

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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

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

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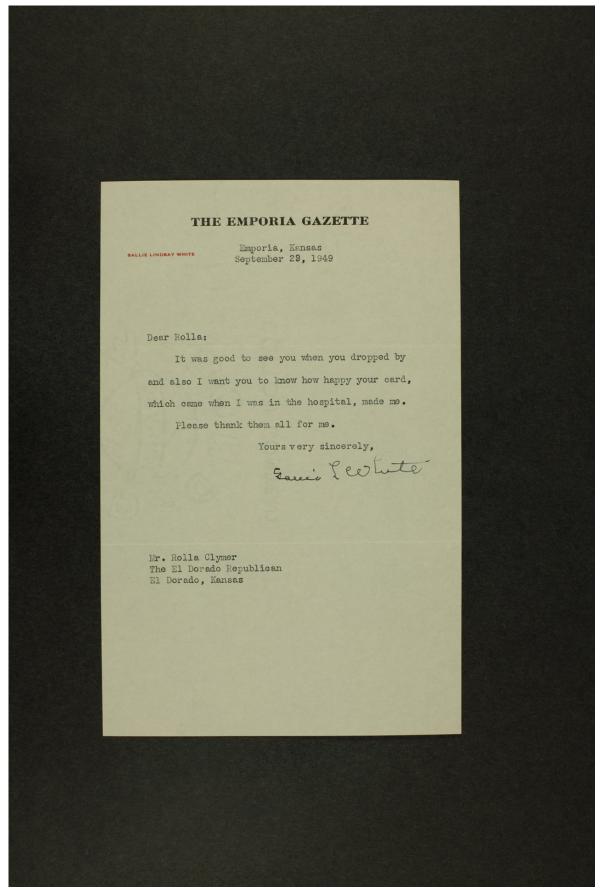
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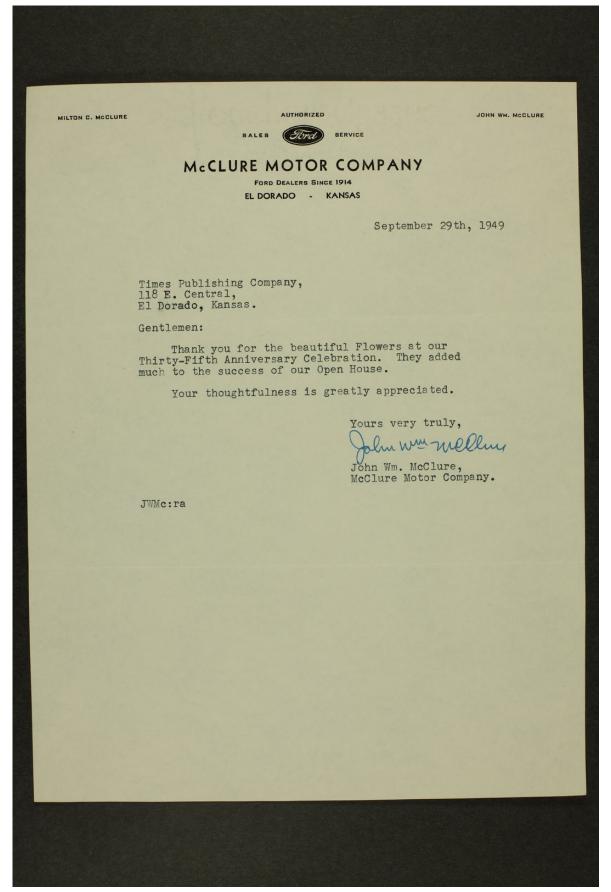
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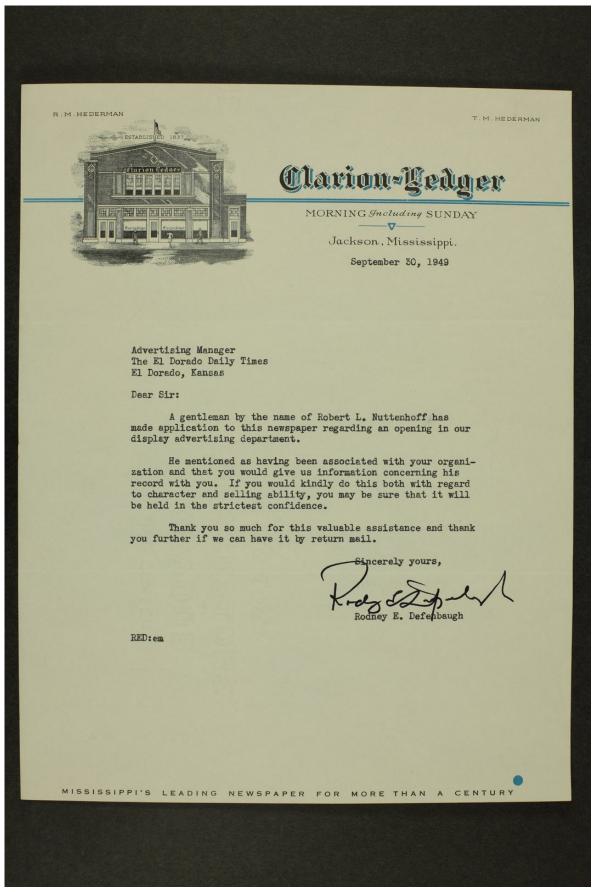




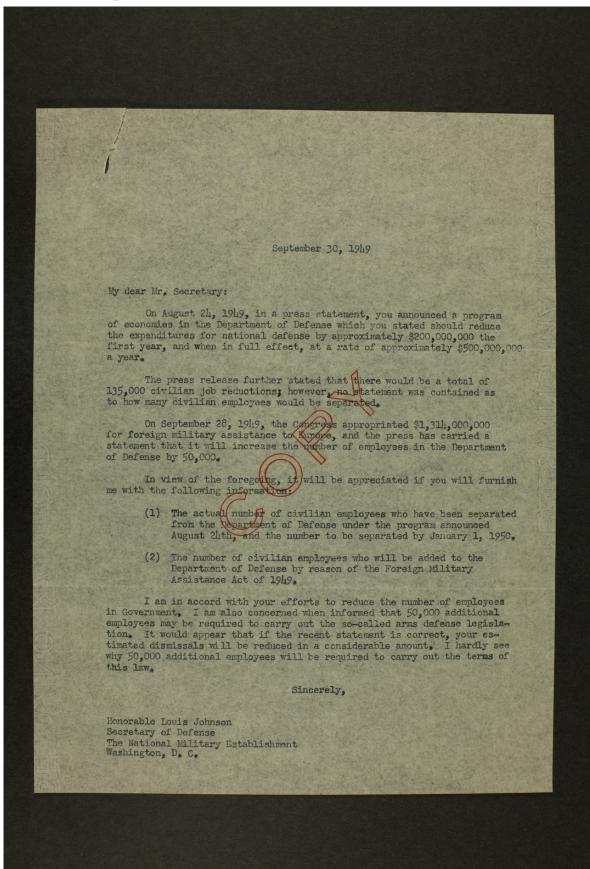




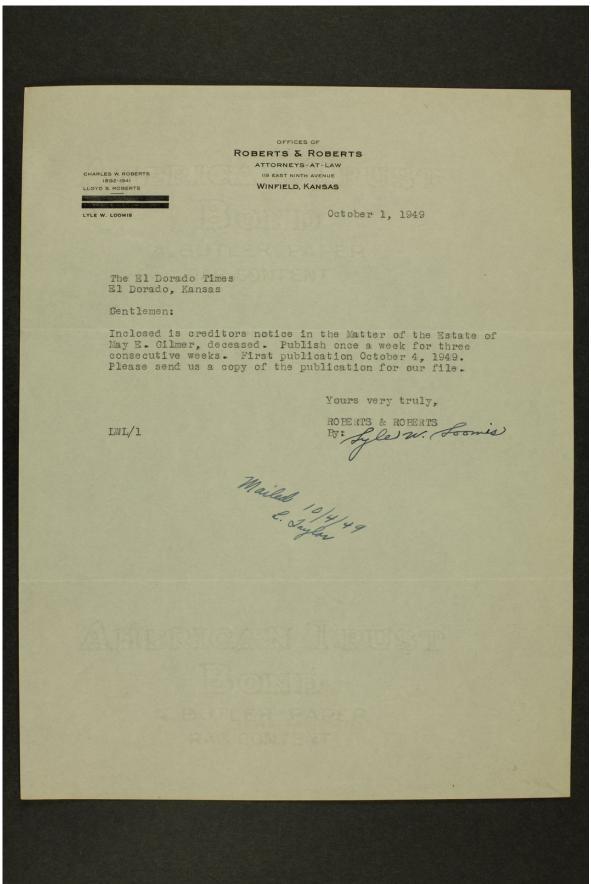




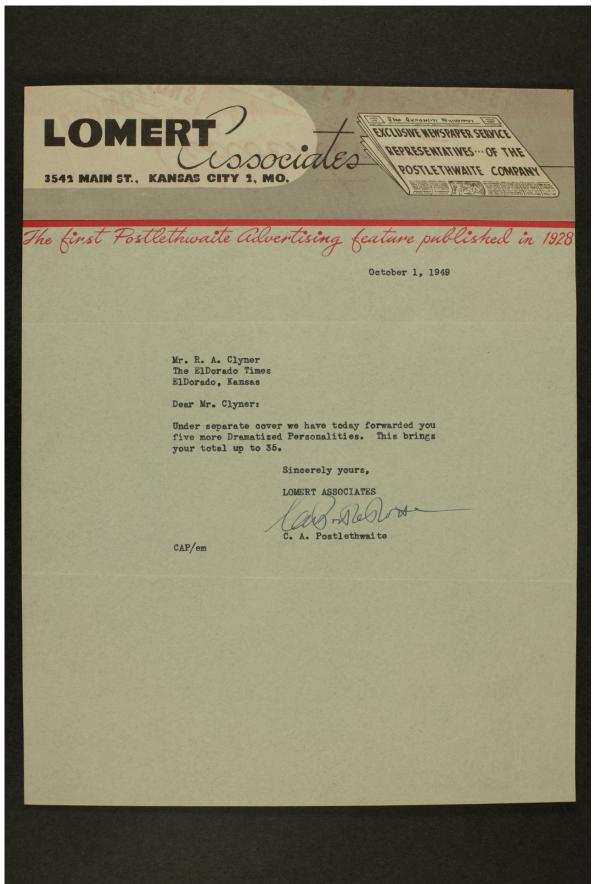




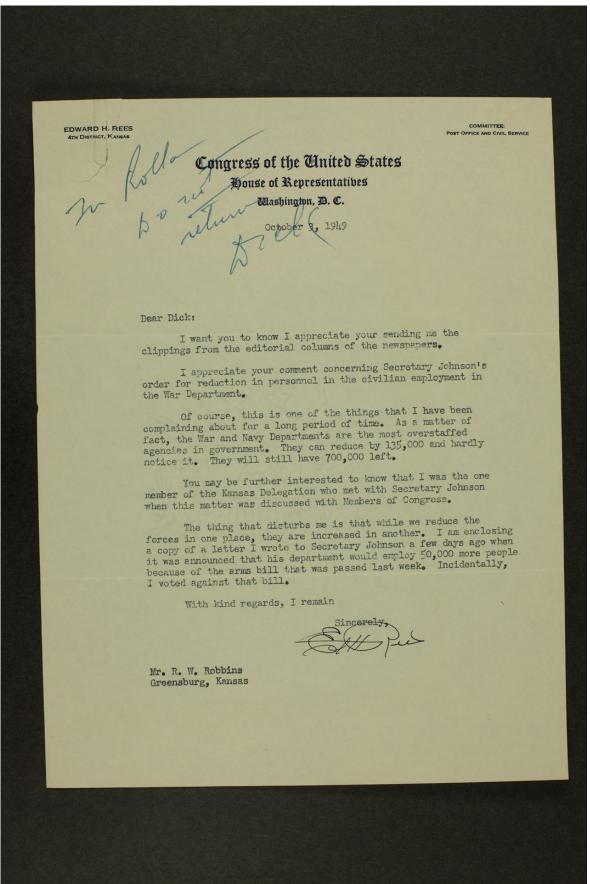




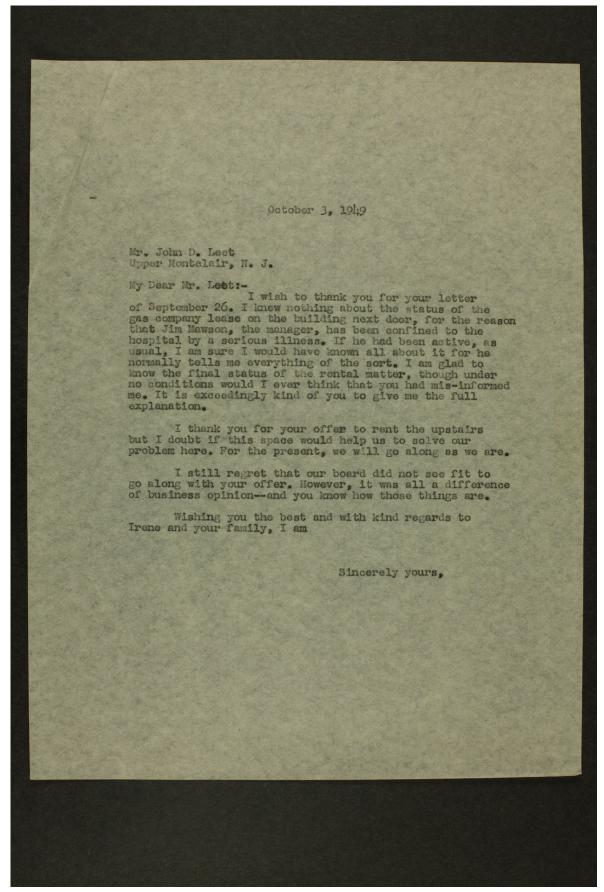




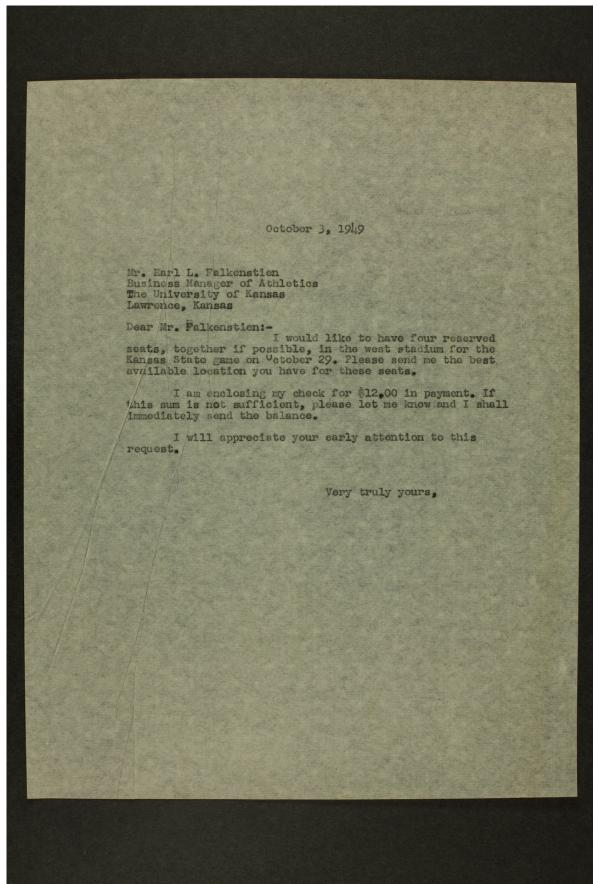




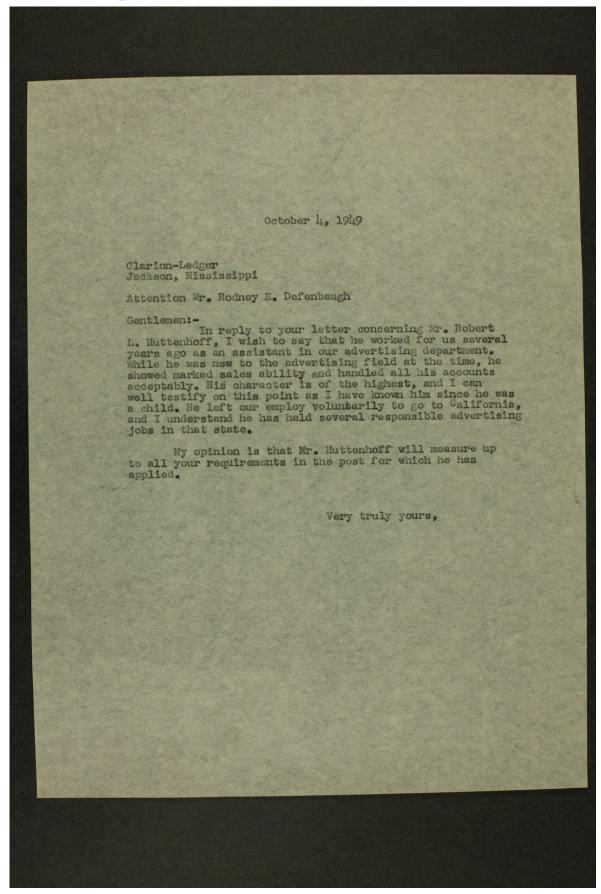




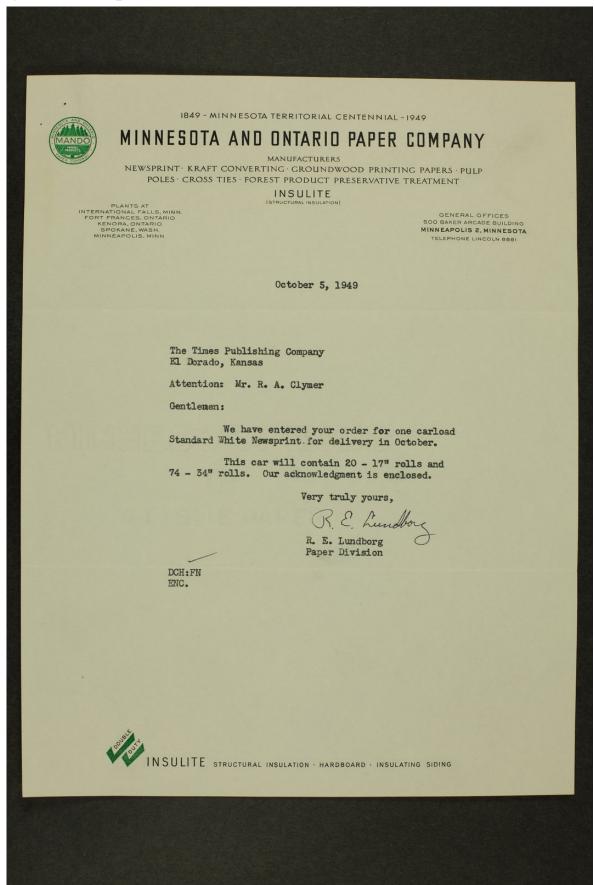




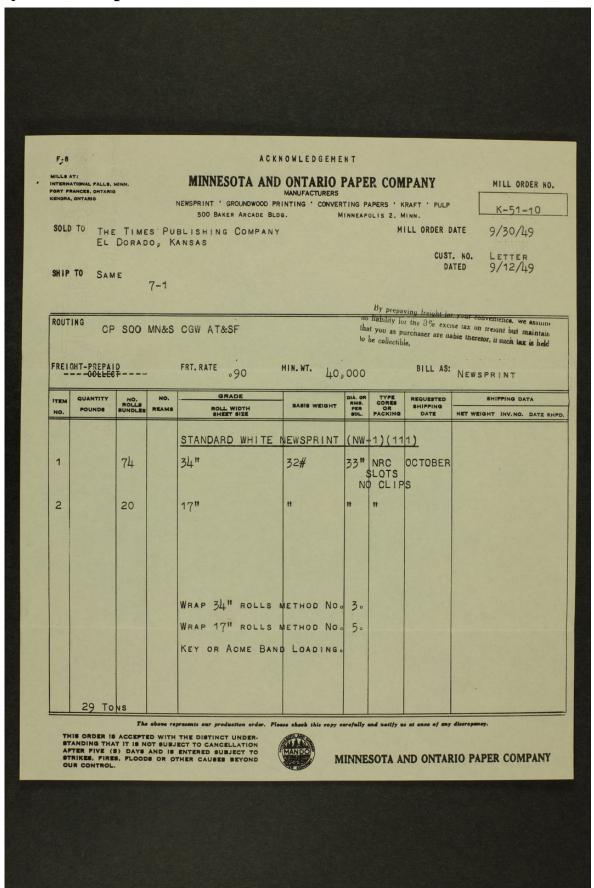




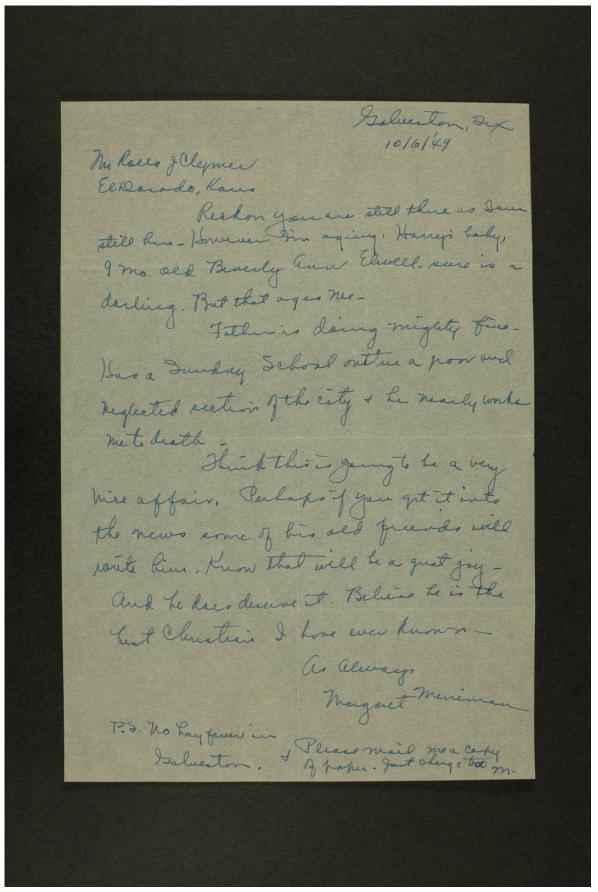






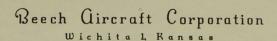








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October 6, 1949

PERSONAL

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

Dear "Rol":

This is strictly an "off the record" letter from me to you.

In fact, it now occurs to me that I should have dropped you this personal note a week ago when I first replied to Jack Wecker's early September letter of inquiry as to job possibilities.

Just want you to know that although there are no openings here now, if at any time in the future I should need help—and if by any chance any one of your men might seem to be a logical prospect—you can be damned sure that I personally will not be making any offers until after I have cleared with you!

Seems like we've been terribly snowed under all this year. Sometimes wonder if things will ever settle down to the place where a fellow can take a little time off now and then to visit near-by friends. But perhaps we'll find a quiet Saturday which has the perfect kind of fall weather condusive to desires for a drive out of town and I can drop in on you again one of these days. Of course, you know the welcome mat is always out for you over here.

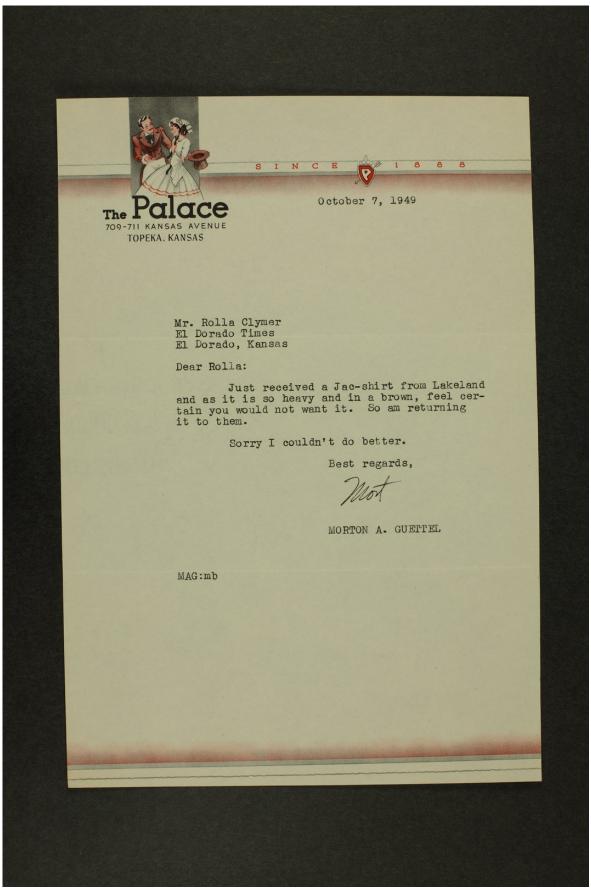
Most cordially yours,

BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

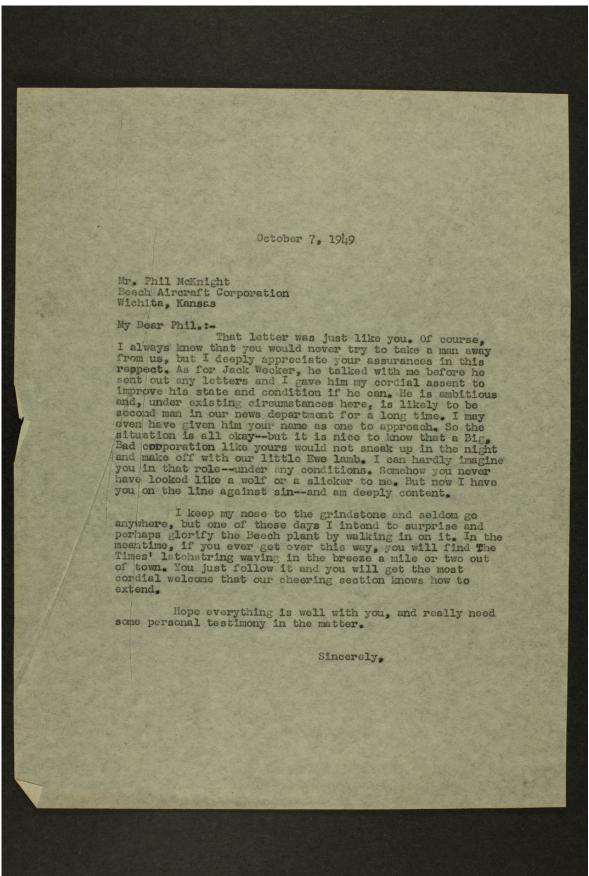
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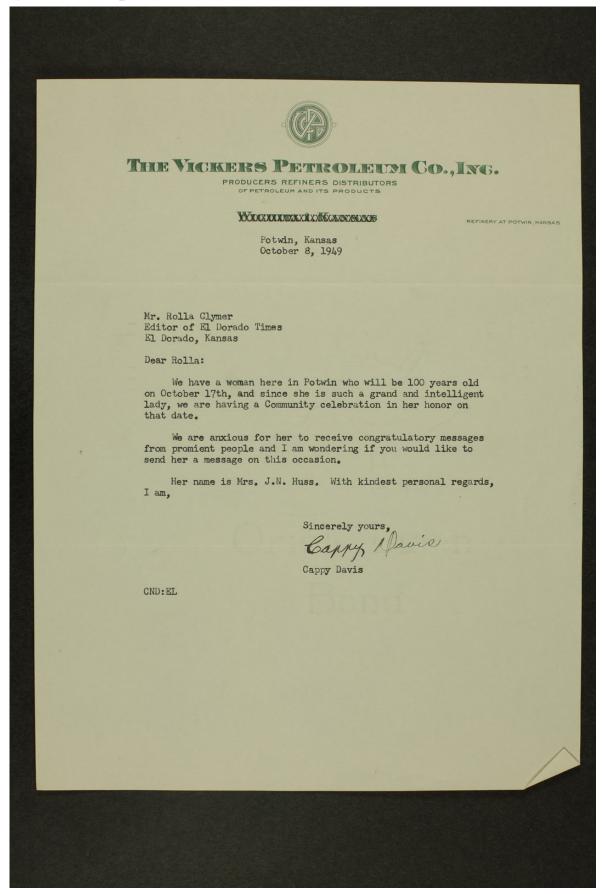




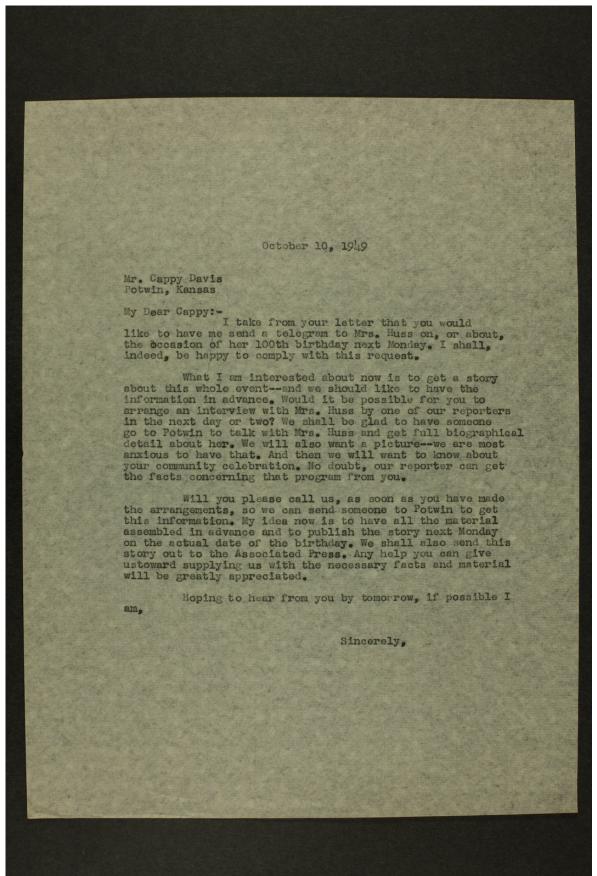




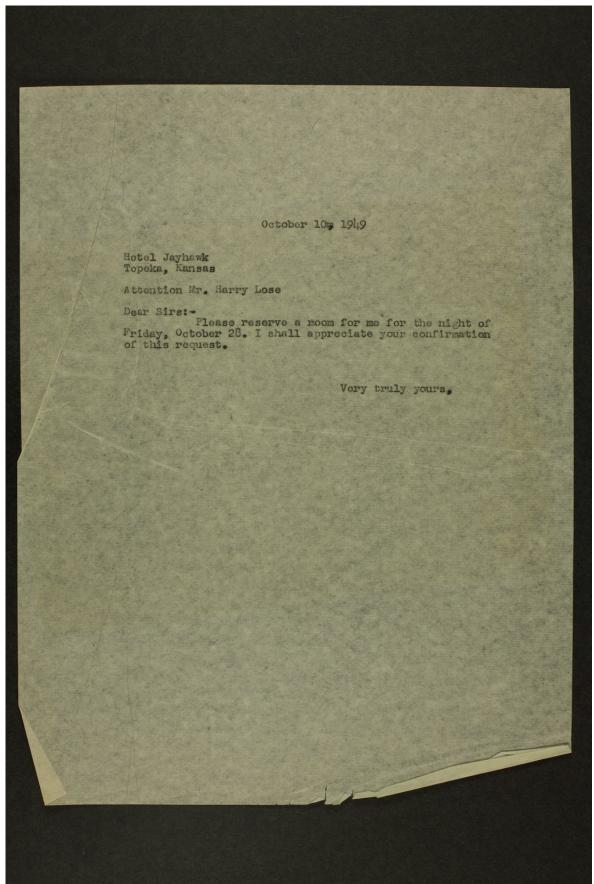














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The Ornappa Company

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AGENT FOR
THE CHOCTAW PULP & PAPER CO.
MANUFACTURER OF NEWSPRINT
WASHINGTON D. C.

Times Publishing Company R. A. Clymer, Editor El Dorado, Kansas

Gentlemen:

The Ornappa Company is sponsoring a project for the construction in the South of a paper mill to manufacture newsprint.

Work on the project was initiated in 1946, and all of the preliminary details have been completed, such as engineering studies, selection of a mill site, arranging for a supply of pulpwood, and the establishment of a tariff of freight rates from the mill to various destinations in the Middlewest.

A commitment for a long term loss has been secured to finance one-half of the cost of the mill. The other half of the cost will be secured under a unique Customer-Ownership arrangement, whereby the annual production of the mill will be sold in advance of its construction to a group of newspaper publishers.

If you are interested in securing a permanent supply of newsprint for your paper through the co-operative ownership of an interest in a newsprint mill, this undertaking will merit your very serious consideration.

Complete information regarding the project will be supplied you upon receipt of a letter indicating your interest.

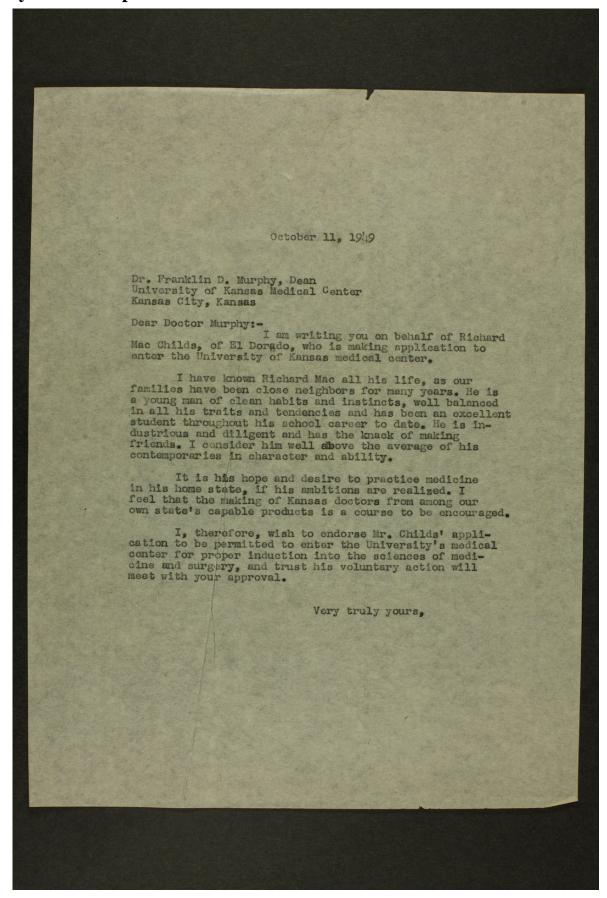
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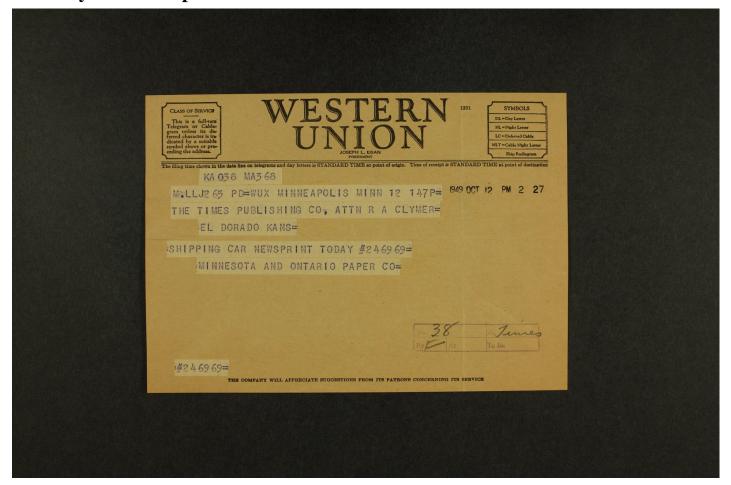
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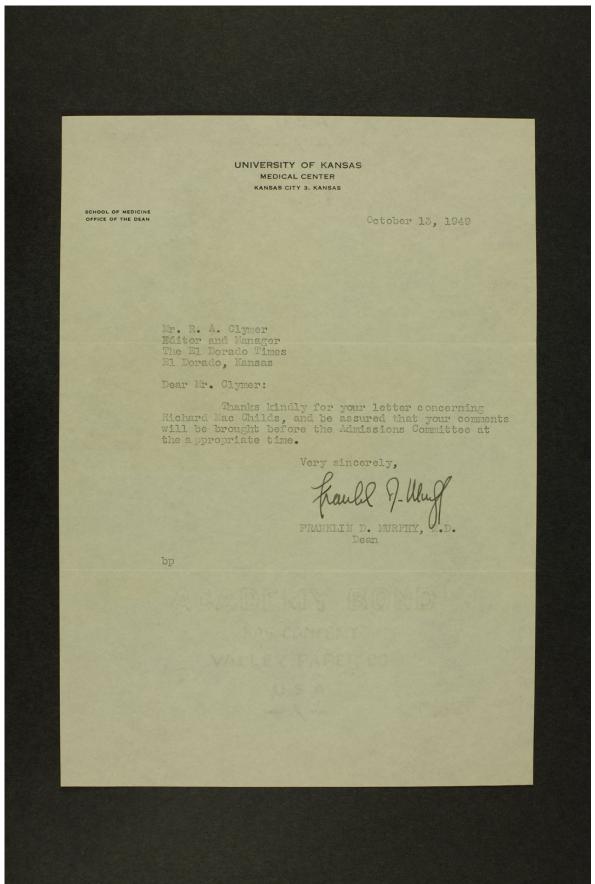




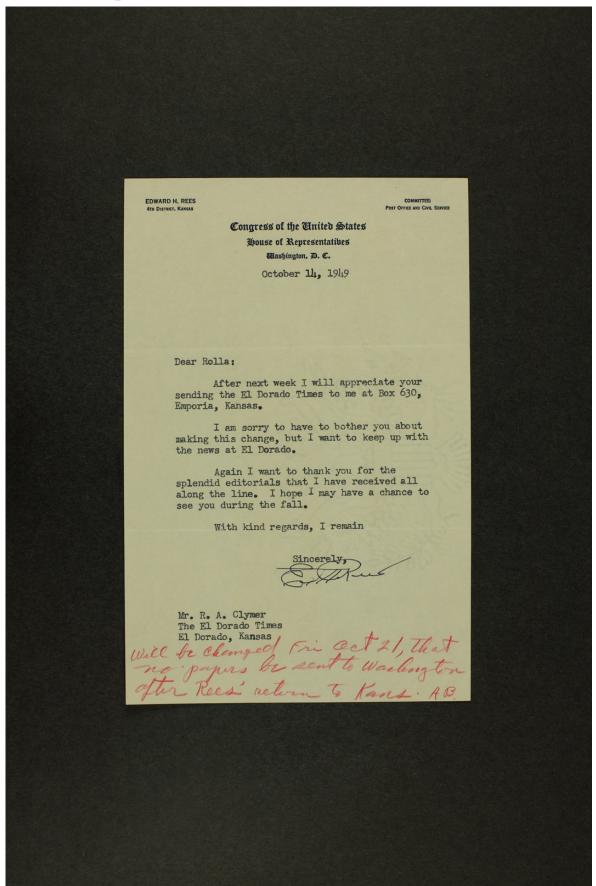




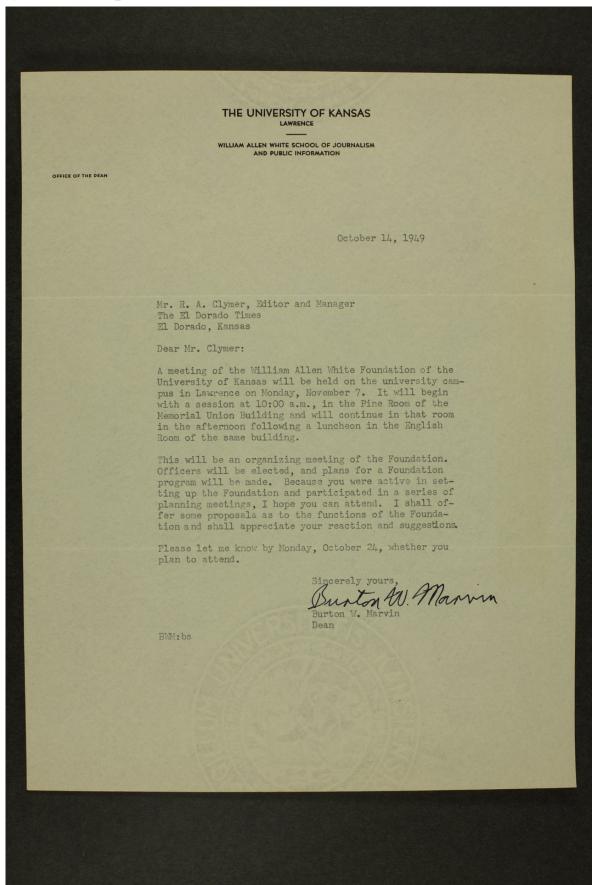














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Topeka Press Club

Eighth and Jackson TOPEKA - KANSAS

October 17, 1949

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

Dear Sir:

The Topeka Press Club is trying to start something which we think will benefit greatly the working reporters, and thus all the daily newspapers, of Kansas. We need a little help from you.

We are trying to bring some of the nation's best reporters and editors here to meet and talk with the reporters from Kensas deilies. Primarily, we want this conference to be for the reporters. In our opinion, there is no way for working Kansas newspapermen to improve themselves now, despite the annual conferences for editors, publishers and mechanical departments.

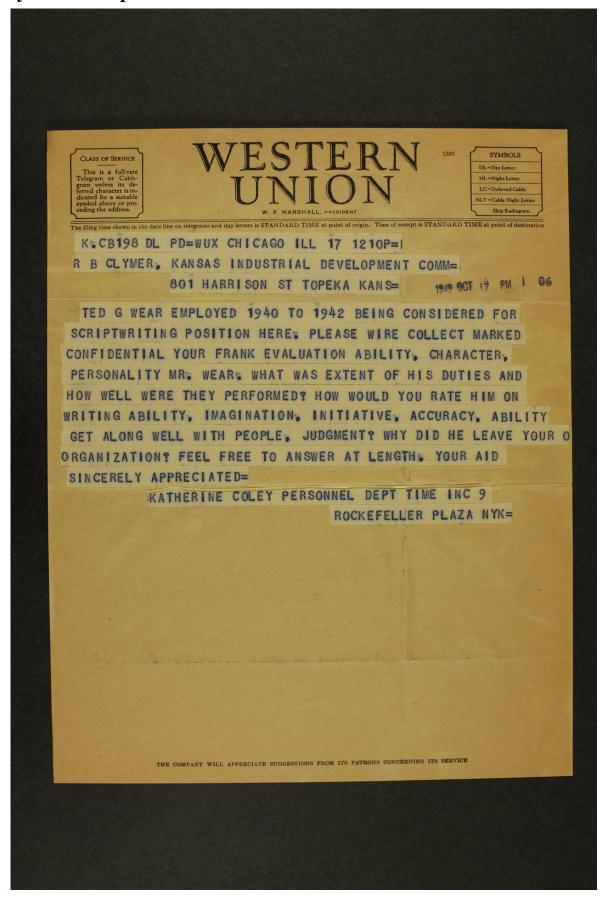
All we are asking from you now to help us get this started is a list of the reporters on your paper, together with a label-type description of their jobs, such as: "Joe Blow, police reporter." We need this to get an idea how many reporters there are on the dailies and where to send invitations for the conference we hope to line up.

This is all tentative so far, but we have promise of help from several sources to get good men here for the meeting. Our plan is to start it on a Saturday night and run all day Sunday, so as many as possible can come without taking too much time from their work. Further, every effort will be made to keep the cost to individuals attending as low as possible. We are not proposing any history-making blowout-only a day of work with a minimum of frills.

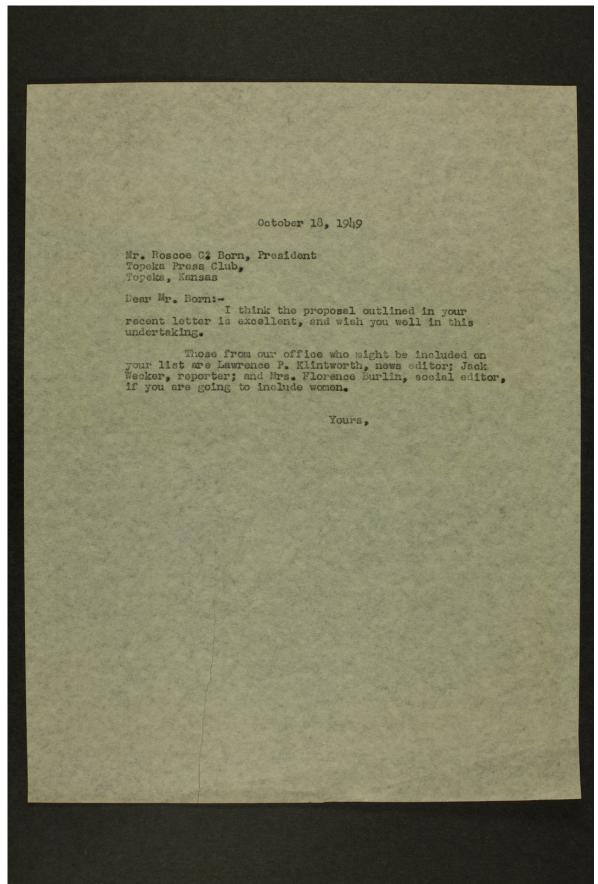
We would appreciate a prompt reply, with a list of your reporters, together with any remarks you wish to make about the plan.

Roscoe C. Born President











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October 18, 1949

Mr. B. C. Adams The Gas Service Company Kansas City, Missouri

My Dear Mr. Adams: I have checked on Walter Gillespey, of Augusta, as you suggested when I saw you at Kansas City last Wednesday evening.

I find that Walter is popular and well liked in Augusta. He gets along with his public and seems to handle the company's affairs with general satisfaction. Fred Spencer, Augusta mayor and head of the Spencer Trailer company, told me he thinks Walter is capable of handling a larger job. He expects Walter to develop under heavier responsibility, and said if Walter were in his organization he would not hesitate to give him larger duties. This, I think, constitutes high confidence in any man.

Roy Haines, president of the Prairie State Bank, said he believes Walter able to handle a larger job, but that he will "not be another Jimmy Mawson." Of course, few can measure up to Jimmy's class and perhaps you do not have another man of his calibre to put into a job like the one here in El Dorado. The only criticism I heard of Walter is that he spends some time at the "Coffee Club," and in such harmless by-play. There are some old-fashioned persons who still frown on such practices.

I think this report will about cover my findings.
I still hear, however, the wish expressed that Paul Cruitt might qualify for the position of manager here—whenever a change is made. Paul has a friendly following in El Dorado. I personally realize, of course, that you will have to select a manager for an entire district—and not just one for this town.

I hope what I have told you will be of some benefit. If you need any other unbiased information, I shall be glad to get it for you.

The gas company's party last Wednesday was a bang-up affair all around--and I was pleased and happy to be a guest.

Sincerely your friend,



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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Thank you, Mr. Clymer, for your check for \$25.00, covering the current years dues. Your official receipt and personal membership card are attached. We appreciate this continued support and the confidence it shows in the Association's program.

Very often members ask what they can do to help IPAA accomplish its objectives for the industry. One of the most helpful things you or any member can do is to let your Senators and Congressman know your views on pending legislation affecting the oil business.

A strong, healthy, and competitive oil industry within our own borders is essential to both our National economy and our National security. Those who represent you in Washington will, therefore, welcome suggestions coming from one who has an intimate knowledge of this very important factor in our National life.

Thanking you again for your support and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

O. E. Buelmer, Executive Manager

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