

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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November 9, 1942

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

Dear Rolla:

I have your letter of November 7 pertaining to capital stock tax returns. From the information you gave in your letter I believe I can properly arrive at a proper value to place on your capital stock so that it will not be necessary to confer further.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

Ivan M. West

IMW:MB

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COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 11, 1942.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:--

It was quite a thrill to see the full page advertisement which appeared in your pre-election issue of the Times boosting my candidacy. I have since learned that you and a few of my other personal friends were responsible for this very effective publicity. I greatly appreciate your kindly interest. The wonderful vote I received in Butler county is evidence that your loyal and active support was effective. I feel under great obligations to you and hope you will let me know whenever I can be of assistance to you or your El Dorado friends.

Republicans in the National Capital are very happy over the results of the recent election and particularly the fine Republican majorities which were rolled up in the farm states. It is quite generally accepted as evidence that the farm folks are about through with the New Deal. The trend is undoubtedly toward Republican supremacy. As things are now going it seems we have a good chance of electing a Republican President in 1944.

Please let me hear from you whenever you are interested in matters here in Washington. I will welcome your suggestions at any time.

Cordially yours,

Arthur Capper



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November 11, 1942

The Times Publishing Co.,
El Dorado, Kansas

Attention: Mr. R. A. Clymer

Gentlemen:

It has been suggested to us by the Newsprint Administrator of Canada that we obtain from our customers the approximate number of days' supply of newsprint they had on hand November 1, 1942. The information would help us in working out the tonnage restrictions covered by the Order and our particular problem. The more we know of your situation, the better we can cope with ours.

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In addition to furnishing us with the estimate asked for above, will you also figure out your consumption in tons from November 1 to December 31, inclusive, and, if possible, your best guess of newsprint consumption for the first quarter of 1943.

20 tons
30 tons

Thanking you, remain

Very truly yours,

L. A. Furlong
L. A. Furlong
Director Publisher Sales

LAF ms

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

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UNITED STATES ARMY
CAMP PERRY, OHIO

Nov. 11-1942

Dear "Ham"

at last have time to write to an old friend. "Ham" am really busy in the mail room am working in service and supply now that kinda supply room I more have dont have to work very hard at all but have to be there early 5⁴⁵ AM some time its 8 or 9 PM before we get all through. Talk about keeping books and records the oil companies are not in it when it comes to the army and government. Well so much for that.

We now have our company complete 243 men, the auto complete one on the part, also the "best" all the Home town boys are making it OK. Have not heard any thing from Bill Mannion lately. By the way one of the girls at the "Wes" I ~~was~~ wrote and asked about you. had not seen you for some time. Hows about it "Ham", whats
OVER

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the matter "keep em" drawing till
we get back. Sure get lots of kick
out of reading the "Times" several of
the boys got it, most of the time
they pass it along to me.

How is the Caroline and
rubber situation out there now.
Well "Ham" dont know any news much
here only the weather has been
a little rough here is pretty cold
snowed a little last night.

The women are sweet and beautiful
here the same as every where, went
to Goldo Friday night stayed till Sunday
evening ~~with a couple~~ at the
hotel met up with a couple of
widows who proved to be pretty
interesting before it was all over
any way when we another buddy
fitch told us we had 57th Canadian
Club all emptied up at a cash outlay
of \$10.00 and a hotel bill of \$17.85
so dont ching chate bad for a couple of
Soldiers. Whiskey is reasonable here.

Rolla write me a nice heavy letter
sure will appreciate it very much.
Regards to all El Dorado friends Yours
Frank

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November 13, 1942

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention Mr. L. A. Furlong,
Director Publisher Sales,

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your inquiry of November 11, our estimate of the supply of newsprint which we had on hand November 1, 1942, is from 60 to 75 days.

We figure our consumption from November 1 to December 31, 1942, will approximate 20 tons and that we will need 30 tons for the first quarter of 1943.

It is our intention to order another car of newsprint within the next week. While we are not running the former number of pages our circulation total is increasing steadily.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



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THE *Kansas Press Association*

Advertising Clearing House Department

822 Rockledge Avenue

Topeka, Kansas
November 13, 1942

Place Your Schedule
In One to Four Hundred
KANSAS NEWSPAPERS
With
ONE ORDER • ONE CHECK

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

Dear Rolla:

Will you please take time out, no matter how busy you are,
to read this thoroughly and reply by return mail? It's that important.

The Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries is considering an institutional advertising campaign in Kansas. The campaign will consist of 16 ads, each 3 columns by 7 inches. Copy will be devoted to selling the liquor industry--not liquor as a beverage.

This account was sold by Newspaper Association Managers (an organization of field managers of 30 state and regional press associations, including the KPA secretary) and will be handled in Kansas by the KPA Clearing House. Total commissions, including the agency's 15% and 2% and our service charge, will be 20% for Clearing House members, 24% for non-members of the Clearing House.

*No service charge if
you have to pay a
representative's
commission on it.*

We have seen copy on the first two ads. It's restrained, intelligent and, we think, entirely inoffensive. However, we're not in position to persuade you to accept the campaign if it's contrary to your policy.

What we need to know immediately is whether your paper will accept this advertising. A postcard is enclosed for your convenience. Will you please fill it out and mail it today--whether or not you wish to accept the advertising?

Very truly,

Howard
Secretary-Manager

J.Howard Rusco/j

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C O P Y

Topeka, Kansas
November 14, 1942

Mr. Floyd Shoaf
Director of the Budget
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Shoaf:

You will find attached the proposed budget for the Kansas Industrial Development Commission for the biennium extending from July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1945.

Our Commission is asking for \$100,000.00 per year to cover our regular expenditures of salaries, publicity and operating expenses. This is an increase of \$30,000.00 a year over our present appropriation.

The Commission also is asking the Legislature to appropriate \$100,000.00 a year to be earmarked for applied industrial research. It is planned that these funds will be expended by the Commission on the advice and counsel of our technical advisory committee. Some time ago, our Commission asked the technical men of Kansas University, Kansas State College at Manhattan, and Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg to analyze carefully the industrial research projects which they considered essential for the state of Kansas in order to develop the industrial possibilities of this state. These projects were submitted to the Commission at its meeting on November 9, by Dr. King, of Kansas State College, Dr. Brewster, of Kansas University, and Dr. Heckert, of Kansas State Teachers College. A copy of these recommended projects is attached hereto.

As you know, the federal government in the last two years has spent over two and a half billion dollars on war contracts in the state of Kansas. However, it is to be noted that this expenditure represents war-time industrial development and there is no guarantee that these war-time projects will carry over into a peace-time economy. It also must be noted that whereas two and a half billions have been spent in Kansas, hundreds of billions of dollars have been and will be spent in the industrial development of other states. It seems obvious, therefore, that the problem of developing in Kansas a balanced economy between industry and agriculture will be as great, if not greater, in the future than in the past as we will face the keenest of competition from other states.

It is the opinion of the Commission that industrial chemistry will play a major part in the industrial development of the United States in the future and should likewise play a major part in the industrial development of Kansas. We are in competition today with every state in the Union, many of which are conducting an extensive research program both by private industry and by state departments.



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It is quite possible that should the war continue it would be impossible for the Commission to spend the amount requested for industrial research due to the scarcity of materials and manpower to supervise the projects. On the other hand, should the war end before June 30, 1945, as we all hope, the Commission is desirous of having adequate funds that may be used in purchasing the machinery and materials which will be available upon the cessation of hostilities and which should be available at that time at comparatively reasonable prices. Furthermore, it is the advice of our technical committee that many of these projects can and should be started with the facilities which are now available at our state institutions.

At the present time, the Commission is considering the desirability of financing some of these industrial research projects with the funds which we still have on hand. In particular, we are considering the starch pilot plant project at Kansas State College, Manhattan, and the aluminum pilot plant at Kansas University as well as the research suggested by Dr. Heckert for the making of synthetic rubber from natural gas. Should the Commission finance these projects, we will expend practically all of the funds in the current budget of the Commission. However, if it is not feasible to start these projects immediately, the Commission may have some unexpended funds at the close of this fiscal year, which we sincerely hope the Legislature will reappropriate for our use.

Referring to the items requested to carry on our regular operations, you will note that we have asked for an increase in the salary item, our request being \$34,120.00 per year. Our present annual payroll amounts to \$24,480.00 per year. However, the Commission has already authorized the employment of additional field men when the right men can be found. With the increased activities of the Commission, it is contemplated that it will be necessary to employ an additional stenographer in the near future. We feel, therefore, that the item of \$34,120.00 per year is a conservative estimate of our salary needs for 1944-1945.

We have estimated our requirements for general operating expenses to amount to \$35,000.00 per year. Last year we expended for this item the sum of \$21,495.08. We estimate that our general operating expenses for the current year will amount to \$30,000.00. This expense item obviously will increase with the increase in the activities of the Commission and shall likewise increase with the addition of the contemplated field men. During this war period, it is necessary that we keep in daily contact with the Army and Navy procurement agencies, prime contractors--many of whom are in distant states, such as St. Louis, Chicago and Detroit--as well as with our Kansas manufacturers in order to keep war work flowing into the state. It also is necessary that we keep in constant contact with the federal officials in Washington allocating war projects and more recently we find it is becoming increasingly necessary to contact industries in other states that are contemplating the possibility of locating plants in the Middle West. All of these activities will naturally increase our general operating expenses, but we feel confident that such expenditures will continue to pay high dividends to the state of Kansas.

We are estimating the possible expenditure for publicity and industrial information at \$30,860.00 per year. At the present time, our tourist promotion has, of course, been curtailed, and it is impossible to predict at what time it will be necessary to renew that activity. In the meantime, however, we have a



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tremendous job in educating Kansans on the opportunities and potentialities of their own state. We also are called upon continually to prepare special brochures for the purpose of selling industrial locations to interested industries now located outside the state. The money represented in this item also will be used in compiling and publishing such material as a Kansas Manufacturers and Buyers Guide, which will contain information required by procurement offices as well as by Kansans on those items which can be obtained in our state.

The Commission believes that continued advertising and merchandising campaigns in behalf of industrial, agricultural and mineral resources will be of increasingly permanent benefit to the state and its people.

In the Commission's judgment, the immediate future offers broader opportunities for state promotion and development than ever before in the state's history. At the same time, the Commission fully intends to continue to study carefully every proposed project calling for the expenditure of state funds and will make no expenditure which cannot be considered a wise investment. The Commission's record on this point speaks for itself, for, as you know, out of the first appropriation of \$5,000, primary campaigns were carried on, furniture and accessories were purchased, overhead items were all met and the Commission still turned back to the state nearly \$1,400 of that original amount. Of the second appropriation of \$120,000.00, the Commission found it unnecessary to spend some \$37,085.79. It is barely possible, as suggested earlier in this letter, that the Commission may have a similar unexpended balance at the end of this biennium.

We wish to express our real appreciation to you for your cooperation in preparing our budget presentation for the Legislature.

Respectfully yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

James F. Price
Secretary-Director

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MEETING OF KANSAS AND MISSOURI ASSOCIATED PRESS MEMBERS

Kansas City, November 16, 1942

Mr. E. Lansing Ray, St. Louis, Presiding

SUMMARY:

Adopted resolution of regret at the death of George B. Longan, President of the Kansas City Star Company and a director of The Associated Press.

Heard a discussion of the government suit against The Associated Press by Director E. Lansing Ray and Roy Roberts.

Voted a message of appreciation for the work of The Associated Press foreign correspondents and for the efficient planning of Kent Cooper and his staff.

Voted to cooperate fully with Central Defense Command but to ask that press credentials be given to the papers and press associations rather than to individual reporters.

Empowered News Editor Paul Mickelson to arrange necessary staff and coverage for the Missouri and Kansas legislative sessions in 1943.

Kansas members elected J. C. Denious, Dodge City, state chairman.

Missouri members re-elected W. J. Sewall, Carthage, chairman and Fred Naeter, Cape Girardeau, vice chairman.

PAPERS REPRESENTED:

Kansas

Abilene Reflector-Chronicle
Arkansas City Traveler
Chanute Tribune
Concordial Blade-Empire
El Dorado Times
Dodge City Globe
Fort Scott Tribune Monitor
Garden City Telegram
Hutchinson Herald-News
Iola Register
Independence Reporter
Junction City Union
Lawrence Journal-World
Leavenworth Times
Lyons Daily News
Ottawa Herald
Parsons Sun
Pittsburg Headlight-Sun
Pratt Tribune
Salina Journal
Topeka Capital
Topeka State Journal
Wichita Beacon
Wichita Eagle

C. M. Harger
Oscar Stauffer
E. W. Johnson
Ray Green
R. A. Clymer
J. C. Denious
George W. Marble, Jr.
G. F. Reed
E. Lawson May
Angelo Scott, Emerson E. Lynn
Frank C. Sands
Lee Rich
Joe W. Murray
William P. Johnston, Jr.
Paul Jones
Wayne Gilliland
Clyde M. Reed, Jr.
Fred W. Brinkerhoff
Charles W. Pratt
Roy F. Bailey, State Chairman
Chas. H. Sessions
Ed Chapman
T. L. Givens
Marsh M. Murdock

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Missouri

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian
Carthage Press
Kansas City Star and Times

Maryville Daily Forum
Moberly Monitor-Index
Poplar Bluff American Republic
Sedalia Democrat-Capital
St. Joseph News Press & Gazette
St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Juel Mosley
W. J. Sewall, State Chairman
Earl McCollum, Roy Roberts, Henry
J. Haskell, Earl Robertson, C. G.
Wellington
Chester Krause
C. A. Bradley, James Todd
James Hendrickson
W. D. Agee
Merrill Chilcote
E. Lansing Ray, General Chairman,
Dan J. Forrestal, Jr.

FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS:

News Editor Paul Mickelson, Kansas City; Traffic Bureau Chief A. R. Shobaken,
Kansas City; Howard Flieger, Jefferson City; Larry Hall, Topeka; Gordon Brown,
Kansas City.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Harry Woodring, Topeka; Commander R. W. Berry, Assistant Public Relations Direc-
tor, U. S. Navy; Maj. Robert Reed, Press Section, Seventh Corps Area, Omaha;
Capt. Horace Goman, Press Section, Fort Riley, Kas.; Morris J. Harris, former
Chief of Bureau at Shanghai for The Associated Press.

Mr. Ray, general chairman, opened the meeting with a discussion of the govern-
ment suit against The Associated Press.

"The government now has us 1300 A.P. members messed up in a Chicago fight be-
tween one school of thought and a new deal line of thought. An analysis shows that
as far as the A.P. membership in general is concerned there is no politics in our
part of the fight--it's self preservation.

"I want to urge the membership to do all that it can to help win the case and,
as far as they can, explain to the public the deal we are up against.

"It is a very serious situation and warrants Congress explaining to the public
the danger confronting the free press. I think the so-called court packing was
nothing to what this can develop into in putting shackles on the free press.

"If the government wins this suit it can declare us a common carrier and then
put us under regulation. They'll tell you what you can charge and next what you can
print."

Mr. Roberts, urging that newspapers publicize the matter, said: "We, with the
entire country, are fighting a serious war and why, in God's name, right in the mid-
dle of it must the press take on a domestic war to sustain a system which has been in
force 42 years? When the war is over we'll be glad to meet them anywhere, anytime.

"Of course, the government object is to make The Associated Press a common
carrier and hence subject to regulation."

Mr. Ray, referring to the death last October of Mr. George B. Longan, told of
his loyal efforts as an Associated Press director and as a man's newspaperman. "I

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miss him terribly", said Mr. Ray. "George Longan was a fearless and constructive leader, a wonderful person."

Oscar Stauffer, moving a resolution of profound regret, said: "I could not help but think of Mr. Longan in the discussion we've just had on the government's suit against The Associated Press. Two days before he died, George called me long distance and urged me to join with him in emphasizing the seriousness of the suit to our fellow members. His first loyalty was The Star with The Associated Press a close second. There was no man I thought more of."

Mr. Stauffer's motion was adopted unanimously. He, James Todd and Chairman Bailey of Kansas and Chairman Sewall of Missouri were requested to draft the resolution.

Commander R. W. Berry, Assistant Director of Public Relations for the Navy, discussed with the editors the matter of Navy news and communiques.

Major Reed outlined the setup of the Central Defense Command and asked the editors for their help and cooperation.

On motion of Mr. Roberts the editors voted unanimously that "it is the sense of this meeting that we cooperate with the Central Defense Command. We also express the sense of the meeting that Major Reed carry back our request that newspapermen's credentials be given to one individual on a paper who can take full responsibility for the men and photographers."

On motion of Mr. C. G. Wellington the meeting voted unanimously to send a "message of appreciation for the high devotion to duty displayed by the A.P. foreign correspondents and for the efficient planning and inspiration of Mr. Kent Cooper and his staff."

Mr. Roberts introduced Mr. Earl McCollum, new president of The Kansas City Star,

News Editor Mickelson discussed Kansas and Missouri coverage briefly, noting the loss of many staff men to the armed services, an increase in cost of covering the 1942 elections compared with 1940, and the added burden of a special legislative session in Missouri. He asked for and was given authority to enlarge the staffs at the Topeka and Jefferson City bureaus as he saw necessary for the coming 1943 legislative sessions.

Mr. Roberts complimented the Kansas editors for their work in the scrap metal drive which resulted in Kansas leading the country.

Missouri members re-elected Mr. L. J. Sewall chairman and chose Fred Naeter vice chairman.

The membership, calling attention to the fact that it had been luncheon guests of The Kansas City Star year after year, voted unanimously to pick up the check at this current meeting. Mr. McCollum, however, insisted he be given the right to celebrate his first appearance as the new president of The Star and he made away with it over protests.

After the luncheon Morris J. Harris, former Chief of Bureau for The Associated Press at Shanghai, described his arrest and imprisonment of 72 days by the Japanese. He was given a standing ovation.

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Leoni, Kansas
November 16, 1942

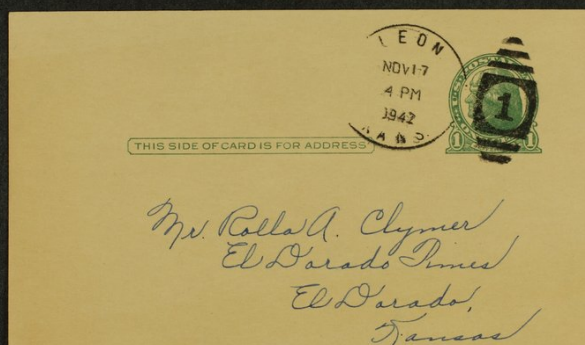
Dear Mr. Clymer:

Just a line in appreciation of your help in my winning the election as County Superintendent.

Isn't we most delighted over this Republican awakening?

Sincerely,
Lillian Dedrick

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Dear Editor,

Rosalie Kans.
Nov 16. 1912

I have been reading
your editorials for the past
3 years and I can truthfully say
that I have been in agreement
with most all of your ideals.
until this one came along. you
your self don't like this idea
but you believe that we must
accept it to win the war. First let
me make myself clear. my work to
make a living is farming but I
believe ~~that~~ my duty also is to
see the Kingdom of God furthered.
I love the Country God has given us
next to the Kingdom of God. and
my belief is that the cause of our
country and the cause of The
Kingdom must work together to
win this war. as you stated in
your editorial you believe that
over

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we must hate to win the war.
 Brother one of the first things I
 learned to do after God saved my
 soul was to hate. The question is
 hate what. "S. i. N." For years
 we have had missionaries in Japan
 trying to ~~the~~ teach them the way
 of Peace "The way of God"
 They as a nation have definitely
 rejected our missionaries as well
 as God. Now this war is upon us and
 we must fight. I strongly believe
 that our boys can go to war with the
 love of God in their hearts and the
 hate of sin and all it stands for in
 their souls and win this war. If we
 rush blindly on with a hate that we
 don't know what we are hating we are
 very apt to lose the war. I challenge
 anyone to show me one place in
 the Bible or in history where people
 that loved the Lord **AND KEPT**
HIS COMMANDMENTS 2

Please excuse pencil

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ever lost a battle. God still controls the universe and the sooner our people get away from their hypocrisy and really trust in God the sooner we win the war. I could write 700 more pages of "my" ideas but my ideas are not facts, your ideas are not facts, Roosevelt's ideas are not facts unless they are solidly based on the truth. The bible is my standard of truth. Please read

Jeremiah 17-5 Isaiah 31-1-4 also Isaiah 30:1-8 Exodus 15:1-13 Revelations 12:7

This is a spiritual war and if we are fighting for Christian ideals let us use such ideals now. I have written this in hope that it would be a help to you and in no wise criticism, but remember whether or not we win this war K.A.V. will stand before an almighty God and give an account of what you have printed in this paper, may God grant you will not be ashamed. may God grant a soon victory.

I would like to hear from you personally.

Yours Respectively
A. L. Hyton

Rosalie Kans. Box 130

Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 17, 1942

Mr. Dwight Bedell, Secretary
Chamber of Commerce
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bedell:

In accordance with your request of November 16, I am enclosing a copy of the bill which created our Commission, namely Senate Bill No. 115, Session of 1939. The Legislature of 1941 saw fit to increase our appropriation to seventy thousand dollars a year for the present biennium plus our unexpended balance at the end of the last biennium, June 30, 1941.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of "A Venture in Selling Kansas," which sets forth the objectives and accomplishments of the Commission from its inception in May, 1939, to October, 1940.

Under the stress of war, the Commission has deemed it advisable to curtail our tourist promotion activities. We are, however, endeavoring to educate Kansans on the opportunities and potentialities of their own state. We also are trying to promote our state through the showing of motion pictures depicting scenic, historical and industrial scenes of Kansas at the various Army and Navy bases located within our borders.

Since the beginning of the National Defense Program, the Commission has maintained continuous representation in Washington, D. C. for the purpose of "selling Kansas" to high government officials and also to assist delegations from various Kansas communities in presenting their problems to the proper government agencies. The story of our accomplishments was very ably told by Mr. R. A. Clymer, former secretary-director of our Commission, in an address before the Kansas City, Kansas, Kiwanis Club on May 21, 1942, a copy of which is being forwarded to you. At the present time, the total federal expenditures for facilities contracts and war supplies within our borders is in excess of two and a half billion dollars.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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James F. Price
Secretary-Director

Rolla Clymer correspondence



STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

PAYNE RATNER
GOVERNOR

November 17, 1942

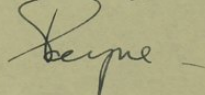
Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Upon my return to Topeka this week I saw your editorial of November 9th relative to my terms as governor. When I read comments such as yours it really makes me feel that perhaps I have done a worthwhile job after all. However, it has only been accomplished through the help and cooperation of folks like you and I want you to know that I deeply appreciate the fine help you have given through the work of the Industrial Commission as well as through your newspaper.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,



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Mr. Rolla Clymer

Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rollie:-

Mr. Harger tendered me your regards this morning when he returned from the A.P. meeting in Kansas City. I intended to write you sooner and thank you for your advise and help during the campaign. I value the experience and think I learned more than I contributed to the cause, but it was only an experience and not a new vocation.

Mr. Harger told me that you said that you hoped I was wise enough not to take a job, I took the job with the understanding that I would not accept an appointment to any permanent job if Andy was elected and I have written both Harry Crane and Andy to that effect since I came home, for my real job is here and I expect to stay right here in a country town for I have worked for 13 years to get this property into the position I now have it and do not intend to boot it away on any political job.

Thanks again for your help and I will be seeing you from time to time.

Sincerely

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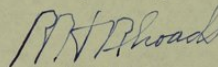
Mr. R. A. Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

The Ordnance Department now tell us the ammunition storage project has been deferred until after January 1st on account of shortage of building material. General Somervill, head of Service of Supplies, put out an order to every branch of the service to the effect that no new construction would be authorized that can possibly be avoided. Some of the projects that have been planned will be eliminated and it is too early to tell about your project. The Ordnance Department think this project will be built next year, however, things happening in the War can change the whole program.

Will advise you of any change in the program.

Yours very truly,



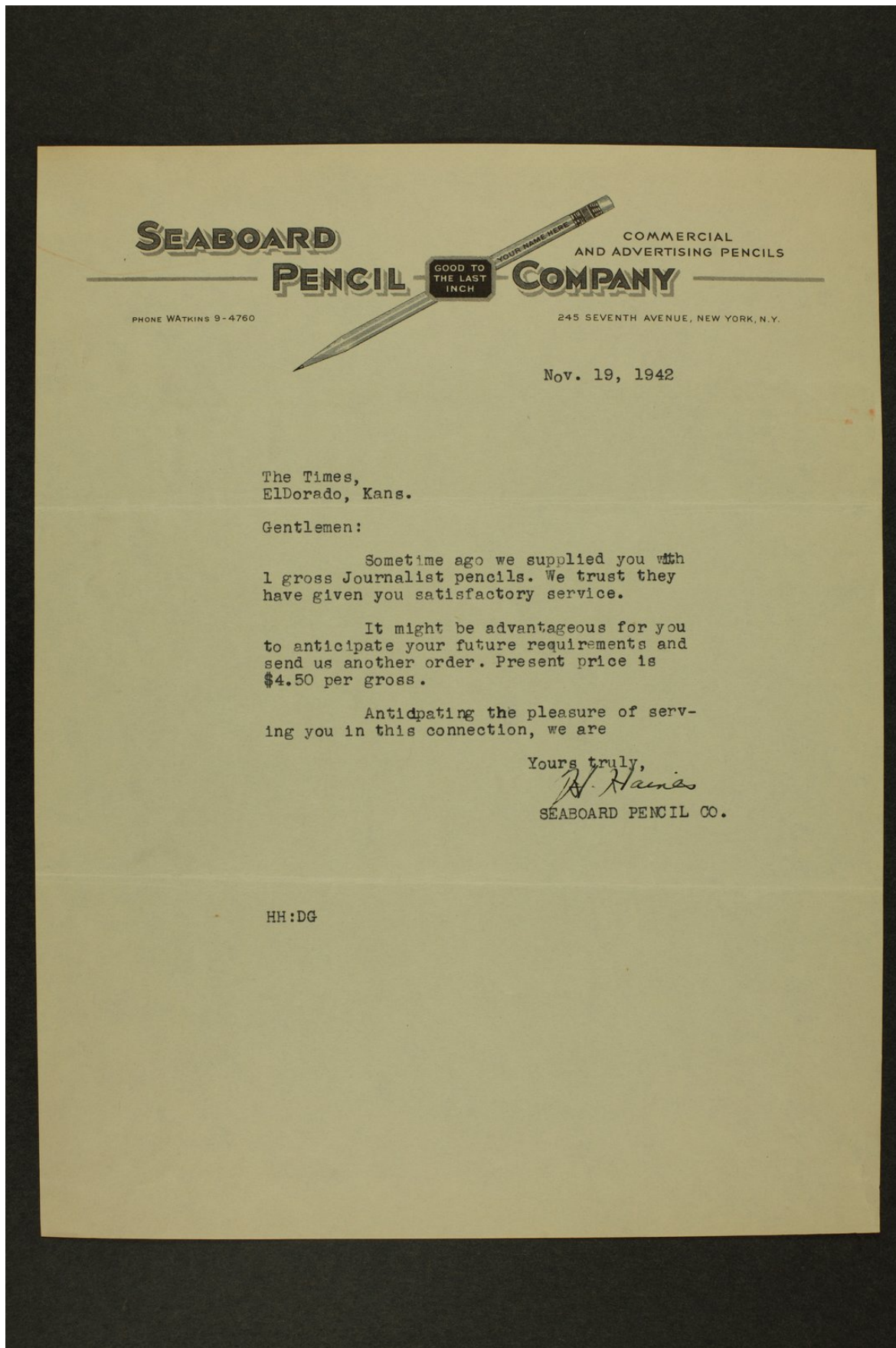
R. H. Rhoads
Washington Representative.

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*Sorry I did not get to visit
more with you while I was
in Kansas.*

"Lusty"

Rolla Clymer correspondence



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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
GENERAL OFFICE
50 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 23, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I suppose sooner or later I had to do it. So I have written a book, entitled "Barriers Down".

This book is not about the suit. It is about an activity of mine on behalf of The Associated Press for twenty years that I consider the most important thing that I have ever done for The Associated Press. Moreover, in all modesty, I think it's the most important thing that ever was accomplished on behalf of world journalism, provided the accomplishments are used as groundwork on which to build a free press for the civilized world.

If you would like it, I shall be glad to send you a copy. Then I shall hope you will read it. If you do and feel it is worth editorial comment on or after the release date of December 8, you can have my word for it that The Associated Press directly and the entire press of the world indirectly will be the beneficiaries. This book is upon my own responsibility but if any author's royalties ensue, every penny thereof will go to The Associated Press pension fund for its employees -- not to me.

Sincerely yours,



P.S. I understand that the news report will carry a story about the book on or about the release date of December 8.

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OFFICIAL STUDENT PUBLICATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS

November 23, 1942

Friend Merchant:

You know "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good!"

It's BAD NEWS for the students but it's GOOD NEWS for the merchants of Lawrence. K. U. will have only two days vacation for Christmas, December 24 and 25.

Never in the history of Lawrence have there been such prospects for Christmas business.---Over 3500 students will be buying their gifts locally as they will have neither the time nor gasoline to shop elsewhere.

Start your campaign in the KANSAN immediately to really sell them on the facilities you and your store have to offer them. Many students don't realize the golden opportunities you have for them and the KANSAN is YOUR "golden opportunity" to put your story across.

Fix up some gift ads that have zip and sparkle, then let us do our part in starting the students flocking into YOUR store. There is absolutely no question but that KANSAN advertising will pay you big dividends for the buying power is here---all you have to do is tap it.

The radio crooners are "dreaming of a white Christmas" but I'm dreaming of a "golden \$\$\$ Christmas" for YOU. . .through KANSAN ADVERTISING.

With best wishes for a prosperous "old" year,

Sincerely,

Oliver H. Hughes
Business Manager

The UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN is read by "all" K.U. Students.

Rolla Clymer correspondence



PAYNE RATNER
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Mr. Rolla Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

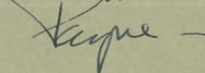
Dear Rolla:

I have just seen your editorial of November 19th in which you printed my Thanksgiving proclamation in full and made a splendid comment on the side.

You have a way of saying things that make a person feel fine and that perhaps he has done a pretty good job after all. You may be sure that I am always mightily pleased upon reading your comments.

Hope you will be getting up this way again before I leave the governor's office, and, of course, I want you to know you are always welcome wherever I may be.

Sincerely,



PR:JB

November 24, 1942

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:-

Please enter our order for one 30-ton car of newsprint under our continuing contract, based on the following specifications:

Not less than 40 to 45 rolls . . . 17-inch size

Balance of car . . . 34-inch size

Please note carefully these roll widths; we have had complaint from our press room that some of the rolls vary slightly in width, making proper printing difficult.

If this car can be delivered on, or about, January 1, 1943, we estimate it will take care of our needs for the first quarter of next year.

We ask that you route this car into El Dorado over Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe lines.

Our allocation symbol is DP 17.10.

Please acknowledge receipt of this order and indicate possible date of delivery.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

Secretary-Treasurer



Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 25, 1942

R. A. Clymer
% Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear sir:

The Army Command of the Seventh Service Area has ordered a general blackout in this area on the evening of December 14th from 10 to 10:20 P. M. During this period no persons or cars will be allowed to move on the streets and highways unless they have the proper identifying insignia furnished by the local defense council which in this case is the El Dorado Defense Council.

The statutes and regulations governing civilian defense organizations provide that the local defense council shall have the power to grant to certain individuals connected with essential businesses, identifying arm bands, windshield stickers, etc., under a classification known as the Auxilliary Group to the local defense council.

The activities of your profession or business have been designated as essential and, as such, those members of your organization which might have reason to conduct their regular occupations during the blackout of December 14 and later blackouts will be given the proper identification if the names of such persons can be furnished the El Dorado Defense Council before December 1st.

Will you therefore, furnish me a list of the persons who are essential employees along with the proper title or a designation of their duties? I will then present this list to the defense council for their review and approval at their next regular meeting.

It will be necessary for each person receiving this identifying insignia to pay for the actual cost of these articles, but this should not exceed fifty cents (50¢) per person. This cost can, of course, be born by the employing organization rather than having the employees bear the cost if you would rather handle it in this manner

Very truly yours

H. E. McMillen
City Manager and Commander of
El Dorado Civilian Defense Corp

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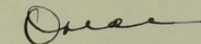
Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Your piece about George was a gem.
Somehow I seem to see you writing editorials
for the papers in the capital city of the state.
When you are up here sometime, let's use that
for the theme of a conversation.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,



Oscar S. Stauffer

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