

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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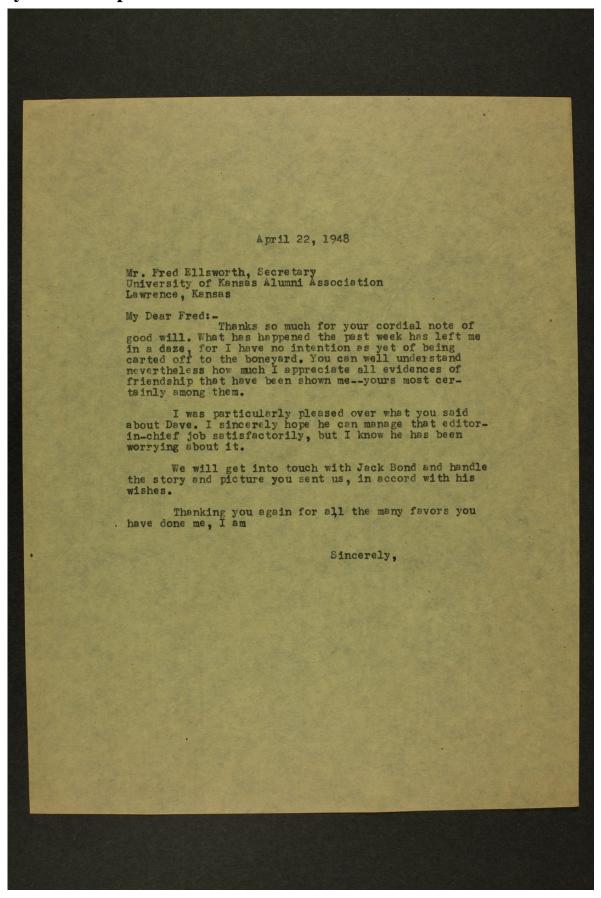
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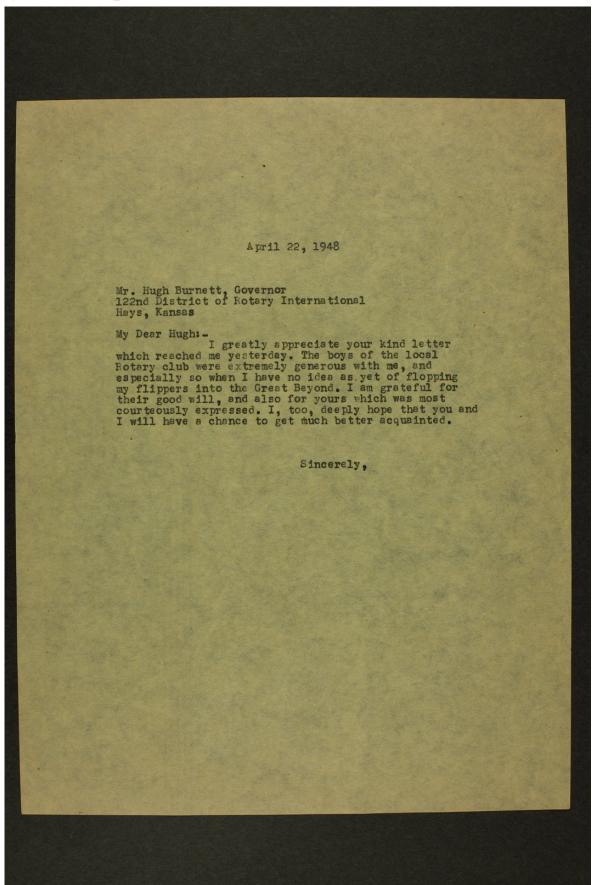
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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

TULSA 2, OKLAHOMA

W. G. SKELLY PRESIDENT

April 24, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Today Mr. Herndon handed me your editorial entitled "Showing Skelly's Typical Vision." Naturally, we all appreciate your friendly and constructive spirit and this editorial more than ever proves my contention that you are one of the best editorial writers I have ever known and we really owe you a debt of gratitude for the constructive attitude you have always taken in connection with our ElDorado enterprise.

There have been times when we doubted the least little bit that the people of ElDorado appreciated our activities that have been conducted so long in their midst but, human nature being what it is, we overlooked the frailties of people who, at times, seemed to put obstacles in our way. However, as a whole, I am sure the business people and the good citizens of ElDorado gladly cooperate with us in helping to build a bigger and better city and contribute, to some exten There have been times when we and better city and contribute, to some extent, to its prosperity.

I hope you are in good health and enjoying life, as you so richly deserve. May you live long and enjoy the fruits of your splendid and constructive efforts.

Yours very sincerely,

WGS:ef



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April Twenty Fifth Nineteen Forty Eight

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

Two full copies Rebruary 27, '48 marked and mailed April 26, '48 A.B.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Recently, you published in your paper an editorial with reference to the proposed severance tax on minerals under the caption, I believe, of "Just Another Tax".

We have had many favorable references to this editorial, and the purpose of this letter is to ask you to forward us a copy of the paper in which the editorial was contained, or, if same is not available, a clipping of the editorial itself.

Also, we would like to obtain your permission to reproduce this editorial in full text in the Association's monthly printed BULLETIN, and also possibly to reproduce mimeographed copies thereof to send to various interested persons.

Assuring you that we will appreciate your favorable reply within the near future, I am

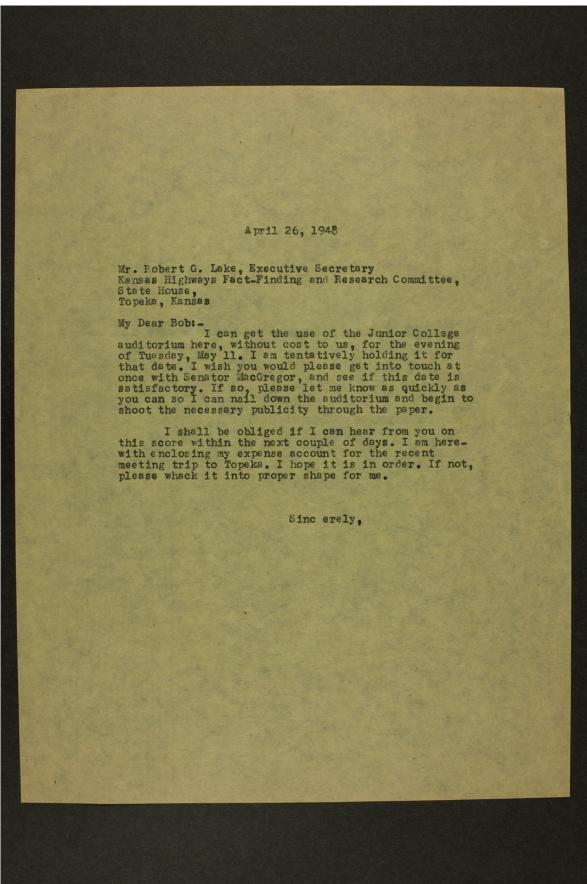
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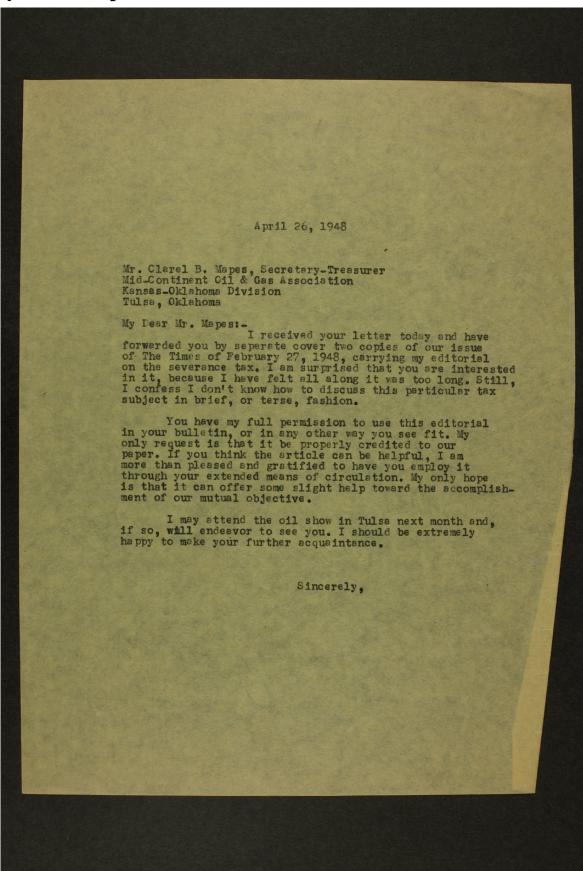
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STATE OF KANSAS
STATE COMMISSION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION
TOPEKA

April 26, 1948

MASON MAHIN, ATTORNEY BARRETT WILSON, SECRETARY

PERSONAL

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor & Manager The El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Well, I am not going to get left out of the parade and if everyone else can give you testimonials and congratulatory good wishes, I can too.

The April issue of "Service," the magazine of the Cities Service organization, certainly gave you fine recognition also.

You know we are still neighbors since I am still voting from the old Cow Town, Wichita.

So please accept from Cowboy (drug store, that is) Schenkosky sincere and heartfelt congratulations on your wonderful record as a Kansas newspaper man.

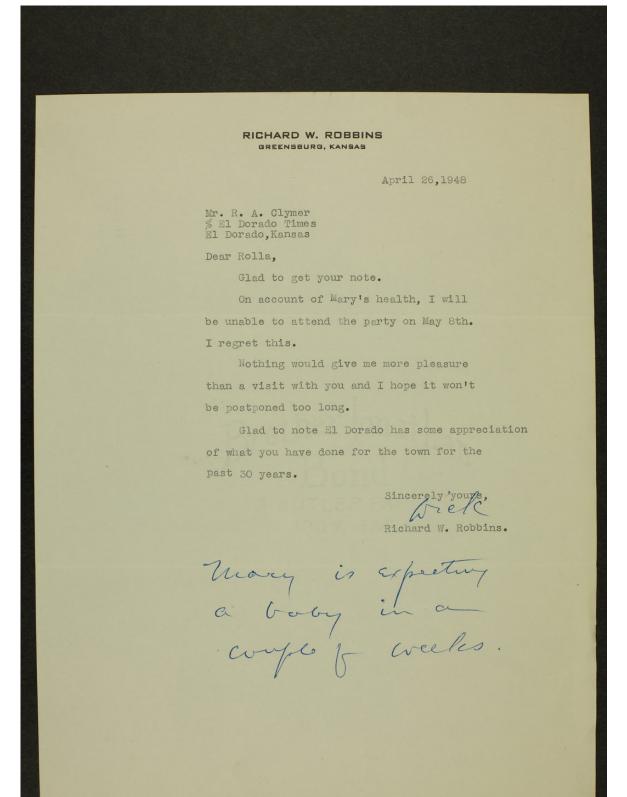
Sincerely yours,

STATE COMMISSION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION

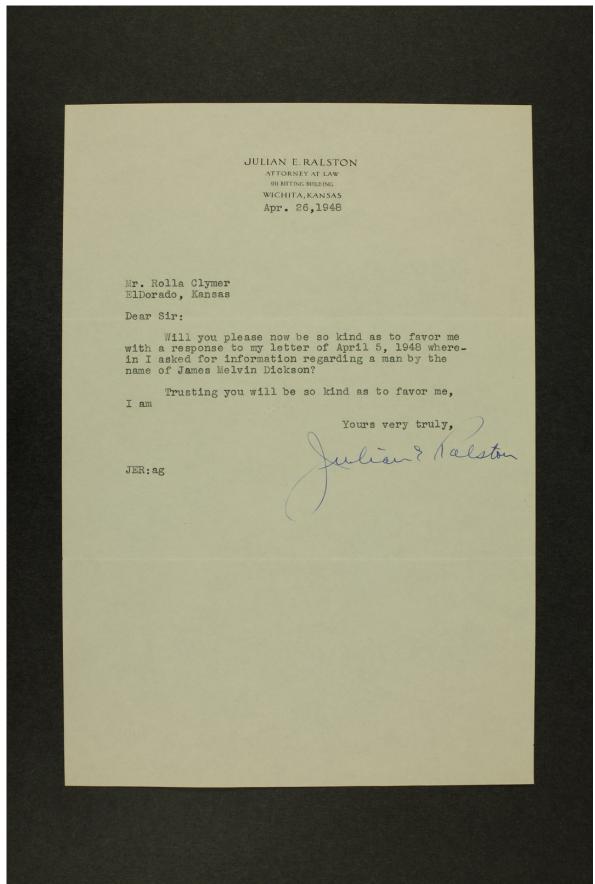
Al Schenkosky, Chief Motor Fuel Tax Division

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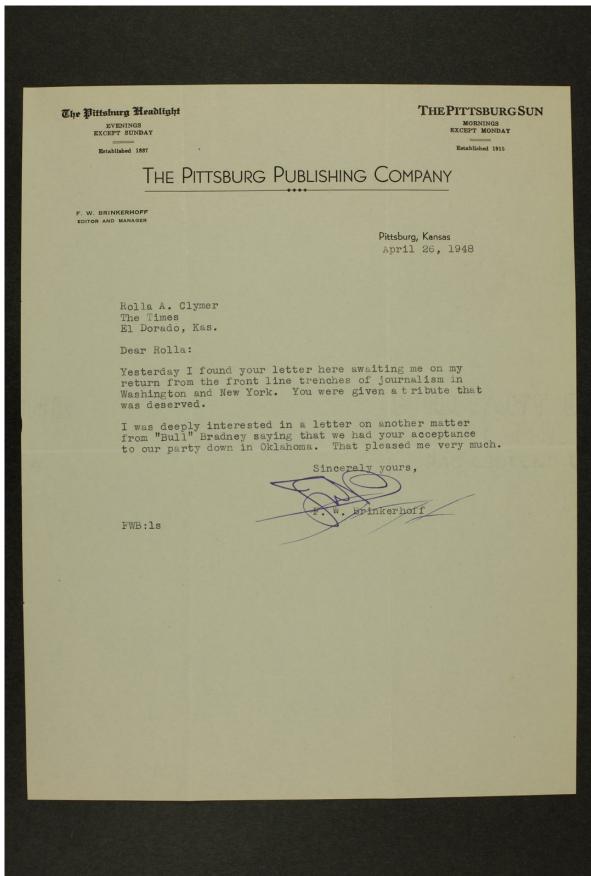




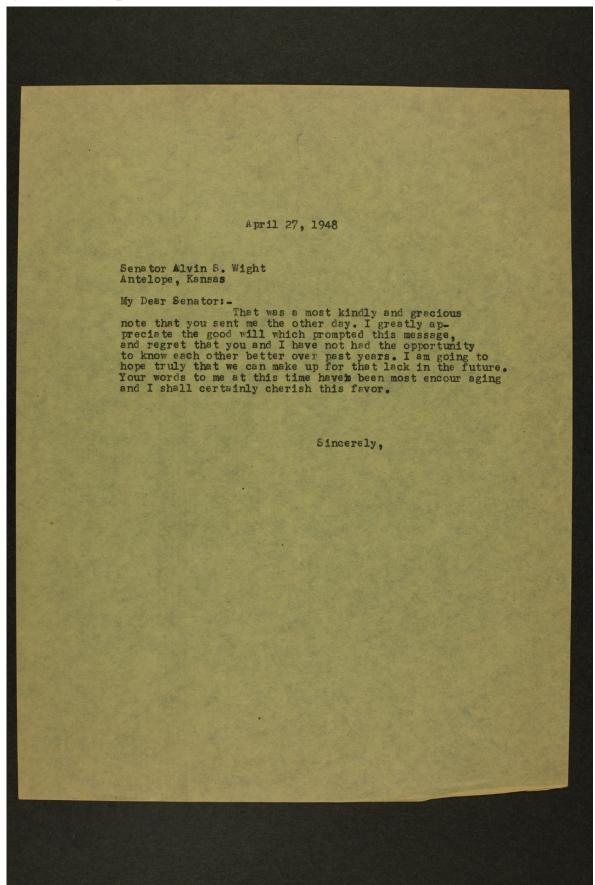




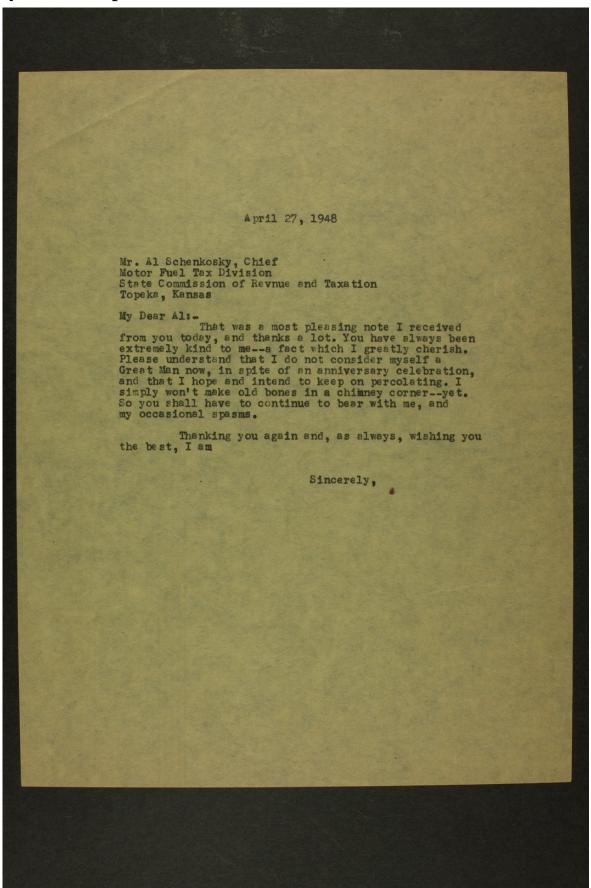




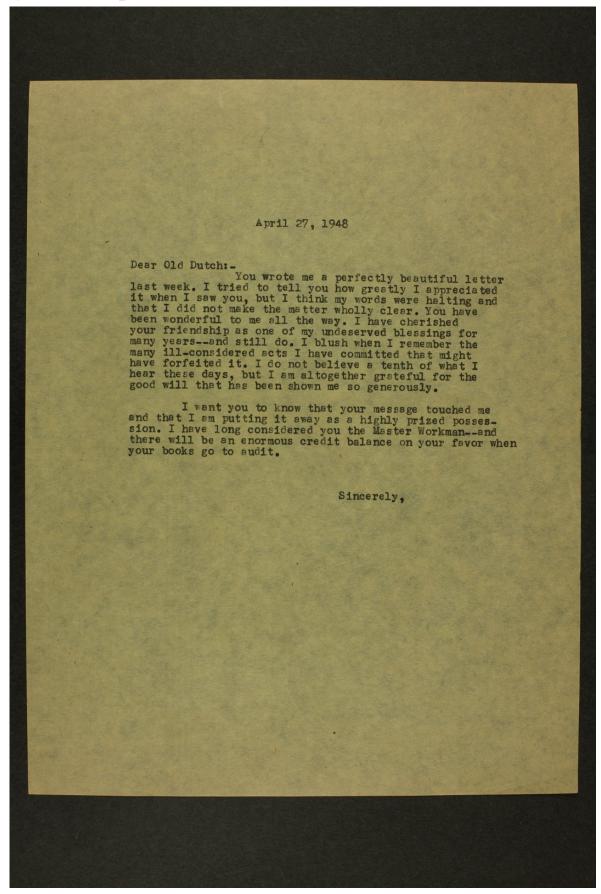














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April 27, 1948

Mr. A. J. Carruth II Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Arthur: Your paragraph of Saturday landed right
on the target of where I live. I don't know how I can
ever thank you enough for this -- and for all the other ever thank you enough for this -- and for all the other countless favors you have done me. Many years ago -- I think it must have been about the time of the first editorial golf tournament held in Topeka -- you wrote a few lines about me for your paper. I carried the clipping around for weeks with great delight, for I felt I had reached the king row by winning your approval. In all the years since then, you have given me numerous lifts. They have all meant much to me, and could not possibly have been earned, so I have credited them -- as I do now -- to the natural goodness of your heart.

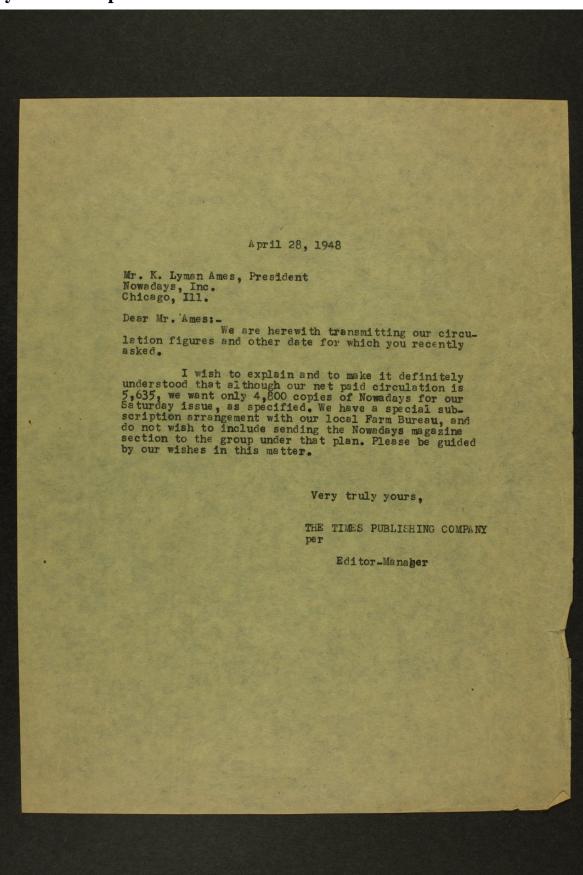
Please understand that I do not believe scarcely anything that I hear these days. I know myself fairly well, you see, and I am clearly conscious of all my defects and shortcomings. I know the men who are doing the real top work in Kansas newspaperdom, and honestly feel that I am not in their class. You are—and have always been so. I have had much pleasure and a bit of modest success in the country field—that's all. So I am letting nothing of the kindness that has been showered on me lately to turn my head but, gosh boy, I am grateful for the friendly spirit that has been manifest. This feeling toward you is much multiplied by reason of your many, many courtesies and kind words.

Just let me add that Arthur Carruth II is tops in my book, for a multitude of reasons. I think that best of all about you is that you have retained a youthful mind, as the years have crept on, and that is an accomplishment both rare and glorious.

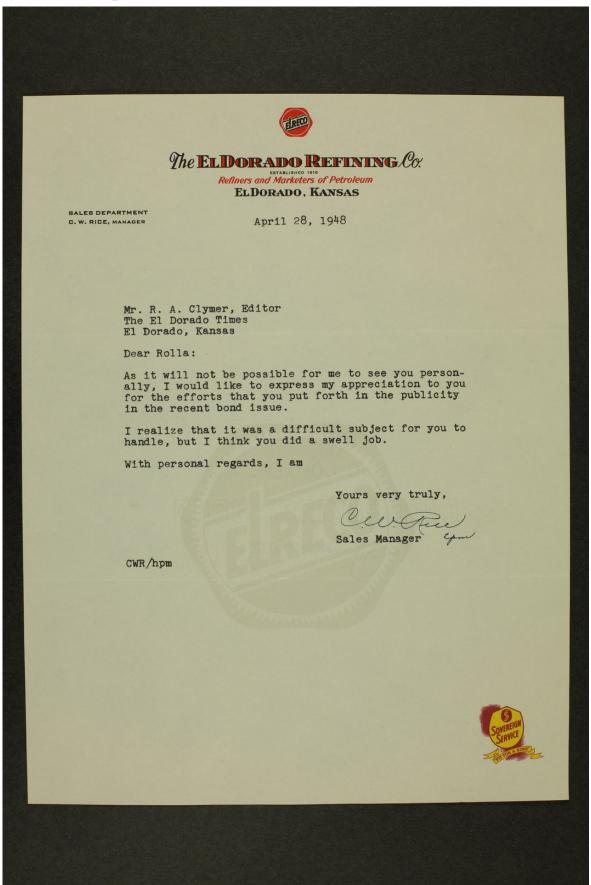
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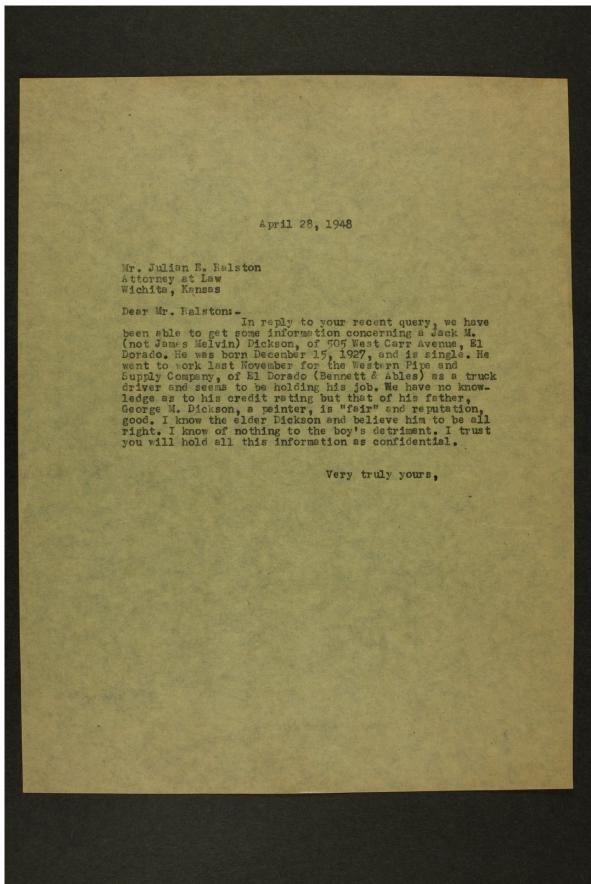




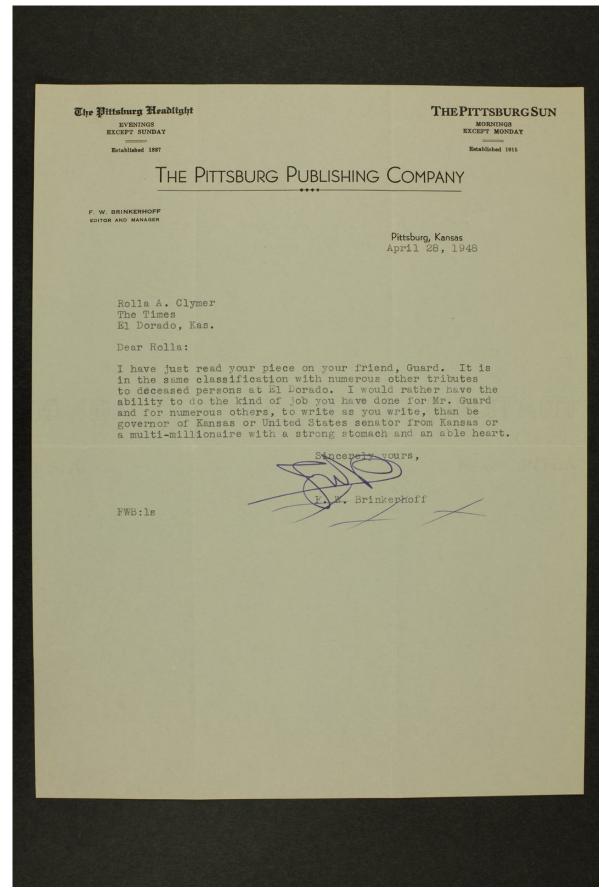














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April 29, 1948

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff The Headlight Pittsburg, Kansas

My Dear Fred: -

It seems to me that I am always under the necessity of thanking you for some kindness. Your recent letter was another case in point -- and you really got under my skin this time. I have such a high regard for your judgment that what you wrote has me gasping and tongue-tied just now.

You see, Jimmy Guard was a most particular friend. I saw a lot of him in one way and another. For the past five years, I have played golf consistently with him and George Bacon and Bob Morrison (and some others) all fifteen or twenty years younger than I am. With Jimmy in the crowd, they were a true bunch of zanies—and helped to soften up an old sour-puss like me no end. Actually, I feel, they helped to keep me young—in spirit, at least. I gave a lot of credit to Jimmy especially for this. He was a horse and wagon anywhere you found him, most always had me laughing—and certainly always interested. So he naturally meant a lot to me and his death was a deep personal loss.

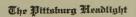
We have had something of a discussion about the Jimmy piece around the office since it appeared. Klint-worth, our news editor and a good lad, thinks I wrote too much and laid it on too strong. He says that where we do so for one person, as in this instance, we may give someone else equally deserving only a lick and a promise, or nothing at all. Of course, the difference there lies in the personal knowledge. My rebuttal has been that Jimmy was an important figure in town, a character in his own right and that he should have had what he got. I would like to have your opinion on this subject, so long as we have been arguing it in a friendly way here.

The point I wanted to make to you is that because I knew Jimmy so well and liked him so much, the piece about him fairly wrote itself. You know what I mean. So I can take little credit for turning it out—but, gosh boy, I certainly appreciated that note of yours and will look at it again on dark days.

I surely hope to see you a week from Saturday. That's one biznei I do not want to miss. Sincerely,



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F. W. BRINKERHOFF

Pittsburg, Kansas April 30, 1948

Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Your piece on Guard may have been slightly long but the quality of it rather than the length attracted my attention.

The point that Klintworth brings up merits attention. I can appreciate his view on the thing. He is looking at the possibility of reaction to the effect that others are entitled to as much space as that you gave to your friend Guard. I have a situation here along the same line. I have to determine for whom I shall write editorials on death. There are some prominent persons who die who are not editoralized. I cannot write an editorial for everybody. This is another case where it is necessary to exercise editorial judgment and take the consequences. I think that is exactly what you have to do in cases like the one mentioned. Somebody may criticize the Times for not giving as much editorial space to another El Dorado man who dies. But that is not very likely, it seems to me.

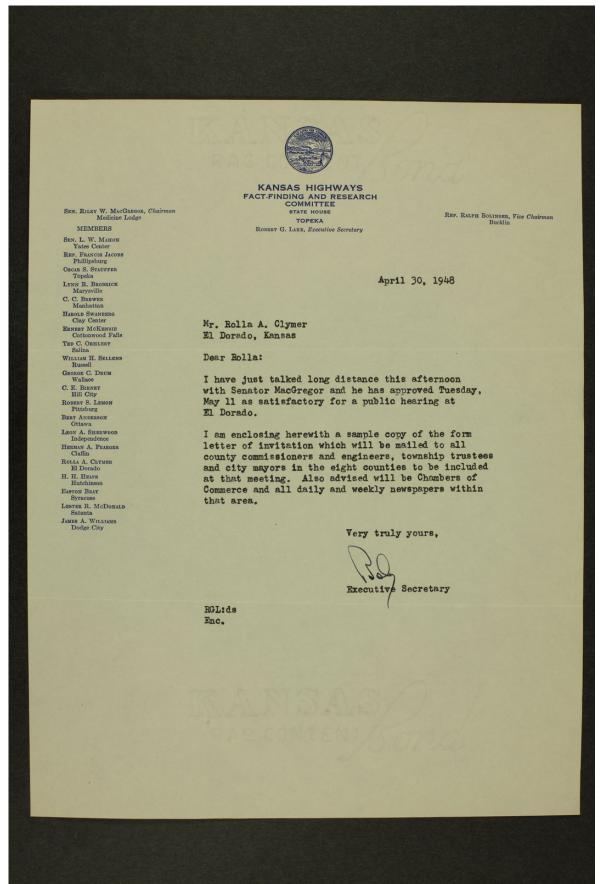
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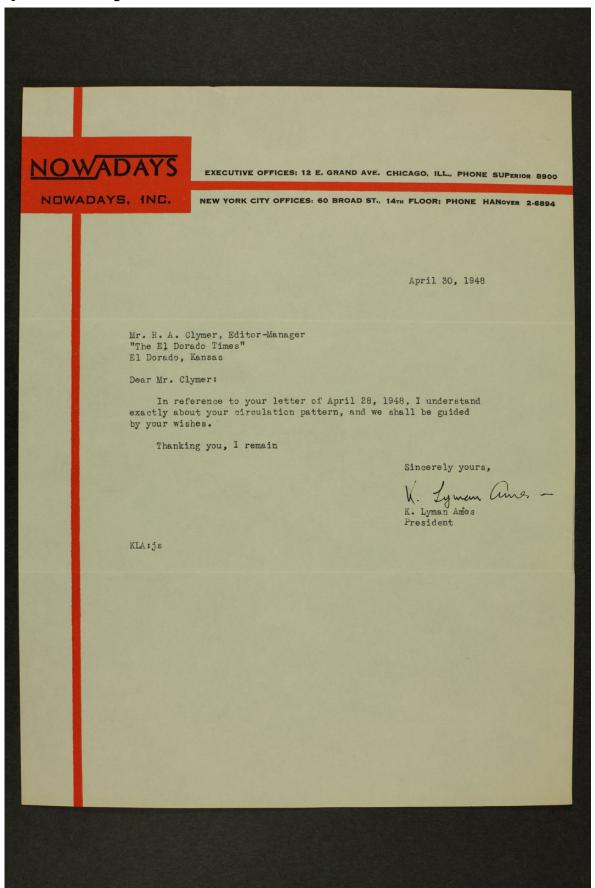
PS One week from tomorrow I will be seeing you.

FWB

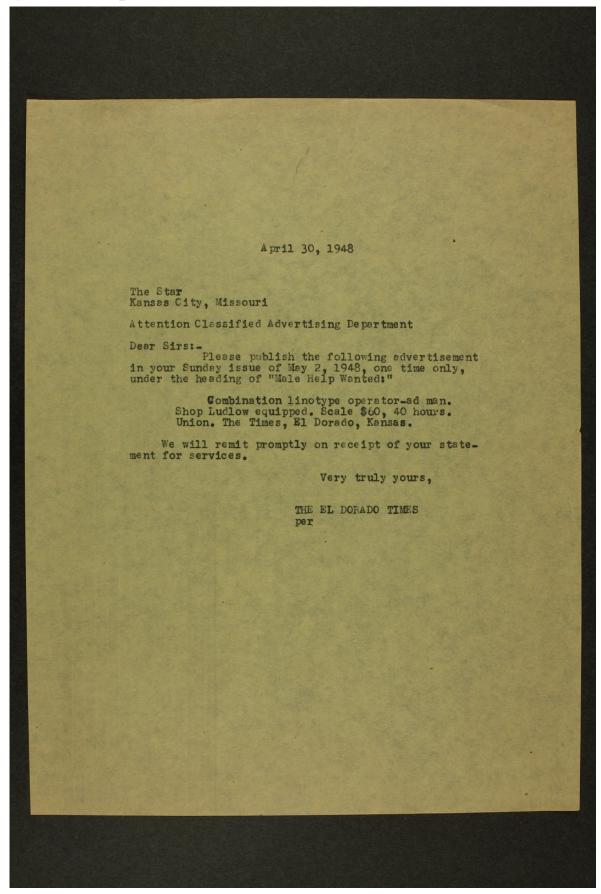














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April 30, 1948

The Kansas City Star 18th and Grand Avenue Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Att: Circulation Manager

You are no doubt aware of the confusion and uncertainty existing in El Dorado concerning the delivery of the Star and Times. For the past twenty years, we subscribers have struggled along with various people who have tried to establish a profitable route, going without papers sometimes, helping deliver at others, all because of our desire to have our paper. I, personally, was "born and raised" on the Kansas City Star and here, only 190 miles away, we cannot seem to get any service. Our only recourse is the Wichita papers, which cover El Dorado like a blanket, but only because the Star does not supply us with enough copies to make delivery profitable.

Butler county of which our town is County Seat, is not only the largest, but one of the richest in Kansas. The advertisers in the S_{\pm} ar get a lot of business us through their ads, and the potential market, if properly reached, would no doubt be worth while going after.

I fully recognize the difficulty encountered by you becole on account of the paper shortage to supply us all, but day after day, week in and month out, there comes across my desk countless booklets, pamphlets, catalogs, advertisements, and other forms of printed matter, much of it of doubtful value while at the same time, we are denied the service of a newspaper whose value is recognized all over the country.

Somewhere, somehow we have the wrong setup and we would like to know why. We are forced by circumstances beyond our control to subscribe to mediocre papers, we don't want because we are denied what we do want.

When I say "wo", I speak primarily of the people in the residential district, because the business subscribers get their papers delivered, while we are compelled to drive down town to get ours and offtimes make the second trip before we get it. This costs us more than does the paper itself, but we do it and have not complained in the past, but it seems to many of us that somehow, someway, something could be done to relieve the situation.



