

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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March 26, 1944

Dear Boss:

This is a letter I've been intending to write for a long time--Perhaps it took an event of earth-shaking proportions to motivate it. I regard the refurbishing of your editorial suite as an occurrence of that caliber.

I can't visualize it yet. When I recall the water-stained, begrimed walls and the seeming perpetual absence of sunshine, I can't believe that paint and human hands could ever make an impression on it. I'll bet that many a stranger entering your dungeon for the first time was under the impression that you beat out your editorial gems on an anvil, not a typewriter. Truly, it must be a marvelous sight--now, if you'd just install fluorescent lights in the back shop--

You must have had a lot of excitement during the recent upheaval in the Chamber of Commerce. That was situation of everyone's making and it will take the cooperation of everyone to rectify it. I imagine a lot of people got their pet corns tramped on before it was over.

I want to tell you that your editorial about Earl was one of the finest things I've read. It was magnificent in its simplicity and fit the man like a glove. Somehow the town won't seem the same to me with men like Earl and Harry Overholser not around anymore. I had x long talks with both of them the last time I was home.

It was quite a surprise, too, to find that fellows like Klintworth were being drafted. It's going to be pretty tough for fellows of his age to conform to Army and Navy ideas of discipline. It's an entirely different life from anything they've ever known.

At present I'm getting ready to move again, taking my own ship with me for the first time. It's not very big, but I'm skipper and you know the old saw about the "big duck in the little puddle". It's just big enough to go to sea and small enough to make you wish you were back on dry land when the sea gets rough. It is a converted yacht that formerly belonged to some New Orleans plutocrat and every time I look around at all the fancy fixtures I am reminded of Errol Flynn.

I wonder what would happen if we ever did run across an enemy submarine, we couldn't lick it and couldn't outrun it. I guess I'd have to adopt Bill Feder's technique and cuss hell out of them.

That's enough gas for now, maybe I'll get around to writing again next year. Give my regards to all the rest of the Times Fam-i-lee. I'm getting the paper regularly now and it's just like a letter from home. I'll send my new address as soon as I arrive so I won't miss many copies.

Yours,

Bill Kelley

P.S. You'd do well in Texas, they don't like Roosevelt either--in fact the only thing they do like is Texas.

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KANSAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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THE KANSAS TEACHER, OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS
GLENN ARCHER, DIRECTOR

March 27, 1944

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
C. O. WRIGHT

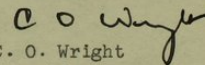
Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor
ELDORADO TIMES
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rollo:

Nice going on the statue! It will be a glad day when we not only stop dragging out the tomb but stop living in the tomb - in so many field in our state. How about alittle editorial by you urging that the state assume some of the responsibility in financing the schools?

I plan to be in El Dorado next week on Tuesday, April 4 and will drop in to see you. Maybe I can persuade you to have a free lunch on me.

Sincerely,



C. O. Wright
Executive Secretary

CW:lm



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March 27, 1944

Mr. Paul I. Wellman,
Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Paul:-

About a month ago, Ben Hibbs, of the Saturday Evening Post, gave me permission to submit an article about the urge of the Middle West to increase its industrial stature. He was particularly insistent that it be no Chamber of Commerce blurb and really tell the story of Middle West aspirations. I have slugged away hard at it, but have the feeling it is not much good. In the first place, I have never written for the magazines and don't know that technique. In the second, I have frankly had the buck ague over the idea for writing for a publication that has always been my Bible. So I need some help.

I am going to impose upon you to the extent of asking if you will look over the first draft of this manuscript and give me the benefit of your opinion. I do not want you to spend a lot of time at the chore but if you can point out my errors and shortcomings, I shall be grateful. I expect you to lay on the gad and shall be ~~more than~~ eager to profit by your criticism. You can hardly know--or do you?--how much help this will be to me.

I am a greenhorn about the whole bizzai. Please tell me what the rules are for copy sheets---8~~1/2~~11--or what other size? And when you submit the manuscript, do you enclose postage for return in event of non-acceptance? A few tips like these will be most helpful. Hibbs has warned me fairly that my effort in this regard is only a gamble, which I am glad to take, but I should naturally like to make my bet as strong as possible.

I read the review on your new book in Saturday's Star and am eager to read it. I am on the book committee at our local library and will see that it is ordered pronto.

I realize I am asking a lot of you, but I greatly esteem your judgment and superior experience in such matters and will be under no end of obligation to you. If you can drop me a note of acquiescence, I can send the manuscript along in a few days.

Sincerely your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Topeka, Kansas
March 27, 1944

PROGRESS REPORT

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Fager and I spent the entire week in Chicago making contacts and laying the groundwork for him to follow through.

About the only report which I can give about Chicago is that the reactions from all contacts were of the finest and convince me more than ever that persons outside of Kansas know nothing about Kansas and are perfectly willing to learn and are amazed when they do find out.

On my return to the office, I find quite a file of letters acknowledging receipt of copies of the Brochure. These letters are from legislators, newspaper editors, etc. It definitely is refreshing to read these as they are very complimentary concerning the Brochure and the Commission.

What we must have is a very large reprint of this Brochure and provision made for the correct personal distribution.

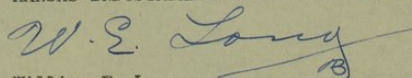
The field is fertile. We have the seed and, in my opinion, it will be a matter of criminal negligence on our part if we fail to properly exploit this Brochure and the film at this time.

In other words, some way must be found to secure the necessary money for ordering several additional prints of the film and for reprinting several additional thousand copies of the Brochure.

The proposal which I offered some weeks past of securing funds from industries for a national advertising campaign is, in my opinion, in order now. This money can be used for additional copies of the film and the Brochure. Surely with the reaction which we have received from legislators to this Brochure there would be no criticism of such a move. The Santa Fe, Union Pacific and a few other companies were approached concerning their printing this book in quantities.

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



William E. Long
Secretary-Director

WEL:mde

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

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March 27, 1944

Mr. W. E. Long,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Bill:-

If you have not already done so, I suggest that you send a copy of the new Kansas brochure to Ben Hibbs, editor of the Saturday Evening Post.

But please, if you value your splendid life, do not mention my name in connection with the matter.

Thanks.

Yours,

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

DAILY
COMBINED CIRCULATION
MORNING AND EVENING
900,000

SUNDAY
CIRCULATION
320,000

WEEKLY
CIRCULATION 420,000
PAID-IN-ADVANCE
SUBSCRIBERS

March 28

Dear Rolla:

By all means send the manuscript along. I am rotten at titles, but if I think of one I'll certainly suggest it. Anyway the Post will probably title it to suit themselves.

As to general rules, use ordinary bond paper, 8 by 11, leave a good margin, and keep the story under 4,500 words. Since they've solicited the manuscript you don't need to enclose return postage.

Best,

Paul



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LAW OFFICES OF
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HOWARD T. FLEESON
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WAYNE COULSON
PAUL R. KITCH

801 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

March 28, 1944.

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

Dear Rolla:

I want to thank you for sending me the report on examination for the year 1943. It is pleasing to note that for the year you quadrupled your profit from operations over the preceding year, particularly in the face of increased labor costs amounting to \$2,000.00 and nearly \$3,000.00 in news print and supplies. Particularly pleasing is the increase of \$5,383.00 in the price paid for the paper. While revenues from advertising vary from year to year, it is my thought that the subscription price for the paper should not in the future drop below the price which you are now charging, and it may well be that you should consider a higher price for the paper if costs continue to increase. Please understand that I am not recommending an increase, but merely suggesting that it be kept in mind if costs increase.

I liked particularly the decrease on the liability side of the balance sheet in notes payable to bank. This shows a decrease of \$4,750.00, and I have no doubt that by the end of the year you will have the \$2,500.00 still owing entirely wiped out.

The job that you have done with the paper in the last two years is simply remarkable and I want you to know that Mrs. Starke, and I am sure Mrs. Adams, are deeply appreciative of the fine work you are doing.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

HTF/h
cc - Mrs. E. F. Adams
Mrs. Ellina C. Starke

Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 29, 1944

Mr. Paul I. Wellman,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Paul:-

Thanks a lot for your kind offer to look over my "piece." After I had finished what I thought was the first draft, it did not suit me, so I am tearing it up and revamping it to some extent. I shall have to be out of town for a day or two but when I return will try to finish it as quickly as possible. It may be a week or two before I can get it to you, but will send it along when it seems somewhat more suitable.

I appreciate your favor more than I can tell.

I thought your feature on the "Beecher Bibles and Rifles" a honey.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 29, 1944

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Howard:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of approval regarding the financial condition of the company. You did not indicate, however, when it will suit your convenience to be present for our annual meeting. If you will suggest a date, I shall make the necessary arrangements with Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Starke.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Beech Aircraft Corporation

Wichita, Kansas

U. S. A.

March 30, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for your prompt response to our recent letter asking you for a list of El Dorado citizens to visit our factory in the near future. This list should consist of from 10 to 20 names.

Thank you again for your excellent cooperation in this matter. Please direct all correspondence relative to this matter to our office, 909 Central Building, Wichita 2, Kansas, attention of the writer.

Very truly yours,

BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

W. Homer Kelly
W. Homer Kelly *By-wr.*
Assistant Personnel Director

WHK:wr

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McMillen - Mayor

~~S. Pres. Cline~~

R. H. Kilgore

D. F. Burlin

D. C. & Boudreau

H. A. G. Caldwell 601 N. Alleghany

R. C. Woodward -

J. B. Mc Kay

~~G. H. H. H.~~

J. W. Kirk

T. A. Helling ^{gen mgr} E. D. Ref Co.

E. K. Anderson ^{supl} Shelly

W. R. Brown - Brown Shoe

Clymer

Paul Hawkins 215 N. Star

Principal E. D. Jr & H. S.

Kiwanis - Murray Gilkerson
Ray & Smith Dr. Co.

Lions - Virgil Godding
E. D. Natl Bank

Metro -

~~J. A. Alvin~~ Gladfelter

Rotary G. N. Harris
N. Apparel

Max Mahaffey

sup C. S.

Old Hill Co.

~~E. K. Anderson~~



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801 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

March 30, 1944.

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

Dear Rolla:

Answering your letter of March 29, let me state that I am tied up pretty well for the first two weeks in April. I have to go east the first week and west the second week. Can we set the annual meeting tentatively for the 25th of April?

Very truly yours,

HTF/h

cc - Mrs. Ellina C. Starke.



March 30, 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This is to certify that Lawrence P. Klintworth was employed by our newspaper for a period of about eight years as general reporter and staff man. He was among the most reliable and trustworthy employees we have ever had. Not only was he entirely competent in the capacity for which he was employed, but he wrote editorials for the paper over a long period and these were generally acceptable to the public. Mr. Klintworth is a young man of much more than ordinary intelligence and perception, is of clean and upright character and his patriotic loyalty is above question. I sincerely recommend him for whatever responsibilities his superiors in the armed services may see fit to entrust to him.

Very truly,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Topeka, Kansas
March 31, 1944

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Some four weeks ago Mr. M. S. Rukeyser, International News Service financial commentator, talked to the Knife and Fork Club in Topeka. I was fortunate in being invited to have lunch with him along with five or six other persons and sat by his side during the Knife and Fork meeting that night.

This gave me an opportunity to present him with a brochure and to do some "selling" for Kansas. I also indicated that we would not be disappointed in case he should care to write an article on Kansas for his syndicated column. He promised to do so and stated he would send me a copy.

Yesterday I received a clipping from him from the Los Angeles Examiner and also a clipping of the same column taken from the Detroit Times, sent to me by a friend of mine. This column has apparently gone all over the United States and is as follows:

RUKEYSER---Spokesman For Kansas Tells Of Oil Assets

By M. S. Rukeyser

Int'l News Service Financial Commentator

TOPEKA, Kan., March 20.--Former Governor Alfred M. Landon, who had mental reservations as to the outcome of the elections in 1936 and 1940, told me that he believes that the Republicans will win next November. He still believes that Governor Thomas E. Dewey is likely to get the Republican nomination.

It's a long time since the late William Allen White asked "What's the matter with Kansas?" One trouble was an inferiority complex and a tendency on the part of politicians to publicize its poverty rather than its immense potential wealth.

But all that is now behind the state, which used to make the mistake of being publicized only as a wheat-growing commonwealth. The state government has now set up the Kansas Industrial Development Commission to tell the world that Kansas has all the basic ingredients for an important postwar industrial development.

Instead of continuing to hide its light under a bushel, the state has retained William E. Long, retired industrialist and spokesman for the commission, who is prepared to reorient Kansas in the national thinking.

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"In addition to wheat," Mr. Long explained to me, "Kansas has other important resources. Its mineral resources are virtually unlimited. We have an annual mineral production valued five times greater than that of Alaska. We outrank the famous mineral states of the Rocky Mountains in the value of mineral produced. We exceed 39 out of the other 47 states in annual mineral production.

"Moreover, our petroleum production in Kansas exceeds that of 43 states.

"In 1942 Kansas produced 96,379,000 barrels of oil. As of January 1, 1943, a total of 20,551 wells were producing in the state and the estimated reserves were 396,819,000 barrels.

"Kansas exceeded 43 states in the production of petroleum for the 10 year period, 1932-1941, with an average annual production of 57,735,400 barrels. Nineteen refineries are operating within the state.

"Petroleum and natural gas in commercial quantities are produced in 62 of the 105 counties. Discoveries of new deposits have continued rapidly during the last decade.

"Kansas exceeded 41 states in the production of natural gas for the 10 year period, 1931-1940. The largest known gas field in the world is located in southwestern Kansas."

Kansas also produces coal, lead, zinc; has immense reserves of salt, and miscellaneous other minerals.

Out of many newspaper clippings concerning the activities of this Commission, all of which are good, we have selected two and quote them below:

"INDUSTRY HELPS ALL"

Winfield Courier, March 24, 1944

The El Dorado Times and the Hays Daily News have been conducting an editorial debate over the value of the Kansas Industrial Commission as an agency to promote the economic welfare of the state.

The News takes exception to the activities of any tax supporting agency working for industrial development in Kansas. Since agriculture is the major source of wealth, income and taxes in the state, tax money should not be expended to further manufacturing in Kansas, the News contends. Such a use of the farmer's tax money is a misuse of public funds, the Hays editor insists.

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Referring to the commission the News says, "It was conceived in party commitments, baptized in political patronage, and now, like the New Deal, is nursed at the taxpayers' breasts."

We do not question The News in its charge that the commission was conceived in party commitments. But we know of scores of vital economic and political improvements that were conceived in the same sort of political atmosphere. Much American progress has been possible because of political party interest.

This appears to us to be a very inappropriate moment to question the need for industrial development in Kansas. If we don't want it here, there are dozens of states that do. We know from personal observation that one of our neighboring states would have welcomed the help of a commission comparable to the KIDC to help in bringing war industries to the state. That state had some industrial advantages over Kansas but was far behind in getting such industries.

The only suggestion or criticism we could make of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission would be to voice some doubt about the wisdom of removing R. H. Rhoads from Washington at this time. It is going to be even more important to keep industry in Kansas after the war than it was to get war plants. There is going to be a lot of postwar maneuvering at Washington long before the war ends and we need to know what that activity indicates if we are to be able to offer inducements to keep some of these plants.

We have confidence that Richard Robbins, a western Kansas cattleman and chairman of the Commission, is interested in developing all of the state, not merely the eastern counties. We believe the rest of the Commission is made up of honest, progressive, sound-thinking men who want to see Kansas grow and develop. We want them to continue their efforts to bring greater economic balance to the state. We want to join with the El Dorado Times in commending what has been done to date.

"A CLASSY VIEW OF KANSAS"

Great Bend Tribune, March 25, 1944

Arkansas City Traveler: Probably the classiest piece of advertising ever given Kansas is the slick new brochure devoted to the state and its resources recently issued by the Kansas Industrial Development Commission.

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Entitled, "Let's Look into Kansas," the book contains an impressive collection of pictures, maps, graphs and descriptive matter portraying the industrial possibilities of the state.

Highlighted are natural resources, abundant water, native labor, varied industries, diversified agricultural production, temperate climate, the nation's best public health record, the state's position as the hub of a wealthy market and the networks of industrial servicing facilities and established transportation.

Other advantages stressed in the introduction are a favorable government attitude, established industries and war facilities, 93 per cent native white population, excellent recreational assets, moderate cost of living, unexcelled labor record, advantageous corporation code and a famed educational system.

Separate sections are devoted to Kansas in the war program, mineral resources, oil, gas and coal, lead and zinc, salt, other minerals, agriculture, wheat, corn, sorghums, flax, oats and soybeans, alfalfa, livestock, beef cattle, milk cows, hogs, sheep, chickens, eggs, population, markets, general industry, aircraft, cement, metal working, milling, oil refining, salt, coal, meat packing, other agricultural processing, highways, railroads, airlines, pipelines, water, power, climate, radio, colleges and universities and recreation.

Finally, folded away in a pocket in the back of the book is a huge map of the state showing mineral resources, underground water supplies, oil and gas fields, many types of processing plants, pipelines and assortment of other things.

"Let's Look into Kansas" is a swell piece of work in anybody's language.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
OF KANSAS

April 1, 1944

RAYMOND C. MOORE
State Geologist and Director
On leave, Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army

JOHN C. FRYE
Asst. State Geologist and Asst. Director

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Upon my recent return to the office I have received your letter of March 17 inquiring about certain aspects of the geology of Kansas and the Mid-West.

In answer to your first question, the glaciers did not cover all of Kansas, but extended only about as far south as the Kansas River valley and as far west as central Washington County. The advance of this ice sheet might be considered the last major event in the geologic development of the state. Nearly all of the important mineral-producing rocks of Kansas are of marine origin,--that is, they are deposits that were laid down in a shallow sea that alternately flooded and withdrew from this area. ^{most of} These marine rocks are all classified as belonging in the Paleozoic era, and represent a wide variety of materials ranging from limestone and dolomite to sandstone and redbeds. The Permian sea that you mention as having been referred to by oil geologists refers to the last major advance of the sea during Paleozoic time into the state. El Dorado is located in an area underlain by Permian rocks, and these same rocks extend far to the west. The Cherokee sea which you mentioned was a sea that covered much the same area as the Permian sea but at an earlier time. Considerable quantities of oil have been produced in Kansas from sandstones formed in the Cherokee sea.

Concerning your question about the similarity of the geology of the Mid-West, the Paleozoic rocks of Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri have many features in common. Some of the coal beds are thicker in one part of the area than in others and sand contains oil one place and not in another, but for the most part they are similar types of rock. Parts of Arkansas are also similar to this region but other parts of that state are much more closely related to South Texas and the Gulf Coast region.

I realize that my answers have been very general and may not be of much help to you. I will be glad to be more specific on any of the points raised if you care for such information.

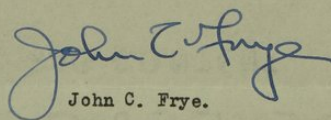
Under separate cover I am sending you several publications of the State Geological Survey that may supply more details,--namely, a report summarizing the mineral resources of Kansas, a report recently published on the subsurface geology of the Forest City Basin in Kansas, and a report which briefly summarizes the groundwater geology of the state. You might also be interested in securing for your library a copy of Dr. R. C. Moore's Textbook of Historical Geology. Dr. Moore, of course, has for many years been located in Kansas and many of the illustrations in his textbook are drawn from this state. His textbook is an excellent source reference on historical geology.

Mr. R. A. Clymer
April 1, 1944

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If I can be of any further help to you, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,



John C. Frye.



Address Reply to:
The Office of Naval Officer Procurement,
Second Floor, Finance Building,
1009 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City 6, Missouri,
and not to the signer of this letter.

REFER TO NO.
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BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI



April 3, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

Reference: Mr. Lawrence Porter KLINTWORTH

Applicant for commission, U.S. NAVAL RESERVE

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter cannot be sent, but to do so would make it necessary to divert energy now focused on other wartime duties.

The conscientious thought given your reply to this request may affect the welfare and safety of many men, as the man about whom we are writing may eventually be in a position of command. Therefore, the requested information is of more than usual significance.

Please tell us in detail what you can about this applicant. For your convenience we have enclosed a form which covers the essential items upon which information is desired. It would contribute to our appraisal of the applicant if you would place your answers below the questions on the enclosed sheet.

A return envelope is enclosed. Your reply will be kept in strictest confidence and will have an important bearing on the final decision. Please accept our thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

F.D. KELLY
Lieutenant, USNR

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KANSAS STATE COUNCIL OF THE

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

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804 Park View
Topeka, Kansas
April 3, 1944

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

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Dear Mr. Clymer:

You will find enclosed the Kansas State Council's
check for \$2.50 in payment for 50 copies of the El Dorado
Times of Wednesday, March 29, 1944.

I want to thank you very sincerely for the coopera-
tion given by you to the Council during the Convention. We
were highly pleased with the reports of the Convention published,
particularly the last one.

Sincerely yours,

Ben H. Kinch

BEN H. KINCH, President

BHK:RHH

Enc.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 4, 1944

Mr. W. Homer Kelly,
Assistant Personnel Director
Beech Aircraft Corporation,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Kelly:-

In compliance with your recent request, I am herewith tendering the following list of local citizens, comprising something of a cross-section of the town, whom you might wish to invite for a visit to your plant. Necessarily some who might otherwise be included have been left out in the number you have suggested, but I believe this group will be satisfactory for your purpose.

Here are my suggested names:

Mayor W. E. Robbins, El Dorado, Kansas
City Manager H. E. McMillen, El Dorado, Kansas
R. H. Kilgore, cashier Citizens State Bank, El Dorado, Ks.
D. F. Burlin, cashier El Dorado National Bank, El Dorado
Dr. C. E. Boudreau, El Dorado
H. A. Caldwell, president Oil Field & Refinery Workers
Union, El Dorado. (610 Alleghany St.)
R. C. Woodward, Representative 53rd District, El Dorado
J. B. McKey, El Dorado
J. W. Kirkpatrick, El Dorado
T. A. Helling, general manager El Dorado Refining
Company, El Dorado
E. K. Anderson, superintendent Skelly Oil Company,
El Dorado
W. R. Brown, Brown Shoe Store, El Dorado
Paul Hawkins, principal Senior and Junior High Schools,
215 North Star, El Dorado
Murray Gilkeson, president Kiwanis Club, Ray L.
Smith Investment Company, El Dorado
Virgil Godding, president Lions Club, El Dorado
National Bank, El Dorado
Alvin Gladfelter, president Metro Club, El Dorado
G. H. Harris, president Rotary Club, Harris Apparel,
El Dorado
Max Mahaffey, superintendent Cities Service Oil Com-
pany, Oil Hill, Kansas
R. A. Clymer, Editor The Times, El Dorado.

I trust you will find this list satisfactory

Sincerely yours,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Broadway at Crittenden

Toledo, Ohio

JONAS WILLIAM BOYER, PH.D.
PASTOR

April 4, 1944.

Supt. J. F. Hughes,
El Dorado City Schools.
El Dorado, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Hughes:

I have your gracious letter of March 28th.
I appreciate the confidence that my ministerial brethren
have in me.

It is true that I am interested in a smaller
field and Church. My whole ministry has been a very happy one, and
the work has prospered under his blessing.

- For many years I have done two men's work, and
now I ought to limit myself to one man's work. I can do that
alright. Here I am doing more than I should, because there
is so much to be done. I am tempted to try it, but I think it
more sensible to take a lighter work than this Church of over
1000 members in a large place.

As to my health, Mark Twain once said to an
audience, "Ladies and Gentlemen, The report of my death, I assure
you, has been grossly exaggerated". So with my health. I was
sick two years ago, regained my health, and have been carrying
heavy work ever since. I was to have an assistant here to share
the work, but, have had to carry it alone. I can do full work,
but I must not continue trying to do two men's work.
Hence I am interested in your field and Church. I think it is
just the kind I want and can, I feel, render a strong ministry
there.

As to my Education, I have four earned
degrees. The A.B., M.A. in Sociology, B.D. from the Theological
Seminary at Louisville Ky, and the Ph.D. Work done in part at
Chicago Univ. and the rest in Graduate Theological work at
the Univ of Dubuque 20 years ago. I hope I am still open minded,
and still learning.

My Ministry has been spent at Conway
Ark, where there were three Colleges. The President of the State
Teachers College and six of the Faculty were in my Church.
Four years in Educational work--two at Univ of Kansas as
University Pastor, and two in Hastings College as Prof.
of Bible and Public Speaking. This was a broadening experience
and enriched my life greatly. I value it highly. Then I
spent the rest of my ministry in Kansas City Mo, Vincennes Ind,
Saginaw Mich and Toledo Ohio. My longest Pastorate was at
Warren Ave Church Saginaw Mich, - eleven years and three months.
If I came to El Dorado I would hope that our experiences would be
such mutually that I might spend many years there in good service.



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Supt. J.F. Hughes

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JONAS WILLIAM BOYER, PH.D.
PASTOR

My family consists of Mrs. Boyer, her Mother, Mrs. Hornback and our four children. Richard is 12 and is in the grades. Virginia 17 is ready for College in the Fall. J.W. Jr. is in England in the Army, and Robert is in Sicily in the Army. Robert is 25 years of age and has his A.B. and A.M. from Ann Arbor Mich. He expects to take his Ph.D. when the war is over. He has been teaching up to two years ago at Clyde Ohio. History and English. He expects to specialize in History and teach that subject the rest of his life in some College or University if the way opens. If we come to El Dorado, Virginia will go to your Junior College no doubt.

Mrs. Boyer taught school for four years and has the equivalent of a college Education. Her Mother has lived with us for 24 years, and has her own income and her own car. So I can use mine in my Church work without having to share my car with them. This is a big help.

As to Salary expected you ask. With part of my family still at home I feel that \$2700. manse and Pension is the least that I could come for and pay living expenses, which a minister must do, for his own good name, and for the honor of the Church he is serving.

I would hope and expect to see the Church grow in membership and consecration through much Pastoral visitation and Personal work, so that it would be able to meet additional responsibilities which the Church ~~is~~ assumes at this time.

I would want to visit El Dorado and look over the field and let your people see me, so that we might be mutually agreed that we wanted to serve Christ together. I am sure your Church would wish this also.

I shall await your invitation for such a visit. I might be able to get away for such a visit on April the 16th or April the 23rd. preferably, the 26rd.

With very best wishes to you,

I am sincerely yours,

J. W. Boyer

THE KANSAS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION, INC.



Office of the Secretary
115 SOUTH MAIN STREET ★ WICHITA, KANSAS

April 5, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I talked with Frank Faris on the phone yesterday concerning arrangements for an after-dinner speaker at the Victory Conference of the Kansas Restaurant Association to be held in Wichita on April 17. He and Ed Burge got together and are suggesting that I contact you to fill this spot for us, so here is an official invitation for you to appear on our program as our banquet speaker.

The affair is to be held at the Lassen Hotel at 7:30 in the evening. There will probably be about 150 in attendance, all restaurant operators, and they will enjoy being kidded. I am sure you can do a good job of entertaining speaking of the kind that they will enjoy.

Mr. Faris stated that if you turned me down on this deal to immediately call him and he and Mr. Burge will proceed to turn the heat on you to do this job. I am just laying the cards on the table in this matter. Seriously however, we do hope you will be able to accept this invitation. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

April 5, 1944

THE POST-WAR PROSPEROUS ERA in KANSAS


TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

As a result of checking with some members of the Commission as to a possible date for the April Commission meeting, we find that, due to some members being out of the state, it looks like our meeting may be held some time during the week of April 24.

This information is being sent you to be of some assistance in your plans.

Very truly yours,

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION


William E. Long
Secretary-Director

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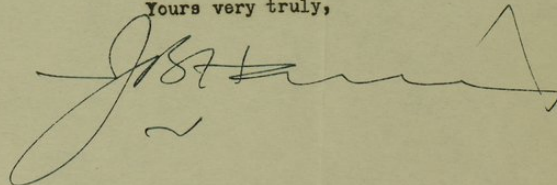
April 5, 1944

Dear Sirs.-

After operating the Hotel El Dorado for a period of 22½ years, the writer decided to not renew his lease, which expired on March 31, 1944, and has disposed of all the furniture and fixtures.

Before leaving El Dorado I want to express my sincere appreciation and satisfaction to you for the manner in which you have served and cooperated with us during this time and to express the hope that at no distant date our very pleasant relations
✓ may be renewed.

Yours very truly,



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Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor
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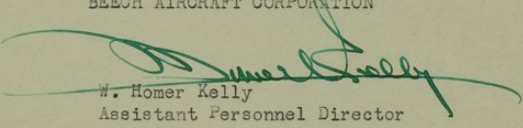
Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you very much for the list of El Dorado
citizens listed in your letter of April 4.

We appreciate very much your fine cooperation.

Very truly yours,

BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION



W. Homer Kelly
Assistant Personnel Director

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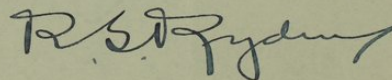
April 6, 1944.

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Chairman,
Transportation Committee,
El Dorado Chamber of Commerce,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In Mr. Engel's absence on the West Coast, this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 3rd, signed by you and the other members of your Transportation Committee, concerning the possibility of improved railroad service in and out of El Dorado. The matter will be brought to his attention as soon as practicable and you will hear further from us in due course.

Very truly yours,



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April 6, 1944

Mr. Dick Robbins,
Greensburg, Kansas.

Dear Dick:

Please permit me to suggest that the KIDC attempt to get an article about Kansas into the Saturday Evening Post similar to the Arthur W. Baum article in the April 1st issue, "The West Coast Weighs Its Future". It seems to me that Kansas has an even more interesting, thrilling and dramatic story to tell.

Since Ben Hibbs, the editor of the S.E.P. is a Kansan and former editor of Oscar Stauffer's Arkansas City newspaper, there should be a fine chance of getting this done.

Hibbs is spending this week-~~and~~ in Kansas visiting relatives. He will be visiting his brother, a local architect, in Wichita this week-end. It might be that you will want Long to get in touch with him while he is in the state.

With very best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Payne

PHR:dd

*Rolla - will you
please reply to this and
tell him we are in touch
with Mr Hibbs -
Wick*