

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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The Arkansas City Daily Traveler

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ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

June 22, 1949

H. D. HOWARD
PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

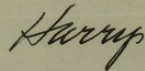
Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Enclosed is an editorial we ran in yesterday's paper. Wish you'd read it, and if the liquor director is playing that kind of politics it looks to me as if they are trying to kill the Republican party in the state of Kansas. It could be that it's killing itself and if they don't look out some worthy Democrat might be elected governor in the next race.

If all liquor stores don't open in Arkansas City with a liquor license at the same time there is going to be a lot of Hell raised here. In fact I am satisfied that an injunction will be started against the liquor director to stop such unfair means. Can you help stop this discrimination?

Sincerely yours,



H. D. Howard

HDH.S

*Are they doing this in
your town?*

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P A Y N E H. R A T N E R
1414 UNION NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

June 22, 1949

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

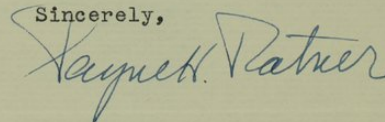
Dear Rolla:

Please accept my deepest sympathy for you in the passing of your mother about which I have just learned.

I realize there is little that friends can say or do at a time like this but I did want you to know that I am very sorry and that I am thinking of you.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,



PHR:gib



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DOLPH SIMONS, PUBLISHER

THE LAWRENCE DAILY JOURNAL-WORLD

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PHONE 22

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

June 22, 1949

Mr. Rolla Clymer
Eldorado,
Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I want to express my sympathy over the loss of your mother. My mother died only a few months ago after a long illness, and I believe I can appreciate your deep sadness.

Sincerely

Dolph
Dolph Simons

DS:md





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DEALER IN OIL WELL SUPPLIES

PHONE: 1064 - 523

Isador Malk

OIL PRODUCER
EL DORADO, KANSAS

June 22, 1949

R. A. Clymer,

El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We wish to express our sincere sympathy in the loss of your dear mother. It is to her glory to leave a son who can interpret her fine qualities with such dignity, love and respect.

We did not have the good fortune to have made her acquaintance. But after reading your beautiful tribute to her, we feel as though, in passing through, she has touched us too, like a refreshing breeze.

Your friends,

Mr. + Mrs. Isador Malk

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June 22, 1949.

Hon. Rolla A. Clymer,
El Dorado Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

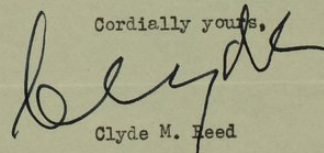
Dear Rolla:

The news of the death of your Mother came to me through the Kansas newspapers. Although there is so little one can say to the bereaved, I do want you to know that you have my deepest sympathy.

Your Mother's influence for the good and the beautiful in the Kansas communities in which she lived, as your Father served in the ministry, cannot be measured in words.

With my best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Clyde M. Reed

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THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL
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SHAWNEE NEWS-STAR
K G F F BROADCASTING COMPANY
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Topeka, Kansas
June 22, 1949

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

Dear Rolla:

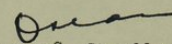
When I got home yesterday from ten days in the east where I attended a joint orientation conference as guest of the Secretary of Defense, I learned of your Mother's death and I want you to know you have my most sincere sympathy.

If you would like to attend a conference similar to the one I attended later on I believe I could fix it up, and I think they are well worth attending. The one I attended was the third. Chancellor Malott attended a second one.

Again let me say how very sorry I was to learn of your Mother's passing.

With every good wish, I am,

Very cordially yours,


Oscar S. Stauffer

OSS:S

Since dictating the above for her called my attention to the tribute you wrote to "my mother" - it is moving and very, very beautiful. Q.S.

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CHARLES E. HOLMES
SUITE 300
INSURANCE BUILDING
WICHITA, KANSAS

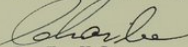
June 22, 1949

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

Dear Rolla:

Upon my return to Wichita, last evening, I learned of the death of your Mother. A few weeks ago I went through the same experience and I want to tell you in this short note that you, your sister and your family have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother.

Sincerely yours,


C. E. Holmes
Executive Secretary

CEH:mm



June 23, 1949

Mr. Oscar S. Stauffer
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Oscar:-

Your friendship never fails me--and so your letter with reference to my mother's death came as a shining ray of good cheer. I am more grateful than I can tell.

Most sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Notegram

Date 6-23-49

For CS Warren Room _____

From JB Murray Room _____

Attached is a feature story in the Kansas City Star that went sour. No known persons in El Dorado seem to know why. It is my opinion the correspondent was sent here for a purpose, sifted the information and wrote what was published, the reasons unknown.

When you are through with it return it to me because I want to keep it for a while.

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LAW OFFICES OF
WM. EASTON HUTCHISON
GARDEN CITY, KANSAS

June 23rd, 1949

Mr. Rollie Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College of Emporia, I write to inform you that our committee has chosen you as a suitable, capable and desirable person to become one of the Trustees of the College and will recommend your election as such by the Presbyterian Synod of Kansas at its next meeting.

It is a wonderful field in which our work will help the next generation to attain a Christian Education.

We will be glad to have your approval of our selection and a promise of your acceptance of the position if elected by the Synod.

I hope to receive your favorable answer soon

Yours very truly,
Wm Easton Hutchison.

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Funeral Monday for
Mother of Rolla Clymer

Wichita, June 20 (P).—Funeral services were to be conducted here Monday for Mrs. Ella S. Clymer, mother of Rolla A. Clymer, publisher of the El Dorado Times. Graveside rites will be held at El Dorado.

Mrs. Clymer, who died here Saturday night, spent most of her life in Kansas.

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which might ease international
tension and relieve fears of a clash
which might lead to war.
The unspoken theme of the four-
week conference of the foreign
ministers of Russia, Britain,
France and the United States has
been: "Let's keep the cold war
cold—at least."
AUSSIE RED GUILTY
Sydney, Australia, June 20 (P)—
Lawrence Louis Sharkey, general
secretary of the Australian Com-
munist party, was convicted Mon-
day of a charge that he uttered

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CAPPER PUBLICATIONS, INC. *Topeka, Kansas*

ARTHUR CAPPER
President

June 23, 1949

Mr. Rolla Clymer
The Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

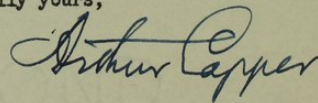
I find the enclosed clipping from one of the local newspapers on my desk, and write to tell you that you have my sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother. I know your mother was a fine woman, and I know what it means to lose a good mother.

I hope the newspaper business is going well with you. So far as I can learn, the Kansas boys in the newspaper game are still going all right.

I hope you will be sure to drop in and see me the next time you visit Topeka.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



June 23, 1949

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg, Kansas

My Dear Fred:-

Your note about my mother was a real comfort to me. What a wonderful friend you are--at every turn of the road.

Most sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Burns, Kansas
June 23rd 1949.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas;
Dear Friend:-

I was so sorry to not know of your mother's death until yesterday-so of course I was unable to attend the last rites. I wish to express my deepest sympathy-for we who have lost our mother and Partner- feel we can sympathize with you. your editorial was beautiful and was a very good picture of your mother as I knew her. and she was so proud of you and of your ability-even though very modest in expressing it. I know it was hard for you to write, but what comfort it will give in the coming years. your mother lived a long, full life. and as we know we have them only a short time at best. we are never ready to give them up. she will be enjoying the reward for her good deeds- while we try to carry on here- and I am so happy to have known such a person. may every consolation be given you in your great loss.

Yours Sincerely
Grace H. Templeton.

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THE McPHERSON DAILY REPUBLICAN

K. R. KREHBIEL
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

McPHERSON, KANSAS

June 23, 1949

Dear Rolla,

Teddy and I both send our sympathies for the recent loss of your Mother. We knew nothing about her death until it came over the wire.

It reminds me again how short a time remains for my own parents. Mother is 73 and Dad 78, but they are both going strong in spite of that age. I only hope their time runs out while they are still in such fine health without the long drawn out process so many suffer.

Best regards from both of us.

Sincerely,

Ken

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A. L. SHULTZ
POLITICAL NEWS
HOTEL JAYHAWK
TOPEKA, KANSAS

June 24, 1949

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

Dear Rolla:

I have just returned from Colorado Springs and learn of the death of your mother. I feel, Rolla, that I know something of the loss you are feeling at this time and I want you to realize that you have my earnest sympathy.

I lost my own mother several years ago and while we had anticipated her passing for many months, we found that we still were not prepared for the chug when it came. There is something about the devotion and association of your mother that nothing in this world ever seems to replace.

Please know, old chap, that I do understand and sympathise and that you have my love and loyalty, always.

Very sincerely,

"Dutch"

Rolla Clymer correspondence

1508 Johnstone Avenue,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma,
June 24, 1949,

Dear Rolla:

I learned only a couple of days ago about your recent bereavement in the loss of your mother, and I read your tribute to her on the editorial page of your paper. Please accept my condolence and sympathy in your loss and your editorial was a nice piece of writing.

My own mother will be 88 on next July 11th, having been born in 1861. Being about 4 years of age in 1865 she has a faint recollection of the "Yankees", Wilson's cavalry, I believe, visiting her father's plantation home near Montgomery, Alabama. She is very frail and feeble and her eye sight is almost gone, but at times I am astonished at her mental alertness and occasional flashes of old fire and spirit. She still has character and I shall miss her when she is gone. Our mothers are our best friends through thick and thin and their loss is irreparable. Kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours, Charlie Warren.



JAS. F. WEAVER
ADVERTISING AND CIRCULATION MGR.

JAS. E. HIGGINS
BUSINESS MANAGER

THE PRYOR TIMES-DEMOCRAT

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ROY F. BAILEY, PUBLISHER
NEW DEMOCRAT BLDG. 5 NORTH VANN STREET
TELEPHONES 92 & 93

PRYOR, OKLAHOMA

June 24, 1949

Dear Rollo

Although I am rather late in writing, the Salina Journal which just arrived in Washington carried a story about the death of your mother. Nothing I can say will be of much comfort, but I do want you to know that we all sympathize with you. My own experience when my mother died, and Hattie's when her mother passed on, makes us both understand that no matter how long it has been anticipated, and how reconciled we may be to the inevitable, it nevertheless is a shock.

However you have the consolation of knowing that she lived a long and useful life, and that your own success is the finest testimonial that could be erected to her memory. After I get back to Kansas, which will be some time in September, I hope I may have a chance for an old fashioned gabfest with you. My right eye, which has been giving me trouble for several years, seems to be responding slowly to the rest cure I have been trying to give it, although I doubt whether I ever will attempt to assume the active management of any newspaper, much as I should like to do so. What I really hope is that I will be able to give all the time needed to the brokerage business. Right now our trouble is that we have probably ten times as many prospects as we have properties to offer. In addition, while prices are dropping, buyers seem to think they will go lower, so it is rather difficult to find a meeting ground. Again, Hattie and I want to offer you the consolation of knowing that we have been thinking about you,

Sincerely

Roy

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E. B. SHAWVER

310 PETROLEUM BUILDING

WICHITA, KANSAS

June 25, 1949

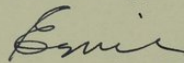
Mr. Rolla Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

The eulogy to your Mother on the editorial page of your June 21st edition moved me deeply. My mother was just such a person as Mrs. Clymer. At the time of her death a number of years ago I would like to have paid tribute to her but I could not find the words to express myself as you did.

Your ability to write as you do is an enviable talent. One does not acquire what you possess through book learning; it is a priceless gift.

Sincerely,



E. B. Shawver.

EBS-alj

Rolla Clymer correspondence

309A E. Elmwood Avenue,
Burbank, California,
June 25, 1949.

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

Dear friend:

Accept my hearty thanks for the gracefully expressed story in your paper about my forthcoming novel, "A Union Forever". Perhaps, when this book becomes known it may be a source of satisfaction to you that you had an early part in helping it along. After spending a great many hours over a period of seventeen years in writing it, and collecting the valuable material in it that otherwise might have been lost forever to the people of Kansas, I certainly appreciate even the least help given me, and your help in this instance was all that could have been asked for.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Muriel Gulp Barbe
Muriel Gulp Barbe

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Dear Rolla 6-26-49
This type of letter is always hard for
me to write and doubly so when I have
to write it to ~~one~~ whom I hold as a
dear friend. Having suffered the loss of my
father I know how to sympathize with
you in your loss of your mother; though
fortunately for you, your mother lived
to guide the footsteps of her boy till
manhood's years had crowned his
intellect with judgement, and fixed
his moral principles. Ripe in
years and fully prepared for
another state of life, she passes on
now to enjoy the reward of a life well
spent on earth. Believing that your
faith in that reward will sustain
you I am your friend
Roy Sullivan.

10508 Johnson Road
Shawnee, Kans.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Latham, Kansas

June 26, 1949

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Just a note to thank you for selecting me Farmer of the Week.

I wish to thank you also for the extra pictures which you so kindly sent to me.

I believe The Farmer of the Week feature is proving quite popular with the farmers of the county from the number of comments that I have heard on it.

Yours truly,

Austin Phillips

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RICHARD W. ROBBINS
GREENSBURG, KANSAS

6/27/09

Dear Rolla - I have put your
tribute to your mother
fine.

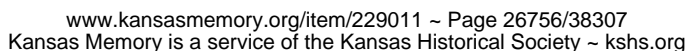
I have thought about
you a great deal since
I heard of your mother's death.
over

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My Mother is still with
us - age 76 - but I can have
some conception of what a
milestone in your own life
the passing of your Mother
marks.

I offer you sympathy
in your great loss.
Sincerely yours
Wick

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Washington, D.C. News - April 30, 1949

Railroad Time Tables Readable at Last

By United Press

CHICAGO—Transcontinental Santa Fe trains now carry time tables designed to be read with ease by a passenger.

The tables are set up in regular book form with a separate page for each train. It replaces the "read up in right-hand column" for returning trains.

The new tables list mileage, altitudes and explanatory notes in addition to station stops. Various train connections, correct locations to reset watches, river crossings and tunnels are also listed.

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El Dorado, Kans. Times - March 16, 1949

STREAMLINED TIME TABLE

The Santa Fe is out with a new time table—evidently designed as a time table to end all time tables. This handsomely printed volume, with color covers, is revolutionary inasmuch as it affords any half-bright peritistics. All the ordinary, and garden variety, seeker of knowledge has to know is the name of the train he proposes to ride. Turning to the page, or pages, carrying that train's movement with a simple twist of the wrist, he will quickly discover all the information he desires compactly stated. Arrival and departure times are set forth in plain black type. In addition, he is treated to such details as the altitudes of all stations, the number of miles each point is from Chicago, Los Angeles or Galveston, names of rivers and interesting landmarks along the way with the approximate time his train reaches them. Moreover, brief notations regarding train changes and other matters are set forth at the bottom of each page. None of that old turning and squirming to the front or back of the book to wade through mazes of fine print for this information is necessary.

In short, the new time table is as sleek and streamlined as one of the Santa Fe's newest-type Diesel engines that pulls its crack trains. The folder is so satisfactory and sensibly done that one wonders why somebody hasn't used this method before. At any rate, the Santa Fe has won as the "Number One" time table making consistent title conferred upon it by the magazine.

Milwaukee, Wisc. Journal - April 16, 1949

A Timetable You Can Read

Praise be! We discover the Santa Fe railway has issued a simplified, concise but comprehensive timetable that almost anyone of ordinary intelligence should be able to understand. It is lighter and handier, and must be cheaper to print, than the monstrous compendiums issued in the past.

It is all in large type, too, that can be read without a magnifying glass.

Timetables like this should be a godsend to the fellow who just wants to find out

when his train leaves, when it arrives at his destination and what kind of accommodations are available.

Other railroads may have had the idea also. But the Santa Fe's easy to understand schedule is the best we have yet seen. There is nothing to prevent the other lines from copying the idea or improving on it.

The public would certainly bless them for doing so.

Simple Travel Digest Offered

At last! A streamlined travel digest which eliminates the confusion frequently associated with many railroad timetables has been published by the Santa Fe Railway. It was designed to give quick and complete information to even the most inexperienced rail passengers, according to company officials. A complete schedule of each train, with information on arrival and departure times at all stations; trip mileage figures; facts on points of interest along the routes and other pertinent information. The confusion of cross references has been eliminated by inserting brief notations on where train changes may be made. "With this book," a company spokesman said, "a passenger on any Santa Fe train can tell at a glance where he is going and where he can expect to get there."

San Diego, Calif. Union - March 20, 1949



Thank you

Mr. Ticket Agent – Mr. Travel Agent

The fine cooperation you have given in distributing and explaining the new "Traveler's Edition" of the Santa Fe Time Table has helped make it an outstanding success.

We have received praise from the press and public alike about our new time table as you will note from newspaper editorials we are reproducing in this folder.

One of the major objectives in issuing our "Traveler's Edition" was to make it easier for you to give your customers information about Santa Fe service and we are delighted that it has been so well received by travelers and the general public.

Thanks again for your help in making the "Traveler's Edition" of our time table a success.

General Passenger Traffic Manager
Santa Fe System Lines

Next reprint of Santa Fe Time Tables to be out in July



Traveler's Edition for dis-
tribution to the public



Ticket Agent Edition for use
by Ticket and Travel Agents

Look for the date on Santa Fe time tables!

On the cover of each Santa Fe time table (both the "Ticket Agent Edition" and the "Traveler's Edition") you will note the date of issue and expiration. This information enables anyone to tell at a glance if the time table is a current issue; it also tells ticket agents and travel agents when new issues are due, which helps them plan proper distribution between printings. Santa Fe time tables are printed approximately four times a year.

Be sure that you receive sufficient copies of Santa Fe time tables for a 3-month distribution period. If you have changes to suggest in the quantities being supplied to you get in touch with your nearest Santa Fe traffic office or write the Santa Fe Advertising Department, Room 1753, Railway Exchange Building, Chicago 4, Illinois.

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Toungah, Kas.,
June, 27th - 49.

Mr. R. Q. Clymer,
Editor of Overland Times,
Dear Mr. Clymer: -

That beautiful editorial
"My Mother" which I can not resist -
telling your Mother Over, and which has
also caused a many v beautiful
comment - from my friends here
as well as El Dorado, Please don't
think it just the whim of "an old lady"
in my trying to tell you that a wonder-
ful service you are rendering in
writing these descriptive editorials
Mrs. F. W. McClure for instance
tells me so often how greatly she
appreciates what you write for
her loved ones. Mr. Clymer, she
is just one of so many who have
had those wonderful parents. I know I
will continue to thank you - which you so richly
deserve -
Mrs. Emma J. Laws.

(Mrs. A.) E. B. Ottum