

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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December 13, 1945

Mr. Frank Jacobs, President
Gwen Lee Fashions, Inc.
335 West 34th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Mr. Long, Director of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission, has written me that your company is seeking a plant location in Kansas. This referral is of particular interest to El Dorado for two reasons. In the first place, we now have a building which will be vacant somewhere around the first of the year which should be readily adaptable to an industry such as yours. In Mr. Long's letter, he indicated that 10,000 sq.ft. of floor space is approximately the amount required for your operations. This building contains approximately 15,000 sq.ft. of floor space equally distributed on three floors with a full basement -- all served by a large freight elevator.

In the second place, we have a large number of women who have received a certain amount of fundamental factory training in defense plants during the last few years. We are anxious to interest some industry in establishing themselves here who would be able to use some of these trained workers. This training should be of interest to you because while their training hasn't been, maybe, in your line of activity, yet they should be easily retrained or at least much more easily acquainted with your type of work.

To give you some indication as to the availability of labor I have checked today with the United States Employment Service office located here and find that they have 600 registrations from women who have been working in defense plants. Out of these 600 registrations the local manager states that at least 500 registrations could be considered active and the individuals available for employment. The office also has approximately 100 registrations from men who are currently available for employment and the local manager says also that they are getting from 20 to 30 registrations daily from returning servicemen. Many of these returning servicemen have jobs waiting for them and are registering in the hope that better employment may be found. However,



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many of these men have no jobs in mind and would be interested in any type of work offered them.

The enclosed booklet contains a description of this building which you may be interested in, but if you prefer a new building, I am sure there are a number of men in town who have the capital and could be interested in building a building to fit your requirements. In fact, a number of these men have assured me that they would build a building for tenants willing to enter into an acceptable lease agreement.

The enclosed booklet contains in addition to the description of the building, a brief insight into the resources of this community. Only such information as is thought you would be interested in has been covered and in the effort to make it as brief as possible pertinent facts which you would like to have have no doubt been omitted. But, I hope that you will analyze it carefully and feel free to ask for any additional information which would be of help to you.

Yours very truly

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HARLAN L. HENNING,
Manager.

HLH/vl

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DEC 14 1945

The Times Publishing Co.
El Dorado, Kansas

Attention: Mr. R. A. Clymer

Gentlemen:

On December 6, 1945, the Office of Price Administration authorized an increase of \$6.00 per ton in the ceiling price of newsprint, effective December 11, 1945.

In accordance with this authorization and the price announcements of the basic companies named in our contract with you, the net cost of newsprint delivered to you at El Dorado, Kansas effective on and after January 1, 1946, under our contract with you, will be \$71.00 per ton.

Yours very truly,

C. T. McMurray
Vice President

MCM:pf

Wishing You The Compliments of the Season

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December 14, 1945

Mr. Frank Jacobs, President
Gwen Lee Fashions, Inc.
358 West 36th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

After sending to you yesterday the booklet containing the description of the available building as well as other information about El Dorado, it occurred to me that you might be interested in having a copy of a special edition of the El Dorado Times published on October 23rd. The Times is a daily publication and each year publishes an enlarged special edition. The only significance this issue might have to you is perhaps the advertising which it contains, and does give you an idea of the businesses and industries which are located here.

Yours very truly

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HARLAN L. REMSEBERG,
Manager.

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December 15, 1945

TO: Mr. E.A. Fawcett
Mr. Harold Long
Mr. John Truman
Mr. E.A. Clymer ✓
Mr. James B. Guard
Mr. Ned Delling
Mr. Walter McGinnis

Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday in a special session to devote attention to the need of improvements on Highway 198 and to hear the reports of Mr. Davis of the Vickers Oil Refinery at Potwin and Mr. Clymer who have been active in calling the matter to the attention of the State Highway Office. From correspondence which has been received by these men it would seem that the Highway Department is giving favorable attention to the problem which exists but it might need some added support to insure immediate action from the Department. You, along with Mr. Ed Morris, were named a committee charged with the responsibility of keeping in touch with the developments and to take whatever action was thought necessary to assure major improvement on this road.

Mr. Morris will no doubt announce an early meeting of this committee but I thought you might like to know of your appointment.

Yours very truly

ELDON L. MORRIS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Eldon L. Morris
ELDON L. MORRIS,
Manager.

MLR/r1

cc: Mr. Ed Morris



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Memorandum

SOUTHWEST DAILIES

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475 FIFTH AVE.
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DALLAS 1

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OKLAHOMA CITY 2

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

From Okla. City Office Date December 17, 1945

Re:

Dear Mr. Clymer:

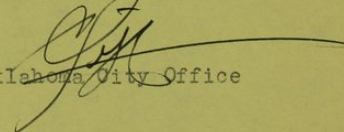
In the event you have not notified Standard Rate & Data service about your appointment of Southwest Dailies as national representatives of the Times, effective January 1, I would suggest that you do so immediately, in time for them to make the change in your listing for the January issue.

I don't believe that I am going to make it to El Dorado until after the first of the month, but will certainly arrange to do so some time during the early part of January.

If you have heard anything from Mr. Myers of Independence, I would appreciate knowing what he had to say.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Okla. City Office

C. H. Bryson/KL

MRS. J. C. MACK, PRESIDENT
L. NAPIER, VICE-PRESIDENT
ETHEL RAGSDALE, SEC.-TREAS.

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BLANK BOOK MAKERS

THE KANSAN PRINTING COMPANY

PUBLISHER THE EVENING KANSAN-REPUBLICAN
AND THE NEWTON JOURNAL
NEWTON, KANSAS

MEMORANDUM

To All Advertising Agencies:-

This memorandum will inform you that THE KANSAN PRINTING COMPANY has signed a contract for National Representation with

SOUTHWEST DAILIES
726 Irwin-Keasler Bldg.
Dallas 1, Texas

On and after November 1, 1945 you are hereby authorized to accept billing and pay the SOUTHWEST DAILIES at the above address for all advertising placed by your agency in THE EVENING KANSAN-REPUBLICAN and/or THE NEWTON JOURNAL. This contract includes November, 1945, advertising, payable December 10, 1945.

Yours very truly,
THE KANSAN PRINTING COMPANY

By Jack Lander
Jack Lander,
National Advertising Manager

ENCLOSED: Rate Card No. 12

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December 17, 1945

Mr. James Hayes
Hayes Flower Shop,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Jimmy:-

You have taken care of me well on this order for several years, so I am turning to you again.

Please fix up a dozen good roses, with one extra of another kind and color. In the past you have sometimes sent dozen talisman roses, with an extra one in red. If you can follow something of the same style this year, that will suit me all right. I would like the one additional rose to be red, if possible, as a contrast to the main spray.

These roses are to be sent to Miss Margaret Ryan, 2516 North Eleventh, Kansas City, Kansas, and must arrive not later than Christmas Day.

I know you will carry out this assignment handsomely, as you have in the past. Send me the bill and I will remit promptly.

Hope I can see you one of these days. I intend to be in Topeka a couple of times in January, and will try to look you up.

Truly ybours,

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UNITED STATES NAVY
Dec. 18, 1945

Dear Mr. Clymer,

On Nov. 22, I wrote a letter to you, requesting that you establish contact with an attorney for me. To date, I haven't heard from either you or an attorney in regard to the letter.

It may be that the favor was a bit too great for me to ask, or perhaps you granted the favor and my letter mailed to me regarding my letter may have been lost, since it has been learned that a mail orderly on this base destroyed much mail here. So, I take this opportunity to ask you about the matter, and request that you let me hear from you about it.

I am still, and shall remain anxious to be released

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UNITED STATES NAVY

from duty with the Navy and
return to my trade, and to the
Times if you can use me, as
soon as possible; and I shall
make every effort I possibly
can make toward that end.

And I might add that I will
be grateful for any help that
you may be able to lend me.

I shall look forward to
hearing from you soon; and
please advise me of the conditions
there.

Very Truly Yours,
Jimmy Sparr.

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A. V. Lundgren
3535 West 11th
Topeka, Kansas

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Dear Ham:

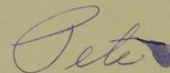
I finally received my statement of availability from Uncle Sam's Marine Corps, but haven't found anyone who wants to put me on the payroll yet. I took a little trip to Washington and through the south after I got out, but didn't learn much there. I had a good offer on a job with a furniture factory in North Carolina, but didn't like that country well enough to make it home and neither did my war department.

Since returning here, I have explored the possibility of going into the printing business. Looked over a few weeklyphops and now am considering a small job shop in Topeka. Still have to raise some more dough and would have to buy some more equipment. So if you know anyone who has some dough to put into a good investment, or a small paper cutter, job press or Linotype, let me know. This place has some good, new offset equipment. That's a little out of my line, but I think some good dough could be made in it.

Paradoxical as it is, the labor movement has been vigorously advocating that veterans be returned to their former jobs, but when I entered the service I was on the payrolls of the State Federation of Labor and the AFL, but now, upon return, I applied for the job back and haven't heard from them. I have received indications that they are not going to do it. In a way, I didn't want to go back to that work, and prefer going into some kind of business, but I applied to see what their answer would be. When I finally hear from them, I may have some letters that will be good to preserve for future use. I would much prefer getting into some business field, but if I don't get going pretty soon, I'll have to take what I can get.

Sure would like to have a chance to have a talk with you again soon. Reports I have had on you through mutual friends are very good, so guess you're the same old guy. If you are in Topeka in the near future, give me a buzz. Would like to hear from you.

Cordially yours,





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COPY

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

December 18, 1945

Mr. Harlan L. Ransberg
El Dorado Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ransberg:

This will acknowledge the very informative and complete study which you sent me describing El Dorado and the two suggested sties. I realize that this entailed a great deal of work, and want you to know how much I appreciate the interest you are showing in this matter.

In connection with freight rates we are more interested in knowing the freight rates on leather from El Dorado to such points as Milwaukee, St. Louis, Nashville, and Los Angeles. On hides and tanning extract we are anxious to know the freight rates from Chicago to El Dorado rather than vice versa.

Due to the holidays, most of this matter will have to rest in abeyance until next month, and it is the writer's present intention to plan, if possible, to pay a visit to El Dorado some time in the latter part of January, since only in this way does it seem possible that substantial progress can be made on the proposition.

In the meantime, may I thank you again for your interest, and may I take this opportunity to extend to you the Greetings of the Season.

Very truly yours,

THE VAN TASSEL LEATHER COMPANY

DRS:AG

D.M. Gavern

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December 18, 1945

Mr. Charles Nutter, News Editor
The Associated Press,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Charley:-

There is some mistake about this Tulsa oil report coming today by Western Union collect. You got this on the wire for us several months ago--and we received it today long before this sheet came in. I wish you would straighten out the kink and please see that this doesn't happen again. I dislike the extra expense.

Yours,

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
STAR BUILDING
KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

December 19, 1945

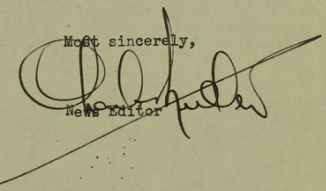
Mr. R. A. Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

The regular Kansas filing editor has pneumonia and we have on a relief editor. The routine sheet wasn't kept up to date, and this resulted in filing the Tulsa report to you yesterday. The mistake has been rectified, and it won't happen again.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and the family a very merry holiday season.

Most sincerely,


News Editor

Charles Nutter:f



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C. L. MURPHY, AUDITOR
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J. F. HARDES, JR., ENGINEER OF
HIGHWAY PLANNING
OTHO W. LOWMYER, ATTORNEY
C. M. VOELKER, SUPERINTENDENT
VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

December 20, 1945

Senator R.C. Woodward
State Sanitarium
Norton, Kansas

My dear Dick:

I have your letter of December 12.

There is considerable commotion concerning the route of K-196 in the vicinity of Potwin. New surveys are now being run in an effort to find out the best possible route and one which will be approved by the Public Roads Administration in order that we may have Federal Aid.

The weather has delayed the progress but this information should be soon available and, as you say, we may be forced to ignore the objections of a few individuals in order to build a highway which will best serve the public. If that should occur then I assure you there would be no hesitancy on my part to proceed and it is my intention to proceed with the construction of this highway in an orderly manner.

Naturally we should like to eliminate as many objections as possible but in the end the road will be placed where it appears most advisable.

Very truly yours,

Kirke W. Dale

Kirke W. Dale

KWD/MW

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December 21, 1945

Southwest Dailies
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Attention Mr. C. H. Bryson

Dear Sirs:-

I notified Standard Rate & Data Service about the change in representatives the first of this month.

I think "Hub" Meyer, of Independence, is going to stay with Hagg for the present, at least.

We shall be looking for you here after the first of the year.

Yours,

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December 21, 1945

Miss Jennie S. Owen
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Jennie:-

Your card of more than two months ago got shunted aside while I made search for the poem in question, and just turned up the other day. I am truly sorry because I haven't answered sooner. I would have bet a plugged nickel that the verse was Kipling--but I can't find it in Kipling. I suppose the libraries are right--and that it belongs to John Mason Knox. Thanks much for that information.

Enclosed is a letter that came today and which you will doubtless want to answer yourself.

I wish you the best of the season. Dave is home from the army now, looking bigger and better than ever.

Sincerely yours,

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D. M. RHODES, PRESIDENT

BARBARA OIL COMPANY

33 SOUTH CLARK STREET
CHICAGO 3, ILLINOIS

12/21/45.

TELEPHONE | RANDOLPH 5555
| RANDOLPH 5559

My dear Rolla:

Please excuse delay in acknowledging your letter sometime back but with this traveling situation so bad and everything I'm just running behind schedule also.

Believe me it was a pleasure to drive down to Dwight and I know only a few minutes visit with someone means a heck - it did to me.

Glad you are back home and feeling good and know that everything is going to be alright with you.

So far as A. A. at Wichita is concerned it's not so important to be making that trip if it puts a fellow out - that is if a guy can go on and live the program. I believe there are many living this A. A. daily that never attended a meeting nor even knew of it - yet they are not drinking and are just living right, which is the program after all.

I'm just making this a note, and next time out will try and see you for a visit - next month I think.

Remember this - you are a swell fellow - people think that - so think that way yourself.

Best for New Year - see you soon.

Sincerely,
Dave.
See Random Digest
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500 BAKER ARCADE BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA
December 21, 1945

TO OUR NEWSPRINT CUSTOMERS:

It is our understanding Limitation Order L-240 will be terminated on December 31, 1945.

It was recognized by the ANPA Special Newsprint Committee after conferring with officials of the War Production Board and the Canadian Newsprint Production Committee that there would be no additional tonnage available for the United States market during the first half of 1946 and that all users could expect, would be the equivalent of the allowable rate of ordering during the fourth quarter of 1945.

Our situation is no different than that of the overall Industry picture so we are obliged to restrict orders for shipment during the first half of 1946 to the above formula.

You have our assurance that it is our intent and desire to produce the maximum amount of newsprint possible during the coming year and should we find it possible to increase our production over current estimates we will distribute such extra tonnage on a pro rata basis in accordance with the amount specified in our various contracts.

Yours very truly,

C. T. McMurray
Vice President

McM:wp

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December 21, 1945

My Dear Pete:-

I was doggone glad to hear from you. Have been wondering about you and what happened after the Marine experience. I don't know about the possibilities of another printing plant in Topeka, but assume you have investigated them carefully and wish you the best in your venture. We have no equipment for sale that would do you any good. As to somebody wanting to take on an investment in that line, I don't know again. I am out of touch with that sort of thing but I imagine you can find someone who would be interested. Will keep this in mind and may have a suggestion. If so, will pass it along.

I was amused about what you told me of the labor boys not being so anxious to take their own medicine and put you back on the payrolls. Let me know how this comes out. If you get some letters, I should be glad to see them.

I have been up and down with the flu all this week and really feel like hell. Hope I can ~~snapp~~ snap out of it soon. I intend to be in Topeka twice next month--first on the 17th for the Kansas Press Association meeting, and again for Kansas Day. I surely will want to see you then.

Best luck and hope you keep in touch with me.

Sincerely,

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ROBERTS, JOHNSON, & RAND
Branch of International Shoe Co.

1501 Washington Ave

(3) St. Louis, Mo.

December 21, 1945

Mr. Harlan L. Rensberg
The El Dorado Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Rensberg:

Mr. H.E. Jenkins, one of our Vice Presidents, heads our Company committee on factory locations etc., and I am passing along to him for proper consideration the letter you addressed to me on the 18th of December. I have nothing at all to do with that phase of our Company's activities.

Thanking you for your interest.

Yours very truly,

ROBERTS, JOHNSON & RAND (Branch)

/s/ P.E. Thurman

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Sales Manager

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AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

370 LEXINGTON AVENUE

AT 41st STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

TELEPHONE: CALEDONIA 5-2000

December 22, 1945

TO THOSE NEWSPAPERS REPLYING TO OUR COMMUNICATION OF NOVEMBER 2:

Attention: **Mr. R. A. Clymer**

Official announcement has been made in Washington that Order L-240 is to be revoked on December 31, 1945. Some reports indicate consideration of an order to continue inventory controls on newsprint.

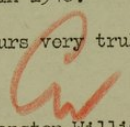
While you have been receiving reports from the ANPA from time to time regarding the newsprint situation, this memorandum is to thank you for your cooperation by replying to our communication of November 2 when the ANPA Special Newsprint Committee asked you if you would limit your own consumption in the first six months of 1946 to a formula based on L-240 with the sliding scale running 1% to 6%.

You have been advised already through the bulletins that this proposal was not adopted because it was felt that the regional and state plan of assistance, based on the New England Plan, is a better method. As a matter of fact, Canadian newsprint manufacturers advised us that there was not enough newsprint overall to carry out that projected formula under L-240 with the sliding scale from 1% to 6%. You saw that angle covered in the questions and answers in ANPA Newsprint Bulletin No. 107-1945, November 29.

There was a fine response from daily newspapers generally and a large amount of tonnage was pledged unconditionally for that proposed limitation. In some other cases, mainly on account of competitive conditions, there were reservations.

At any rate, I want to thank you for your prompt reply which enabled our committee to get a picture of the whole situation and keep working on a program which we believe will assure newsprint for any daily or weekly newspaper which is without a source in 1946.

Yours very truly,


Cranston Williams

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N.A.B. Operations,
Navy # 3237, F.P.O.
San Francisco, Calif.,
23 December, 1945.

R.A. Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer;

A word to let you know that I am finally receiving The Times, and I really enjoyed reading the several issues I received the other day.

In one article I read, there appeared a mention of the late Rev. S.H. Smith. It was the first that I had learned of the death of 'old Sam' and I feel badly about his passing. He is one of the persons who will be missed most, by me, when I return to El Dorado. This may sound strange, but that old boy imparted many words of wisdom to me during my years of association with him. He was truly a God fearing man and I held a high regard toward him for so being.

By the way Mr. Clymer, I also noticed something else, in the issue of 24 Nov., which more or less amazed me. It was a remark written by A.L. Shultz. It appears that Mr. Shultz as well as Lt. Governor Denious are of the opinion that the people should again take the law into their own hands as was the custom many years ago before law and order came to the west.

Now it has been my opinion that public servants were elected to their respective positions for the purpose of enforcing the laws as prescribed by the people.

But according to Mr. Shultz' article, it appears that the office holders are ready to admit that they are not capable of performing the duties required of them. If this is the case, I should like to suggest to them that they withdraw from office in order that persons who are capable of performing these tasks may take their places in the people's trust.

Also in his article is an admission that there has been much dishonesty in the law enforcement branches of the state, in that protection money has been accepted from bootleggers. This does not reflect very desirably upon the functions of the administration. Do you not agree with me ?

Some twelve years ago the Roosevelt administration pointed out that the eighteenth amendment was a failure, and mainly because of these same reasons. But, if memory serves me correctly, the Republican party screamed long and loud that Mr. Roosevelt wanted to turn the nation into a bunch of drunks. Well, now, it certainly seems that the Republican party, in Kansas, has, after all these years discovered that Mr. Roosevelt was right in his contention. That is a long time for a reputable political party to take to discover what any bright boy over the age of twelve



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years could have told them at any time.

So now the Republican party agrees that prohibition is a mistake; BUT, the party and officials representing the party should not try to hide behind the apron strings of the people and attempt to lay the blame on the majority of the people. You know and I know and so does everybody else know that as long as liquor is available, there are those persons who will drink it. And we also know that in the referendum vote on repeal of the eighteenth ammendment in 1934, the will of the majority of the people was expressed. Therefore, in Kansas the law was prohibition, wheather or not it was agreeable to us all; And that is where my point comes in i.e. When an officer of the law is sworn in or an elective officer takes oath of office he swears by God that he will do all in his power to enforce the laws of the people. He does NOT take oath to do all in his power to change the laws. If he is not capable of backing up his oath, then he is not fit for public office.

Now we all know that the retention of prohibition in Kansas was a grave mistake, and the question should again come before the people to be decided upon. But, let's not have the pot calling the kettle black; Rather, let us admit our mistakes and guard against making the same mistakes again. And while we are at it let us clean house among our law enforcement bodies and install men who are both capable of and willing to enforce the laws as prescribed by the people of the state of Kansas.

Well old buddy, I've had my say, all except one more thing i.e. It is alright for you to remain a Republican, but for the sake of all that's holy Clymer, kick some of the rascals out of it.

Ah, and I'll bet a pretty that you are having a hearty guffaw at my attempted composition. But, you do admit that I am not entirely wrong, now don't you ?

Well Mr. Clymer, I still don't know if I'll be successful in receiving an early discharge from the Navy, but I am still hoping for it. And I also hope that if and when I do get out I can return to work for you, (even if we are political enemies) For I sincerely consider you personally as a square shooter and I'd rather work for you than any man I know. And of course I like the job on the press too.

I shall close before I take up too much of your time. I look forward with pleasure to hear from you soon. And so wishing you and yours a very enjoyable Christmas and Happy New Year, I am,

Yours Truly,

Jimmy Sparr
Jimmy Sparr.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

J. D. TURNER

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

December 24, 1945

Dear Ham:

Your Christmas card and note put a bright spot in a otherwise gloomy day.

I seem to be unlucky enough to miss you on the rare occasions when I get to El Dorado. I did have a pretty good visit with some of our mutual friends the last time I was there, which was late in October. That helped of course, but the medicine was too badly diluted to be very beneficial. I do have one advantage over you—I can and do read your editorial column, which is something akin to receiving a message from you in each issue of the Times. It is part of my job to read a lot of newspapers, but none of them have an editorial page that sparkles like yours.

I hope with all my heart that you are having a good Christmas Season and that 1946 will bring you health, prosperity and genuine happiness.

Sincerely,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 27, 1945

Dear Jimmy:-

I was knocked out with the flu a couple of weeks and neglected getting your letter into the hands of a lawyer. I have now turned it over to O. J. Connel jr., however, and you should be hearing from him soon. I hope something can be worked out in your behalf. If you ever think you are going to get loose, please let me know. I feel that, given a little time, we could work out a return to your job in the pressroom here and I surely would like to have you back. Please keep me in touch.

I am sorry there has been a delay in this matter, but I couldn't seem to win any argument with the flu bugs.

Sincerely your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 27, 1945

Mr. Charles Dan
Memphis, Tenn.,

My Dear Mr. Dan:-

I am more grateful to you than I know how to tell because of your gift to me of James Street's book, "Tap Roots." My reading table was piled high with a dozen other books when this volume arrived, but I dropped everything else and read it with the greatest of absorption and pleasure. In fact, I have been over parts of it several times. I am entranced with this fellow's work, and want to get hold of some of his other books notably, "Oh, Promised Land." I just read "The Gauntlet," but did not think so much of it. Believe he is more at home with the "Tap Roots" style of historical reporting.

It was gracious of you to send me this book and I am deeply appreciative. Now that our paper is duly a member of Southwest Dailies, I hope we shall see you in El Dorado frequently and I want you to know that the latch-string will always be hanging out for you.

Again with many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence



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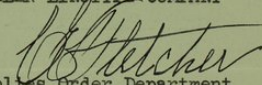
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December 28, 1945

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer
Times
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Your fine "Hinshaw's Hallmark" was reprinted in the GAZETTE. You've no idea how deeply I was touched by your sincere expression of confidence in my efforts for the White Foundation. One reason why it did so is that this was the first time I had seen anything in print or heard anything from anyone in the Kansas group which indicated that the program would be successfully carried out. Mostly I've had cap-tious criticism that the plan was "grandiose," that it was all right but I was moving so slowly that people would forget about White before the money was collected, that we ought to be getting money immediately so that people could get the benefit of income tax deductions for their gifts, and so on, and so on.

A much more substantial criticism was indirect in that the Kansas Committee, although I asked them for \$10,000 for ex-penses last February, finally has collected only \$2350 toward that sum which is still at Lawrence in the hands of Klooz. Their lack of confidence in what I'm trying to do couldn't be better revealed than by their failure to keep their promise to provide money for expenses. Their failure has put a pretty heavy load on me because to date, aside from three contributions totalling \$2500 which were volunteered for expenses by friends of mine in the east, I have put up every cent of expense money for this program. In addition to that I have maintained myself in New York, given countless lunches and devoted an enormous amount of time to the work of the Foundation. The time factor is important only because the only income I have comes from services rendered and if I'm giving away my time on one thing I'm not able to spend it on income-producing work. In the meantime the Hinshaw family has to live and pay bills.

The foregoing is not presented as a complaint, rather as an explanation as to why the Foundation program isn't moving

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more swiftly. It is, however, moving surely and with a great deal of determination back of it to make it succeed.

One other thing that has handicapped me is that the Kansas group had volunteered to raise \$100,000 in Kansas for the Foundation. From last reports they had raised less than a fifth of this and seemed to be at the end of their rope. The failure of the Kansas Committee to raise this amount and to show that Kansas is back of this, has made it a little harder for me to force some of the people here in line to do what they should do. The problem created by that is not insurmountable, it merely makes the job more difficult.

I projected the idea that the Kansas Day gathering be turned into a memorial for White but I find that it simmered down to where there'll be only a ten minute speech on the program devoted to that. I next proposed that Emporia get up a great memorial service on February 10, the anniversary of White's birth, hold it in the auditorium, get someone like Ben Hibbs to speak, someone from the motion picture colony on the program, get hookup, national publicity, photographs in national magazines and so on, all of which would help dramatize and present our program to the public. I talked this over with Bill and we put it up to his mother but I haven't got clearance on it yet because she seems inclined to be opposed to it. However, I'm seeing her today (she's here reading proofs on White's autobiography) and may be able to get that under way. My hope is, if she approves, to have this memorial service held on Sunday afternoon, February 10. Through publicity and direct invitation, get as many communities in the state as possible to send unofficial representatives. Then, at that meeting, have someone of the speakers make an appeal to those present to go to their homes and win cooperation from the editors of their newspapers, create informal committees who will solicit contributions from \$1.00 up from as many Kansans as possible, take this money to the editor of the local paper and have him send it to Klooz at Lawrence. Activity of that kind would put great impetus back of our broader program throughout the nation because until the public throughout the country generally is convinced that Kansas really means business on this our appeal will not find immediate response.

My particular nemesis, rheumatism, which has laid me low for long periods throughout my life, has come back recently to plague me. It usually hits me when I'm worn out and run down. This year has been a hard year for me. I'm going to Hot Springs, Arkansas, within the next few days for a few weeks in an effort to check it. The Foundation offices will be kept open and we will continue to enlist support here and there in the meantime.