

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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August 13, 1943

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

Dear Sirs:- In compliance with your letter of August 6 and our telephone conversation of the same day, we are herewith placing our order for one 30-ton car of newsprint based on the following specifications:

Forty 17-inch rolls

Balance of car, 34-inch rolls

It is essential that these figures be followed closely in making up the car, in order to keep our stock in balance.

This car may be listed for shipment on, or about, September 25, 1943. We ask that you route it into El Dorado over Santa Fe railway lines.

Our allocation symbol is DP 17.10.

Please acknowledge receipt of this order and indicate when you can the possible date of shipment.

Thanking you for your interest in our behalf as to the all-vital matter of our newsprint supply,

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY



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PROGRESS REPORT

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Believing that it would be beneficial and that the expense would be very slight (no charge for the space), we have decided to have a booth at the Kansas Free Fair. This booth will be one of the very best ones in the Agricultural Building as far as location and space is concerned and we are in the process of working up details.

By the same kind of thinking, we are opposed to an exhibit at the State Fair at Hutchinson for considerable money would be involved. And, unless I am instructed to the contrary, we will not exhibit there due to the expense.

On Monday, the ninth, I gave a talk on the work of the Commission to the Topeka Kiwanis Club.

I wrote Fortune Magazine last week, endeavoring to interest them in a feature article on Kansas and have received a reply that the letter is being referred to the proper committee for consideration but that their schedules "are terribly overcrowded these days because of pressure of war activities and that it will be next to impossible to say when we can act on your suggestion." I believe we have the material for a good feature article if they will permit it.

We have heard that the Life magazine article on Kansas is in work but nothing further than that and do not know when it will be out.

Some time past, I received a tip that General Foods was considering a starch mill in the Mid-West. I thereupon wrote Ingleheart Brothers of Evansville, Indiana, a division of General Foods, who are working on the subject, sending a copy to Dr. King and telling General Foods about our work in this connection and Dr. King's position. Before we had an opportunity to do anything definite, we found that they had leased a very small mill in Missouri for one year, this mill to only grind the grain sorghum and reship the flour to Davenport, Iowa, which is the only starch processing plant they contemplate operating.

On Thursday, the twelfth, Charles Howes, Steve Smith (the photographer working on our moving picture revision) and I spent in Wichita, the photographer taking aviation and congested traffic pictures with Howes' assistance. We also delivered the brochure dummy to McCormick-Armstrong for preliminary artwork. I spent the day with Mr. Robbins as well as considerable time with Mr. Harrison on Commission affairs.

Very truly yours,

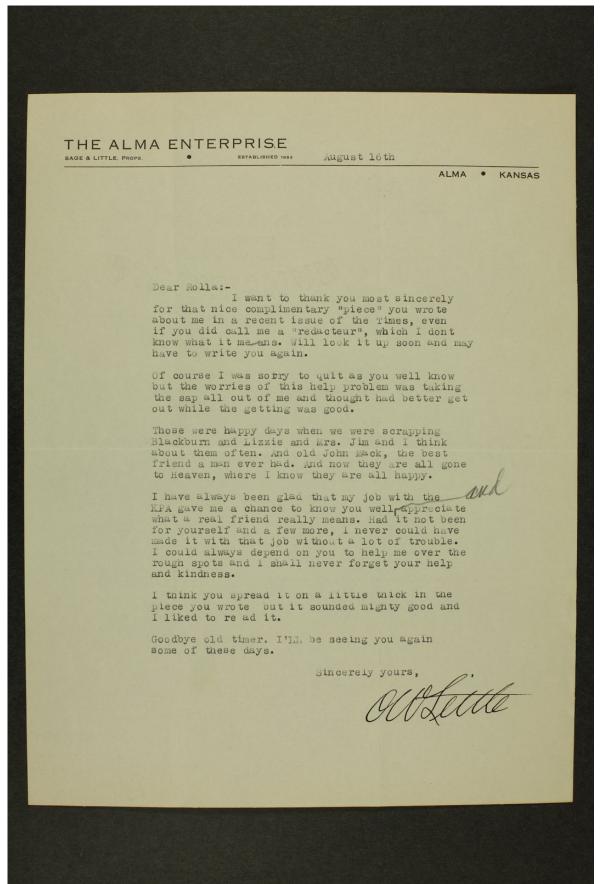
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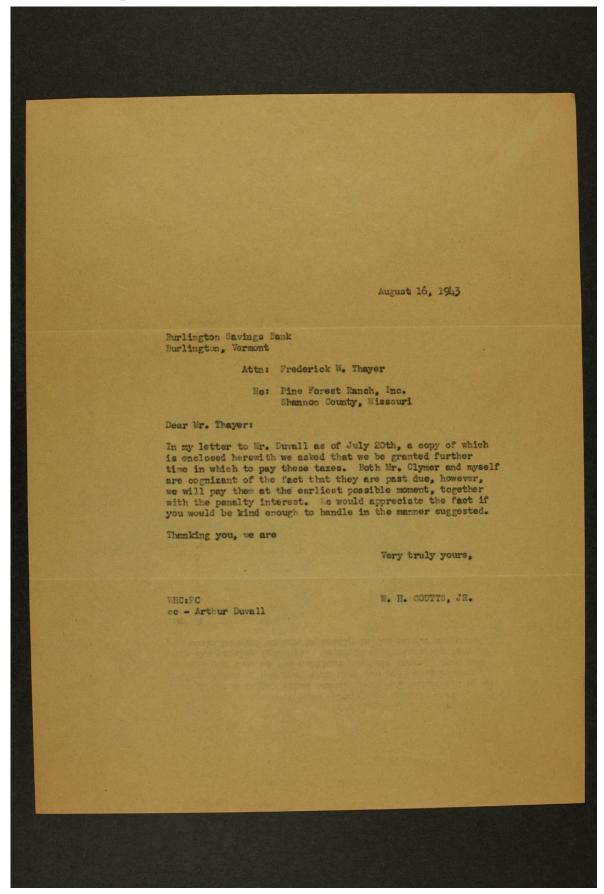
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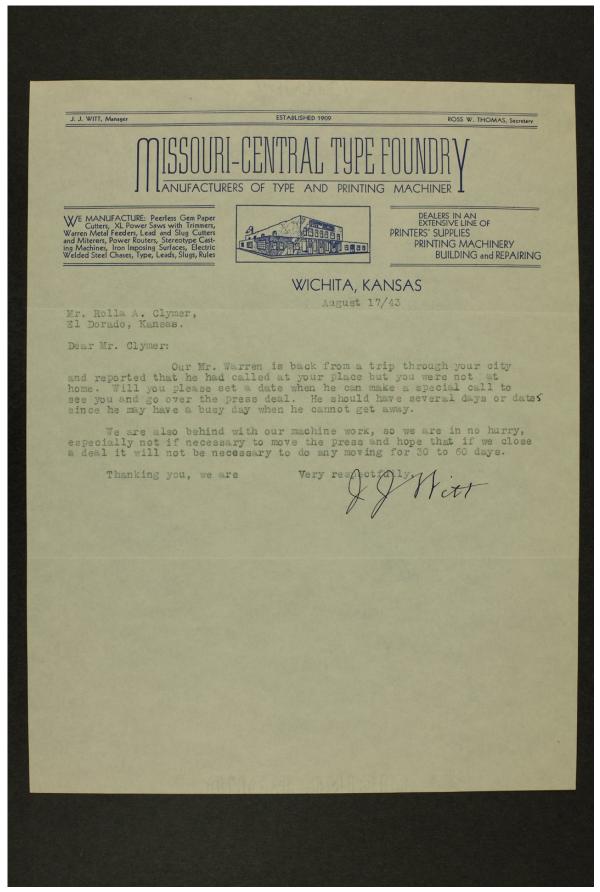
















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The Pittsburg Headlight

EVENINGS EXCEPT SUNDAY Established 1887

THEPITTSBURGSUN

MORNINGS EXCEPT MONDAY Established 1915

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas

Aug. 18, 1943

To Kansas Members of The Associated Press:

Undoubtedly you are familiar with the present status of the suit of the government against The Associated Press. I have a letter from Robert T. Neill, the attorney representing 793 of the smaller newspapers in the litigation. Mr. Neill believes that the government's motion for summary judgment will be overruled. In that event, he hopes to leave nothing undone in the way of effective presentation of the interests of the smaller newspapers at the trial.

I have been in communication with Mr. Neill throughout the year. I supplied him with some information which he sought, as others have done. I have a letter from him now saying that he would appreciate any assistance in the way of advice that the members can give him. Obviously, he cannot write to all of his 793 clients. So, following his suggestion, I am passing this request along to the Kansas members.

We are the fellows who are going to get hit the hardest if this lawsuit is lost. The smaller newspapers depend on the A.P. and would not have the resources to provide a suitable service as a substitute. Therefore, everyone of us should be deeply interested in giving every suggestion possible that will be helpful to him.

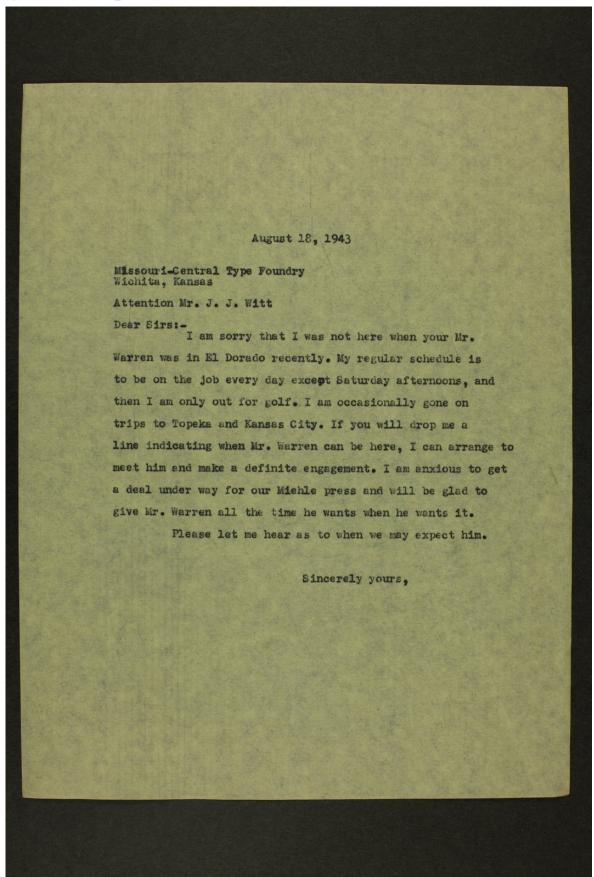
Incidents in which the A.P. renders invaluable service to the newspapers, incidents illustrating the manner in which the Kansas newspapers cooperate to provide news of the state, incidents showing how the A.P. service in our newspapers provides our communities news they would not otherwise obtain-these are among the things that will help Mr. Neill. I think that as Kansas publishers we should fully advise Mr. Neill as to what the A.P. means to us here in Kansas. here in Kansas.

You can send your letters directly to Mr. Neill whose address is Suite 509, McBurnett Bldg, San Angelo, Tex.

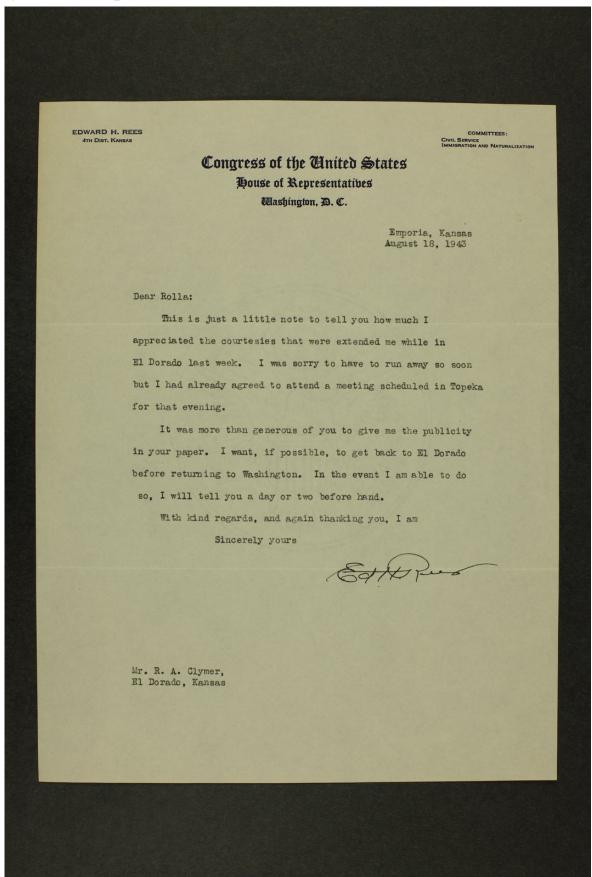
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F. W. BRINKERHOFF

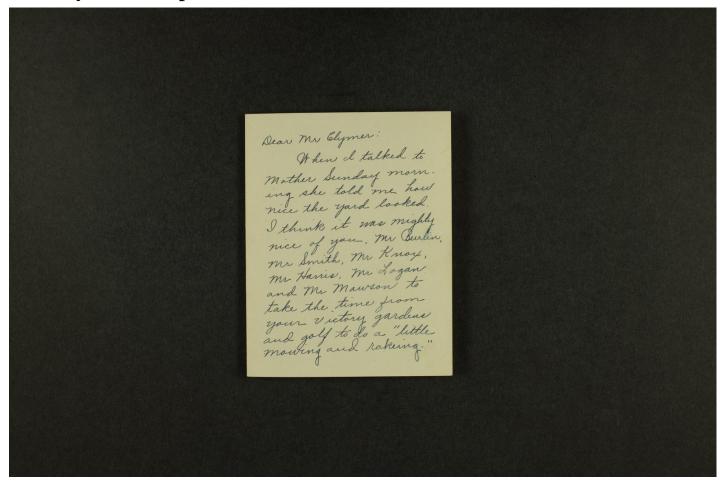




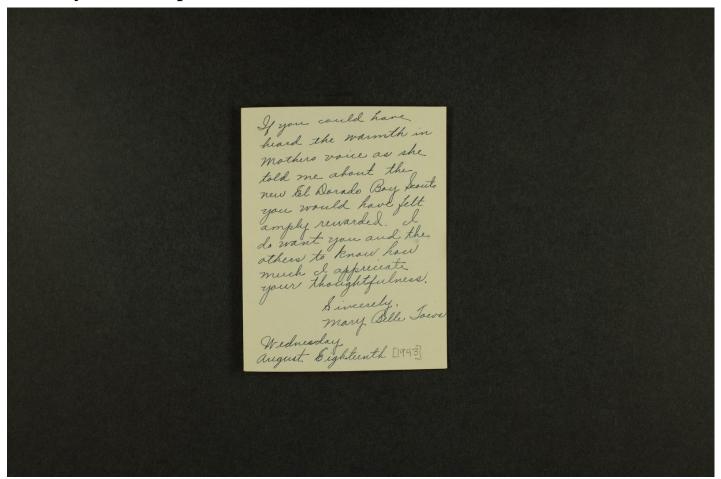


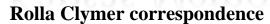














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Emporia, Kansas August 19, 1943

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have your letter with reference to the rationing of gasoline in the Midwestern states.

It seems to me there are two situations that should have been taken into consideration in connection with this matter. It is my opinion that we could have had a more adequate supply of gasoline if you, as administrator, had authorized an increase in the price of crude oil to the extent of at least 50¢ a barrel. Generally speaking, I am not in favor of higher prices during the war period. But I call your attention to the fact that crude oil is selling for 6% of parity, and the price of crude oil at present is not much different from what it was seven or eight years ago. I am informed that an increase of 50¢ per barrel would amount to not more than about 2¢ a gallon increase on the price of gasoline. This increase in price would encourage further explorations, and would help induce producers to increase their production. I called your attention to this matter several months ago. I also called it to the attention of other men in the Administration dealing with this question. It appears that you or others in the Administration feel that either some other method should be applied or that the country can get along with a continued shortage.

I realize there is a big demand and a great deal of pressure by those along the Atlantic seaboard for requiring the Midwest to be on the same basis as the East in the use of gasoline. It just seems to me that in arriving at the conclusions indicated in your letter, you should take into consideration the fact that the facilities for transportation in this part of the country are much different from those in the East. Furthermore, it is more of an agricultural district. People hive farther apart and the need for gasoline for transportation is much more acute than along the Atlantic seacoast. Certainly American citizens in the Midwest, as well as in the East, are anxious to provide every bit of gasoline that is required for the war effort but I regret that I am inclined to the conclusion that this matter has not been given the very fair consideration to which it is really entitled.

Sincerely

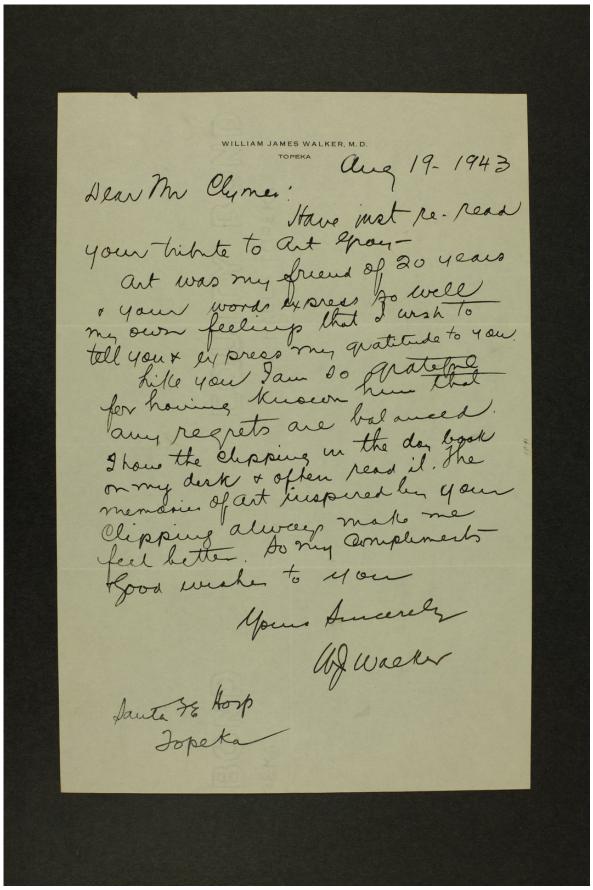
Edward H. Rees

Mr. Prentiss M. Brown Administrator Office of Price Administration Washington, D.C.

Dear Rokka: This is a copy of my reply to a letter from Mr. Prentiss Brown. I thought you might be interested in its contents.

Edeb. H. Rels







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August 20, 1943

PROGRESS REPORT

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

The 8,500 packs of postcards, which were not deemed fit for distribution to the armed forces, are being sent out this week to the school teachers of the state—that is, one pack to each teacher—with a letter urging the teacher to use them to promote the idea in the school room of Kansas' vast resources.

It seems in order that the lobbies of major hotels and railway stations in Kansas should have a mineral resources map. Certainly that applies to Topeka. We already have made the arrangements with the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific depots and the Jayhawk Hotel and still have the Rock Island and Kansan to go.

Fager and I spent Tuesday at Kansas University and believe that we accomplished considerable in working out definite procedures in getting the two research projects started.

Friday, the twentieth, I will spend in Manhattan meeting with the State Agricultural Planning Board.

Most of next week I will be out of the city, having been invited to attend the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Pratt, August 24, where they are to have a special function in connection with the opening of their oil field. The following day I will meet with the Pratt Post-War Planning Committee and with a similar committee in Great Bend. I also plan to visit Hutchinson and other towns in that vicinity.

We have been able to shift the salaries of Hays Miller and Frances Smith from our General Fund No. 1 to our Research Fund No. 2, which should help Fund No. 1 some. But I could not get the State Auditor's approval on charging any portion of rent or postage or other office personnel to the research fund.

Very truly yours,

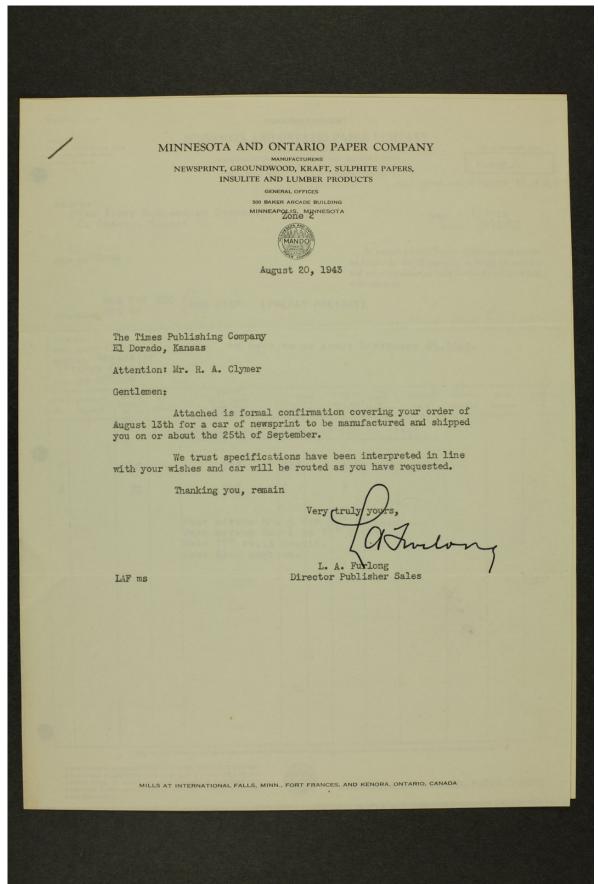
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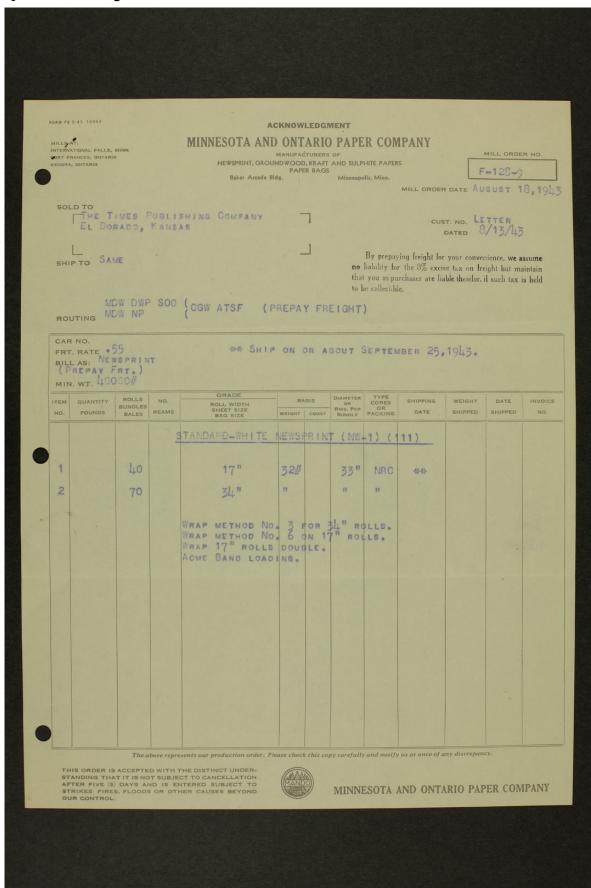
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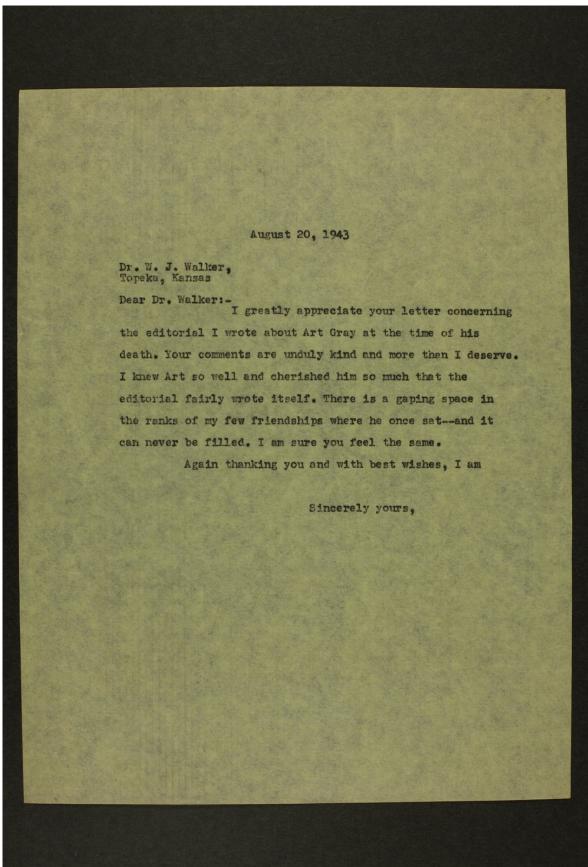




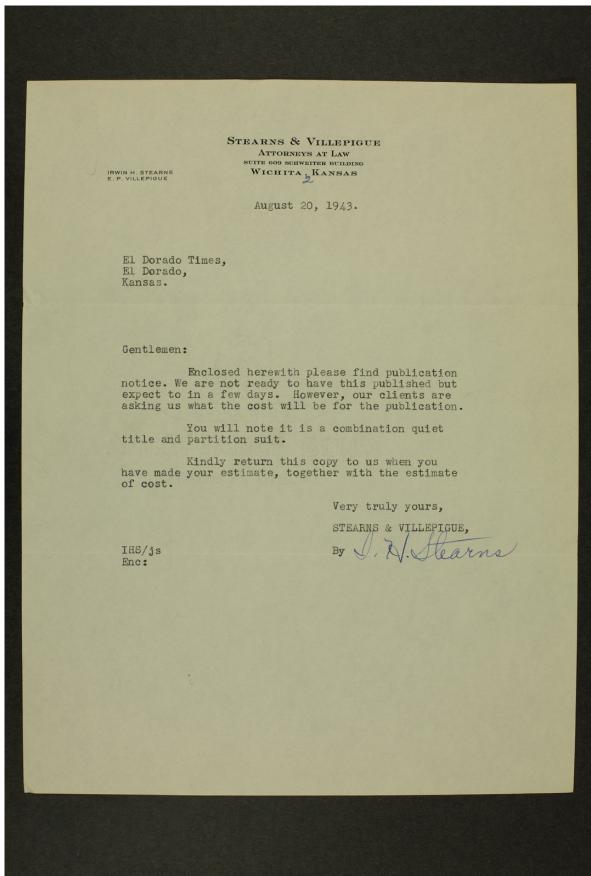




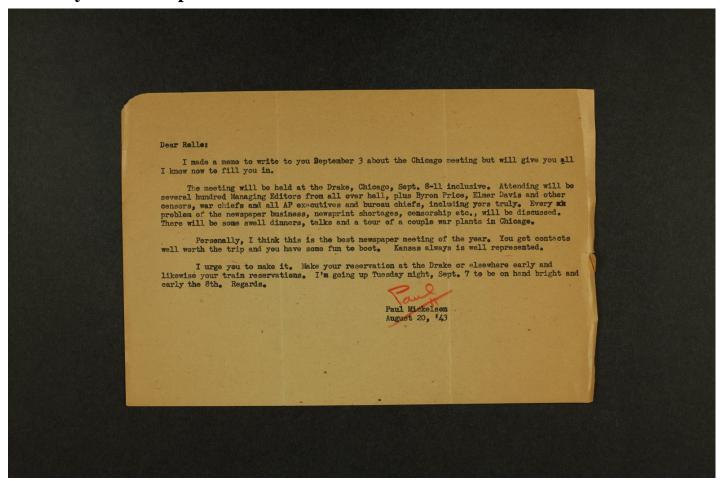




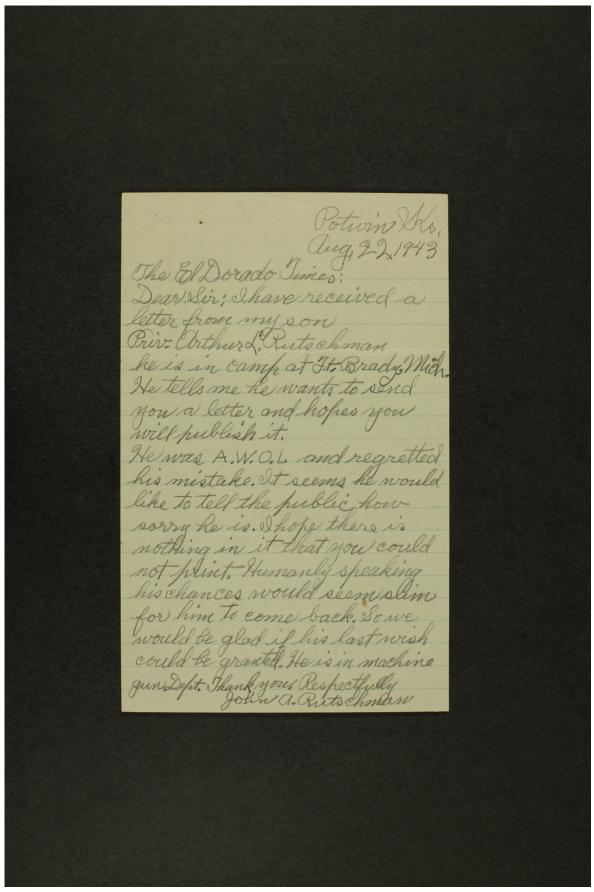




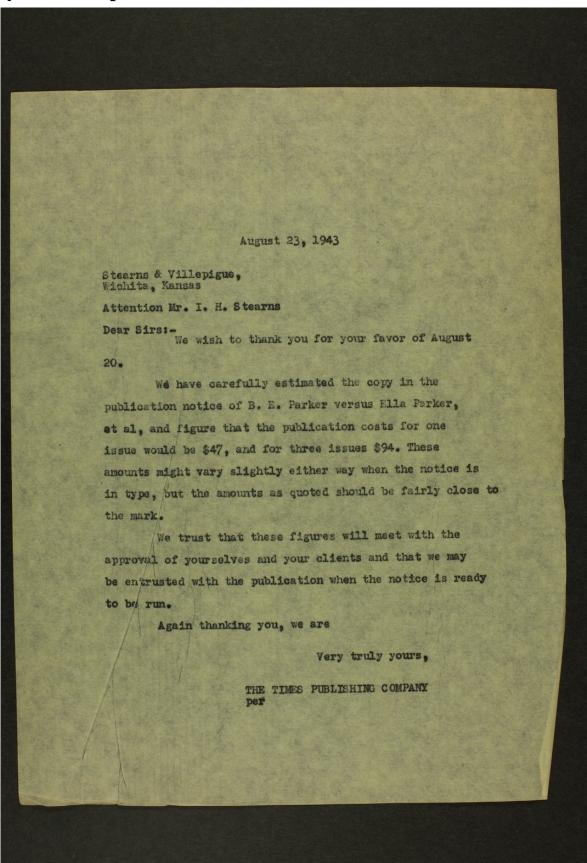




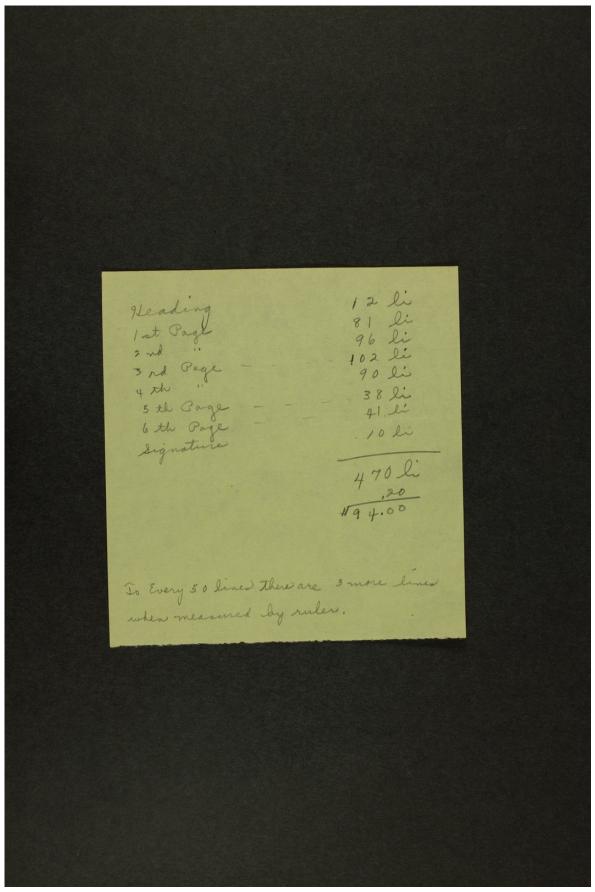














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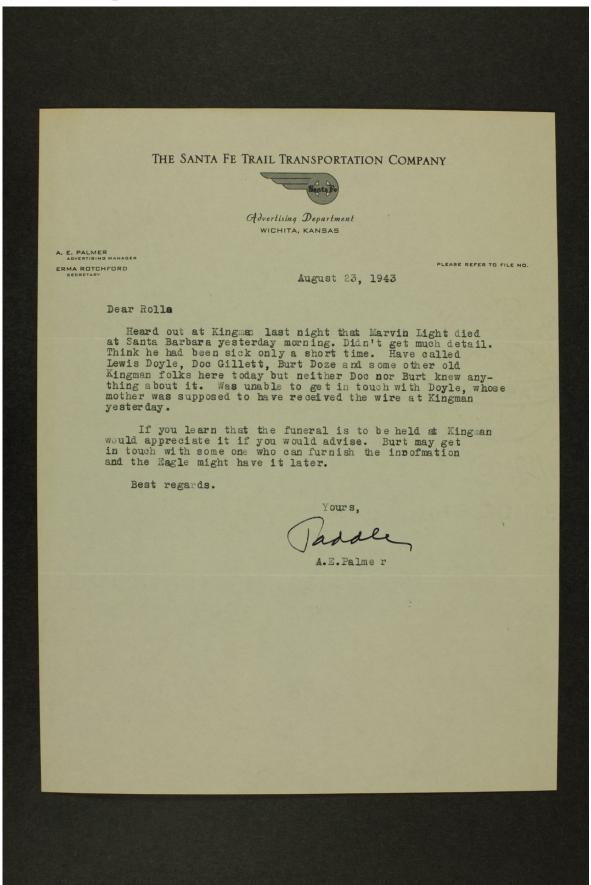
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Mr. Richard W. Robbins, Greensburg, Kansas

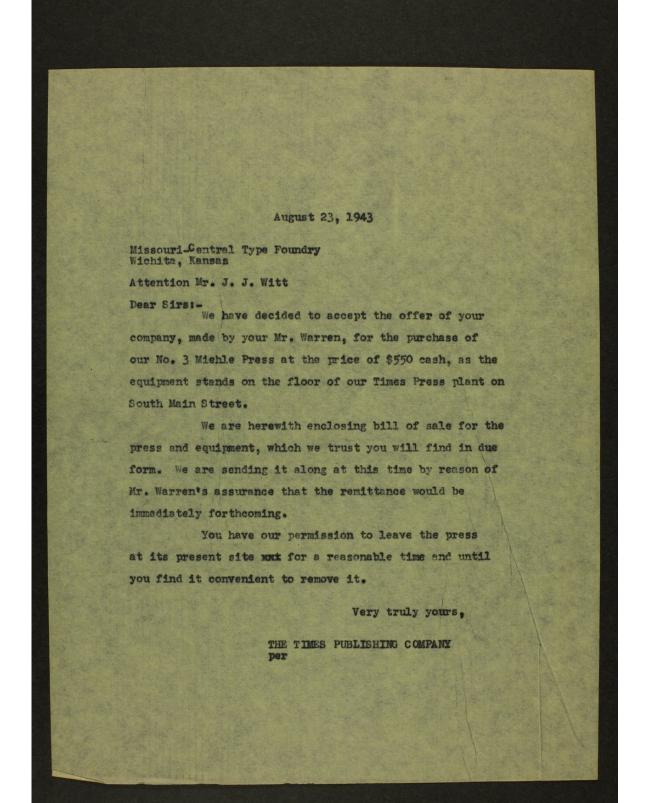
My Dear Richard: - I think you may be interested in the enclosed editorial comment by Frank Motz in the Hays News for Sunday, August 22. Frank has a generally fernister's view-and has always been cold to our commission, The fact that the air base there (Walker) came out of the clear sky as far as Hays and its Chamber of Commerce was concerned, and without effort on their part, has always led him to believe that it would have come anyway -- and there was no particular "selling" behind it. Frank holds the conviction that industrial development is something you can't do much about. I could slam him in an editorial (and will do so if you wish,) but he might respond to some missionary work. I think it would be well for some of the Commission crowd to pay him a visit, talk frankly about the realities and inform him as to the Commission's aspirations and purposes. I intended to do so but never got around to it. I will help by a personal letter if you think that advisable. And I suppose, of course, you will want to show this clipping to Long. It is the only one I have. Sincerely,

Jim Price is to be in town briefly today and I hope to see him.











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August 23, 1943

Mr. R. H. Kilgore, Cashier, Citizens State Bank, El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Kilgore:- I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors of The Times Publishing Company. held, in El Dorado, Kansas, on August 5, 1943:

"Upon motion by Mr. Howard Fleeson, seconded by Virs. Ellina Murdock Starke, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That R. A. Clymer, secretary-treasurer of The Times Publishing Company, be, and the same is, hereby empowered to sell the following shares of Cities Service Company preferred stock, the property of The Times Publishing Company, at such time as market conditions in his judgment seem to justify:

Five shares UL 17479, dated May 29, 1930; Five shares UL 29479, dated October 14, 1931; Two shares UL 34675, dated April 15, 1932,

The proceeds from which are to be deposited with the general funds of The Times Publishing Company."

Secretary-Treasurer The Times Publishing Company day of August, 1943



