

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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LT COL CHESTER K. SHORE, O-225503
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F R A N E E

27 Aug 44

DEAR HAM: RECEIVED YOUR INTERESTING LETTER SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. HAVE BEEN MANY PLACES AND SEEN MANY THINGS SINCE THAT TIME. AND MORE IS TO COME. AM FORTUNATE TO BE WITH THE AIR FORCE COMMAND THAT IS GOING RIGHT ALONG WITH THE FASTEST MOVING ARMY IN THE WORLD. WISH I COULD WRITE MORE ABOUT IT TO YOU. WILL HAVE A WORLD OF THINGS TO TELL YOU WHEN I SEE YOU. IF ANY AIR-GROUND TEAM EVER MADE HISTORY OURS DID THE PAST MONTH. DEMAREE BESS OF THE SATEVEPOST SHOWED UP THE OTHER DAY AND I THINK HE PLANS TO DO US UP BIG IN A COMING ISSUE OF THE POST.

OUR WAR CORRESPONDENTS WERE THE FIRST TO GET IN PARIS AND NO DOUBT YOU HAVE SEEN THEIR STORIES. DOUG WARNER, UP, FRANK SHERSHEL, LIFE, HENRY JAMESON, AP (YOU KNOW HIM, WICHITA-TOPEKA AP MGR AT ONE TIME AND FROM ABILENE) ARE SOME OF THE CORRES WITH US. I HAD TO TURN DOWN THE TRIP TO PARIS AS GEN. VANDENBURG, CG OF THE 9TH AF WAS GIVING OUT 70 DFC AND SILVER STAR AWARDS TO OUR PILOTS ON THAT DAY.

HAVE HAD SOME THRILLING EXPERIENCES OVER HERE. EVERYONE DOES WHO IS NEAR THE FRONT. HAVE BEEN BOMBED, STRAFED, SNIPED AND HAD A MINE GO OFF 15 YARDS FROM MY JEEP. HAVE BEEN ON SNIPER HUNTS AND HAVE HAD TO TURN DOWN COGNAC AND WINE WHICH IS SO FREELY OFFERED BY THE FRENCH. THE BIGGEST THING IN OUR LIVES IS A SHOWER BATH WE GET WITH GREAT REGULARITY. MY EXPERIENCES ARE NO ^{greater} ~~less~~ THAN THOSE OF EVERYONE. ^{here.} SOME HAVE HAD GREATER ONES. THERE ARE SO MANY STORIES THAT ARE NOT BEING TOLD THAT IT MAKES ME SICK. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO KEEP DIARIES AND SO I WILL HAVE TO TRY AND KEEP MY MEMORY ALIVE.

THIS IS A GREAT WAR FOR THE GI (ENLISTED MAN). AND IT SHOULD BE FOR HE IS THE GUY WHO IS DOING THE JOB. THE OTHER MORNING I WENT OUT SHOPPING FOR EGGS AND CONSIDERED MYSELF LUCKY TO GET A FEW DOZEN AT 60 CENTS A DOZ. MY JEEP DRIVER WENT OUT HIMSELF WITH TWO BARS OF SOAP

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AND CAME BACK WITH TWO DOZEN EGGS, TWO FRIER CHICKENS AND A BOTTLE OF WINE. I HEAR THE GIS ARE GETTING ONE DOLLAR A BAR FOR TOILET SOAP. I GAVE SIX DOLLARS AWAY LAST WEEK, IF THAT IS THE CASE.

I ALAWYS WAS DISGUATED WITH MYSELF BACK HOME FOR MAKING MOTIONS WITH MY HANDS AND ARMS WHEN I TALKED. WELL, THAT CHARACTERISTIC HAS BROUGHT ME GOOD RESULTS OVER HERE. WITH MY HANDS AND MY FRENCH BOOK I AM BEGINNING TO GET THINGS DONE WITH THE FRENCH. MY GERAMN ALSO HELPS ME A BIT.

IT IS VERY AMUSING OVER HERE WHEN THE NATIVES WAVE AT US. THE CUSTOMARY GREETING SIGN IS THE RIGHT HAND RAISED WITH TWO FINGERS FORMING A "V". SOMETIMES THEY FORGET AND GIVE US A NAZI ARM SALUTE. FOUR YEARS UNDER THE GERMAN HEEL STILL SHOWS UP.

MET FIVE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR THE OTHER DAY ON THEIR WAY TO PARIS. THEIR LEADER WAS AN INTERESTING CHAP AND HE GAVE ME SOME INFORMATION AS TO HOW THEY HAVE BEEN OPERATING. HE HAD PERSONALLY BLOWN UP TWO GERMAN TROOP TRAINS AND HE AND TWO GROUPS OF FIVE MEN JUST RECENTLY AMBUSHED A GERMAN CONVOY OF 10 TRUCKS LOADED WITH RETREATING GERMAN TROOPS. HE SAID THE JIG WAS ABOUT UP FOR THEM AND THEY HAD RESIGNED THEMSELVES TO KILLING AS MANY GERMANS AS THEY COULD BEFORE THEY WERE KILLED, THEMSELVES. JUST WHEN THE GOING WAS TOUGHEST ONE OF OUR FIGHTER PLANES CAME TO THEIR AID AND AFTER STRAFING THE GERMANS FOR SEVERAL RUNS DOWN THE ROAD ONLY A FEW WERE LEFT FOR THE FFI TO KILL. OVER A HUNDRED HEINIES BIT THE ROAD DUST THAT DAY. THE FFI HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB AND IS STILL DOING IT. THEY ARE LIKE SMALL PACKS OF TENACIOUS DOGS NIPPING AWAY HERE AND THERE. A GREAT STORY CAN BE WRITTEN ABOUT THEM.

MY OLD REGIMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN DOING A REMARKABLE JOB, IS NOT SO FAR FROM WHERE I AM LOCATED. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO VISIT MY OLD COMPANY AND EXPECT TO GET THE JOB DONE SOON. IT WILL BE QUITE A REUNION AS A NUMBER OF THE AUGUSTA MEN I TOOK INTO SERVICE ARE THERE PITCHING. I AM VERY PROUD OF ALL OF THEM WHEREVER THEY ARE.

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3. HAVEN'T HEARD THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION. SUPPOSE IT WILL GET TO ME SOONER OR LATER THRU THE GAZETTE, WHICH IS VERY IRREGULAR IN SPITE OF THE FACT IT IS SENT ME FIRST CLASS MAIL. I AM WONDERING IF YOU COULD SEND ME A FEW COPIES OF THE TIMES. DON'T PUT ME ON REGULAR, BUT SEND ME A FEW COPIES AS IT WILL BE A GREAT TREAT. WE SEE VERY FEW PAPERS FROM THE STATES. I MISS THE KC STAR VERY MUCH, TOO. I TOOK IT ALL THE TIME I WAS IN THE STATES. IN FACT I CUT MY TEETH ON THE STAR.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THIS, BUT I HAVE A FRIEND WITH MONEY WHO WOULD BACK ME IN GETTING THE WICHITA EAGLE PROPERTIES IF THEY WERE ABLE TO BE PURCHASED. I REALIZE THAT THE PROPERTY IS A MURDOCK HEIRLOOM AND BELIEVE THAT SUCH A DEAL WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. I DON'T KNOW WHO IS CLOSE TO THEM AND COULD FIND OUT. I KNOW HOWARD FLEESON, BUT STILL BELIEVE THAT THE MURDOCK-EAGLE-WICHITA CHAIN WOULD BE A HARD ONE TO BREAK. *Am I RIGHT?*

SCOOP HILL OFFERS TO GIVE ME A PLACE IN HIS ORGANIZATION OR WILL HELP ME GET A GOOD NEWSPAPER PROPERTY FOR MYSELF. HE CLAIMS THAT ANYONE WHO DID THE JOB I DID THROUGH HELL AND HIGH WATER AT AUGUSTA IS ENTITLED TO A BETTER LOCATION. HE SAYS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GOOD PROPERTIES AVAILABLE BUT NOT MANY GOOD NEWSPAPER MEN FOR THEM. OF COUSE MY HEART IS IN AND WITH KANSAS OR THE SOUTHWEST. I NEVER WOULD BE ~~HAPPY~~ IN THE EAST. I AM JUST ORDINARY, COMMON PEOPLE ~~AND~~ I LOVE TO BE WITH THE SAME KIND. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS PLAN? I AM CERTAIN THAT I WILL NEVER RETURN TO AUGUSTA AND NOW IS MY CHANCE TO MAKE THE CHANGE. I WILL HAVE BEEN AWAY FOUR YEARS IN DECEMBER. AS SOON AS THIS IS CLEARED UP IN EUROPE I WILL TRY TO GET OUT OF SERVICE ~~AND TRY TO~~ ^{ENDEAVOR TO} MAKE UP THE LOST TIME I HAVE HAD AWAY FROM MY FAMILY. CHRIST, MY KIDS NEED ME MORE THAN EVER NOW, AND I AM SURE THAT EUNICE NEEDS ME. AND I AM GETTING OLD, ALMOST TOO OLD TO START ALL OVER AGAIN, BUT I AM DETERMINED TO DO A GOOD JOB THIS TIME. SINCERELY, *Chet Shore.*

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August 30, 1944

Mr. Cal Floyd
Sedan, Kansas

My Dear Cal:-

I hope you can find it agreeable with your judgment to give a lift to the candidacy of my friend, Lt. Col. Willis N. Calkins, for district judge. He was in your town Saturday but failed to see you. "Bill" is a splendid fellow, with a fine record in the probate court here, and bears an excellent reputation. He is a veteran of both World Wars I and II, and is all right in that respect. Personally, I think we are due for a change in the judgeship of Division No. 2, and this is a good time to make it. I know Calkins will have some effective support in your county but am sure that if you get behind him he need have no more worries.

I missed seeing you at the party council. We have the German war prisoners now housed in the county home and the affair seems to be going all right, though one Democratic candidate for county commissioner is trying to make political out of it. We will endeavor to take care of him at the election.

Sincerely your friend,

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KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WILLIAM E. LONG, SECRETARY-DIRECTOR
TOPEKA, KANSAS

August 30, 1944

THE POST-WAR PROSPEROUS ERA in KANSAS

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

The September Commission meeting will be held in our office in Topeka Monday morning, September 11, at ten o'clock.

Mr. Harrison also has requested me to advise you that future Commission meetings will be held each month on the second Monday of the month unless you are notified to the contrary. This will enable you to plan your time in advance and, we hope, enable us to have a full representation at each meeting.

Very truly yours

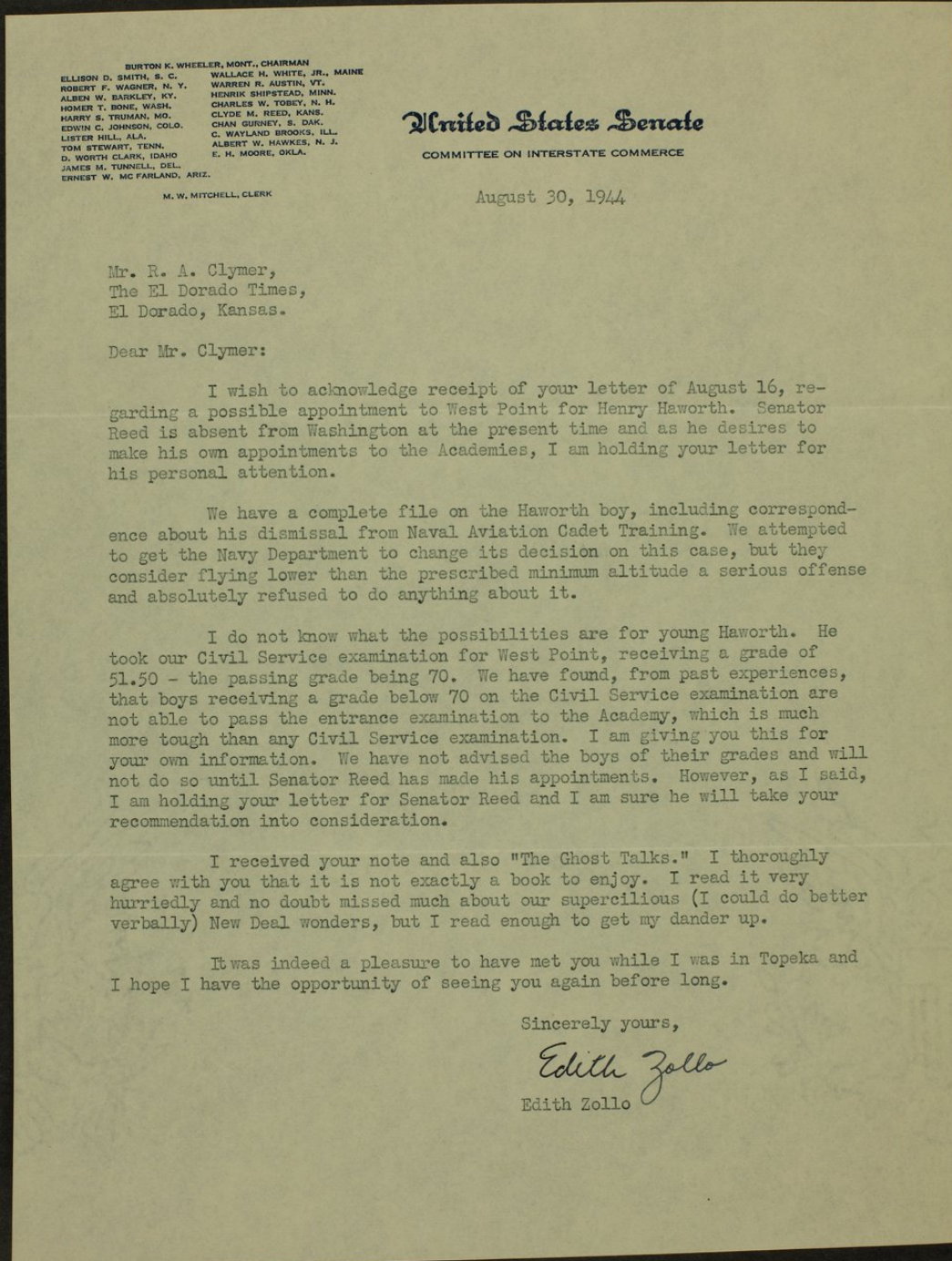
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William E. Long
Secretary-Director

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

August 30, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 16, regarding a possible appointment to West Point for Henry Haworth. Senator Reed is absent from Washington at the present time and as he desires to make his own appointments to the Academies, I am holding your letter for his personal attention.

We have a complete file on the Haworth boy, including correspondence about his dismissal from Naval Aviation Cadet Training. We attempted to get the Navy Department to change its decision on this case, but they consider flying lower than the prescribed minimum altitude a serious offense and absolutely refused to do anything about it.

I do not know what the possibilities are for young Haworth. He took our Civil Service examination for West Point, receiving a grade of 51.50 - the passing grade being 70. We have found, from past experiences, that boys receiving a grade below 70 on the Civil Service examination are not able to pass the entrance examination to the Academy, which is much more tough than any Civil Service examination. I am giving you this for your own information. We have not advised the boys of their grades and will not do so until Senator Reed has made his appointments. However, as I said, I am holding your letter for Senator Reed and I am sure he will take your recommendation into consideration.

I received your note and also "The Ghost Talks." I thoroughly agree with you that it is not exactly a book to enjoy. I read it very hurriedly and no doubt missed much about our supercilious (I could do better verbally) New Deal wonders, but I read enough to get my dander up.

It was indeed a pleasure to have met you while I was in Topeka and I hope I have the opportunity of seeing you again before long.

Sincerely yours,

Edith Zollo
 Edith Zollo

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STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
OF KANSAS



C. M. VOELKER,
SUPERINTENDENT

VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
TOPEKA

IMPORTANT
TO AVOID DELAY ALWAYS REFER
TO OUR FILE _____

September 1, 1944

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I enjoyed very much reading your editorial "War On The Tag Front". I hardly believe it necessary for me to enlighten you on the fact that personally I have always been an advocate for gaudy and flashy license plates. If you remember back when the Coronado Plate was designed and also the following year the one with the Kansas Decal I did everything possible to have my wishes for the processing of color and design for those tags approved. So I would suggest that you do not go too hard in hitting "Cooney" Voelker on the head if you want flashy colors in auto tag plates after the war is over.

In regard to the present tag situation I desire to call your attention to this one fact that we are in war. Steel and paint are listed as critical materials. Kansas was fortunate in securing sufficient steel to have a license plate processed for both 1944 and 1945. Many states in the Union did not do so well. They were obliged to use a Decal or a gadget fastened to the old plate. States like Oregon, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Georgia and many others have not procured steel for new plates. Steel is a critical material and if it is necessary that it be used as a war material to win the war, Kansas should be willing to sacrifice two license plates for a car with flashy and gaudy colors until the war is over.

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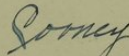
Mr. Rolla Clymer, Page #2

I have a boy in the Southern Pacific who has been there for two years. He is a Navigation Officer on the destroyer Grayson and I want to be sure that he has all the bullets that can possibly be provided for his ship. He has been in seventeen major engagements and I do not want him to ever find out that his father advocated the use of critical war materials when it was so necessary over there. Many Kansans, I feel, are not as war conscious as they should be and I for one am willing to sacrifice many of the things that I may like for winning the war.

I am sure that you thoroughly understand my position. I am nothing but a small fish in a large pool and if Kansas does not get the kind of a license plate that they want, don't put all the blame on Cooney Voelker.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



C. M. Voelker, Superintendent
Vehicle Department

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WINNER OF DALLAS NEWS TROPHY TO "BEST ALL-ROUND WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN TEXAS"

Publishers "OCHILTREE COUNTY HERALD"

Perryton, Texas

Sept. 1, 1944

Friend Rolla,

I thot I'd drop you a few lines to let you know that I'm still alive. I still like it just as well as when I first came down here but there's no house in sight yet and it gets a little tire-some being a bachelor. The house situation is really worse than when I came down here for the harvest was just starting then but after it was over and the farmers had the cash they came to town and are buying houses at outrageous prices. They don't care what the price of something is if they want it and have the money. That is the thing that makes this a good business town. But it sure has put the folks who work in town for a wage in a bad spot for housing. The school board had to buy several houses in order to have a place for their teachers to live. There was none for rent and the teachers wouldn't come here unless they had a place to live. I'm not going to pay a price like the houses are selling for so I guess I'll leave my family there in El Dorado for a while. I've got my name on several lists and eventually my turn will come.

We've sure been working here. The automatic press has been out of commission since before I came here and it makes a lot of hand feeding to do. And to boot the heavy harvest caused the elevators to need a lot more printing than usual. I've sure had my hands full. Soon after I came here Van turned the responsibility of getting the job work out of the shop over to me and it's been a job what with no help half the time. I had one girl who I taught to feed the press a little and she was pretty good help in the bindery but she quit to go back to school last week so I'll have to depend on Ed and the others helping me whenever they have a few minutes. I think Van will buy a Kluge as soon as he can get one. That'll sure help a lot.

It begins to look like the end of the war is in sight so maybe some of these things will be a thing of the past. We'll be able to buy houses and presses and order five gallons of gas without sneaking a look around to see if there's any strangers around when we give the attendant the C stamp a friend gave us. I notice in the Kiplinger letter of this week that early October is pretty generally figured to be the end of Germany by those who are supposed to know in Wabington. Let us hope they are right and Japan doesn't last much longer.

Well Rolla I'd better stop for now. Tell everyone about the Times "Hello" for me.

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722 S. 5th St.,
Leavenworth, Mo.
Sept. 1, 1944

Dear Mr. Clymer,

My sister and I thank you most sincerely for the beautiful editorial you wrote about our father. You can't know quite what it meant to us. If you hadn't, there would have been no editorial mention of him other than by Dan. Maybe it's childish, but I wanted him to have mention editorially.

Once he Charley, Lesimo, William Allen White and Charley Scott were talking in a hotel lobby in Topeka and the matter of their ages came up. He was far the eldest so, laughing, by they said "Well, when your time comes to travel on Cornsack, we'll do the right thing by you." He felt it keenly when each of them died. He'd speak of it and say "And here I am left."

But he never lost his interest in things. He asked to see the headlines - Thursday night and to be told the news Friday. Saturday he went.

From my heart, I thank you,
Anna M. Seary.

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ROBBINS RANCH
BELVIDERE, KANSAS

September 1, 1944

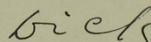
Mr. Rolla A. Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I suggest that Mrs. Molk send her copy of poems to
George Farmly Day, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

When she writes to him she can mention my name if
she likes.

Sincerely yours,



Richard W. Robbins

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 2, 1944

Mr. W. F. Turrentine jr.,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Bill:-

I note that you are going to run the Republican headquarters show again this year, and if our Times Press could be awarded some of the necessary printing I shall be grateful. We probably could not be expected to make the speed on delivery required in the old days when help was plentiful, but even so could make a fair fist at it. I realize full well you have to split up this business among many firms, but anything you may send us will be appreciated. All I ask is that you give us a reasonable time in which to get the job, or jobs, out.

Thanking you in advance for all consideration, and for many past kindnesses, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Topeka, Kansas
September 2, 1944

TO ALL MEMBERS
KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

We have discovered that the Detroit Harvester Company, of Detroit, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio, is a prospect for locating a plant in Kansas which would employ 500 persons. All Chambers of Commerce of the state have been notified (without giving the name of the prospect) with the request that they advise us if they are interested and believe they could offer some inducements. Nine favorable replies were received, whereupon they were notified of the prospect's name and address and the individual to contact, with offer of cooperation from this office.

As you know, Mr. Rhoads has opened the Washington office, spending half his time in Washington and half contacting industries on the East Coast. Bouck is spending three weeks in the Cleveland general area.

During the summer months this office has been quite busy, having put out 390,100 of the 500,000 post cards for service men training in Kansas. Also, much other publicity has gone from this office during July and August as is shown on the attached two sheets. A summary of the literature mailed by this office during the period January 1 - September 1, 1944, also is attached.

Very truly yours

KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

W. E. Long
William E. Long
Secretary-Director

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

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OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

WASHINGTON
Zone 25

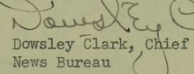
September 4, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

These are among many foreign papers OWI receives for study. We thought you would be interested in them because they show what newspapers within sound of the big guns face in meeting publication problems. If you would like to receive a few now and then, please write me.

Yours very truly,


Dowsley Clark, Chief
News Bureau



Box 902

Winfield, Kan.,
September - 5 - 1944

Dear Sir;

I liked your
editorial Sob Sisters, Be
ware, which was re-print-
ed in the Winfield Courier.

I would like your
permission to multiply
and use it. Would be
glad if every news pa-
per in the Bond would
print it.

Sincerely

Philip Dibbens



September 5, 1944

Jayhawk Hotel
Topeka, Kansas

Attention Mr. H. H. Robertson

Dear Sirs:-

Will you please make a room reservation for me for the evening of Sunday, September 10? I expect to be in on the Rock Island Rocket. Will appreciate a confirmation.

Very truly yours,

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Leon Kansas
Sept. 5th, 1944

Dear Mr. Clymer:

For the first time in 42 years I have failed to receive an El Dorado paper. I contributed items from my neighborhood during all those years, except one year, about 30 years ago when I was very ill and could not write. Yet the paper, the Daily Republican never stopped coming. I recall that a former neighbor who had moved to Calif. wrote Mr. Murdock that they were missing the Brownlow News and could not get some one to write. Mr. Murdock answered, through the paper, that I was ill, and had been a long time, and that they did not wish to replace me for they valued my items so highly and

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would wait until I would be
able to take up my writings
again. Which I did and hardly
ever have failed with my
weekly budget, until last
February when my husband
died suddenly and I was forced
to move to town. The shock was al-
most more than I could stand
and I as a result I have been
very gravely ill. I am trying to
live again, alone too, but find
it very hard. Doctor said, do some-
thing; write, anything to employ
your mind. I'm wondering if I
can send you some Lew news.
I have seen none from Mrs.
Pickrell for a long time. If she
doesn't intend to write the news

I might try. I would like to
hear from you. I miss the
Times sorely for it has been a
part of my life for so long.

Cordially yours

Mrs. C. D. Kennell

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LILLIAN DEDRICK
Superintendent

PHONE 98

ETHEL M. SHRIVER
Assistant Superintendent

County Superintendent of Schools

Butler County

El Dorado, Kansas

September 5, 1944

El Dorado Times
El Dorado
Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

May I take this opportunity to express to you my appreciation for your contribution to the Institute this year. If the Institute was, in a measure, a success, it was because you helped to make it so.

The teachers of Butler County and myself do thank you for the publicity which you so generously give to the schools of our county.

LD:es

Sincerely yours,
Lillian Dedrick
County Superintendent



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September 5, 1944

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Howard:-

I suggest that we might want to pay another 3 per cent dividend on September 15. This would make 9 per cent for the year, which should be sufficient. We have about \$12,000 in the working capital account and all bills are paid, including a car of paper last month, except for current indebtedness. I have invested \$4,000 in 7/8 per cent war bond certificates, and think possibly it would be well to buy some more. We have about \$2,000 in the inactive account.

Labor expense will be higher from here on. I have raised the salaries of two employees, or rather am petitioning to do so under date of June 30. I also hear that the printers and operators will ask for a hike at once, and I am going to have to meet their demands, in part at least, in order to keep them on the job. We showed about \$11,000 profit for the first seven months--and I do not care to make it too high. The business volume keeps up some way and I look for a moderately good fall and early winter run.

I shall be glad to have your views regarding the subject broached in the first paragraph. It will not be necessary to hold a formal directors' meeting but I can consult the others and ascertain their opinions after I have heard from you.

Very truly yours,

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WICHITA, KANSAS

September 6, 1944.

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

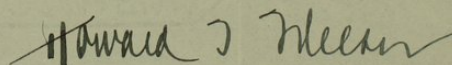
Dear Rolla:

The report contained in your letter of September 5 is certainly pleasing. Your cash position and your profits justify the declaration of the dividend.

I am particularly pleased about the outlook for fall and winter.

I am a little more optimistic about the future and the period of demobilization than I have been heretofore.

Very truly yours,



HTF/h

cc - Mrs. Ellina C. Starke
Mrs. E. F. Adams

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 6, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Kelly:-

After some unavoidable delay, I am herewith replying to your telephoned request of a couple of weeks with suggestions of a small party of our people who will want to accept your invitation for a trip of inspection to your plant. The list I have compiled is:

Walter F. McGinnis, El Dorado, chairman of the
Butler County draft board.

C. N. Davis, Potwin, chairman of the Butler County
rationing board.

Mayor W. E. Robbins
City Manager H. E. McMillen
R. H. Kilgore
D. F. Burlin
J. W. Kirkpatrick
J. B. McKay
T. A. Helling
E. K. Anderson
Max M. Mahaffey
R. A. Clymer

If you want to make the party thirteen, you might add R. C. Woodward, El Dorado, state representative.

If you will refer to my letter of April 4, you will find the occupational designations and addresses of the main group listed above.

It will be hard to find a day that will suit the convenience of all these men, but I would suggest either a Thursday or a Friday as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 6, 1944

Mrs. C. D. Kennell,
Leon, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Kennell:-

Am sorry to learn of your illness and am glad to know that you are improving. We will be most happy to have you back in our "fami-lee" and I am telling Anna to put you back on the mailing list. You will understand that many were cut off when the newsprint shortage hit us. We will be glad to have some of your old time columns from Leon, but our available space is much reduced these days and they will have to be brief enough just to cover the news. I think about six pages of copy paper twice a month would be all we will be able to handle for the present.

I extend you every good wish and hope to be able to see you again before long. I was much grieved to learn of the death of your husband.

Very truly your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 7, 1944

Simon & Schuster, Inc.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

I am writing to inquire what back number series of cross word puzzle books you may have in stock, and which would be available for prompt delivery. I have not have all the series volumes in the past five or six years and would like to acquire the missing ones, if possible. I shall also be interested in any recent mammoth cross word puzzle books, or any of the postgraduate series you may have on your shelves. An early reply giving complete information will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Thursday noon, Sept. 7, '44

Mr. Clymer, the postmaster at Leon has moved on to another job (L.B. Neese), school-teaching again, so the postoffice is in charge of Mrs. Lela Thompson. She said the Eagle leaves its papers at the post-office entrance sometime in the night or before the door opens in the morning and that we can do the same thing. If we can send by S. & H. Baking company before 7 or by 7 or 7:15 they can make all the rural routes easily.

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On the way back I stopped at the S. & H. to complete arrangements for carrying the papers. They haven't checked with Topeka but they understand they cannot carry and deliver any sort of merchandise other than their own products, as it would be competing with other truck lines. We would have to get permission from Topeka.

Could you phone or write the
State Corporation,
Topeka, Kansas

and find out if we could send the papers by the S. & H. Truck. It is a Kansas Common Carrier license, ~~xxxx~~ used by the S. & H., that will determine whether or not they can carry the papers.

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I think, that since carrying papers would not be a common load, subject to other trucking lines we have a chance. (?)
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(The post-office entrance is set in and covered with an awning. Eagle papers are in a sack like the sacks we use)

License CC = Common Carrier

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 7, 1944

Mr. Richard B. McEntire, Chairman
State Corporation Commission,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Richard:-

In common with other publishers, we have been having the devil's own time in making bundle deliveries of our paper. The way the buses and trains run out of here, we have little service from that source. We are now trying to make arrangements with the S. & H. Baking Company to carry a bundle of ours daily to Leon, which is 12 or 15 miles from here. Their trucks run on a schedule that would fit in with our delivery needs. The company's manager, however, informs us that the stipulations regarding their licensing from your Commission do not permit them to carry any other merchandise except their own products.

Inasmuch as the S. & H. company has no intention of competing in any way with other truck services and would only be rendering us an accommodation for a small fee, I wonder if it would be permissible to lift the restrictions sufficient for the carrying of our daily paper bundle. This would be an extremely great favor to us, beset as we are with difficulties of receiving any service whatever out of the regular carriers.

Your permission to the company seems to be necessary, and I am appealing to you for this concession if possible to grant. Moreover, it would be additionally helpful if we could have a prompt reply to this request.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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COME REST WITH US

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for the reservation we have just received.

A room will be held for you beginning September 10th.

Very truly yours,

HOTEL JAYHAWK

H.H. Robertson
Assistant Manager

HHR:1cb

Rolla Clymer correspondence

September 8, 1944

Mr. Philip Dibbens
Winfield, Kansas

Dear Mr. Dibbens:-

I am sure I shall be pleased to have you use any editorial of mine, provided only that the proper credit is given to the El Dorado Times. I greatly appreciate the kindly tone of your recent letter.

Very truly yours,



Beech Aircraft Corporation

Wichita, Kansas
U. S. A.

September 8, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We are enclosing with this letter a copy of the invitation that we have written to the thirteen El Dorado business men listed in your recent letter for the tour of our Plant.

We believe that Thursday, September 21, at 2:00 P.M., at our Plant will be reasonably convenient for all concerned.

We shall appreciate it if you will continue to act as Liaison Man for this trip and upon your arrival at our Plant, we would like to have you, with your party, assemble at our Education Building, which is directly North across the street (Central Avenue) from the Personnel Building. There we will provide our guests with identification and from this point, we will begin our plant tour.

Should there be any occasion for you to contact us in advance of our seeing you on Thursday, September 21, please call us by phone at our expense.

With best personal regards, we are

Cordially yours,

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