

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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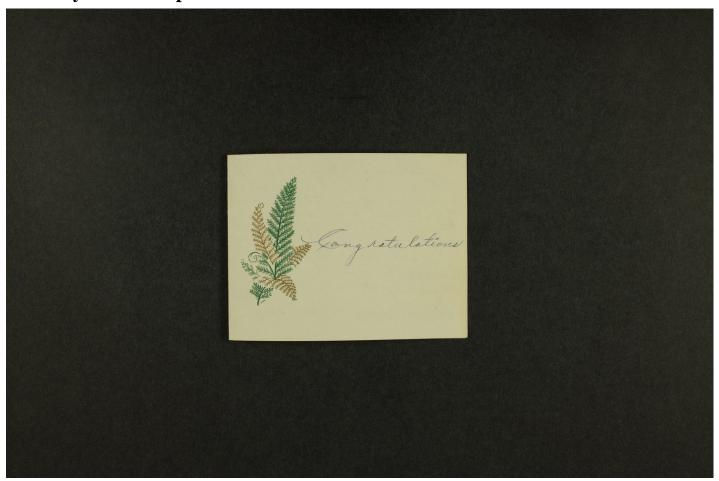
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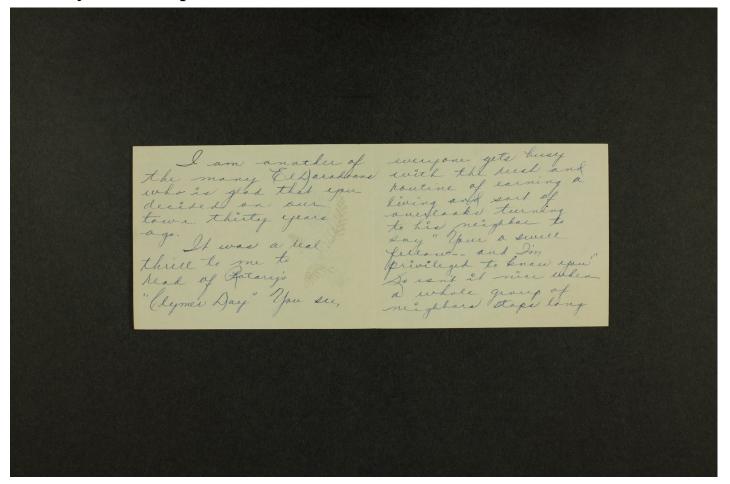
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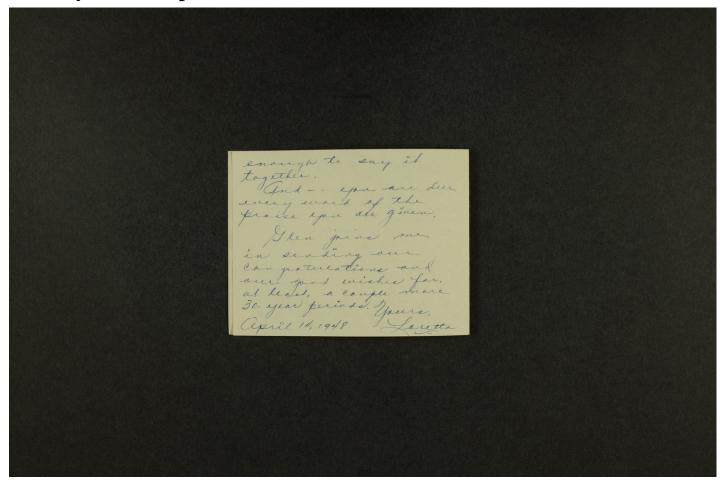




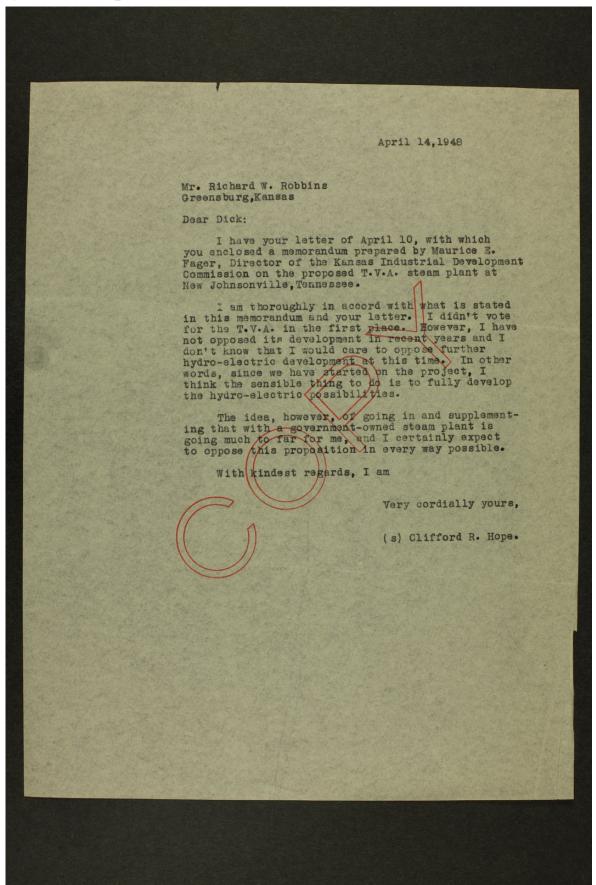




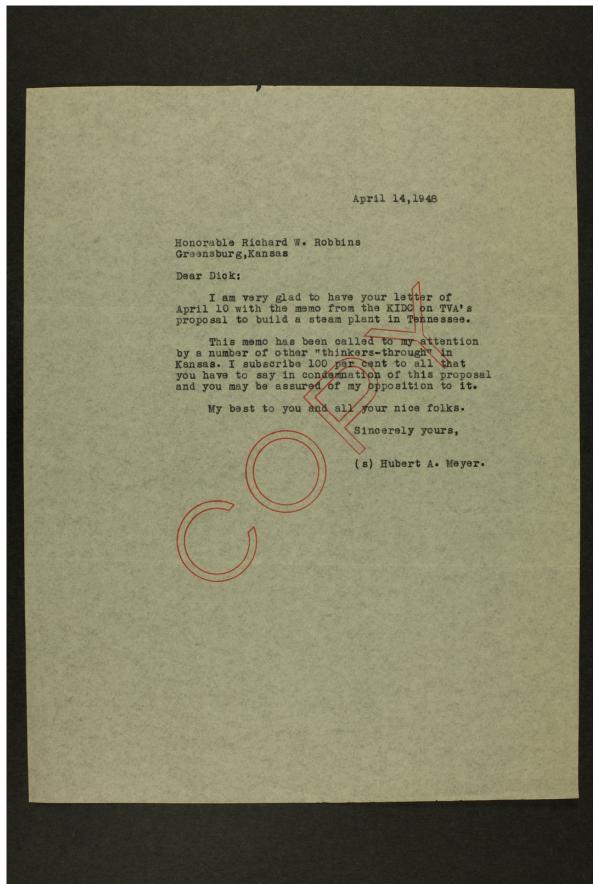




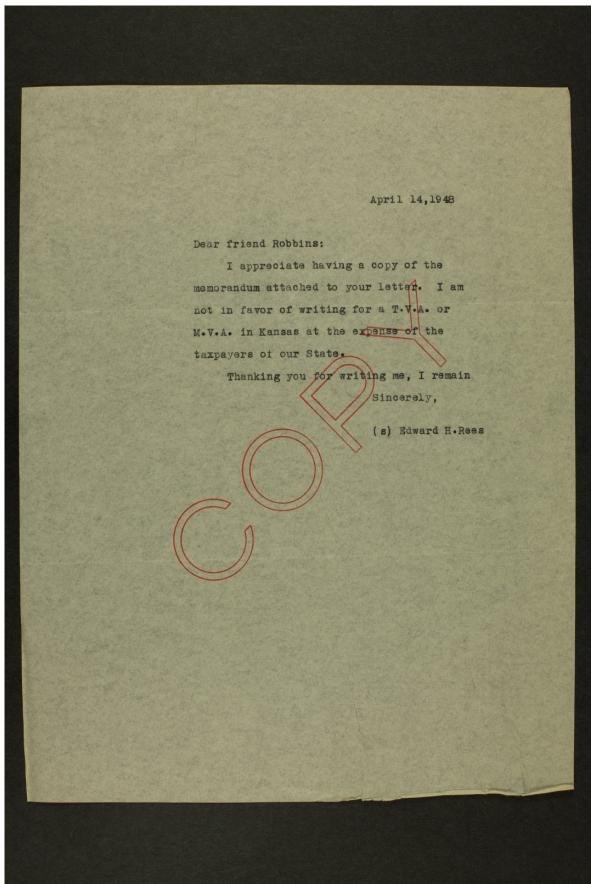




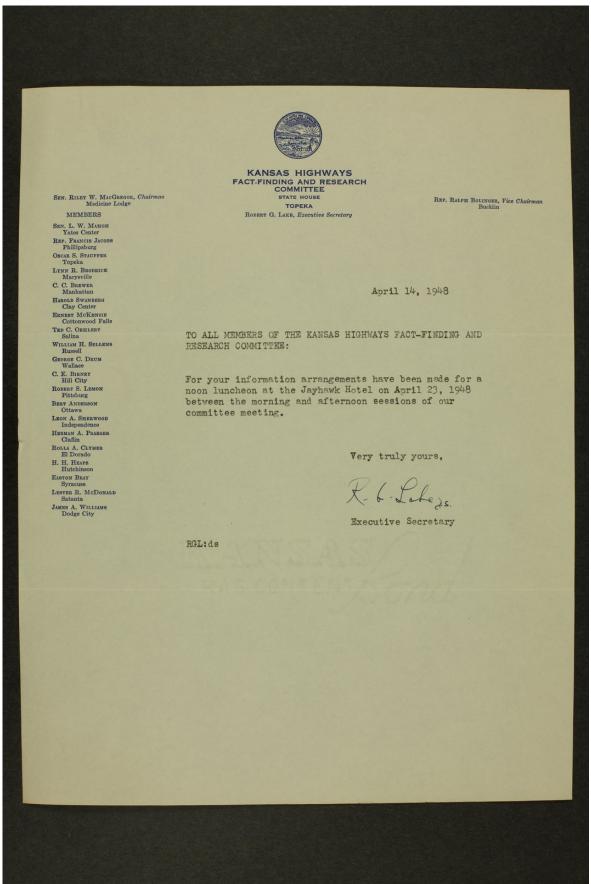




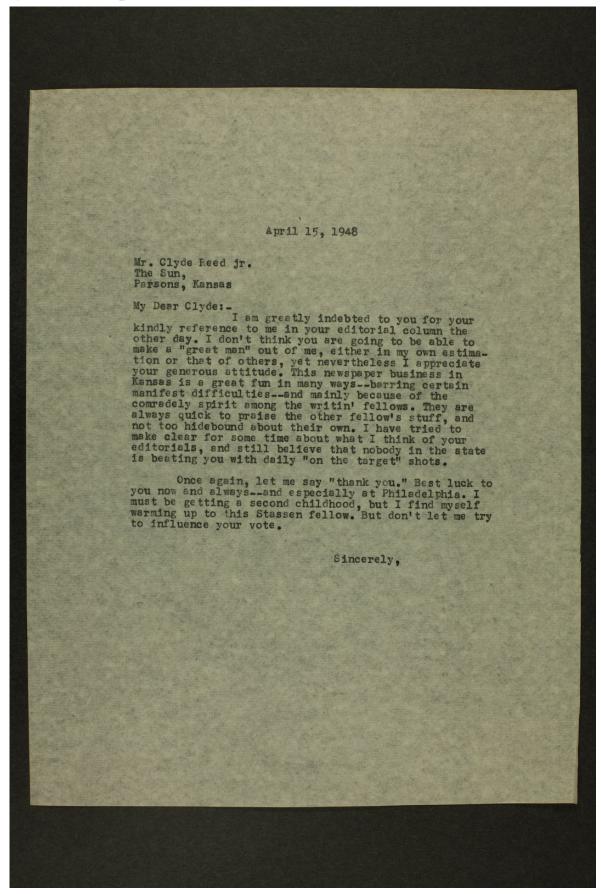




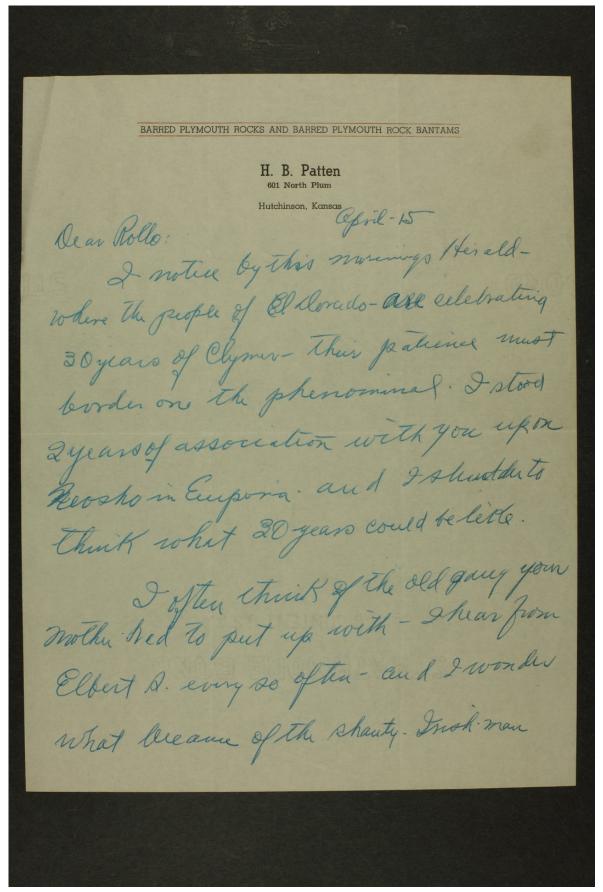




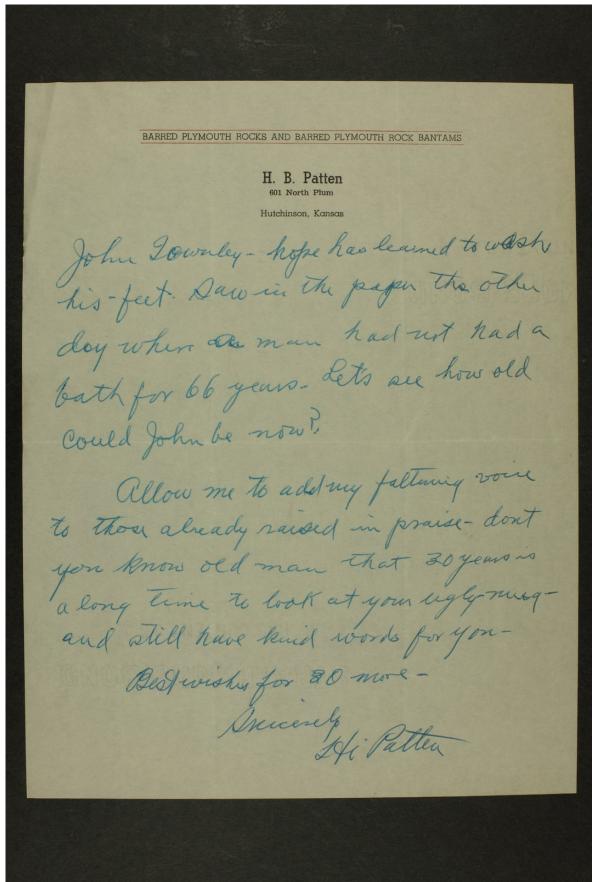




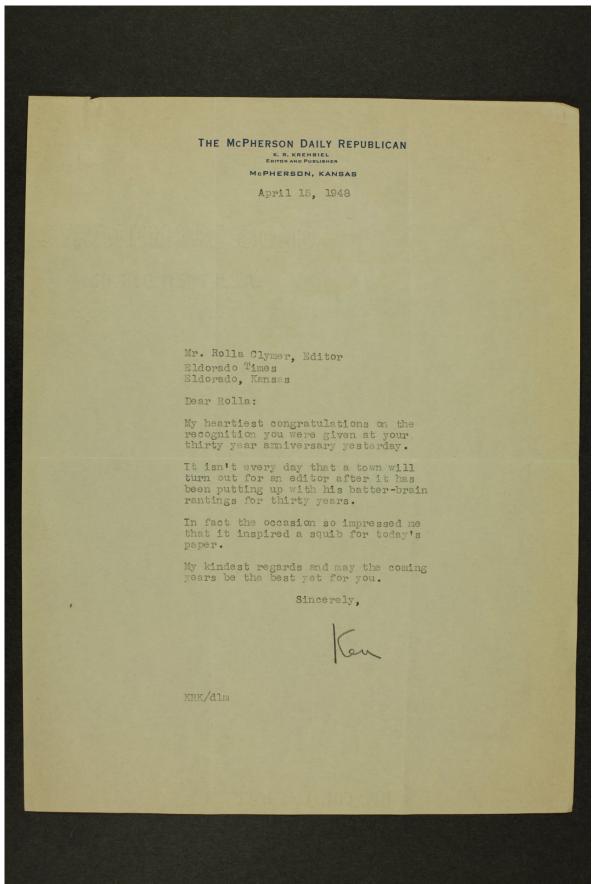




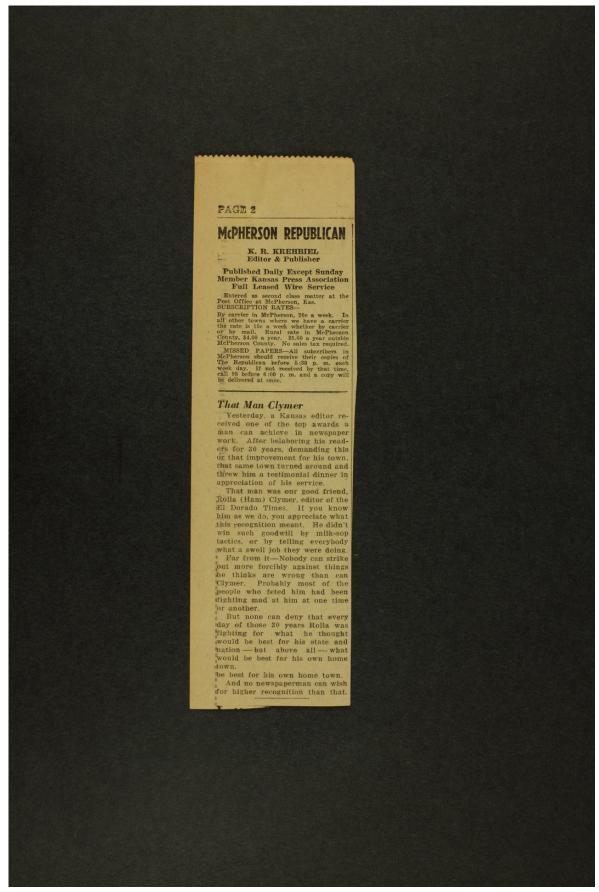




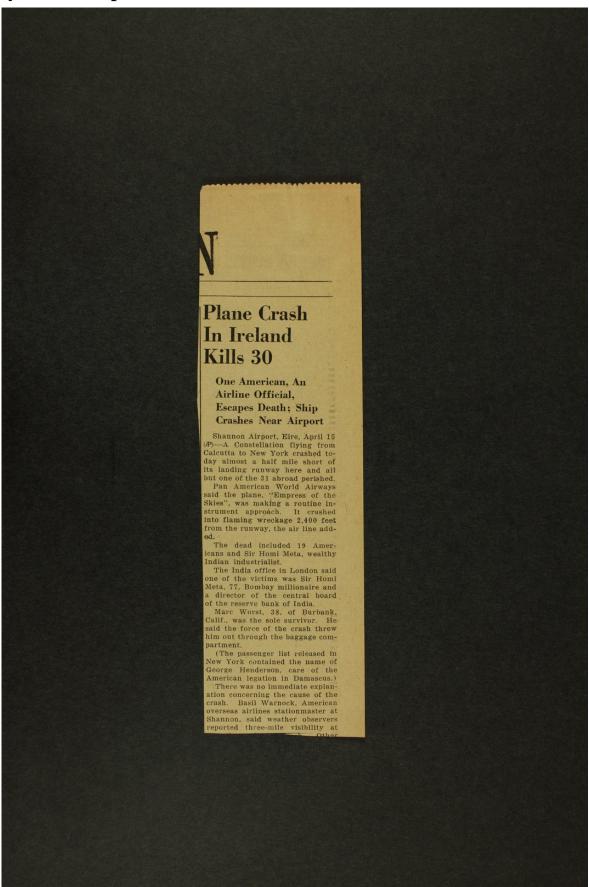




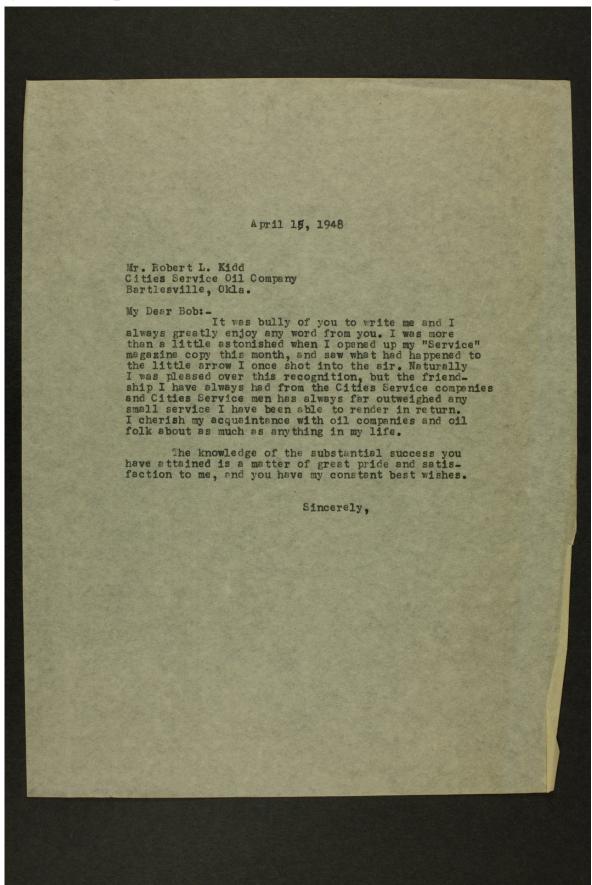




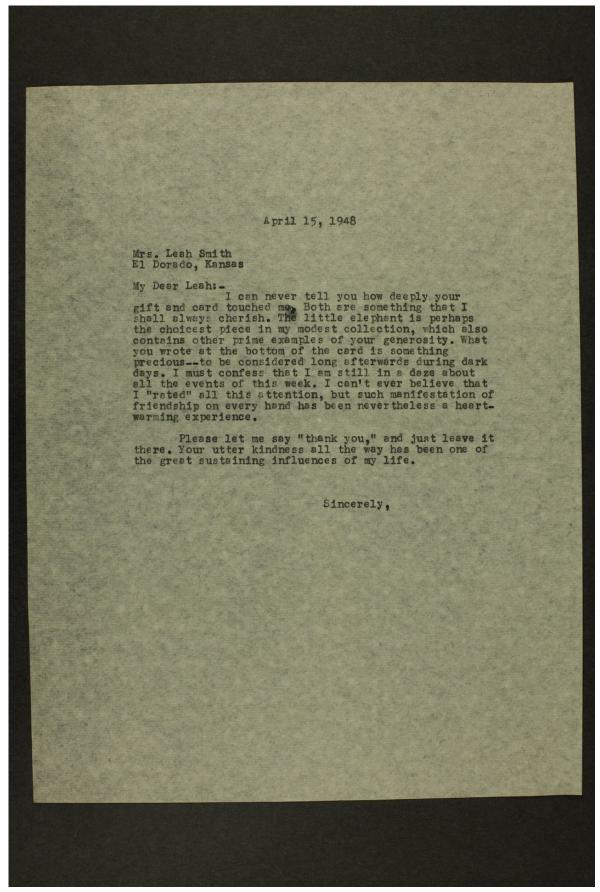














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April 15, 1948

Mr. Virg Hill The Daily Capital Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Virg:Your "pretty, pink, pellucid" ears must be burning today. All the boys are saying you made a grand speech--"one of the best ever." They are bragging about you so much, I am getting a bit jealous; I don't think they should forget me so soon. After all, I was the prize bull at the country fair--but that makes no difference. The consensus is that you made a ten-strike, and these birds are so enthusiastic they may take you into the El Dorado Lodge. I must tell you it isn't such a bad place to be.

Once again, I want to tell you how grateful I am for all that you did for me in this effort. It was just right from my standpoint, except that I had to blush a few more times after I read over your manuscript at home last evening. But you painted me warts and all, and that was a job few could do as well as you did. I shall ever be grateful for this favor, as well as for that letter which you wrote me after Kansas Day.

I worked in the yard and the garden for a couple of hours last evening, and got down to earth--fast. I am steadily back there today. But I am not going to forget your kindness--and my day will come to repay the debt, with interest. That's a promise.

Best wishes to Mrs. Hill and your daughter. And a whole passel of skoals to you.

Sincerely.



