

## 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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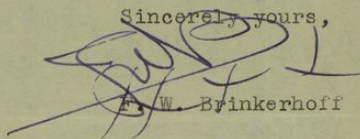
R. A. Clymer--2--Nov. 27, 1945

these newspapers more intensely local than they have been in the past. However, we have multiplied thousands of persons who take no other newspaper and we will continue to give ~~full~~ *adequate* coverage of world and national and state news.

I feel about newspaper service like I feel about highways. The big roads, including federal and state highways, are called the primary system. The roads that serve communities are called secondary roads. I think this is backwards. The primary roads should be those that serve communities. It is far more important to me here in Pittsburg that there are good roads so the farmers from over the whole district and dwellers in the smaller towns can get into Pittsburg to do their trading and get home on good roads than that I can get to Kansas City or Topeka without getting stuck in the mud. Maybe I am a reactionary. But I am fighting first of all for the community in which I live.

If you have read this and become weary, just remember that you were to blame for it. It is purely a little bit of conversation on the side.

Sincerely yours,



F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls



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### EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 27, 1945

Van Tassel Leather Company  
Norwich, Conn.

Gentlemen:

We have received, through the local Kansas Gas and Electric Company, information to the effect that your company is seeking a location in this general section of the country. This being the case, we would like very much to have you give El Dorado consideration as a home for your company.

El Dorado is a town of approximately 12,000 people, County Seat of Butler County and in the heart of a very productive livestock section. We are located on the main lines of two principal railways, the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe, and the Missouri Pacific companies. El Dorado is situated within 40 miles of Wichita and during the war, furnished as many as 1,200 workers daily to the aircraft factories there. With the discontinuance of these factories, El Dorado is left with an adequate supply of trained men and women which should prove an asset to firms seeking a good labor supply.

El Dorado's main industry is that of oil producing and processing and is the home of two major oil refineries, the Skelly and El Dorado refineries. Our informant tells us that you are seeking an ample supply of low cost fuel for your processing operations. This town is served by the Cities Service Oil Company with industrial gas rates comparable to any other community in this section of the country, but, in addition, if your boilers are so constructed so as to be able to use "petroleum pitch", an abundant supply from the two refineries could be obtained at a very small cost. This product so far as is known, is without any commercial uses locally and transportation costs have been considered prohibitive so far as marketing for other uses are concerned. This product is mentioned only as a suggestion to you which might warrant further investigation.

We do not have a building meeting your requirements. However, a number of men with sizeable capital backing have told me that they would invest in a building for a substantial company seeking a new location and willing to enter into an acceptable lease agreement. This building, if built, would be constructed to specifically meet the requirements of the business for which it is being provided.

I shall be more than happy to supply you with any additional information, and if you are further interested in El Dorado as a location for your plant, we will prepare for you a personalized booklet of the community's resources.

Thank you.

Yours very truly

HARLAN L. REMSBERG,  
Manager.

HLR/rl



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November 27, 1945

Mr. Arthur H. Hagg,  
Publishers' Representative,  
Chicago, Illinois

My Dear Arthur:-

I appreciate your good letters of November 23, which came in the same envelope. I regret that our plans were so far along we could not see our way clear to staying with you as representative for another period to give you a chance to rebuild your organization. We have signed with Southwest Dailies, and that group will take over our representation formally on January 1.

I am deeply grateful to you for your kindness in releasing us from any contractual obligation with you, so that we can start our connection with the new representatives the first of the new year. I assure you we will do everything necessary to see that your interest in existing contracts is fully protected.

The years you have been our representative have been pleasant ones, and the relationship most agreeable. As I told you in my recent letter, I have a strong personal regard for you--and certainly wish you well in your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

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### THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EL DORADO, KANSAS

November 27, 1945

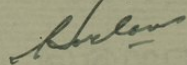
Mr. R.A. Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

You will recall our contacts with the Home Building Corporation in Kansas City relative to their selection of El Dorado as a location of their plant. I had heard nothing from them since your visit with one of their boys in Kansas City and a letter which I directed to their firm after you returned was answered. So, on October 31st, I sent them a letter, a copy of which is enclosed, and this morning, I received a reply from Neal Reyburn, the son who was in the Navy.

I have tried to keep this thing alive because something might develop after other communities hesitate as we did to step up and buy the required amount of stock they are offering for sale. If other communities hesitate to do business on their terms, they might then be willing to come in on a more acceptable basis.

Yours very truly



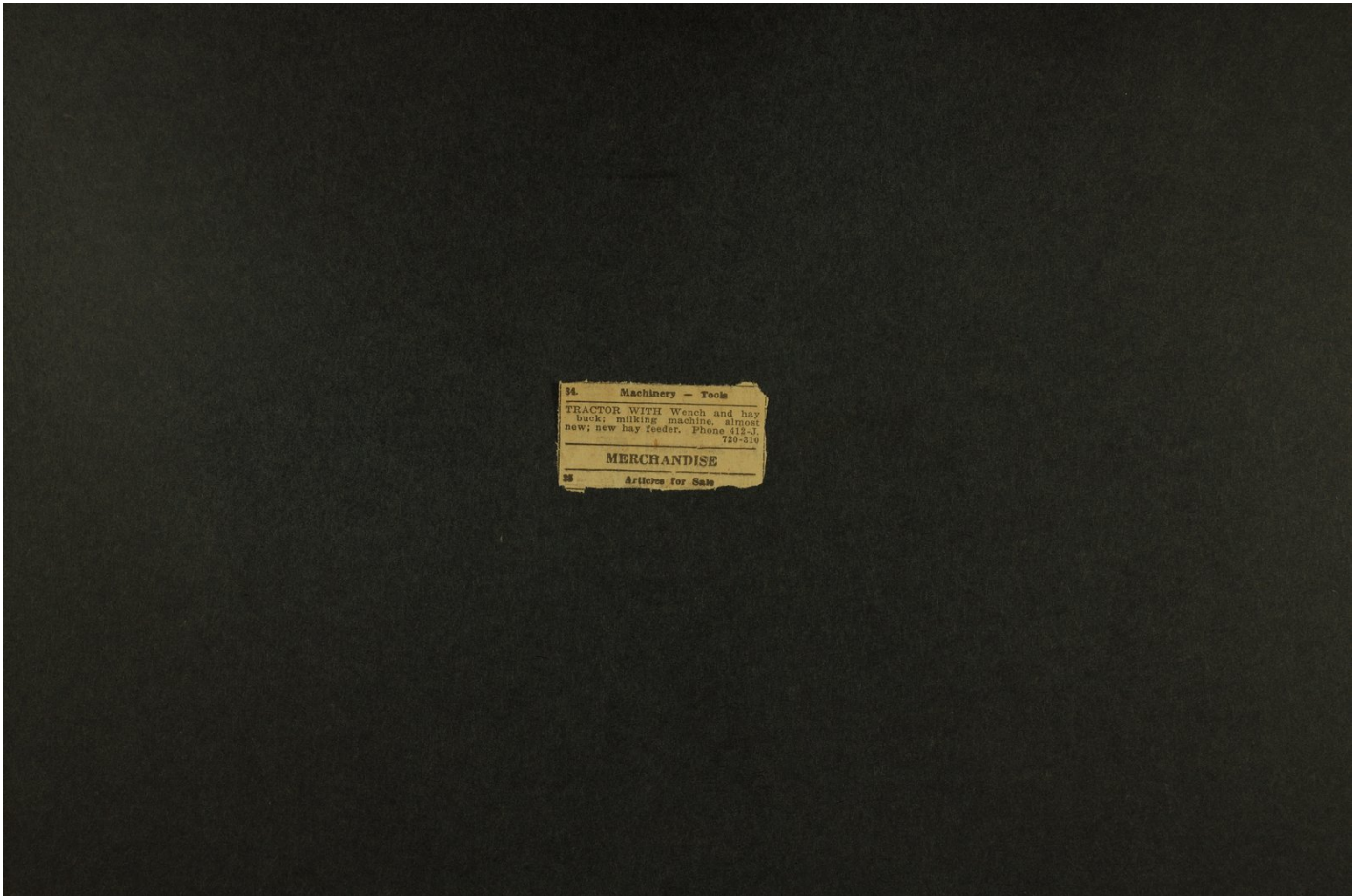
Harlan L. Rensberg,  
Manager.

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"Serving a Boom Town that Grew"



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city of the people want things  
that way.


Legislative council members in  
session last week, talked consider-  
ably about doing something at the  
next regular session, but adjourned  
without specific proposals. Most  
of all was Lt. Governor Jess  
who said the House has



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STATE OF KANSAS

R. C. WOODWARD  
SENATOR TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT  
EL DORADO, KANSAS



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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
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LABOR  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BANKS AND BANKING  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

SENATE CHAMBER

Norton, Kansas  
November 28, 1945

Dear Rol,

I noticed by the paper where you attended the editors' meeting in Kansas City and I trust you got to see Lacey and all the rest of the boys.

From your editorials I gather that you are pretty strong for Roy Bailey for Congressman from this district, in case Carlson runs for governor. From what I can learn from out here, there will be at least 6 or 7 candidates, several from Salina. If that is true, someone from the western end of the district will probably have the best chance. From the letters that I have been getting from over the state, it looks like a cinch that Carlson will run for governor.

I am enclosing herewith an ad which I cut from last Saturday's Times. I would appreciate it if you would get in touch with the people who inserted this ad and tell them I am not much interested in the tractor but I certainly am interested in the wench, particularly in view of the fact that the milking machine is almost new. I always was a breast man. I have been out here long enough that I am not nearly so particular as heretofore and he may ship her f.o.b. without further specifications.

Pauline writes that she expects to come out sometime in December and that there is a very good chance that you will come with her. This would suit me just fine, as I would very much enjoy a good visit with both of you. I am still feeling fine and am only waiting for the green light to come home.

Glad you liked *Valorous Arms*. Too bad you didn't read *Oh Promised Land* first, as chronologically it precedes the one you read. I think *Tap Roots* is the best of the three.

There is nothing of interest occurs out here to write about. One day is just like another and if it wasn't for the weekly bed bath I get on Saturday, I wouldn't be able to keep track of the time. I am looking forward to seeing you and Pauline in the near future.

Sincerely, *Rich*



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 28, 1945

Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention Mr. W. J. Hilvers

Dear Sirs:-

We are herewith returning signed contracts for a 5-year term which you have submitted to us. While these papers have been unchanged in any essential, we feel that in view of other stipulations the tonnage should be made to read 100, instead of 90, for each year. It is my impression that we will gradually find need for more newsprint in the future and that our yearly purchases may be stepped up.

Some of the provisions of the contract, I feel, may be open to discussion but I am signing both copies in full faith that our newspaper will enjoy the same relationship and treatment which has prevailed over the past 25 years, and with which we have been well satisfied. I think that an examination of your books will show that our paper is one of the oldest continuous customers on your list.

I received a letter today from Mr. R. O. Warner, sales manager, saying that the shipment of our December car will be advanced. This favor, of course, is because of the contact which you made with Mr. Warner on our behalf and I am duly grateful to you. We also have assurances that our car specifications will be closely followed, and this will have the advantage of placing our supply in better balance.

If you care to change the tonnage figures to 100, I should like to know about it and, anyway, would be glad to hear from you. I am willing, however, to trust to your judgment in this and other matters with full assurance that the possible needs of our paper will not be jeopardized by any contract stipulations.

Very truly yours,





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November 28, 1945

Mr. Don Gordon,  
Chicago, Illinois

My Dear Don:-

I returned home two weeks ago yesterday and have been mostly kindly received by my friends. They seem to have faith in me--though sometimes I wonder why--and I realize the task is strictly up to me to help sustain that faith by my future actions. I feel confident I can do so, and was helped no little end to that firm determination by the visit which you and Dave Rhodes and your wives paid to me at Dwight. I have carried with me a few helpful considerations out of that recent bitter experience, and one of the chief of these is what you told me--namely, that the most important task in my life is to keep myself from being a drunkard. I shall never forget your words on that occasion. I am not to be so cocky as I once was, figuring that my fight against booze was a closed episode and that Big and Superior I had the brother roundly whipped. Instead, I recognize this as a continuing struggle, will keep alert with my guard firmly up--and make sure of one day at a time.

I shall never be able to thank you enough for your great courtesy in coming to Dwight. It was one of the most flattering attentions ever paid me, and I am humbly grateful. That you were generous enough to take all this trouble in my behalf constitutes, in my mind, one of the strongest reasons why I should make good on the booze score--and not let you and Dave down.

The weather has been fair and warm and I have been working hard in my yard and garden, planting trees, cleaning up the place and attending to a variety of chores. I must admit that I am almost vulgarly healthy, while my spirits which were dead black for awhile are improving in tone. My work here at the office is absorbing--and I intend to stay right on the beam. I understand there is an A. A. at Wichita and will get into contact with it soon. Before this latest fall, I felt I had no use for it or it for me. I know better now and you were the principal cause in enabling me to see the light.

I have no mission in Chicago just now but will surely see you whenever I come there. I would like to write to you once in awhile, if that is all right with you, and will appreciate a note now and then from you. Whether we lose track of each other or not, my gratitude to you will remain constant. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Gordon.

Sincerely your friend,



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### KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A STATE DEPARTMENT  
WILLIAM E. LONG, SECRETARY-DIRECTOR  
--TOPEKA, KANSAS--

Wichita 2 Kansas  
Nov. 28, 1945.

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

Dear Rolla:

Confirming our telephone conversation of a few moments ago I am outlining a brief personal story of H. Otis Garth, branch manager of the Thompson-Hayward Chemical Company of Wichita.

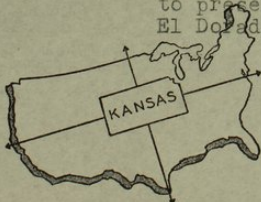
Mr. Garth came to Wichita in 1929 and in 1932 established the Wichita branch of Thompson-Hayward and has been branch manager since said time.

The Branch has prospered under his managership and has become a large factor in the industrial and business life of Wichita.

In Wichita Mr. Garth is an active member of the Cosmopolitan Club. He has been very active in all local civic activities. He is not only interested in the development and progress of Wichita but his interest extends to the entire State.

For a good many years he has taken an active part in all of our Red Cross Drives, Community War Fund drives and all of the Bond Drives. He was President of his Consistory Class last Spring and is at present President of the Local Chapter of the Alumni Association of Kansas State College.

Mr. Garth is intensely interested in the program of Kansas Industrial Development Commission and the present program of the Kansas Industrial Foundation Inc. to raise funds to advertise Kansas. And, notwithstanding the fact that he is an extremely busy man he is devoting much of his time and effort to this program. He has addressed numerous civic clubs here and has consented to present the above program to a few neighboring towns. The Foundation certainly appreciates the opportunity to present Mr. Garth and the program to the Rotary Club of El Dorado.



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It is our hope that other Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce will join with the El Dorado Rotary Club in giving Mr. Garth an enthusiastic reception. //

Now Rolla, this is simply a brief outline for your use in any way you wish and is a suggestion of some of the things you might wish to say. I know you will, in your introduction of Mr. Garth, ~~ad~~ lib and make it easy for him to present his story.

My I suggest, however, that you make it clear why the Industrial Foundation Inc. was organized, because many will wonder about the connection between the Foundation and The Kansas Industrial Development Commission.

With my warmest regards and best wishes and many thanks for your help, I am

Sincerely and cordially yours

*Bob,*

R. B. CAMPBELL

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November 28, 1945

Hotel Allis  
Wichita, Kansas

Gentlemen:-

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your confirmation of my recent request for a room reservation the afternoon of Saturday, December 1, which came today. I now discover that my plans have been changed and that I shall not require the reservation on the date stated. Therefore, I am herewith returning the confirmation so you may release the reservation for somebody else.

Thanking you for your attention to my needs and assuring you that I shall hope to be accommodated at The Allis every time I come to Wichita, I am

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Clymer, 11/28/55  
The enclosed correspondence  
may be of interest to you. You  
know if we put out enough  
bait + charge it of the enough  
and fish long enough  
we may catch something  
worthwhile yet. Harlan.



HENRY J. ALLEN  
513 BEACON BUILDING  
WICHITA 2, KANSAS

November 28, 1945

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado, Kansas

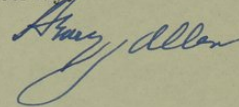
Dear Rolla:

Thank you for your letter of the 21st  
instant.

I will be here up to December 20, with  
the exception of December 7, when I  
must be at Baker University.

I will be mighty glad to see you any  
date convenient to yourself.

Sincerely,



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Montrose Colo.  
Nov. 29/45

R. A. Clymer:-

Will drop you a few lines  
and see if you still have  
that job or another one.  
am going to have to leave  
here as the altitude is too  
high for my wife, she  
has been sick ever since we  
came, altho I do have a  
good job am foreman of  
the Daily Press Makeup &  
markup all the ads & set  
ads, at \$47.50. if you still  
have a job let me know  
right away & what arrangements  
we can make about getting  
my furniture back this  
respectfully Jack Hurlburt.





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VAN TASSEL LEATHER COMPANY  
Box 507 Forest Street, Norwich, Conn.

November 29, 1945

El Dorado Chamber of Commerce  
El Dorado  
Kansas

Attention: Mr. Harlan L. Benscherg

Dear Sirs:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 27th  
inviting us to consider a plant location in El Dorado.

Our plans for the new plant are not sufficiently  
matured as yet to enable us to talk with you intelligently about  
this proposition, but in the meantime we should be interested to  
have from you not only the additional information you offered in  
your last paragraph, but also a chemical analysis of the avail-  
able water supply in El Dorado, as well as the hide freight rates  
from Chicago and Los Angeles to El Dorado.

Trusting that you will be able to supply this information,  
we are,

Very truly yours,

THE VAN TASSEL LEATHER COMPANY

H. E. Severn

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

November 29, 1945

Mr. Jack Hurlburt  
Montrose, Colo.

My Dear Jack:-

I was glad to have your letter which came today. Am sorry to hear about Mrs. Hurlburt's health and presume the altitude is a deterrent. We have no job on the floor here at present, but if you would care to come back in charge of the Duplex press and the stereotype room I should be happy to consider you. We have been paying wages about in line with what you are receiving there, and I believe we would have no trouble on that score.

Please let me know at once if you are interested in the press job, and then we can negotiate further from there. Houses are s

Very truly yours,



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Kansas Gas & Electric Company

Wichita, November 30, 1945

Messrs. E.B. Edwards - Newton  
J.D. Turner - Independence  
C.E. Tingley - Arkansas City  
H.C. Cox - El Dorado

Gentlemen:

We have just received further information on the Van Tassel Leather Company about which I wrote you on November 18th. We find that the officers of this company are: Douglas K. Severn, Pres. & Treas. and Edmund C. Jensen, Vice-Pres. & Asst. Treas.

The following is quoted from the report we have received:

"Incorporated in Connecticut in November 1931, with an authorized Capital of \$50,000 of which \$16,275 was paid in.

Manufactures sole and belt leather, mechanical leather and leather findings, also leather linings, upper leathers-splits, with sales of shoe and belt manufacturers throughout the United States on 2-10 net 30 day terms, and 15 prox terms. There has been no direct Government contract. 50 are employed.

OWNS and occupies a three - story brick and frame building in a rural area, and adjoining the Central Vermont Railroad. Part of the building houses a belting company. The company property is in good condition and the premises well kept.

Merchandise is valued at \$41,000, and accounts receivables are worth \$33,350. The loan of \$5,200 owing to bank is now paid off. Accounts payable are estimated to be about \$2,200.

THIS CONCERN HAS MADE PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS, AND VOLUME THUS FAR IN 1945 IS AHEAD OF THE SAME PERIOD OF LAST YEAR, AND OPERATIONS ARE PROFITABLE. FINANCIAL CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY, AND TRADE AND BANK COMMENTS HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE."

This information should assist your Chamber of Commerce Committee in their study of this prospective industrial concern. Will you please keep this office informed on any progress made in your community's negotiations with the Van Tassel Company?

Yours very truly,

/s/ George H. Weckel  
General Sales Manager

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cc - Mr. Gill - Mr. McCullough



November 30, 1945

Mr. Harry Lose, Assistant Manager  
Hotel Jayhawk,

Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Harry:-

I would like to make a room reservation for the evening of Monday, December 3, and hope you can accommodate me. I intend to reach town on the Santa Fe Ranger, which I believe is due about 9:30 p. m. If you can take care of me, you need no send confirmation and I shall assume that the room is available. Otherwise, I ask that you please notify me.

Sincerely,



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### MINNESOTA AND ONTARIO PAPER COMPANY

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MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

November 30, 1945

TO OUR NEWSPRINT CUSTOMERS:

We have received our operating schedule for the month of December from the Canadian Newsprint Administrator together with a directive which we quote as follows:

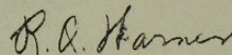
"Total orders from United States customers on Canadian mills in the fourth quarter of 1945 exceed Canada's allocation to the United States by 38,456 tons. By the agreement made on September 5, 1945, between the Printing and Publishing Division of War Production Board and the Newsprint Administration of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board this excess is to be cancelled and December orders reduced accordingly.

"You are hereby directed to reduce December orders received from United States customers by cancelling tonnage equal to 17-1/2% of such orders. Your operating permit for December 1945 of permitted shipments has been adjusted accordingly."

The above is along the line of the information contained in the WPB press release dated October 31st and subsequently carried in the ANPA bulletin No. 100 dated October 2nd.

It will be necessary to cut all orders 17-1/2% to bring the total orders in line with the above directive. Will you, therefore, please advise us immediately which sizes on your order are to be adjusted.

Yours very truly,



R. O. Warner  
Sales Manager

November 30, 1945

Standard Rate & Data Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:-

Please note change on enclosed to the effect that Southwest Dailies will take over as our national advertising representative on January 1, 1946, replacing Arthur H. Hagg & Associates on that date.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per



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### Memorandum

#### SOUTHWEST DAILIES

PUBLISHERS' REPRESENTATIVES

1603 STERICK BLDG.  
MEMPHIS 3

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NEW YORK 17

400 N. MICHIGAN AVE.  
CHICAGO 11

722 UNION ST.  
NEW ORLEANS

314 TERMINAL BLDG.  
OKLAHOMA CITY 2

To Mr. R. A. Clymer  
The Times  
Eldorado, Kansas

From Chicago Office Date November 30, 1945

Re:

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We are delighted to hear from Cliff Bryson of our Oklahoma City office that we are going to have the opportunity to represent you, starting the first of the year.

I remember stopping at Eldorado about five years ago and it seemed to me that you had an exceptionally prosperous town for its size.

We are eagerly awaiting further market information so we can arouse enough steam with the various national advertisers to get them to include the Times on their lists.

If there is anything that needs attention in Chicago and the Chicago territory at any time, please be sure to let us know.

Cordially yours,

SOUTHWEST DAILIES

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### SOUTHWEST DAILIES

PUBLISHERS' REPRESENTATIVES

475 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

November 30th, 1945

Mr. R. A. Clymer  
THE EL DORADO TIMES  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

May I express to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for the opportunity you have given us, of representing The Evening Times in the national field?

We are well aware of the responsibility that goes hand in hand with this opportunity, in that you are looking to us to show you more than satisfactory increases in national lineage. I can assure you of the heartiest cooperation on the part of the entire Southwest Dailies organization to insure that the results of our consistent sales efforts will be more than satisfactory.

We all sincerely appreciate this opportunity and will put forward every effort in your behalf.

Cordially yours,

Ronald C. Schmitz

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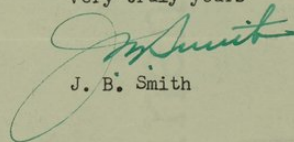
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1945

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for the time which you gave Mr. Davis and me yesterday, and for your promise to support the improvement in Highway #196. When your editorial appears in the Times, I should like to suggest that you send a copy of it to Mr. Kirke Dale, Arkansas City, Kansas. As you know, Mr. Dale is the State Highway Commissioner for this district.

Very truly yours



J. B. Smith

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

THE McPHERSON DAILY REPUBLICAN

K. R. KREHBIEL  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

McPHERSON, KANSAS

December 3, 1945

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I re-ran your story on the 29 houses, in the hope it will show some of our doubters that houses can be built right now.

The chief alibi here is that no material is available. If it is not a trade secret, can you give me in a few words some idea of how they get lumber as well as plumbing and electrical facilities in your town?

I celebrated my first birthday of ownership Saturday. I paid off Dad and have a little left, and I am more than pleased with the way the business has well exceeded my expectations. Nobody has let go with a load of buckshot on me yet, but I must admit I go back and read your letter of a year ago quite frequently.

I am sorry I missed you at the AP meeting. I went up to the Star's party upstairs afterward, but I had to go before you showed up.

One of my three reporters in the Army comes back in January, and I surely hope I get enough freedom to make the call you ordered sometime ago.

Sincerely,

*Ken*

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

December 3, 1945

Mr. R.A. Clymer  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

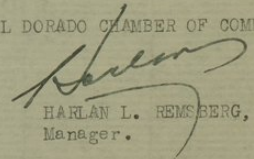
I have received through the Kansas Gas & Electric Company additional information about the Van Tassel Leather Company who are seeking a new plant location in this particular area. I have also received a reply to my original letter to this company and am inclosing copies of both of these letters for your files.

With the inauguration of new freight rates the first of the year, this locality may have something definitely to offer the company depending largely on rail transportation for the movement of their raw and finished products. I am compiling for them today a personalized booklet of El Dorado, including a number of aerial pictures. I think Mr. McMillen has already forwarded an analysis of our water supply but if this hasn't been done, I know that "Mac" will get this information to them immediately.

If other information is received, I shall pass it on to you for your files.

Yours very truly

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

  
HARLAN L. REMSBERG,  
Manager.

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"Serving a Boom Town that Grew"

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December 3, 1945

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention Mr. R. O. Warner, Sales Manager

Dear Sirs:-

I am assuming that your notice to newsprint customers, dated November 30, 1945, applies to us as well as to all others on your list. The situation, as set forth therein, however, seems to penalize us unfairly. All through the war we have gone along at the same rate of newsprint consumption--90 to 100 tons per year. We have not stepped up our requirements now, but our order for a December car which is in your hands contemplates consumption on our part at the same pace. We publish, on the average, three 6-page papers a week. We are making no effort at this time to increase our circulation. In short, we are trying to maintain our same basis of consumption in this emergency--and any ~~handicap~~ modest needs will handicap us severely.

If you are compelled to apply the 17½ per cent slash to our December car, make the cut in such way that the number of rolls for the two specifications will remain in the same ratio as on our original order. That order was carefully drawn on our part in order to restore our supply to balance. As it is, we are "long" on 17-inch rolls.

I am sincerely hoping that any extension of such slash may be avoided, as we are now, and have been, proceeding on what are minimum newsprint requirements for us.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per





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Justice of the Peace

Notary Public

Police Judge

J. W. Bingham

Whitewater, Kansas

December 4, 1945.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
El Dorado, Kansas.  
Dear Sir:--

Thanks for the paragraph regarding "A Kansan in Southern California". Hope you enjoyed reading it. Have received complimentary remarks from several who have read it. Am also surprised to learn that so many have about the same opinion of California that I have but who admit that they did not have the "courage" to say it as I did. I think a better word would have been "guts". However, I said the most of my remarks strictly in a sense of humor and there is no need for anyone to get peeved over it.

Thanks again.

Respectfully yours

J. W. Bingham

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Montrose Colo.  
Dec 3 /45

Mr R. A. Clymer

Just a line to let you  
know your letter recd. I  
want to come back & work  
for you. Now what I want  
to know is: how many hrs  
per wk. & how much will  
you pay? do I do all the  
stereo. I thought you had  
a boy for that when I was  
there there? Do you give  
vacations with pay? & how long

Will you move my  
furniture I have 5,00 lbs  
& it is 741 miles if that will  
help you to do any figuring  
let me know at once all these



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answers - as I have another  
offer in Iowa, But will  
wait until I receive your  
answer before replying to  
the other.

Hope to see you soon.  
How soon would you  
want me. & how about  
a house at least 5 or 6  
rooms & bath in a good  
neighborhood

sincerely Jack  
or an apartment if they  
are available  
504 N. 5<sup>th</sup>