

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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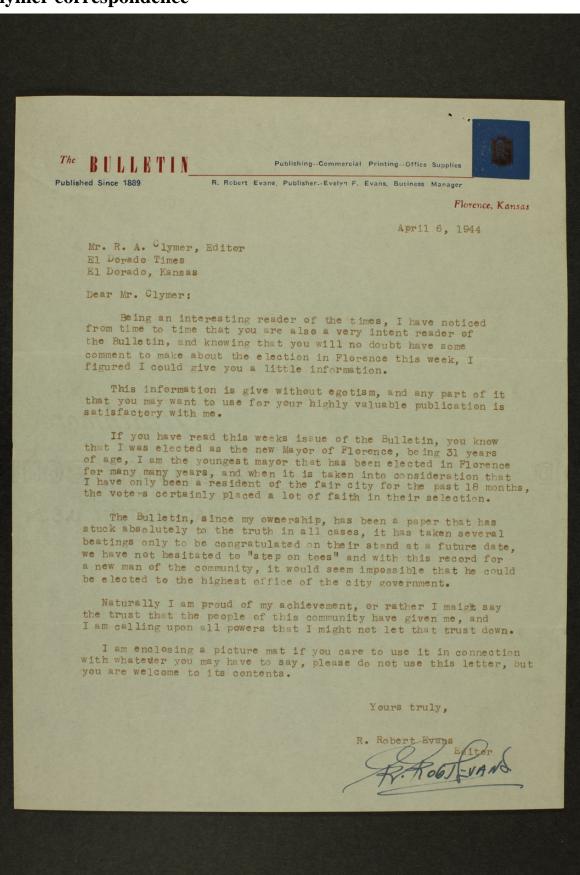
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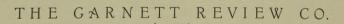
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Established Eighteen Sixty - Five Earl L. Knauss, Editor-Manager

GARNETT, KANSAS April 7, 1944

R. A. Clymer Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Sorry to be so late with your recent request but here it is: Concrete Products, Geo. W. Barndt
Cement building blocks, cement land drain tile,
cement highway tile 24,18,15, and 12 inch.
Grennan Produce Company
Packers & shippers, eggs & dressed poultry.
Sub-plants over this section of Kansas.
Gemett Rock Co.

Garnett Rock Co. Crush rock, agricultural lime.

I. O. Kite Machine Shop

Repairs oil field equipment and heavy machinery. Garnett Elevator Co.

Buys and ships out soybeans, flax and wheat. Makes commercial and stock feeds.

Garnett Ice & Cold Storage Co.

Locker boxes and furnishes ice for Garnett and this

county.

Garnett Church Furniture Co. Makes church furniture exclusively. Understood to be

washers. Nearly every cream station has one.

M. H. Cramer & Sons Coop Mfg. Co.
Chicken coops and batteries. Sanitary cream can washers. Nearly every cream station has one.

Anco Refining Co.
Road oil fuel oils etc.

Road oil, fuel oils, etc. Garnett City

Owned utilities. Community Sale Did \$100,000 business first three months of this year.

Also enclosed is story regarding financial status of schools and city. Thought you might be interested. Hope this is satisfactory to your wants.

Earl & Juans



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Mr. J. A. Wolf, Secretary The Kansas Restaurant Association, Wichita, Kansas

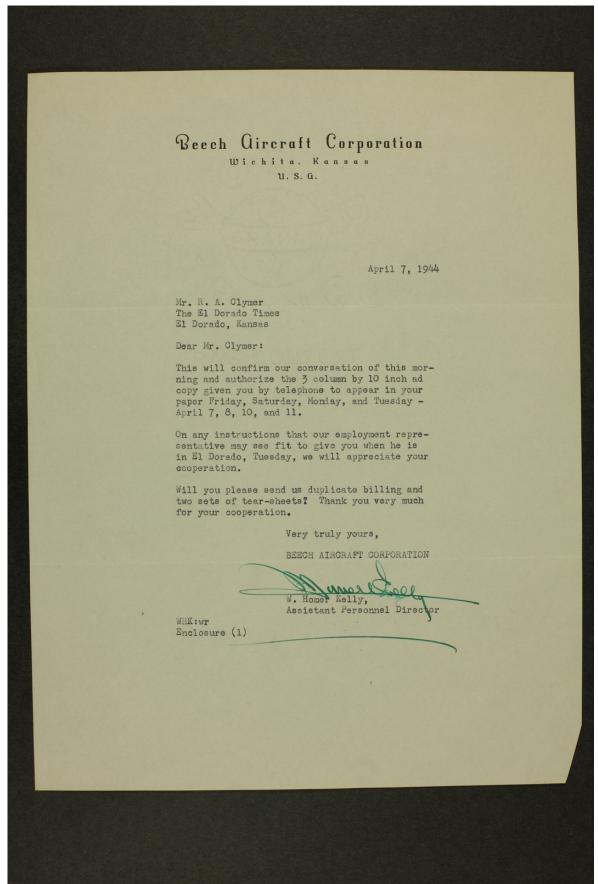
I have given your letter much thought. I am not what is known as a "funny" speaker. If you want that kind for your banquet, you ought to get Tom Collins. I certainly cannot tell "Pat and Mike" stories. But I have done one or two fair jobs of "razzing" in my time, and if that is what the restaurant boys and girls want I may be able to satisfy them. I would hate to take on this assignment under any false pretenses and if you have somebody else who would fit the bill better, you should get him. But when you take me, it has to be "warts and all."

I think, perhaps, the only point in my favor is that I have a great friendliness and respect for the restaurant people. They have been extremely kind to me in all contacts, especially the past few years, and I would be glad of the chance to pay them a little well-deserved tribute.

Let me know, please, if you still want me under the considerations I have pointed out.

Very truly yours,







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HAROLD B.JOHNSON

THE BROCKWAY COMPANY WATERTOWN, N.Y.

April 7, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

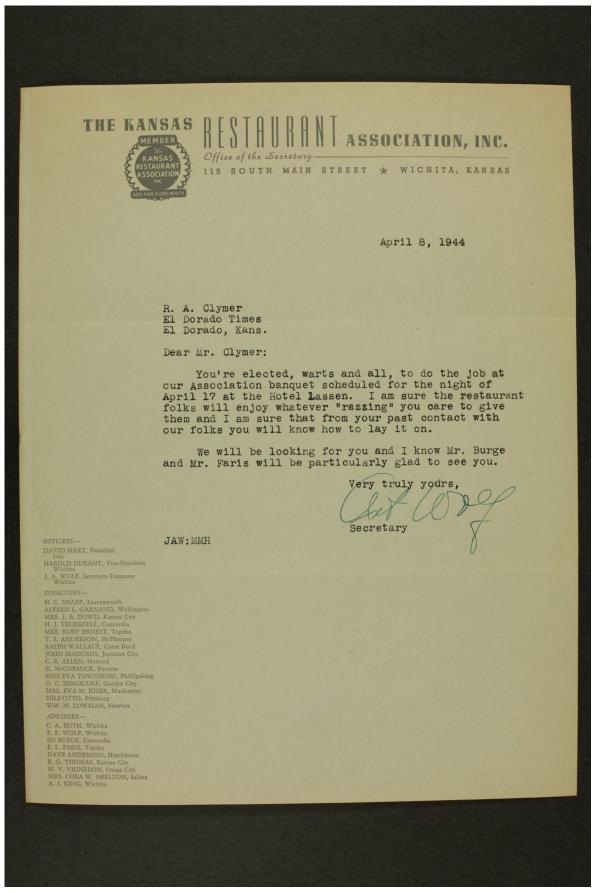
What an interesting piece you made out of that Dillenbeck letter and the picture. I appreciate your doing so. You have a good newspaper and I read it with relish every day.

With best wishes, I am,

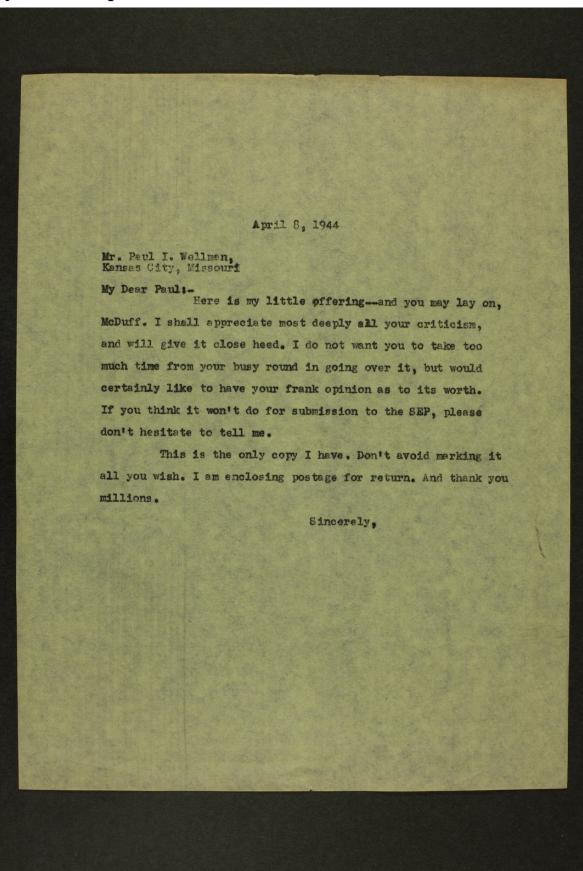
Yours very truly,

Harold B. Johnson.











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April 8, 1944

PROGRESS REPORT

TO ALL MEMBERS KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

You have received so many mailings from this office the past two weeks that we omitted last week's Progress Report and shall include that report in with this week's.

During this period I talked to the Central Kansas Lumbermen's Association at Salina and to the Chamber of Commerce at Pittsburg and spent one day checking up on our research programs at Manhattan.

Harry Bouck spent two days at Manhattan attending the meeting of the Kansas State Agricultural Planning Committee.

Fager will be in Kansas the first of next week, having spent three weeks in Chicago. At the moment it looks like the results of our Chicago endeavor were good but I wish to analyze this in detail and give you a further report on this subject.

We are still hopeful that we can get other concerns, such as the Kansas State Teachers Association, Santa Fe Railroad, Capper Publications, etc., to pool their orders for a reprint of our brochure.

During the next Commission meeting we hope to have some dummies on new types of publications ready for your consideration.

From the many favorable comments we have received on the brochure, I have picked two which appeared on my desk today--one from the Chanute Tribune and one from the Emporia Weekly Gazette--which are quoted herewith.

"BID FOR INDUSTRY"

Chanute Tribune, March 29, 1944

When a slick salesman walks into your place of business and courteously says he wants only 3 minutes and 8 seconds of your valuable time he gains attention by appealing to vanity since all men like it thought of them as very busy. That's the first impression created by the industrial brochure of Kansas being sent out by the Kansas Industrial Development Commission that will find its way to the desks of industrialists who might be interested in locating in Kansas.



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To begin with the brochure is one of the handsomest pieces of printing which has come to this desk in many years. The pages are a bit smaller than those of Life magazine and some of them contain less than a dozen words. But don't be deceived by the few words per page because they're loaded with meat - concise statements with punch. Yes there are charts, graphs, maps, photographs done in color to stress the high spots. The brochure can be thumbed through in 15 minutes and by the time it is finished more facts about the state will remain stuck in the mind than by mulling over a detailed, wordy description of 300,000 words.

The brochure should get results - it is well timed, packed full of factual information, told in a manner brief enough to meet the approval of the busy industrialists, pleasing enough to get its message read and with enough sparkle and original designing in its makeup to drive home the points that its authors seek to make.

"A SALESMAN FOR KANSAS"

Emporia Weekly Gazette, March 30, 1944

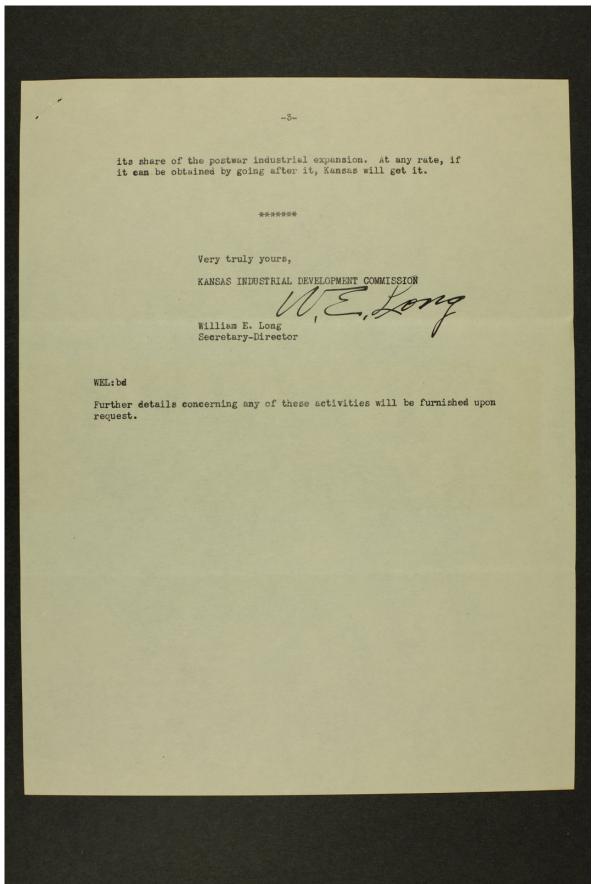
An industrial brochure of Kansas prepared by the Kansas Industrial Development Commission is now off the press and soon will find its way to the desks of industrialists who might be interested in locating in Kansas.

The brochure is one of the handsomest pieces of printing that has come to this desk in years, and it is safe to say that if it doesn't get the job done it is not the fault of the brochure. The book is done in color and is profusely illustrated with maps, charts, graphs and photographs. It is clearly designed for eye appeal with reading matter minimized and type largely confined to catchlines and pertinent facts about Kansas. The state's sources for raw material, its industrial possibilities, its mineral wealth, agriculture and educational advantages are subjects well handled. Kansas is presented factually, yet in an attractive and compelling manner. The book clearly shows long and careful preliminary study, not only as to its contents but its final appearance.

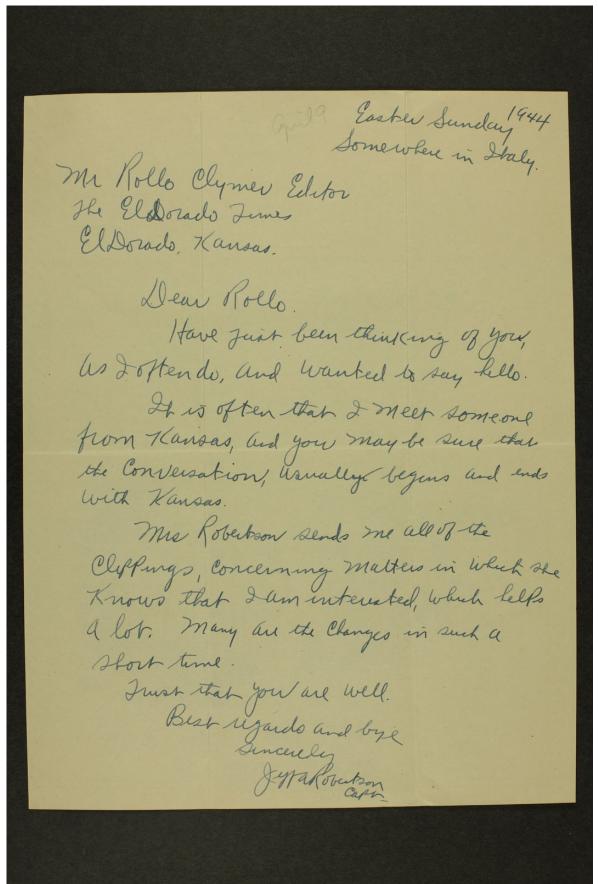
The brochure is only one of several methods chosen to advertise Kansas and its possibilities for industrial expansion. The Kansas Industrial Development Commission for instance, is also engaged in educational work through the use of moving pictures. One of the more recent of the films, "Fertile Frontiers," was exhibited in Emporia at the recent Farm-Industry-Science clinic, and it exacted much favorable comment.

It is good to know that Kansas leaders are going about the job of selling Kansas to the nation's industrialists with intelligence and spirit. Given more favorable freight rates the state stands to reap

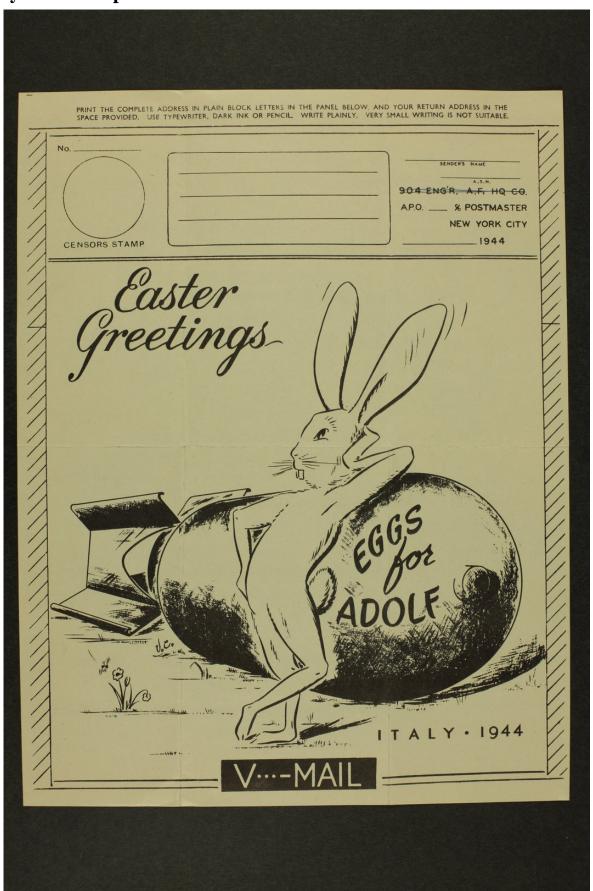




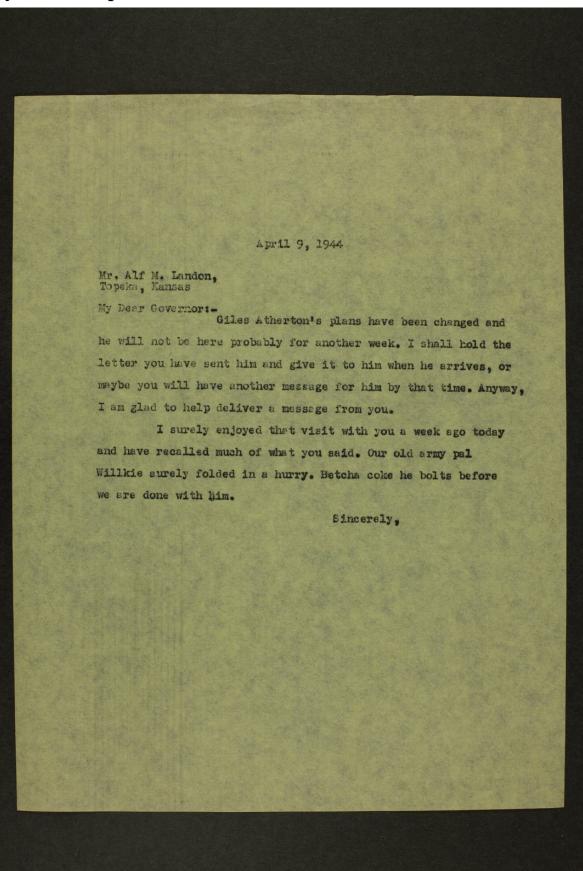




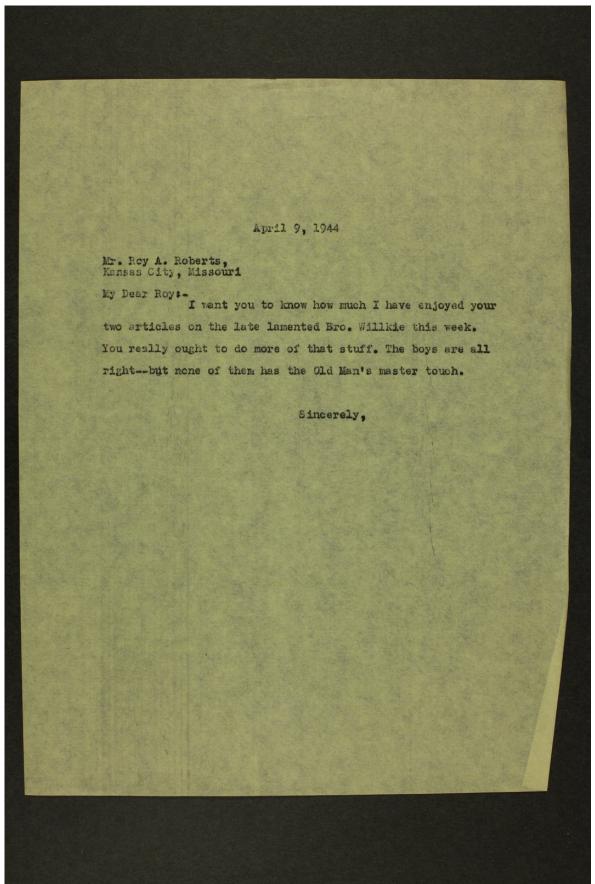




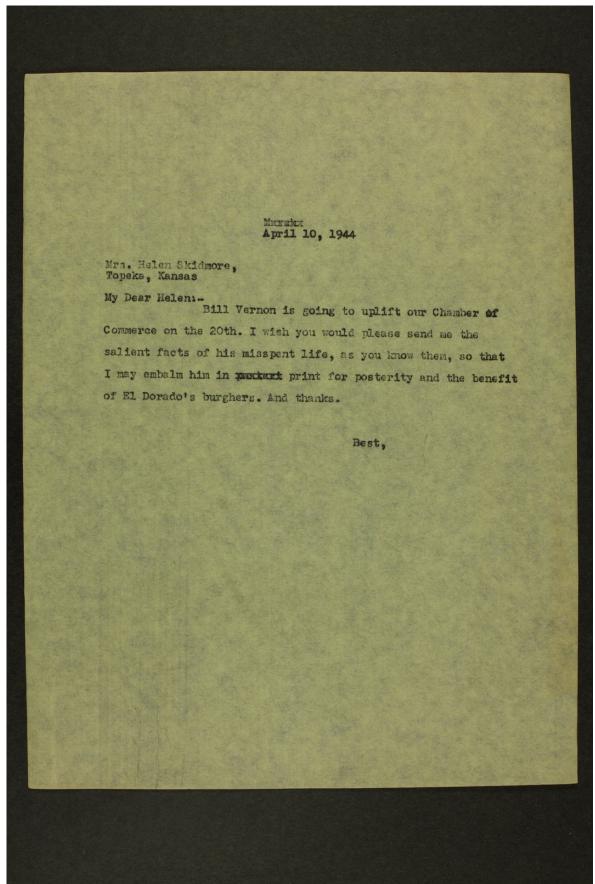




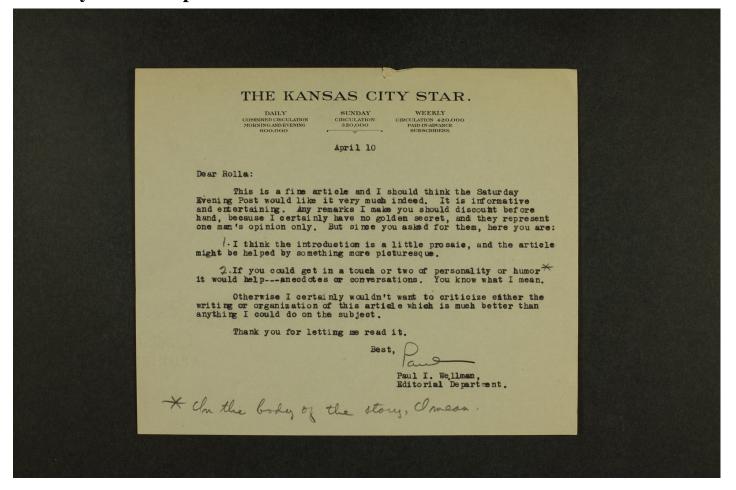




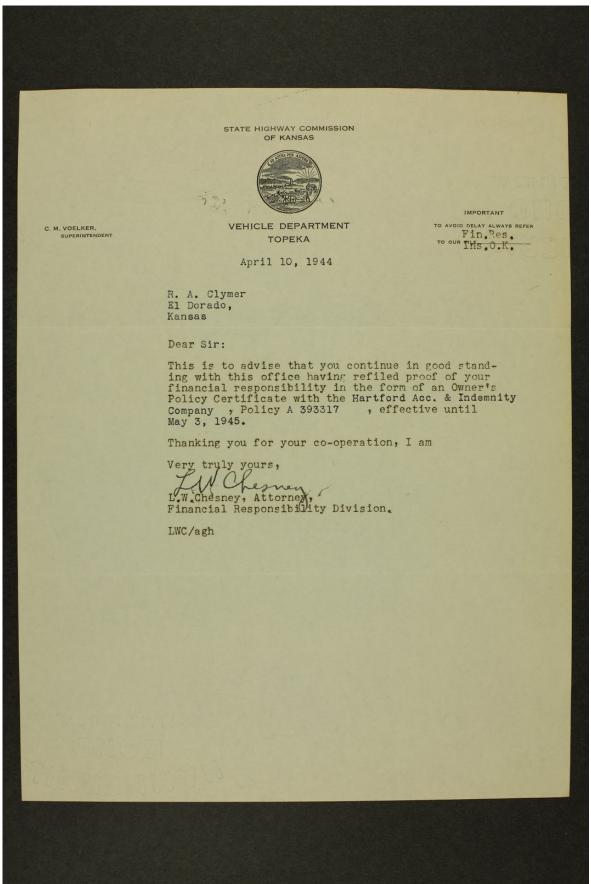














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April 11, 1944

Mr. W. G. Fink Democratic National Committeeman State of Kansas, Fredonia, Kansas

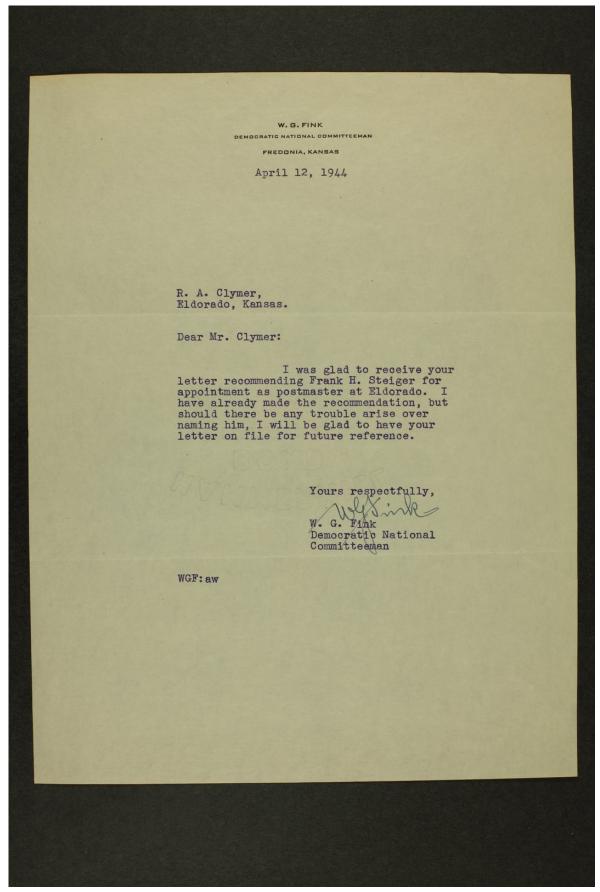
Dear Mr. Fink:-

As a business patron of the El Dorado post office, I want to say that the service rendered during the term of Mr. Frank Steiger as acting postmaster has been commendable, in my opinion. We all realize, of course, that present-day conditions do not allow full efficiency in the operation of either public or private institutions, but it is my observation that the El Dorado post office has handled its volume well in spite of difficulties. While incoming mail deliveries are sometimes delayed, I am sure these are not the fault of the local force or its executive management.

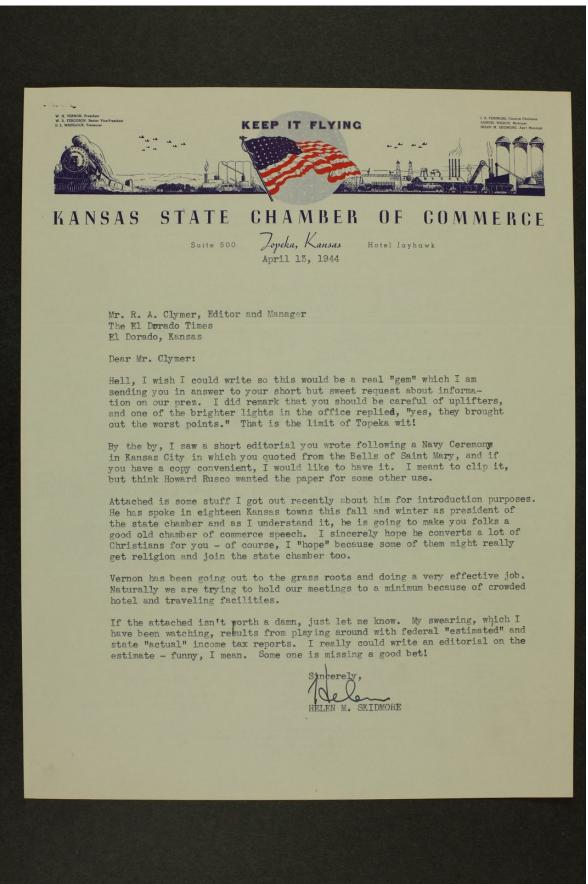
Our newspaper is dependent, to large degree, upon the mail service for circulation of its product. We feel we have been accorded excellent cooperation during Mr. Steiger's regime.

Very truly yours,

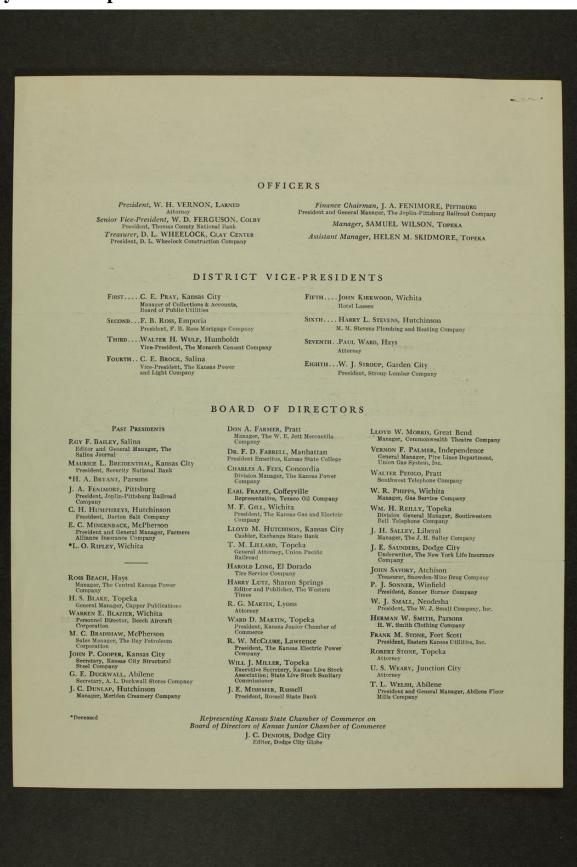














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LAW OFFICES OF

WILLIAM S. NORRIS

April 13, 1944

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

Dear Rolla:

I am sorry that I did not get to talk to you a little more when I was in Topeka at the time of the State Convention. I hope to be able to get down into your territory some time before long, but it has been absolutely impossible for me to get out of the office except on a few occasions when I have had to be away on some business matters, and I do not know just when I will be able to get away again.

In your letter of February 11, you were kind enough to state that you were for me and asked that I let you know what you might be able to do for me. I very naturally want all of the assistance that I can get in this race, and the principal thing that anyone can do is to make my name as familiar as possible with the people who will vote in the primary election. A good many of my friends over the state are taking an interest in my campaign and are mentioning my name to their friends and writing letters in my behalf to their friends and acquaintances. So far as the press is concerned, I know that no newspaper can spend all of its time and space in bally-hooing for any one candidate. The people are entitled to what there is of news value in the candidacies of the several candidates for this as well as other offices, and from what little experience I at one time had in newspaper business, I know that it is always a problem to any newspaper editor to determine to what extent publicity can be given in matters of this kind.

I believe that the matter of securing offices on the Supreme Court of Kansas is tremendously important to the people of the state, but unfortunately the voters in general are not familiar with the office, and are very seldom acquainted with the qualifications of any of the candidates. The result is that a very high percentage of the voters go to the polls, especially in the primary election, with no information whatever concerning candidates for positions on the Supreme Court, and they either vote blind or not at all.

I have taken the position with the editors of some newspapers with whom I have come in contact that it would be a benefit to the people of the state if the press would give such publicity to the qualifications of the several candidates as will reflect their fitness for this office, not based simply upon the candidate's desire to be nominated and elected, but upon what are his real qualifications.

I believe from what I have been able to learn of the sentiment of the lawyers over the state who are in a better position to know of the qualifications of



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LAW OFFICES OF

WILLIAM S. NORRIS

PLANTERS STATE BANK BUILDING

SALINA, KANSAS

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the candidates for this office than anyone else, that I am considered by a fairly large majority of the lawyers to be better qualified for this office than the others who have announced their intention to become candidates. I do not know of anything that I could say in my own behelf which would be as effective as what others say and think about me, and I enclose a folder which includes to a small extent some of the comment which has been made upon my candidacy by those who are in a position to know me. My candidacy is based solely upon the experience and ability which I believe I have demonstrated in thirty years of actual experience in the practice of law, the nature of which I believe has been somewhat above the average of dinary general practitioner.

If you can find it possible to carry any publicity in my behalf from time to time in your paper, I will of course appreciate it very highly, as well as anything else which you might be able to do in your personal contacts or correspondence with your friends and acquaintances over the state. In the event you might have occasion to use it, I am also enclosing herewith a mat of my picture which has been used in articles in the Salina Journal and in the Topeka Capital in connection with my candidacy. I also enclose a copy of a story which appeared in the Salina Journal, which contains a little information not included in the enclosed folder.

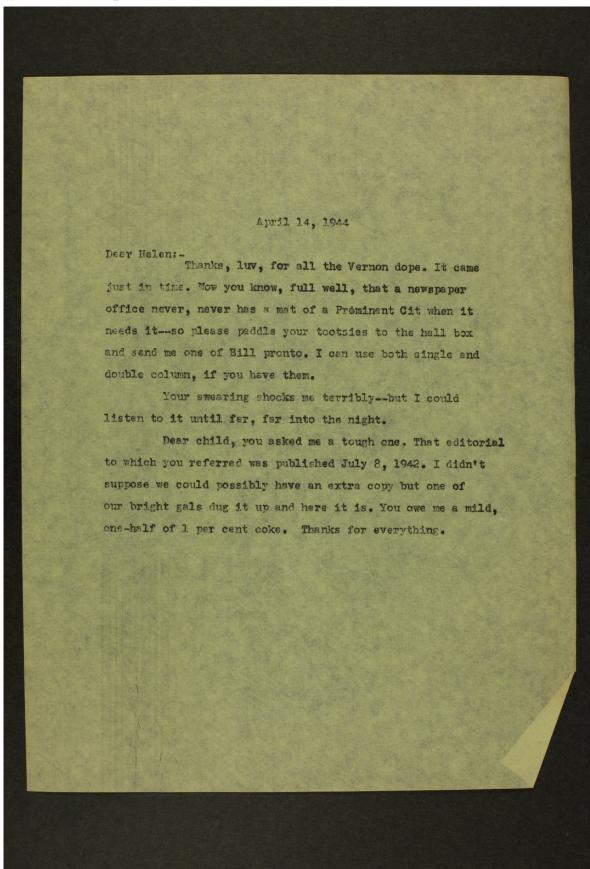
With best regards, I am,

Your sery sincerely,

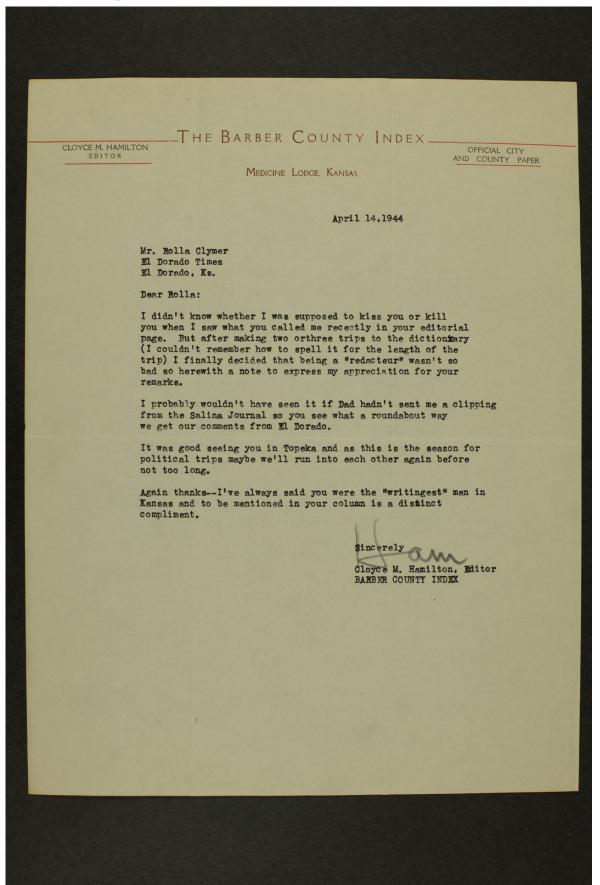
W. S. Norris

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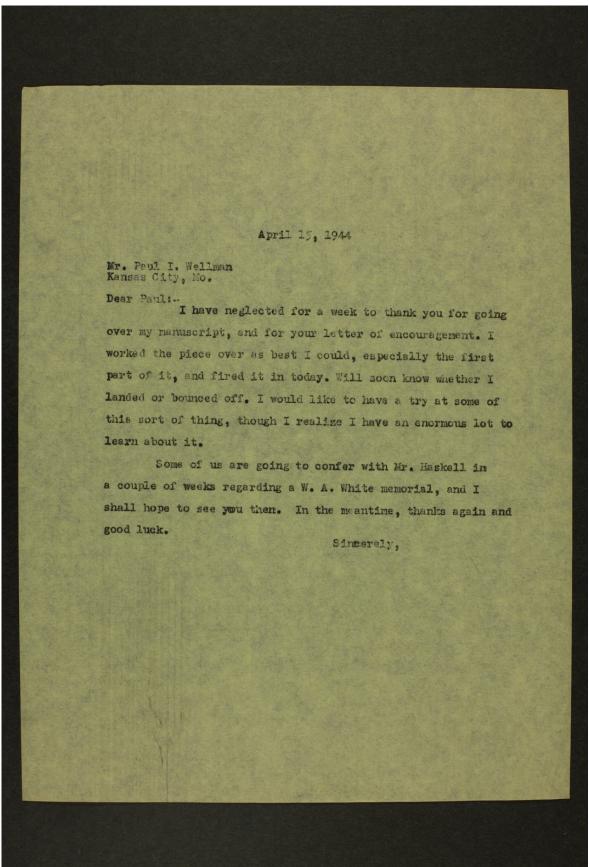














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Topeka, Kansas April 15, 1944

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TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

During the week I spent one day at Manhattan and another day at Lawrence checking on our research programs. I found that Dr. King is spending the week in a hospital in Kansas City for a physical checkup. However, Dr. Hughes, who is in Dr. King's department spent all necessary time with me.

Harry Bouck talked to a group covering two counties sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at Paola and also at Fort Scott and Leavenworth during the week.

Due to some assistance needed by an industry in Kansas, Mr. Rhoads was held over in Washington until Wednesday, the nineteenth, and at Mr. Robbins' suggestion I advised Rhoads to plan on spending all of next week in Washington due to the possibility of another call on him in Washington from Kansas.

Very truly yours,

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

William E. Long Secretary-Director

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



