

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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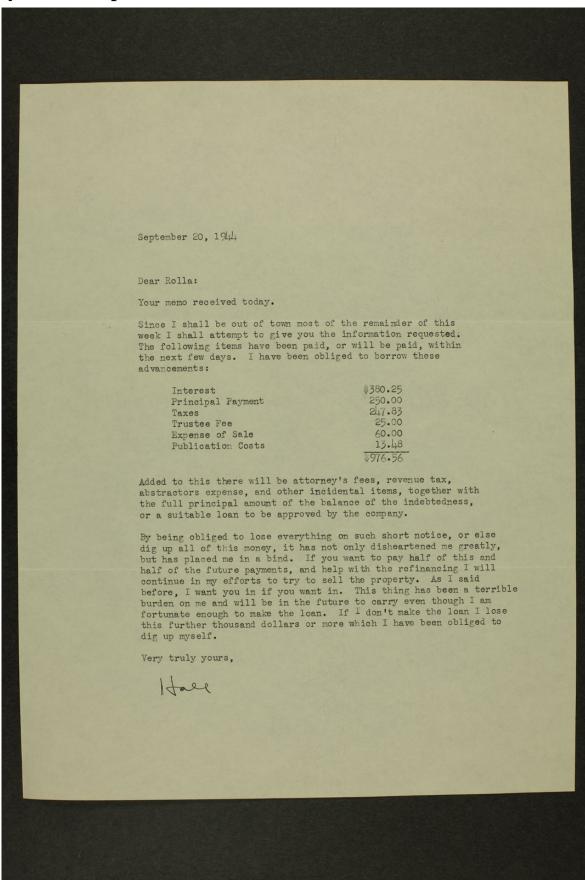
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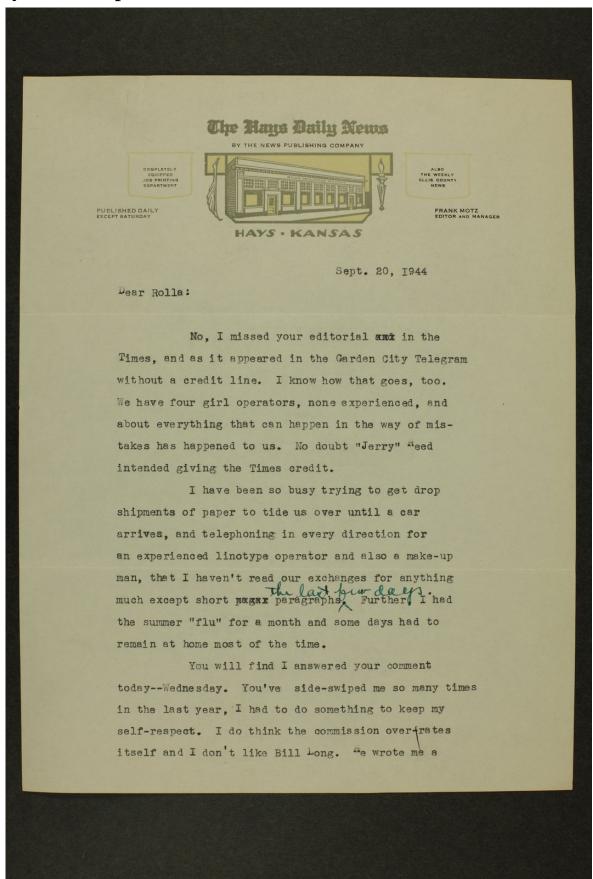
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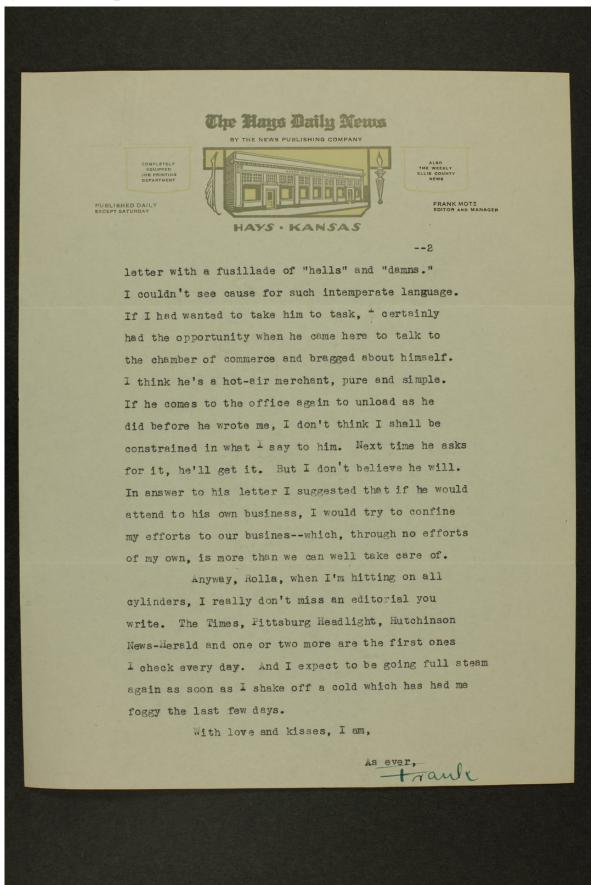














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(c) Principal products made or handled, or ser	rvices performed Daily newspaper
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5. Position affected (as treasurer, superintender	
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(b) In his relations with the employer, is the organization? Yes ☐, No ☒.	employee represented by a recognized or certified labor
substantial stockholder (if a corporation)	Yes , No . Is he a relative of an officer or of a , of a partner (if a partnership), or of the sole prompensation for personal services from other sources? the statement giving facts fully, including percentage of



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	Work has generally grown heavier with increase in circulation
	volume.
14. I	Is this position covered by a salary plan or salary-rate schedule in effect on Oct. 3, 1942? Yes □, No ☒, or approved by the Commissioner thereafter? Yes □, No ☒. If so, give date of approval or full details showing minimum and maximum rates paid since Jan. 1, 1938, and dates of changes
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	fitness to handle position, and warrants pay previously paid
	in post, in manager's judgment.
16. V	Would the proposed adjustment, added to all other adjustments now contemplated, result in increasing appreciably the level of production costs; or furnish the basis either for increasing prices or for resisting otherwise justifiable reductions in prices; or furnish the basis for further wage or salary increases? Yes \square , No \square .
17. I	Has any prior application been made to the Commissioner, the National War Labor Board, or other agencies for approval of an adjustment in the compensation of this position or this employee? Yes □, No ☒. If so, state date of application, office to which submitted, and decision thereon:
Dwpi	UTY COMMISSIONER, SALARY STABILIZATION UNIT.
	Approval is requested of the adjustments described above. I (we) certify the foregoing statements
to be	e correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.
	bscribed and sworn to before me, a Signed Remployer) Notary Public he State of Kansas By Ra Cymrus
coun	19 th day of September , 194 4 Editor - Manager (Title) 10 th day of September , 194 4 (Title)
	My commission expires, may 14-1945



APPROVED (or incorrect, this rul	r approved in par lling shall have no	t as noted below force or effect.	w*). If such in It is understoo	nformation is subse	Page 4 he proposed action is equently found to be ents hereby approved
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	Generally no, though duties have been made more onerous
	by application of withholding tax and regulatory require-
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	Approval is requested of the adjustments described above. I (we) certify the foregoing statements correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.
Su	bscribed and sworn to before me, a Signed The Trines Publishing Company
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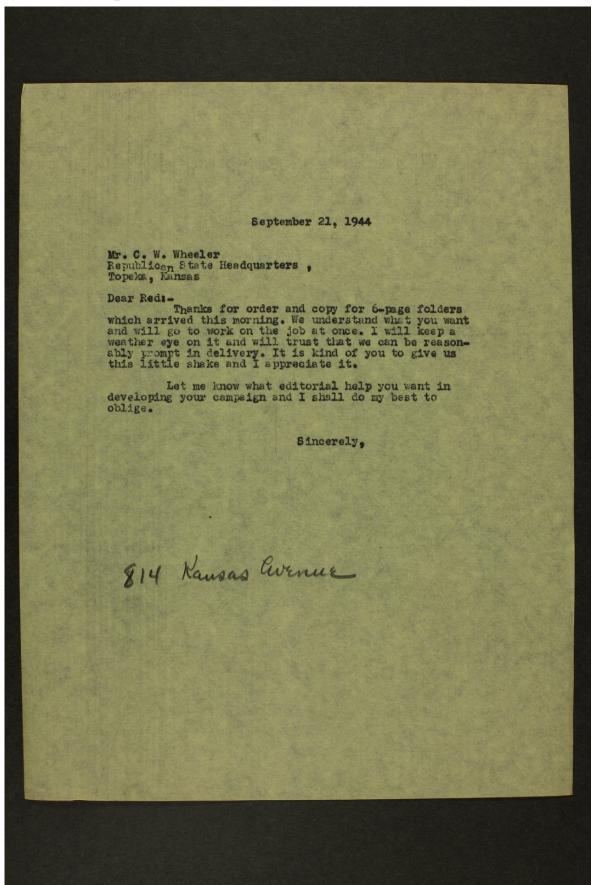
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THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EL DORADO, KANSAS September 21, 1944 Mr. R. A. Clymer El Dorado, Kansas Dear Mr. Clymer: I am enclosing a copy of recent correspondence regarding the possible expansion of the Detroit Harvester Company which may include a Kansas plant. From correspondence at hand, as well as your personal contacts with the Industrial Development Commission, it would not seem that the company is entertaining definite idea. finite ideas for building construction, however, I have pointed out to them some of the resources of El Dorado in the event plans should be adopted for building construction. Very truly yours, EL, DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Harlan L. Remsberg, Manager HIR/pt "Serving a Boom Town that Grew"







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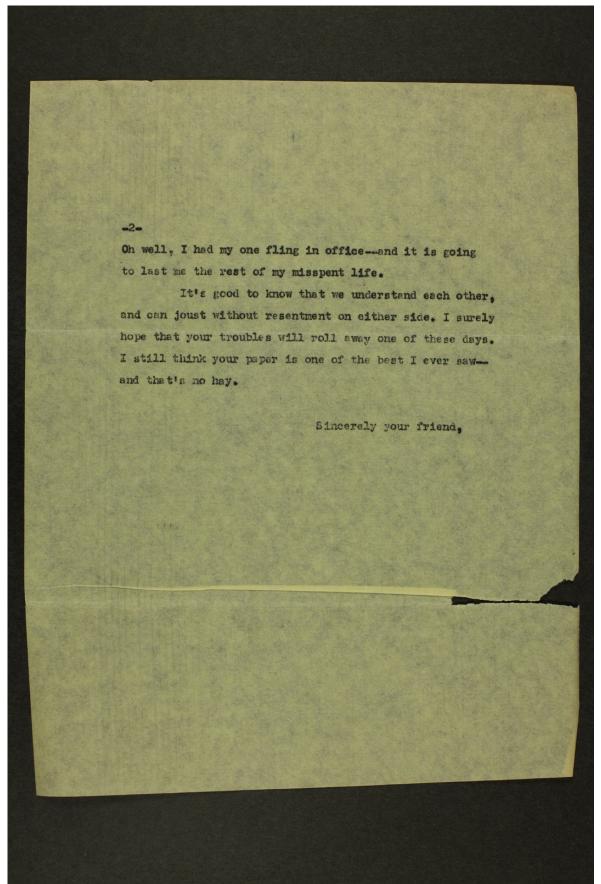
September 22, 1944

Thanks for your jim-dandy letter. You paddled my heinie hard in the editorial, but the letter made it all right, and it all comes under the head of good, clean fun, anyway. I am not trying to convert you, of course. I just like to tickle you in a sensitive spot now and then. But you always get more than back at me, so I may lay off entirely. I might grow smart enough to know when I have had enough.

The recital of your griefs sounds strangely like mine. I, too, am losing my machinist-operator who has been with us 15 years, or more. God knows, where I shall get another. If you have the tiniest part of a suggestion, please let me know. We have been paying \$45 for that job (40 hours) and I am now allowing all operators two hours extra overtime per week. I, too, have had a beastly cold and we can commiserate with each other on about every point. There is certainly little balm in Gilead these days, and the situation may get worse before it gets better.

One little correction. The Commission was started in 1939, and was Ratner's baby. Alf had nothing to do with it; never seemed much interested in it, in fact. I did draw the salary you mention, but believe it cost me considerably more than that per year the time I was away from here.







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Eureka, Kansas September 22, 1944

The Times Printing Co. ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Sirs,

A couple of weeks ago I sent a letter and a copy of an annual to "Thompson Bros. Printing Co., Elborado, Kansas." I just today found out that you now operate the plant. It seems likely that mail addressed like that would get to you; but since I have not heard from you, I am wondering if you did get it.

Maybe you thought it looked screwy--- me wanting to shoo business over your way. I am what passes for a printer over here at the Messenger office. I have been here for 19 years. Mrs. Focht who runs the place doesn't know anything about printing half-tones. She thinks they can be slapped out like hand bills. Geo. Wood found out after a couple of crack at it that places such as we have over here can't absorb jobs like fifty pages of half-tones and so he shooed it over onto us. All we have to print it on as a fifty year old C. & P. which is so worn out that you can't throw off the impression far enough to keep the form from touching the tympan.

Now, I would have no authority to represent the school board in letting the contract for printing the thing. All I could do would be to try to argue them into doing it. That is why I wanted your price. Thompson Bros. used to print lots of annuals before the depression put a stop to most of that stuff. I heard that one year they printed 22. It is absolutely crazy for us to take on jobs like that when we have nothing to do it with and let stuff that we can handle go to pot.

Very truly yours,

Henry Maloy)



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SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE - 23 September 1944

Dear Roller:

I just received your letter. The mail is a little slow reaching me now. However, considering all the difficulties involved, the Army Postal Service is doing a most remarkable job. As fast as we change our location and with all the other transportation burdens, it is scarcely understandable how it is possible for mail to reach us at all. When one sees the wonderful equipment and the size of the endless stream of it, one wonders how it was every gotten across the ocean and then across the channel into France. It staggers one how such great quantities of mail has also been transported.

It was mighty good to receive your letter. It has just the kind of news I wanted to read. It told me what was going on in Kansas. Although my physical being is here and I'm quite busy, yet my inner thoughts are always in Kansas and about what is going on in Kansas.

A few days before I received your letter, I spent the night with Gale Moss. By one of those chances which comes about by the great lotter by assingment of the position of duty in the Army, Gale is with the organization in the Air Corps which I joined when I first came into the Air Corps. It was great to have a visit with Gale and with some of the members of the organization who were with him when I was with them in Wisconsin and Sedalia, Mo. Most of the evening's conversation between Gale and myself was about people in Butler County. Among the subjects of conversation you were the one given the greatest consideration.

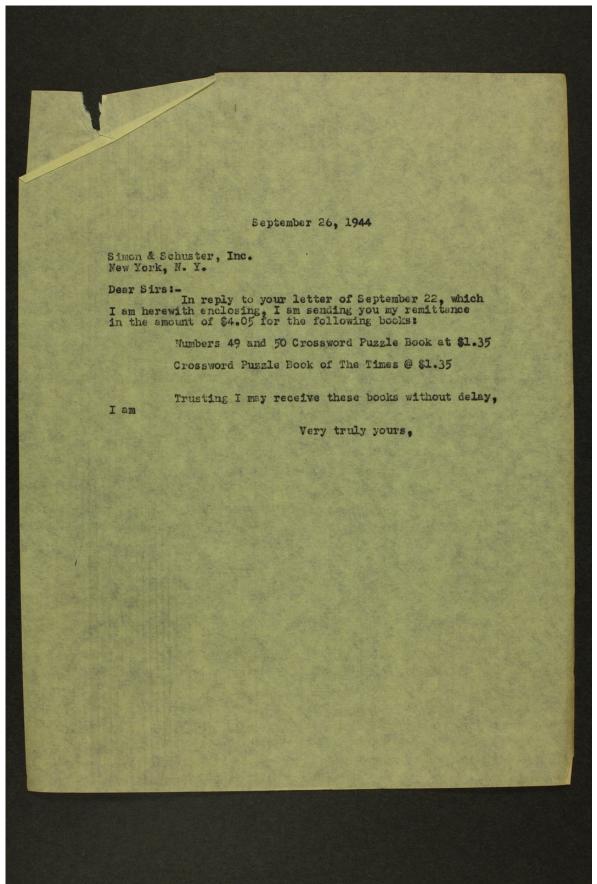
During the first five or six weeks after landing in France we were having a hard time to keep up with the 3rd Army. Finally we landed in Angers and established Civil Affairs in that city. Within a short time it was a long move over to Eastern France where we are operating in a quite important old French city. Every problem is different and there is nothing dull about the job. Work with the U.S. Army is pleasant. The work with the civilian population through interpreters is trying. The civilian population is not so trying as it is to conduct business in that manner. I have about as much trouble understanding the interpreter as I do the Frenchmen yet I don't understand French. But the Frenchman does a lot of talking with his hands and the hand language is rather universal. Also have trouble keeping an interpreter from doing my business for me rather than interpreting. Anyway, it's a ball game with a lot of thrills.

With best wishes, I am, as ever

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON



WAR FINANCE DIVISION

September 26, 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

TO NEWSPAPER EDITORS:

A damaging impression is too widespread as to the Treasury's reason for making eligible War Bonds in the hands of individuals cashable directly by banks beginning October 2.

Will you assist those who must go to the people in November and probably again and again later for more war financing by making

The new system was organized solely as a convenience for those who of sheer necessity must cash bonds. It is intended to make it possible for them to hold their bonds longer because their money will be at once available upon the actual occurrence of any necessity.

Some have been cashing in advance of necessity in order to have their cash in time. Their bonds henceforth will be as negotiable as a government check and are the most patriotic and safest way to hold interest earning money for any future need. Their money is always instantly available after the required 60 days have passed.

Please, in your treatment of this new system make it plain that the plan is another reason for holding one's bonds to the last minute and for putting all of one's savings into bonds.

Please help us to make it plain that the government does not want bonds cashed, that those who cash theirs, except in extreme emergency, are unnecessarily hampering the war effort and that for every bond cashed they or some fellow citizen must be sold another.

Thanks in advance for this cooperation and for all your grand help in the past.

Very truly yours,

Ted R. Gamble, National Director, War Finance Division.

Frank E. Tripp, Chairman, Allied Newspaper Council.



