

## 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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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 10, 1944

Mr. Herman Roe,  
Publicity Division,  
Republican National Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roe:-

I am pleased that you thought my editorial, "Jap Valets for Farmers," worthy of inclusion in part in the January 10 issue of your clip sheet, "On the Home Front." I also greatly appreciate your friendly letter of January 7 which accompanied a copy of this clip sheet to my desk.

I am glad to know that you are giving of your time to the work of the Republican National Committee, though I am sure this must represent a real sacrifice for you. I wish to congratulate you, however, upon the excellence of the clip sheet you are editing. I never fail to find something of value in it which I can pass along to my Kansas readers.

I was in your home town of Northfield a couple of years ago for an hour or two and caught up a bit with my knowledge of the James-Younger gang. I wish now that I had dropped in to see you.

Again thanking you and with best wishes for continuing success to your efforts, I am

Very truly yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 10, 1944

Mr. Gilbert L. Worley  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Worley:-

I regret that I have been unable to answer your letter of December 22 sooner. Regarding our Pine Forest Ranch in Shannon County, Missouri, my partner, Mr. W. H. Coutts jr., attorney, has already listed it with several firms and is handling details of the sale. If you care to do so, you might address him here at El Dorado, Kansas.

I remember you well and the occasion of our meeting and wish we might have a better acquaintance.

Very truly yours,



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ALBERT M. COLE  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
BUILDING & LOAN BUILDING  
HOLTON, KANSAS

January 10, 1944

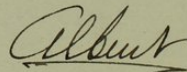
Mr. R. A. Clymer  
Eldorado Times  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rollo:

Your story on the "picnic" which is planned for the First District was most interesting to me. I appreciate the friendly pat which you offered to my exposed back, and I believe you may have analyzed the situation pretty well. Of course, I may not agree with all of your ideas.

However, I note what you say about Bill's comfortable sailing. The little landing barge which I am maneuvering is encountering a number of other vessels of various kinds and descriptions. If I am successful having the pond cleared of all but two ships, I believe there is a possibility that the situation might become interesting. In event this occurs, any favorable comments you may care to make will be gratefully accepted by this embryo sailor.

Cordially yours,



Albert M. Cole

AMC:jb

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Beech Aircraft Corporation  
Wichita, Kansas  
U. S. A.

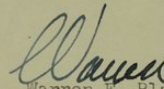
January 10, 1944

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor  
Eldorado Times  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the January 7 issue of the BEECH LOG, which contains the story of Lieutenant W. J. Thomas. I thought perhaps you would be interested in having this.

Sincerely yours,

  
Warren E. Blazier  
Personnel Director

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Beatrice, Nebr.,

January 11, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

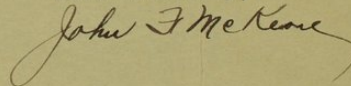
Seeing a quotation from your editorial  
pen Sunday in the Omaha World-Herald reminded me of  
pleasant memories of the past.

I am writing to you to inquire if by  
chance you would happen to know of any southern Kansas  
(or down that way) newspapers that would have an opening  
on their advertising staffs. In the event you do, I  
should be most happy to hear about them.

Still plugging along up here but my  
wife is quite anxious to get back down in that section  
of the country to be a bit closer to her folk.

Hoping this finds you in good health  
and from your editorial I know you are still keeping up  
the fight on onions.

most sincerely,



John F. McKeone  
P.O. Box 212,  
Beatrice, Nebraska

January 11, 1944

Mr. Charles Randolph Guthrie  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Guthrie:-

I greatly appreciate your letter of December 31 regarding a paragraph of mine which appeared in the Baltimore Sun. I confess I know nothing about potato ice cream, but since receiving your letter would surely like to try the sweet potato kind some time. I have referred to the subject in my column for today and am herewith enclosing a clipping.

Thanking you for your friendly interest, I am

Very truly yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

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R A CLYMER EDITOR & MANAGER=

THE ELDORADO TIMES

MY FEELING IS THAT WE SHOULD BE COURTEOUS TO ALL POSSIBLE  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO ASK OUR INTEREST AND  
COOPERATION. I THINK THAT MOST ALL OF OUR FELLOWS IN  
KANSAS FEEL THE SAME WAY. GOVERNOR BRICKER OF OHIO, ON WAY  
TO TEXAS ARRIVES IN KANSAS CITY EARLY NEXT THURSDAY MORNING  
AND THERE IS TO BE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT TEN OCLOCK IN THE  
MORNING AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL. FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON  
AT 1215 AT THE SAME HOTEL. THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
THIS SO THAT IF IT FITS IN WITH ANYTHING YOU HAD IN MIND  
DOING FOR THE DAY WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU. THE OHIO  
REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION HAS ASKED US TO COOPERATE. MY  
ADDRESS FOR THE DAY WILL BE CONTINENTAL HOTEL KANSAS CITY  
MISSOURI. EXPLAIN TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS THAT THIS IS A  
PUBLIC MEETING AND THEY ARE WELCOME=

HARRY HARBY.

HARBY.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Mr. Harry Darby                      El Dorado, Ks., Jan. 11                      44  
The Darby Corporation,  
Kansas City, Kansas  
regret unable to attend Bricker reception Thursday  
thanks invitation.

R. A. CLYMER

prepay and charge The Times

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

HARRY DARBY

MANUFACTURER  
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS  
KANSAS CITY, 15, KANSAS

January 12, 1944

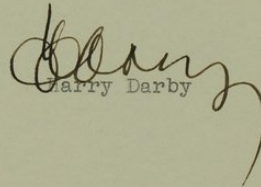
Dear Rolla:

I notice that you have reprinted an editorial from the Parsons Sun, "The Darby Record." I deeply appreciate this courtesy, and am proud to have this article in your newspaper. I'll always cherish your friendship.

Sorry you can't be with us tomorrow when Governor Bricker will be with us. I'll always be hoping to meet up with you.

Sincerely,

HD.LJ

  
Harry Darby

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





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PHONE VICTOR 1010  
1898

GILBERT L. WORLEY  
REAL ESTATE • PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
EXCHANGES • FINANCING • INSURANCE  
806-7422 COMMERCE BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (6)

January 13th 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I wish to thank you for your nice letter of January 10th, and I am writing, as you suggest, to Mr. W. H. Coutts, Jr. for information on the Pine Ranch, as per the enclosed copy.

Thanking you for the information, and trusting that our paths will cross again soon, I remain

Yours very truly,

GILBERT L. WORLEY

GLW:fa

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January 13th 1944

Mr. W. H. Coutts, Jr.  
Attorney-at-law  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Coutts:

Our mutual friend, Mr. R. A. Clymer, advises me that you are his partner in the Pine Forest Ranch in Shannon County, Missouri, and that you are handling the details of the sale. He suggested that I write you and ask you for a complete description of this property, and for any information that you may have at hand.

I met Mr. Clymer some time ago, and he, at that time, suggested to me that he would like to sell this place. I have several clients interested in buying some large tracts in that district. In fact, I sold two farms last week, and am closing the deal this week. I may have to go back down there in the very near future, and I would appreciate this if you would get this information to me by return mail, so I will have it with me when I make my next trip, and will look some over.

Thanking you, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

GLW:fa

GILBERT L. WORLEY

CC to Mr. R. A. Clymer



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

C. L. CARLSON, VICE PRESIDENT  
A. H. SAVILLE, CASHIER  
H. B. ALBERG, ASSISTANT CASHIER

W. L. DEAN, PRESIDENT

R. M. BUNTEN, VICE PRESIDENT  
P. A. DAHLSTROM, ASSISTANT CASHIER  
V. F. MILLER, AUDITOR

### THE MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK

TOPEKA, KANSAS

January 13, 1944

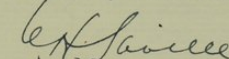
Rolla A. Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I have your little note of January 12, and I want you to know that I appreciate your asking God for a little help for us because there is no one of my immediate acquaintance around here who seems to have any standing with him at the moment.

I appreciate your thinking about me, however, that reminds me of what Deke Snyder said one time on a group meeting when he got up to make a few remarks and the boys all started booing him. He says, "Them's my friends".

Yours very sincerely

  
Cashier

AHS-g



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 13, 1944

Senator Albert M. Cole,  
Holton, Kansas

My Dear Senator Cole:-

I wish to thank you for your graceful letter and your kind treatment of me considering that I butted into First District business when we have more of our own in the Fourth than we can properly handle. The political peregrinations of my friend, Bill Lambertson, always interest and amuse me--and I wrote the article to which you refer with something of impish tendency. I do not pretend to know about conditions in the First District, but I do know that the State Federation of Labor is openly after Bill--and I do not believe farmers generally will like that.

This is about the extent of my profound conclusions. I have a great admiration for you and wish you well in any political ventures you may undertake in your district. Any comment I happen to make concerning developments will be only sideline and in no sense pontifical. In other words, I certainly do not take myself too seriously where politics is concerned.

I shall be in Topeka on Kansas Day and will take great pleasure in seeing you then. In the meantime, and always, good luck.

Sincerely yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Janury 13, 1944

Mr. Warren E. Blazier, Personnel Director  
Beech Aircraft Corporation,  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Warren:-

I greatly appreciate your sending to me the copy of the Beech Log containing the story about Lieut. Wilbur Thomas. I thought both the article and pictures excellent and wish to congratulate the editor for the highly professional way in which this feature was handled.

I am also greatly in your debt because of your kind efforts in helping me try to find my dog. It may interest you to know that I finally ran down the animal. A woman living east of the Veterans Hospital had taken him up and I got him the next evening.

When I saw you, you said your company is planning to invite some of us for an inspection tour of your plant. This will be a great privilege for all of us and I am looking forward eagerly to the time.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

### CRANE AND COMPANY, INC.

STATIONERS & OFFICE OUTFITTERS

TOPEKA, KANSAS

January 15, 1944

El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Attention: R. A. Clymer

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Please verify the number you gave the writer on the phone this morning, "No. 2212 Boorum & Pease Profit and Loss Record."

Boorum & Pease No. 2212 is a zipper binder.

Please give us the definite information and we will make every effort to give you service.

Yours very truly

CRANE AND COMPANY, Inc.

By *Bert G. Cobb*

Bert G. Cobb

BGC/nb

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS DIVISIONS  
Region XI - Kansas City 6, Missouri  
January 15, 1944.

Address all Communications to:  
3000 Fidelity Building

In Reply Refer to:  
File No.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
Sec.-Treas.,  
The Times Publishing Co.,  
118 East Central Ave.,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

W-15-997-3  
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File: NWLB Form 10

Dear Mr. Clymer:

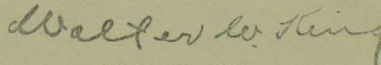
This is to acknowledge receipt of your Application for Approval of a Voluntary Wage or Salary Rate Adjustment submitted on National War Labor Board Form 10, received in this office under date of January 11, 1944.

In conformity with the provisions of Executive Order No. 9250, the adjustments proposed will require approval of the Regional War Labor Board, and your application will receive consideration consistent with the large volume of applications pending before the Board.

Applications are docketed in the order in which they are received, and it is not, therefore, possible to furnish you information as to when your application will be passed upon. Inquiries by mail or telephone with reference to your application will only serve to interrupt the orderly processing of the applications, and are, therefore, not recommended.

The Regional War Labor Board will advise you as soon as a determination has been made on your application.

Very truly yours,



Walter W. King,  
Regional Director.

KC-657 (Rev.)  
M-329 (43)

cc Mr. Harmon Lane,  
President,  
Typographical Union # 798,  
El Dorado, Kansas

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 15, 1944

Mr. Gilbert L. Worley  
806 Commerce Bldg.  
Kansas City, Missouri 6

Dear Mr. Worley:

Your communication as of recent date received.

As in accordance with your request I am enclosing to you complete description and data concerning the ranch in Missouri owned by Mr. Clymer and myself which we are offering for sale.

Of course, we cannot give you an exclusive upon this, however, if you care to list the same upon the regular commission basis of 5% on the first ten thousand and 3% on the balance, you are at liberty to do so, and we will be glad to cooperate with you in every way.

We have had a number of inquiries recently, and we are of the opinion that at the price quoted this property should sell this coming spring.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,

WHC:FC  
Encls.

W. B. COUTTS, JR.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 15, 1944

Mr. Francis H. Kennedy, President  
Hiemenz Realty Company  
714 Chestnut St.  
St. Louis, Missouri 1

Re: Pine Forest Ranch, Inc.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

We note your letter of January 13th.

We have not as yet sold the ranch, although we have several prospects. Large tracts of land are turning rapidly in the Ozarks, and by reason of your location to this ranch you will doubtless have a number of opportunities this spring to sell the property.

Let me hear from you from time to time, and we will cooperate in every way with you. We are very desirous of selling the property without fail this spring.

Very truly yours,

LHC:FC

W. H. COUTTS, JR.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

ESTABLISHED JANUARY 1, 1884

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### THE DOUGLASS TRIBUNE

J. M. SATTERTHWAITE  
PUBLISHER

DOUGLASS, KANSAS.

1-13-94.

Dear Mr. Clymer

I am enclosing the name and address of a wealthy ex Kansan and a native of the Richland township while I know he takes a good interest in Douglass, early day friends of his late parents and his boyhood friends of course I can't tell what his reaction would be to the William Allen White School of Journalism memorial. I hope he will give and liberally, and feel that he ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~right~~ <sup>right</sup>. Perhaps you remember he gave a thousand dollars for a library memorial in honor of his mother in the little country consolidated grade school out in Richland not far west of Douglass. My sister was pleased that I got to see you and try to thank you



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

for the write ups you gave of  
dad

May be you would be pleased to  
hear again that your editorials and  
column are quite popular in  
Douglass.

I hope Glen and I can do some-  
thing on the white memorial. We  
are waiting to see what the taxes do to us.  
We are truly interested in the success  
of the undertaking.

Sincerely  
Jennie Kiser (m. Glen E.)

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 15, 1944

Mr. Ray D. Jones  
c/o J. C. Nichols Companies  
610 Ward Parkway  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: Pine Forest Ranch, Inc.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Some little time ago I wrote to you concerning the ranch in Missouri which Mr. R. A. Clymer and myself own.

I am wondering if you have received any inquiries as to the sale of the property. Due to the fact that neither Mr. Clymer nor myself have the time to devote to the management of as large a tract of land, we are desirous of selling the same, and we feel that at the price quoted the property should sell this spring.

Any suggestions or ideas which you may have will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WHC:FC

W. H. COUTTS, JR.





W. P. LAMBERTSON  
1ST DIST. KANSAS  
FAIRVIEW

MEMBER  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

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SECRETARIES:  
ROBERTA B. WINKLER, TOPEKA  
FREEDA M. SWARTZ, WATHENA

January 15, 1944

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
Editor and Manager  
Eldorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I want to thank you for the story you wrote about the "Cats in the First" which was reprinted in the Holton Recorder and some other papers.

This was awfully fair and generous to me and that is only what you have always been to me. I just want you to know that I continue to appreciate you.

Expect to be out there Kansas Day and will be seeing you among the others. We miss your visits back here that you used to give us.

Best of good luck for the New Year.

Sincerely,

W. P. Lambertson.

WPL:S

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Topeka, Kansas  
January 15, 1944.

### PROGRESS REPORT

TO ALL MEMBERS  
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

The showing of the film, "Fertile Frontiers," last week was highly successful to say the least. There were about sixty present for the luncheon showing of this film and about thirty present for the two o'clock showing. A great many fine compliments were given us on this film and no criticisms were heard from anyone.

We are mailing today letters to five hundred of the largest industries of Kansas, asking them for names of companies, together with the name of the key man of each company, outside of the state who might be a prospect for us to call on and interest in establishing an industry in Kansas.

We have written all the college presidents in Kansas for names of outstanding alumni residing outside of Kansas to whom we might write for names of prospects.

Dusty Rhoads is spending most of his time securing names of prospects between Richmond, Va., and Boston.

We have set up a card file system for all such prospects and these cards will be kept posted at all times thereby enabling us to have an up-to-date progress report on all such names.

Our community post-war program is now in work. Bob Campbell will start the week of January 17 on his part of the state. Fager and Bouck will start on their respective territories the week of January 24. This work will involve our representatives meeting with post-war planning committees in each trade area of the state by prearrangement and at each meeting we shall try to bring in other key individuals from towns within that given trade area.

We shall try to complete this program, less necessary call-backs, by the time the Industrial Brochure is off the press. Sixteen pages of the art work have been approved and are at the printers. The remaining art work will be in our office this week for approval and delivery to the printers.

Very truly yours,

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

*W.E. Long*  
William E. Long  
Secretary-Director

WEL:bd

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



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 16, 1944

Mr. Jay B. Iden  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Jay:-

I saw you once during the Press meeting at Topeka last week but you were busy in conversation and I did not interrupt. Then I went to your office Saturday morning, only to find you out. What I wanted to tell you was that I consider "Drake's Drum" an extraordinarily fine piece of writin'--one of the best I have seen in Kansas in many a weary day. It thrilled me--and when something does that to my hard old heart it is really larrupin'. I conceive that you are growing in stature and in favor with God and man. I hear many fine comments about you from professional sources that should make you proud. They do me.

Best luck always, old top.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

IN REPLYING  
REFER TO NO.



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
MARINE AVIATION DETACHMENT  
NAVAL AIR STATION  
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

17 January, 1944.

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

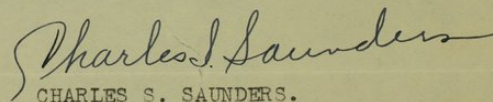
My dear Mr. Clymer:

I wish to take this belated opportunity to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the December 29th issue of The El Dorado Times. I enjoyed reading your paper very much, and the article on Lt. Thomas' Homecoming will find a prominent place in my scrap book.

Thanks cannot describe how much I enjoyed my visit to El Dorado -- I had a grand time and certainly look forward to another visit in the near future.

I could make a suggestion that you should add the adjective "friendly" to your slogan "The Boom Town That Grew", as I am positive El Dorado is the friendliest city I have ever visited.

Again thank you for everything, remain sincerely  
yours.

  
CHARLES S. SAUNDERS.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 17, 1944

Senator Clyde M. Reed  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:-

Enclosed is an editorial clipping from our paper today which I think you will want to see. Confidentially, it was "Dutch" Shultz whom I quoted in this article. Thus, you will see how you are rating now in these parts. I never in my misspent life expected to have "Dutch" make such an admission as that--but I have witnesses. I would prefer that you didn't let him know how he feels about you; he is sincere, all right.

I surely hope I may have the privilege of seeing you on Kansas Day. You are getting a good press in Kansas--and it is going to get better. Clarence Beck, now chairman of the Corporation Commission, was in to see me today--and agrees with me that nobody can touch you in the coming campaign.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

PETE McKECHNIE  
Editor - General Manager

### THE KIOWA COUNTY SIGNAL

Kiowa County's Pioneer Newspaper . . . Established 1886

GREENSBURG ■ KANSAS

January 18, 1944

CREATORS OF  
DISTINCTIVE  
COMMERCIAL  
PRINTING



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

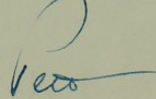
Dear Rolla:

Many thanks for the copy of the editorial which appeared in your El Dorado Times. For a long time I've held your editorial opinions and analysis of current topics in high regard. I'm hoping that in this instance you've read all the signs correctly and haven't called a bad one.

Be assured that I deeply appreciate this kind treatment at your hands, and hope that I live long enough to justify your generous appraisal.

With kindest personal regards, and looking forward to an opportunity to visit with you in Topeka on Kansas Day.

Sincerely yours,



Pete McKechnie





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

3714 Rexmere Road  
Baltimore 18  
Maryland  
January 18, 1944

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
Eldorado Times  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Received your letter of January 11th with the enclosure and was much surprized, though I must admit agreeably so, to find that you had quoted from my letter in your column.

I was well pleased with the editorial page, aside from the fact that it carried an excerpt from my own letter, especially the article by Mr. Alford under the caption "Rule of the 'Czars' ". On the whole I gather that you of the middle west are somewhat fed up on the New Deal, the difference being that you are not averse to putting the blame on Mr. F. D. R., where it belongs.

For several years past the radio commentators and newspaper columnists in the East have, for the most part, pointed out the shortcomings of the New Deal but have not had the temerity to correctly place the responsibility. Even Senator Byrd of Virginia, when investigating the number of Government employees, simply stated that Mr. R. was misinformed when his report was scathingly denounced by the White House.

The answer in the case of radio commentators is, of course, that no consistent critic of the New Deal has held his job over a long period of time on the air. It is somewhat different with newspaper columnists though they too, with a few notable exceptions -- namely Westbrook Pegler and Frank R. Kent -- seem to have been quietly subdued. Even the vitriolic pen of H. L. Mencken appears to have been effectively silenced.

Until the November elections of '42, while I agreed for the most part with Administration critics, I was inclined to think that they were just "crying in the wilderness" since, in 1940, Mr. R. received 27 million votes, and by an odd coincidence that was also the number of beneficiaries of some form of New Deal largesse at that time. However, I now believe the general public has seen the "handwriting on the wall" and that this year we will see the rascals thrown out.

I am glad to have had the opportunity to express some of my views to a sympathetic ear. I know, however, that you are a very busy man so please do not feel that you must take your valuable time to reply to this.

Most truly yours,

*Chas. Randolph Guthrie*

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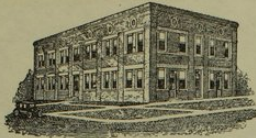
P. S. I suggest "Roosevelt and Ruin" as a catch phrase for the 4th term campaign.



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

Dear Rolla:

I have always said you were the best editorial writer and newspaper man in Kansas. Your editorial "New Faces" definitely confirms my statement. Boy, did you give a lift to my ego! Many thanks for them encomiums. Of course, I am a bit dubious about that part that intimates I am a "tailor's dummy." Because prophets are without honor in their own country, Frank Sands, my managing Editor is rerunning it in our column "From Other Editors."

The "unconstructed rebel" got a big kick out of it and sent it on to her folks in Virginia. Could you spare me a couple more tear sheets and if you don't mind would you send a marked copy to E.B. Shawver, Petroleum Bldg., Wichita, Kans. I think he is the salt of the earth and want him to know of the pat on the back you gave me.

My best to you, old fellow.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Meyer.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 21, 1944

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