

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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VICE PRESIDENT

August 10, 1949

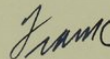
Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor & Manager
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I just noticed your editorial entitled "Look through the Camouflage" in the August 5 issue of the Times.

This certainly brings out the point that the federal government participation in the power business is only one of the steps on the road to socialized industry. You are certainly to be congratulated on this fine editorial and I can assure you that those of us in the industry appreciate it.

Sincerely,



Frank Barr-MB



EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

COMMITTEE
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 11, 1949

Dear Dick:

I agree with you that the editorial from the
El Dorado Times is good enough to go in the Record.
I expect to make a statement on the Floor of the House
next week on this subject matter. It is possible I may
include it as a part of my statement. If not, I will
have it inserted in the Appendix of the Record.

Thanking you, and with warm regards, I remain

Sincerely

Mr. Richard W. Robbins
Greensburg
Kansas

8/15/49

from Rolla - This editorial
was the one about
heavy Govt expenditures
each year and rec
over

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increase in employment -
about how Roosevelt had
to stage a fairly husky
war to get the new
weed out of a hole -

I sent you editorial
on Mr. Hoover to him - His
older son was once a
slave of mine and this
brought in fairly close
friction with the Father -
and even closer with
Mrs Hoover Sr. -

I have resigned from
the State Chamber of Commerce -
more about this later -
Luck to you & back

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August 13, 1949

Mrs. Bertha McAdoo
Rosalia, Kansas

Dear Mrs. McAdoo:-

I regret to say that the enclosed article which you have submitted is not acceptable. I think you will understand my reasons when I saw that the retail automobile business is highly competitive and that we have to be extremely careful not to favor one dealer over another in our comments.

I hope you will continue to send me some of your articles. No doubt I can make use of them occasionally.

Very truly yours,

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10² A.M.

Whitewater Kan 8-13-1947

Dear Rolla- Just finished your "Amends to Hoover". That is a well written and timely article and I'll see if Reed won't reprint this. Hell, fire I was just as guilty as anyone else about smearing Hoover. but damned if I have not grown to like the man and all his works in the Nations welfare. I first recognized Hoover after the Willkie campaign was over. I firmly believe the G.O. P. crossed Hoover up as much as the Demos did with this exception,

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They did not smear him publicly.
Hoover's warning to the U.S.A. at his
birthday party was as good as the
warnings by Abe Lincoln and I rate
Hoover as highly as Lincoln. I like to
reprint the words of Lincoln about
economy and thrift. Socialism is
just one step toward Communism and
the boys up in Washington are hell bent on
taking it. Regards

"It is time to think"

O. W. Meyer

Rolla Clymer correspondence



"NOT JUST ANOTHER HOTEL"

OLIN HOTEL
DENVER, COLO.

8/14/49

Dear Rolla:-

Out here on summer vacation.
Have just been thinking how
much you have been to me all
through the years and wanted
to let you know I do not forget.

As you know I have served all
connection with the bank, except
as a Director. (I still have a heavy
involvement there). Never was in
love with banking. My talents, if
I had any, were mostly in other di-
rections. So I felt happy when my job
was successfully completed. The Union
National grew under my management
from \$300,000 deposits to \$1,500,000, from
deficit earnings to net over \$400,000 per
year (before taxes), and from a low
position in public confidence to as high



"NOT JUST ANOTHER HOTEL"

OLIN HOTEL
DENVER, COLO.

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as any of its competitors - among
the first ten banks of the state. So
I felt I had been very fortunate
to be able to quit with such a record.
I made many mistakes but through
them learned much.

Please do not think I have quit.
I have no intention of quitting. I shall
be active, I hope, many years. But
it will not be in banking and I will
not be so vociferous or rambunctious.
I do want to lead my friends,
including yourself, and when
we have a chance to champion
some thing worth while for Kansas
or Country we'll all be in the
harness pulling together - just
as you always have been and as
I tried to be. Sincerely

W. B. Harrison

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Matfield Green, Mo.
August 15, 1949

Editor El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas.
Dear Sir:

I am a Matfield Rural High School graduate looking for work and have been informed that you might be able to help me find a job.

I am eighteen and have no experience, but am willing to learn. I do not want an office job as I have had very little typing or shorthand.

If you know of any position which it might be possible for me to fill around Sept., would you please write to me? I will appreciate any help you might give me.

Thank - you!

Sincerely,
Miss Kathryn Betty
Matfield Green, Kansas.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 15, 1949

Hotel President
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:-

I wish you would reserve for me a single room with bath for the night of Saturday, August 20. I expect to be in Kansas City during the afternoon or early evening of that day.

I shall appreciate confirmation of this request.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

From the desk of
MAX MILBOURN

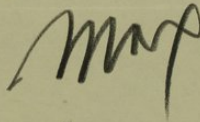
August 18, 1949

Rolla--

Could you send me three extra copies
of your paper with that wonderful editorial
in it. Would like to give my folks one,
and also send one to Dr. Jardine.

Would greatly appreciate your sending
one also to Milton Eisenhower with a letter
attached so it won't get lost on his desk.

Bless you.



Come over soon!

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 18, 1949

Mr. Angelo C. Scott
Toia, Kansas

My Dear Angelo:-

I remember when you were over here recently you showed me the record on Robert E. Milliken, a liquor store license applicant from this town. Milliken is now taking an appeal from the original decision which denied him a license, and Payne Ratner is his attorney. I have been asked to write a letter in Milliken's behalf. I did not want to address a formal letter to the board, hence I am dropping you a note.

I don't know what your board can do in the face of the record you let me see. (Milliken says he volunteered all this information about himself, and you can check that.) But there is this in Milliken's favor. He has lived here for 12 years and ran an auto supply store of ten of them. He has been a good citizen and has attended to business. He may have had booze troubles but none of other kinds that I know about. He worked hard, owns a couple of business buildings, an 8-room residential house and a 40-acre farm. He has proved himself an excellent business man and I believe if he were permitted to run a liquor store he would run it right.

Of course, I am not asking your board to do anything in Milliken's behalf that could not be justified under the law which is your guide. I just wanted you to know that he is a good sort and has a good reputation in this town--aside from his police court infractions. Don't believe many folks hold these against him.

You are fully at liberty to show this letter to other members of your board, if you wish. I did not want my communication to be formal; that is all.

I have bursitis in my left shoulder--a painful ailment. I had it when I played at golf in your company. I don't think I shall ever be able to beat you, but I do believe that some day I can look better than I did when you were here. I truly hope that day will come when we can get together--for I dote on being with you, no matter how bad my game is. My best to your Missus.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENTS

August 18, 1949

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

Dear Rol:

Thanks so much for your nice letter of July 25, with reference to the oil meeting. I think I can not only sympathize but have an understanding of what these boys are up against with this terrific importation problem. Being largely in the hands of the integrated companies it's my feeling they are pretty ruthless about it. I'm going to do the very best I can here and think maybe we have a fighting chance when the Reciprocal Trade Agreements come up, to put through the Thomas amendment.

I note what you have to say about the Southwestern Power development, and with reference to the action taken by the Appropriations Committee. Frankly, I concur with this action of the Committee. I know some of my REA friends won't like it but there is a limit and I'm not going to vote for duplicate power lines -- to aid in socializing this country in one grand swoop. We might have to take some of it, but this country has developed pretty well under a system that has paid taxes and furnished a pretty good standard of living to those willing to work and not just be carried along.

It looks as if we'll be here until or into September. Hot, muggy, and rough just about explains it. What a pleasure it will be to get back to God's country! Marie joins me in our best to both of you. And thanks for writing me.

Sincerely,

Andy

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THE MUNICIPAL
UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA 6, KANSAS

August 18, 1949

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

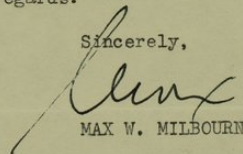
You have completely knocked the wind out of me. I can not at this time foresee how I can possibly justify all the confidence that you have in me.

Your editorial was out of this world but being a realist I know that you do not expect me to fulfill this faith 100%. Right now 1% would be a big obligation.

I hope that in the very near future that I will have an opportunity to thank you personally. I expect to leave for Manhattan about August 30 and Ruth will follow in about a couple of weeks after the house is in order. I hope that you will be able to make it over here for an evening before we leave. I'll be counting on it, and maybe by that time I will have regained my breath and composure.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



MAX W. MILBOURN

MWM:DH

Mrs. Lee Edmond Tucker
3714 Edgmont Pl.
Wichita, Kans.

August 18, 1949

Editor Eldorado Times

Dear Sir,

We want to commend you for refusing to
take liquor ads. Just hope other Kansas
papers will have the good judgement and cour-
age to do likewise.

Most Sincerely,

College Hill Women's Christian
Temperance Union

Lee Tucker (Corr. Sec.)

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August 19, 1949

The Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Attention Classified Advertising Department

Dear Sirs:-

Please publish the following advertisement
in your issue of Sunday, August 21, one time only, under
the heading of "Male Help Wanted:"

Linotype operator, part time floor work,
Housing available, union, scale, \$70, 40 hours.
The Times, El Dorado, Kansas.

Your statement for this service will be promptly
paid.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
per

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Florence, August 20, 1949

Bert Shore

Rolla Clymer ✓

We would like to have you drive over to our place next
sunday afternoon, August 29. Come over anytime in the afternoon and stay
for dinner.

Bert perhaps can get to Eldorado and hop a ride with you Rolla.
Will be pleased to see you both.

Sincerely,

Margaret & Chief

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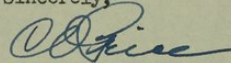
August 22, 1949

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In the absence of President Eisenhower I wish to thank you for your letter of August 19 and the accompanying editorial concerning Max Milbourn. I assure you the President will appreciate this evidence of approval of his selection of Mr. Milbourn.

Sincerely,



C. O. Price
Assistant to the President

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EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

COMMITTEE:
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Rolla

August 23, 1949

Dear Dick;

Under separate mail I am sending a copy of yesterday's Congressional Record. I thought you might like to look it over.

You will observe I made a statement against a flood control bill. When we finally voted, I think there were only 11 that opposed it.

It may interest you to know that the bill contains about \$36,000,000 for the Fourth Congressional District.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard W. Robbins
Greensburg
Kansas



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EDWARD H. REES
4TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

COMMITTEE:
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 23, 1949

Dear Rolla:

I am enclosing a copy of a statement I made on the Floor of the House yesterday with respect to the problem of flood control.

There is not anything particularly profound but I thought you might like to glance it over. I should add that the bill passed with a less than a dozen opposing it. In my judgment, it is a sort of "pork barrel" bill. It contains many projects for people in various parts of the country. As indicated in my statement, some are necessary, others not so much so.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rolla Clymer
Eldorado Times
Eldorado, Kansas

Encl.

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August 23, 1949

Mr. Harry Darby
Darby Corporation,
Kansas City, Kansas

My Dear Harry:-

A young friend of mine--Michael Pash, of Kansas City, Kansas, has applied to your corporation for a job as tool and die maker. He is 29 years old and had some Army experience. But he has a good background at tool and die making and designing, is a young fellow of excellent character and is ambitious to make good at his craft. If you could find room for him somewhere in your organization, I believe he would make you a first-class employee.

Of course, I don't expect you to bother with details like this but if you could ask your personnel department to give this boy's application some careful consideration, I would greatly appreciate the favor.

Sincerely yours,



August 23, 1949

My Dear Harry:-

I have been reading The Star's story about you--and it is a Lu-lu! I think it's about time that someone gave the lowdown on a man of your talents and capacities--and feel that The Star did a ~~job~~ job of it when it got around to that long-delayed privilege. You have long been one of my favorite persons and I wish I might have had the pleasure of writing this article. As an aside, I did include a little paragraph in my column for today and am including a clipping of it.

You have so many loyal and royal friends that I could never hope to lead the cheering section in your favor. Still, I can fling a little diapason in the chorus--and I want you to know that I shall always be around lending my voice and lungs whenever your praises are sung. For you have richly earned all your laurels.

Sincerely your friend,

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1114 So. Euphoria
Wichita 11, Kansas
Aug 23, 1949

Mr. Rolla Clymer
of the Eldorado Times

Dear Mr. Clymer: A very short time ago I saw your name in "Kansas Currents" - Wichita Eagle. Several times I've seen the name Clymer in Kansas different ways, tho I've not lived in Kansas much of the time - but lived in Ark. Okla. and Iowa. In Iowa I knew a man named John Clymer - he had a son named Geo. daughter named Elizabeth (Leib.) - an adopted son named Sam. John Clymer was a Pennsylvanian. He was when I knew him a well-to-do farmer living about 5 or 6 miles S.W. of Prairie City Ia. I worked for him on farm at different times was "herd boiled." everything had to be done just so. He learned me more about plowing

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corn than my Daddy did - it was a
help to me all my life for I'm always
farmer -

Well while I still lived in the Clymer
vicinity George left home (didn't get along
with Dad too well) He went to Kansas
perhaps returned home on a short stay
but went back to Kans. I rather think
his Dad helped him some financially.

If George Clymer had lived till now
he would have been about 85 years ^{I am 87} old -
he was a few years younger than my oldest
bro. Clymers were as honest as the day
was long. The old man had lost his first
wife married a widow Stoffer who had
3 or 4 children - I stayed there one winter
went to school at the Van Guilders School
house - we had bread butter and honey for
lunch. If it's not too much job I hope
you tell me something about Geo. Clymer
if you know about him. Respectfully
O.E. Carner

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Olympia Washington
August 24, 1949

My dear Rolla:

I always have appreciated the Times, and should have made a point of telling you so, long ago.

The local news is of particular interest and is well covered.

And in addition, I think the editorial page is one of the best in Kansas.

I am enclosing an editorial on the same subject that you treat so well, - taxes, thinking that you may enjoy it.

Very truly yours,
Marion Embree
518 North Quince St.
Olympia Washington

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August 24, 1949

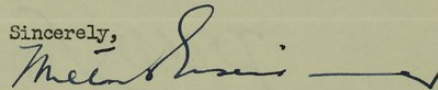
Mr. R. A. Clymer
The El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

That was a top-flight editorial you wrote about
Max Milbourn. I am proud to have it. I know that he
is going to do great work for Kansas State College and,
through it, for the people of the State.

Thanks a lot for your courtesy.

Sincerely,



Milton S. Eisenhower
President

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Kansas Division National Campaign

209 NORTH BROADWAY — ROOM 203
PHONE 3-4721 — WICHITA, KANSAS

August 24, 1949

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Ass't State Director

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Mr. Robert M. Bond told Judge Wertz today
he would serve as County Chairman for the USO in Butler
County.

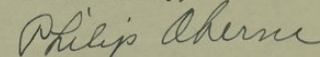
We had a talk with E.W. Kunkle, who is
Chairman of your Community Funddrive. He is sympathetic
toward USO, but expects some opposition to USO inclusion
in the budget from among other members of the committee.

The budget committee meeting will be
held within a week, Kunkle said.

If you could publish a little story about
Bond's appointment and an editorial on USO within the
next week, it would do much to sway that committee.

Thank you a lot for your help today.

Yours sincerely,



Philip P. Aherne USO
Assistant State Director

PPA/mh

USO 1950 QUOTA \$10,100,000 — KANSAS' SHARE \$148,434
For Those in Service, Still in Hospitals, or in Training

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 25, 1949

Miss Kathryn Welty
Matfield Green, Kansas

Dear Miss Welty:-

I regret that I know of no openings here that you might fill at this time. I shall keep you in mind, however, and if I learn of anything to your advantage will be glad to let you know about it.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 25, 1949

Mr. W. B. Harrison
Denver, Colorado

My Dear Mr. Harrison:-

I greatly enjoyed your letter which came a few days ago. If I have ever been "nice" to you, as you say I have, it was because I have admired you immensely and have understood the unselfish purposes that have animated you in many of your endeavors.

I was frankly intrigued by your statement that you have never been in love with banking. At this point, I might grow facetious and say that "maybe you were never in love with her, but you made a mighty good husband just the same." But I have never heard any man who has scored an outstanding success in his field over many years make such an admission. Your taste in this particular may help me to understand some points about you that were never quite clear. Still, I am confident you have built for yourself an enduring reputation in the banking history of this state. I wish I might have seen you independently at the head of a paper like the Beacon or the Eagle. I think you would have made more history--much of it not to the liking of the many folk who wish to take the easy way out.

I am sure you have not retired and that you will be in the harness somewhere, capable and efficient as always. And you may be certain that I shall be happy to be allied with you in any endeavor, even in a small way, for your talents and integrity will continue to be pre-eminent.

Sincerely your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 26, 1949

Mr. John Long
Cassoday, Kansas

Dear Mr. Long:-

I have heard nothing from you since I wrote you on August 2 asking you to make arrangements for paying the bill of \$127.38 which you owe us on circulation arrears. This account cannot be disregarded.

I now wish to inform you that unless we have definite word from you within the next few days satisfying us as to your intentions to discharge this debt in a prompt and orderly manner, we shall be forced to take the proper action to protect our interests.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
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