

## 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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DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE  
DODGE CITY, KANSAS

J. C. DENIOUS  
EDITOR

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

January 25, 1946

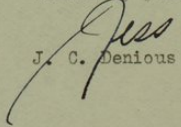
Dear Rolla:

Since your editorial about me appeared in the Times a few days ago I have received several copies from friends scattered over the state. I had no idea the Times had such a wide circulation. Your edition which comes into this field probably carried the least conviction with it because everybody out this way knows that I am a mighty small potato. If I could measure up to even a small fraction of your estimate I would be supremely happy.

I think I have told you on other occasions that there are very few other persons among my friends whose good opinion I prize as much as yours. My only concern is that your conscience will not be too troublesome because of your having written this generous comment about me.

Please accept my thanks and with it the hope that your fine spirit and wonderful talents will bring you a wealth of satisfaction to enjoy.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. C. Denious

JCD:s



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HOLMES, BAKER, ARN AND MULLINS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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WICHITA 2, KANSAS

W. E. HOLMES  
HOWARD L. BAKER  
EDWARD F. ARN  
RICHARD F. MULLINS

TELEPHONE  
2-4404  
2-4405  
2-4406

January 25, 1946

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

Dear Rolla:

The enclosed announcement (and mat) is no surprise to you, I know. If you can use the substance of it in your ~~January 30th~~ <sup>February 6th</sup> issue, I'll be most grateful.

I look forward to seeing you real soon -- and in the meantime I'll much appreciate any suggestions you can give. And I'll need suggestions and advice, because I know campaigning for one's self is different from "carrying water" for someone else.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Arn





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

EMPORIA COMMITTEE FOR THE  
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE MEMORIAL SERVICE

On His Birthday Anniversary, February 10, 1946

Emporia, Kansas  
January 26, 1946

Dear Editor:

We invite you and your fellow citizens to join us in a memorial service for William Allen White on Sunday, February 10, at 2:00 PM in the Civic Auditorium in Emporia.

There was never a time in our history when the far-sighted wisdom of Mr. White was more sorely needed. It would benefit the whole world if he could only probe our current problems with his incisive pen and point the way to those common sense solutions he could always see!

Since he is not here, it will be well for the people of Kansas - - led by their editors - - to stop on the 78th anniversary of his birth to do honor to this great man and to recall some of the counsel he gave us when he was a vivid part of our national life.

Speakers at this service will be men who knew and loved Mr. White and whom he helped to train for the brilliant work they are now doing: Brock Pemberton, theatrical producer of New York City, Rolla Clymer, of the El Dorado Times, Roy F. Bailey of the Salina Journal and John Redmond of the Burlington Republican. Thirty minutes of the meeting will be broadcast. There will be music by the Welsh singers who sang at Mr. White's funeral two years ago and by D. A. Hirschler, president of the College of Emporia who played on this same occasion.

We sincerely hope that you can be present at this great service and sit in the special section which will be reserved for Kansas editors. Please send us your acceptance on the enclosed card so that we can reserve your place. We count on you, who are our only contact, to urge other people in your community to come to this service. There will be seats for them in the main body of the Auditorium.

I look forward to seeing you in Emporia on February 10.

Cordially yours,

Cra G. Rindom, Mayor  
Chairman of Memorial Committee

P. S. Enclosed are two stories: one about the memorial service, the other a tribute to Mr. White. We hope you have a cut of Mr. White in your files which you can use with one of them.

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FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF TOPEKA  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

C. A. STERLING  
PRESIDENT

January 26, 1946

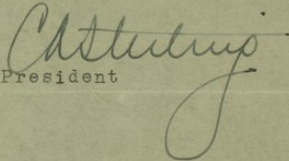
Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor and Manager  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I received the copy of my address before the Rotary Club and the copies of your paper. I think you were quite generous in your comments and I want to tell you that I appreciated them very much.

Kind regards.

Yours very truly,

  
President

CAS:FB



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
STAR BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

January 26, 1946

Mr. Will Feder  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Will:

In closing the books on my tenure in Kansas City I would be negligent in my duty if I did not tell you about the very fine increase in volume of news from El Dorado in our current campaign to improve the Kansas news coverage, and to thank you sincerely for your efforts, past, present and future.

I know from observation and first hand that you are one of the busiest men in Kansas, and it is therefore difficult for you to pile upon your other duties the protection we like. I am therefore doubly grateful to you for your able, thorough and most cooperative efforts toward that end.

It is a painful duty for me to tell my Kansas friends goodbye, and it is particularly painful for me to tell you goodbye, since I feel that I was just getting to know you, and that we had many pleasant years of association together to look forward to. But this is not to be. I know, however, that you will gladly give my successor, Frank Gorrie, the same intelligent and willing cooperation you have given me, and that together the Times, Will Feder and The Associated Press will move along successfully.

My very best to you, and should there ever be anything I could do for you in New Orleans, please let me know. It will be done.

Most sincerely,

Charles Nutter

cc: (NM) Mr. Clymer

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
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January 26, 1946

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

Dear Rolla:

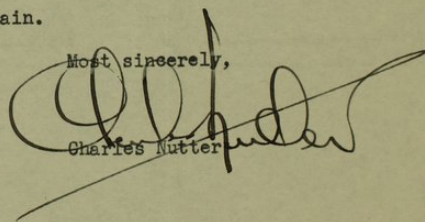
I have received many friendly and touching letters from my Kansas friends about my departure, but none more genuine and heart-warming than yours. I am humbly grateful that you feel the way you do, and I shall never forget it.

I am also proud that what I did here merits such high praise, and I'm afraid flattery from you. I cannot tell you with what sadness I leave all my Kansas friends, and I don't think I could do it but for the feeling and belief that I will return, like MacArthur, and that many of you will come to New Orleans sooner or later.

I shall never forget the enjoyable visit to El Dorado, and I hope you will bring Mrs. Clymer and come visit us in New Orleans when we get straightened out there. I'd like to renew our conversations, which have been too few and spaced far too far apart.

My best to you both until we meet again.

Most sincerely,

  
Charles Nutter





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Hill City, Kansas.  
January 27, 1946.

Mr. Henry J. Allen,  
513 Beacon Building,  
Wichita 2, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:-

Thank you very much for your letter in regard to the William Allen White Memorial.

The Kansas Press Association must do its part in this regard and I'll lend my hand to any suggestions which may be offered.

I have written to J. Howard Rusco, secretary-manager of the Kansas Press Association, 701 Jackson, Topeka, Kansas, to ask his advice. You will be hearing from him or from me again as soon as I get an answer from him. I have suggested to him that he ask you to prepare a short article for the February issue of the Jayhawker Press with a coupon at the bottom of the page for the boys to fill in and attach to a check. We expect to make personal calls on all newspaper offices this year. Howard and I will make some of the trips and it has also been suggested that past presidents of the organization be asked to make some of the visits in behalf of Kansas Press. It occurs to me that the Memorial fund could be brought up on these visits and good results attained.

I was one of the first to send in my check toward the Memorial fund and perhaps it was not large enough. I had no way of knowing what the quota would be but I believe I told Frank Motz to let me know if more was needed. As I remember it the check has never been acknowledged. This I do not hold against Mr. Motz for I know how busy he is.

I will write you again soon.

Sincerely,

Frank Hall.

*Rolla*



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### THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EL DORADO, KANSAS

January 28, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

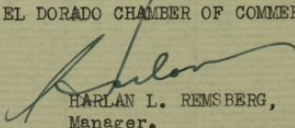
Your editorial in Saturday's paper commenting on the possibility of having warning signals at the Kechi crossing was very kind and genuinely appreciated. While I would like to take credit myself for the idea of writing the railroad company, this isn't the case because several people mentioned to me the possibility of accidents at this crossing. Actually, the letter was written to the company at the suggestion of Mr. McIntire, who experienced a "close call" at this particular crossing a few weeks ago. The results in this particular case, however, demonstrate that in matters of this kind, if people would take the time to report them to us, more might be accomplished for the benefit of the community.

I plan to write the Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, asking for material to be used in newspaper stories leading up to Dr. Vagtborg's appearance here on March 6th. When this material arrives, I will immediately bring it over to you.

Again, thanks for your kind editorial.

Yours very truly

EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



HARLAN L. REMSBERG,  
Manager.

HLR/rl

cc: I.H. McIntire

"Serving a Boom Town that Grew"

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Augusta, Kansas  
January 29, 1946

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

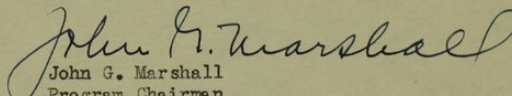
We are most happy to learn from Miss Bertha Shore that you will be able to give us your talk, "High Lights of 1945," the evening of February 14, 1946. Bert no doubt explained, this meeting will be attended by Kiwanians and wives, so please bring Mrs. Clymer with you.

We will provide a reading desk which you can use for reference data, etc.

The dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. Bert has promised to bring you by the "Marshall Castle" about 6:30 p.m.

Looking forward to meeting you and enjoying your address.

Sincerely,

  
John G. Marshall  
Program Chairman,  
Kiwanis Club

JGM:BB

cc - Miss B. B. Shore  
Mr. Gene Scholfield



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

January 31, 1946

Mr. Max Levand  
The Wichita Beacon,  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Max:-

I saw Hank Given in Topeka a day or two ago and he told me that you were offended over the piece I wrote for our paper several weeks ago in comment on the Walter Winchell-Ku Klux Klan incident. I regret exceedingly that I should have wounded you in any way, for I consider you and Louie among my best friends. I was merely trying to be funny in the article in question, but I suppose like so many efforts of that type it fell flat with all the humor out of it once it had appeared in print. I certainly had no intention of taking any slap at the Beacon or you boys personally--and please believe this to be so. I hope I may be able to see you personally soon and to stress what I have told you in this note. In the meantime, I should appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 1, 1946

The Star  
Kansas City, Missouri

Attention Classified Advertising Department

Dear Sirs:- Please publish the following advertisement under the heading of "Male Help Wanted" in The Star's edition of Sunday, February 3: "

Pressman for 12-page Duplex tubular. Afternoon daily. \$48.50 for 40 hours. The Times, El Dorado, Kansas.

Your bill for this service will be promptly paid.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per



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HOME OF THE WICHITA BEACON

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UNITED PRESS  
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

### The Wichita Beacon

EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING  
M. M. LEVAND, PRESIDENT

WICHITA 1, KANSAS

February 1, 1946

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

Dear Rollo:

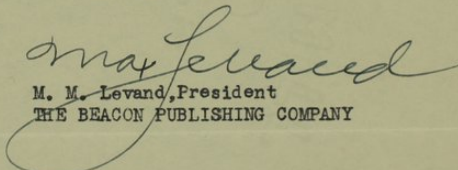
This will acknowledge yours of January 31.

You need never worry about our friendship. We can assure you that the Klu Klux Klan incident will never separate us from each other and if at any time we can be of service to you over here, please do not hesitate to call on us.

When you are in Wichita drop in and visit the Beacon - we will be very happy to have you do that. You can always make The Wichita Beacon your headquarters.

With best wishes from Louis, John and myself.

Sincerely yours,

  
M. M. Levand, President  
THE BEACON PUBLISHING COMPANY

MML:FS

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### DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE

DODGE CITY, KANSAS

J. C. DENIOUS  
EDITOR

Mr. Rolla Clymer  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

February 2, 1946

Dear Rolla:

Since I have come home I have had several conferences with the boys in our press room. None of them seem to want to change jobs permanently, so I suggested that if one of them would be willing to go to El Dorado for a short time while you were looking elsewhere for a pressman it would be a great help. The press room foreman is unwilling to leave this press at all. He takes a great pride in keeping it up and is afraid to trust it to any other hands. For a while our second man seemed willing to try it at El Dorado for a limited time, but now he has concluded that he has not had enough experience to take the responsibility for the press by himself. Under the circumstances, it seems I have failed to give you any relief.

I am extremely sorry that this situation is as it is because I would go a long way to accommodate you in any way possible. However, it is a little difficult to tell these folks to do something that they do not want to do and we would probably have trouble on our hands if we attempted to force the matter further. If I get any different reaction from this press group within the next few days I will write you again.

Sincerely yours,

*Jess*  
J. C. Denious

JCD:s



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**The  
Sedan  
Times-Star**

Official Publication of  
Chautauqua County

IVAN P. GILLETT,  
Owner and Publisher

Sedan, Kansas

February 2, 1946

Rolla Clymer  
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I want you to know how very much I enjoyed our visit on the train. It is probably foolish of me to worry about the county work but when \$2,200.00 is going outside the county for supplies and printing when we are only one block away it burns you up. That is what happened last year. We got \$12.50.

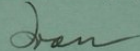
Your slant on it did me more good than all the people I talked to at the meeting. Oscar actually made me more confused. Bids have been called for but I should save time and paper. On one item the Messenger is ten cents under our price. That gives you some idea of what we are up against. They received about \$550.00 last year but about seventy-five per cent of that for legals.

You will find inclosed a check for four dollars for a years subscription to the paper. The Times-Star is going to you now.

If you ever have occasion to talk to Cal or other Republican big wigs from here a plug and the giving of what you receive for legal printing will be appreciated.

Some day I'll try and get up to see you and Jim. Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Ivan P. Gillett

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### THE EL DORADO TIMES

MERGER OF  
WALNUT VALLEY TIMES EL DORADO REPUBLICAN

EDITOR AND MANAGER  
R. A. CLYMER

EL DORADO, KANSAS

February 4, 1946

Mr. F. W. Frailey  
The Traveler,  
Arkansas City, Kansas

My Dear Bill:-

This is a Macedonian cry for help.

Our pressman for our Duplex tubular is under doctor's orders to quit his job on account of his health. He must leave at once. We have hunted high and low for another pressman and have advertised widely, without avail. Our situation is a bit desperate.

What I am wondering is if perhaps you have a man around your plant, maybe not a full-fledged pressman but one with enough experience to enable him to take over in our emergency, that you could spare. Or you may even know of a pressman who could give us a lift in this extremity. Certainly any information you can convey at this time will be most deeply appreciated.

I think you will understand the genuine need that prompts me to write you in this wise. If you can help me, I shall be greatly in your debt. Please call me at my expense if you happen to know of any possible solution to my problem.

Sincerely yours,





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Oldest Daily in Southern Kansas  
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INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

H. A. MEYER  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

F. C. SANDS,  
MANAGING EDITOR

February 5, 1946.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Just wired you telling you of my great regret that I cannot respond to your call for help. I can only say that for the past year and a half I have been running with two men short in the composing room and my pressman is a novice with a beginner as his helper. I am on thin ice all the time, have phoned all the way to Florida trying to get adequate help but no dice. Merely recite all this so that you will understand why I could not send you an encouraging reply.

If I hear of a thing in the way of a pressman I'll sure let you know.

Sincerely yours,

  
H. A. Meyer



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### THE COFFEYVILLE JOURNAL

ESTABLISHED 1875

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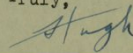
Rolla Clymer,  
Eldorado Times,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Immediately on receipt of your letter, I called George Stewart, for a number of years Independence Reporter press-man who promised me he would call you. Said he wanted a job. Asked what you paid. I suggested he call you collect and he said he would. If he didn't his phone No. is 1f5-R, Independence..

He is well recommended to me and believe he will fill the bill. I have no other suggestion presently but if you don't land a man soon, get in touch with men and I will canvass the situation further.

Truly,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 5, 1946

Mr. J. P. Harris,  
Hutchinson, Kansas

My Dear Jack:-

I am rather desperately in need of a newspaper pressman (Duplex tabular,) because of the illness of the man who has been serving us in that capacity. I have made some inquiries among my newspaper friends, and Roy Bailey has told me that you may know of a man who could serve us in our need. I shall be greatly obliged to have any information you can give me about it--and really need to know at once. Please call at my expense if you have a hot tip.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely,





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### THE PARSONS SUN

Member of Associated Press  
Evening Except Sunday

PARSONS, KANSAS

February 6, 1946

CLYDE M. REED, Publisher  
CLYDE M. REED, Jr., Manager

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

Dear Rolla:

I have your letter of February 4 about your need for a pressman and wish that I could do something to help you out. We unfortunately do not have a spare pressman, but we do have a young man who has returned from the armed forces after about three years, <sup>and</sup> who formerly was employed as a stereotyper and press man and there is a possibility he might be available to you. He is planning to come back to work for us soon, but if you would be interested in him we would be glad to tell him of the opportunity.

Our mechanical superintendent tells me the young man has not had a great deal of experience on the press, being something of an assistant during his former years here. He is an excellent stereotyper, however, and possibly could learn more about press work as time goes on. He has not had any experience on a standard tubular such as yours, all of his press experience having been put in on our uni-tubular.

If you are interested further, let me know and we will talk to the boy and possibly he can come to Eldorado to look over the situation.

Sincerely,

THE PARSONS SUN

Clyde M. Reed, jr.

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EMPORIA COMMITTEE FOR THE  
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE MEMORIAL SERVICE  
On His Birthday Anniversary, February 10, 1946

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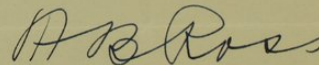
Dear Mr. Clymer:

We hope that you and Mrs. Clymer can have luncheon with members of the Emporia committee and the other speakers next Sunday. The luncheon will be at 12:30 at the Broadview Hotel.

If you arrive earlier you can make yourselves comfortable in a room which we have reserved for you at the hotel.

Please be good enough to let us know about when you expect to arrive.

Cordially yours



F. B. Ross  
of the Committee

Mr. Rollo Clymer  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas



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February 6, 1946

Woberly, West & Calvin,  
Wichita, Kansas

Attention Mr. Alan Roth

Dear Sirs:-

I doubt if there is any virtue in the enclosed letter concerning our own taxp position as to our changed Associated Press relationship. However, I am sending the letter to you for your information and for any suggestions or comment concerning the question that it raises. Please return the letter to me when you are through with it.

If you care to discuss the subject raised in this letter, I can make a trip to Wichita at our mutual convenience.

I am still waiting for that phone call from you to let me know what kind of a federal tax figure you have computed for us.

Very truly yours,

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### THE LEAVENWORTH TIMES.

LARGEST DAILY CIRCULATION IN LEAVENWORTH CITY AND COUNTY.  
ONE OF THE BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUMS IN KANSAS.

DANIEL R. ANTHONY, III.,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.  
February 6, 1946

Dear Rolla:

I know what you are up against, for I faced the same thing last summer. Then, my assistant pressman ran out on us to take a job in Idaho, leaving us with one man in the press-stereo department--a man over 70 in bad health and under doctor's orders to take a rest.

I tried all over Kansas. Got a former assistant pressman at Ottawa who had just left Sunflower. He stayed three days in spite of offering him pretty good pay; a free room and \$2 a day for meals because of fact he had to live away from home. I got a man from Enid, Oklahoma who looked the job over. He was competent but an offer of \$75 a week (in violation of all wage and hour rules) would not interest him.

Finally, I picked up an old retired soldier who had not had one day's experience. He did some of the heavy work. Soon afterward I got a discharged veteran who had been a gunsmith before the war and at least knew the difference between a screw driver and a monkey wrench. And, miraculously, the old pressman "hung on" and for the moment I'm in pretty good shape.

I don't know where in the devil to tell you to look. The two who came, looked the job over, and refused the offers of \$75 a week answered an ad I ran in The Star.

Do you have an assistant who knows enough to make casts, roll mats, thread the web, etc? If so, why not put on a couple of youngsters as learners. Try to get your pressman to keep coming down, even though he sits in a comfortable chair and directs the work in that way. That's about what ours did. Then, after a month or two your assistant will have the confidence and one of the youngsters will have shown a knack.

Here I am offering advice when what you asked for is a pressman. Honestly, I can't help you. I think if you call the pressmans' union in Wichita they would keep you going in an

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emergency. I know the KC union said they would do that in our case. Pressmen on The Star work only about 36 hours and they work around the clock and they would have sent men up, at overtime rates and expenses, to keep our press rolling. The cost of that would curl your hair but its a last resort.

Sincerely,

*Jan Anthony*

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

THE HUTCHINSON NEWS-HERALD  
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

JOHN P. HARRIS  
EDITOR AND MANAGER

February 6, 1946

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

Dear Rolla:

The only thing I can think of is a fellow by the name of Lotspeich, who ran our press at Ottawa for years until he retired about six months ago. He is still physically capable of seeing you through, at least until you can find some permanent man, and I have a suspicion he would be willing to do it for you. I don't know his exact address, but you could easily get in touch with him by calling Guy Snedaker of The Ottawa Herald.

Sincerely,

*John P. Harris*

jph:b





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February 6, 1946

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

Dear Rolla:

I have just received a letter from Floyd C. Ramsey, Vice-President of the Ramsey Petroleum Company of El Dorado in which he advises that he has just learned that we contemplate some changes in 196 west of Potwin. He states, without any engineering field knowledge, that the relocation of the road would not better conditions and that there is still a possibility that in flood times the proposed highway would cause additional damage to the property adjoining the road as well as the highway itself. He further states that minor changes in the road and minor repairs on the present road would be sufficient.

Frankly, I cannot understand Ramsey's attitude in this matter. Is he writing the letter for himself or someone else? It was addressed to the Governor and sent to us for attention. I am speaking to you in all confidence about this matter and will not answer it until I hear from you concerning the new trend of things.

I also want you to know that a flood of petitions are coming in from the Whitewater area signed by quite a number of people from Newton, Whitewater and Potwin. I think I shall send all of these down to Senator Dale for his personal check-up and attention.

The strange thing is I have a letter from Mr. Zimmerman of Whitewater who urges us to take some action and put the road where our good judgment tells us it should be located. He appears to have confidence in us. We are suffering because we have failed in the past to have nerve enough to locate the road where the Public Roads Administration says it will give us help and where we know the drainage of the country can be taken care of to the point where traffic will not be delayed.

With personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*D. J. Fair*  
D. J. FAIR  
Director of Highways

DJF:rt

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 6, 1946

Mr. Cecil Howes  
The Star,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Cecil:-

I am herewith sending you a copy of what I have prepared for the White service at Emporia Sunday. The arrangements seem to be a bit uncertain as to just how the program will be handled, or what time will be allotted to the speakers, but I have prepared this as my own contribution and can reduce, or even eliminate, it if necessary. You, of course, are privileged to make use of it in any way you see fit.

I hope this reaches you in good time for your requirements.

Sincerely yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 7, 1946

Mr. F. B. Ross  
Emporia, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Ross:-

Thanks for your letter. I intend to be in Emporia Sunday in time for the luncheon at 12:30, and will gladly avail myself of your kind invitation to be present. I think my boy, David, and perhaps Dr. Ralph Metcalf, a close personal friend, will be along with me. I shall not want to intrude them on your general hospitality, however, and they can make their own arrangements for luncheon.

I have prepared a short talk which should require not more than seven or eight minutes to deliver--and I hope this will be satisfactory with the committee.

It will be a privilege to have a part in this unique service, which is wholly typical of everything that Emporia always stands for.

Sincerely,

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

THE OTTAWA HERALD  
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BUSINESS MANAGER

R. A. Clymer  
El Dorado,  
Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Your letter of Feb. 4th to Sidney Harris arrived and as Sid is out of town this month, I am taking the liberty of answering for him.

We do not have an extra pressman or one with enough experience to get you by. There is a man that might do who worked for the Herald for several years and has had considerable experience with a Duplex both here and at Chanute but he is not interested. I showed him your letter and he said he had seen your adv. in the Star but that he was making more money than that selling Electroluxes.

Sorry we can not help you out.

Very truly yours,  
THE OTTAWA HERALD  
By *W. G. Snedaker*  
W. G. Snedaker



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 7, 1946

Mr. D. J. Fair, Director of Highways  
State Highway Commission of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear D. J.:—

I am holding your letter of February 6 in strict confidence, and will ask you to please do the same with this.

Floyd C. Ramsey is a good friend of mine. While he may be vice-president of the Ramsey Petroleum Company (his father's company,) that position is purely incidental and his chief work and interest is in stock-raising. He spends practically all his time in the DeGraff and Potwin area looking after his cattle. Undoubtedly he has been approached by the Josephs to back them up in their opposition to a new routing for K-196--and has responded as a neighbor. The Ramsey and Joseph families have been friends of long standing. I do not believe that Floyd Ramsey is interested in the situation appertaining to K-196, as far as his own stock business is concerned. It is my definite opinion that Ramsey's letter need not be taken with any special significance, either by the governor or yourself.

I am aware that a flood of letters is going in to the governor's office and to your commission in protest against the proposed road routing. This the natural result of the intensive campaign now being organized and carried on by the Josephs and their attorney. They are lining up the opposition to make it sound as vociferous as possible. Those favoring the road could write letters and draw up petitions, too, but that sort of activity has been definitely discouraged. The "pros" for a new routing have not cared to annoy your office with a great mass of letters, since they have felt assured that you understand the situation precisely and are already moving toward a proper solution.

I have long been aware of the way Levi Zimmerman, of Whitewater, feels about this subject. He is one of the strongest and most influential men in the whole of Northwest Butler. When he urges you to take some action and put the road where your own best judgment tells you it should be located, he is speaking the sentiment of a majority of Potwin and Whitewater residents. Those people want the road; they are willing to abide by the decision of your commission; they realize fully what a proper highway route means to the welfare of their communities and the general public. Even a near relative of the Josephs told me substantially what Mr. Zimmerman has said in his letter to you,