

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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2. The juice is **MAKING SUGAR OUT OF SORGO** by a
shedding and diffusing process.

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3. The juice extracted under (1) is subjected to centrifugal
force in a separator. E. V. Ventre and H. S. Paine. This separates
Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering, USDA starch.
The starch separated from the juice sometimes amounts to ten pounds or
more per ton of sorgo, depending on the variety and degree of maturity.

The sorgo plant, one of Nature's most rapid carbohydrate syn-
thesizers, was the subject of extensive investigation in the latter
half of the nineteenth century, but work on the utilization of this
plant for sugar production was abandoned when attempts to develop a
commercially feasible process failed. Early investigators succeeded
in developing sorgo varieties producing tonnage and sucrose content
considerably in excess of the performance of present commercial var-
ieties. The principal uses of the plant during the past fifty years
have been for forage and table sirup purposes, and the characteristics
of varieties desirable for these uses are not identical with the char-
acteristics of sugar-making varieties. The fact that the varieties
used by earlier investigators compared so favorably at that time with
sugar cane and sugar beets from the standpoint of sugar content was
intriguing to these workers. However, both the sugar cane and sugar
beet industry had suitable manufacturing processes and these sugar plants
were highly developed, whereas the sorgo plant was largely abandoned as
a source of commercial sugar. Consequently, it will now be necessary to
develop this plant so that it will compare favorably with present sugar
cane and sugar beet varieties on the basis of sugar yield per acre, if
indeed it is to be used to supplement domestic sugar cane and sugar beets
as a sugar source.

Some of the disadvantages of the sorgo plant are that the juice
can be removed by this method. Oxalic acid can be
manufactured easily from the juice, hence the sorgo
plant appears to be a likely natural source of this acid. Acetic acid
is also present in the juice.

Advantages

Some advantages are possessed by the sorgo plant which possibly
may make it a success commercially before sugar-per-acre yields may be
developed to equal those from sugar cane and sugar beets. First among
these is the fact that the sorgo plant will produce a grain crop of
mature seed at the same time that it is producing sugar. Yields from
the presently available sweet varieties of sorghum (sorgo) grown experi-
mentally for sugar production indicate that 800 to 1000 pounds of clean
seed may be expected per acre. This grain may be utilized for stock feed
or processed for starch. Second among these advantages is the fact that
the plant has a short growing season and matures early enough to be pro-
cessed in existing beet and cane sugar factories at a time when they
would otherwise be idle. Third, but not least among the advantages is
the discovery that, in processing the plant for sugar, new and valuable
by-products are obtained in addition to sugar and molasses. These by-
products can possibly be best described in a brief outline of the steps
in the sugar manufacturing process: 1. Ripe sorgo cane is cut and stripped of leaves, and the seed
heads are removed.

Extract from GENE WORLD, March 19, 1943

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2. The juice is extracted from the stalks by milling or by a shedding and diffusing process.

3. The juice extracted under (2) is subjected to centrifugal force in a semi-continuous, solid-basket centrifuge. This separates suspended material, parts of the stalk, adhering earth and juice starch. The starch separated from the juice sometimes amounts to ten pounds or more per ton of sorgo, depending on the variety and degree of maturity. This starch is of a very small particle size, and tests show it to have characteristics which permit it to be used in industry to replace root starches.

4. The juices are treated with lime, heated to the boiling temperature and allowed to settle, and the clarified juices are drawn off. The settlings, or muds, are freed from juice by pressing.

5. The clear juices are evaporated under vacuum and treated with enzymes to remove, by converting to sugar, the residual starch and starch intermediates not removed from the juices by the centrifuging operation under (3). This operation concentrates the juices to a semi-sirup containing 55-60 per cent dissolved solids, principally sugar.

6. The semi-sirup is heated to boiling, and here is precipitated the calcium salt of aconitic acid, the principal organic acid of sorgo and the one that presumably gives sorgo table sirup its characteristic "tang". The heated sirup is allowed to stand 5-6 hours, when the calcium salt, known as calcium aconitate, settles. The sirup is decanted off, and the aconitate is washed free of adhering sirup with cold water and then dried. About seven pounds of the dried calcium salt per ton of sorgo can be removed by this method. Crystalline aconitic acid can be manufactured easily from the calcium salt so extracted, hence the sorgo plant appears to be a likely natural source of this acid. Aconitic acid is closely related chemically to citric acid, and while it may find similar uses in food products, the fact that the only present commercial source of it is by dehydration of citric acid makes it more valuable than citric acid. The esters of aconitic acid are valuable plasticizers.

7. The semi-sirup produced under (6) is concentrated under vacuum to gain, and the sugar (sucrose) is separated by two or three crystallizations. The process of graining and the separating the sugar is identical with that used in cane sugar manufacture.

The varieties in use in experimental, or pilot plant, work now in progress at Meridian, Mississippi, are capable of producing ten tons of sorgo per acre, yielding 165 pounds of raw sugar and six and one-half gallons of molasses per ton in addition to the by-products previously mentioned. There are no regular factories operating as yet, however, expressly for the production of sugar from sorgo, and at present it seems advisable to await the development of improved varieties of the sorgo plant before becoming interested in actual manufacture of the sugar.

Extract from SEED WORLD, March 19, 1943



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801 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

April 17, 1943.

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

Dear Rolla:

After I talked to you this morning by telephone I find that Judge Hopkins will hold a motion day at the federal courtroom on Wednesday, April 21. It will be necessary that I be present at that time, therefore will you have the meeting Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock, and I will let nothing interfere with it.

Very truly yours,

HTF/h

Howard T. Fleeson

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April 17, 1943

Mr. E. L. Geymann,
Little River, Kansas

Dear Mr. Geymann:-

I have received your letter and wish to say that I would greatly like to have you in our organization, if it can be arranged. While there is no definite opening here now, we have found that vacancies appear frequently and rapidly under the shifting war conditions. For instance, there is a strong probability that William Kelley, of our advertising department, will receive a commission in the navy. He will not know for sure for several weeks. In the meantime, however, we might work out something here to keep you busy before a regular staff opening occurs.

I would take it as a favor that you do nothing toward taking a position elsewhere until you have consulted me. Roy Thompson has an idea that may be developed into a carry-over plan. If you can see me within the next two weeks for a discussion of our mutual problem, I shall appreciate it.

Please let me know when to expect you, provided you are in El Dorado soon.

Very truly yours,

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April 20, 1943

Mr. James F. Price, Secretary-Director
Kansas Industrial Development Commission
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Jim:

As per your request I am giving you a brief analysis of work
that is immediately ahead in the Washington office.

Now working on an additional helium plant for Western Kansas.

Additional aluminum casting and extrusion plants are possibilities
and am working for the location of at least one of these plants in
Kansas.

Several modification plants will be established in the Middle West,
which we are working on.

Additional hospitals will be built. Am working to have one of these
built in Kansas.

One additional Naval Air Training Base is still a possibility.

Budgets for the period July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944 are now being
made up and plans for construction will show up in these budgets.
The job now is to see what new units will be planned for after
July 1 and be prepared to present locations in Kansas for any new
units contemplated.

Additional Army air bases are not entirely out of the picture in
next year's program.

Along with the war program am giving consideration to postwar in-
dustrial development. This part of our program is being discussed
with the industrial representatives of the principal railroads
located in Washington. As you know the A. T. & S. F., Rock Island,
Mo. Pac. and M.K. and T. have representatives here direct from the
offices of the Presidents of the lines mentioned who are very much
interested in working with us. You will recall my suggestion, while
in Topeka in January, that you call a meeting of the industrial men
of all railroads operating in Kansas and with their assistance pre-
pare a master prospectus on Kansas for postwar use. By the middle of
this year, we back here, can make good use of this prospectus in our
contacts with industry in a post-war planning program.

We are also called on for special service to communities or industries
needing some special attention back here. At the present time the
following requests are now in the office for attention:

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Emporia - Helping solve the problem of housing airplanes which are used in connection with their cadet training program.

Baldwin - Attempting to secure cadets for training in Baker University.

Hays - Requests for additional gasoline for one of their service industries. Also in securing an access road to the Walker Air Base.

Tulsa, Oklahoma - Assisting Oklahoma Public Service Corporation in securing a loan from the Small War Plants Corporation in order that they can complete the contract of \$840,000 for bomber fuel pumps in which several plants in Southern Kansas will be used in making these pumps.

Arkansas City-Winfield - In changing the cataloguing Strother Field in Army publications to include both Winfield and Arkansas City, rather than just one city being named as at present.

Topeka - Working with the Department of Commerce analyzing population trends at the request of the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce.

Lawrence - Handling priority applications for equipment to be used in the plastic research project sponsored by our Commission.

We also have many requests from members in Congress for information on various phases of War activity and we try to act as a clearing house for our members in Congress.

This will give you and the members of the Commission some idea of the Washington office activities.

Yours very truly,

(signed) DUSTY

R. H. Rhoads
Washington Representative



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C. M. HARGER, Editor
C. W. WHEELER, Business Manager

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ABILENE DAILY REFLECTOR-CHRONICLE
ABILENE, KANSAS

April 21 1943

Mr. Rolla Clymer

Eldorado Times

Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:-

In a letter from the KPA office this morning, Mrs Rusco passed on to me your suggestion that the time should be approaching when the Editorial Ass'n and the Kansas Press Ass'n should be merged into one organization. I agree with you that it is the logical and reasonable thing to do and if you care to do a little work on it I am sure that it would be fine.

If you think it advisable I will contact Henry Stitcher, or perhaps it would be better for you to do that he is now located at Junction City as manager of the Junction City Republic, Charley Menley's paper, and as far as I know the secretary of the Editorial Ass'n.

Perhaps it might be wiser to wait until after your article appears in the Jayhawker press. I will leave that to your judgement.

With the establishment of the Clipping bureau starting the first of May I would divide the work of the KPA into three groups, the KPA which should speak for the papers both from an editorial, news and writing side; second the Clearing House which functions largely for the national advertising problem of the weeklies and a few small dailies; third thru the Clipping bureau which will enable the Ass'n to have office space of its own, and maintain a larger office staff so that the secretary can be of greater service to the Ass'n and not be tied with all the clerical work.

Any suggestions you can give me as to making the Ass'n more effective for the papers of Kansas will be appreciated. We are holding our own despite the restrictions and the problems raised by the war and I presume that is all we have any right to expect until the war is won. Stop in and see us if you ever get gas to make a trip anymore.

Sincerely

Rolla

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April 21, 1943

Mr. L. A. Furlong,
Director Publisher Sales,
Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Larry:-

I am sorry that illness and absence has prevented a prompt answer to your letter of April 9 regarding our newsprint supply and requirements.

I now wish to say that The Times had about two months' supply of newsprint on hand on March 31, that we expect to use about one car each quarter of 1943 and that we will order another car before May 15.

I hope this information is not too late to be of proper service.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY

per

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Topeka, Kansas
April 22, 1943

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Some time ago I sent you a copy of the enclosed letter from Mr. Koch discussing the possibilities of a project developed from natural gas and petroleum. Dean Jakosky followed this suggestion of Mr. Koch by a call to Dr. A. C. Fieldner, of the Bureau of Mines. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letters from Dr. Fieldner and from Dr. Storch to Dean Jakosky on this project. (Please consider this information of the work which the Bureau of Mines is doing confidential as it has been classified as a war research project.)

At the meeting of the technical men of the state yesterday Mr. Koch's proposal was discussed, and it was the general consensus of the individuals present that the Commission should consider this matter very seriously. I am passing this material on to you now so that you may have this information prior to our next Commission meeting.

Cordially yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



James F. Price
Secretary-Director

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

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COMBINED CIRCULATION
MORNING AND EVENING
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SUNDAY
CIRCULATION
320,000

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CIRCULATION 420,000
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April 22, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Your letter to Mr. E. B. Garnett, Sunday Editor of The Kansas City Star was turned over to the Circulation Department for answer and attention.

For your information I beg to advise that I sent you 20 copies of the April 18 Star containing the article of Frank Allen and hope that you received same o.k.

We have made no charge for these copies.

Yours very truly,

THE KANSAS CITY STAR

By *H. Dasbach*
H. Dasbach
Circulation Manager

HD:JB



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April 23, 1943

Mr. C. W. Wheeler
Abilene, Kansas

My Dear "Red":-

I greatly appreciate your letter. What started all this was my suggestion that the proper Kansas newspaper agency supervise the awarding of a list of annual "Pulitzer Prizes" to Kansas newspaper men--including best editorial, best news coverage, best community service, and so on. These prizes could be given by outstanding publishers to be known as the "Arthur Capper Award," the "William Allen White" award, the "Oscar S. Stauffer" award, and the like. They could be entirely inexpensive. For instance, a \$25 war bond today would suffice. This is all set out in my editorial, which from what you said in your letter is to be published in the Jayhawk Press. I really think it is an idea worth promoting. Our Kansas newspaper chaps would thrive on such an incentive, where the honor would be worth far more than the prize itself; and the state would profit by preservation of some of the genuinely fine work that is always being done by the newspaper tribe.

Incidentally, I mentioned that Kansas needs only one newspaper association. That, of course, is the Kansas Press Association. I was one of the organizers of this association, and it was the firm purpose of that group to create one body which would serve the entire newspaper clientele. The old Kansas Editorial Association went to seed on editorial, news and feature coverage. I fear that the KPA has swung too far in the other direction with major emphasis upon the business side. Surely we can have a single association which will maintain a nice balance between the two. I think the outline in the fourth paragraph of your letter will entirely fill the bill. We are chumps in Kansas to have two associations for newspapers. The Editorial Association is moribund. I never go any more, as much as a matter of protest as anything else. Many others, I am sure, feel as I do.

You are nearer to Henry Sticher than I am, so I suggest you see him and talk the subject over. Some of the old ~~like~~ die-hards who had to have an editorial association or bust have passed on. This is an excellent time to get all our activities concentrated in one body where they belong. I will help in any way I can, and ask only that you let me know how. Will see you as soon as possible and, in the meantime, will want to hear from you.

Sincerely,



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Topeka, Kansas
April 26, 1943

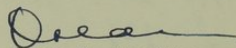
Mr. Rolla Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Thanks for your good letter of April
23rd and will be glad to see you when you
come to Topeka.

Best wishes.

Very cordially yours,


Oscar S. Stauffer

OSS:S

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April 26, 1943.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
c/o Times Publishing Company,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

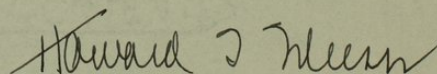
I am returning herewith the minutes prepared by you. Will you have the second paragraph on page two read as follows:

"The motion to correct the minutes was seconded by Mrs. Starke and when put to a vote was carried."

Otherwise, the minutes meet with my approval.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

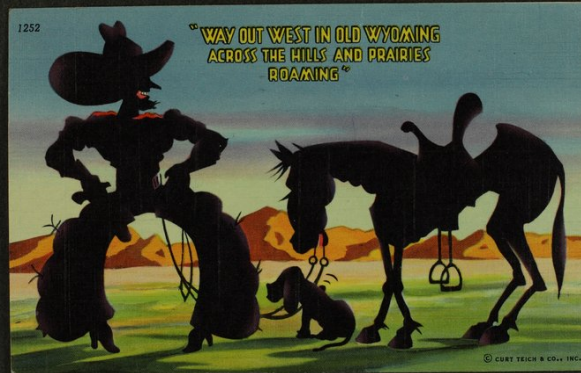


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Encl.

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April 29-1943-

Dear Mr Clymer-

Your letter of April 21st was duly received and want you know how much I appreciated your consideration in remembering our family by writing such a nice letter.

Its such a great pleasure to any individual to learn they have been able to be of any assistance in making them feel at home. Kindness is so inexpensive to share with another individual, especially to some one who is trying so hard to help themselves and regain their good health.

Was delighted to learn you were feeling tip-top (as you put it) I knew you would

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for you were so sincere in taking the treatment and people of that nature prove successful. I trust you will always look back to those twenty eight days you spent here, with pleasure, and with continued good will of its aspects in the future. I have a vivid realization, you have sufficient will power to master all obstacles that may come your way - trust in God - ask him to guide you always - with firm faith in him - is our greatest consolation.

Since you left - my rooms were filled immediately - the last man left - Tues. have one new man now, so at present have three vacancies. Mrs. Cughton Sr. who lived next to the Lodge died last evening - she has been sick a long time and was somewhere in her eighties.

Yes, I was quite busy before Easter - during Lent - I went to Mass every morning - our Easter music was very nice - sang Browne's Mass in E. & the Regina Coeli with Alleluias, which was very pretty. Your attentiveness and observation of the music while you were here was so encouraging and most appreciative. Isn't that the fundamentals of life - if you appreciate what some one has done - do not be afraid to approach that individual whether large or small - and convey to them what is in your heart - each and all of us feel so much better - whether its on the receiving or giving end. I have been quite blue the past five weeks - our sailor James - left Boston March 22nd for some unknown destination - he was issued all heavy clothing I had a letter from him, written on high sea - saying

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he was O.K. - said he was treated grand
3- of them living in a stateroom just
like paying passengers in peace time
& were given choice of food from a menu
also- he wasn't sea sick - & he couldn't
say what he was - even though writing
to me - said keep your chin up mother
and don't forget to say a prayer for me -
since that I haven't heard from him
this letter had a Canada postal stamp -
my heart, like so many other mothers
is very heavy - but what can one do -
nothing but pray constantly.

I want to thank you Mr. Clymer
for how courteous and kind you
were to me - I can assure you, your
kindness and thoughtfulness will
never be erased from my mind -
Wishing you every success in your
business and trusting you will
always have the best of health -
Hoping, I will again be favored
with another letter from you.

kindest regards & best of luck.
Sincerely yours,
Mary C. Orr

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The Kansas Press Association

J. HOWARD RUSCO, Secretary and Field Manager

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TOPEKA, KANSAS
April 29, 1943

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

Dear Rolla:

Pursuant to our recent conversation regarding the feasibility of establishing a series of annual awards to Kansas newspapermen, and of effecting a consolidation of the two newspaper associations of Kansas into a single well-rounded, representative organization, Red Wheeler has forwarded to me your letter of April 23.

As I told you during our recent visit, I am very much interested in both the projects you mentioned, and Red also expresses much interest. He indicated he planned to go to Junction City shortly to discuss the latter proposal with Henry Sticher.

I note in your letter to Red a reference to your editorial for the Jayhawker Press; however, we havenot yet received this article. Have you mailed it to us, or was your reference to an editorial which you had not yet submitted? I gained the impression from your letter that you already had sent this in, and it occurs to me that it may have been lost in the shuffle of moving our office.

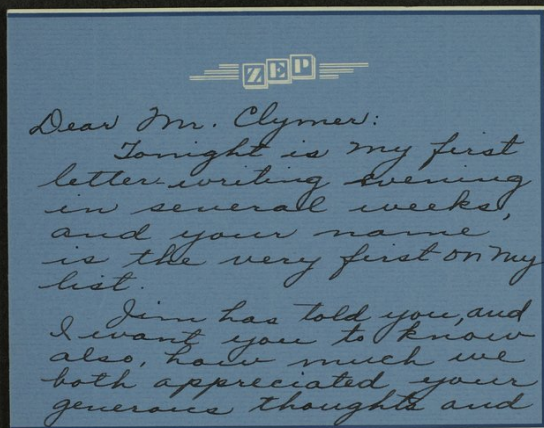
In the event that you have mailed it, and have a copy in your files, would you mind sending us another copy?

Very truly,

J. Howard Rusco
Secretary-Manager

P.S. We had a beautiful fight in New York and Washington last week in an effort to get some of the war advertising, prepared by OWI and sponsored by private industry, to seep down to the towns of 50,000 and under. I think we made some progress.--JHR.

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words about us in
your editorial in the
El Dorado Times.

Your reputation as a
beautiful writer, "not
to be surpassed in
the state" has been a
source of much in-
spiration to many.

No one with less talent
than you possess could
make ordinary mortals
sound so outstanding.

You surely inspire
us to want to do our
extra best in our work.

old and new. We
do hope we can
measure up, at least
partly, to your super
send-off.

I am looking for-
ward to knowing
you sometime, Mr.
Clymer. I join
me in best wishes
to you and Mrs.

Clymer.
Most sincerely,
April 30, 1943. *Hilda Elliot Price*



INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

April 30, 1943

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Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor
The Eldorado Times
Times Publishing
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Friend Clymer:

In a report received today from John H. Morrison, our Field Representative, he sent us your subscription for 1943, payable on July 1.

It is a great satisfaction to us to have you continue your support of the Association. You have been so much a part of this Association and your work for the IPAA in Kansas and elsewhere has been so persistent that you would be sorely missed if you did not continue with us. We will send you a memo for this account on July 1, as indicated.

Because you know the early history of the struggles of the Association, you will be interested to know that we now have a membership of approximately 6,000, representing forty-three states and that in spite of mergers, sell-outs, men going to the army, and the usual casualties among independents in the petroleum industry, we will show a gain in membership again this year.

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Directors of the Association will be held in St. Louis on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. As guest speakers at that Meeting, we will have Congressman Walter C. Ploeser of the Patman Committee in Washington, Congressman Clarence F. Lea of the Lea Committee also in Washington, and Senator E. H. Moore from Oklahoma. I wish you could come to the Meeting and again mingle with the group. You will receive within a day or two a story on this Meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. E. Buchner, Executive Manager

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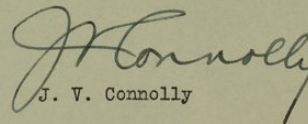
Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have been so much impressed by the enclosed article by Erich Brandeis, that I had it reprinted for framing and I am sending it to you with my compliments. This is one of his daily newspaper columns entitled "Looking at Life".

By the way, I think that this particular piece should have wide distribution. You have our permission, therefore, to re-print it without any obligation other than to give proper credit to the author and the syndicate.

If you do reprint it I shall greatly appreciate a clipping.

Very sincerely yours,



J. V. Connolly

Rolla Clymer correspondence

EDWARD L. GEYMANN
LITTLE RIVER, KANSAS

May 3, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have held up answering your recent letter pending definite information concerning the change here. My successor will take over here on May 15 and I will be in E. Dorado on Monday, May 17.

Would like to call on you this day if convenient with you.

Sincerely,

E. L. Geymann



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1337 CONNECTICUT AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 3, 1943

Dear Mr. Editor:

Here is the first edition of a new Republican clippingsheet.

You and I know there are as many ideas on putting out a clippingsheet as there are publicity men and editors. And we appreciate that the editor knows better than we possibly can the type of material he would like to receive from us during the coming important political year.

Our approach to this whole job is that we do not want to be distant press agents dumping useless material on your desks, but that you are as much interested in the cause of breaking the Roosevelt-Hopkins-Frankfurter hold on the government as we are. We are all Americans together who dread the thought of perpetuating one man in the White House; and of seeing the continued mixing of politics with war administration.

James P. Selva, my assistant in charge of publicity, and I hope, therefore, that as we move along you will not hesitate to give us the benefit of your views, criticisms and comments. If you will tell us the kind of material you can best use - whether it is copy of the type of this sheet, cartoons, other illustrated material, mats, or whatnot - we will endeavor to gradually adjust to the majority needs.

So we invite your aid.

Won't you please, right at the start, advise us if you want this sheet continued to you and to whom it should be addressed.

And, forsooth, if it should fall into hands that do not want it, we would be glad to hear that for we have no desire to fill anyone's waste basket. And particularly not to waste paper at this time. The New Deal press agents can cover that part of the political field very adequately.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison E. Spangler.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 3, 1943

Meeting of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission was held on this date in the Commission's offices, State House Annex, at ten o'clock.

Members present: Richard W. Robbins, chairman, W. B. Harrison, vice-chairman, Deane E. Ackers, James D. Donovan, George E. Gano, A. V. Lundgren and H. E. Muchnic. Members absent: George K. Mackie, Jr., and H. E. Zoller.

Minutes of the meeting of March 29, were read and approved.

The Commission's expenditures for the period March 24, 1943, to April 30, 1943, totaling \$3,737.78, were approved upon motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Donovan.

Research Projects

Dean Jakosky reported to the Commission on the meeting of the technical advisory committee on April 28.

1. Fischer-Tropsch Process

Dean Jakosky reported that the technical advisory committee had considered the possibility of conducting research on the Fischer-Tropsch process of converting natural gas into petroleum. The committee recommended that the Kansas Industrial Development Commission should cooperate with the Bureau of Mines in developing this Fischer-Tropsch process. It was pointed out that the Bureau of Mines has spent a great deal of money already on this process and that by cooperating with them we will be able to get the benefits of their research as well as eliminate duplication of effort. It is the opinion of the technical committee that petroleum will eventually be made from natural gas and when this time arrives it will be to the advantage of Kansas to have full knowledge of the techniques of producing petroleum from Kansas natural gas.

It was moved by Mr. Ackers and seconded by Mr. Muchnic and carried unanimously that the Commission appropriate \$25,000 for research on the Fischer-Tropsch process on the condition that satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Bureau of Mines whereby in return for our research we shall be able to receive full information from the Bureau of Mines concerning research conducted by them on this process.

In this connection, the Commission authorized Dean Jakosky, Dr. Brewster and Mr. Koch to go to Pittsburgh, Pa., and confer with the staff of the Bureau of Mines and work out the details whereby we may be able to cooperate with them on research involving the Fischer-Tropsch process.

Mr. Price reported the Buyers' Guide is now on the press and 5,000 copies will be printed at an estimated cost of \$200 to \$2,000.

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2. Starch from Grain Sorghums

This project will be presented to the Commission in detail by Dr. King and Dr. Greene at the June meeting. resolve a salary of

3. Chlorination of Petroleum

It was moved by Mr. Lundgren, seconded by Mr. Harrison and agreed Dean Jakosky pointed out that the cost of electric power would appear to make it uneconomical to produce the required chlorine necessary for the development of an industry here in Kansas even though the research as proposed by Dr. Brewster proves successful. It was, therefore, moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Lundgren, and carried unanimously that this chlorination project should be tabled for the time being and that the salaries of the staff hired by the University of Kansas to carry out this project be paid by the Commission, as this staff will be needed in the development of the Fischer-Tropsch project.

4. Acetylene Project

Mr. Price was instructed to ask Dr. Heckert to send further information concerning this project, setting forth the objectives and possibilities of developing an industry in Kansas as a result of this process.

5. Wheat and Milling Projects

Mr. Price was instructed to ask Dean Call and Dr. Bayfield to present in person these projects before the Commission at its next meeting.

6. Kansas Wheat Improvement Association

It was moved by Mr. Lundgren and seconded by Mr. Harrison and carried unanimously that the Commission appropriate \$1,000 to the Kansas Wheat Improvement Association to be paid to the Association after July 1, 1943.

Publicity.

It was moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Commission expend up to \$4,000 in the publication of a new booklet which would present the key Kansas industries.

The Commission also recommended that a map be prepared showing the transportation facilities and the key industries of the state. This map would be on a scale similar to the mineral resources map prepared by the State Geological Survey.

Mr. Price reported the Buyers' Guide is now on the press and 5,000 copies will be printed at an estimated cost of \$900 to \$1,000.

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Staff

The Commission recommended that Miss Vera Olsen receive a salary of \$133.50 a month as of May 1.

It was moved by Mr. Lundgren, seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed unanimously that Mr. Price's salary be \$400 a month as of May 1.

The meeting adjourned to the Jayhawk Hotel for lunch where Mr. Byron Gray gave the Commission a detailed report of the hearing conducted before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the adjustment of the freight rate schedule. Mr. Gray predicted that a final decision on this matter should be ready by January and that a favorable decision for Kansas was very hopeful.

JFP:bd



C O P Y

James F. Price, Jr.

630 Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Am having a conference this evening with General
General's office on the hospital subject. May 4, 1943.

Am working with the WPA on the fifteen PB-1A and one PB-1B covering
equipment for the research project at E. U. All 16 have been approved
in the Research Division and in the Construction and Building Bureau.
Mr. James F. Price, Secretary-Director of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission applications.
Topeka, Kansas.

Am still working with the Small Bay Plastics Corporation on the Jess
Dear Jim: Claude Public Service Corporation. We have encountered a
number of difficulties on this project but it begins to look favorable.
Last week was too busy to write you. Monday left for New York,
spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in New York attending the
U. S. Chamber of Commerce Conference. This was a worthwhile
conference. Jess Denious did not get elected but a lot of progress
was made for next year. He established later on and then our decisions
will be more favorable.

Tried to contact Arch Booth but never did get in touch with him.
Called his hotel several times and left notes for him but no
response.

/s/ S. E. Rhoads

Jess Denious, Claude Cave and Mark Drehmer came to Washington
from New York and worked with them here Friday and Saturday in
placing them in contact with people they wanted to see. Jess
and Claude left Sunday morning and Mark left Monday evening.

A representative of the Aluminum Company left last week, while I
was in New York, to make inspections of probable locations in
the west and south and was in Kansas Thursday, Friday and Saturday
and is now in the south and will return here Friday. Did not get
all the towns inspected that I wanted inspected as some of them
did not have the power available necessary for an extrusion plant.

The Helium plant at Cunningham is making rapid progress and the
contract for construction of the plant is now ready for signature.
Announcement will be made in the near future.

The Navy advised me that nearly all arrangements are complete for
a base at Olathe to cost four million dollars. This project has
been in and out for the past several months but now it looks like
it will be built.

In conference yesterday with General Hines of the Veterans Administra-
tion he states the policy on hospitals will be to expand existing
facilities rather than build new ones. There may be some exceptions
made where existing facilities will not lend themselves to expansion.

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James F. Price, #2.

Am having a conference this evening with Col. Hall from the Surgeon General's office on the hospital subject.

Am working with the WFB on the fifteen PD-1A and one PD-620 covering equipment for the research project at K. U. All 16 have been approved in the Research Division and in the Construction and Utilities Bureau. They are now scattered out in the different sections handling the equipment called for in the different PD applications.

Am still working with the Small War Plants Corporation on the loan for the Oklahoma Public Service Corporation. We have encountered a number of difficulties on this project but it begins to look favorable for action.

The modification plants for Kansas do not look very encouraging as the operators like to have them right next to their assembly plants. Some smaller units may be established later on and then our locations will be more favorable.

Yours very truly,

/s/ R. H. Rhoads

R. H. Rhoads
Washington Representative