

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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The Evening Bulletin

FILBERT AND JUNIPER STREETS
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ROBERT MCLEAN

July 17, 1943.

R. A. Clymer, Editor & Manager,
EL DORADO TIMES,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have read with keen interest your thoughtful and able affidavit submitted in the Associated Press case through Mr. Robert Neill as counsel.

It is a fine addition to the evidence in this case. The defendants, and this of course includes all of the members of The Associated Press, are indebted to you for your interest and for the time and energy which you devoted to its preparation.

Lawyers and newspapermen who attended the hearing in New York on the Government's motion for summary judgment commented on the thoroughness and ability with which the case for The Associated Press was presented.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert McLean

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Eldorado, Kansas.
July 17, 1943.

R.
Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Gentleman;-

I am interested in your Ad in the Eldorado Times for a bookkeeper but as this is a blind Ad, I am unable to answer it properly. If you care to reply to this kind of an answer, I would be glad to give you an interview.

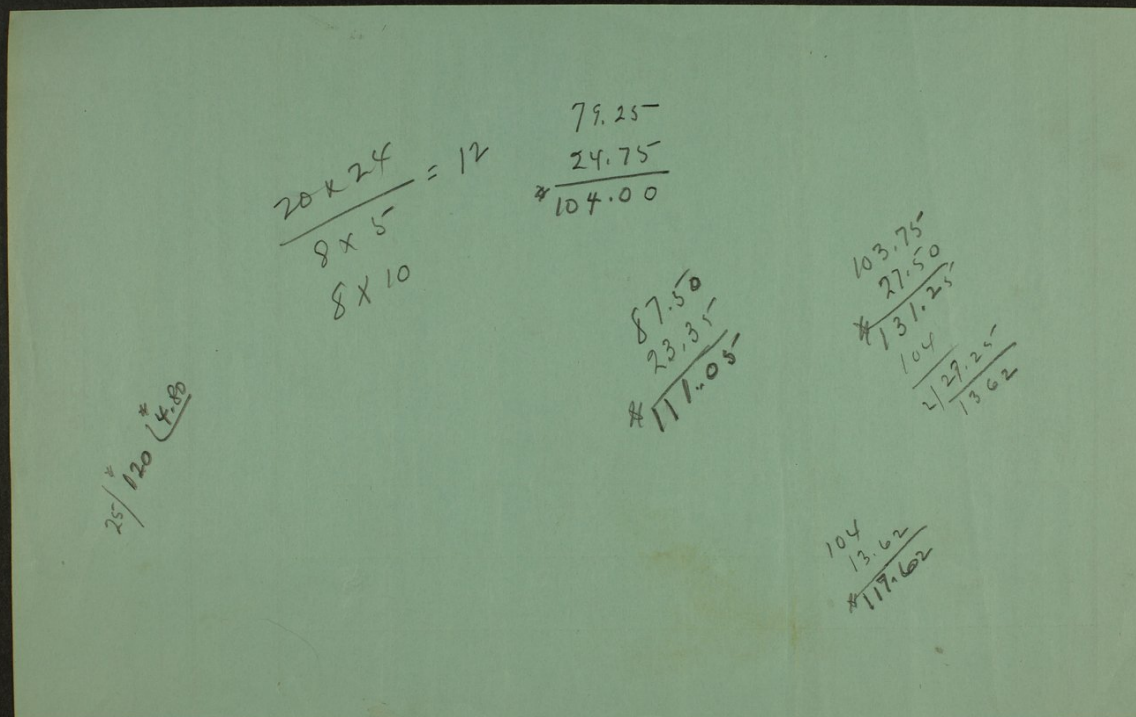
Thanking you. I am

Sincerely,

Box 7.

Eldorado, Kans.

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MAPLE
WICHITA, KANSAS

July 18, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The mortgage and note which you have on this equipment here in my plant has expired several months back and it has been a number of months since I have cast any type for your shop.

I have been wondering if we could make some kind of a cash settlement of this thing and get it over with. So far we have traded around \$250.00 worth of type and material and I have been able to use only the mats. I tore down the keyboard to fix it up and use it and found that it would take too much to repair it so haven't used the keyboard and the caster has been stripped down to cast rule only ~~as~~ I originally planned and so far I haven't been able to get much out of it. In fact I haven't tried it in the last four or five months but have been buying my material.

I have a place where I can borrow \$200.00 and if you want to take that in payment of the equipment and call it square ~~I~~ can borrow that money within two or three days notice. The composition matrices are the only one that have been used to any advantage and many of them, as you know, were in too bad shape to ever use. The display matrices that I tried to sell have never found a buyer. I have listed them with several firms and tried to sell to a printing plant but to no avail. I hate to have this kind of thing come up but it doesn't seem that your plant over there will ever need the type that was originally planned when we renewed the mortgage and ~~Neutman~~ ^{with} gone to the army.

Please do not think that I am trying to put over anything on you and the equipment can be inspected any time here in my plant. We are busy but as with everyone else, NO Help.

MONOTYPE COMPOSITION
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I have one man in the Navy and one in the Army and my wife and I are carrying on. May I hear from you soon and I would like to make some kind of disposition of this equipment as the mortgage has expired and the chance to borrow this money won't be open very long.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin S. Edwards

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

520 North Emporia,
El Dorado, Kansas.
July 18, 1943.

R, 70 The Times,
City.

Dear Sir:

In response to your ad in the Times, I apply for the opening with your organization as book keeper and collector.

I kept a complete set of books for R. J. Wixson, Drilling Contractor, for a period of seven years and voluntarily left his employ to enter the employ of Beech Aircraft Corp. on Jan 14th of this year. My experience as a collector is not as broad. However, I had several months experience along that line with the National Supply Co. in Tampico, Mexico. However, to be a good collector, one must use his head and a considerable amount of tact.

My present work in the Beech plant is very interesting and I have advanced to a position entailing greater responsibility. The only drawback is the problem of transportation to and from the plant.

However, I would not care to leave the Beech organization for a position at a minimum wage or entailing very little responsibility or accounting experience.

I trust your offer is for a real job and that we may go into the matter further.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Ball,

Phone 1612-J



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Zone 2



July 19, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Have for acknowledgment your letter of July 16th.

There is not very much I can add to my previous letter, dated July 1st, except, as you know, the Advisory Committee's recommendations have been accepted and put into full force and effect, at the same time being made retro-active to July 1st.

It will be impossible for us to make any change in your allocation, but, as previously indicated, we are hoping that the new Limitation Order will back up sufficient tonnage from the larger units so that we can take care of the allowable consumption of the smaller papers.

As you have undoubtedly noted, the pulpwood situation, which really is the crux of the thing, is extremely acute and progressively gets worse; however, just as soon as your inventory allows you to place an order for another carload of paper you should do so and we will do our utmost to take care of your requirements.

Yours very truly,

C. T. McMurray

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

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 19, 1943

Mr. J. E. Bowes,
Skelly Oil Company,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bowes:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of July 16. I intend to be in Kansas City next Saturday and will run the chance of seeing you then. If not, I shall take up the matter of the steering wheel hangers with Tom Mannion when he is in El Dorado.

As to the 8x5-inch grease master cards, we have the form up. But we feel the price of \$67.50 for 25,000 of the cards is entirely too low, considering unavoidable costs. We shall be pleased to have this job for \$117.50 for the 25,000 run but will not be able to handle it at a lower price. Proof of form and a sample of the stock we propose to use is herewith enclosed.

Trusting you will realize the full necessity of why we cannot handle this work at the old figure and that we may be accorded the order for the amount named, we are

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

July 19, 1943

Mr. Benjamin S. Edwards,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Edwards:-

I expect to be in Wichita within the next week or two and will call at your place and talk over the matter which you have broached in your letter. I believe it will be well to settle our deal outright, if we can arrive at an agreement, and I am sure we can. I suppose that I can find you in at any time during regular business hours. If not, please let me know what time of day will be most convenient for you.

Very truly yours,



July 19, 1943

Box 7,

El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your reply addressed to R., c/o
The Times, and will be pleased to grant you an interview
at any time regarding the vacancy of bookkeeper in our
organization.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

LAW OFFICES OF
W. H. COUTTS, JR.
CITIZENS STATE BANK BUILDING
EL DORADO, KANSAS

July 20, 1913

Criger Realty Company
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: 2800 acres Ranch
Shannon County, Missouri

Our time is such that we find it impossible to operate the above property, and we are contemplating the sale of the same. The Ranch is incorporated, and the corporation has been kept in existence. It is, therefore, quite possible that if the project is too large for one investor to handle it could be sold to a number of investors, and the shares of stock prorated accordingly.

We have never advertised the Ranch for sale, and have only this day decided to make an effort to sell it for the reason set out above.

If you are in a position to give this matter your vigorous attention, please advise me what you will require in the way of a description; also, what commission you would expect.

Very truly yours,

WHC:FC

W. H. COUTTS, JR.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

LAW OFFICES OF
W. H. COUTTS, JR.
CITIZENS STATE BANK BUILDING
EL DORADO, KANSAS

July 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Duvall:

As in accordance with your recent letter I am enclosing to you herewith Mr. Clymer's check in the sum of \$65.02, and my check in the sum of \$65.01, making a total of \$130.03, representing payment of all of the interest to date, plus the principal payment of \$250.00.

These checks are both good, and it should not be necessary for you to wait until they clear the bank as you will be safe in proceeding immediately.

I am also enclosing to you the 1943 tax return; also, stock tax return, properly filled out and notarized.

As I explained over the telephone due to war conditions and the distance this ranch is from here it is impossible for us to operate the same, and therefore, any possible source of revenue has been cut out entirely. I am going to ask one favor from you. Please be patient with us as to the payment of the taxes. We will get to them just as soon as we can, and will, of course, pay the penalty interest. Both Mr. Clymer and myself have our own particular business problems, and I trust that you will give my request your consideration.

Thanking you for all past favors, and with best personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

WHC:FC

W. H. COUTTS, JR.

Enc. R. A. Clymer Check \$65.02
W. H. Coutts, Jr. Check \$65.01
Tax reports



THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. L. WHITE, PUBLISHER
EMPORIA, KANSAS

Estes Park, Colorado
July 20, 1943

Dear Rolla:

Don't you let that parrot with the broken pinion bother you. You haven't been winged and nothing will wing you if you have got the inner conflict settled, whatever it is, which urges you to seek unreality because you cannot face reality. A man seeks the escape of booze because he cannot stand himself, and the reason he cannot stand himself is that he is doing something he knows is cruel, unfair, or unjust to somebody or to himself.

~~Choke~~ ^{Choke} that devil and you are all right, but until that ghost is laid, you will always be tempted to get away from him for a few hours by escape into unreality.

Affectionately yours,

W. A. White

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

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WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

1406 Union National Bank Building
Wichita 2, Kansas

July 21, 1943

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer:

Supplementing our appeal earlier this year for oil field scrap we would like to ask that you have your properties searched for waste manila rope.

There is an extraordinary demand for manila fibre for war purposes and an extremely critical shortage due to the loss of Phillippine imports.

While we realize there is not a great amount of manila rope being used in the oil fields since rotary equipment has more or less supplanted cable tools, at the same time you will undoubtedly find some waste rope. We are urged by the War Production Board to get it in regardless of how small a quantity.

Please look into this as soon as possible and get your waste rope to the nearest authorized salvage dealer, or consult your county chairman regarding disposition of it.

Maybe you have another load of accumulated scrap metals by this time that you can turn in along with your waste rope. Remember, we must not relax our efforts to supply the government with these salvage materials until the war is won.

Sincerely yours,

E. B. Shawver
President, Kansas Independent
Oil and Gas Association.

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Zone 2



July 22, 1943

TO OUR PUBLISHER CONTRACT CUSTOMERS:

It is important that the tonnage required by each of our customers be in our hands prior to the 15th of the month for newsprint needed for the following month.

We must send to the Canadian Newsprint Administrator by the 20th of each month our actual orders for the following month. No estimates for shipments in any given month may be included in our order report.

The War Production Board (Printing and Publishing Division) recently released amendments to its Limitation Order L-240, effective July 5th and 14th. Our interpretation of the principal items of these amendments is:

- (1) that newspaper publishers are required to make a cut of their consumption during the third quarter of 1943 ranging up to 5%, the full 5% cut to apply only to publishers using more than 500 tons of newsprint per quarter.
- (2) that on and after August 1 acceptance of delivery of newsprint in any one month is restricted to one-third of a publisher's quarterly consumption quota.
- (3) that publishers' inventories (including newsprint in transit) are to be limited to 50-days' supply, except in the Pacific and Southern States where 75-days' supply will be permitted.

You have shown your desire to cooperate with us in the past but we now ask for closer cooperation in the future, as failure on your part might jeopardize our ability to deliver; therefore, will you please set up your records so we will be sure to have your requirements in our office by the 15th of the month for newsprint required the following month.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Furlong
L. A. Furlong

Director Publisher Sales

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

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LAW OFFICES OF
W. H. COUTTS, JR.
CITIZENS STATE BANK BUILDING
EL DORADO, KANSAS

July 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Duvall:

In accordance with your letter received, I enclose to you herewith my personal check in the sum of \$1.25, to reimburse you for the payment made to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

Very truly yours,

WHC:PC

W. H. COUTTS, JR.

Enc. Ch. \$1.25

Rolla:

Long distance telephone call to Duvall 6/30/43 \$1.50
Collector of Internal Revenue 1.25
One half - \$1.37

Please return Mr. Duvall's letter -

Thanks

H.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 24, 1943

PROGRESS REPORT

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

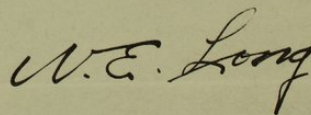
From Monday morning to Friday, I spent in the central part of the state--Junction City, Wichita, El Dorado and Hutchinson. Both the weather and the people whom I met gave me a warm reception.

Friday, July 23, there was an all-day meeting in this office on the industrial brochure. In addition to our office personnel, we had present Hon. J. C. Denious; Sam Wilson, of the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce; George B. Weeks, of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce; Ray T. Willette, of the Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce; R. T. Aitchison, of the McCormick-Armstrong Company, Wichita; and P. E. Taylor, of the Santa Fe. Invited but unable to come were Roy Bailey, of Salina, and Charles Sweet, of the Capper Publications. The brochure dummy will not be presented at the August meeting for approval.

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

William E. Long
Secretary-Director



WEL:bd

Further details concerning any of these activities will be furnished upon request.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 26, 1943

Cong. E. H. Rees,
Emporia, Kansas

My Dear Ed:-

I wonder if you could arrange to speak to our Rotary Club any Wednesday noon that might suit you during August. You will be wanting to visit El Dorado during your stay home, we will like to have you and this will be an excellent way in which to meet a lot of friends at one swoop. Of course, your talk would be non-political before this group but I know you have many matters of moment to discuss in which all would be interested. If you can come Wednesday, August 4, or any Wednesday during the month thereafter, it will be a ~~privilege~~ to us to have you. Your talk can be as informal as you want to make it over about thirty minutes. I am anxious to see you and hope you can arrange to be with us. Please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

LAW OFFICE
ROBT. T. NEILL
SUITE 509 MCBURNETT BUILDING
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

July 26, 1943

Mr. R. A. Clymer
c/o The Eldorado Times
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have been home only a week. There was not time to write you from New York as to the hearing on the Government's Motion for Summary Judgment.

It seemed to me that the three judges constituting the Court were most interested in (1) that by buying an AP paper an unworthy person could acquire a membership; and (2) that an existing newspaper might take all three services and sew up the field.

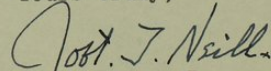
I am inclined to believe that the Motion will be overruled - at least in its main particulars.

If it is, we should reform our line of defense by laying more stress on the importance of this suit to the "Smaller Members" and by militantly asserting the value of cooperation rather than by further crying down the merits of AP.

I am grateful for the assistance that you rendered me. Please keep in touch with the Kansas members. I will need the influence of all of them.

Let me hear from you.

Yours truly,



ROBT. T. NEILL,
Attorney for Committee of
Smaller Members.

RTN:OL

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KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
WILLIAM E. LONG, SECRETARY-DIRECTOR
TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 26, 1943

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

Dear Rolla:

I have heard it stated that one must be careful what one says in general conversation with newspaper men. I guess that's true because I only had in mind general conversation about painters, carpenters, electricians, etc., being at our place so long and was surprised to note something in your fine paper about it. It's okay with me---I don't care one way or another, but by golly I expect to get rid of the whole batch this week and that will be something.

Incidentally, Rolla, at Berenice's suggestion my wife started a clipping business, that is a little scrap book for me. If you happen to have two copies each of your papers dated July 23, and the two announcing our luncheon meeting out there and the one following, in which you gave a report of the meeting, I will appreciate it if you will put them in the mail sending them to my house at RFD 8.

I enjoyed spending the few hours with you and hope to be better acquainted with your town because I was very much impressed with the aggressiveness shown by the people with whom I talked.

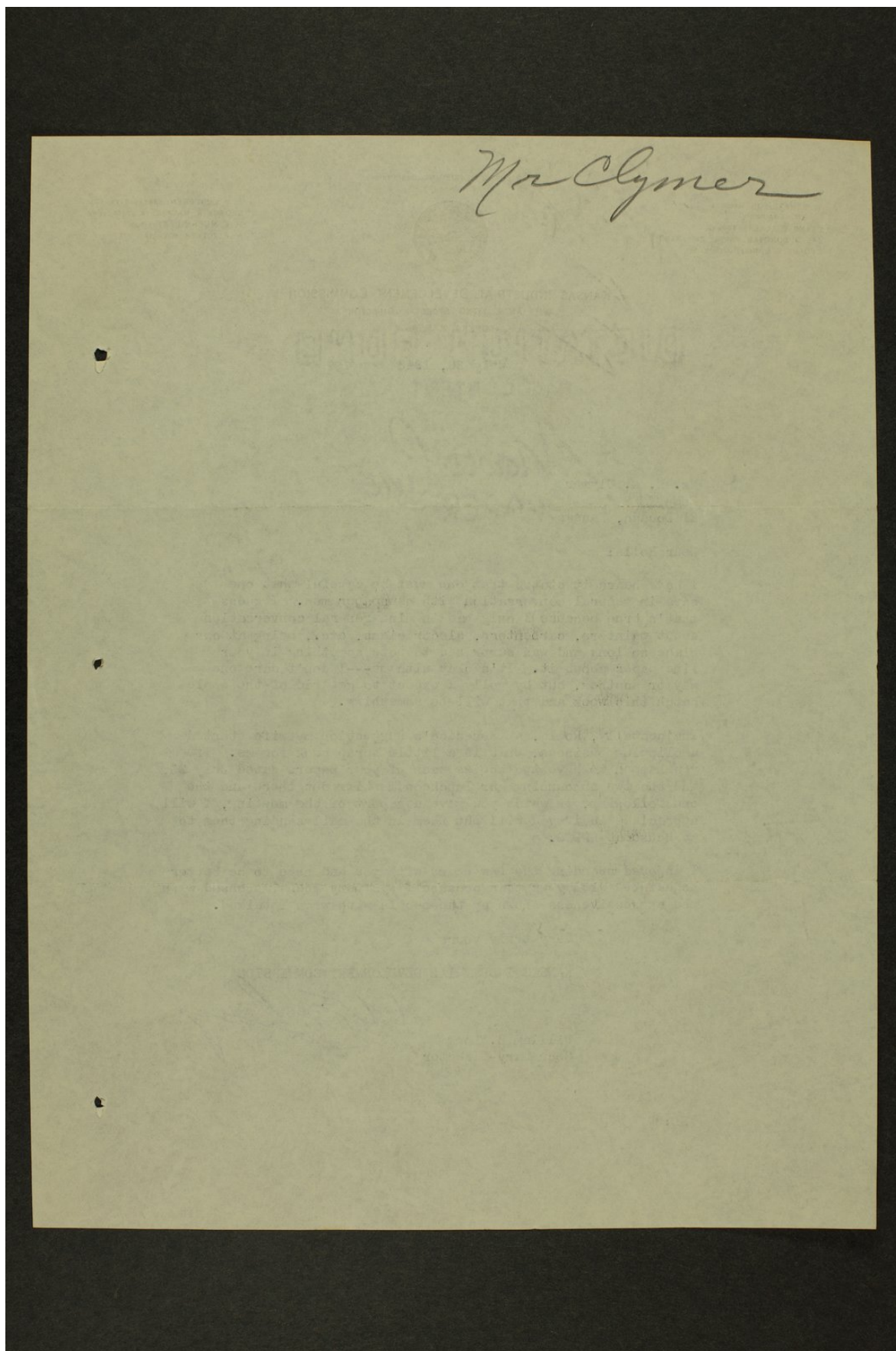
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KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

William E. Long
Secretary-Director

W.E. Long

WEL:bd



Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 26, 1943

Mr. William E. Long, Secretary-Director
Kansas Industrial Development Commission,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Long:-

I have been thinking over your proposal that the Commission issue a series of news releases on industrial subjects for Kansas newspapers. While I approved your idea at the time, and still think it is a good one for more normal times, I am now doubtful that it would occasion the response you wish under present conditions. Most newspapers are crowded for space and are forced to run "tight" editions because of the curtailment of newsprint. Current news, now swollen by the war, and established features would generally take priority over contributions such as you suggest--no matter how attractively they might be prepared or how worthy they might be. I note many editorial complaints over the continuing volume of voluntarily submitted government releases, almost all of which goes promptly into the wastebasket. Before you complete your plans, I thought you should know of this aspect of the matter.

The Clay Center Dispatch recently carried an excellent article about the Commission, which I intend to republish.

Sincerely yours,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

EDWARD H. REES
4TH DIST. KANSAS

COMMITTEES:
CIVIL SERVICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.
July 27, 1943

Dear Rolla:

I appreciate your invitation to talk to your Rotary Club on a Wednesday noon.

All of my time for next week has been scheduled or taken up in one way or another. I shall be glad to come during the following week. It happens that I also have a letter from L. J. Bond of El Dorado inviting me to speak before the Kiwanis Club. I talked with Mr. Bond over the telephone today. I told him about your invitation. He said he would get in touch with you and, if possible, work out a joint meeting of both organizations. If that could be done, it would certainly be helpful to me. I would like to address both groups if there is any way by which it can be done. I could, of course, stay over but would rather work it out some other way.

Thanking you for your many kind favors, and with kind wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours

Edw. H. Rees

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



NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

REGION VII
1100 Fidelity Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 27, 1943

Times Publishing Co.
118 East Central
Eldorado, Kansas

Re: NWLB Form 10
Docket 7-5027

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that your application for voluntary wage and salary adjustment has been transmitted to the Newspaper Panel for their review and ruling.

All communication concerning subject application should be addressed to:

Robert K. Burns, Chairman
Newspaper and Publishing
Advisory Panel
Room 553 - 222 W. Adams
Chicago, Illinois

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

By M. R. Waddell
M. R. Waddell, Chief of
Reports and Controls



cc: Eldorado Typographical
Union, Local 798

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

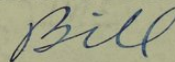
Dear Rolla:

Thanks for your letter of July 26, in connection with the newspaper releases which we discussed.

I think you have a very good point there and something which I wouldn't have thought of. Therefore, at least for the present I shall consider the matter dead.

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



William E. Long
Secretary-Director

WEL:bd



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July 27, 1943

Mr. W. A. White,
Estes Park, Colo.

Dear Father White:-

I have the booze thing utterly whipped. There is no doubt in my mind about it. I wouldn't go back to what I was for anything in the world--and none of fortune's flings could drive me there. While I am not exactly happy or contented, I have ceased feeling sorry for myself and have resolved to take the bitter with the sweet from here on out. All I meant about the buzzard with a busted flipper was that I have a past which may well rise up to smite me, giving my enemies a chance to call me Keeley Cure Clymer and other choice terms. I hope I can take it all--and believe I can, just as I have kicked John Barleycorn in the slats forevermore. I may not be much shakes in the years to come but, at least, I can play a reasonably clear fiddle and perhaps be of sufficient usefulness to atone for my past shame and weakness.

Your interest and help is most precious to me, and I am deeply cherishing both of your recent letters.

Sincerely,



July 27, 1943

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Howard:-

I am wondering if it is not about time
to have another board meeting. This can be arranged
any time to suit your convenience.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICES OF
BROOKS & FLEESON

C. H. BROOKS
HOWARD T. FLEESON
WAYNE COULSON
PAUL R. KITCH

801 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

Zone 2,
July 28, 1943.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
El Dorado,
Kansas.

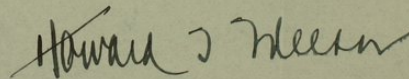
Dear Rolla:

I am going on my vacation some time around the first of August, so that if it is just as convenient to you we can meet some time around the 15th.

Is there anything that you have particularly in mind? If it is merely the declaration of a dividend, which I fondly hope, if you would send me a statement I could give you my ideas, particularly after some suggestion from you. If there is any other matter that is troubling, however, I shall be very glad to make a trip to El Dorado.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,



HTF/h

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 29, 1943

Mr. C. L. Criger, Manager
Criger Realty Company
915 Grand Ave.
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Criger:

Your letter of July 22nd, received today in reference to the ranch in Shannon County, Missouri, owned by Mr. Clymer and myself.

I discussed your letter with Mr. Clymer today, and although we would be happy for you handle this matter, we would not care to enter into an exclusive contract for the sale of the same. I will say to you, frankly, however, that you are the first agent we have talked to, and knowing you personally and something of your ability in handling transactions of this nature, I desired to present the matter to you first.

I wish that you would advise me by early mail if you care to accept the listing upon this basis, and if so, I will furnish you full information and details. It is our belief, from an investor's standpoint, this ranch should turn rather rapidly.

Very truly yours,

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W. H. COUTTS, JR.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 30, 1943

Mr. Howard Fleeson,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Howard:-

I had intended to be in Wichita one day this week and to drop in and see you, but the virulent summer flu bug hit me and all but knocked me out. If possible, I shall be over there the forepart of next week and will call your office, though you may be gone on your vacation by then.

I have paid another thousand on the debt, bringing the total down to \$4,500. I think we still have cash enough on hand to be able to pay another dividend of 2 or 3 per cent. Our business has been badly spotted for the past two months and our earnings are off but we may do better with the beginning of fall. My bookkeeper is going to have to quit because of family reasons and replacing her is a difficult task.

I think perhaps we should sell our Cities Service preferred stock which we have been carrying for a number of years, but that will have to be authorized by a board resolution and is a matter which needs discussion. Perhaps if you and I can get together shortly, we can decide enough details to which the others might give there approval that a formal meeting will be unnecessary. If I miss you next week, I shall hope to get into touch with you immediately upon your return.
Sincerely,