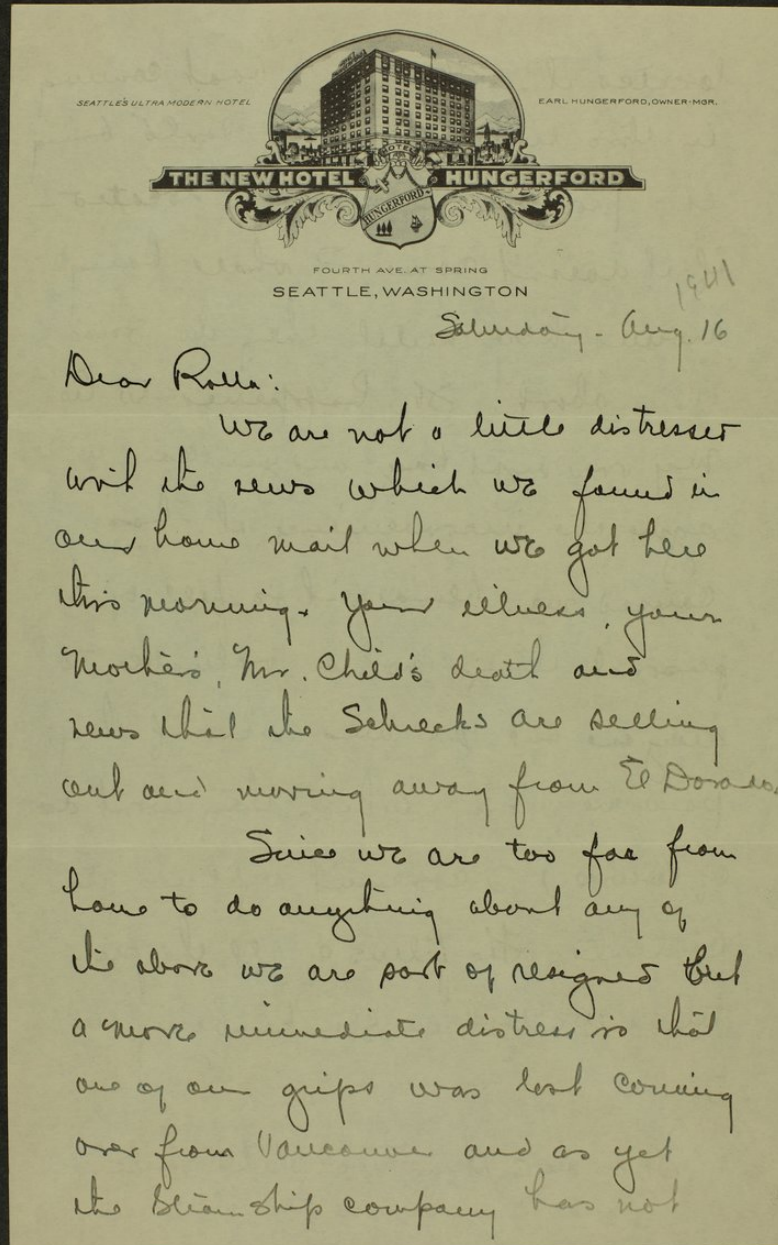
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locates it. There is a boat coming
in this evening which could bring
it - provided it has been located -
if it doesn't come I shall hang
around here until they do some-
thing about ^{it}. It happened to be
my overnight bag and you can im-
agine the inconvenience it has
caused me; besides it is full of
personal things not so valuable to
anyone but me and even if they
paid me money (which they won't do
of course) I couldn't replace its
contents. The films of all the pic-
tures we took in Alaska being one
item.

It is more than two weeks since



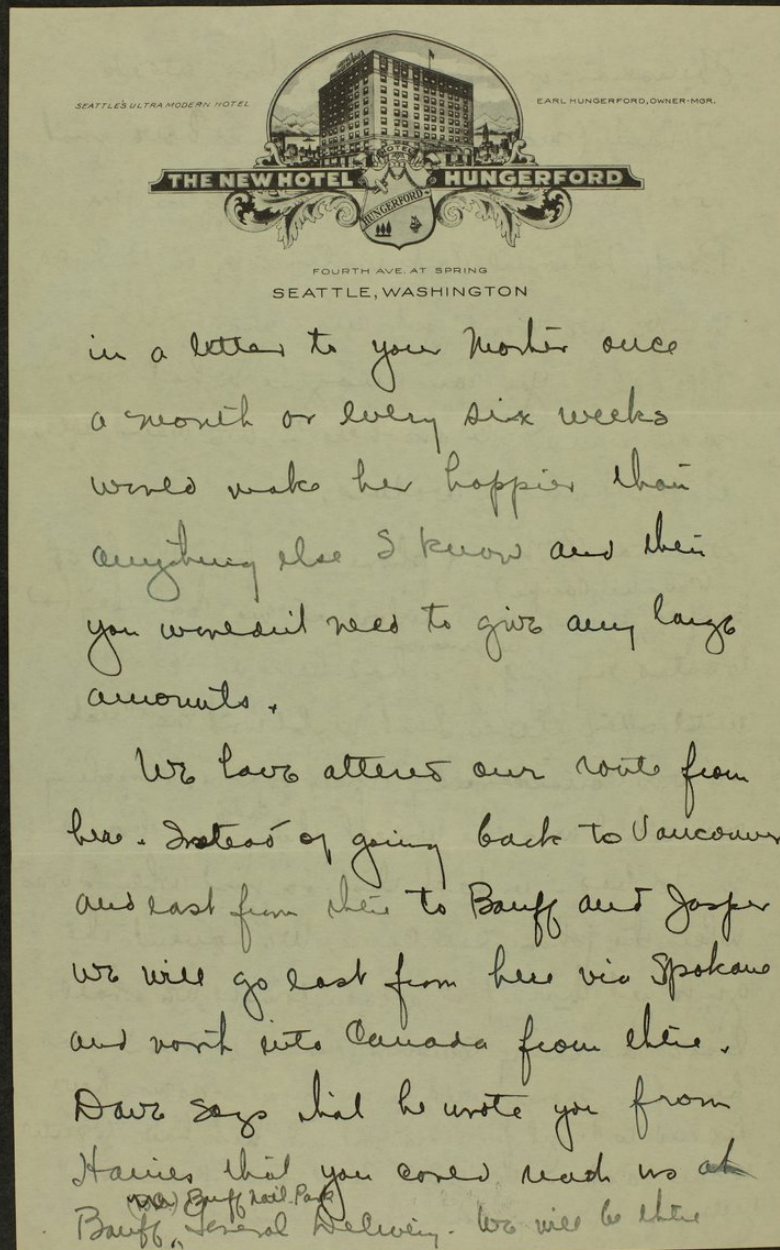
you wrote no so we are hoping that
by now you are feeling much better.
I have always "nagged" you a bit
about your "unscientific" eating
you know, but eating around in
restaurants as you do I don't see
how you could very well keep
yourself. In desperation yesterday
I took the phone book and tried
to find a cafeteria - am so fed up
on heavy foods and on "service" which
we must pay for. Twinedly such
are not popular here for this was

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only one listed and that too far
from our hotel to do us any good.
Did locate a Y.W.C.A. tho; Dave
notes at that but admitted it was
not so bad after we had tried it. Food
here is not especially cheap tho.

Letter from Ruby tells of your
Mother's misery - I am so sorry
for her and also for Ruby as she
doesn't know what to do to make
your Mother comfortable. Her job
and the constant doctors bill are
hard too. When things ease up
~~the~~ a bit maybe you could keep
her again on that ~~again~~ - if
you have not already done so.
Enclosing a five or ten dollar bill

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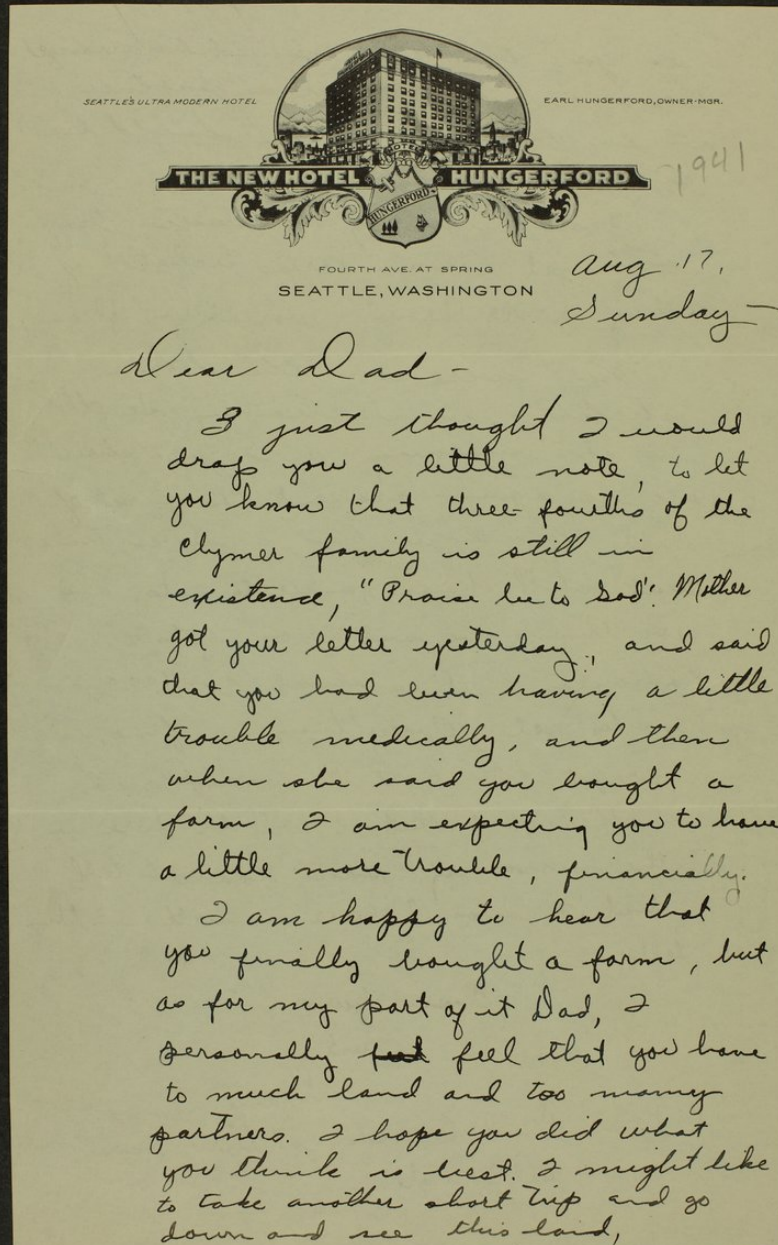


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Thursday or Friday of this week
I think (maybe sooner) I have just
notes that the town of Banff is in
Banff National Park instead of in B.C. so
maybe we won't get any mail there
after all. You can imagine what our
mail means to us here - we wait after
it like hungry wolves.

Sunday P.M. A phone call from the boat
(Canadian Pacific) people about noon informed me that they had
located my ^{in Vancouver} ~~grip~~; I had been at the docks
until after eleven last night with no luck
so was considerably upset over it. Buzzling
over what was the wisest thing ^{to do} has about put
me to bed - in fact that is just where I was
when the phone call came. We haven't the
grip yet tho; if it gets in tonight we shall
leave here early tomorrow (Monday). I don't know
how far money will go in Canada, so may have
to send to Bing for more but will not have to fret
we are back in the U.S.A. Will visit Glacier and
Yellowstone on way home. Love from us all - B.

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do you think it could be arranged.
Consider that your a partner,
I don't believe there should be
any ~~slacks~~ squawks.

I'm waiting St. Louis, try
and get some series tickets if
they pull through, would you please.

Well we're in the home
stretch, we are leaving Seattle
in the morning, and you should
see us again around the first of
Sept. We have had a swell time
but still have Jasper to go to, and
we think we will go on up to
Edmonton, it is about 3 or 4000
miles yet. Everything is fine,
except the C. P. R. misplaced
mother's grip but it will be here in
the morning. Have loads to tell
that I won't bore you with in this
letter.

Cover Yours
"just"

P. S. Did Coronado get thru Kans.
all right

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THE HOTEL *Mayfair* IN ST. LOUIS

350 AIR CONDITIONED ROOMS AND SUITES WITH
PRIVATE BATH, RADIO, AND OTHER REFINEMENTS

Ottawa, Kansas
Aug. 20, 1941

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

Dear Rolla:

I have your letter under date of Aug. 19 regarding the finishing machine in your plant at El Dorado. I am sorry you are having more trouble with that machine.

There is no question but what the copper lining I installed in the machine did help to get a more even plate, however, I do know there could be other things happen, in fact, a steam trap or some other trouble in the casting box could lead those boys to believe they had such trouble. Even a metal condition give them finishing machine trouble. A few years back we had a lot of trouble finding just such a condition in the State Journal in Topeka.

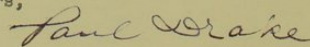
I am sure that you do not want me to make a special trip to El Dorado, because of the factory charge, but I will promise you that I will stop there at my first opportunity.

You perhaps do not realize that those light bar finishing machines were built back in the days before we developed the big heavy bar stream line machines. Stop some time when you are in Emporia or in Wichita out at the Wichita Publishing Co. and see one. We have also developed a Vacuum Casting Box, and have not been able to sell any other kind since. These two new machines are doing a swell job all over the country and they do bring out column rules, borders, low corners and do a swell job on half-tone cuts.

I will stop at my very first opportunity in El Dorado.

Cordially yours,

Paul Drake,
634 South Hickory St.,
Ottawa, Kansas



"Live in the atmosphere of an exclusive club with Downtown at your doorstep"

*The Hotel Lennox, 9th and Washington Avenue, St. Louis,
under the same management.*

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August 21, 1941

Mr. R. A. Clymer

Kansas Industrial Development Commission

Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I sent the old rollers in to Sam'l Bingham's at Kansas City, Monday, August 18.

I have ordered four Vulcan felt Impression Blankets and two Underpacking, which should take care of us for a number of years.

Everything is going along fine.

very truly yours,

O. F. Hattenbueff

OH/W

P. S. The price we paid for these blankets in 1935 was \$25.17 each for the felt and \$13.89 each for the underpacking.

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EL DORADO, KANSAS

August 22nd 1941.

Dear Clymer;-

✓ Talked to Ted helling this afternoon and he is still in the same frame of mind about the 25th anniversary so guess that we will have to call it off. I was in hopes that we could pick up several hundred dollars on this.

I do have in mind and am working on it now, a special section for Raymond Fite on the opening of his new theatre about Sept. 15th. Am sure that we will be able to have a four page section.

✓ We have had quite a busy week and by the way Kelly seems to be doing fine, dont know whybut think that I can make a good man out of him.

We received orders for four of the Navy ads and proofs on two of them, hope that the other four will come along. Had a man over from Wichita about it and we assured him that we would work with them 100 per cent. I have also written several letters in connection with thsi advertising and want to keep them happy, at least until they issue the order for the other four ads. You can r est assured that we will not over look a bet on this.

Hope that you are feeling better.

Yours,

Roy.

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Marian, Skyping,
 Tuesday, Aug. 26.
 [1941]

Dear Dad,
 I'm sorry to have
 neglected you so long
 but decided to take a
 real vacation this year
 and let my correspondence
 lag.

We went through
 Yellowstone today and
 found it quite inter-
 esting. The animals ex-
 cited us most and
 we stopped time and
 again to see a bear
 or deer. The chipmunks
 pleased me most and
 we fed nuts to every
 one we saw. Mother
 quite went wild about
 the zipper basins and
 all of us thought Old
 Faithful very beautiful.

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The plan to drive
down through the
Grand Setups tomor-
row and then head
north toward the
Black Hills. I doubt
very much whether
Cl. Nevada will see
us until ~~the~~ Sunday
and maybe not
then. I shall start
Monday. I'm going to
crank.

None of us have
felt well today. Dave
had a bad stomach,
Mathew a bad head-
ache and me, my
cold. We've all been
irritable and snapped
at each other like
truffles — an second
thought, wause.

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Maxon is nothing
but a wide place in
the road, but the
lodge is good and
we are comfortable.

I'm sorry this is
so short but there
is no news. The
Grand Tetons are
much like the
Alaska mountains and
we feel as if we were
still there.

Will close now -
~~my~~ there is nothing
else to say.

Yours,
Cass



R. E. CRUMMER & COMPANY

(INCORPORATED)

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

SCHWEITER BUILDING

WICHITA, KANSAS

August 27, 1941

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

RE: \$2,000 BROWN COUNTY TEXAS W.I.D.#1 $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ RFDG. BONDS

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the order which you gave us yesterday,
we confirm sale to you of:

\$2,000 BROWN COUNTY TEXAS W.I.D.#1 $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ RFDG. BONDS
Due 3-1-68
\$1,000 for account of R. A. Clymer
1,000 for account of Mrs. R. A. Clymer

I received your old BROWN COUNTY W.I.D.#1 bonds through
the El Dorado National Bank yesterday, and I find that your old
bonds were endorsed and made Tax Free in Kansas until 2-15-52.
We will have this endorsement transferred to your new bonds so
that this new investment will enjoy tax exemption in Kansas until
February 15, 1952. We will make no extra charge for this service,
but this will make the investment even more attractive than it
would be without this endorsement.

Again thanking you for this additional business, we are

Yours very truly,

R. E. CRUMMER & COMPANY

Ray J. Preston
Vice President

RFP:FO

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R.E. CRUMMER & COMPANY
(INCORPORATED)
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
SCHWEITER BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

No 4671 W

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

DATE 8-27-41
SALESMAN RFP:VTM:FO

WE, AS PRINCIPALS, CONFIRM ☒ SALE TO ☒ PURCHASE FROM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING SECURITIES:

AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	PURPOSE	RATE	DATE	MATURITY	PRICE
\$1,000	BROWN COUNTY TEXAS (Optional 9-1-43 @ 101 for retirement purposes only)	W.I.D.#1 RFDG	3 3/8%	9-1-41	3-1-68	101.50
\$1,000	ACCEPT: BROWN CO TEX #1073 (Called for payment 9-1-41) (Tax Free in Kansas until 2-15-52)	W.I.D.#1 RFDG	3 1/4%	3-1-38	3-1-67	Par & Int

INTEREST TO RUN _____
COUPONS ATTACHED: _____
DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS: *You may expect delivery about Sept 20th*
REMARKS: _____

R. E. CRUMMER & COMPANY
BY *Ray J. Preston*

All bonds are purchased subject to examination. A standard legal opinion showing the approval of a recognized municipal bond attorney must be furnished with each purchase.
1509 SETS 2-41 MCACO 3248

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R. E. CRUMMER & COMPANY
(INCORPORATED)
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
SCHWEITER BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

Nº 4670 W

TO Mrs. R. A. Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas.

DATE 8-27-41

SALESMAN REP:VTM:FO

WE, AS PRINCIPALS, CONFIRM, ☒ SALE TO ☒ PURCHASE FROM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING SECURITIES:

AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	PURPOSE	RATE	DATE	MATURITY	PRICE
\$1,000	BROWN COUNTY TEXAS (Optional 9-1-43 @ 101 for retirement purposes only)	W.I.D.#1 RFDG	3 1/2%	9-1-41	3-1-68	101.50
\$1,000	ACCEPT: BROWN COUNTY TEXAS #1070 (Called for payment 9-1-41) (Tax Free in Kansas until 2-15-52)	W.I.D.#1 RFDG	3/4%	3-1-38	3-1-67	Par & Int

INTEREST TO RUN _____
COUPONS ATTACHED:
DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:
REMARKS:

R. E. CRUMMER & COMPANY
BY *Ray D. Preston*

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1900 SETS 2-41 MCACO 3248

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MINNESOTA AND ONTARIO PAPER COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS

NEWSPRINT, GROUNDWOOD, KRAFT, SULPHITE PAPERS,
INSULITE AND LUMBER PRODUCTS

GENERAL OFFICES

BUILDERS EXCHANGE BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



September 8, 1941

The Times Publishing Co.,
El Dorado, Kansas

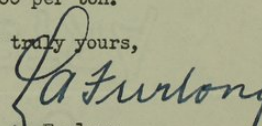
Attention: Mr. R. A. Clymer

Gentlemen:

The basic companies named in our contract with you, covering your newsprint supply, have announced there will be no change in their price for newsprint delivered to El Dorado, Kansas, for the fourth quarter of 1941 and the first quarter of 1942.

Accordingly, the net cost of newsprint delivered to you during the fourth quarter of 1941 and the first quarter of 1942, under our contract, will be \$54.00 per ton.

Very truly yours,



L. A. Furlong
Director Publisher Sales

LAF ms

MILLS AT INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN., FORT FRANCES, AND KENORA, ONTARIO, CANADA



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110 EAST MAIN

Economy Auto Supply Co.

TELEPHONE 66

Chanute, Kansas

Girard, Kansas

Sept. 11- 1941

*Mr. R. A. Clymer
Topeka, Kansas*

Dear Clymer:-

Just a few lines to get a little information regarding the sale of our house. I talked with Geo. Tate on or about August 27, and he told me the deal with Frank Lichlyter was all made and that a few more days would be needed to bring abstract up to date etc.

Please drop me a line and let me know whether or not we are to benefit any from the sale.

Have not tried to find anything as yet, but expect to leave here before so very long.

Will appreciate hearing from you.

Very Truly Yours

*Al Hudson
703 E. St. John
Girard, Kansas*

THE SOUTHWEST SERVICE COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES: 2807 FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING

POST OFFICE BOX 986

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

September 11, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We appreciate very much the splendid article your newspaper carried about our Safety Program and the presentation of National Safety Awards to our employees in your city.

We had 256 employees who received these awards and we are very proud of their records. We do realize, however, that we have not accomplished this record alone. We know the excellent campaign put on by the newspapers, community Safety Councils, and the State Department of Safety, has made it possible for us to have such a good record.

Mr. Paul H. Andres, our President, wishes to thank you personally in behalf of our Company for your cooperation in this Safety Campaign.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

Sloan Childers
Sloan Childers

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