

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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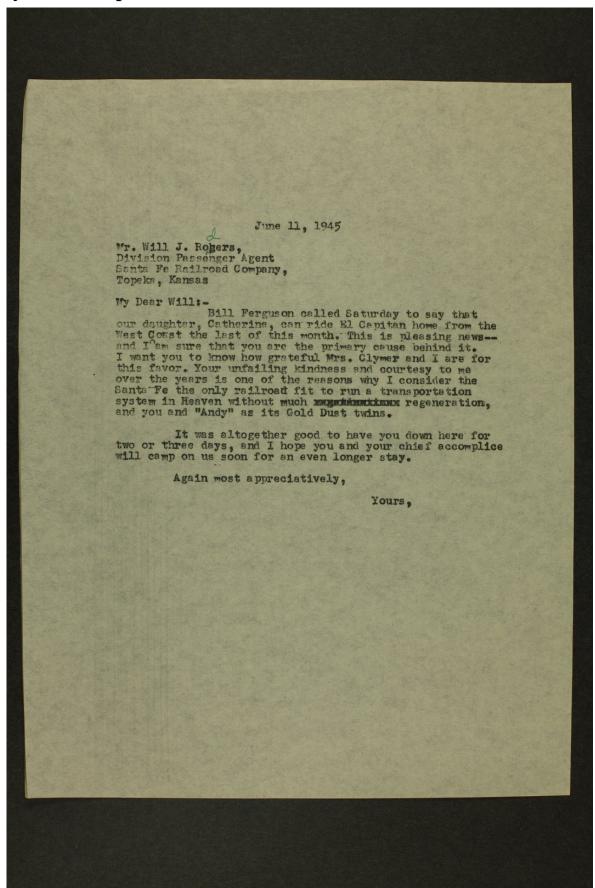
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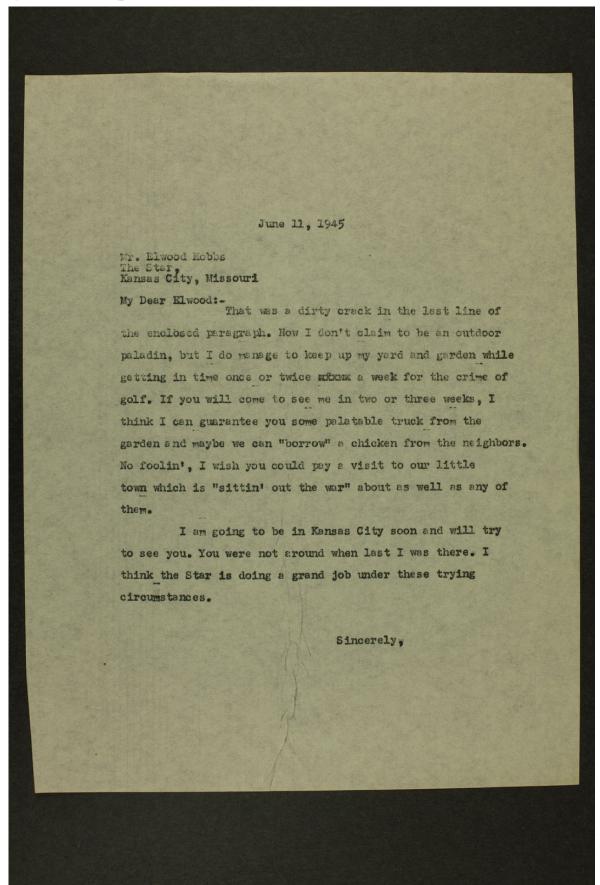
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R. A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas

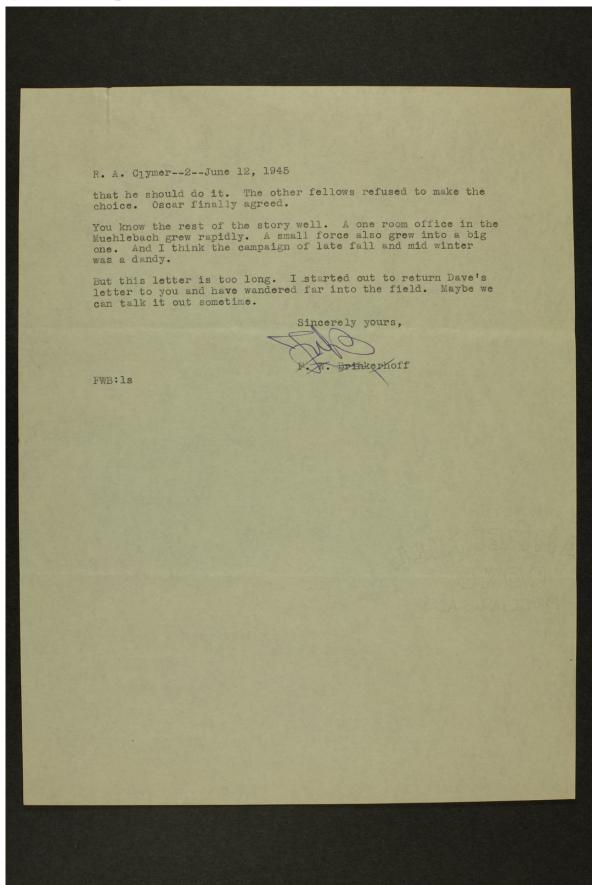
Dear Rolla:

Thanks for sending me the Hinshaw letter. It effectively explains the system of writing which Dave has invented. I am returning the letter.

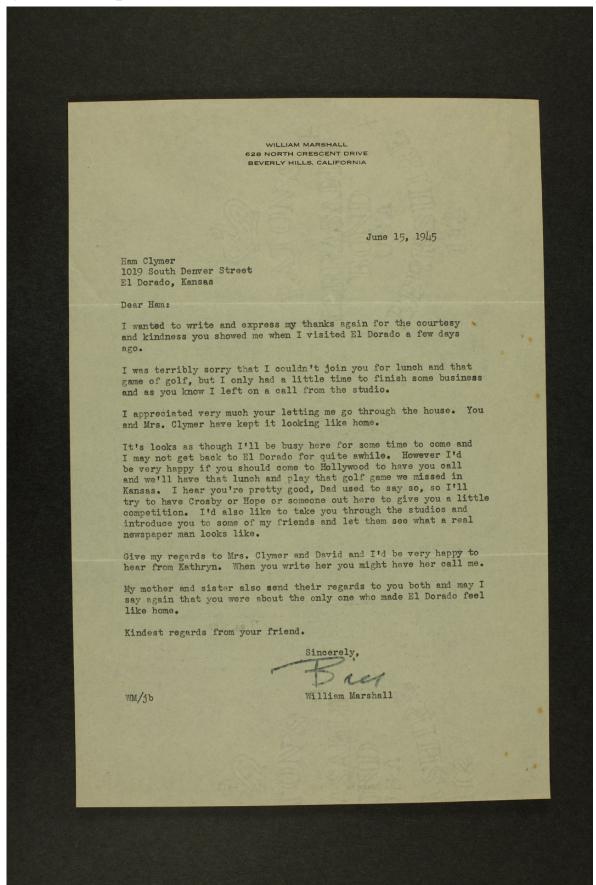
You are laying out quite a job. But the result, when and if accomplished, should be interesting, as you say. I am fully convinced that Alf's start on the national stage can be credited here to Pittsburg. It was Doc Moore who furnished the facts and figures and steam for the cash basis campaign. Surely there will be agreement that Alf's national career was based on his record as an economizer. In parts of the country as scattered as Helena, Montana and Columbus, Ohio in the early months of 1936, I made speeches on Landon. I painted him as an economizer and it was easy to detect the deep interest which audiences had in the subject of governmental economy. I have always maintained the big mistake of the campaign of 36 was in getting off that issue and trying to find others. The one issue we had was economy. But we threw it away. Hamilton never could see that there was anything in it. The truth of the matter was we had nothing else that had anything in it for that campaign.

You probably have forgotten it, even if you had seen it. But for purposes of the record I published, I think on the anniversary, an account of the little meeting in Kansas City which I arranged at Oscar's suggestion and Alf was projected as a candidate. There were so many stories of the origin of the thing that I thought it well to put it on record at an early date. There were five of us, including Alf. The others were Oscar, Roy Roberts and Lacy Haynes. Oscar was insistent that I take over the organization of the campaign. It was on a Saturday night. After a long discussion of the thing, it was decided that Alf was to go in. One of us had to take over the organizing. Obviously neither Robert nor Haynes could do it—get out in front and head up the organization. Oscar insisted that I should do it. I insisted

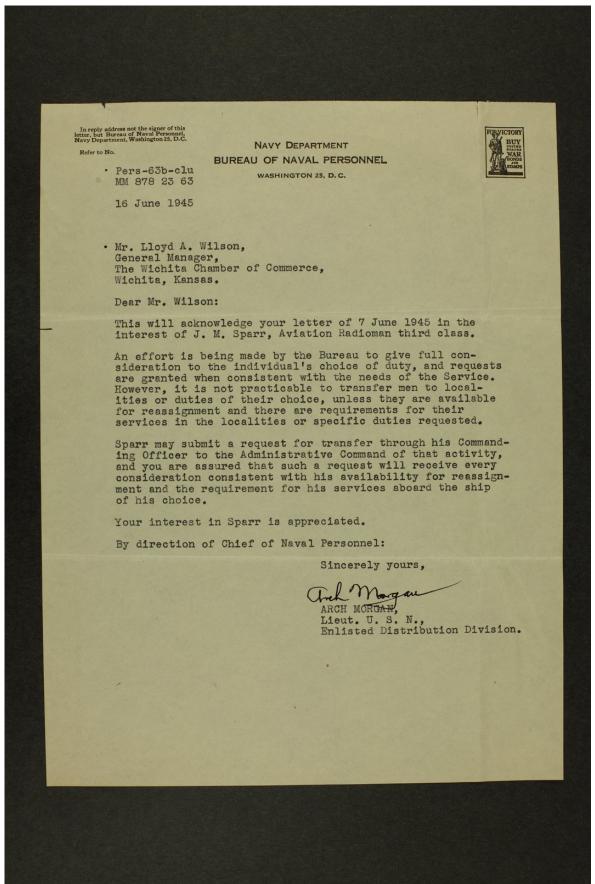




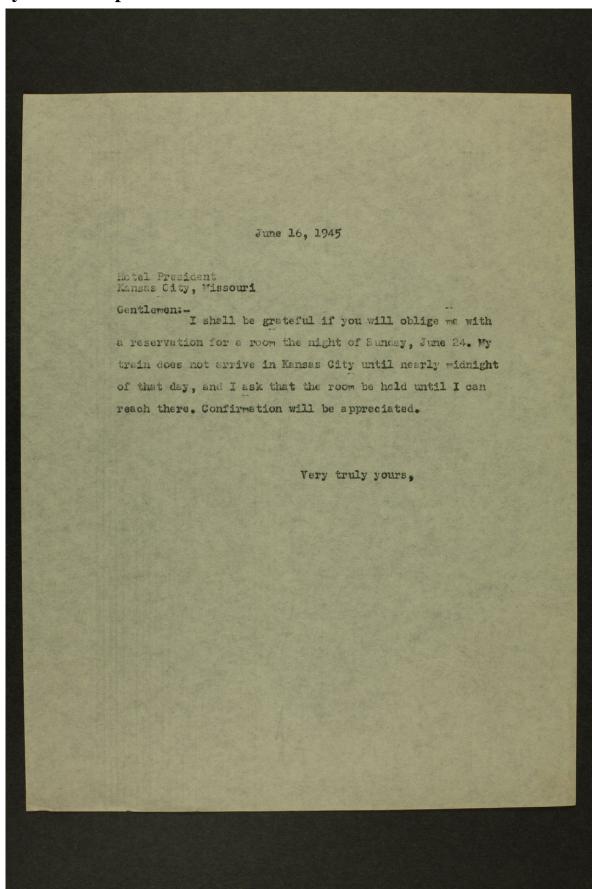




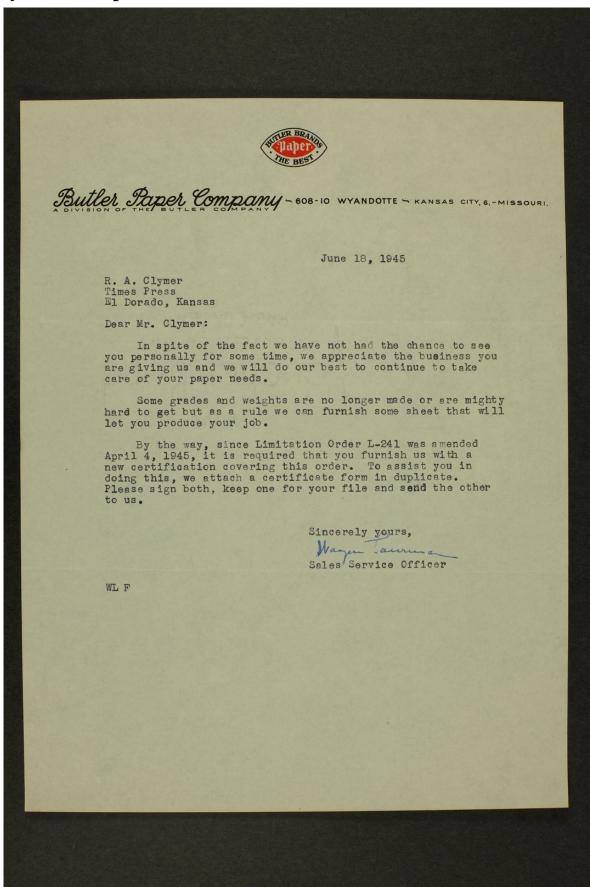














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PROPOSED TELEGRAM TO -June 19, 1945 Hon. Arthur E. Vandenberg, United States Senator, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, California. Your colleagues signing this telegram are hoping and expecting to be able to vote for ratification of the charter to be adopted by the San Francisco Conference stop It is hardly necessary to say that membership in the proposed international organization represents the widest departure from our traditional national policy that our country has ever made stop Because of that fact we earnestly feel that there should be no effort made for Senate approval without a reasonable period in which our citizens may study, analyze and digest the completed document stop We will not be voting as individual citizens but in our representative capacity stop We believe those we represent are entitled to have time to mature their judgment on all phases of this all important question and that we will be strengthened in our representative capacity by the formation and expression of such a judgment stop There is no substitute in a democracy for a considered public opinion on a policy of first importance and this is surely such a policy stop We are not seeking to delay final action on the work of the Conference or to impede it in any way or in any degree, stop We do believe that a reasonable period for full consideration not exceeding three months would make for a national unity greatly to be desired and would avoid possible criticism that might follow any other method of dealing with a vital matter stop We believe our suggestion would strengthen not weaken the support this policy must have from our citizenship - an end greatly to be desired stop We think that Senate debate would likely be on a higher plane and probably consume less time if there was an informed public judgment based on full information as to all matters included stop We believe that because of the fine leadership you have shown your influence on this point would be determinative. Clyde M. Reed Harlan J. Bushfield Robert A. Taft Henrik Shipstead Chapman Revercomb Edward V. Robertson Kenneth S. Wherry Alexander Wiley E. H. Moore Hugh Butler

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Homer E. Capehart

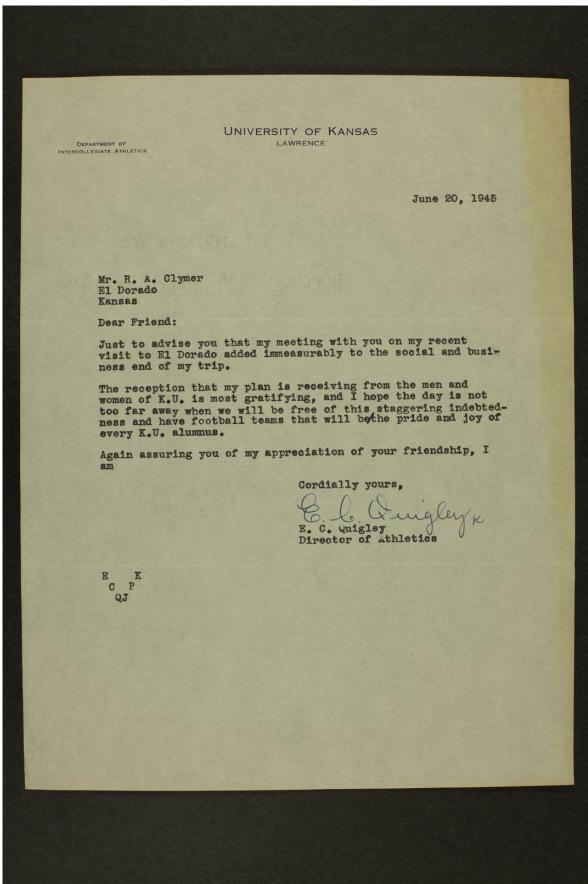
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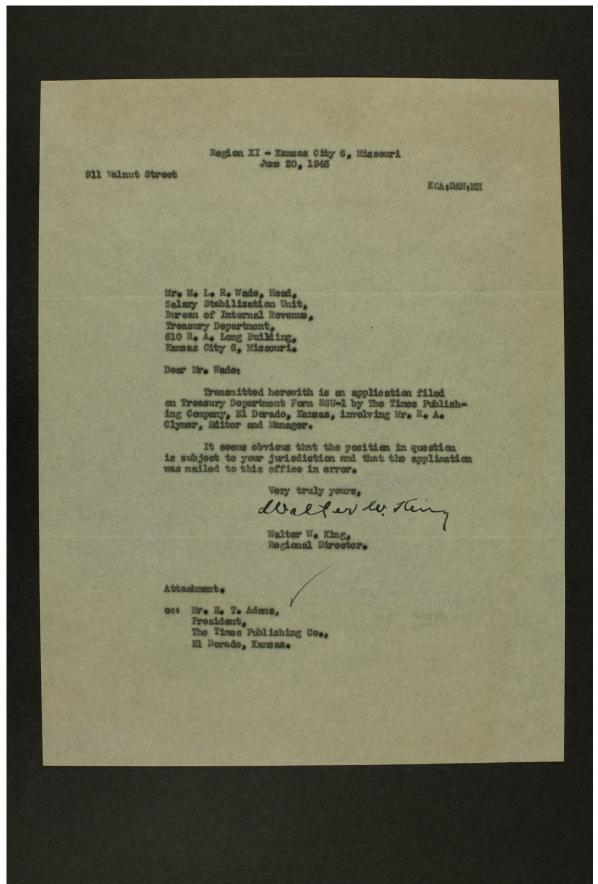


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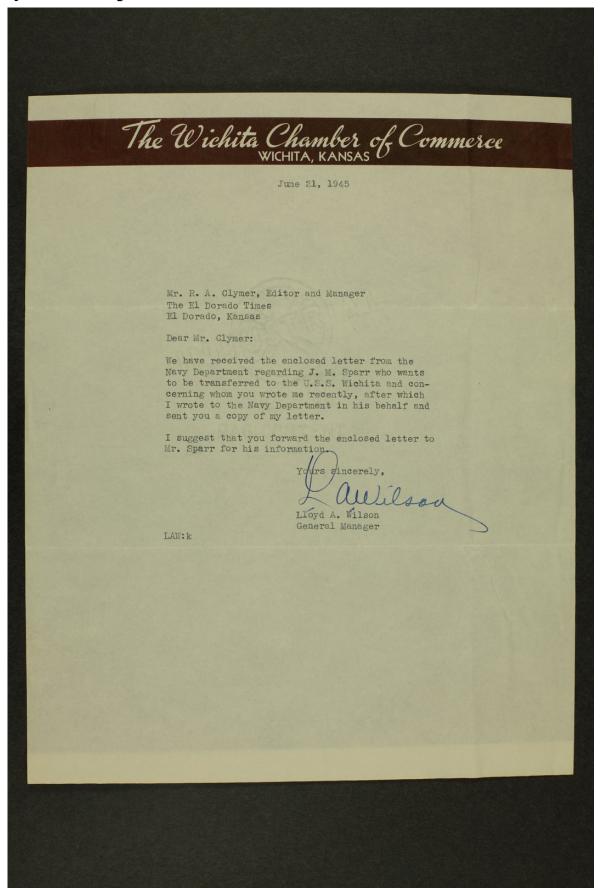




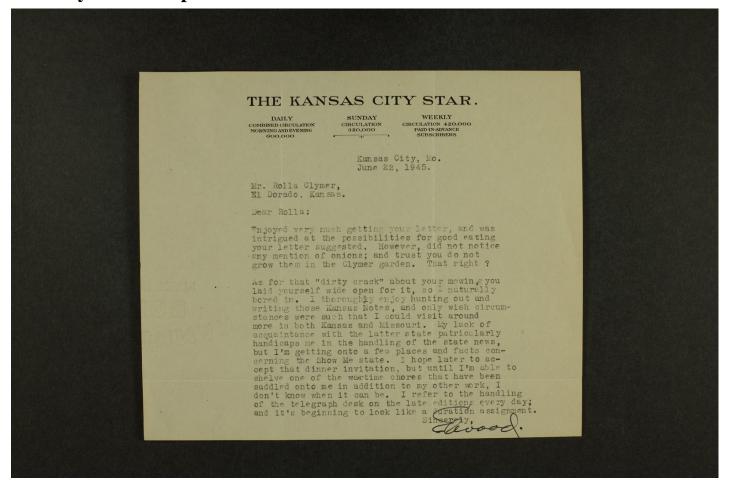








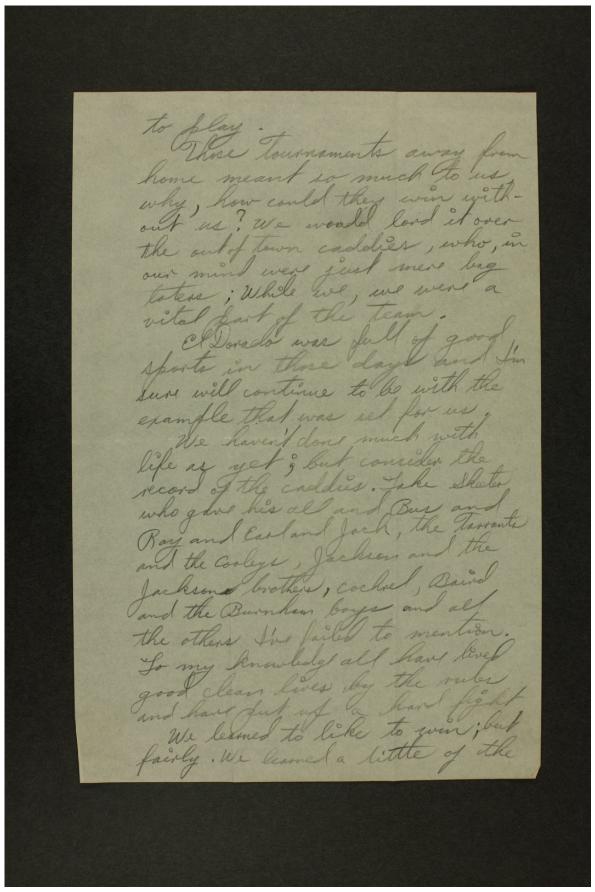




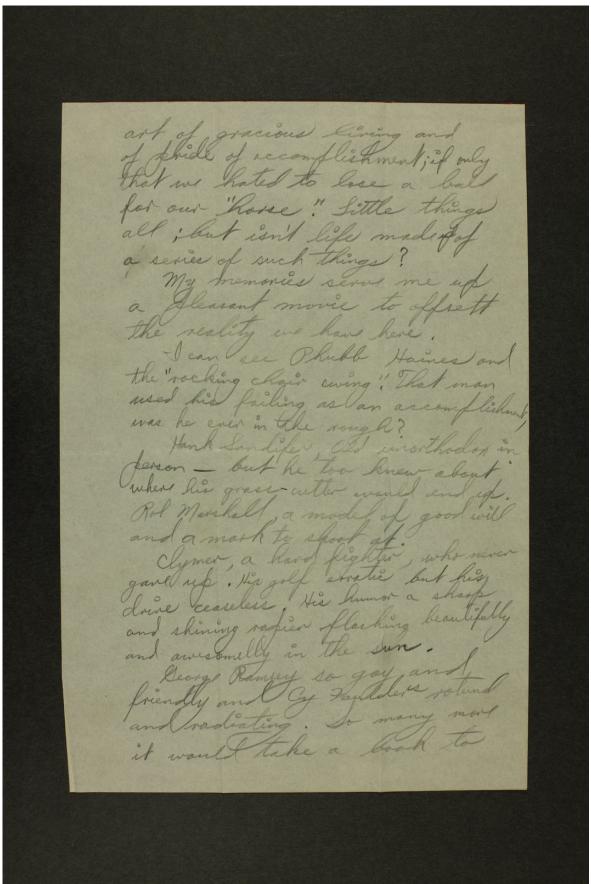


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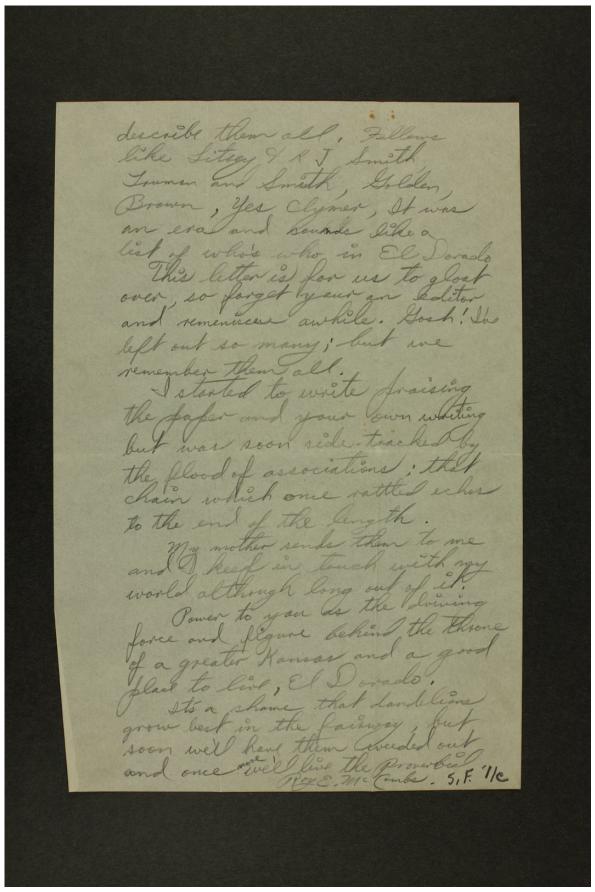




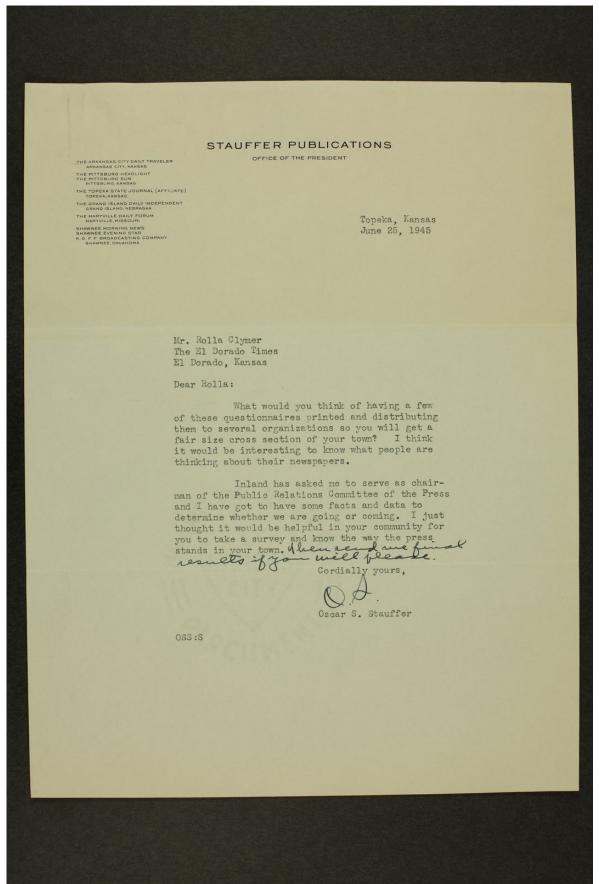




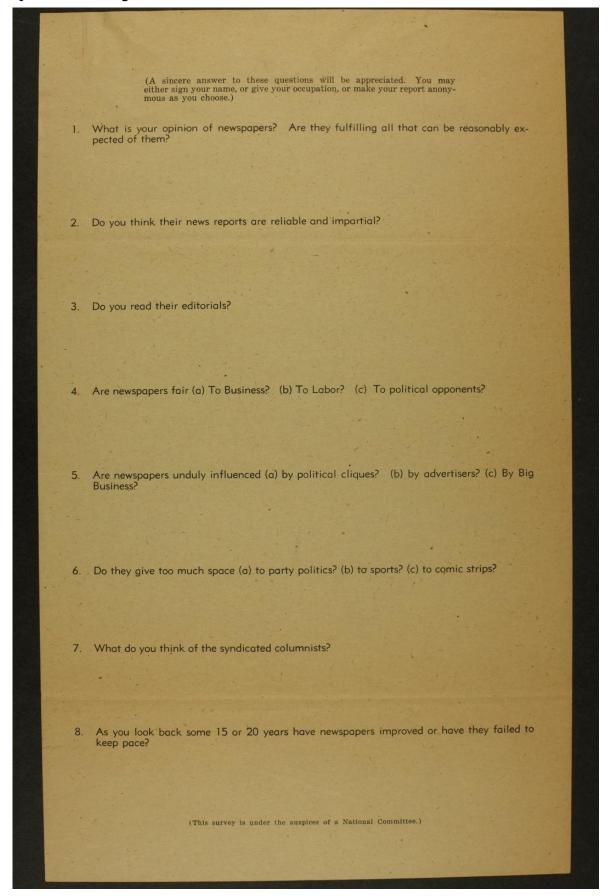














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Ulnited States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

June 25, 1945

Hon. Rolla Clymer, El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas.

M. W. MITCHELL, CLERK

Dear Rolla:

Some three months ago I made my first public statement to the effect that regardless of what the finished product of the San Francisco Conference should be, or when it was turned out, the American people, as a whole, should be given an opportunity to read it, discuss it, and digest it so there would be an informed public opinion in this country as to the widest departure ever made from our American national tradition. I have made several statements to that effect from time to time.

Recently, suggestion was made, from sources close to President Truman, that it was desired the Charter be ratified by the Senate before July 15, so that it would be available for his use at the Big Three conference coming in July.

This seemed to me to be most unwise public policy. I started to check that program. Believing that Senator Vandenberg held the key to the situation, I prepared a telegram to him, after a brief discussion with a few of my Republican colleagues, to be signed by Republicans only and only by Senators who were reasonably expecting to vote for ratification. The first 14 Republicans to whom I showed the proposed telegram to Vandenberg said okay and authorized me to sign their names to it. Three or four of them did not want to be committed. I assured them this telegram did not commit anybody to anything. Had I followed through with the plan to send this telegram, at least 20 and perhaps 25 signatures would have been obtained on the Republican side.

Senator Taft and I were working very closely on this thing and, in order to avoid any possible embarrassment to Vandenberg, Taft telephoned him what we were proposing to do and asked his reaction to our proposal. Vandenberg told Taft over the telephone that he was opposed to any hasty action. In a telegram following the telephone conversation, which was showed to all of us, Vandenberg said the "proposal to ratify the Charter before July 15, was fantastic and would fall of its own weight." He thought possibly some misunderstanding might arise if we proposed any definite period of delay for consideration and suggested we not send the telegram but he would help us carry out the program which we had outlined, so we did not send the telegram. Vandenberg's attitude, plus the fact that some 20 or 25 Republicans, most of whom would vote for ratification after full consideration, would object to any failure to give the American people a reasonable time for consideration, checked the attempt to jam ratification through.



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Hon. Rolla Clymer -2-June 25, 1945 In order that you may have a full understanding of the situation, I am sending you a copy of the telegram we proposed to send and also an editorial from the Washington Star of Saturday, June 23, which is, in my opinion, a complete statement of a desirable program. Perhaps I give it such unqualified approval because it is in line with what I have been insisting upon for the past Please regard this letter as confidential so far as any use of the proposed telegram to Vandenberg is concerned. I do not want to embarrass him in any possible way. I thought, however, you would be interested in having as full information as is available of the moves behind the scenes which resulted in checking the insistence of some people close to President Truman that ratification be given immediately. I expect to vote for ratification but I have insisted and I insist now that the whole people of this country be given an opportunity to know what we are ratifying before I have to answer a roll call on that issue. So far as anyone can forecast, the program in the Senate will be about this: When the Charter is received, it will be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations: that Committee will begin to hold hearings probably around July 10 or July 16; those hearings will run probably two weeks and possibly three weeks; that will bring us up to the first part of August. It is generally assumed that the debate in the Senate will run from two to four weeks. In any event, it does not look probable that a final vote on ratification will be taken before the early part of September. With my best wishes, I am Cordially yours, Clyde M. Reed CMR kb encs.





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TELEPHONE: CALEDONIA 5-2000

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

June 26, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

You have been advised about the possibility of a change in Order L-240 which will permit slightly more use of newsprint in the third quarter. It is possible that users of other kinds of paper will be granted some relaxation.

The overall paper and pulp situation is closely tied up with the level of waste paper collections as well as the pulpwood cutting in the United States.

It is urgent that all newspapers continue their support to maintain waste paper collections at the present comparatively high level if we are to hold the ground we have gained which justifies some increased use of newsprint.

So as to have the essential facts for dealing with WPB and to keep those responsible fully advised please let me have a reply quickly to the following questions:

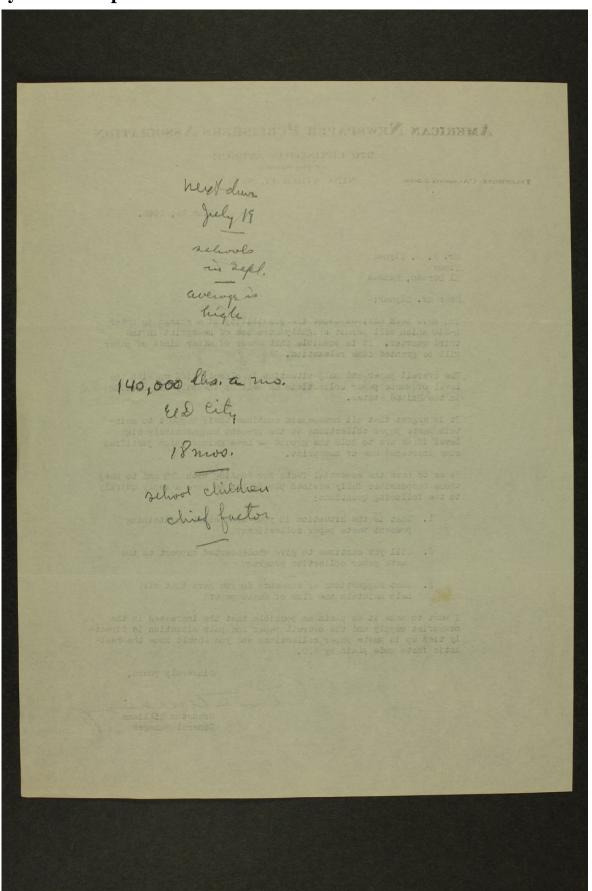
- 1. What is the situation in your area about maintaining present waste paper collections?
- 2. Will you continue to give wholehearted support to the waste paper collection program?
- 3. What suggestions or comments do you have that will help maintain the flow of waste paper?

I want to make it as plain as possible that the increases in the newsprint supply and the overall paper and pulp situation is directly tied up in waste paper collections and you should know the realistic facts made plain by WPB.

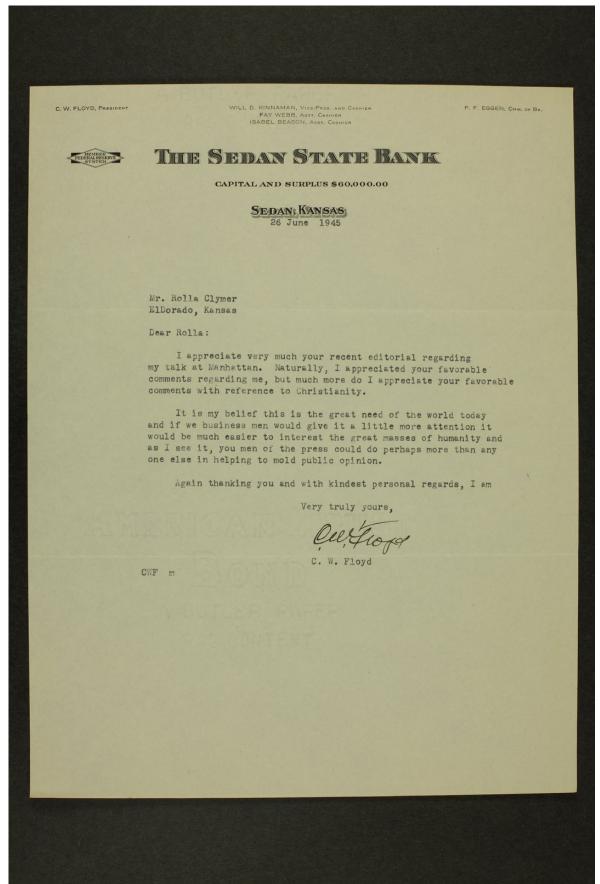
Sincerely yours,

Cranston Williams General Manager

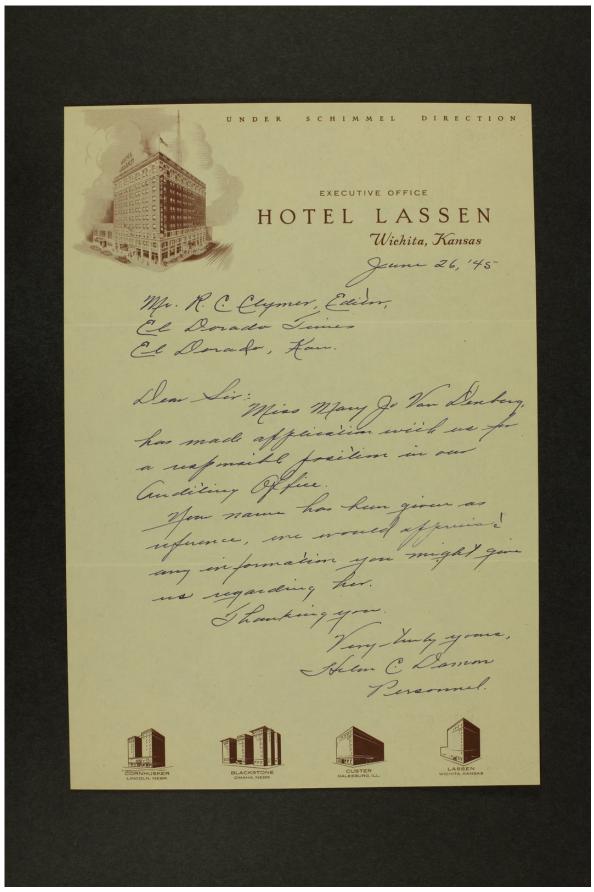




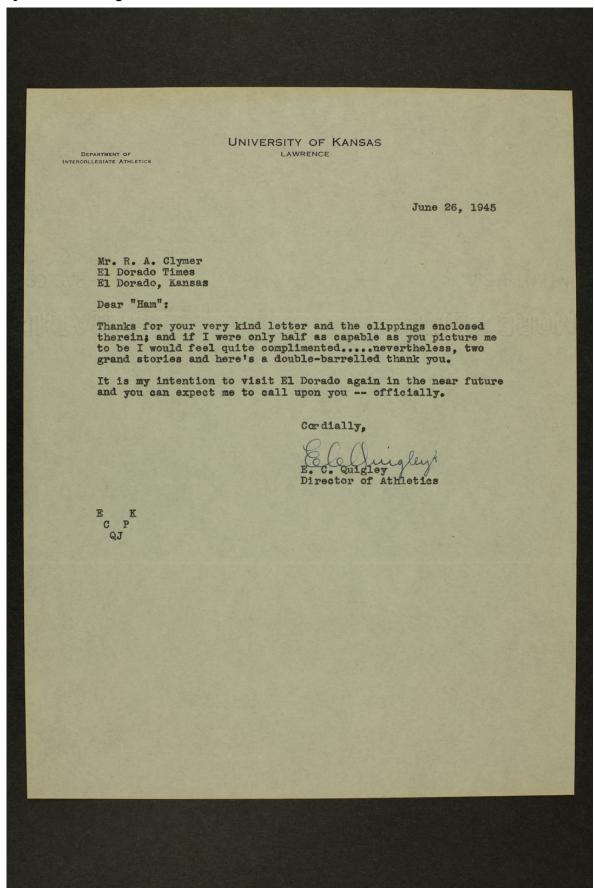




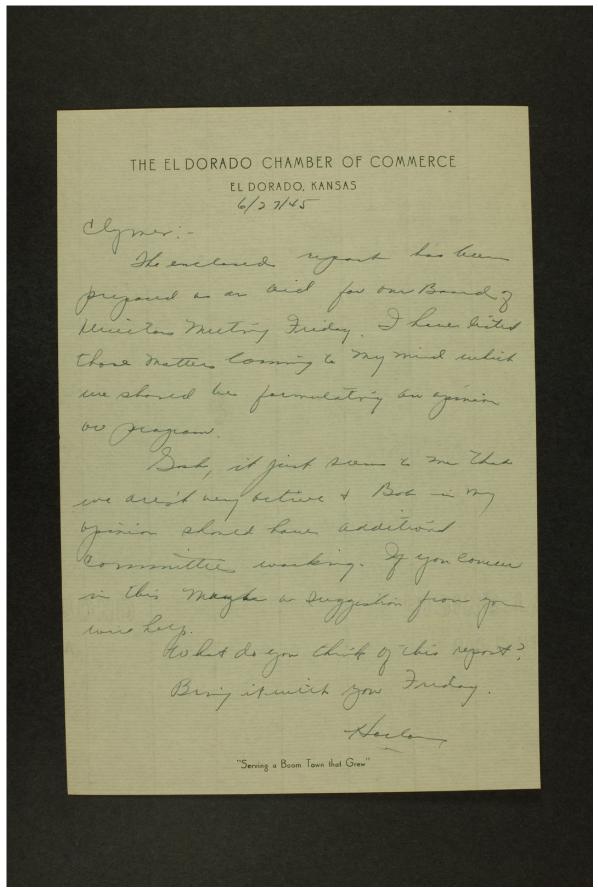






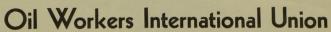








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El Dorado Local No. 241

El Dorado, Kansas

June 27, 1945

Mr. T. A. Helling Chairman 7th War Loan Drive El Dorado National Bank Bldg. El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The following is a report of th bond sales made by the El Dorado Refinery Workman's Committee of Local #241, during this, our 7th War Loan Drive:

Grand Total----- 13,206.80

We, as a Committee, are proud of this report in view of the fact, that this is the largest amount of bonds that has been sold through the Local in any previous drive.

Thanking you, I remain,

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CHAIRMAN W DRKMEN'S COMMITTEE



