

## 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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I hope to take Malott to Los Angeles sometime in the coming winter or spring where Louis Mayer will give us a luncheon for the heads of all of the moving picture companies and try at one stroke to get the money for their part of the White School program. Leaders in the industry have promised me that they will put up this money whenever the right time comes so it's merely a question of framing the party right and getting the program presented as it should be presented.

In addition to that I'm planning to have Malott on the ANPA-Associated Press meeting program in April in New York, where with the help of Wilbur Forrest, who will be president of ASNE, and others, we will alert the publishers and editors of the country's newspapers to the program and get the rest of their portion of the Foundation's funds.

I'm still trying to get General Eisenhower to speak at a dinner at the Waldorf here in New York. He is interested and seems willing but hasn't been able to give us a date as yet. If he will do so I'll have no difficulty in filling the grand ballroom of the Waldorf with 1700 people or more at \$100 a plate.

In addition to the foregoing I am making approaches to Rockefeller and other Foundations to get grants from them in support of the school. For instance, one of the top officials of the Rockefeller Foundation is a life-time friend of mine. I have asked him to do two things for me, (a) find out what phase of the White School and Foundation program the Rockefeller Foundation most likely would support and (b) his guess from the inside on what the extent of that support <sup>might</sup> be. When these two facts are ascertained, we then can ask them for the right amount for the right project with considerable certainty of getting a grant for that sum. And thus it goes.

In the meantime, I'm going to have to devote some time to earning a living. The current year, as before indicated, has produced minor financial return for me what with the time taken out for writing the book and that devoted to the Foundation project. Of course, in addition to that a great deal of my free time is taken up by other organizations with which I have long been connected and cannot properly slight merely because of the Foundation's demands. The book is selling well and my hope is that it yet will produce enough in royalties to cover my cash outlays for the Foundation. There also is a possibility that the New York HERALD TRIBUNE Syndicate will try to syndicate portions of the book. If so, this would give me some more expense money for the Foundation work. Thus, in time, this may turn out to have been a "lifting-up-by-bootstraps" job.



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Please don't feel that there is any note of discouragement in the foregoing. There isn't any. Having conceived a program that I think is worthy of White's memory and having stuck my neck out on it, there's only one thing I can do and that is make it successful in the fullest sense of the word. That will be done although it may take a little longer than I had at first expected it would. Given a good break or two, however, such as an Emporia meeting or Eisenhower dinner, which will lift this up into the field of important projects in the nation, let the University give us a dean for the school who is worthy of it and have the school about ready to start and we will find success staring us in the face.

In the meantime I have taken on two or three jobs for commercial clients and will earn enough in fees to take care of our personal needs and keep the Foundation program before the public in as effective a manner as possible.

Thank you most sincerely and heartily for your gracious and generous remarks.

As always your friend,

*Sam Otis Shaw*

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P.S. I've just returned from lunch with Mrs. White where we discussed the proposed Emporia meeting. She gave her blessing to the plan so we are free to go ahead. I am now trying to get ahold of Bill by phone to have him get busy by phone and get an Emporia Committee formed. Gracia Wood, formerly of Elmdale, a graduate of Washburn, former reporter-writer on Topeka newspapers, who has long been active in radio and publicity work in the east, is willing to ask for a leave of absence from her job and go out and help plan and take charge of working up the show. I talked with her because Bill insisted there was no one in Emporia who had the training which would qualify them to do this job.

I plan to leave Sunday afternoon for St. Louis to spend Monday there and reach the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, either Monday evening or Tuesday morning sometime.

D.H.

P.P.S. The Book of the Month Club sent a special messenger over to the White Foundation office a few minutes ago with an envelope for me which contained a check for \$10,000. This is going forward to Mr. Klooz today.

D.H.





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December 28, 1945

Mr. E. E. Jenkins, Vice President  
International Shoe Company  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

In talking with a number of the El Dorado business men about corresponding with your company in the hope that it might be possible to interest you in El Dorado as a location for one of your plants, Mr. Ralph Wiley, of the Wiley-McCall Shoe Company, suggested that I write Mr. Thurman for suggestions as to whom this correspondence should be directed. Mr. Thurman has advised me that you are chairman of the committee on factory locations, etc, and that he had sent on to you my original letter. While this letter contains enough information to let you know that we would do most anything to have one of your plants located here, we would, however, like to add a few facts about the possible available building and labor supply.

The building, which will be available soon after the first of the year, has been used the past few years as a warehouse for lubricants processed at the local Shelly Oil Refinery. The refinery is now making extensive improvements at their plant which include adequate storage so that when the lease on the building terminates there will be no need for renewal. The building was built in 1919 as a grocery wholesale building and was so constructed as to carry heavy loads. The building is 104' x 47', with three floors and full basement -- all served by an electrically operated freight elevator. It has both direct rail and truck facilities. The building is of solid brick construction, having walls of 16" thickness. It has three inch floors, the surface floor being maple.

I mentioned in my letter to Mr. Thurman that during the war, El Dorado supplied approximately 1500 workers to the defense plants in Wichita daily, of which about 60% were women. A check with the United States Employment Service office a few days ago revealed that 600 of these women are registered with the employment service for employment out of which 500 are considered immediately available for employment. In addition to these women, there are, at this time, 100 registrations from men who were similarly employed in the air craft industries, and daily registrations from returning service men are at the rate of approximately 20. Many of these service men have their former jobs waiting for them but, according to the local employment manager, they registered in the hope of obtaining different or better jobs than they formerly held. These people have all been trained and become accustomed to certain types of machine operations, and while this training might not fit directly into your type of industry, they should be easily retrained.

It should also be noted that El Dorado is located on the main lines of both the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific railroads with direct connections to St. Louis.





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If El Dorado appeals to you as a location for one of your plants and the building which has been briefly described would be too small or otherwise not adaptable to your industry, I am confident that a new building to fit your requirements could be built. In fact, a number of business men have assured me that this would be done for desirable occupants.

If you would like to have it, I would be glad to prepare for you a personalized booklet of El Dorado and its industrial resources.

Thank you.

Yours very truly

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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HARLAN L. REMBERT,  
Manager.

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### THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EL DORADO, KANSAS

December 29, 1945

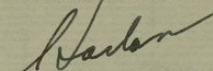
Mr. R.A. Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am enclosing recent correspondence which I have received from Mr. Severn, President of the Van Tassel Leather Company. From this correspondence it would appear that Mr. Severn will soon visit El Dorado, at which time we will have an opportunity to analyze his proposition. In the meantime, I will secure for him the freight rates which he asks for and see that he has them before his visit in January. I would like to suggest that if you haven't already done so, that you write Mr. Severn a short courtesy letter which might tend to have him view with expectancy his visit later in the month. Certainly, we need make no commitment beforehand but nothing can be lost by making him feel welcome.

Yours very truly

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

  
HARLAN L. REMSBERG,  
Manager

HLR/rl  
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"Serving a Boom Town that Grew"



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**HENDERSON DRUG STORE**  
RELIABLE PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

BURDEN, KANSAS

December 29, 1945

Mr. Rollo Clymer  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Friend Rollo:

Following our telephone conversation of several days ago regarding your coming to Burden for our Commercial Club dinner.

This is the annual club dinner for our wives and other guests. You can talk about anything you care too and we will give you all the time you want to use. Know you will be able to give us a good talk so just select your own subject.

Would like very much to have you bring your wife and any other guests you want to bring.

I have been pretty busy during the Christmas season and took off for a few days last week. Thought I might get to come through El Dorado and see you but was unable to do so.

The dinner will be at seven o'clock Monday January 7th.  
Will be expecting you.

Yours sincerely,

*Ralph W. "Heinnie" Henderson*





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L. L. MARSH, ENGINEER OF MAINTENANCE  
W. L. DYATT, OFFICE ENGINEER  
R. D. FINNEY, ENGINEER OF MATERIALS  
C. L. MURPHY, AUDITOR  
J. A. CAMPBELL, RIGHT OF WAY ENGINEER  
J. F. HARBES, JR., ENGINEER OF  
HIGHWAY PLANNING  
OTHO W. LOMAX, ATTORNEY  
C. M. VOELKER, SUPERINTENDENT  
VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

December 29, 1945

J. B. Smith  
Vickers Petroleum Co., Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sirs:

I want to bring you up to date on what has happened relative to K-196.

You will remember that at the recent meeting in El Dorado it was agreed that the Highway Department would make some new surveys and field checks concerning possible feasible routes.

I quote in part from a letter received this morning:

"The boys are sitting around the big table this morning with the aerial photographs of the road project in and near Potwin and are checking up with Bob Willis concerning his recent field check. The field check is in response to a request that another location be considered. From the sentiment being expressed around the table this morning it appears to me that a still better location has been found for the road. It will not be entirely satisfactory to the refinery interests but it does cut down bridge crossings and eliminates quite a little of the flood plane which we have to contend with when considering any other location. Just as quickly as some decision is made about this road location we will let you know."

This indicates that the staff in Topeka are working on the matter and just as soon as I know the result of the last field check I shall contact you.

In the meantime do not become too alarmed about the reference to the refinery interests. I am sure that we will be able to work out something which will give the refinery the needed relief and in view of their attitude in the whole matter I feel no great difficulties will ensue.

Very truly yours,

*Kirke W. Dale*  
Kirke W. Dale

KWD/MW



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Mr. David Hinshaw  
New York City

My Dear Dave:-

Your book on Mr. White has made a big hit with me. I can hardly tell you how much I have enjoyed it--all the way through. You richly deserve all the superlatives that can be hurled at you for this excellent piece of work. I have tried to do justice to my feelings in the course of the enclosed editorial--though, to be sure, it will not rank in the category of formal reviews.

I am grateful to you for your kindly references to me. This is about the first time I have been embalmed in the pages of a lasting work, and the experience is no small thrill for a country editor.

I hope the book sells like the proverbial hot cakes; it should.

With all kind wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,



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The Linotype Parts Company  
Weatherly, Penna.

Dear Sirs:-

Because it is our desire to pay all current bills promptly and within this calendar year, we are herewith sending you our remittance in the amount of \$142.56 (\$144 less 1 per cent,) to cover the first item of your invoice No. B18928, dated December 22, 1945. This item is for three Ludwick metal feeders with molds. We wish to advise you, however, that these molds have not been received.

We have also not received the balance of the invoice, covering one Margach metal feeder rebuilt, and the two extra pig molds. We presume these items, together with the three missing molds for the Ludwick feeders, will be along in due time--after which we will make proper remittance.

Enclosed you will also find our check for \$27.23 covering your invoice No. B18945 in the sum of \$27.50, less one per cent discount.

We hope we may have your early assurances concerning our receipt of the missing items on the items of the feeders and attachments.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per

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EUNICE WALLACE SHORE

1206 EUCLID

AUGUSTA, KANSAS

[1945]

Wednesday

Dear Rolla:

Just called about my insurance and hurray it's still in effect. So--you have the garage man make an estimate and the policy will handle it. I was really sure that I had let the thing lapse, and as it turns out I haven't paid the premium, but it is still in effect anyway. It all sounds screwy to me, but what I know about insurance policies you could carry on the end of a needle. I'm awfully glad it turned out this way. I was just enough under that evening that I didn't realize there was any damage at all, but that's another of my "ignorances". Unless a car was completely torn to pieces it would probably look all right to me. Oh, yes, Mr. Cash said to have the estimate sent directly to me.

Read ABYTHING CAN HAPPEN last night and it is wonderful. Very short, very funny and I thought, very lovely. It's been lying around for some time and I just hadn't gotten around to it. That, and CANNERY ROW are a couple of "musts" for you. If you haven't read STRANGE FRUIT, don't, but BLACK BOY is swell.

Saw Dr. Timken the other day out in the yard, but he looks no worse for wear after his strenuous exercise. We have very little talk except when my kids get into his tulips or about the yard man whom he employs for Chet every spring.

Well, Hube is here, and we are going out and stuff, so I'll get this off on the way. Come over as soon as you can and maybe I won't be quite so gruesome next time. But park your car down in the next block--then you'll be fairly safe--at least from me.

*Eunice*



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[1945]

Mrs. G. W. Griffin      509 North Atchison      El Dorado, Kansas

Mr. Clymer,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Personally I want you to know how very much we all appreciated the tribute you paid our Dad.

When all is said and done: If people like us and we like people - what greater thing in life is there? Money can not purchase the such.

I do hope he has found some of his old hunting and fishing friends - at least I like to think of him as still enjoying these sports. For he truly loved doing both and was an excellent shot despite his years.

Sincerely Eva Sparre-Griffin

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[1945]

Monday

Dear Frank:-

I don't know where you got a "roar" out of my few mild remarks about the Parsons election on the city manager form of government. Maybe you have a roaring in your ears these March days; if so, I suggest dousing yourself thoroughly with sassafras tea. I don't give a tinker's w. k. dam what kind of municipal government Parsons, or any other town, has. As you say, and I have said repeatedly, the success of any form depends upon the kind of men a town is lucky enough to get for public office.

But no matter. When am I to see you? It has been well over a year now and I really need the vitamin punch that talking with you gives me. You are getting out a grand paper--and I am one of your noisiest boosters.  
Sincerely, RAC



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Dear Rolla:

Chesnut! supposin' I did say "noar"?

Have things come to such a pass that a poor paragraph no longer has journalistic license?

Anyway, all I wanted was to get you and Jack rambling a little. Thought I might be able to reprint some ear-cupping from the Times and News-Herald. There's nothing home folks enjoy more, occasionally, than to see their own newspaper man dressed down.

Rolla, I'm ready to print the job for a day or two any time. If the CP calls a spring meeting I'll see you at K.C.

How about fixing up a bridge game - say you, Jack + Stauffer. Keli + I am and I challenge Jack + Oscar.

I'll play three birds for a cent a point if they like



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[1945]

REVEREND PAUL W. ALVIN  
THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Dear Sir:

Perhaps you have heard of me and my nation-wide campaign in the cause of temperance. Each year, for the past fourteen years, I have conducted a tour of the Middle-West and delivered a series of lectures on the evils of drink.

On these tours I have been accompanied by my young friend and assistant, Herman Forsythe. Herman was a pathetic case, a young man of good family and excellent background, whose life was ruined because of excessive indulgence in whiskey, gin and rum. How much better it would have been had he turned to the Faith.

Herman would appear at my lectures and sit on the platform drooling at the mouth and staring at the audience with bleary, bloodshot eyes, while I would point him out as an example of what drink would do.

Last summer, unfortunately, poor Herman passed on. A mutual friend has given me your name, and I wonder if you would like to accompany me on my spring tour and take poor Herman's place.

Yours in the Cause,

REVEREND PAUL W. ALVIN



[1945]

The Topeka State Journal  
ARTHUR J. CARRUTH, JR.

Dear Rolla —

Thanks for the  
paragraph about  
III.

I've just returned  
from a jaunt  
out there — he is  
thin but happy.

Stopped in at  
your office but  
you were out for  
lunch — and I  
was in a hurry —  
for no reason  
at all.

I haven't seem to  
be able to show  
down!

—AJC

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[945]

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN  
JOHN REDMOND, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER  
BURLINGTON, KANSAS

Hon Rolla A Clymer  
Daily Times  
El Dorado Kan  
Dear Rolla:

I still think you ought to join the Inland and that this is the time to do it Newspapers have scads of problems facing them and need strong associations to present their side of the argument on second class mail, labor regulations, federal lunacy etc

The membership fee is only \$15 and as soon as application is received bulletins start coming, Dues are low, based on circulation. I get my money's worth from bulletins to say nothing about what I get at meetings.

The Inland is tailor-made for papers your size and specializes on your problems

Fred Seaton is scheduled for President at the meeting at Chicago October 17 and 18. He'd be tickled and so would we all to have you join at that time.

Why not send in that application now and plan to attend?

Hoping to see you at Chicago I am,

Sincerely  
*John Redmond*  
John Redmond  
Member Inland Board of Directors.

How is the program for the William Allen White school week coming? I haven't heard anything from you concerning it and presume you have completed your job and have turned it over to Mr Brooks.



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Did I make a mistake copy - send you the answer one?  
 in this I read the answer over a great emphasis?  
 E.O.E.

[1945]

Mr. R.A. Clymer  
El Dorado Kansas

My Dear Friend:-

Just have'nt heard a word from you, since Old Man Cyclops tucked his tail and made for the brush and took our City Manager with him, and now I see that Clyde has taken you to task for what he inferential would denominate Geographical Ignorance.

(See, I've sort of leared learned to slang the adjectives; all come from association with experts)

He says tthat Ben Hudson will come back like a duck on a June Bug and if he but knew, he might have wrung in "Cyclopean"

Well Clyde ss'nt so many himself, even though he fooled all the people some of the time etcetera,

Now for Clyde's geography. This little burh when originally laid out comprised four Government Sections, two miles square each way with a section line running north and south through the center of the City and that section line was also the township line with North Township on the east and Walton Township on the west, so the townsite took from North Township, one section in width east of the township line and extended two miles north and South. It took from Walton township on the west. The Township line being known as 21st Street. Dividing the City from east to west, was the section line running through the Center of the City and is now known as Main Street. There were four wards in the City, named geographaly as 1 from North Township and 3. and Fourt from Walton Township, and legall the City had in one sense, the rights of a township, in that it had two Justices of the Peace, elected by te body of the City, and their jurisdiction was county-wide.

At the time when Clyde was in fullflower as Governor, and his "side Kick" was not insulted at being called "The Governor's Senator, one of these justices passed through the portal into the beyond. He was a democrat and of course went into that happy unknown, where good democrats go.

He had hardly been placed in the casket for the final obsequies when one of the henchment of bothe above, who always Kow-towed when in their presence was filled with political ambition, and wanted to fill the defunct office and restore Republican? prestige.

So he applied to the Governor, the Governor who always knows it all for appointment to fill the vacancy.

Accordingly, Reed issued this zealot a commission couched substantially in these words:-

"Because of the ability, honesty and integrity of E.I. Holley, I hereby appoint him as justice of the Peace in and for North Township Labette County Kansas, to fill the place made vacant by the death of C.D. Nowels.\*\*\*\*\*

Governor of Kansas

Now there was'nt any vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace in North Township, So CLYDE MISSED THE BOAT TOO.

Is'nt it funny how damned little some great men know?

Write me and we'll do some forgetting

Your friend

E.O.E. Ellis





WALTER F. MCGINNIS  
REPRESENTATIVE FIFTY-SECOND DISTRICT  
BUTLER COUNTY  
EL DORADO, KANSAS



STATE OF KANSAS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
MEMBER JUDICIARY  
STATE AFFAIRS  
GAS AND OIL  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

[1945]

*Wednesday,*

Dear Ham:

Will be home Friday evening  
and will have plenty of room to  
bring you back. Of course, I will be  
glad to do so.

The enclosed clipping explains  
itself. This bill passed on roll call  
today and now goes to the Senate.  
Les Hagaman said he could not remember  
when even an old member had been  
lucky enough to get a bill revived  
after it had once been killed. This  
bill was the first one to have the  
enacting clause stricken this term, I  
should say this session. John Scholer  
was a guest during debate on this bill.  
He just happened to come in.

Will see you Saturday.

Sincerely,  
Walter.



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[945]

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

A long long time ago, in the good City of New York there lived a newspaper man by the name of James Gordon Bennett and he owned a newspaper called the New York Herald, and both were about "tops" in their line. One day morning the chief Editor rushed in, (Chief Editors always rushed into the PRESENCE) and said they didn't have a thing for "Leader". Gordon shouted: "Turn the wild animals loose in Central Park". Central Park at that time housed the "ZOO" and the Editor with flaming headlines, depicted a dire tragedy.

People were horrified, and when they found it was a hoax, they were indignant. At this time a man by the name of Grant was President, and he in some manner offended the dignity of Bennett.

Grant was a great horse-lover and when in New York, would drive through Central Park. Bennett with a great flourish said:- "If Grant isn't careful, I'll turn the wild animals loose again" but Grant wasn't disturbed, for he was used to boasters.

Now, in this, we have a newspaper man, who evidently is in favor of the City Manager form of Government but hesitates to say so so he gets a little paper at Arkansas City to the "doubting Thomases", then he calls in you, my dear friend with a lengthy dissertation to prove the beauties of life under City Manager. Clyde seems to have the faculty of rallying newspapers to his support. so guess that between now, and the day of election day, he can call in a couple more of the faithful. Remember though dear friend, you sort of promised to be careful? Remember too that Old Man Cyclops is still on the rampage and there might be another "Cyclopean" majority. You see our State Senator reminded the people of Kansas generally, that they didn't have sense enough to vote (his way) and you see old man Cyclops might make another mistake, and mark us in the "ferminet" column.

Maybe he'd better let us kill our own snakes. Savvy????

Yours, very truly

*E. O. Ellis*  
E. O. Ellis

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[1945]

*Time Publishing Company.  
Analysis of Withholding Tax For 1945 and 1946.*

	Exemptions Claimed		Average Weekly Wage	Amount Withheld 1945 Rate	Amount Withheld 1946 Rate	Amount of Increase Take Home Pay
	1945	1946				
W. R. Fiedler	4	3	57.50	3.90	4.40	50
R. A. Thompson	2	2	55.00	7.40	5.80	1.60
Nellie Zacher	2	2	35.00	3.20	2.40	.80
Margaret L. Slutz	1	1	27.50	3.50	2.90	.60
Edith Wheeler	1	1	20.00	2.00	1.70	.30
Carita Thuma	1	1	20.00	2.00	1.70	.30
Eliz. P. Smith	2	2	27.50	1.60	1.00	.60
Kene Paul	3	3	32.50	.70	.10	.60
Lattie Offen	0	0	12.00	2.30	2.10	.20
R. A. Clymer	3	3	400.00	60.20	47.80	12.40
Anna Bonintendi	1	1	33.00	4.70	3.90	.80
Warren Henderson	2	2	17.50	.20	0	.20
Harmon Lane	1	1	47.15	7.60	6.30	1.30
M. E. Kellogg	2	2	47.55	5.70	4.50	1.20
Rag L. Slutz	1	1	47.15	7.60	6.30	1.30
H. P. Porter	2	2	50.00	6.30	5.00	1.30
Luan Purdy	1	1	47.15	7.60	6.30	1.30
Barney Lial	3	3	47.15	3.80	3.20	.60
Chas. Weil	1	1	20.00	2.00	1.70	.30
Dean Miller	1	1	14.00	.80	.70	.10
D. J. Nutterhoff	4	4	57.50	3.90	2.50	1.40
Perce F. Matman	1	1	50.00	8.20	6.80	1.40
D. L. Whitestone	1	1	47.15	7.60	6.30	1.30
Staryl Tallant	2	2	24.00	.90	.50	.40



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 2, 1946

Mr. Ralph W. Henderson  
Burden, Kansas

My Dear Heinie:-

I am planning to be with you for your Chamber of Commerce meeting next Monday evening, January 7, despite the fact that I am just getting over two weeks of the flu and still feel weak as the devil. I can't promise you anything much in the way of a speech, but will do the best I can under the circumstances. Harlan L. Remsberg, manager of our local Chamber of Commerce, is coming with me. You didn't say where the dinner is to be held, but undoubtedly I can find out after I reach your town.

If anything should happen to change these plans, I shall let you know at once.

Sincerely your friend,

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

ANGELO SCOTT  
THE IOLA REGISTER  
IOLA, KANSAS

January 3, 1946

Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
The Eldorado Times,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:-

You were kind enough to tell me about your scale for printers. Perhaps you would be interested in knowing how our negotiation came out last week. It can be told in a very few words. Our rate was \$1.00 an hour for a 40-hour week of 7 hours and 10 minutes a day and 4 hours on Saturday (we go to press at noon on Saturday). Under our new agreement, we will pay \$1.10 an hour for a 36-hour week, thus conforming to the I.T.U. insistence on a 5-day week, with overtime for the 4 hours worked on Saturday--the net result being approximately \$1.15 an hour. The boys are pretty well satisfied, but so am I. My guess is there won't be many union printers in Kansas working for less than \$1.10 an hour within another very few months.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

*Angelo*

AS:BH





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TOPEKA, KANSAS

TRUST DEPARTMENT

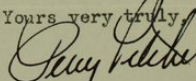
January 3, 1946

The El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

The Trust Indenture creating the trust for the benefit of the Susan B. Allen Hospital provides for the publication of a summary statement of receipts and disbursements in the trust in the official county newspaper of Butler County, Kansas. These statements have heretofore appeared in the Butler County News, although it is my understanding that the Trustees of the Hospital have published a similar statement in your newspaper.

Enclosed is a copy of such a summary statement and we will appreciate it if you will publish it in your newspaper once and send us proof of publication, together with your statement.

Yours very truly  


Perry Pitcher,  
Trust Officer.

PP/A  
Encl.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

### Memorandum

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

From Okla. City Office Date Jan. 4, 1946

Re: Phillips Petroleum Co. Advertising

Dear Mr. Clymer:

On my return from El Dorado, I stopped by Bartlesville and had a very lengthy discussion with Mr. O. E. Bettis, Advertising Manager for the Phillips Petroleum Company.

I was very much surprised to learn that Mr. Bettis knew so little about the El Dorado market. In fact, I am quite sure that this is the first time that he had been approached by anyone representing the El Dorado Times.

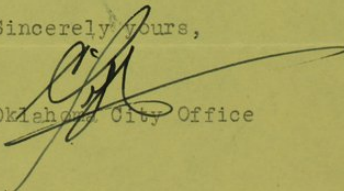
After visiting with Bettis for about an hour, and telling him all the features of the El Dorado market, and some of the outstanding facts about the Times, I am happy to report that he agreed to give every consideration to adding the Times to the list for Phillips advertising and promised me a definite answer within the next thirty or sixty days.

I would be willing to bet you a box of cigars that you will be carrying Phillips 66 advertising sometime within the next four to five months. I am sincerely hopeful that this is going to be one nice account that you can chalk up to our credit.

Looking forward to seeing you again at the Kansas Press Convention.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Oklahoma City Office

C. H. Bryson/KL



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WM. SOUTHERN, JR., EDITOR

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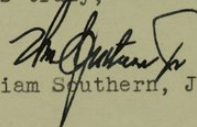
Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you for the nice editorial you printed a few days ago in the Times and which you so kindly sent me. If I did not know before, your editorials would show me immediately why everybody in Kansas and many of us in Missouri know and appreciate Rolla Clymer.

I am mailing you copy of our paper of today. There is nothing particular that I know of in this issue but I wanted you to see the kind of a paper that we put out. With very best regards, I am,

Yours truly,

  
William Southern, Jr.

WS/mlb

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ALF M. LANDON  
TOPEKA

January 4, 1946

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
The ElDorado Times  
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

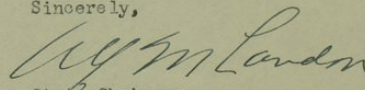
February 17 to the 24th is National Brotherhood week, promoted by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Dr. T. H. McDowell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma is Area Director. He will call you sometime next week to see if it is possible to arrange a mutually satisfactory time for him to come to El Dorado.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would pick eight or ten representative men of the community of the three faiths--Catholic, Jewish and Protestant--to meet with Dr. McDowell and discuss the plans for setting up a day for the observance of this movement in El Dorado.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,



State Chairman,  
National Conference  
of Christians and  
Jews

AML:JR



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 5, 1946

The Central Trust Company  
Topeka, Kansas

Attention Mr. Perry Pitcher, Trust Officer

Dear Sirs:-

We have received and published the summary statement for the Allen Memorial Hospital, which you were kind enough to send us--and proper proof of publication is enclosed. For your information, I should like to say that The Times has been the official paper of Butler County for a year past and looks likely to carry that designation for several years in the future.

Very truly yours,

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Jan 8-46

Dear R.A.C.

Just finished reading the "Listening Post" in tonight's Times and was peculiarly struck by the 5<sup>th</sup> item in the column about the sale of Walker Cooper to the giants for \$175,000.

I read about that sale the other day and I don't know what there was about that deal that could possibly start an editor - any editor - to day dream about what value (if any) would be placed on him were he put "on the block".

I have long wondered and often remarked at the practice of editors writing flowery paragraphs about each other and wondering if they were trying to attract the attention of the Liars Club towards their efforts or what the real purpose was.

Editors are - as a rule - human beings



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and not Superman, therefore they cannot <sup>all</sup> merit having their virtues extolled in 6 and 8 cylinder words that few, if any of us understand or ever would use if we did.

Secretely I think sometimes they would much rather bust some snooty editor in the nose as to write a gob of mush about him, but perhaps not being physically able <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ this they content themselves with writing such an outlandish tale of his ability as to make him appear ludicrous and thus achieve their satisfaction with out resort to combat. But no, this couldn't be.

Tonight as I read and studied that 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph I thought I saw a faint light beginning to shine.

"Could it be," I thought, "that by naming all those other editors so glibly, and then in the last sentence so subtly mention 'the rest of the states top flight scribes' he is