

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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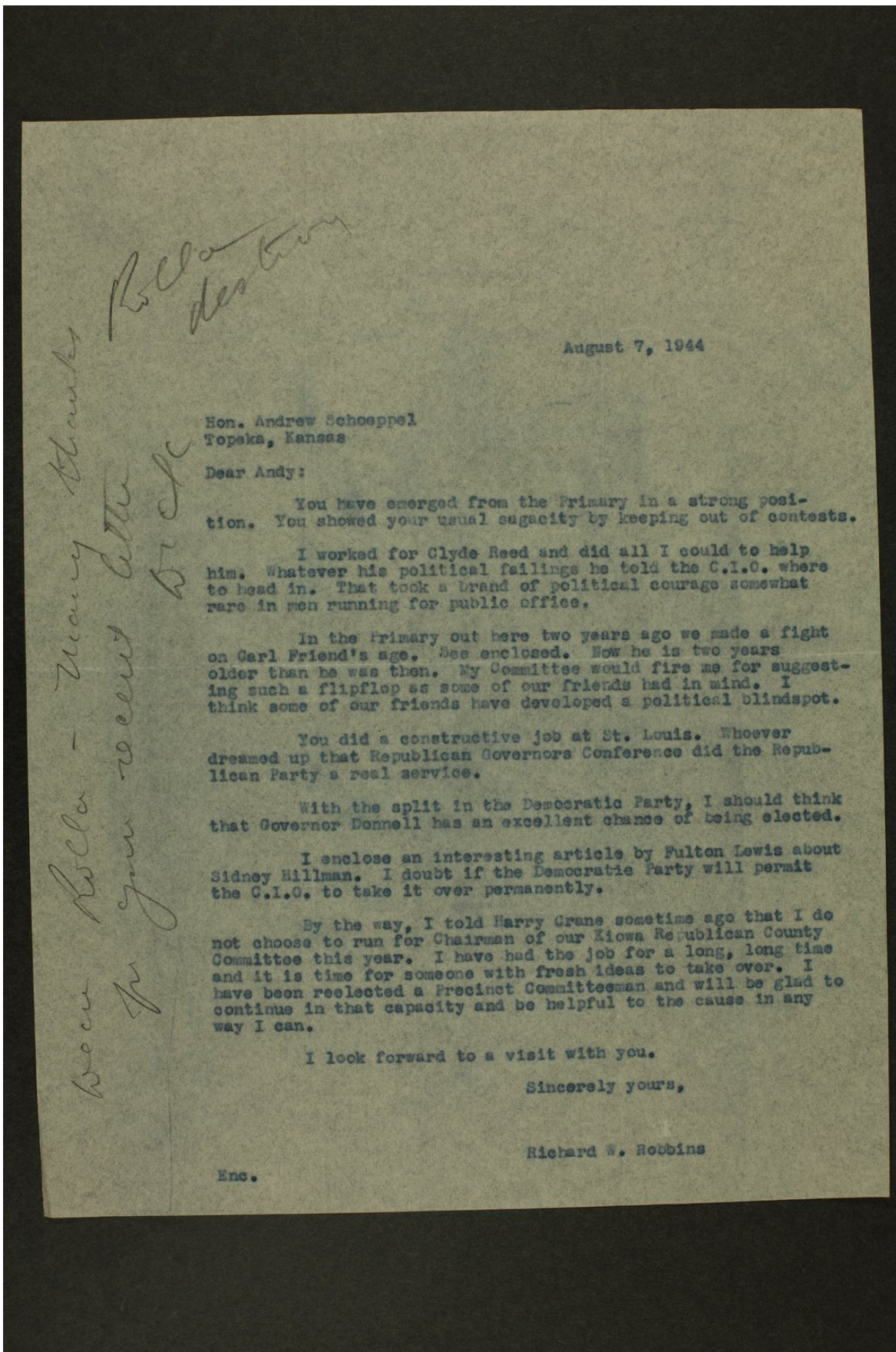
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August 7, 1944

Hon. Andrew Schoeppel
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Andy:

You have emerged from the Primary in a strong position. You showed your usual sagacity by keeping out of contests.

I worked for Clyde Reed and did all I could to help him. Whatever his political failings he told the C.I.O. where to head in. That took a brand of political courage somewhat rare in men running for public office.

In the Primary out here two years ago we made a fight on Carl Friend's age. See enclosed. Now he is two years older than he was then. My Committee would fire me for suggesting such a flipflop as some of our friends had in mind. I think some of our friends have developed a political blindspot.

You did a constructive job at St. Louis. Whoever dreamed up that Republican Governors Conference did the Republican Party a real service.

With the split in the Democratic Party, I should think that Governor Donnell has an excellent chance of being elected.

I enclose an interesting article by Fulton Lewis about Sidney Hillman. I doubt if the Democratic Party will permit the C.I.O. to take it over permanently.

By the way, I told Harry Crane sometime ago that I do not choose to run for Chairman of our Kiowa Republican County Committee this year. I have had the job for a long, long time and it is time for someone with fresh ideas to take over. I have been reelected a Precinct Committeeman and will be glad to continue in that capacity and be helpful to the cause in any way I can.

I look forward to a visit with you.

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Robbins

Enc.

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Dear Richard:-

I greatly appreciate being allowed to see your file of letters on recent important subjects affecting the welfare of the Commission. I am herewith returning that file.

You have asked for my opinion on Mr. Harrison's letter to the governor, and here it is:

I agree with his suggestion that it would be well to amend the law governing the Commission so that its members could elect their own chairman and vice-chairman. The only difficulty with this is that if the law is opened up for amendment, there might be no end to proposed changes. Kennedy himself has the grandiose idea that the law should be rewritten, and told me so the evening he stopped here. (That was the day you knocked his ears down.) Some well-meaning chumps of legislators like John Mayhew or Bill Fowler (of my county) might feel this was the opportunity for a field day and run free like the wild asses of the desert. I would hesitate submitting a bill for changes in the Commission law where the Commission's few enemies and the lunatic fringe could get a whack at it.

I heartily endorse Mr. Harrison's proposal that a group of industrial leaders be called into session by the governor for suggestions as to who should be chairman of the Commission. This would tie such fellows more closely into the conduct of the Commission and make them more or less responsible. Moreover, it would remove one of Kennedy's pet knocks, to wit that "industrialists" are against the present setup of the Commission and its program. But this could be handled by the governor without the necessity of monkeying with the law. I would much prefer to see it done this way. Mr. Harrison doubtless is sincere in wanting to be relieved of Commission duties though he has done a great work as a member.

I doubt the advisability of the permanent home idea. This apparently would entail too expensive an investment at a time when all public expenditures are likely to be scrutinized more carefully than ever. Some fairly weird suggestions have already been made for state office building improvement, one which has the approval of the State Chamber that is ridiculous. The Commission does not want to get caught now in this collection of stage-door Johnnies. I think the permanent home idea can wait.

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C. Y. Thomas's plan for the reorganization of the technical advisory committee seems sound and well conceived, though I hardly feel competent to sit in judgment upon it. I see from the correspondence that you approve it.

I hope these rambling ideas are what you want. I shall be glad to have your reaction as to these opinions.

I did not send Fred Gurley any copies of my recent editorial in your name, for the reason that the local agent here had sent him one, and Laird Dean also wrote me he had done likewise. Hope you won't think I was laying down on you.

My boy, Dave, is home for a furlough after 13 months' in the service. He weighs about 200 pounds, is as big as a house and hard as nails. He even thinks he can whip me. Now ain't that funny?

Sincerely,

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LAW OFFICES OF
WILLIAM S. NORRIS
PLANTERS STATE BANK BUILDING
SALINA, KANSAS

August 7, 1944

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

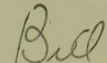
Dear Rolla:

I want to let you know that I appreciate more than I can tell you the very fine help and support which you gave me in connection with my recent candidacy for the Supreme Court. I am naturally disappointed at the outcome, but I have never been one to cry over spilt milk, and my chief regret is that I could not reward you and the other friends who gave me such fine help by winning the nomination for this office.

I have the satisfaction of knowing that I had the wholehearted support of my friends, and the large vote which I got in my own county and the very good vote which I got in other counties where my friends were working for me indicates that their influence was of great value. However, it is all over now, and I can forget it and get back to my law practice, and try to catch up eventually on the time lost and the money spent in connection with my futile effort. I hope that at some time in the future I may be able to repay you in some way for the very fine assistance which you gave me in this race.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,


W. S. Norris

WSN/lrs

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ALF M. LANDON
TOPEKA

August 8, 1944

Mr. Rolla Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I greatly appreciate your editorial.

Perhaps you would appreciate this somewhat salty story better than Mr. Hoover evidently did.

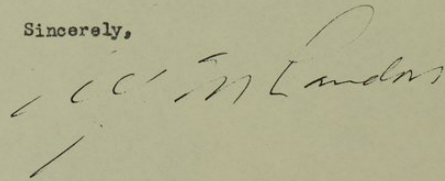
He wrote me one day last Spring that we seem to be blamed by the New Deal for everything that was wrong in the country. I wrote him back that it reminded me of a story about late Doc. Moore, a highly respected and influential business and Republican leader in Kansas.

Two waitresses were talking early one morning and one of them said, "Do you know Mary is going to have a baby?" The other one said, "Isn't that too bad, and she isn't married either. Who do you suppose is to blame?" The other waitress said, "Oh! I suppose Doc Moore. He is to blame for everything around here."

I haven't heard from Mr. Hoover since.

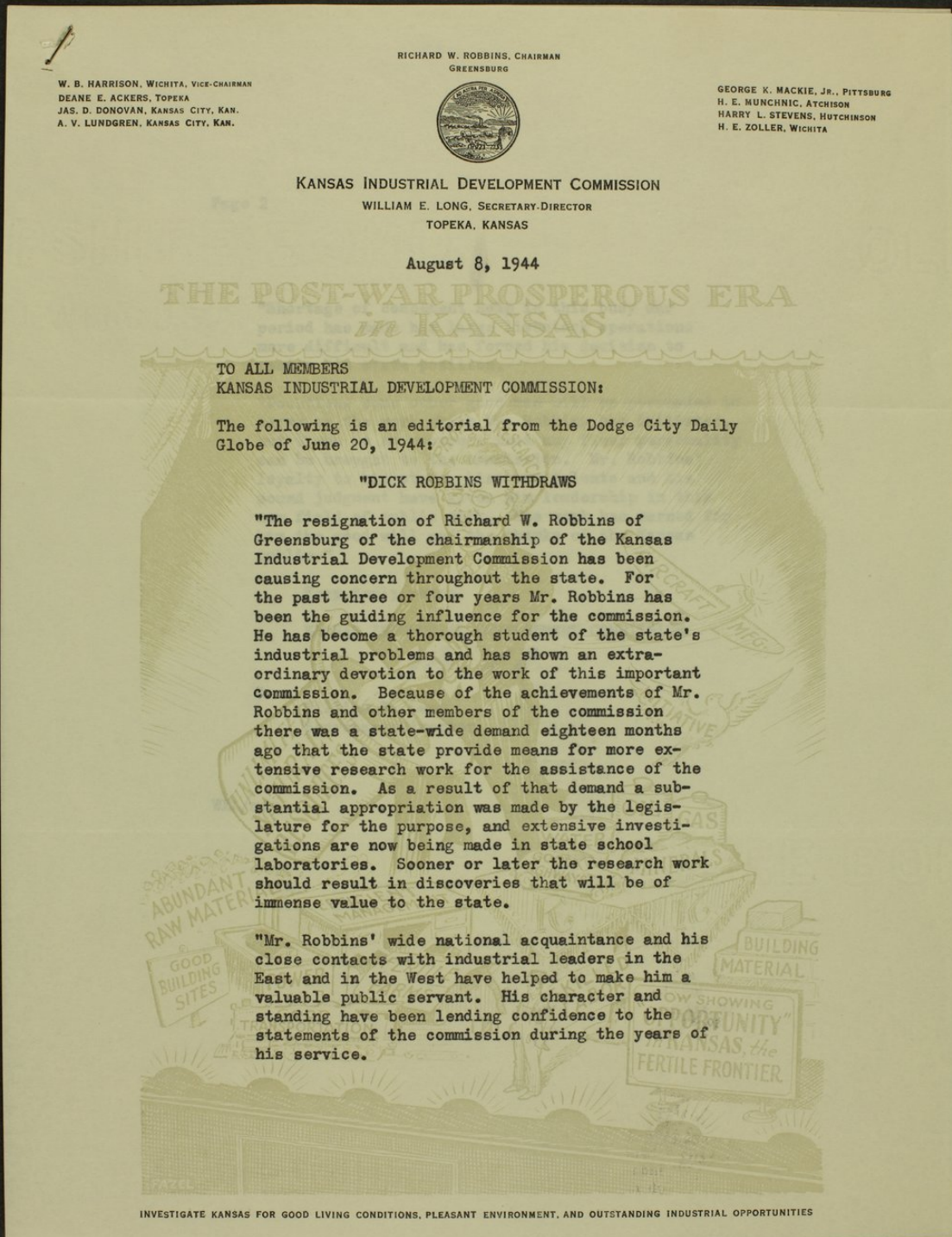
Affectionate good wishes to you and your tribe, and may your lumely always reck.

Sincerely,



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"Shortage of competent help in this busy war period has made his large livestock operations more difficult and has forced his decision to resign his state position.

"Doubtless some other good man will be persuaded to carry on the work which Mr. Robbins has initiated, but there is no prospect that any finer personality can be brought to the commission. Mr. Robbins' loyalty to his state, his rare talents and his sound judgment have given him leadership in this new field of public work. His work has earned for him the good will and the thanks of the Kansas public."

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Bill

William E. Long
Secretary-Director

WEL/mde

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Dear Sir:

[Aug 8 '44]

This clipping came from our
daily newspaper - The Star and Stripes -
which is being printed for the U.S.
armed forces. It's not a boost for
the city but I thought that maybe
E Donato would like to know that its
history is being told even in North
Africa. That's really getting around for
a small city.

Sincerely Yours
Oge. Howard Johnson



Wednesday, August 2, 1944

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THE AMERICAN SCENE

El Dorado's Booming Only a Whisper Now

By Sgt. RALPH MARTIN
(Stars and Stripes Staff Writer)

EL DORADO, Kans. — Thirty years ago this was America's biggest boom town. Now the boom is just a whisper.

It's a whisper of the good old days when men used suitcases for wallets, every farmer was a potential millionaire and railroads ran special trains for celebrities and sightseers who just wanted to see what an oil gusher looked like. It's a whisper of a wide place in the road that swelled into a town of 17,500 people within a year, because a man named John Stanleton dug a well and struck oil on Oct. 6, 1915.

Two years later, "The Kingdom of Butler," of which El Dorado was county seat, had 3,500 wells turning out almost 29 million barrels of oil a year worth 63 million dollars. That was one-twelfth of America's total oil production.

"Money didn't mean a damn thing in those days," said R. E. Clymer, expertly scoring a direct hit with some tobacco juice in a not-so-near spittoon. "I remember one man who opened his wallet on the street and dropped a five dollar bill and he didn't even bother to pick it up. He just kicked it aside. And he wasn't drunk either. The whole town was like that."

But the town changed. One by one the oil wells dried up (average life of a well: ten to 20 years) and other towns in Oklahoma and Texas struck bigger bonanzas and El Dorado took a back seat in the backwash.

There still are plenty of oil wells in the country—about a thousand

of them—but their total production is a daily dribble of 12,000 barrels, compared to yesteryear's 100,000. And the trend is downward.

That's why the town's tone has changed. Anytime along the street you can bump into more men smelling of cattle than those grimy with oil. And if you close your eyes in a restaurant and perk your ears, the big talk you hear is no longer about "black gold." It's about Bluestem grass.

Because Bluestem (*Andropogon furcatus*) which cuts a broad swath all through the 42-mile-long county, is filled with 14 percent proteins, it fattens cattle faster than any grass known. Sprouting out of the brown-black soil in the rich limestone near the rolling Flint Hills, Bluestem grass not only feeds Butler County's own 77,000 cattle, but it also fattens huge herds coming all the way from deep Texas just to wallow in it. Every local cattleman is proud of the fact that Zeta and Iza Rutert, brother and sister, who were raised on Bluestem won first prize as the champion bull and cow in the American Royal and International Exposition Zeta and Iza belonged to Robert Hazlett, El Dorado's pride and joy millionaire cattle breeder. Before Hazlett died his herd of purebred Herefords was generally acknowledged as one of the finest in the world. Now, Hazlett's herd, like the town's oil, is rapidly disappearing.

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All this doesn't seem to disturb the hand-shaking, fast-talking local Chamber of Commerce boys, who emphasize that there still are two big oil refineries in town which expect to grow still bigger after the war; that the town is picking up a lot of nearby Wichita's two-billion-dollar war prosperity, because hundreds of Wichita workers, unable to find apartments there, have moved to El Dorado and commute every day.

If you tell this to the farmer in the neat white house not too far from the main highway, two miles from town, he'll tell you just what he told me.

He'll tell you that some towns were built all set to bust out and become big-time industrial centers. But not El Dorado. El Dorado is just a little town of 8,000 now, nice and peaceful and normal. It's got lots of rich dark earth and good cattle and friendly people and they'd like to keep it that way. The town wants to grow by having kids, not by building more refineries and bringing in more workers.

At night, when you ride past the lit-up, spread-out oil wells stretched alongside the road, and you listen for the noise—you have to listen hard because it's just a whisper.

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Wednesday, August 2, 1944

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pictured on a troop transport
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ng mattresses on their bunks.

Allied Drive In Normandy Rolls Onward

(Continued from Page 1)

morning communique said substantial gains had been made in the Torigny-St. Martin area there. Torigny is on a fork of the Vire River which runs southeast and four miles below St. Lo.

American forces were reported to have captured Torigny after heavy fighting, and advancing beyond the town, to have linked up with British forces moving southwest from Caumont.

Steady advances by the British have put them across the Avranches-Villers highway some eight miles southwest of Caumont, this action also cutting an important railroad line to Villers and resulting in the capture of St. Martin des Besaces.

Northwest of Avranches, other American forces closing in on Ville-dieu les Poteles last were reported a little over a mile north and west of the town, which is located on the vital Avranches-Villers-Caen highway cutting across the peninsula.

With more than 11,000 prisoners already taken since the drive began last Tuesday, correspondents were estimating the total would run near 20,000 when all resistance in the by-passed territory had been cleaned out.

KRAUTS GIVE UP

Meanwhile, streams of German prisoners were reported surrendering in the Avranches-Granville area, many even giving themselves up to French civilians. One correspondent said the American drive was moving so fast that it was entering towns which were almost untouched, even the restaurants and cafes still being open.

The Murphy's Bow Bows to Her Stern

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The bow of the destroyer Murphy was action for the first time in the invasion of Normandy, but was the third battle for her stern.

The Navy reported this today, explaining:

The Murphy, a veteran of invasions of North Africa, and lately, split in two in a collision at October. The bow sank, the stern was saved. She was fitted with a new bow in time to green troops moving into Europe.

Bank Captive Bags 10 Nazi Prisoners

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 1.—How a U. S. private was captured and in turn took 10 German prisoners of his own single-handedly was told in a dispatch from here Monday by Les Gallagher of the Associated Press.

The dispatch read in part: A German patrol captured the U. S. private at St. Denis le Gast. He manned a machine gun and took him north towards a place where a German column the 17th SS Division was planning to break through the ring armor around them and flee south.

The private said: There was a German high officer standing in the road giving directions to the column. He an-

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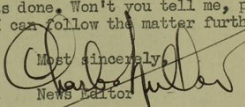
Aug. 8, 1944

Rolla Clymer,
Editor and Manager,
The Times,
Eldorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Correspondent Hall at Topeka called my attention to your editorial of Aug. 5 commenting on a purported AP dispatch mentioning Alf Landon in the recent campaign. I checked with Joe DeGeorge, who wrote all the election leads, and he tells me he did not write the line you quoted in your editorial, or anything like it. He also checked all available copy here today and we cannot find anything like this anywhere.

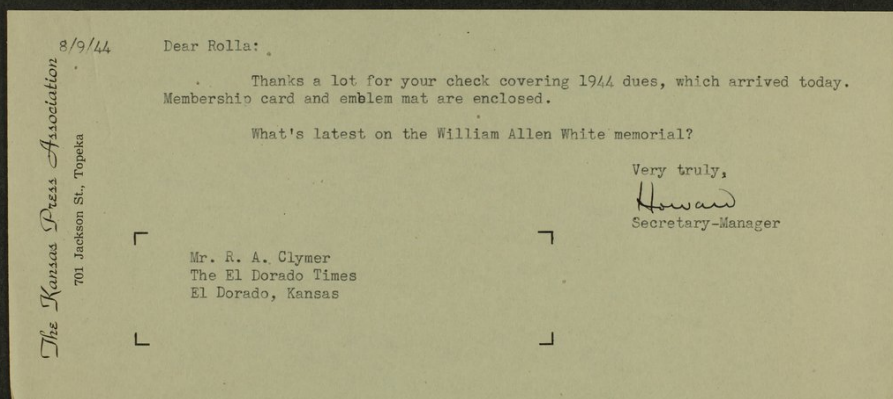
It is possible that the line you quote might have been inserted into our story by some member somewhere, a quite unauthorized action and one we must pursue with vigor if that was done. Won't you tell me, please where you read the line you quoted, so I can follow the matter further.

Most sincerely,

News Editor

Charles Nutter:

cc--Mr. Otey: Line quoted said "In the past two weeks the Landon and Ratner forces had made a strenuous campaign to

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August 9, 1944

Mr. Charles Nutter, News Editor
The Associated Press,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Nutter:-

The line referring to activities of the Landon and Ratner forces in the Kansas senatorial primary, and which I quoted on editorial comment, appeared in a first page story in the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle. My attention was attracted to it because it was used as the basis of the head over the story. I don't remember the date, but it may have been Wednesday, August 2.

I wish you would let me know about the outcome of this. I am sure the story carried the AP designation.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 10, 1944

Dear Hall:-

Inasmuch as foreclosure proceedings have already been started, I am not sure that anything can be done between us now in the farm matter.

Answering your recent letter, I would not care to accept individual parcels of the farm property as my share. If you would consider buying my interest, however, I would be willing to dispose of it on a reasonable basis.

Very truly,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 10, 1944

My Dear Bill:-

What either of us does politically makes not one whit of difference in friendships. I was convinced that you boys could not whip Clyde and hope the primary fight will make no difference at the election. We must have fully joined ranks then. It may not be possible to elect Dewey but I should like to see Kansas give him a 200,000 majority.

Will be at the party council and hope to see you then. In the meantime--and always--the best of luck.

Sincerely,

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In Italy
10 August 1944

Dear "Boss";

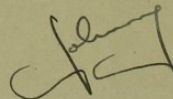
It is probably doubtful that you will even remember me after so many years. However, I have thought of you often and have wondered how the fates have been treating you. It was a delightful surprise to stumble on to your name in the enclosed clipping from the Stars and Stripes this morning, and the immediate reaction was to write you this note.

There has been much water under the bridge since those hectic days down in Santa Fe when we were trying to make an healthy one out of a sick one. After you left we kept on fighting the battle and ultimately came out ahead, as you know. I left the New Mexican in early 1941 to work for Continental Air Lines, but was called back at the end of the summer. I settled back into the old routine until Pearl Harbor, then chucked the works and enlisted in the USAAF. After going through a couple of ~~technical~~ technical schools, I came overseas in the summer of 1942, was stationed in Ireland and England, ~~then~~ got in on the beginning of the African show. Last summer I was fortunate enough to have a direct field commission handed me down there and came on to Italy in September.

My first job was in combat intelligence, but I finally found the round hole for my round peg and landed in Public Relations. I am now P.R.O. of one of the oldest heavy bombardment wings in the 15th Air Force going press agent work for the B-24 Liberators, the wheel horse of our operations down here. It's been a damned stimulating experience, but after two years over here, I find myself getting pretty worthless and hope to get home before the situation becomes chronic. However, the way things are shaping up now, it looks as though we won't be sweating it out too much longer.

I really meant what I said in the first paragraph, Boss. I do think of you often and hope to see you again someday. After this is over and I come home, I am going to make tracks for the southwest and certainly plan to include El Dorado in my itinerary. I would very much like to hear from you and how the passage of time has used you. Please bang out a few lines when you find the time.

As always



1st Lt. John A. Stevenson, c-2055946
Headquarters, 47th Bomb. Wing(H)
A.P.O. 520, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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August 10, 1944

C. M. Harger, Editor
The Reflector-Chronicle
Abilene, Kansas

Dear Mr. Harger:

Rolla Clymer of the El Dorado Times had quite an editorial August 5 based on a purported Associated Press dispatch of August 2 on the Kansas primary, which allegedly made the following statement; "In the last two weeks the Landon and Rather factions had made a strenuous campaign to defeat Reed." He used this to point out the inaccuracy of this statement and inferentially criticize The Associated Press for the misinformation.

We have searched our records thoroughly and can find no evidence that we ever made such a statement and Joe DeGeorge, who wrote the primary leads, says he is positive he made no such statement. In view of this I wrote Mr. Clymer asking him if he could tell where he saw the statement and whether it was in fact an Associated Press dispatch. He says that it appeared in the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, carried a headline based on the alleged statement, and that he was sure it carried The Associated Press credit.

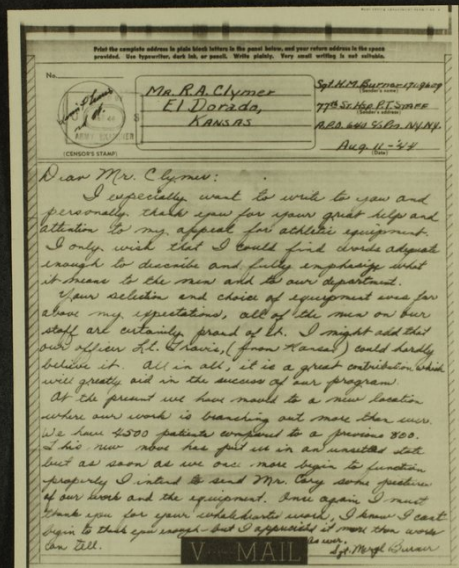
I am writing you to inquire if his recollection is correct since I do not have a copy of your paper of that date and I would appreciate, if this did appear in the Reflector-Chronicle, if you would send me a copy and tell me where it originated.

Most sincerely,

Charles Hutter: t
cc-- Mr. Gould, NY (enc)
Mr. Clymer, El Dorado
Mr. Hall, Topeka
Mr. Otey, Wichita

News Editor

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
STAR BUILDING
KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

August 12, 1944

C. M. Harger
The Reflector-Chronicle
Abilene, Kansas

Dear Mr. Harger:

I have your letter of August 11 explaining how the material which you had carried got into an Associated Press dispatch printed in your paper, leading to criticism of our accuracy.

I wish you would strongly impress upon the young man who handled this that such action is not authorized and can lead to very serious trouble and that he should refrain at all times from adding any non-Associated Press material to an Associated Press dispatch.

I know you will give us your cooperation in this and I appreciate what you can do.

Most sincerely,

Charles Hutter: t

News Editor

cc- (NM) Mr. Gould, NY He wrote: "Here's the story. The Young man who handles the
Mr. Hall, TK copy says he added a clipping from the K C Times to the AP
Mr. Otey, WI black face lead. I questioned the headline (Landon I thought
Mr. Clymer did not come in--but Ratner did) but he showed me the copy and
with my unquestioned faith drilled into me by years of AP accuracy I let it go. Probably it was a special dispatch to the Times instead of an AP story--if he got it from the Times. We get up here a half-baked edition of Star and Times which differs from your city paper--Anyhow it is nothing to get excited about. You tell Rolla that this hot weather he should keep his shirt on--or off--and try to maintain a calm outlook on the political horizon.

C. M. Harger (signed)

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send Wm's letter to
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Belvidere, Kansas
August 13, 1944

Mr. John E. Dumars
Care Topeka Chamber of Commerce
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Dumars:

Thank you for your letter of
August 11th.

It is a fine job you and your
associates on the Topeka Chamber of Commerce
have done in bringing Goodyear to Topeka. It
will have a far reaching effect not only upon
the Topeka area but upon the whole State of
Kansas.

I appreciate your generous
comments upon the part the Kansas Industrial
Development Commission played in bringing this
plant to Topeka. The job has been done and it
is of sufficient magnitude that there is enough
credit to go around.

You have a right to take consider-
able satisfaction in the high regard in which you
are held by the citizens of Topeka and of the
entire State of Kansas.

I look forward to a visit with
you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Robbins



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August the thirtieth
1944

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Sir :

Having seen a copy of "The Times," issue of Aug. 23d, containing the fine editorial in re Lt. Col. Willis N. Calkins, I am asking you to mail to my address four or five copies of this issue of the 23d in order that I may file them in the libraries of our local historical groups. To cover the cost I am inclosing 25 cents.

Col. Calkins is the scion of a noted New England family that came to and settled in our Hudson-Mohawk region in Revolutionary times ; a family that figured large in the annals of our Schenectady area both in social, political and legal activities.

Respectfully :

Percy M. Van Epps

Percy M. Van Epps

Official Historian of
Schenectady, County

My address:
Glenville, R.D.6,
Amsterdam, N.Y.



August 14, 1944

Dear Jess:-

I seem to have discerned your handiwork in an editorial in your paper of Saturday. It was all extremely kind in tone and expression, the only drawback being that it cannot possibly be true. I want you to know, nevertheless, that I appreciate your generosity and will try hard to measure up part way, at least, to your opinion.

Sincerely your friend,

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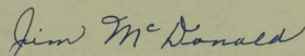
Gentlemen:

I want to thank you for the splendid cooperation you have given us with our summer playground activities.

I know most of the success of our program goes to Bill Feder as he has kept our activities alive all summer.

So again, I want to thank all those at the Times Office for their fine cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jim McDonald
Director of Summer Recreation

JMc/wb

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E. W. STILWELL

Dear Mr. Burlin:

Kindly refer to our letter of August 1, concerning the displaying of 24-sheet posters which are for the purpose of publicizing the War Fund campaign in your county. The appeal, as you know, starts throughout Kansas and the nation on October 9.

In the majority of counties the poster companies have sent us their orders which have already been forwarded to the printers. May we suggest that you get in touch with the poster company in your city whose name is indicated in the lower left hand corner of this letter, and ask them to kindly hurry their order to us so time may be allowed for printing and shipping.

We will greatly appreciate your kindness in this matter, as we are anxious to have all the posters printed and shipped so they may be displayed in time to assist you in organizing and conducting your campaign.

With sincere appreciation for your leadership, we remain

Sincerely yours,

Frank L. Bynum
Frank L. Bynum
State Director

H/ps

Burgert Poster Adv. Co.
Chas. K. Burgert, Owner
1112 West Olive Street
El Dorado, Kansas

Kenny : Jst received this letter this morning - Don't know whether you will want to order some of this material or not - and don't know who is to pay for it, etc., unless the State Director pays you direct. Our local Comm. will have a small Expense fund for advertising, postage etc. later on - but have no funds now, nor will we have until the drive starts in October.

D F Burlin, Local Chairman,
War Fund Drive

D F Burlin

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 16, 1944

Mr. Charles M. Harger,
Abilene, Kansas

My Dear Charley:-

I hear you have your leathery old tit in the wringer with the AP. I am sorry but it is not my fault entirely. I read the offending line in your paper of the day after the primary, and it was marked as part of an AP dispatch. We do not get the leased wire here, so I naturally supposed your story was part of the wire copy. I felt that Alf was guiltless of this charge, for once, and so wrote the editorial which caused all the rumpus. Copy is enclosed.

Hope you will understand how it all came about, and that I did not mean to get you into any trouble. But when Nutter wrote demanding to know where I picked up that line, I had to tell him.

Wish I could see you but keep in touch with you through your daily editorial page. You are certainly turning out some grand copy.

Sincerely,



EDWARD H. REES
4TH DIST. KANSAS

COMMITTEES:
CIVIL SERVICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

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

August 16, 1944

Dear Rollo :

When I came home in July I asked you
to send the El Dorado Times to me at Emporia.

I am returning to Washington and will
appreciate it if you will now have it mailed to
me at my Washington office.

I appreciate your assistance herein.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,

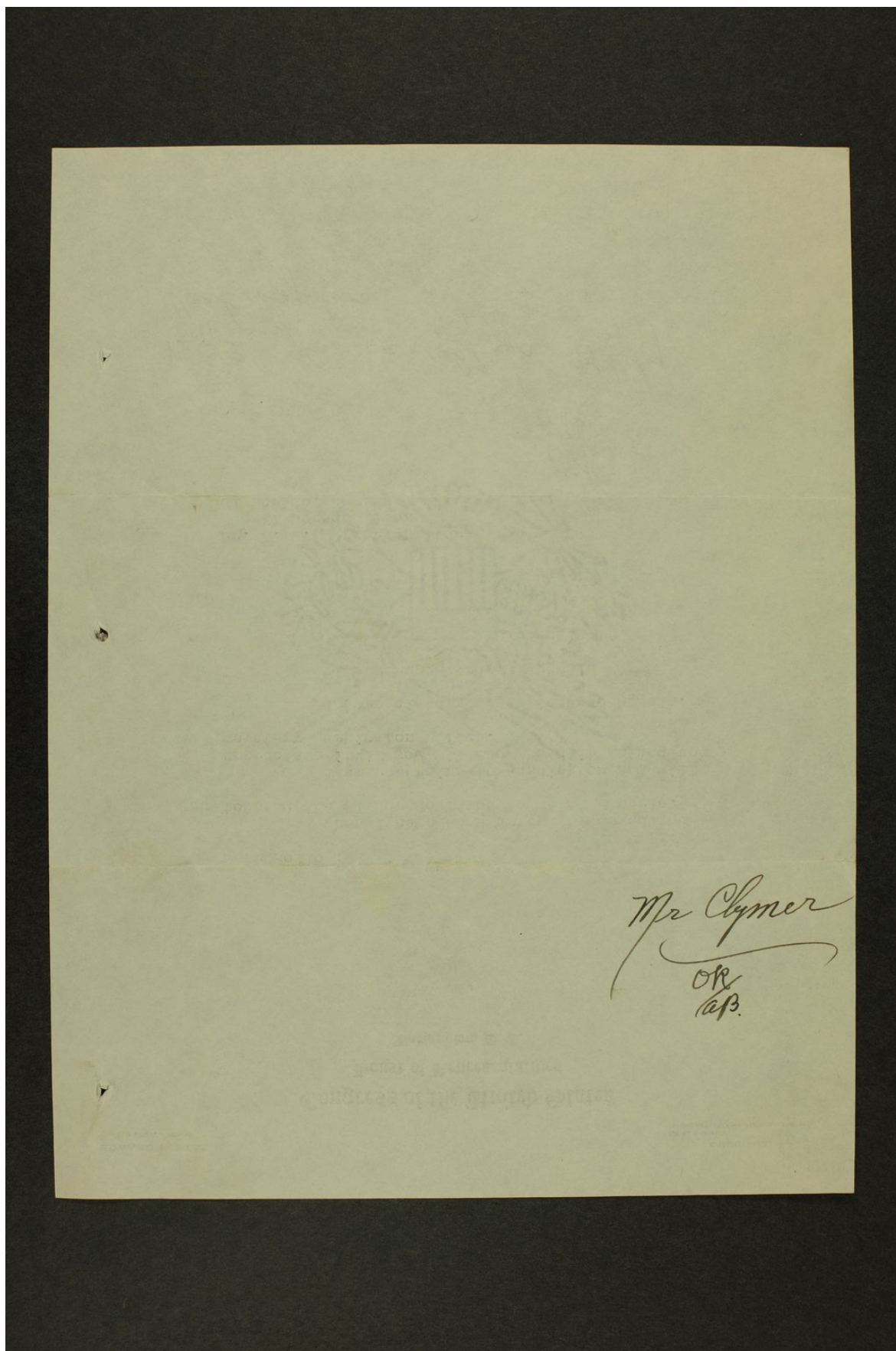
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Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

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*1205 House Office Bldg
Washington, D. C.*

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 16, 1944

O. J. Forman Company,
Monmouth, Illinois

Dear Sirs:-

I am enclosing herewith our check for \$6.00 to pay for the bound volume of files for the first quarter of this year. I regret this item has gone unpaid, but that is only because of oversight.

I note you have billed us \$6.75 for the second quarter volume. I wish to notify you that this has not yet been delivered to us. Ordinarily we receive it within thirty days after the close of the quarter, and I am now wondering if it has been missent. I wish you would please investigate and let us know the results. We will remit as soon as the volume is received. The price is now given as \$6.75; is this an advance over your old rates?

We will appreciate a prompt reply regarding the whereabouts of our missing file.

Very truly yours,