

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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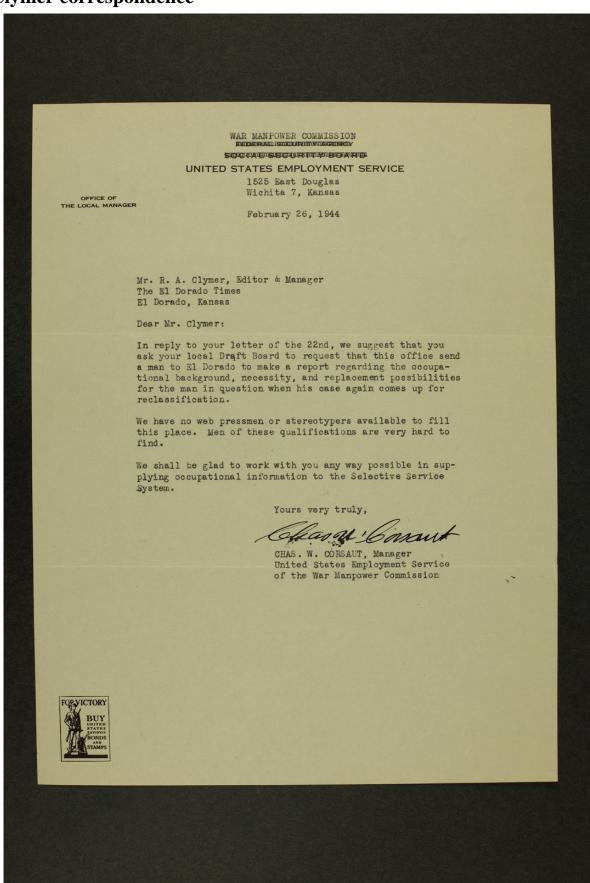
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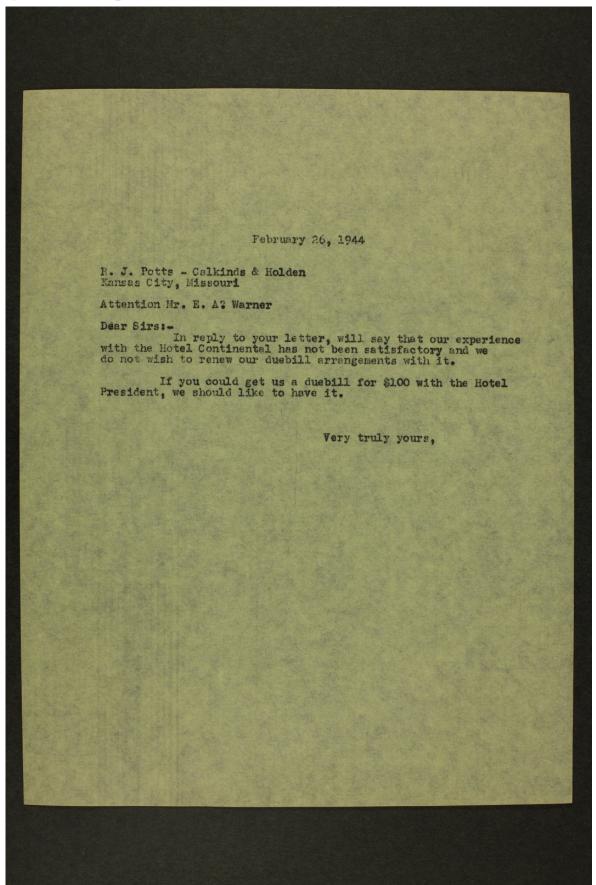
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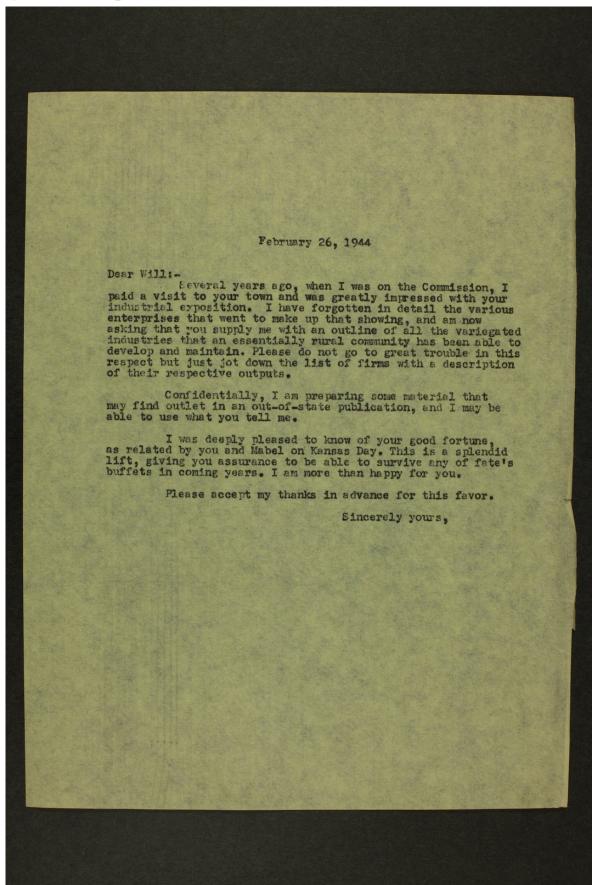
















Parsons Kansas February 27th 1944. "Almost thou persuadest me to be"a Rebel.

Hon.R.A.Clymer ElDorado, Kansas.

My dear Friend:
I had some misgivings, before opening your last letter
Thought it might contain a picture of Clyde and the Blue Eagle:
With dire intent

On vengeance Bent.

To my happy surprise, "The Dove of Peace, bearing an olive branch.
Then in the language of old Sconchin, yhe chief of the Modoc Tribe
I resolved and vowed, to bury the tomahawk and war with my Brother
no more". Still my "Brother" may not go entirely unchidded, for he
too, had vowed to be more cautious, in slinging the adjectives, for
again, through the columns of Clyde's paper, he sings the praises of
a Democrat, a County Clerk from way out beyond, who has served his
people so well in conducting the business affairs of the County, and
in some common sense practices, that he has attracted the attention
of "A prominent western banker, and that banker is backing that County
Clerk for U.S. Senator against Clyde. When I read your description of
this Clerk's useful efficiency to his people, and the only obstacle
was lack of "stepping-stones to make the grade, I took a "gander"
into the old BOOK.---Matthew, 25-21. and from what I read there I
found that the "Little fellow" is not to be sneezed at. I further
recalledsome words of Artemus Ward, of blessed memory, who said:"It's better not to know so much, than to know a heap of things that
aint so." I suppose that would eliminate, the New Deal, the Blue Eagle,
and The Economy of scarcity" Savvy?
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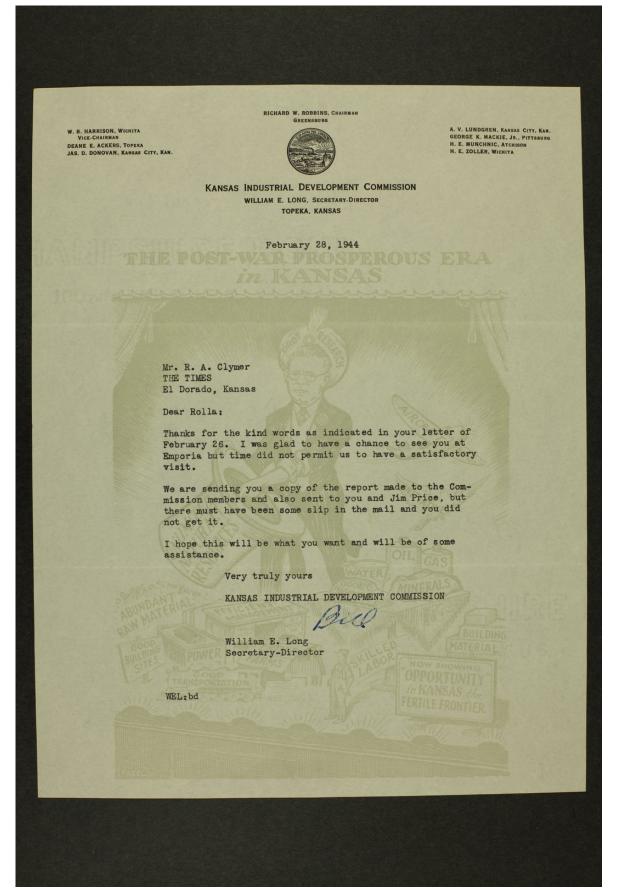
Clyde's town has another celebrity in the person of Judge Lamb L.F. Goodrich Clyde's paper denomenates him the "leader of the Democrats of Labette County. There seems to be a sort of David and Jonathan relation between them. Lee has been serving as judge for 12. years, and is now looking for other worlds to comquer" In view of the fact, that Lee boasts he nevers votes for a Republican, there may be some softening influence in a county heavily Republican, and Clyde's paper apparently does its part in the softening influence. From the paper we learn tyat both were in Kansas City for "several days" just before the democratic love feast at Topeka. Wa that a mere co-incidence, or were they building some political fences ? At last reports Lee had'nt decided whether to be a judge on the Supreme Court, or Congressman from the Third District. Wonder if Clyde knows what his decision is to be?

Why, my Dear Friend, way down here in my ignorance, I had never heard mof Andrew Schoeppeluntil --, but after the election I listened to his inagural address, following the eulogistic "swan Song" of his retiring predecessor. That inaugural was one of the finest it was the plain language of a plain man, spoken to a plain people, and its keynote was faithfulness to his trust, and he has been faithful to that

The people of Kanses, should honor that County Clerk with his fine "tax sense", and should send men to Topeks, who will give "the Boot " to that Legislative Council with its tax bungling.

E.O.Ellis







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February 28, 1944

Mr. Harold B. Johnson, Editor and Publisher Watertown Daily Times, Watertown, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Johnson:I wish to acknowledge gratefully the receipt
of your letter with its enclosures.

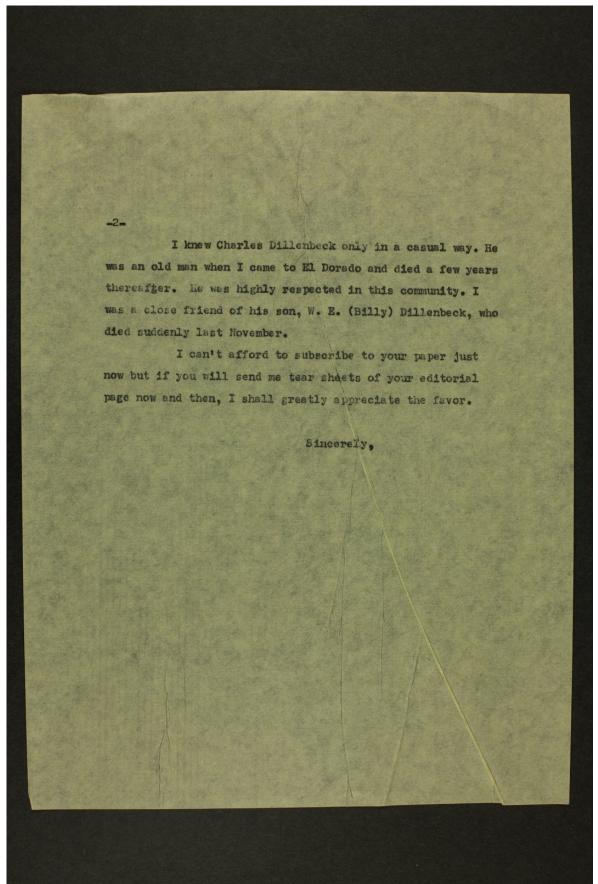
I have read them all with interest and pleasure.

I am amazed at the scope and excellence of your editorial page. Few papers in Kansas devote as much space to editorial as you do. I am impressed by the soundness of all editorial material and the reading and research that must be behind it all. On papers like ours one man must devote the bulk of his time to management and too often give the editorials only a lick and a promise. Even some of our larger papers have reporters or desk men writing editorials these days.

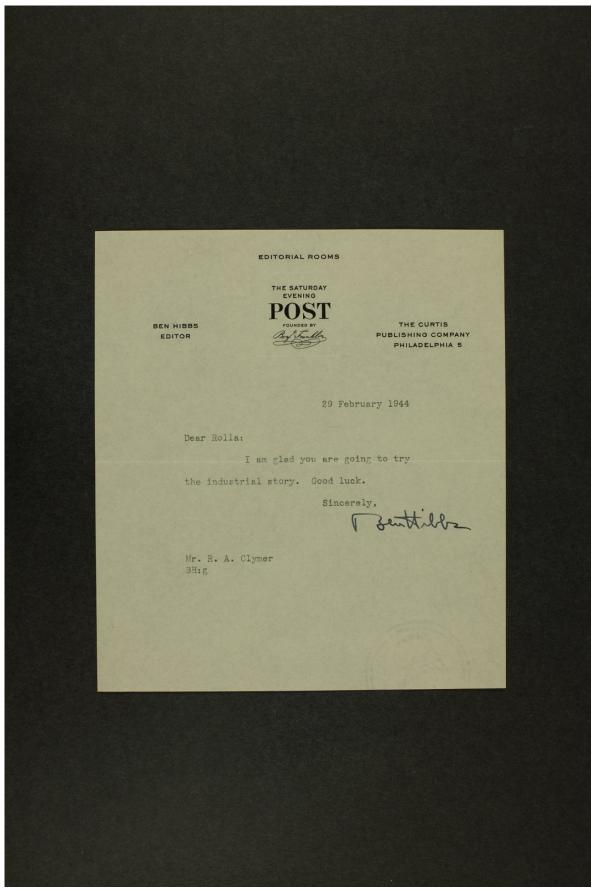
John Reed, managing editor of the Wichita Eagle, told men that his paper once had twenty-seven employees on its reporting and editorial staff. But one day recently he was forced to get out the paper with seven, including himself.

Our mutual friend, Alf M. Landon, has kindly informed me about you and the importance of your paper in New York circles. I appreciate your interest deeply and am pleased you saw fit to republish my editorial about the Emporia school children's tribute to Mr. White.

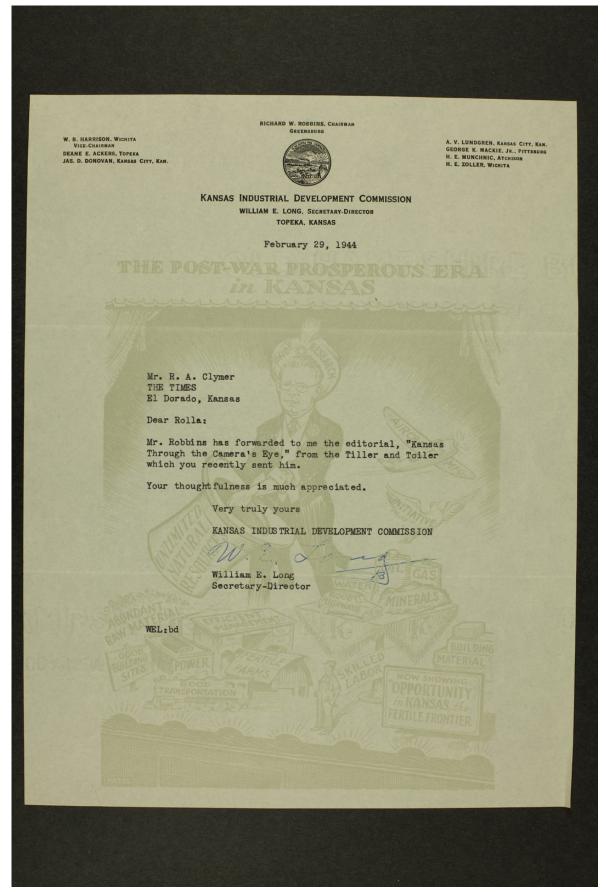
















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Emporia District THE METHODIST CHURCH Kansas Conference

Guy V. Hartman, Superintendent 1316 State Emporia, Kansas

February 29, 1944

Dear Friends:

This letter goes to Bishop Wm. C. Martin, the 19 other District Superintendents in Kansas and Nebraska, to the Ministers of the Emporia District and to some of the participants of the inclosed FARM-INDUSTRY-SCIENCE CLINIC Program which was given here at Emporia last Friday and Saturday.

I attended every minute of the sessions excepting the last few speeches Saturday afternoon due to an unavoidable conflict. It was like taking a Post Graduate course in Applied Science for Human Advancement in Kansas Towns and Countryside. This Program is mailed to you purely as "a public service" because I believe you will be glad to know something of the splendid promises for human progress being contributed by our Farmers, Industrialists, and Scientists. You will note that this is the First Annual meeting. Vote was taken to hold a like meeting here at Emporia next year. You Nebraska men will be interested also (representatives were here from six states) because a Research Institute at Kansas City is in the making to serve six states in the middle west.

Imagination the size of a grain of mustard seed enables us to see in this program a steming of the population ebb tide. The mass of factual evidence points to population increase, a boon to our town and country churches. Emphasis throughout the two days was given to the rich possibilities that are all about us. The speeches were testimonies of vision, faith, devotion and detailed sacrifice over long periods of time to bring to reality products, better products for human service.

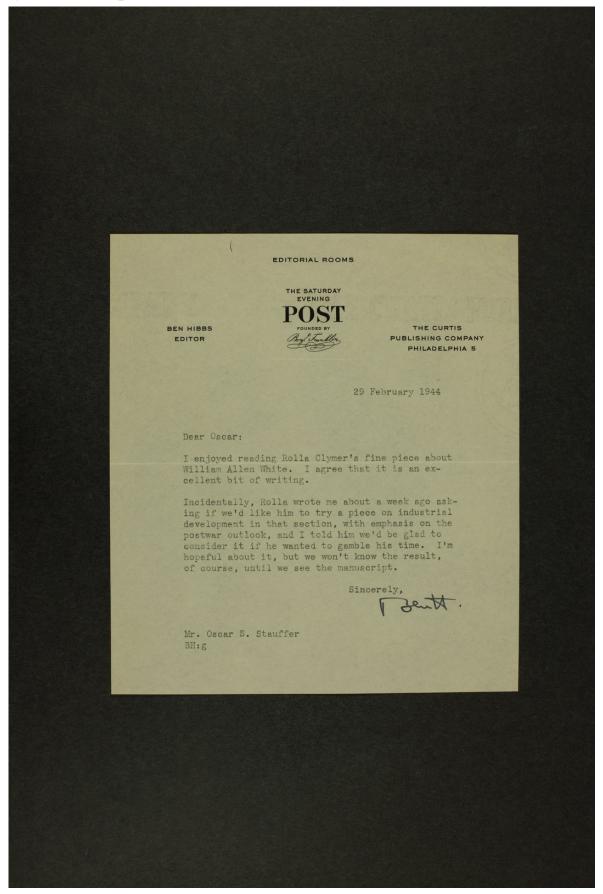
One could not but feel that we ministers must match such devotion with applied theological detail to transform human character to match the perfections of farm, industry and science. We are they who are spurred on by the fact that all value lies in human value. This Clinic gave a partial blue-print of Kansas possibilities. But between us and that high goal there is very much of honest work to be done--much character poured in--and it happens to be our sobering opportunity to be a main factor in such character development.

The Clinic was justly proud of the Contributions made by Farm, Industry and Science and there prevailed a deep sense of their obligation to contribute to the needs of people even to the ends of the earth. They helped to win the war and now bend themselves to win the peace. This letter is simply to pass on to you something of the rich inspirations received by an attendant.

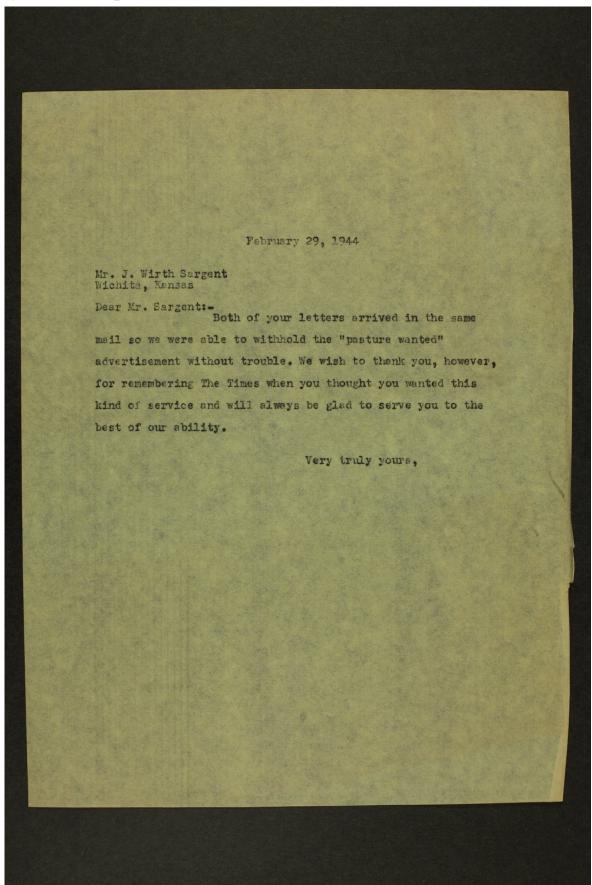
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Guy V. Hartman (signature)

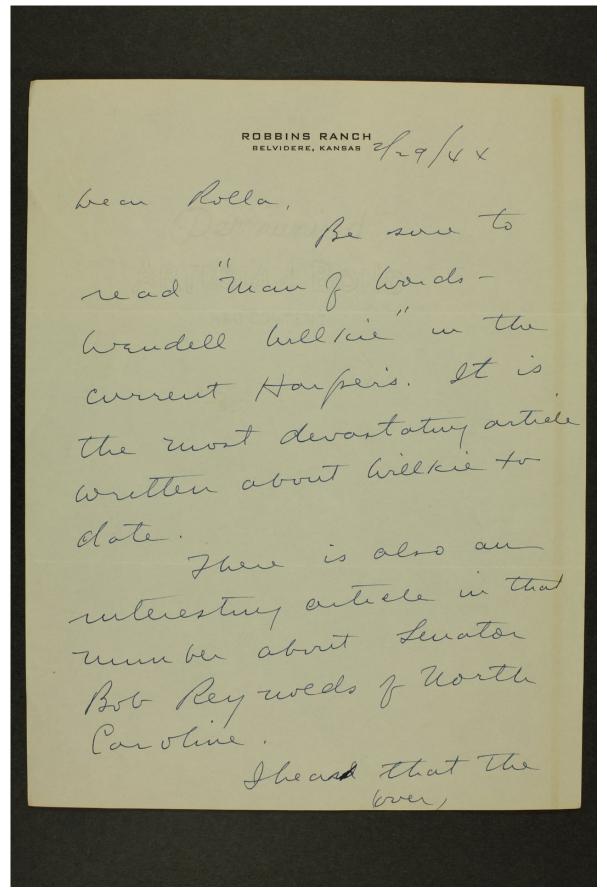




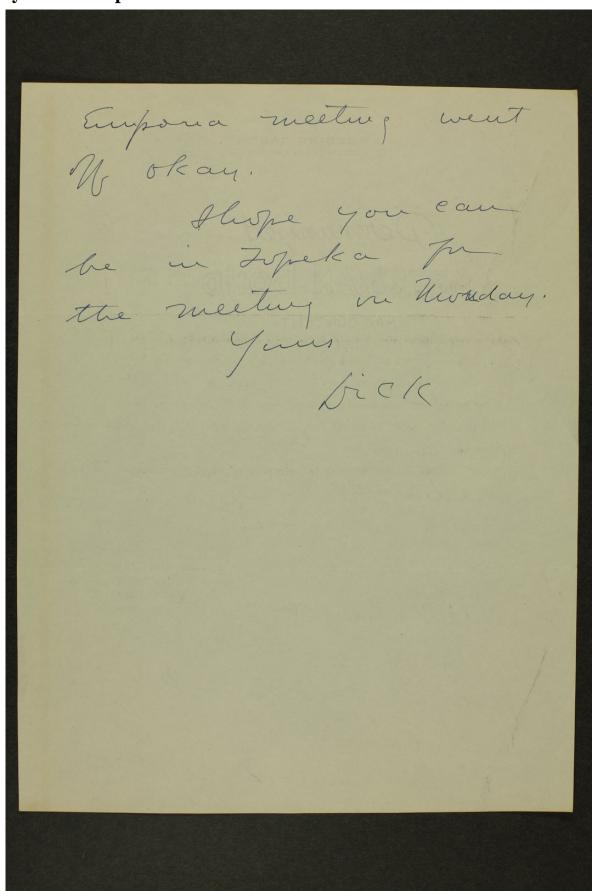




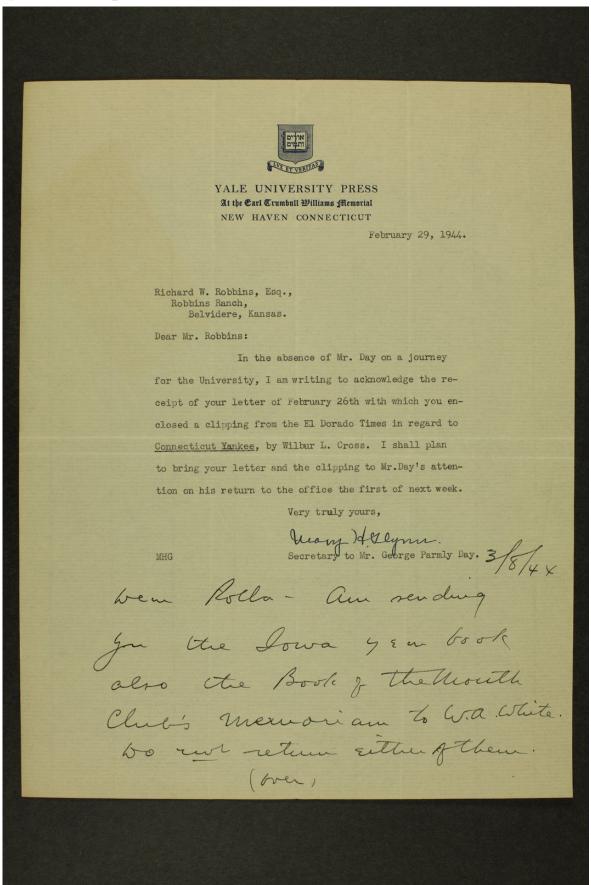








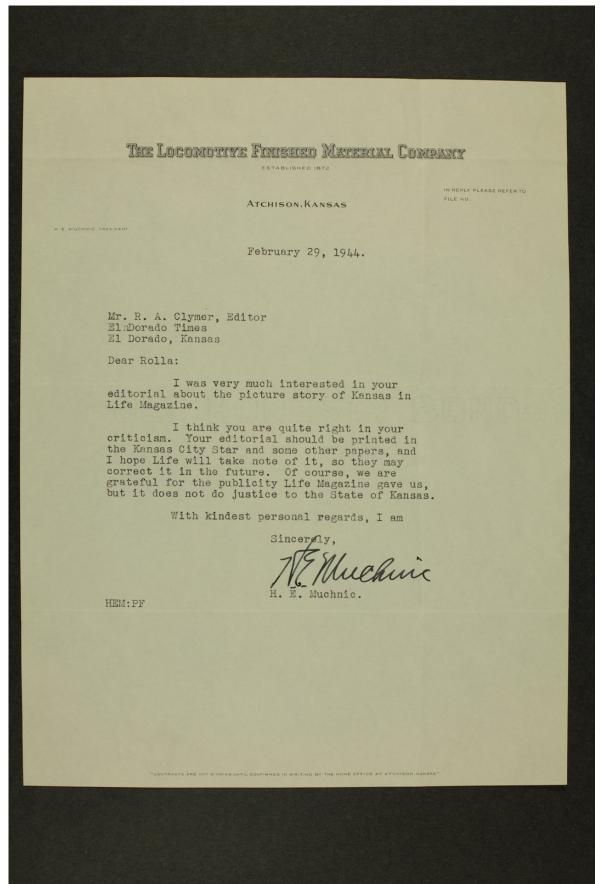




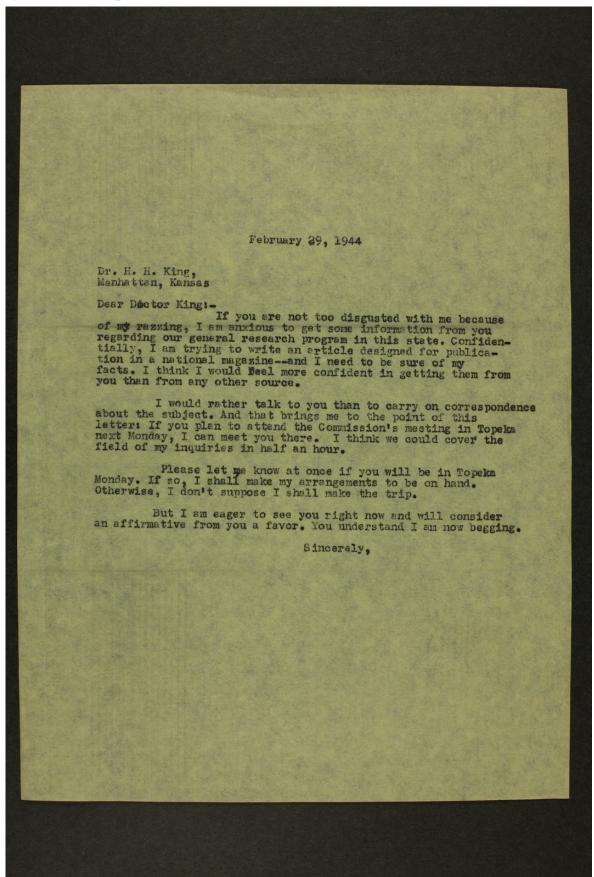


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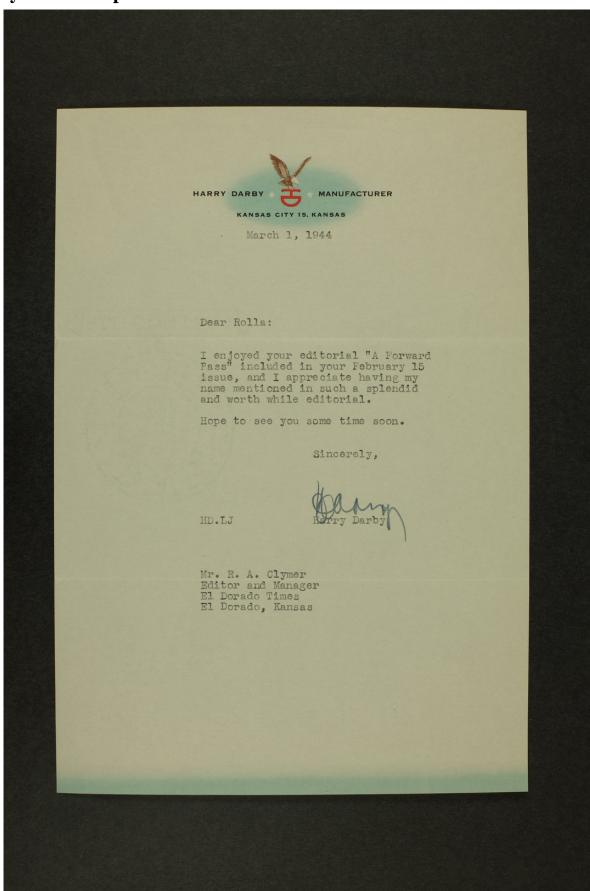




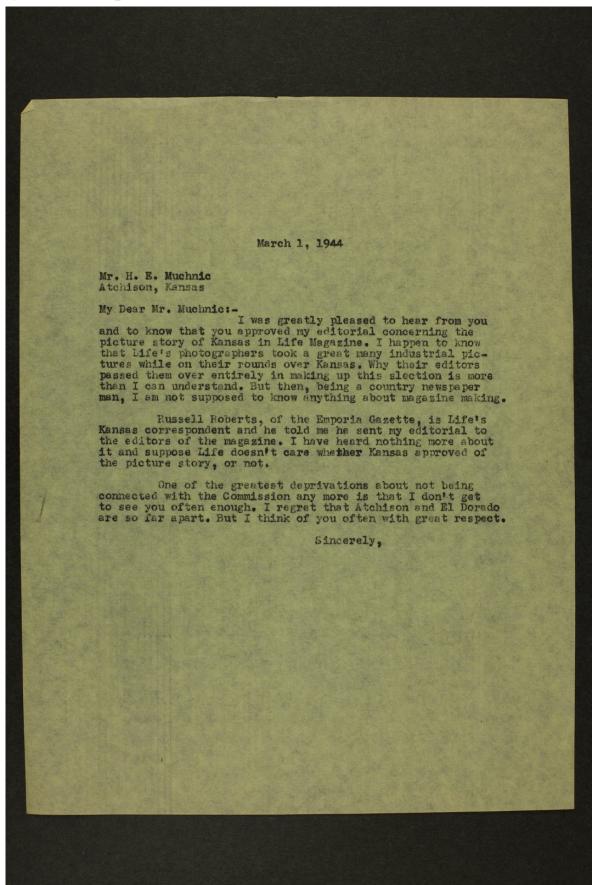




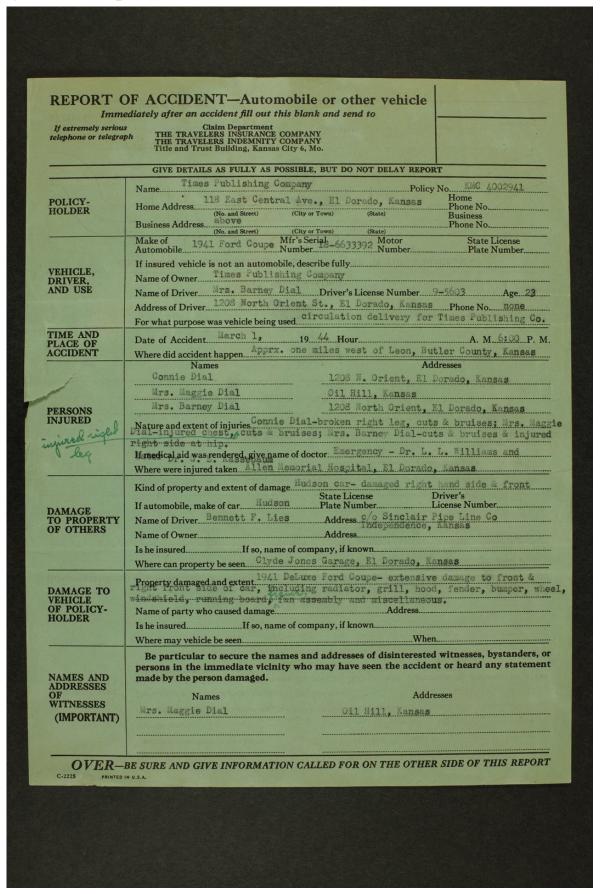














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THE BROCKWAY COMPANY WATERTOWN, N.Y.

March 1, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I was pleased to get your letter. We too have been badly handicapped by the draft, but we accept it philosophically and appreciate that it is the inevitable corollary of the war. We have lost altogether in our entire plant here upwards of 200 employes, about 53 per cent by enlistment and the draft, but we have filled in as best we could and we have hired numerous women and they are serving well.

I will be keeping in touch with you. With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Johnson.



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March 1, 1944

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

Dear Rolla:

Your editorial would have made Mr. White proud. Its rhythmic beauty and its sincerity were as fine as anything Mr. White has written. Thanks for sending it to me. Louise and I have re-read it many times. Only a Kansan who knows and loves the red brown grass of the Flint Hills could have given this editorial such a dramatic ending.

My postwar plans are very indefinite. Do you think there would be any possibilities for me in El Dorado? I have fully decided that I will not return to Emporia. Most of my friends there are gone, and Emporia is like a strange town. I feel that Louise and I might as well take our chances in a new community, where we can start fresh with high hopes.

Would appreciate your dropping me a line whenever it is convenient.

Yours very truly,

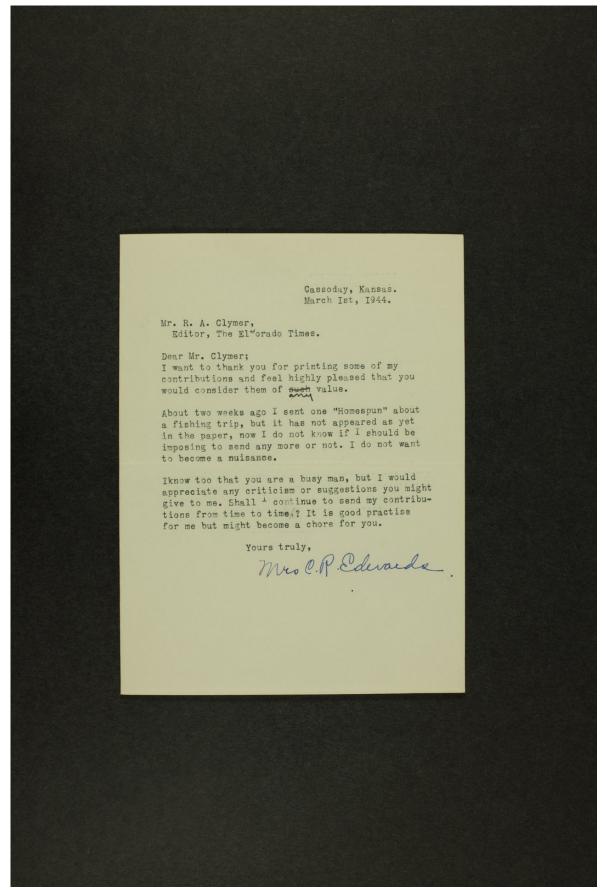
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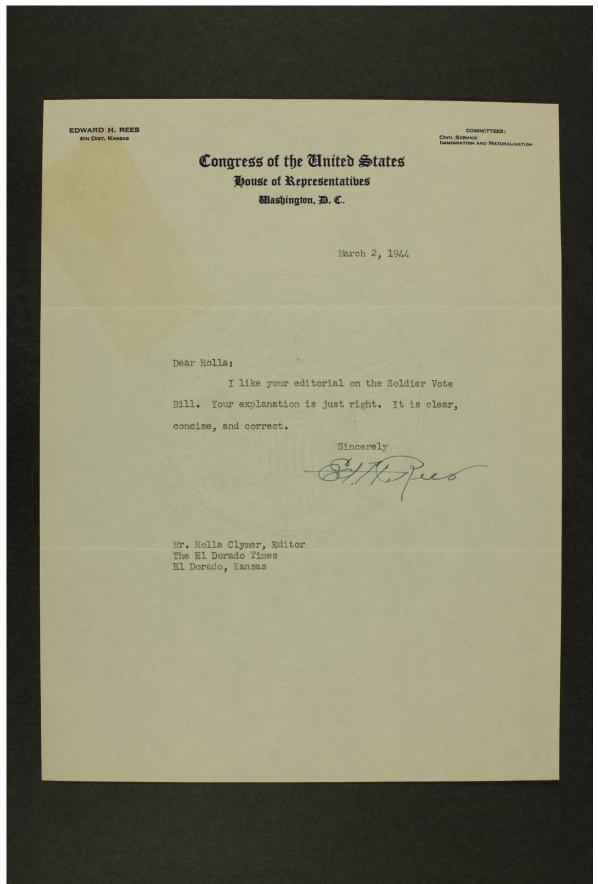
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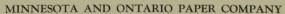








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March 2, 1944

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

Dear Rollo:

WJH ms

Thank you very much for your nice letter of February 24th acknowledging receipt of the wire which Larry and I sent you.

We are delighted to know that it was not necessary for you to urge your Congressmen to over-ride "Mister Smiley Glad's" veto of the Revenue Bill. Of course, we should have realized that the staunch, tried and true members of the Kansas delegation always having been accustomed to saying "no" would vote to over-ride the measure, and it was purely an oversight on our part that we urged you to use your magnetic influence with the powers that be in Washington.

However, we believe that Senator Barkley deserves the thanks of the American people for his courageous stand and, as a result, they are assured that whenever they wish to repudiate "one-man dictation" they can do so through their elected representatives.

I am just now working on an itinerary which will take me through the State of Kansas sometime during this month, and am looking forward to seeing you at that time.

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



