

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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June 15, 1948

Mr. W. J. Milvers
Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My Dear Bill:-

The box of fish arrived in excellent condition last Friday, and the finny beauties have been duly cut up and placed in the locker plant. They will furnish several excellent meals for the Clymers and their friends, and we are all most grateful to you and your company for this friendly gift. It was altogether kind of you to include us so generously in this distribution, and I want you to know of our deep appreciation.

Sincerely your friend,



ANDY SCHOEPFEL

JESS C. DENIOUS, Manager

W. F. TURRENTINE, JR., Sec'y-Treas.

ANDY SCHOEPFEL for U. S. SENATOR REPUBLICAN

505 NEW ENGLAND BLDG.

TELEPHONE 4-4226

TOPEKA, KANSAS

June 15, 1948

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

Dear Rolla:

Thanks for your letter in which you mentioned that you might be in Topeka Saturday. If you did call the office, it must have been before I arrived. I was at home but intended to be here about noon on Saturday to do some work in the office. Unfortunately, the plane on which I was traveling was delayed two and one-half hours and it was ~~away~~ *late* after noon before I arrived in Topeka at all. I am very sorry I did not get to see you.

Naturally, I am pleased that you are going to complete the address on subversive influences of the country. I still think that a talk about that by Andy will fit well into this campaign and that he will find some places where it will be especially suitable. I know you will send us this manuscript whenever you have time to complete it.

Thanks again for all the help you have given us and for the patience you exercise when we make more and more demands upon you.

Sincerely yours,

Jess
J. C. DENIOUS

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June 16, 1948,
Detroit, Mich.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

May I recall myself to your attention by saying that I am a former Eldoradoean, that many years ago I participated in football, basketball, and baseball games wherein you were either referee or umpire. I attended highschool there with Floyd Dillonback, Hall Coutts, the Fowler boys, Louis Kosankey, and the Faulkners. In those days almost everyone called me "Red", but alas and alack today my hair is quite gray. But enough of that.

For some twenty years now I have been a professional writer, but have only recently produced my first American collection. I am enclosing with this letter a reviewer's copy of the volume; I would appreciate it if you could see your way to doing an item about it for the Times.

For years I wrote (both prose and poetry) for such overseas journals as the London Mercury, Time & Tide, John O'London's Weekly, Cornhill Magazine, The Dublin Review, Outspan. In this country Nat'l. Historical Magazine, Commonweal, Christian Century, Fantasy, Phylon, the University Review, etc. However, the accompanying volume is my first American book, although there were two volumes published abroad that are now collector's items of a sort.

Through the years I have kept some contact with friends in Eldorado and am sure they will be glad to know of this volume.

Sincerely yours,
Allen Baker,
1939 Blaine,
Detroit, 6, Mich.

P. S. My second volume is now in the hands of the publisher and my third "in process."
If you should do an item, may I have a clipping?

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June 16, 1948

Mr. Clymer -

Was much interested in the translation of the Brooklynesse poem, but must take exception to the last line. Hasn't the word "mit" always meant "with"? In that case, the last line should read:

"Some with cows in, some with ducks."

Don't you think Mr. Carruth would agree?

Yours truly,

Mrs. Walter L. Cary

Mrs. William Allen White 927 Exchange Street Emporia, Kansas

June 17 -
Dear Rolla -
Thank you
so much for sending
me the photo's. -
You are a dear good
boy -
I am looking for
word to a trip to
Colorado. but I am
not very strong
these days.
How ever I'll be down
when I can. - Affectionately
Sue L. White

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June 17, 1948

The Travelers Insurance Company
Hartford, Connecticut

Attention Mr. R. C. Dimon, Secretary

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Contracts 1342656 - 1344056

Pursuant to instructions contained in your letter of May 25, 1948, I am herewith sending you my two Travelers contracts, as indicated by the numbers listed above.

I trust these enclosures will reach you in time for your purposes before the maturity date of July 6, 1948.

Very truly yours,



June 10, 1948

The Star
Kansas City, Mo.

Attention Classified Advertising Department

Dear Sirs:-

Please publish the following advertisement
in your Sunday issue of June 20, 1948, one time only,
under the heading of "Help Wanted--Male:"

Linotype operator-printer. Shop indlow
equipped. Union. Scale \$65, 40 hours. The
Times, El Dorado, Kansas.

Your bill for this service will be promptly paid.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
per



SOCONY-VACUUM OIL COMPANY

INCORPORATED

WHITE EAGLE DIVISION

917 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
WICHITA 2, KANSAS



June 18, 1948.

Mr. Rolla Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We recently received a photostatic copy of your editorial on severance taxes which appeared in the February 27th issue of the El Dorado Times.

We found this article so timely and to the point that we would like very much to obtain additional copies to send out to some of our friends.

Can you advise us where these copies may be secured.

Yours very truly,

Harry K. Phipps

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June 19, 1943

Mr. Harry K. Phipps
Socony-Vacuum Oil Company
White Eagle Division
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Phipps:-

In reply to your letter, will say that the photostatic copy of my editorial on the severance tax question, published February 27, is being distributed by the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, Kansas-Oklahoma division, 308 Tulsa Building, Tulsa 3, Oklahoma. If you will write Mr. Clarel B. Mapes, secretary-treasurer, at that address I feel sure he will be pleased to provide you with such copies as you need.

I appreciate the fact that you approve of my discussion of the severance tax, and the interest you have shown in writing about it.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

June 19, 1948

Honorable Frank C. Carlson, Governor
State of Kansas
State Capitol Building
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Carlson:

I have just returned from a most excellent meeting of the National Highway 54 Association in Jefferson City, Missouri. Delegates were in attendance from the states of New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri, all interested in one objective--that of increasing the tourists business all along the route.

This program means much to the state of Kansas as well as those of us living in towns located on this highway. This is true because the competing highway is US 66 which misses Kansas, with the exception of a small amount of mileage in the south-eastern part of the state. Both Highways originate in Chicago and join again at Tucumcari, New Mexico. Since Highway 54 travels the full breadth of Kansas, any increased use of the route means an increased gasoline tax revenue for the state as well as increased business for us.

This highway is unique in another sense--that of being the only east-west highway not competing for cars already funneled out of Kansas City. Therefore, the state of Kansas can not only profit by supporting the Association's efforts but can do so without offending other Kansas communities since none are in competitive positions for this business.

We had one disappointing experience on our return entry into Kansas which I should like to call to your attention. The Santa Fe Trailways Transportation Company provided complimentary transportation between Wichita and Jefferson City for many of the delegates from the southern states. The Association then paid the charter rates between Tucumcari and Wichita. Harold Long,

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Governor Frank C. Carlson
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June 19, 1948

president of the Association, and I happened to be passengers on the bus and on our return we were held up forty-five minutes at the port of entry at Ft. Scott on a mere technicality. The delay to me was not as disappointing as the rather rude treatment which we received by the attendants on duty. The company had provided the bus driver with all the proper orders, but through a mere oversight on somebodys part, failed to send a wire to the port of entry which is required for all chartered transportation entering the state. I am entirely unfamiliar with the regulations under which the port of entry attendants work, but in spite of our attempts to reason with them, their arrogance for the moment made me a little bit ashamed of my state.

This treatment was quite a contrast to the reception the delegates received on their entry into Missouri. On this occasion they were met by the Highway Patrol and were furnished a courtesy escort from the state line to Jefferson City. Thus, permitting the bus to proceed without any traffic or other delays. The escort was scheduled to accompany the group on their return to the state line but was cancelled at the last moment because of the Presidents visit to Jefferson City requiring the assistance of all members of the patrol.

I do not wish to burden you with this complaint but if the department under which ports of entry operate want more complete facts regarding this incident, they can certainly be readily obtained, and steps should be taken to avoid any such reoccurrence of this experience to similar groups who may happen to be our guests.

I am also enclosing a copy of the printed program which will give you an idea of the type of meeting the delegates had just attended.

Best Wishes;

Yours very truly,
NATIONAL HIGHWAY 54 ASSOCIATION

HARLAN L. REMSBERG
Secretary-Treasurer.

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ESTABLISHED 1885

The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co.

GEO. E. NETTELS,
VICE PRESIDENT

Pittsburg, Kansas

June 19, 1948.

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

Dear Rol - and champion cribbage player, except for me:

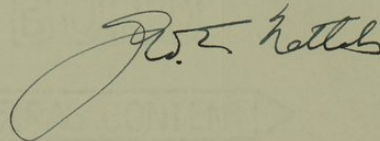
Someone has told me that you have some very kind words to say about this guy being elected to the Alumni Association presidency, which I surely appreciate.

I am in receipt of your copy of your editorial on "Just Another Tax". It certainly strikes a responsive chord within a member of this industry. I presume we will have a lot of fun in the next legislature with regard to the severance tax - we certainly want to stop it and we appreciate your start in that direction.

It was swell to have had the chance to visit with you and to have played the few games of crib that we did. I hope the opportunity presents itself again.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



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June 21, 1948

Mr. Gerald Gordon
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Gerald:-

That opposition to Walt McGinnis did not develop, and so Walt has the field to himself. After talking to you the other day, I went into the matter and the results were satisfactory. I felt sure about this Saturday but thought I would wait to write until after the filing deadline had been passed.

I am sure this will be satisfactory news to you, if you do not already know it.

Sincerely your friend,



CITIES SERVICE OIL COMPANY

PRODUCERS - REFINERS - MARKETERS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

BARTLESVILLE
OKLAHOMA

June 21, 1948

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

Dear Rolla:

A good many expressions of good wishes came to me following the recent publication of my election to a vice-presidency of Cities Service Oil Company. All were sincerely appreciated, but none of them warmed me up inside as much as your editorial of June 14. It is an item which I will clip and save for my grandchildren, and a challenge to live up to the fine things you have said about me.

Your friendly thoughts ably expressed in the Eldorado Times over a long period of years have been a fine influence for the oil industry, the Cities Service organization, and for me personally. Thank you very much.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

R. L. Kidd.

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ORDERS ACCEPTED CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS, DELAYS BY CARRIERS, OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL
ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY

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June 21, 1948

Mr. J. C. Benious
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Jess:-

I have been harassed to hell and gone lately, but came down here yesterday afternoon and wrote the piece for which you asked. Here it is. I don't think so much of it, but hope truly that parts of it will fit into Andy's needs. I have purposely written it a trifle long, so that it can be cut. I think it needs to be cut, and you will know where to use that blue pencil. Feel free to alter it in any way you see fit--or to throw it out the window. I only wish I could have done a better job, for your sake and Andy's, but I think you will know some of the circumstances I am struggling against these days.

I may see you before long--and, in the meantime, all best wishes.

Always yours,



KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

WICHITA 1, KANSAS

June 22, 1948

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

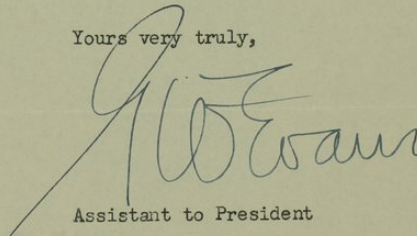
Dear Mr. Clymer:

We have read with a great deal of interest the editorial in the El Dorado Times of June 18, 1948, "Utility Friend Asks for Help." You stated in a most understanding way our problem and I feel that after reading the editorial the public generally will have a more reasonable attitude toward the situation which confronts us. We certainly appreciate this editorial and your friendly interest.

As you know we have raised the restrictions on the use of electricity and we hope that we will be able to serve the requirements of all our customers without further restrictions. The next time I am in El Dorado I will make it a point to visit with you.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,



Assistant to President

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

June 22, 1948
127 Dorchester Court
Waukegan, Illinois

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

You will find enclosed an article which I hope you may see fit to print. Mac is very modest but he finally agreed that I could send it, so please use any of it as you think best.

It is a long time since you wrote the beautiful editorial which I still treasure, about Jud--more than twenty-eight years--but I am sure you will agree with me that if he could know he would be very proud of his son. Mac has never disappointed me and has always done more than I expected, and that is a very fine record for I have expected a great deal.

He insists that I am to go with him wherever he goes but I doubt the wisdom of this, although I shall no doubt join him later for a time.

In the article I mentioned living in Chicago, although I really live in Waukegan but we both dislike the town very much although most of the North Shore is so lovely. After more than two years it was the only place I could find which was at all near my work. Desirable unfurnished apartments are at a premium.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Jud P. Hall

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The Travelers

*The Travelers Insurance Company
The Travelers Indemnity Company
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company*

Hartford 15 Connecticut

D. R. STANLEY, CASHIER

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BRANCH OFFICE
TITLE AND TRUST BUILDING
COR. TENTH AND WALNUT STREETS
KANSAS CITY 6, MO.

June 23, 1948

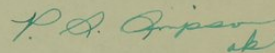
Mr. Rolla A. Clymer
1019 South Denver Street
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Re: Contracts 1342656 - 1344056

Under date of May 25, 1948 our Home Office wrote you requesting your above numbered life contracts be forwarded either to this branch office or direct to the Home Office. To date we have not received the policies in this office and we shall appreciate your advising if these have been mailed and if so to what office. If they have not been forwarded, please give this your early attention as the maturity date is July 6, 1948. Thank you.

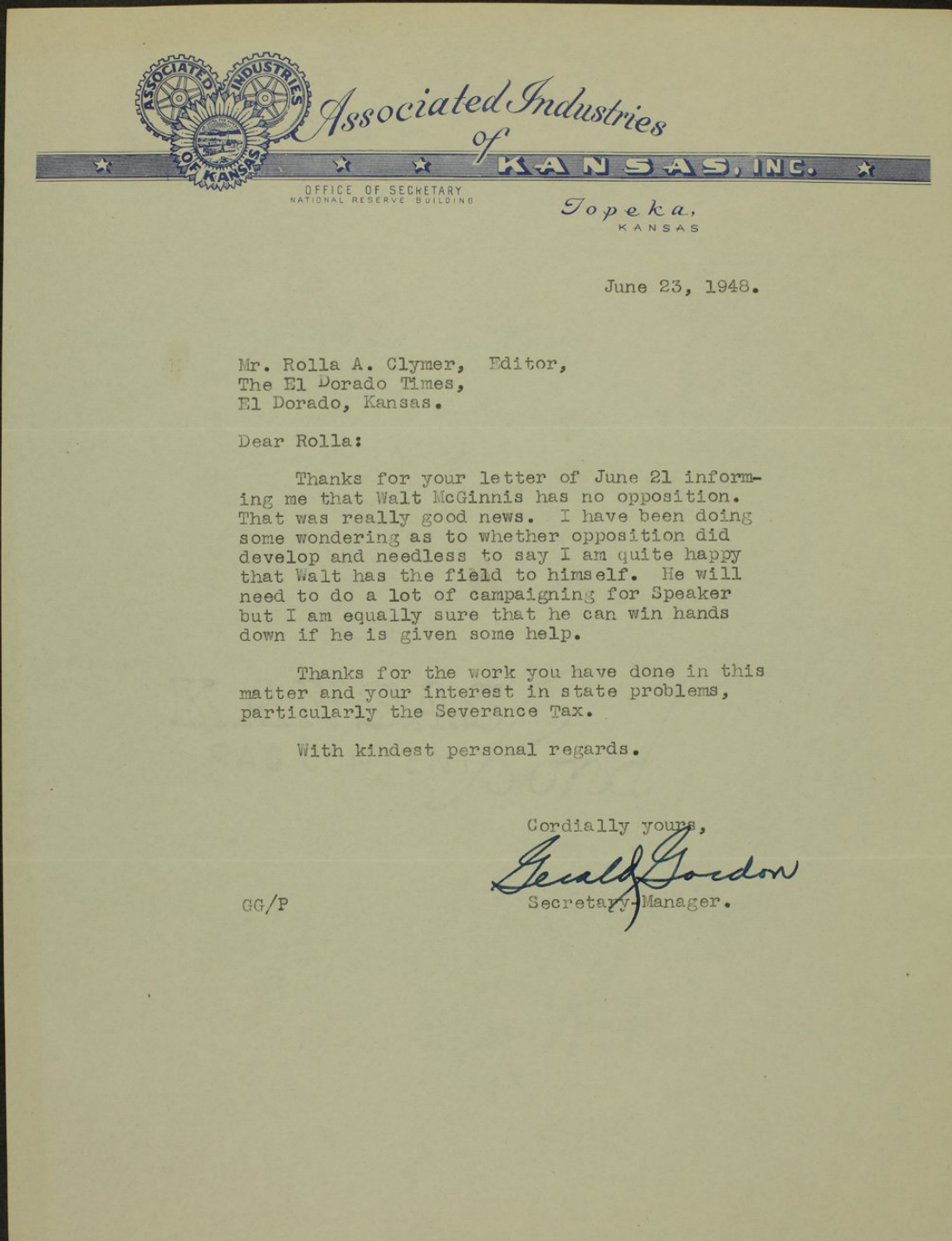
Yours very truly,



P. S. Simpson
Assistant Cashier

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June 23, 1948

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

Mrs. Adams has inquired of me as to when we might expect to hold our annual meeting, as she wishes to complete her plans for the summer. I am wondering if the press of your affairs will permit time for such meeting at an early date.

I expect to be out of town Saturday of this week but, as far as I know now, will be available on any other date in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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June 24, 1948

The Travelers Insurance Company
Kansas City, Missouri

Attention Mr. P. S. Simpson,
Assistant Cashier

Dear Sirs:-

I have your letter of June 23 concerning my
contracts Nos. 1342656 and 1344056 with your company.

In reply, I wish to say that I forwarded these
contracts by registered letter to The Travelers' home
office at Hartford, Connecticut, on June 17 and today
received the return card showing that the parcel was
delivered to the company on June 21.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Very truly yours,



June 24, 1948

The Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Attention Classified Advertising Department

Dear Sirs:-

Please publish the following advertisement
in your Sunday issue of June 27, 1948, one time only,
under the heading of "Help Wanted--Male:"

Linotype operator-printer. Shop Ludlow
equipped. Union. Scale \$65, 40 hours. The Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Your statement will be promptly paid. Enclosed please
find remittance for advertisement published Sunday, June 20.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES
per

Rolla Clymer

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June 24, 1948

Goss Printing Press Company
Duplex Division
Battle Creek, Michigan

Attention Mr. R. L. DeWindt

Dear Sirs:-

We wish to order a fountain knife for one of the ink fountains on our Duplex rotary press. Our pressman has provided a sketch of this part, which is self-descriptive, and which is enclosed. We have adopted this expedient in making known our wishes in the absence of a parts catalogue which would provide a key number.

If this sketch does not furnish you with sufficient information as to the part needed, we shall be glad to supply extra data upon hearing from you. I trust, however, that you will understand our needs from this method of description.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
per

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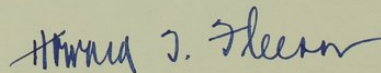
June 24, 1948.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
c/o Times Publishing Company,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

I will be in El Dorado for the meet-
ing of the Times Publishing Company Monday morning,
June 28, at 10:00 o'clock. I hope we can get through
with our meeting in fairly short order.

Very truly yours,



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cc - Mrs. Ellina C. Starke,
El Dorado Hotel,
El Dorado, Kansas.



June 24, 1948

Jayhawk Hotel
Topeka, Kansas

Attention Mr. Harry Lose, Manager

Dear Sirs:-

I have had a hurry-up call to go to Topeka and wonder if you can fix me up with a room for tomorrow night, Friday, June 25. I know this is short notice, but hope you can take care of me.

I shall probably not reach town before 7 o'clock, but will ask that you hold the room until I get there.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

June 24, 1948

The Publishers' Auxiliary
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:-

Please publish the following advertisement in the
classified section of your Auxiliary, for two successive
issues, under "Help Wanted:"

Linotype operator-printer for small town
afternoon daily. Working conditions excellent.
Shop Ludlow equipped. Union. Scale, \$65, 40 hours.
The Times, El Dorado, Kansas.

paid.

Statement for your services will be promptly

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES
per



June 26, 1948

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Mrs. Sally Guard
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sally:

I know you will be quite pleased, as I was, with the Resolution so appropriately presented and unanimously adopted at the National Highway 54 meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri.

I do not think I have ever been more conscious of Jimmy's absence than I was during the time I attended this meeting because this was the first Highway meeting which I have attended that Jimmy was not along and shared a room with me.

I do not know how many times I heard the statement expressed, "By Golly, we sure miss Guard, don't we?" Sally, it is with some hesitancy that I remind you of Jim's death but you should take consolation in the fact that his cheerfulness and presence was missed and I am happy to enclose an exact copy of the Resolution as presented and adopted.

Yours very truly,
NATIONAL HIGHWAY 54 ASSOCIATION

HARLAN L. REMSBERG
Secretary-Treas.

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June 28, 1918

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

Enclosed please find dividend check
for \$600 in favor of Mrs. Starke, and checks in the sum
of \$25 each for her and you representing directors' fees
for the meeting today.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 1, 1948

Aetna Life Insurance Company
Topeka, Kansas

Attention Askew & McClung, General Agents

Dear Sirs:-

Several years ago, I contracted a loan against my Aetna policy No. N270 751 amounting to one year's premium. I now wish to repay that loan, and wish you would please send me as soon as you can a statement showing the amount of the principal and accrued interest necessary to retire it.

Your prompt consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

ELDorado, Kansas
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New York Life Ins. Co.
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:

RE : POLICY # 13 101 850
Rolla A. Clymer

Find attached my check in the amount of two hundred and twenty eight dollars and seventy one cents (\$ 228.71) to pay the loan indebtedness of \$ 222.85, and the accrued interest to date of \$ 5.86 .

Kindly cancel my loan agreement and send same to me care of the ELdorado, Times , ELdorado, Kansas.

Yours truly

Rolla A. Clymer

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