

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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I will close with this so much and will deeply appreciate your shaking a boy or so in our direction. Tell them to see either Rosy Barr of D. C. Schaffner. We have ~~xxxxxxx~~ from the college over 200 boys in the service right now and thanks to all no casualties reported.

So in closing I again hope you will ~~xxxxx~~ do your darndest in this. To the right boys who will make grades you will have no appologies to offer. We are on the approved list of the Marines, Army and Navy in the reserve setup. *But of course being honest we don't know what you will do with that*

Most sincerely yours,

E. F. Hammond
E. F. Hammond

Thanks again

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Sunday, September 14th,

Dear Boss:

No doubt you have been expecting to hear from me. I still can't give the exact date as to when I'll be discharged, but can pin it down fairly close. From all indications it will be around October 1st, perhaps a few days one way or the other. None of the 28 year olds are being sent to other posts upon completion of their 13 weeks basic training, which in my case ends October 6. However, there is no quota, so discharges are being made as rapidly as possible. We might be called in tomorrow morning and be out by night; that's the army way of doing things. Unless you hear to the contrary, you can expect me around the first. If I ^{can} much before that I'll let you know.

This evening we had quite a show at our new outdoor amphitheater. It consisted of Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Abbott and Costello, Ray Noble's orchestra and Rita Hayworth, the movie actress. Just before Rita came on the stage we had to stand up and salute for the playing of The Star Bangled Banner and when we sat down the fellow ahead of me hit into my glasses and broke one lens. It would happen just when I was about to get a closeup of a Hollywood glamour girl, darn it! I enjoyed the show a lot anyway.

We are getting quite a workout with full field packs this week, as we'll wear them about everywhere we go. I hate to think of cheating a pack horse out of that work. We are doing quite a bit of night maneuvering, too, which isn't exactly a picnic. By now I'm tough enough that it doesn't bother me much though.

How are things going at The Times office under the new setup? Through some mixup in the postoffice I haven't been ~~xxxx~~getting the paper for the past week, so am running a bit behind schedule on El Dorado news. I really look forward to renewing my contacts there--particularly those of a more romantic nature, of course.

That'll be all for now but I'll let you know when I land in Kansas--a little before then if possible.

Cordially yours,

Kenneth



KANSAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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THE KANSAS TEACHER, OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
C. O. WRIGHT

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS
GLENN ARCHER, DIRECTOR

September 16, 1942

Kansas Newspaper Editors and Reporters

Gentlemen:

The Kansas State Teachers Association is increasing its efforts in the war period so that the schools can better serve the state and nation. Of all people, Kansas editors and reporters have been most understanding and cooperative in the support of schools. We need the counsel and aid of the press in the year ahead and invite you to join us at our November Conventions where education and the war will be featured.

The Board of Directors of the association and the Executive Secretary, Mr. C. O. Wright, are extending a cordial invitation to newspaper men to be guests of the association at the several state-wide teachers conventions to be held in November. I am, therefore, submitting to you passes which will admit you free of charge to any one of the six convention programs.

Outstanding national talent has been selected this year to tell the story of national and international education problems. These men and women are forceful speakers and well known in their field of endeavor.

The Kansas State Teachers Association will be pleased for you to use these passes and attend the conventions.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Glenn Archer
Glenn Archer, Director
Professional Relations

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P.S. If you need additional passes, we shall be pleased to furnish them.



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Topeka, Kansas
September 16, 1942

Meeting of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission was held on this date in the Commission offices, State House Annex.

Members present: Richard W. Robbins, chairman, Deane E. Ackers, A. V. Lundgren and H. E. Muchnic. Members absent: W. B. Harrison, vice-chairman, George E. Gano, George K. Mackie, Jr., H. E. Zoller and James D. Donovan. Dean J. J. Jakosky, chairman of our technical advisory committee, and Dr. W. L. Faith, of Kansas State College, also were present.

Minutes of the meeting of July 27, were read by Chairman Robbins, and it was moved by Mr. Lundgren and seconded by Mr. Ackers that they be approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

The expenditures of the Commission for the period July 22, 1942, to September 12, 1942, totaling \$7,918.62, were submitted. It was moved by Mr. Lundgren, seconded by Mr. Ackers, that the expenditures be approved, and the motion carried unanimously.

Items discussed:

1. Status of Alumina

Mr. Price reported that he had had a conference with a representative of the Bureau of Mines in Washington and also a recent conference with Dr. Moore, of the State Geological Survey. Representatives of the federal government are not interested in clays with less than 35 per cent alumina content. Dr. Moore reports that Kansas clays will run between 30 and 33 per cent. Dr. Moore further stated that they have been perfecting the process of obtaining alumina from clays but no arrangements have yet been made for testing the clays in pilot plant operations. In considering the best location for placing a plant for the production of alumina, four factors must be considered, namely: high alumina content, cheap calcium, cheap soda ash and cheap power. At the present time, Kansas seems to be at a disadvantage as to cheap power and as to the content of alumina in our clays.

2. Status of Synthetic Rubber

The Baruch committee has recommended the use of more grain in the production of synthetic rubber. There is no immediate prospect, however, of new plants being built as the War Production Board will first insist on the conversion of distillery equipment before approving of the building of any new plants. The Baruch committee has also recommended that if and when a new plant is built it should be on water transportation. Mr. Rhoads is keeping in close touch with the developments in this matter. Should any new plants be authorized, we shall do our best to get them placed in Kansas.

3. Status of Starch Pilot Plant

Dr. Faith reported that he had met with the technical men representing the corn starch industry at a meeting in Ontario, and had presented the findings of the laboratory experimentation of making starch from grain sorghums. The corn starch people are not interested in any material that will compete with well as such assistance as might be necessary to develop our work with the small starch industries.



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corn starch. They also expressed an opinion that there was a lack of data on the economics of growing grain sorghums. They pointed out that there is always a market for corn on a well organized competitive market whereas there was no assurance as to the amount, quality and cost of grain sorghums. The starch industry is, however, very much interested in waxy grain sorghums which can be converted into starch having the qualities of tapioca. The corn starch people have done considerable experimentation with Leoti Red sorghums but they have not been able to obtain a pure white starch. Dr. Faith reported that at the present time a white waxy sorghum was being developed at the Hays Experiment Station. This sorghum will produce a white starch without the color difficulties. However, it will take two years before there is sufficient seed to produce a crop in sufficient quantity for commercial purposes. Both Dr. Faith and Mr. Price, from conversations with some of the companies in New York, received the impression that the companies now in the starch business are not interested in building plants in Kansas as they feel that the raw material could be shipped East and processed in their present plants in the East. In conclusion, Dr. Faith pointed out that technically we know we can produce starch from grain sorghums; that the economics of marketing of the product and the economics of growing of the raw material are at the present time lacking; that in all probability a small industry serving a comparatively small marketing area could be established in Kansas; that if an industry is to be established in Kansas, there must be a pilot plant established for the purpose of obtaining a sufficient quantity of starch with which adequate use tests may be made. If a pilot plant is to be established this year, arrangements must be made within the next month in order to provide for grain storage facilities, getting the equipment, etc. Dr. Faith mentioned that there might be some possibility of the War Production Board being interested in helping on this pilot plant.

It was moved by Mr. Ackers and seconded by Mr. Lundgren that Dr. Faith, or a representative of the Kansas State College, check with the War Production Board and the manufacturers of starch products to see if they would be interested in cooperating with us in obtaining both manufacturing and economic data relative to the production of starch from grain sorghums. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Faith stated that samples of the starch would be sent to some of these manufacturers for use tests.

4. Personnel

Mr. Price discussed the work which the Commission was doing in assembling data for our Buyers' Guide, machine tool inventory and airport facilities inventory and the assistance which the Commission has had from Mr. Hays Miller, who has been director of the Kansas State Planning Board. It was moved by Mr. Lundgren, seconded by Mr. Muchnic, that Mr. Miller be hired full time by the Commission at a salary of \$225 a month beginning immediately. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Miller will have charge of gathering and coordinating basic economic statistical material needed by the Commission in its industrial development work.

Mr. Robbins pointed out the need of obtaining a man to handle our general publicity program in view of the fact that Mr. Wear and Mr. Wales are both in the Army. It was moved by Mr. Muchnic, seconded by Mr. Lundgren, that Mr. Robbins and Mr. Price be authorized to hire such a publicity man as well as such assistance as might be necessary to develop our work with the small Kansas industries.



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Mr. Lundgren reported that he thought he had a man, Mr. Tilma, that he wished to recommend as labor statistician, who would work as a liaison man between the Industrial Development Commission and the Labor Commission. Authorization for the employment of such an individual was approved by the Commission at the meeting of January 14, 1942. This motion read as follows:

"Mr. Lundgren explained the necessity of the employment of a field man under the State Department of Labor whose business would be to approach and aid manufacturers in the training of apprentices. No funds are available for this purpose, and he said the Department of Labor had agreed to assist partially in the employment of such representative. After discussion, Mr. Harrison moved that the chairman be authorized, in his discretion, to enter into agreement whereby this Commission will pay up to \$2,000 for one year for the salary of such employee. Seconded by Mr. Zoller and carried."

It was moved by Mr. Lundgren, seconded by Mr. Muchnic, that Mrs. Elma Redfern's salary be raised to \$115 a month beginning September 1, and the motion carried.

5. Car

Mr. Robbins reported that it was impossible for any individual member of the staff to obtain a car and in the light of this situation he had recommended to Mr. Price to purchase a car for the Commission and that the Commission now owns a new Chevrolet town sedan. It was moved by Mr. Muchnic and seconded by Mr. Lundgren that the purchase of this car be approved by the Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Budget

Considerable discussion was had concerning our budget requirements for the next biennium. In this connection, the members discussed the need for funds for industrial research. Although the need for industrial research is apparent, it was pointed out that any appropriation for this item should take into consideration the lack of manpower and facilities to carry out research during this war period. Mr. Robbins and Mr. Price were instructed to work out the details for the proposed budget.

7. New Projects

Mr. Price reported that activities of the Commission's representative, Mr. Rhoads, in Washington had proved fruitful in the last week in the announcement of the hospital project for Topeka. Mr. Rhoads is at present working on an airport supply depot as well as a general supply depot project. Since the last meeting, the Garden City, Dodge City and Pratt airports have been announced as well as the Herington auxiliary field. The Atchison alcohol plant has obtained permission to double its capacity, and the Eudora plant has been enlarged to a \$115,000,000 project.

Mr. Price further reported the trip of Mr. Harvey to Chicago and Detroit had proved fruitful in obtaining sub-contracts for the Kansas area, and the Commission is working closely with Mr. Lou Holland and the Smaller War Plants Corporation in an endeavor to help small Kansas businesses.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at the Jayhawk Hotel.

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KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JAMES F. PRICE, SECRETARY-DIRECTOR
TOPEKA, KANSAS

September 16, 1942

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

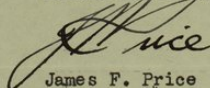
Dear Rolla:

Sorry you were unable to be with us at our Commission meeting today. We had a small attendance, however, and simply covered routine matters.

I should like very much to see the story you are writing for Thackery which I know will be a dandy. I shall be looking forward to seeing you whenever you find it convenient to be up this way.

Cordially yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION


James F. Price
Secretary-Director

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C O P Y

Topeka, Kansas
September 17, 1942

Mr. James F. Price
Kansas Industrial Development Commission
801 Harrison Street
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

At his request, I am writing you in regard to Charles C. Howes.
I have known ^{him} since his high school days, and I hired him when he was graduated from Northwestern University in 1936. At first, he worked in our Promotion and Merchandising Department on our national magazines. After something over a year, he was made Sales Promotion Manager for our two state farm papers. He left us this spring to go with the Harvey Advertising Company.

Charles is a clean-living, straight-forward young man. There is no question about his honesty, his integrity, his loyalty or his willingness. He has a decided asset in his personality; people like him and he gets along well with people. That about brings one up to the question of whether he has ambition and ability.

I believe he has a lot of both. He has quite a knack for writing and presentation of promotional material. Frankly, my opinion of him has been that he has abilities considerably above average, but is not a man who can fit into just any slot. I never felt that in our organization we had him quite correctly placed to utilize all that he had in him, even though he did a very good job. From such general information as I have about the position with you, I feel that he would do a very good job; and I should not be surprised if he made a very outstanding success.

Sincerely yours

(Signed)

CHARLES E. SWEET
Advertising Manager
CAPPER Publications, Inc.

Charles Howes has been employed by the Commission at a salary of \$175 a month and started to work on September 22.

JAMES F. PRICE
Secretary-Director

JFP:bd



K A N S A S I N D U S T R I A L D E V E L O P M E N T C O M M I S S I O N

STATUTORY OBJECTIVES

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Richard W. Robbins, Chairman	W. B. Harrison, Vice-Chairman
James D. Donovan	Deane E. Ackers
George K. Mackie, Jr.	A. V. Lundgren
George E. Gano	H. E. Muchnic
H. E. Zoller	

SECRETARY-DIRECTOR

James F. Price

MAJOR FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

- A. To encourage the placing of new industries in the state and the expansion of existing industries.
- B. To aid small businesses and small communities in obtaining war-time contracts.
- C. Expanding Agricultural Products Markets.
- D. "Build Kansas" Program.
- E. Aid in the coordination of the work of state and private agencies engaged in the improvement of Kansas industry and agriculture.
- F. Post-War Planning from war to peace-time economy.

- A. To encourage the placing of new industries in the state and the expansion of existing industries.
 - 1. Information service from Washington office, informing Commission and Kansas communities as to war production developments which might be placed in Kansas.
 - 2. Keeping our Washington office informed as to the facilities which Kansas communities have to offer for war-time production.
 - 3. Specifically contacting federal agencies and private corporations relative to the placement in Kansas of:



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- a. Airplane bases
 - b. Glider bases
 - c. Synthetic rubber plants
 - d. Magnesium plants
 - e. Commercial alcohol plants
 - f. Plastics plants
 - g. Aluminum plants
 - h. Other war industries
4. Ask each of the industrial groups in the state for practical, definite suggestions as to what the Commission can do for them, and what industries would supplement them. Information and cooperation should be solicited from:
- a. Oil Operators
 - b. Refineries
 - c. Railroads
 - d. Lead and Zinc Operators
 - e. Coal Operators
 - f. Salt Operators
 - g. Insurance Companies
 - h. Banks
 - i. Metal Fabricators
 - j. Milling Concerns
 - k. Etc.

Packing plants

These companies know some things which could be done to help them. Some of them will have ideas about developing new fields of work. Some will mention products which they buy outside Kansas which might just as well be Kansas products. Every industry should be asked to list the products which they buy which might be made in Kansas.

An Industrial Survey should be made of the state, with emphasis on listing all industries, the products they make, the products they use, and their particular problems.

5. Create a list of industries whose products are now used by Kansas industries which would buy from a new Kansas firm providing it was practical and economical to do so.
6. Get general national publicity, by suggesting to Kansas writers articles which might be salable to leading magazines and newspapers and assisting writers with the collection of material and photographs. Equally important would be the dramatization of Kansas festivals, celebrations, and other activities which could call the nation's attention to Kansas in a favorable way.
7. If possible, get an independent group, such as Fortune magazine to find out what industries are planning on expanding or moving.

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8. Ask communities to extend localized cooperation through their Chambers of Commerce or civic organizations.

B. To aid small businesses and small communities in obtaining war-time contracts.

1. Contacting WPB regional offices.
2. Contacting the Army and Navy Ordnance Departments.
3. Contacting prime contractors.
4. Contacting the small business men and aiding them in obtaining sub-contracts from one of the above mentioned groups.
5. Furnish the small businesses and small communities with general information on such items as priorities, price control, etc., which will be helpful in maintaining their businesses during this war period.

C. Expanding agricultural products markets.

1. Concerned only with broader markets and processing plants. Each organization representing a phase of the agriculture picture should be shown how to broaden its markets. For instance, the livestock people shown how to market their beef as Kansas beef---the apple people how to sell their product as Kansas apples, etc.
2. Information and cooperation should be solicited from:
 - a. The Board of Agriculture
 - b. The Livestock Association
 - c. The Apple Growers
 - d. The Potato Growers
 - e. Dairies and Creameries
 - f. Wheat Growers and Millers
 - g. Etc.

D. "Build Kansas" program.

1. Help educate Kansans on the assets and potentialities of Kansas and to develop in Kansans a new pride in their state.

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- a. Development of an educational program for the schools on the industrial, agricultural, and mineral phases of Kansas.
- b. Showing of films and making talks before organized groups.
2. Encourage the beautification of Kansas and the preservation of historic buildings and sites.
3. Give the rest of the United States the true picture of Kansas.
4. Aid to the small towns through our "Small Town" program.

- E. Aid in the coordination of the work of state and private agencies engaged in the improvement of Kansas industry and agriculture.
 1. State Department of Agriculture.
 2. Forestry, Fish and Game Commission.
 3. Kansas Corporation Commission.
 - a. ICC hearing relative to freight rate structure.
 4. State Highway Commission.
 5. Office of Public Instruction.
 6. Commission of Revenue and Taxation.
 7. Associated Industries of Kansas.
 8. Kansas Chambers of Commerce.
 9. Kansas State Teachers Association.
 10. Kansas Restaurant Association.
 11. Kansas Hotel Association.
 12. Kansas State Planning Board.
 13. Colleges and universities.
 - a. Assistance in scientific research, such as Kansas Wheat Improvement Association.
 - b. Use of Magnesium

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- c. Problem of making derivatives of starch from kaffir.
- d. Chlorine from salt.
- e. Aluminum from clay, etc.
- f. Development of business and industrial clinics.

F. Post-War Planning from war to peace-time economy.

- 1. Contact national planning organization.
- 2. Contact regional planning organization.
- 3. Develop local planning organizations.
- 4. Tourist travel promotion.



S T A F F D U T I E S

R. H. Rhoads	<p>Washington representative. Primarily responsible for the work in objective "A," namely attracting new industries to Kansas.</p> <p>Also responsible in helping to build up the post-war planning set-up (from national plans).</p>
John Harvey	Field representative. Primarily engaged in objective "B" as described above.
R. B. Campbell	Field representative. Primarily engaged in objective "B" as described above.
Ted Wear	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaged in setting out a program whereby the Commission can assist the small towns. 2. Assembling material to be used in our "Build Kansas" program. 3. Gathering and correlating material on such subjects as magnesium, plastics, alcohol, etc., research on which has been done in the various state and private agencies. 4. Doing field work and helping in the assistance to small businesses. 5. Writing publicity items for the Commission to be inserted in newspapers and magazines.
Renna Hunter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promoting the "Build Kansas" program. 2. Assembling pictures and stories on Kansas minerals, agriculture and historical spots to be used in educational program. 3. Appear before groups to explain the work of the Commission in the "Build Kansas" program. 4. Assist Mr. Wear on the "Small Town" program.
Max Wales	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Placing of news stories for the Commission. 2. Working on specific campaigns, such as the "June Dairy Month," "Potato," "Apple," etc. 3. Assist in the gathering of research data developed in state and private agencies. 4. Assist in the general public relations commission. 5. Assist in setting up our post-war planning organization.

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Staff Duties - Page 2

Elma Redfern Stenographic - clerical.

Berenice DeMarais Secretarial (up to short time ago handled all office routine not involving Commission policy in absence of the secretary-director) -- handle correspondence for secretary-director -- pre-audit vouchers -- bookkeeper -- responsible for clippings and scrap books -- interview visitors when necessary -- purchase office supplies.

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Sept. 17, 1942.

Mr. Rolla H. Clymer,
The Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

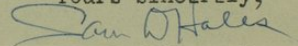
Dear Mr. Clymer:

Here is a copy of a newspaper in Kansas publishing from the U.P.'s printer circuit operated first for radio stations only. It is one of some 20 newspapers in the southwest now using this normal-speed wire which opens at 5 A.M. and runs until well past press-times for afternoon papers.

The cost of the service would be a pleasant surprise to you. This wire affords newspapers a news report far better than any type of pony service, at reasonable expense. It would make an ideal replacement for your present telegraphic report, placing you on a Kansas-state-leg tailored for Kansas general news interests and Kansas market reports.

May I tell you more about it, please?

Yours sincerely,



SAM D. HALES, Bus. Rep.

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September 18, 1942.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
c/o The El Dorado Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

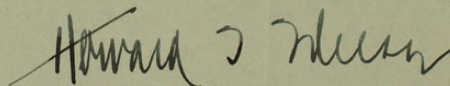
Dear Rolla:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
of September 8.

Federal court meets here September 21.
As soon as it is over I will write you about a meet-
ing of the board of directors. In the meantime, could
you send me your last audit so I can have an opportunity
to study it before the meeting?

Very truly yours,

HTF/h





HOME OFFICE: SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE FRANKLIN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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SALINA, KANSAS

ELLIOTT BELDEN
REGIONAL MANAGER

19 September 1942

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Editor and Manager
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

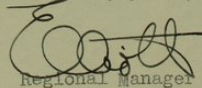
Dear Rolla:

Thanks for your thoughtful suggestion. Attached is a copy of my letter to Tut. If he is willing to work at this job, he can easily make from \$100 to \$150 per month as extra income.

What I believe would be most helpful in his case would be to give him a slightly lower commission contract and then spend the difference with newspaper advertising. In other words, we could give him a 70% top contract and allow him \$25.00 per month for newspaper space. On this basis with only \$60,000 or \$70,000 business per year he could make a very comfortable living.

"Difficulties are things that show what men are." That is a slogan I have here in my office and in times like these I refer to it frequently. Regardless of the outcome of Tuttle, I am mighty damned grateful for your suggestion. And believe me, Rolla, if ever there is a time when I can do anything for you, it will be a pleasure to have you call upon me.

Sincerely yours,



Regional Manager

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Mr. G. R. Tuttle
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Overseas Casualty happens to be a very important part of our Company right now and we would like to establish an agency at Eureka. After you have thought about the matter for a while, we appreciate a note from you.

Mr. G. R. Tuttle
c/o Hotel Lyndon
Eureka, Kansas

Sincerely yours,

Dear Tut:

With so many of our men having been called into the Service, it is one Hell of a problem to find competent salesmen to represent our Company. Fortunately, life underwriting is one business where an individual is worth proportionately more as he grows older in the service.

Recently I have been working on a proposition whereby we would establish an Agency in a community and guarantee a certain amount of newspaper advertising support. For example, if an Agency could be established in Eureka, we would guarantee to do about \$25.00 per month of newspaper advertising with a minimum production of five or six thousand of life business during that period. Such an arrangement gives the newspaper ample reason for being interested in the success of the Agency. While at the same time it guarantees promotional support for an agent which he would ordinarily not spend for himself.

There are a lot of angles to this thing, Tut, and I merely mention that one idea as indicative of the possibilities for development. Separately, I am sending you a booklet entitled "12 Reasons Why Life Insurance Work Should Interest You".

You probably don't remember me from Editorial Golf Tournaments because I was never good enough to play in your flight either on the course or at the bridge table. But I remember you and I know that you have the knack of making friends. And friendly folks are the type who can succeed in this business of life underwriting.

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Greenwood County happens to be open territory with our Company right now and we would like to establish an Agency at Eureka. After you have thought about the matter for a while, I would certainly appreciate a note from you.

Sincerely yours,

Regional Manager

Rolla Clymer correspondence

STATE OF KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE
801 HARRISON STREET
TOPEKA, KANSAS

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
ERNST F. PIHLBLAD, CHAIRMAN
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DIRECTOR
CHAS. B. NEWELL

September 21, 1942

TO STATE EMPLOYEES:

Since this is the first election year in the history of Kansas in which the position of the state employees actually has been protected by law, the Department of Civil Service believes that you will be interested to know just what your rights and privileges are with respect to political affiliation and activity.

Section 29 of the Civil Service Law specifically protects your rights as a citizen and as a state employee. This section provides that you, as a state employee in the classified service, cannot be forced or compelled to take part in the activity of any political party. You cannot be forced, either directly or indirectly, to contribute to any party fund. In fact, to hold your position you need not participate in any political activity whatsoever.

However, you are not prohibited from voluntary affiliation with any political party in which you may be interested, as long as that political party does not advocate the overthrow of our constitutional form of government by force or violence. If you wish to participate as a voter or citizen in the activity of any political party, you may do so; but such participation must be on your own time. Also, you may contribute to any political party as long as that contribution is voluntary.

As a state employee in the classified service, you cannot be dismissed, demoted, or discriminated against in any way for your political affiliations; nor can you exercise, threaten, or promise discrimination for or against any other employee, applicant, or eligible in the civil service. You cannot use your official authority as a state employee in the classified service to compel, either directly or indirectly, another employee in the classified service to contribute to, or take part in, any political activity.

Section 29 of the Civil Service Law provides that if any employee in the classified service is found guilty of violating any provision of this section, he will be immediately dismissed from the service.

Briefly, the intent of this section of the Civil Service Law is to protect your rights and freedom as a voter and citizen of the State of Kansas, as well as to protect the security of your position as a state employee.

STATE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
Ernst F. Pihlblad, Chairman
Fred C. Allvine
Tom Wilson

EDWARD H. REES
4TH DIST. KANSAS

COMMITTEES:
CIVIL SERVICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

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

September 21, 1942

Dear Rollo:

I mailed you a Congressional Directory yesterday. I find that I had already sent one to you.

It may be that the City Library would have use for a copy. I will appreciate it if you will hand one of the Directories to the Librarian in McPherson.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rollo Clymer, Editor,
El Dorado, Kansas.



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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF
KANSAS CITY

September 22, 1942

Mr. R. A. Clymer
El Dorado
Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

This is to notify you that by authority of the Secretary of the Treasury I have appointed you a member of the Butler County Victory Fund Committee. The Committee will act with other Victory Fund Committees in the Tenth Federal Reserve District in assisting the Treasury in future Government financing.

As you are aware, the Secretary of the Treasury is confronted with a stupendous task in raising the funds necessary to finance the war. All the assistance possible is needed in that task, and it is only through such individuals as you in each community who are willing to give unselfishly of their time and efforts that the all important job can be done.

Mr. Arthur W. Kincade, President of the Fourth National Bank in Wichita, is Chairman for Group Five of the Kansas Bankers Association, and Mr. R. A. Haines, President of The Prairie State Bank of Augusta, is Chairman for Butler County.

Circular letters and material relating to the organization, functions and procedure of the Victory Fund Committees in the Tenth Federal Reserve District will promptly go forward to you. Additional circulars and material will be sent to you as Treasury issues are offered for subscription, and Mr. Haines will communicate with you from time to time regarding the Victory Fund program in your community.

Your acceptance of this important assignment is taken for granted.

Yours very truly,

H. G. Leedy
President



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C O P Y

THE KANSAS RECLAMATION ASSOCIATION
Ellis - Kansas
September 22, 1942

Kansas Industrial Development Commission
Topeka, Kansas

Gentlemen:

The board of directors of the Kansas Reclamation Association met in Wakeeney on September twenty-first to make plans for participation in the annual convention of the National Reclamation Association to be held in Denver on October 14, 15, and 16.

At the Denver convention the seventeen states comprising the membership of the National Association are expected to make their contribution to the association as set up in the annual budget. The assessment to the Kansas Association for this year is \$500.00.

Last fall at the National Convention at Phoenix the Kansas delegation was greatly pleased on receiving word from Senator Joe Beeler that the Kansas Industrial Development Commission was giving our association \$500.00 for the purpose of paying our dues to the National Association.

This year we are assuming the Commission will again give us financial assistance of \$500.00 or more if they see fit.

We are now asking seven railroads which operate in Kansas to give us financial assistance and plan to raise the balance of our revenues by the sale of individual memberships.

We have accomplished much during the past year. Largely through the efforts of our association the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation have made surveys of the river valleys of central and western Kansas. Our Association is now in possession of the report on these surveys made by John C. Page director of the Bureau of Reclamation to Secretary Ickes. This report shows that in the Smoky Hill, Solomon, and Saline valleys there are feasible projects whose combined total would give the state 116,000 acres under irrigation, millions of dollars in flood protection, fish and wild life refuges, and recreational facilities. The Republican valley comes under another report, and it will add another 70,000 acres under irrigation. If it were not for the present war emergency we believe there would be construction on these projects under way to-day.

As the time of the convention at Denver is not far distant we would appreciate your prompt consideration of our request.

Funds should be remitted to our treasurer Mr. F. R. Fair, Mankato, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

John M. Gray, President

Jack R. Nicholson, Secretary

Dear Rolla - I am glad you have Senator Beeler to see if they will give us money to pay our dues. - R.C.

They assume to much.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

ALF M. LANDON
TOPEKA

September 22, 1942

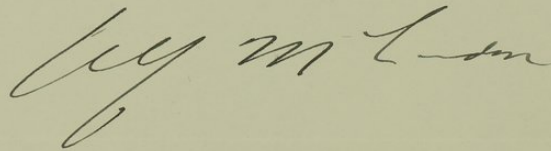
Mr. R. A. Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rollo:

Was both surprised and pleased with your letter of September 17th. It is hard to realize that my little friend has grown up so fast. His being a Phi Gam gives me double pleasure, not only the privilege of seeing him once in a while, but probably you will hang around the Phi Gam house, so that we will bump into each other once in a while.

These boys do certainly switch around on us.

With all good wishes.



ALL/esp

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 22, 1942

Mr. David Clymer
1540 Louisiana St.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dave:

I am delighted to hear that you pledged Phi Gam.

Phi Deuteron has a fine bunch of boys, and there is nothing of so much value and importance to a young chap as getting hooked up with a good bunch of fellows.

I hope to be seeing you some of these times when I am down this fall, and if not whenever you are up this way look us up and give us a ring.

With all good wishes.

AML/esp



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Beech Aircraft Corporation

Wichita, Kansas
U. S. A.

September 23, 1942

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

Ollis Woodrow Davis, S.S. #510-09-6863, has applied to us for a position
as Inspector. He states that he was employed by you as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Reason for Leaving</u>
<u>1933</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>Mailing room</u>	<u>\$6</u>	<u>half day work</u>

This applicant has signed the following statement, the original of which we have in our files: "I authorize the companies or persons named above to give any information regarding me or my employment whether or not it is on their records, thereby releasing said companies or persons from all liability for any damages whatsoever for issuing this information."

We would appreciate your verifying this statement and returning this copy in the enclosed envelope. A carbon copy is enclosed for your files.

BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

Warren E. Blazier
Personnel Director

kc

FORMER EMPLOYER STATEMENT

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Reason for Leaving</u>

ABILITY _____ CONDUCT _____ PRODUCTION _____ Would you re-employ? _____

Remarks: _____

Do you know of any subversive or disloyal activities engaged in by this individual?
Yes No (Circle answer) If "Yes" please explain briefly on reverse side of this form.

Do you feel that this individual can be trusted with confidential matters pertaining to our National Defense Program? Yes No (Circle answer) If "No" please explain briefly on reverse side of this form.

Signed _____

Date _____
I.R.-134

Title _____

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Please send this back

TOPEKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DAVID NEISWANGER, PRESIDENT • MARK W. DREHMER, SECRETARY-TREASURER • TELEPHONE 5687



September 23, 1942.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
El Dorado,
Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

That very generous letter that Art Carruth used in his "Whispering Willow" Column was very much appreciated. It was thoughtful of you and certainly very nice.

I shall always remember our struggle to get the Kansas Industrial Development Commission in motion because I talked about the thing some six or eight years ago.

I hope you will come in when you are in town.

Everything seems to be going along all right, but I do miss you over there.

Just at this moment we are in a tussle with the Army and the Veterans Administration and the Corps of Engineers as to the type of construction to be used on our Hospital. I have my fingers crossed, but I believe it is going to be brick and tile.

Thanks again, Rolla. That was a very swell gesture from a very swell gent!

Very truly yours,

Mark
SECRETARY.

MWD:RBW

P.S. Since dictating this letter we are sure the hospital is to be brick and tile. Just got the word.



UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 23, 1942

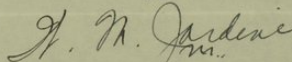
Mr. R. A. Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

After you called me today noon and asked me to talk to a farm group on Saturday, October 3, I discovered that is the day of our first home football game for the season. As we have guests coming, it will be impossible for me to get away.

I am sorry to have to let you down, but it is unavoidable.

Sincerely,



W. M. Jardine

WMJ:JM