

## 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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August 16, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Harger:

Thank you, sir!

Most sincerely,

Charles Nutter: t

News Editor

cc Mr. Gould  
Mr. Clymer  
Mr. Otey  
Mr. Ball

Mr. Harger wrote: "I have had a fatherly talk with the handler of telegraph and think he now understands the ethics of the matter. The contretemps will not happen again if I can help it."



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### THE MORRIS PLAN COMPANY

114 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WICHITA, KANSAS

Aug 17, 1944.

Dear Rollo—

I have made application for a good job with the U.S. Veterans Administration and have given your name as one of my reference.

Gen Hines wired L.N. Sowards manager of Vets' Adm here to find him a man to work under the new G.I. Law #46 so Sowards is recommending me for this place.

I thought possibly you were well acquainted with Gen Hines and would not mind going a little strong to help me obtain this position. I'm satisfied that I'll never get any place with Morris Plan so can see no reason why I shouldnt make a change after almost 13 years.

Anything you are willing to do



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WICHITA, KANSAS

to help me will be appreciated.

Surely wish that you would  
call me when you are going to  
be in Wichita over night or on  
a week end so we could take  
you out home to dinner. Bonnie  
would also enjoy a visit with  
you again.

Best regards.

Ken Key



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August 17, 1944

Kansas United War Fund  
Topeka, Kansas

Attention Mr. Frank L. Bynum, State Director

Dear Sirs:-

We wish to order four of the 24-sheet posters (Design A) for use in the United War Fund campaign in Butler County, which should be shipped directly to the Burgert Poster Advertising Company, 1112 West Oliver Street, El Dorado, Kansas. We understand there will be no charge for these.

We also wish to order 300 each of the One-sheet Posters (Design B) and window cards (Design B) which should be shipped to R. A. Clymer, c/o The Times, El Dorado, Kansas. We note there is a charge for these which we, of course, are willing to pay. While we have no funds at present for this purpose, we are expecting to create a small fund for advertising and miscellaneous expenses. If the cost of these posters can be charged to our account and paid later, we would prefer it that way. If not, bill should be sent to me and I will make remittance. At any rate, the financial arrangements should not be allowed to cause delay in the receipt of this material. I request that none of it be sent C. O. D.

I will be grateful for your immediate attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Publicity Chairman for Butler County





August 19, 1944

Jayhawk Hotel  
Topeka, Kansas

Attention Mr. H. H. Robertson

Dear Sirs:-

When I checked out of your excellent hostelry yesterday, I neglected to make reservation for the night of Monday, August 28, as I expect to be in Topeka then for the Republican party council the next day. I shall be grateful if you will save me a corner room, iff possible.

I caught a ride home yesterday in a private plane, which should give you some vague idea of the way I rate in these parts.

Very truly yours,



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From the Desk of  
RICHARD W. ROBBINS

8/20/40

Dear Rolla -

Karl Ken-  
nedy is out  
fighting the  
Cooperatives.  
That will in-  
sure the <sup>(over)</sup> support  
public support

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of the Coöps.  
I own stock  
in some coöps  
and perhaps  
I should take  
a more active  
interest in  
that movement.  
D. C. K.



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8/20/5x

Dear Rolla,

Just

you would send  
me one copy of

your editorial  
in connection with

Santa Fe RR's new

President. I want to

be sure Mr Engel sees

it. I just got a note

from him from Pasadena.

He writes that he is

busy with his own

work,

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personal affairs. It must  
be quite a change after  
45 years of clock punching  
for a soulless corpora-  
tion.

I hope all goes  
well with you.

Yours  
Dick



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8/20/44

Dear Rolla -

If you  
ever run into Mr. Rice  
who owns the ranch  
near here I wish you  
would feel him out  
again about how he  
is getting along with  
his ranch and whether  
you think he might  
ever sell it.

Yours  
Wick

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### KANSAS UNITED WAR FUND

INCORPORATED

400 CENTRAL BUILDING  
700 KANSAS AVENUE • TELEPHONE 2-2611

TOPEKA, KANSAS

August 21, 1944

23rd District  
Butler County

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E. W. STILWELL

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th ordering 300 window cards (Design B), size 14x22.

After my conversation with you this morning we sent your order to the National War Fund by Air Mail Special Delivery, requesting that the window cards be sent direct to you and the bill to our office. These window cards, nor any of the campaign supplies, will not cost the Butler County War Fund organization as we will assume that expense at the state office.

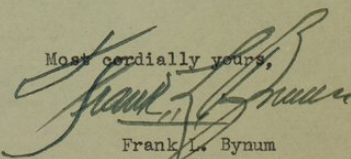
As per your suggestion over the telephone this morning, we will send all other campaign material to Mr. Don F. Burlin, the County War Fund Chairman.

I was pleased to have a little visit with you over long distance. We deeply appreciate your leadership and that of Messrs. Burlin, Cash, Kiser, Godding and Hughes. We feel that the Butler County organization is exceedingly strong, having a group of the biggest and best at the head in your county.

If we can serve you in any other way, please feel free to contact us.

With best wishes,

Most cordially yours,



Frank L. Bynum  
State Director

FLB:ms



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August 21, 1944

Mr. C. D. Lank,  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Lank:-

Noting by newspaper accounts that you sometimes make an exposition of your educational theories before public audiences, I am writing to ask if you would care to make an appearance before the El Dorado Rotary Club.

Our club meets at 12:15 every Wednesday at Hotel El Dorado. Its session lasts only until 1:30, as the business and professional men who are members must then be back at their desks. Therefore, it is essential that your remarks should be condensed for a period of not to exceed thirty minutes. I trust that the scope of your subject matter is not so broad but that it could meet this time requirement.

I can offer you now either one of the dates of September 13, 20 or 27. It will be necessary, however, that I have an early reply because any one of these dates is likely to be filled shortly.

I realize this is asking a considerable favor of you, but if you can spare the time from your busy round I am sure Rotarians would be glad to become acquainted with your proposals.

I am sorry that I do not have your business address, but trust this letter will reach you without undue delay.

Hoping you will find it possible to be with us on one of the dates mentioned, and thanking you for your consideration of this request, I am

Very truly yours,





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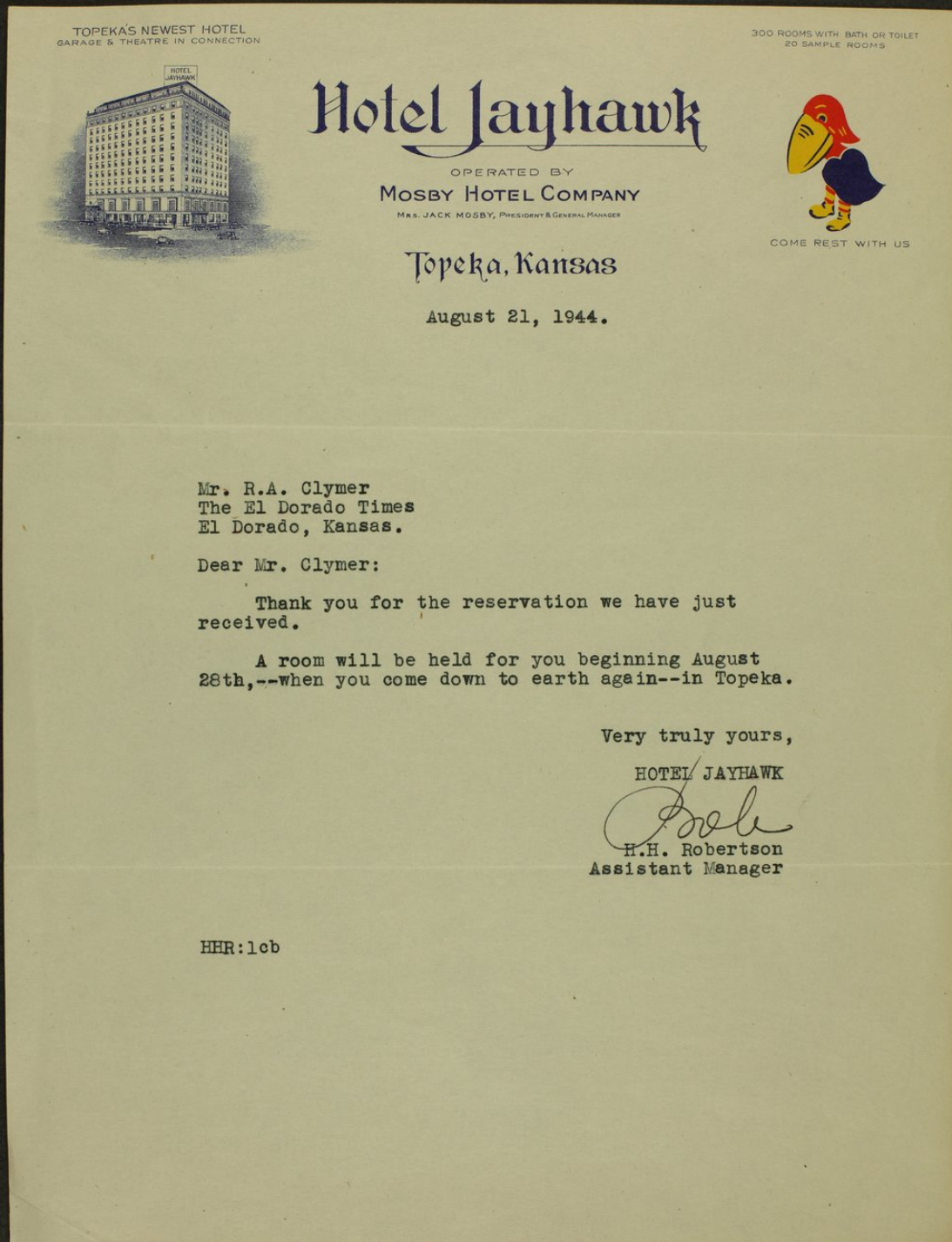
Dear Ken.:-

You bet your boots, I shall be glad to help you in your quest for a job with the U. S. Veterans Administration. Ordinarily I would dislike to see you go into the government service, but this is a good outfit and I am sure you can improve your status considerably. Inasmuch as you have given my name as reference, I assume I shall be queried direct--and will give you the best send-off I know how. Perhaps you should provide me with some definite information, such as your age, education, previous and present employment and the terms in each instance, together with any other data that may be essential and which I do not have. If there is any other way in which I can help, don't hesitate for an instant to let me know. I don't want to see you move out of this country, but I would like to see you have a job commensurate with your talents.

Next time I am in Wichita, I shall drop in to see you. In the meantime, my best to you and Bonnie.

As always,





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### THE EL DORADO TIMES

MERGER OF  
WALNUT VALLEY TIMES EL DORADO REPUBLICAN

EDITOR AND MANAGER  
R. A. CLYMER

EL DORADO, KANSAS

August 21, 1944

Dear Jess:-

I wish you would please have your circulation department send me two copies of your paper which carried that kind editorial about me. I believe the date was August 12. Stamps are enclosed. Thanks for this additional favor.

Very truly yours,

Aug 22

R. A. Clymer

Papers forwarded today. If I had been able to tell the complete story of the excellence of your editorial work, your extreme modesty could not have endured the strain - Jess

And I did not even mention the lions.



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Clarence D. Lank  
Wichita Kans. Aug. 22nd 1944

Mr. R. A. Clymer

Editor of The Eldorado Times

My Dear Mr. Clymer:- I have your letter of the 21st and as you request I will hasten a reply. I want to thank the Rotarians for the opportunity to appear before them and I will tentatively accept Sept. 13th and as I am at leisure you are at liberty to shunt me over to a later date if it will suit you better. Just advise me if there is any change.

I want you to know that I have lived in peace and quietude with all of my fellow men here for thirty five years and I am no ism-ist of any kind. I would appreciate it very much if you would prepare your hearers to expect something out of the ordinary and I can assure you now that it will be most entertaining<sup>in</sup> and instructive.

Naturally enough a new idea is bound to sound crazy and all the more so when they thick and fast as one is obliged to cast<sup>fly</sup> them in a thirty minute period. Of course the thicker they fly the more interesting and entertaining it becomes.

I hope this is satisfactory to you and I wish you success.

I am, Yours truly

C. D. Lank

2161 S. Main

Wichita Kans

*C D Lank*



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August 22, 1944

Mrs. Edith Zollo,  
Secretary to Senator Reed,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Zollo:-

Under separate cover, I am today sending you the copy of "The Ghost Talks," which you so kindly loaned to me when I met you in Topeka recently. I cannot honestly say that I enjoyed the book; it smacked throughout of too much of the "greatness" of the New Deal and of the One and Indispensable. Nevertheless, I am glad that I got to read it.

I want you to know that I appreciate this favor and hope I shall be able to return it one of these days. Suppose you will be back in Kansas with the Senator before long. We are surely intending to re-elect him this year.

Sincerely yours,



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Aug 22. 1874

Auguste Kans.

Mr. Clymer. Dear Friend, I would  
like for you to publish the enclosed  
if you see fit.

I can't help but think that both  
sides of this question are to be  
placed before the people.

Will see you soon.

Yours  
W. B. Cummings

P.S. I think you have done  
a good job of it so far.



## THE MORRIS PLAN COMPANY

114 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WICHITA, KANSAS

Aug 22, 1944

Dear Rolla -

Thanks a lot for your nice letter and willingness to help me x

I have never had any desire to work for the government until the manager of the Vets Adm said he wanted to recommend me for this position and told me what the salary would be x

This job will be an Administrator for Kansas under the new G.I. Bill Public Law #346. It will be in connection with Unemployment Compensation for ex service men - and if I have been properly informed it will be very permanent. The salary will be \$4800 + \$600 overtime and travel expense. Would be located in Kansas but might have to move to Topeka which I wouldn't particularly care for - but I realize one must live where he can best improve his financial status.



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### THE MORRIS PLAN COMPANY

114 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WICHITA, KANSAS

If I have to move to Topeka,  
I would of course sell my home  
and could easily sell for \$7500.00  
which would give me a \$1000.00 profit  
and a cash balance of about \$4000.00

Will be looking for you over  
so please try to arrange so you  
can go out to the house & have  
dinner with Ben, me and our  
2 dogs.

Best regards  
Ken

P.S. If you received inquiry from  
Wash - will appreciate you  
advising me of fact.

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Kennet. B. Key  
(PERSONAL HISTORY)

BORN - WICHITA, KANSAS - Nov. 12, 1898.

FATHER - BORN IN FT SCOTT, KANSAS

MOTHER - BORN IN HARRISBURG, PA

GRADUATED FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN 1914

" " HIGH SCHOOL IN 1918

IN U.S. ARMY FOR 72 DAYS PRIOR TO ARMISTICE.

ATTENDED KANSAS STATE COLLEGE 3 SEMESTERS  
STUDIED CIVIL ENGINEER UNTIL OUT OF MONEY.

### PAST EMPLOYERS:-

I CITY OF WICHITA — 2½ YEARS  
CLERK OF BUILDING DEPT  
QUIT BECAUSE OF NO CHANCE OF ADVANCEMENT.

II HARRIS GOAR CLOTHING — 2½ YEARS  
CREDIT MANAGER  
QUIT TO ACCEPT BETTER POSITION

III FISHER LOAN COMPANY — 4½ YEARS  
VICE-PRESIDENT & MANAGER  
QUIT - BECAUSE FIRM LIQUIDATED

IV MORRIS PLAN COMPANY — 12½ YEARS  
ASST SECRETARY & CREDIT MGR.  
SALARY - \$3125.00 PER YEAR.

YOU HAVE KNOWN ME SINCE 1932  
(THE NIGHT YOU GOT HOME FROM  
REPUBLICAN NAT'L CONVENTION.)





THE MORRIS PLAN COMPANY

114 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WICHITA, KANSAS

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### KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

August 23, 1944

J. D. TURNER  
DIVISION MANAGER

Dear Ham:

My gosh, it has been more than six weekssince your good letter arrived and it hasn't been answered yet. You were dead right in saying that we are probably the world's worst correspondents.

It has been a hot summer for me in more ways than one. Many of the rains that visited Butler County passed us up. Time after time storm clouds would roll up to where we could hear the thunder and then roll away again without giving us any moisture except an excess of humidity.

While I have not had any <sup>of the</sup> serious personnel problems that many of my friends have had, I did have the unpleasant experience of seeing my Chief Clerk walk out on me with little or no notice the middle of July. Fortunately I had a man that I could move up to his place but that resulted in considerable shifting of duties throughout the office and you know what that does to morale. However, it is working out very happily now and it did give me a chance to reward some deserving boys and gals in my little gang. Just the same, I have had to keep the old beezers on the w.k. rotating abrasive and thoughts of vacation have gone glimmering.

Just to make life a little more interesting, the house I live in is up for sale and we have spent many frantic evenings looking for a place to light. I am just about to close a deal for ~~the~~ purchase of a home. It is one of Independence's good old-timers, not at all the type of house that I would build but we think it will be homey and livable and lend itself to modernization later on when the shooting is over.

Young Joe is leading a rugged life up at Lawrence but both he and his family think he is pretty lucky to have that chance. He has pledged Phi Gam and I think that he was influenced in his choice by the fact that Dave and other Eldorado kids belong to that lodge. Of course, he is not leading anything like a normal college life since the Navy has first call on his activities practically all the time. He has been home for a few hours once since he enrolled and we hope to see him again in a couple of weeks. He is disturbed over rumors that the whole program is to be eliminated with the end of the semester, November 1st, but that may be pure scuttlebutt.



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I see by the Times that Dave has been home and is starting up the ladder. I sure would like to see him. Glad to have your news about Catherine. Will she go back out to her California school this fall?

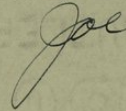
Hope the new C of C manager proves to be a good one. I hear that he is OK and has a lot of stuff. Also, I am itching to get the rest of the story about Bill Calkins and George Benson.

Speaking of politics and knowing your inordinate passion for doggerel I venture to submit my latest opus.

Only the good Lord in His infinite wisdom knows when I will get a chance to look in on you and the rest of the Eldorado folks. You can bet that I will take advantage of the first chance.

With sincere good wishes always, I am

Yours,



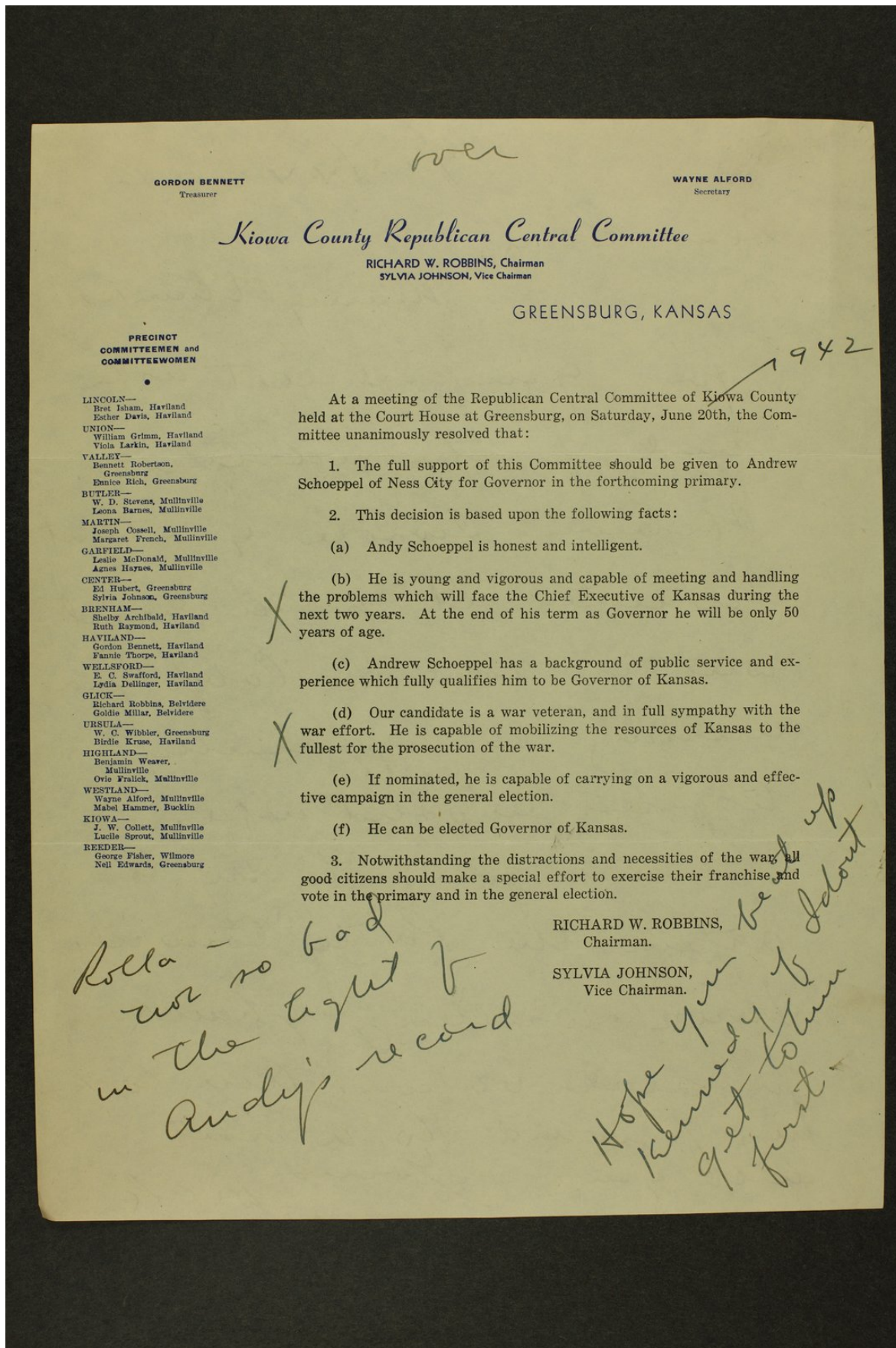
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8/23/44 over  
 been Rolla,  
 Many thanks  
 for your recent note  
 and for the editorial.  
 I believe I wrote you that  
 I wanted it for an Engel  
 who is now in California  
 nursing an apparently  
 hopeless invalid wife.  
 Am going to try to  
 attend the Party Council.  
 Have written Jayhawk  
 for reservation. Am look-  
 ing forward to a visit  
 with you - Yours Wick





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August 24, 1944

Mr. C. D. Lank  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Lank:-

I am truly grateful for your acceptance of my invitation to address our local Rotary Club, and we will count upon you for Wednesday, September 13, at 12:15 p. m., Hotel El Dorado. If by any chance a program change may seem necessary, I will call you by telephone--but I do not anticipate such a circumstance. I realize it may be hard to condense your address into thirty minutes, but no doubt you will provide our members with a whole lot of new ideas in that time. You will thereby be rendering us a distinct service and I want to thank you for it in advance.

Sincerely yours,





Beech Aircraft Corporation

Wichita, Kansas

U. S. A.

August 25, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Since our telephone conversation with you in regard to a list of representative businessmen of El Dorado visiting our factory, we have heard nothing from you.

We would appreciate it if you will send us a list of these businessmen, and let us know when they would like to make the plant tour.

Very truly yours,

BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

  
Assistant Personnel Director

W. Homer Kelly:wr



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kan.

Howard, Kan.  
August 25, 1944

Dear sirs:

I am writing to inquire if there might be a job open in your shop for a linotype operator and would the job be permanent? If there is such a job open will you let me know and I'll come and talk it over with you. I'd prefer if you'd answer this inquiry by mail. I've had a number of years' experience as linotype operator, but would like to make a change in location.

Respectfully

Frank W. Adrian

Box 89



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 26, 1944

Mr. W. Homer Kelly,  
Beech Aircraft Corporation,  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Kelly:-

The reason you have heard nothing from me is that some of the fellows I will suggest for the trip to you plant are absent on vacation and will not return until about Labor Day. After that date, I hope to be able to line up a group for the purposes of your invitation--if waiting that long will be acceptable to you. I shall be out of town the first of next week for two or three days, but will be glad to have word from you upon my return and will try to line up a party as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,