

## 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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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

**The Pittsburg Headlight**

EVENINGS  
EXCEPT SUNDAY

Established 1887

**THE PITTSBURG SUN**

MORNINGS  
EXCEPT MONDAY

Established 1916

### THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF  
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Pittsburg, Kansas  
Sept. 26, 1950

Rolla A. Clymer  
The Times  
El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Yes, I will do the best I can along the line you suggest at the AP meeting in Kansas City, Oct. 30. Ray Green was one of the most interesting Kansans I have ever known. I knew of no one with whom I would rather visit. Through the years it was a delight to spend a little time with him. It never occurred to me that there was ever a personal motive back of any observation he made about men or measures. He was as calmly satisfied with his own fortunes as anyone could be. When he was indignant he was calmly indignant--but terribly indignant--even if he did not go out on the housetops like some of us and display his anger. You know, of course, of the bitter feeling between Ray and Gomer Davies. An incident that stands out in my memory occurred in the grand ball room in the Waldorf at an AP luncheon. Ray and I were at the same table, as we frequently were. Marvin Creager came by. Creager originated in Republic County. He never had met Ray. I introduced them. Said Creager: "Concordia! How is my old friend Gomer Davies getting along?" Said Ray: "I don't know. I never see the gentleman." I was embarrassed because I knew about the situation. But the way Ray said what he said has lingered in my memory always. You may know that he had another pet peeve. This was Scoop Hill. If we wanted to stimulate Ray's eloquence we would mention Scoop.

My first acquaintance with Ray was in the early 20s when we stirred up the trouble about the AP rates. Ray went on the committee to find out why we were being charged what. From then on I saw him occasionally and became better acquainted with him. For many years ~~was~~ I had classified him as one of my closest friends. He was not a friend who was looking for votes or favors of any kind. He was, therefore, a year around friend. You and I, I am sure, are alike in this respect, that *we feel* a friend of that kind is the only one for whom one can have real respect.

Yes, I will do it.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls



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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
STAR BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY 2, MO.

September 27, 1950

Mr. Clyde M. Reed, Jr.  
Editor  
The Sun  
Parsons, Kansas

Dear Clyde:

This is one I forgot to mention in our telephone conversation today.

At our Spring meeting at Fort Riley the Kansas AP members voted to have the Kansas Continuing Study Committee devise a plan for a news writing contest similar to our photo contest. You may have noted this in the minutes. Anyhow this is how the minutes read in part:

"He (Gorrie) mentioned that Missouri members had decided to undertake an annual award for the best handled state news stories submitted by member correspondents and suggested the Kansas members might want to consider a similar contest. The members quickly voiced approval and asked their continuing study committee to draw up tentative plans for the contest and to make a report at the Fall meeting."

The Missouri group approved a similar motion when Norman Isaacs of the St. Louis Star-Times pointed out the success of a Texas news writing contest. I am enclosing the rules and some other material regarding the Texas contest but it appears to be more of a general contest based on the material used by the various members whether or not sent to the AP.

I think we should make our contest as simple as possible, especially in the beginning, considering the best spot news story, best feature and best handled story, something beyond the call of duty. Or just merely one award for the best story sent to the AP, everything taken into consideration.

If you have time why don't you whip up a brief outline for a recommendation to the October meeting and submit it for suggestions to your other committee members. Something should be decided too about awards and how the money is to be raised if cash prizes are to be presented. Possibly a plaque or certificate for the correspondents would be sufficient.

Missouri is working on a similar contest and it would help if the two contests were alike -- similar rules. E. L. Dale, publisher of the Carthage, Mo., Press is the Missouri study committee chairman so you can get in touch with him if you care to. I am sending him a similar letter today with the same Texas information. If you and Dale could agree on a brief set of rules the rest would be easy.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Gorrie:rb  
enc.

Chief of Bureau

cc Mr. R. A. Clymer, ✓ El Dorado Times (With copy of Texas material)

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### TEXAS APME CONTEST RULES FOR 1950: NEWS

The Texas APME Continuing Study Committee, meeting May 28 in Houston, adopted the following contest rules:

**NEWS WRITING:** There are seven categories in the News Writing Contest with first and second place and three honorable mention winners to be selected in each. Winners will receive award certificates from the Texas APME.

#### The Categories:

1. Best Spot News Story.
2. Best News Feature.
3. Best Short Feature (300 words or less).
4. Best Report of a Sports Event.
5. Best Women's Department Story.
6. Best Page one Make-Up.
7. Best Headline.

Only one entry may be submitted from each paper in each category. Each entry will be confined to one story. The name of the contestant, the newspaper and the category entered must be firmly attached to each entry. (Roderick J. Watts, Houston Chronicle, Chairman.)

**AP CORRESPONDENT:** As usual, an award will be made to the best AP "string" correspondent in Texas. This annual award goes to a correspondent not on the staff of an AP member paper.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A special award will be made for Community Service. The Committee considers this an important APME project. Because of this, it will be handled by a special Committee, which will make every possible effort to obtain excellent judges. Any 1950 Community project by your newspaper, with all the news stories, pictures, with a summary of results, or the contribution to the Community constitutes the entry material in this category. (Albert Nibling, Sherman Democrat, Chairman.)

All contests are for the calendar year 1950. All entries must be received in the AP Bureau at Dallas or the offices of the contest chairmen not later than January 5, 1951. Judges will be announced later.

Managing Editors and their staff members should be on the alert for possible entries, setting aside good stories and pictures for that purpose. The year is half gone and this is a good time to check with your news desks, reporters and photographers on good work they have done so far, work suitable for the contests. A good way to do it is to ask each staffer to suggest examples of his own work. A similar staff check-up each month will be helpful. All photo entries must have been published in the AP member's paper.

Roderick J. Watts  
Chairman, Contest Committees.  
Texas APME Continuing  
Study Committee.





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

### AP TEXAS SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE

#### MANAGING EDITORS:

This is to remind you that you have less than a month to mail to me your entries for the News Contest, winners of which will be announced at the El Paso meeting on February 15, 1948.

December 15 is the deadline for these entries.

You may submit not more than three entries in each of the following six categories:

1. Spot News (including political writing).
2. News Feature writing.
3. Sports writing.
4. Staff correspondence.
5. Special citation to a Texas AP member paper for Community public service. (Last year this award went to the Abilene Reporter-News and Wendell Bedichek for the successful campaign to change the form of city government. Honorable Mention to the Denton Record-Chronicle for presentation of civic problems resulting in improved public service; to the Houston Chronicle for its campaign in furtherance of public health.)

6. Citation to a Texas AP string correspondent selected for outstanding work.

Please note carefully the following instructions for submitting entries:

1. Each entry must be submitted on standard bond paper, 8½ x 11, neatly pasted.
2. If stories exceed the measurements of the page, they should be clipped together.
3. In the upper left-hand corner give the name of the writer, the name of the newspaper, the name of the city, and the designation of the category in which the entry is submitted.
4. Place all entries in one manila folder, labeling the folder with the name of the newspaper and the city.

I have made arrangements for the entries to be judged by the January seminar of city editors of the American Press Institute of Columbia University. Mr. Floyd Taylor, Director of the Institute, was so gracious in accepting responsibility for the judging, that I want to ~~make~~ make his task as easy as possible by submitting the entries in the best possible shape. Do not send bound files, or complete newspapers!

Please give me your best cooperation in this contest, and address your entries:

J. Q. Mahaffey, The Gazette and News, Texarkana, U. S. A.  
Thanks.

"JQ"  
Chairman, News Contest  
TAPMEA  
11-24-47

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C. L. HAGAN, Exalted Ruler

CHAS. SMOCK, Treasurer

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REGULAR MEETINGS  
First and Third Mondays



FREE FEED  
Every Monday Evening 7 P.M.

EL DORADO LODGE No. 1407  
121 EAST PINE  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

September 28th, 1950

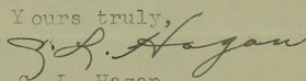
Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Sir:

As you know the week of October 1st to October 8th, has been designated as 'Newspaper Week'. The Elk's Lodges of this country recognize the valuable part the newspapers play in the life of a community, so we are taking this opportunity of recognizing you members of the newspaper fraternity.

You are invited to attend a dinner in your honor at the Elks Lodge here in El Dorado, Thursday evening, October 5th at seven o'clock.

If you are unable to be present yourself, would you send another representative from your paper.

Yours truly,  
  
C. L. Hagan  
Exalted Ruler,  
B. P. O. Elks #1407

R.S.V.P.





## THE PARSONS SUN

CLYDE M. REED, JR., Publisher  
PARSONS, KANSAS

September 28, 1950

R. A. Clymer ✓  
Henry Jameson  
G. F. Reed  
Harry Valentine

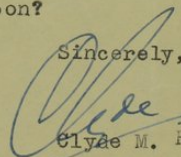
Gentlemen:

I am writing to inquire of each of you if a meeting of the Kansas Continuing Study committee can be arranged for Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, in Kansas City, prior to the A. P. session on Monday.

It is necessary for us to meet some time before the annual A. P. meeting and I would like to know if it will be convenient for you to reach Kansas City Sunday for, say, a 3 p.m. meeting.

Will you let me know soon?

Sincerely,



Clyde M. Reed, jr.

CMR:RFP

cc: Gorrie



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September 28, 1950

Mr. E. L. Falkenstien  
Business Manager Athletics  
The University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Falkenstien:-

I would like two reserved  
seat tickets for each of the following University  
of Kansas home games:

October 7, Colorado  
October 28, Nebraska  
November 11, Oklahoma

I realize that no choice tickets will be  
left at this time for any of the games I have listed,  
but will be grateful if you will send me the best  
of what you have available.

I am enclosing a check in blank, drawn to  
your favor, to pay for these tickets.

Your consideration of me in this instance will  
be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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September 29, 1950

Mr. Frank G. Gorrie, Chief of Bureau  
The Associated Press,  
Kansas City, Missouri

My Dear Frank:-

Am enclosing reservations slip for the requirements of Klintworth and myself at the AP meeting next month. We will want single rooms, as indicated. I expect to arrive in Kansas City by automobile about noon on Sunday, October 29. Klintworth will reach there about 2 o'clock by train that same afternoon.

I have written Clyde Reed that I shall be available for a meeting of his continuing study committee about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. At that time, among other matters, we shall take up the subject of the news writing contest. I think this is important. I have carefully noted what you said in your letter to Clyde, under date of September 27, and believe your suggestions to be sound.

Your letter announcing the meeting and all other references to the occasion was well done (as habitual with you) and so I consider everything serene on the AP front.

I hope and believe we will have an excellent meeting with large attendance at this time.

One question: Do you think a report from Lawson May, at the main AP business ~~xxx~~ session, on the progress of his wire group, would be in order?

Very truly yours,





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*The*  
**POSTLETHWAITE CO., INC.**  
 *Advertising*  
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI  
17 EAST 14TH STREET  
PHONES BALTIMORE 2825-2826

September 29, 1950

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

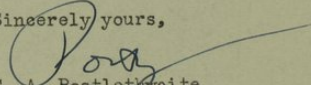
Dear Rolla:

This past week I have been calling on newspapers, and quite a few of them noticed the fine special edition that you and your folks published last Tuesday. Of course we are quite pleased with the way it came out. It's a very creditable edition and we hope you are as proud of it as we are.

Incidentally, this is the fourth time that we have served the Times, and we are rather proud of the fact that we have served your paper four times -- so I am wondering if you would mind writing us a note along that line? Newspaper publishers are quite often suspicious of outside help in any promotion, as they should be, so it is always a help to show them that we have done a good job for other people.

We enjoyed very much working with you people, and we hope we may come back again some other time.

Sincerely yours,

  
C. A. Postlethwaite

CAP/em

P. S. I almost forgot the important part. Enclosed is a list of the accounts that were to be billed through the newspaper. Of course I do not know whether this information has been passed on to your book-keeper to place on the bills or not, so I am sending it Special Delivery so that this can be incorporated on this month's bill. This of course could be handled two ways. The Times could send us a check when the account pays, or you could send us a check for the total amount -- whichever you prefer.

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September 29, 1950

Mr. Albert R. Parker  
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Parker:-

I fear I am not going to be able to help you much on your inquiries. While I have lived here since early 1918 and am familiar with what happened in the oil fields after that time, I know only by hearsay of what occurred mostly before that time. To my knowledge, no accurate history of oil development in the El Dorado Field has ever been written.

Since I received your letter, I have tried earnestly to get some definite information about the Shumway gushers--with little success. Both the Gypsy Oil and Trapshooters companies drilled on those leases in 1916. The wells came in for huge and spectacular production, but quickly went to water largely because of the inefficient methods employed in those days in drilling them in. The Gypsy company, of course, is a concern that is still operating. The Trapshooters company was a fly-by-night that quickly disappeared from the oil industry scene--yet leaving glamorous memory.

The Trapshooters company was formed by the late Ed O'Brien, of Florence, Kansas, and was composed of men who went to trap shoots together--as the name suggests. O'Brien's brother, Harry, still lives at Florence and is a druggist there. He might be able to help you.

It seems that "Trapshooters" Riley got into the game after the original group had formed their company and, in true promoter style, helped to expand it by sales of shares. I have tried to discover the extent of these later interests--and have had no luck there, either. Two men who were in the Trapshooters crowd still live here--Bernie W. Smith, a retired insurance man; and D. W. (Deacon) Ow, a retired grocer. Smith suffers from heart trouble and was not productive of any helpful data when I talked to him a week ago. Ow is extremely old, even senile. I have not tried to see him for I am sure it would be no use. Both of these men owned Trapshooters interests of some sort, and neither seems to have made any particular profit out of their participation. Another one of the group is Hugh Faulders, of Wichita, who once lived here. I have lost track of him and cannot give you his address.





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You will understand that a lot of this early-day oil financing was highly sketchy and on the cuff, and that written records are hard to locate.

I think you have a wrong impression of the first well drilled in the El Dorado field. The fact is that about 1912 the City of El Dorado appropriated some money by which leases were acquired and a drilling contract made to test out some acreage west of this town which produced gas. You can well imagine the indifferent way in which a municipal and public venture of this sort was carried on.

In 1915, the Wichita Natural Gas Company acquired the city's leases, added some more of its own and started drilling what was known as the Stapleton No. 1, near what is now the townsite of Oil Hill. That well hit oil production in the shallow pay at about 540 feet on October 6 of that year--and the discovery of oil in this field dates from that time, though the well was not completed in the deep sand until December of 1915.

The drilling crew on that first well included James Brennan (who still lives here in El Dorado,) Harold Breene, W. J. Obins, F. L. Frankenger, B. I. McCune and Lisle Harper. I have no idea of the present whereabouts of these men, aside from Brennan. The Wichita Natural company later became a part of the Empire Gas & Fuel company, and still later a subsidiary of Cities Service. The recently-issued report of the Kansas State Geological Survey says that "the El Dorado field, with cumulative production at the end of 1949 of 201,583,990 barrels is the most productive field in Kansas." It may further interest you to know that during 1949, Butler county with 85,668 producing acres and total production of 6,258,017 barrels, still stood in fifth position ~~in~~ among the oil counties of Kansas--and that after 34 years!

The story you relate about the first well being discovered by accident is all false, in my opinion.

I also regret that I cannot verify the incident which happened at Augusta in the summer of 1916. I know nothing about that tale. I was a friend of Bill Peel, however. He was an Augusta banker and was later treasurer of Butler county. He is now dead.



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The sheriff of Butler county during the height of the oil boom days was Newt Furcell, who died a year or two ago. He was an excellent peace officer. While he was sheriff, Mose Burch (also long dead) was chief of police at El Dorado. These two were of the same kidney, collaborated well together--and constituted a team that was a terror to evil-doers. I have always felt that Furcell and Burch saved this county a lot of the disorder and lawlessness that many other oil field towns experienced.

As to the newspaper history about which you also inquire: I came here in 1918 as editor-manager of the old El Dorado Republican, then owned by heirs of T. B. Murdock. The Walnut Valley Times was operating under the ownership of the late J. B. Adams. I had a hand in merging these two properties, which took place on December 1, 1919, and resulted in the formation of the El Dorado Times. I have been with this present paper all the way--and it has always been a source of pride to me that our current Times is the offshoot of such two distinguished papers of the old days.

What little information I have given you here doubtless will not do you much good, and I am sorry. If you have other specific questions, do not hesitate to ask them of me. The oil industry has been my hobby all the 32 years I have lived in this town, and I should be glad to try, at least, to dig up any facts about the glamorous past that may be required.

Sincerely,





September 29, 1930

Mr. Clyde M. Reed, Jr.  
Parsons, Kansas

My Dear Clyde:-

I can be in Kansas City the afternoon of Sunday, October 29, for a meeting of the continuing study committee at 3 o'clock.

I am glad you are going to have this meeting. My present plans contemplate that I shall arrive in Kansas City about noon of that day. See you then.

Yours,





FORM 5-3051-A

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

228 WEST CENTRAL

ELDORADO, KANSAS

TELEPHONE No. 700

E. M. SORENSEN  
MANAGER

El Dorado, Kansas  
September 30, 1950

Mr. R A Clymer  
% The El Dorado Times  
118 E Central  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

It is at a time like this that I wish I had your ability to express in writing my feelings and sentiments concerning your splendid cooperation in helping us make our "open house" a success.

No event can be a success unless proper publicity is given it. In this connection, you and your staff went all out to help us put it over.

It was a pleasure to work with Klint, Jack, Roy, and Ed. Percy did an excellent job in taking care of our printing needs. These men are the type of men that make an organization a success.

I am deeply grateful for your editorial that appeared in your September 28 issue. I don't believe we have a man in the Bell System who could have written more clearly the principles that govern us in our desire to serve the public.

It is with this spirit of helpfulness in mind that makes me proud I am a part of El Dorado.

The message I am trying to say is this, "Thanks a lot for everything."

Sincerely

*E. M. Sorensen*  
Manager

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EL DORADO, Kansas		THE EL DORADO TIMES	Published Evenings Except Sunday
		Effective, October 1, 1950	
1—General Advertising:			
a	Flat, line -----	\$ .055	
	Inch -----	.77	
b	Full position 25 % additional. Alongside of reading matter 15% additional. Specified page, 25% additional.		
c	All advertisements must take run of paper. The pyramid style of make-up is used. Special attention given to foreign advertisers.		
d	No doubtful or objectionable medicine, nor questionable investment advertising will be accepted.		
2—Classified Advertisements:			
a	5c a word.		
b	No advertisement taken for less than 50c.		
c	Bold face type, 7c a word.		
d	Display advertisements in classified columns, inch, \$1.00. Only outline type used in such advertisements.		
3—Reading Notices:			
a	Run of paper, line 30c		
b	Double rate for bold face. All readers marked "Advertisement."		
c	First page readers double price.		
d	Heads set in blackface caps, line, 40c		
4—Commissions and Cash Discounts:			
a	Agency commission, 15%.		
b	Cash discount, 2%.		
c	Cash discount date 20th of month following insertion		
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a Width of column, 12 pica ems.		f Can use mats and unmounted cuts.
b Depth of column 21 inches.		g Half-tone screen, 55.
c Eight columns to page.		h Not responsible for key numbers unless they are cast in electrotypes or mats.
d Full page type size, 16½x21 inches.		
<b>6—Circulation:</b>		
a Only daily newspaper published in El Dorado. Six-day evening, no Sunday edition.		b District newspaper.
<b>7—Miscellaneous:</b>		
a All advertising is subject to approval.		By mail, in Butler County .....\$6.00
b The El Dorado Times is the consolidation of The Walnut Valley Times and the El Dorado Republican.		By mail, outside county ..... 8.00
		My mail, month ..... 1.00
c Subscription:		d Agricultural section Wednesday.
Single copy .....\$ .05		e Food pages Thursday and Friday.
By carrier, year ..... 13.00		f Automobile pages Saturday.
By carrier, week ..... 25		g R. A. Clymer, General Manager; R. A. Thompson, Advertising Manager.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES  
SOUTHWEST DAILIES, INC.

NEW YORK	CHICAGO	MEMPHIS	OKLAHOMA CITY	DALLAS
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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 1, 1950

Mr. Pat Healy  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Pat:- You have my deepest sympathy in the death of your father. My father died 28 years ago and my mother in June of 1919. I have never ceased to miss them both and suppose it will always be that way. I feel sure that you have happy memories of your father to sustain you in your sorrow, and know that these will grow more precious as time slips by. I want you to know that I have been thinking of you during the difficult period you have just undergone.

Sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 2, 1950

My Dear Stu.:-

Here is that piece on the labor situation which you asked me to write. I am sorry I have been delayed in getting to it, but trust it in some way resembles what you had in mind. I am offering it for the the close judgment of you and your aides. Do not hesitate to change it in any way--or to throw it out entirely, if it does not suit.

Should you approve it, get it back to me as soon as possible so it may be published at an early date.

In writing it, I have held to the idea that it should appeal to the sense of fair play in the ranks of labor, rather than to try to take anybody to a cleaning.

Yours,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 2, 1950

Mr. C. A. Postelthwaite  
Kansas City, Missouri

My Dear Posty:-

Our "Get Acquainted" edition last week was extremely satisfactory. Of course, I am never entirely satisfied with such products. If our staff were a bit larger and we had been given a little more time, we might have dressed up that issue in better style. Still, as it was, the folks liked it and were cordial in their praise. About the only criticism we have had came from one or two organizations that were unintentionally left out.

This makes the fourth time that we have worked with you on an advertising specialty. All of these experiences have been the same from the standpoint of the service you render--which is both excellent and reliable in its quality. We never have to worry that you will let us down or neglect us in any way--and you keep your part of the bargain to the last letter. Your integrity backs up the soundness of your features, and it is a pleasure to do business with you. We truly hope that it will be, at least, four more times--as the opportunity offers.

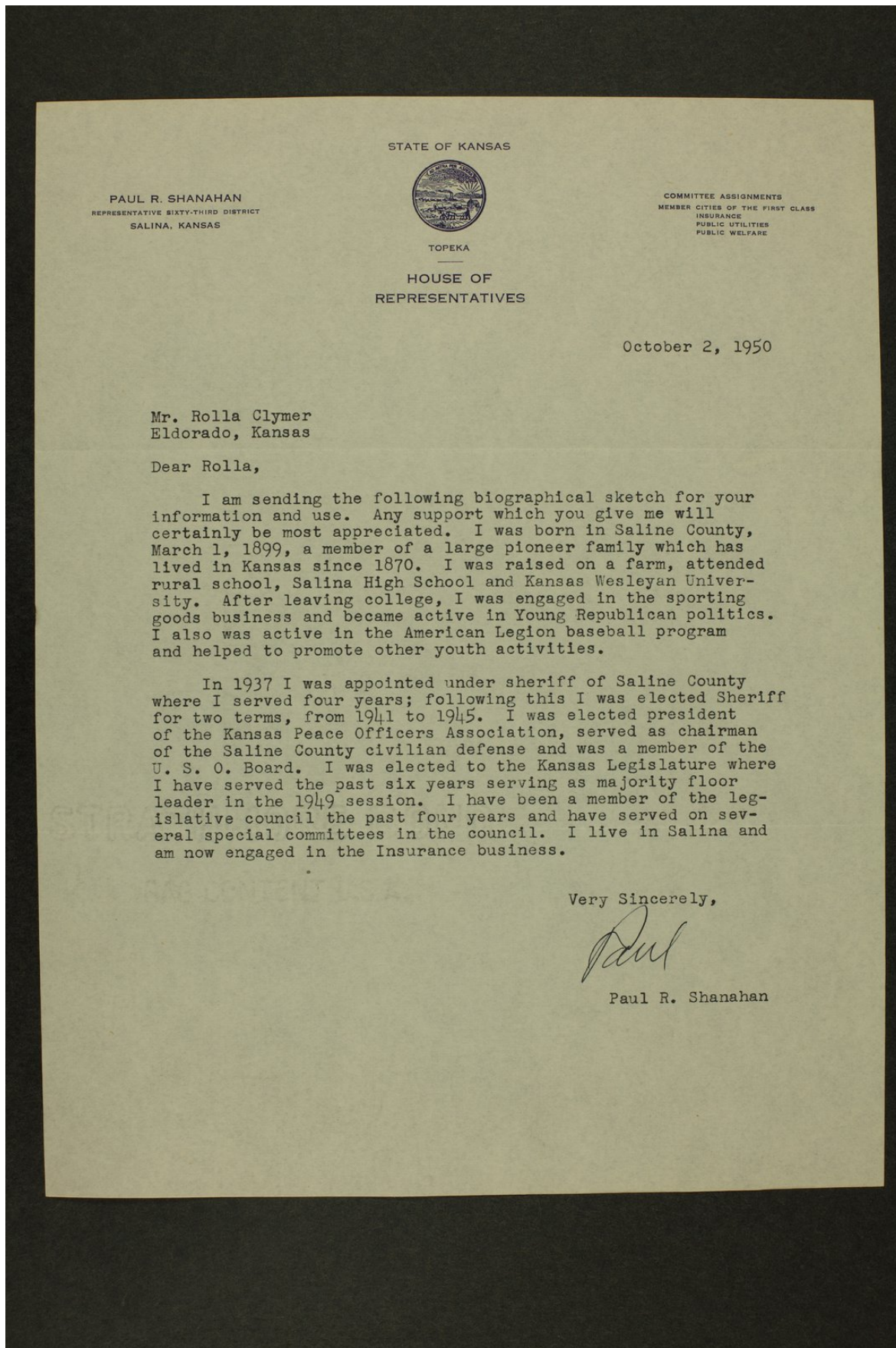
We are now sending out statements for the cut accounts that were billed through our paper. Toward the last of this month, we will send you a check for what has been paid up to that time. Later on, when all remittances have been received, we will send you the balance. I trust you will approve this method.

If you want some more copies of the edition of September 26, we can send them to you.

Sincerely,



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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STAR BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

October 2, 1950

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

Dear Rolla:

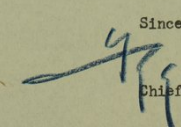
I am glad to have your letter and to know that you consider everything in good order. Reservations are coming in fast and we should have a big turnout. I am working with both the Kansas and Missouri study committees and we are planning meetings of both groups that Sunday afternoon. I am working on the agenda which will be heavy because of all the top brass scheduled to be on deck.

A report from Lawson May (and from the chairman of the Missouri telegraph editors too) would be in order but I doubt that Lawson will be with us. Jack Harris usually attends this meeting of the members, letting his staff take in the others. At the present time the only reservation I have from Hutchinson is from Jack.

With my best,

Sincerely,

Frank G. Gorrie:rb

  
Chief of Bureau



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### KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

October 3, 1950

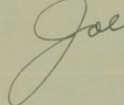
J. D. TURNER  
DIVISION MANAGER

Dear Ham,

I know you were shocked, as I was, to hear of the sudden death of Hub Meyer. It occurs to me that you might want to attend the funeral which is set for Friday afternoon at two o'clock. If you should come, why not get down here in time to go to lunch with me and attend Rotary? You know I would be delighted to have you as my guest and maybe sandwich in a little low-down visiting.

Incidentally, I think Frank Barr intends to drive down. If that made the difference, I am sure he would be glad to come by El Dorado and pick you up. You could get in touch with him either directly or through Arch Loyd.

Sincerely,



JDT:bkb



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

E. B. SHAWVER

310 PETROLEUM BUILDING

WICHITA 2, KANSAS

October 3, 1950

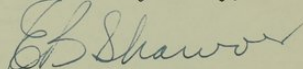
Mr. R. A. Clymer  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I am glad to find A. L. Shultz's article about Andy ("Schoepel Becomes a 'Whipping Boy'") in the Times. It is a damn good story and well put. It expresses exactly what I have had on my mind ever since the incident happened.

Andy got home this morning, I understand. I think we should call a bunch of the boys together and let him tell us about it. What do you think about having another little get-together at my ranch soon?

Yours very truly,

  
E. B. Shawver.

EBS-alj





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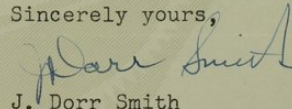
Dear Sir:

I think your recent editorial on Rev. Arend was a fine tribute to a grand person.

I have been privileged, along with many others, to work with Rev. Arend in the Church for many years and you have very ably described him as we have known him.

Your excellent article leaves us with a fine impression of one whom we all loved and admired.

Sincerely yours,



J. Dorr Smith





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

MOBERLY, WEST & CALVIN  
918 CENTRAL BUILDING  
WICHITA 2, KANSAS

October 3, 1950

Mergenthaler Linotype Company  
29 Ryerson Street  
Brooklyn 5, New York

Gentlemen:

This firm serves the Times Publishing Company, El Dorado, Kansas, regularly in its accounting and tax matters.

We have been furnished with a copy of your invoice dated June 8, 1950, for the total sum of \$10,447.99 directed to the Times Publishing Company and covering the purchase of a Model 29 Linotype, No. 63463, at \$9,160.00 and a motor invoiced at \$185.00. The invoice also covers a number of other accessories and replacement parts making up the balance of the total invoice.

For their purposes we wish to ask you to re-issue this invoice in the following manner:

- (a) One invoice covering the Linotype and motor in the total sum \$9,345.00 less discounts, down payment and plus compensating tax
- (b) Separate invoices covering each of the other items of accessories and replacement parts, less discounts, but plus compensating tax.

May we express the appreciation of our client for your courtesies in this regard.

Yours truly,

IMW/df

*Moberly West & Calvin*



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TOPEKA, KANSAS

## THE KANSAS STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Topeka, Kansas  
October 3, 1950

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

Dear Rolla:

I am returning your piece which does an extra fine job of getting across the points suggested.

You would be doing me a further favor by sending a copy of the editorial as soon as it is printed--there is a lag of about a week in our clipping service. I want to send it around to the other papers as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your splendid help.

Best from,

STEWART NEWLIN  
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

SN:rau

Enc.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 4, 1950

Mr. E. B. Shawver  
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Ernie:-

Of course, we all agree with "Dutch" Schultz's estimate of Andy Schoepel's recent affair. I am eager to hear Andy's own, off-the cuff explanation about it. If we could have him with us at a little group meeting at your ranch, I think it would be swell. In fact, Ernie, any excuse to have one of those famous get-togethers at your ranch is always good.

Sincerely,



October 4, 1950

Dear Djo:-

I thank you for your letter and its invitation.

I want to be at Hub's funeral the worst way. I have to be in Topeka that night. Ordinarily, I could attend the funeral and then take out on 75 for Topeka.

But--many matters stand in the way here. Under the best of circumstances, I shall have to spend two-three hours here on Friday morning. It would be nip and tuck to make it over there by 2 p. m., especially since I am driving a new car and it is not yet broken in.

So, I don't know. I shall come if I can, but will have to forego your kind bid to Rotary. If I can't make it, I shall not be on hand. That's the best I can offer now--and will just have to see how my affairs work out.

I am surely grateful to you for your thoughtfulness, and if I show up in Independence you may be sure I shall never leave there without seeing you.

In haste but sincerely,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

### First Methodist Church

Central at Taylor  
LE ROY F. AREND, Minister  
El Dorado, Kansas

October 5, 1950

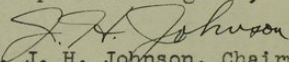
R. A. Clymer, Editor  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

The Official Board of The First Methodist Church of El Dorado, in official session, voted to have me send a letter of appreciation for your most excellent editorial regarding Reverend Arend and his service in our church and community.

I am sure that compliments of your editorials are never as frequent as they are deserved and I assure you that it is with greatest of pleasure that I can personally comply with the request of the board in thanking you most heartily for your fine editorial and your other past favors for our church.

Kind personal regards,

  
Dr. J. H. Johnson, Chairman  
Official Board  
First Methodist Church  
El Dorado, Kansas

JHJ/vc



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 5, 1950

Mr. Frank L. Bynum, Director  
State Development Committee  
Institute of Logopedics, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bynum:-

The enclosed letter came to me today and I believe it belongs in your hands or those of some other executive of your committee. I am sure you will know what to do with this gentleman, who seems interested even though he is somewhat hazy as to the purposes of this movement.

Very truly yours,