

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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(A Statement of ACEJ)
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We want to--

BRING JOURNALISM TEACHERS BACK TO THE NEWSROOM!

"A return to the newsroom" for the summer of 1951 is being offered college teachers of journalism through a faculty internship program.

Sponsored by the American Council on Education for Journalism, the program is designed to give instructors added practical journalistic experience, and to let them learn what's being done right now in reporting, copyreading, and editing.

Who are eligible

These internships are open to any faculty member of the 34 schools in the Association of Accredited Schools and Departments of Journalism, provided he has had at least two years' experience in the field in which he wishes refresher training.

(We hope an exception may be made in the case of the wire services, so that faculty members without such experience, but with a good foundation in reporting or editing, can get wire service training.)

How to apply

The instructor should designate his summer work preference as "reporting," "copy-desk," etc. He may also indicate more specific interests, but we cannot promise that such an assignment will be available.

The applicant should state the minimum salary he will accept. This amount will not necessarily determine his actual salary, which will, of course, vary with the newspaper.

The applicant should also state the area he prefers, and the size of paper on which he wishes to work.

Deadlines

The applicant is asked to give two completed copies of the application blank to his dean, director, or department head, who, in turn, is asked to send them on to Prof. Leslie G. Moeller, Director, School of Journalism, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Applications should be returned before December 15, 1950, if possible. Final deadline is February 1, 1951. Arrangements may be difficult after that time because most newspapers will have completed summer plans.

For further information, write Prof. Leslie G. Moeller, Director, School of Journalism, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.



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The Rodgers Baking Company

501 SOUTH MAIN STREET

PHONE 840

EL DORADO, KANSAS

February 1, 1951

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

While it has not been convenient for you to give me the names which you had in mind, as stated to Mr. Rodgers who might be prospects for the purchase of some of his stock, I am pleased to say that I am getting along alright with the chore.

It occurred to me, however, that I have never asked you if you might, yourself, be interested in subscribing for one Preferred Share, with the 50 shares of Common therewith, as a gesture of your interest and support, I know it would be most encouraging to him and that it would be sincerely appreciated by him.

Moreover, you have my personal assurance that the fact you have purchased will be kept strictly confidential, and the information will not be used for the purpose of influencing others to do likewise.

My motive in making the suggestion is to render a constructively sound service to you and to Harvey which I am certain will have mutual advantages over the many years ahead, during which time I am likewise confident he will continue to be a helpful asset to the community as well as to your newspaper.

Respectfully submitted for your favorable consideration, and with kind personal regards,

Sincerely Yours

Herman C. Balsiger
HERMAN C. BALSIGER
Special Representative
of Mr. Harvey G. Rodgers



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February 2, 1951

Mr. R. A. Clymer
The Times Publishing Company
118 East Central Street
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In accordance with our Mr. Jenkins' request, we are shipping you a utility F-7053 duplex display 18-point mold for temporary use while your similar mold is returned to us for examination and possible repair in conjunction with your complaint of hard ejection.

✓ As soon as this utility mold is received, kindly send your mold to us at 23 Hall Street, Brooklyn 5, New York.

Cordially yours,

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE COMPANY

E. R. Riedlinger
Supplies Section, Order Department

E.R. Riedlinger
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February 5, 1951.

Mr. Charles Spencer, Manager
Chamber of Commerce,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

We have been using parking meters in El Dorado for a number of years and have been of the honest opinion that they were received with the minimum of dissatisfaction. But all of a sudden we find ourselves faced with an appeal to the District Court testing their legality. This case has seemingly uncovered considerable dissatisfaction and the city commission will undoubtedly be faced with the necessity of re-evaluating their use,

One of the main points of contention seems to be the charging of one dollar for all those cars found in violation. The city has attempted to be lenient with this and has automatically excused all those people living outside of rural El Dorado. This policy has, apparently, not been accepted too well particularly by those farmers who happen to have a rural El Dorado address.

Independence has been cited as a good example of a town successfully using the method of charging only a small amount for those found to be in violation and reporting to police headquarters within a specified length of time.

Would you please outline for me the method followed in handling violators and an opinion of its success?

Thanks a million.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Harlan L. Remsberg,
Manager

HR:af

February 5, 1951

Mr. Burton W. Marvin, Dean
William Allen White School of Journalism
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dean Marvin:-

I have purposely held off until now in writing you about the annual meeting of the William Allen White foundation on Friday of this week. I now find that I shall be unable to get away for that occasion, which I greatly regret.

Sincerely,

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February 5, 1951

Mr. Arthur Hall
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

My Dear Arthur:-

Here's the check for our recent order
which, I believe, covers everything.

I saw Senator Harry Darby at Topeka a week ago,
and he was wholly flattering in his remarks about the
artistry and general excellence of what we had sent
his "little daughter" for a wedding present. Everything
he said reflected directly upon the merit of your
product.

Some sweet day, my friend, I am going to write
you the sort of a letter you well deserve and which I am
anxious to write if the dogs of high pressure quit
breathing so closely on my coattails. I feel--with honest
pride--that I have taken on some shakes as a gardener.
At least, I have profited by hard experience and bear
many scars of honorable conflict. I am now looking for-
ward again to planting time--and to my annual battle with
the stink bugs and blister beetles. My garden, I would
have you know, kind sir, shines with pristine purity--
and is free from any excrescences like onions or okra.
It would gladden not only your artistic eye but also
appeal to your essentially pastoral heart. Few aliens
are invited into its sacred precincts but I would admit
you gladly--provided, you be dad-blasted careful where
you set down your brogans.

I could go on like this indefinitely--but what I
wanted to say was that I have never ceased to miss you
and am vastly proud of the unqualified success you and
the Good Wife have carved for yourselves.

Should you ever care to drop me a few lines, I
shall feel touched and exalted by Uplift.

Yours,

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Hutchinson

Feb. 5

Dear Rolla,

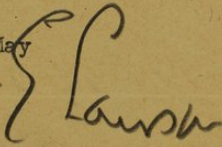
We plan a wire editors committee meeting at Broadview hotel, Emporia, Sunday morning Feb. 18 at 9 a.m.

Gorrie said he can come down Saturday night for some magic tricks.

Please advise me if this date okay and also advise if you can make it Saturday night so I can tell Ted~~x~~ McDaniel.

Sincerely

E. Lawson May



Rolla Clymer correspondence

Lancaster, Kansas
Feb. 6, 1951

Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Gentlemen:-

Do you still publish a weekly
paper and if so, what is ^{the} subscription
rate?

I own some land in Sec. 36
Twp 25 Range 7E. and am interested
in oil drilling activity in that
locality. Does your paper contain
such information? Could you advise
me of what drilling activity there
is in or near this locality at
the present time? also leasing activity?

Thanking you in advance I am,

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Nola J. Ormode

P.S.- Please send sample copy. Find
enclosed 25¢.

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 7, 1951

Mergenthaler Linotype Company
Brooklyn, New York

Gentlemen:-

Please see that the mouthpiece we have designated on the enclosed order is shipped directly to the Head Machinist at the Wichita Beacon, Wichita, Kansas. This is a part we borrowed from the Beacon in an emergency--and we are anxious to have it replaced without delay.

We trust when the part is delivered to The Beacon's composing room, indication will be shown that it has come indirectly from us. The charges, of course, should be rendered to our account.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
per



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THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

February 8, 1951.

Harlan L. Remsberg, Manager
Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Remsberg:

In the beginning Independence instituted a nominal fine of five cents for overtime parking in a meter stall. The violators are given a ticket with a notice to appear before a certain time. As they respond they are told to put five cents in the meter, which is there for that purpose and is just like the ones used on the streets. If they fail to respond to the ticket notice, which they do quite often, then the fine is \$1 or more depending on what trouble there is to getting warrant service on them. The first offense for overtime parking in a time-limit stall costs \$1.

The fine schedule followed recommendation made by the Chamber of Commerce. Our office gave needed help in the election which won for the meters. Otherwise, since the police department did not look with favor on the five cents fine, it would not have been accepted. However, now it is generally accepted by all as an easy way out.

We have had the meters for approximately four years, and they have produced in excess of \$75,000. In 1950 they did better than \$23,000. They put this collection in the general fund. This and other income had helped to lower the tax load. The tax levy this year is five mills less than the previous year.

In relation to the five cent fine. The trouble of having to appear at the police station is quite enough to disturb 99 percent of those in violation. The five cents only lifts them out of the worry and they go along pleased. The one percent are more of a problem, but not enough to worry law enforcement.

I think this covers the points of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. Spencer, Secretary-Manager

cc: Woods, McMillen and Clymer.

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February 9, 1951

Mrs. Nola J. Cormode
Lancaster, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Cormode:-

In answer to the query contained in your letter, we do not publish a weekly issue any more. Our publication is confined to our regular six-day evening paper. We are sending you a sample copy of it under separate cover, and thank you for your interest.

I have looked up the location of your land, north of Rosalia, and wish to tell you that no drilling has been done in that locality during the past year or two. Oil development continues heavily in the county, however, and Butler has kept up a brisk lick in this respect. At the moment, a big leasing campaign is under way in northeast Butler, extending almost from El Dorado clear over into Greenwood county. Half a dozen tests will be drilled this year on some of the acreage taken--according to reports that we hear. This drilling trend, however, lies well north of your land--and it does not look as if your property would be included in the present trend. I handle all the oil news for our paper--and we publish it as it comes, not necessarily every day as we once did. I think I shall remember about your land, and if I find any new tests going in near your place will let you know.

We would like to have you for a subscriber to our paper, if you think The Times would be of sufficient value and interest to you. The price for out-of-county patrons is \$8 a year, which is high--but the postage rate is largely responsible for that.

I trust the information I have given you will be of some service.

Very truly yours,

Editor

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February 9, 1951

Mr. Larry Miller
Kansas Press Association
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Larry:-

I thank you for sending me the copy of
George Melvin's letter.

I haven't time to outline all my reasons--
but I am strongly in favor of having the law changed so
we can go back to the Wednesday and Thursday publica-
tion days for legals. The fact that Melvin is going to
use weeklies from now on for his publications, thus
by-passing the dailies, is sufficient reason why all
daily publishers should favor ~~the~~ a return to the old
status.

Please let me know what happens--if anything.

Yours,

We will pay our KPA dues one of these days.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RECEIPTS: 1-11, 1951 to 2-10, 1951
 Subscription \$ 599.77 Display \$ 1,944.36 Want Ads \$ 179.99
 Legals \$ 357.78 Printing \$ 1,991.81 Merchandise \$ 213.05
 Total Receipts - - - - - \$ 5,186.76

EXPENDITURES:

Postage - - - - - \$ 32.00
 Freight and Express - - - - - 24.70
 Merchandise for Resale - - - - - 872.34
 Material and Supplies - - - - - 723.66
 Repairs and Parts - - - - - 83.06
 Telephone and Telegraph - - - - - 129.83
 Utilities - - - - - 54.56
 Rent - - - - - 100.00
 Taxes - - - - - 27.35
 Advertising Car Expense - - - - - 67.00
 Insurance - - - - - 6.88
 Dues - - - - - 11.03
 Travel and Advertising - - - - - 12.50
 Wages - - - - - 1,923.63
 Correspondents and Commissions - - - - - .25
 Refunds and Miscellaneous - - - - - 119.55
 Total Expense - - - - - \$ 4,098.34
 Depreciation Reserve - - - - - 50.00
 Withdrawal - - - - \$ 400.00
 Withdrawal - - - - \$ 60.00 \$ 460.00 \$ 4,598.34
 Net Profit - - - - - \$ 588.42

Cash on Hand End of Period \$ 321.12 Total on Hand Start of Period \$ 3,097.38
 Bank Balance End of Period 1,361.64 Profits Distributed - - 2,000.00
 Total - - - - \$ 1,682.76 Balance - - - 1,097.38

Depreciation Account Balance \$ 550.00 Receipts This Month - - 5,186.76
 Accounts Receivable - - 3,215.47 Total - - - - 6,284.14
 Accounts Receivable, Legal 632.77 Expenditures This Month - 4,598.34
 Profits Distributed (1) - \$ 500.00 Total - - - - 1,685.80
 Profits Distributed (2) - \$ 500.00 Adjustment Petty Cash - 3.04
 Balance - - - - 1,682.76

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In Rolla

February 10, 1951

Senator Frank Carlson
United States Senate
Washington D. C.

Dear Frank,

Getting things identified by their proper names helps.

I quote below from Public Law 917 - approved January 11, 1951:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the support and maintenance of bastards in the District of Columbia*****"

I am wondering what position you took on this vital legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Robbins

RWR:bd

*Dear Rolla - Am wondering
who ~~took~~ took the
census -*

W. C. C.



KANSAS Press Association

A Non-Profit Trade Association Founded in 1892, Representing 99 per cent of all Kansas Newspapers.

LARRY MILLER, SECRETARY-MANAGER 701 JACKSON ST., TOPEKA
February 12, 1951

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Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

George Melvin's letter was sent to the daily publishers only, with a desire to call attention to the fact that it is important to insert legals on the day requested by the attorneys. In other words, George Melvin had to have a case tried a second time as he mentioned in his letter, due to the carelessness of a printer.

There is no movement at this time to change the law back. In fact, I think it's very popular with the dailies and with the average attorney, but of course it's whatever the daily group want. We'll be glad to follow your wishes. Most of the notes we have received have said "Let it alone. We like it. One mistake shouldn't change the entire state." I think Melvin's reasoning here is unusual, but it made a good example for you and the other daily publishers to call attention to the necessity of following instructions to your back-shop force.

With every good wish,

Cordially,

Larry Miller
Larry Miller
Secretary-Manager

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Rolla Clymer correspondence

Kansas Petroleum Industries Committee

Suite 300, Insurance Building - 212 North Market

Phone 4-6361 - Wichita 2, Kansas

February 12, 1951

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

Dear Rolla:

In the confusion I failed to answer your note. I am sorry that I was not in Topeka for Kansas Day so I could have had a visit with you. I don't know why I should be given all the publicity since so many other people have done so much on this subject, but maybe it is a good thing to pick on me rather than someone else and if someone has to be the awful example, I guess I can take the rap.

Along this same line, I have gotten some criticism from some of our mutual friends which is undeserved and uncalled for and if some people, rather close to the present administration, had been a little more accurate in their statements, we probably wouldn't have chirped about their 5th cent. But briefly, the story was put out that the only reason we wanted the 5th cent eliminated was so we could raise the price. The truth of the matter is that refined prices were frozen effective December 18, 1950, and we could not have raised the price if we had wanted to. After that statement was made we thought it was a good idea to have a hearing on the 5th cent and put the members straight on how we felt. Those kinds of statements from administrative assistants who criticize the bureaucrats in Washington, sometimes make you wonder just who the hell is right or who is wrong.

I think they are going to have a pretty good session and everything will go along in fairly good shape.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

C. E. Holmes

C. E. Holmes
Executive Secretary

CEH:mm



Reid Editorial Service
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

February 13, 1951

Editor
The Times
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:

This letter puts into practice what newspaper advertising men preach--When business is good, keep advertising!"

Here at Reid Service business was never better. It is currently so good that in many states no additional newspapers can be served.

Reid Service is sold on an exclusive territory basis. The editorials are mailed six times a week.

The Times' territory still is open. Here is today's release. We shall be happy to send the service for 10 days with our compliments.

May we?

Yours very truly,

REID EDITORIAL SERVICE

Editor

Arthur Reid:H

Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 14, 1951

Mergenthaler Linotype Company
Brooklyn, New York

Attention Mr. E. R. Riedlinger, Supplies Section,
Order Department

Dear Sirs:-

We cite you to your letter written to us under date of February 2nd 1951, referring to an exchange of machine molds.

The utility F-7053 duplex display 18-point mold, which you sent us for temporary use, has been received and is now being employed on our machine. In turn, we are mailing you by parcels post today our mold for examination and possible repair. This is the original mold which came with our Model 29 linotype when it was installed last July.

Please inform us of your findings concerning this mold as soon as you have determined them.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
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ARTHUR J. CARRUTH, JR.
2122 WEST 17TH
TOPEKA, KANSAS

February 14, 1951

Dear Rolla:-

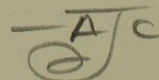
Thanks for the bastard letter--I've copied it ,without appropriate comment,of course--I'm sure none is necessary..... Yes, we are supporting too many bastards in the District of Columbia but I would amend the Act to include the remainder of the United States.

I'm not so sure,however, the letter will be used on the Willow page next Saturday. Despite the fact that Truman has Page One space ,without stint, for anything he wishes to say in connection with the parenthood of his enemies, for months now my own tiny innuendos have been found missing in the noon edition each Saturday.....I fear your Puritan instincts have become catching.

Sure, I'll drop the Powder Room incident--after all, there are times when chuckles turn to sneers....You know how it is when comeone approaches you with "Have you heard the story of--" and you've heard it a dozen times.

Regardless of your fictional roof garden wanderings Mrs. Whisperer still thinks you're handsome!

Faithfully,



Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 15, 1951

Mr. Ivan West
Moberly, West & Calvin
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Ivan:-

When Mrs. Clymer and I were in your office for our income tax check, you retained a sheet she had prepared showing her building income and expenditures, as well as other items. She is in need of the data on that sheet and will be grateful if you will return it to her.

When will your auditors be in to make the check of our business? I understood you to say they would be along about February 15. We are ready for them at any time, but would like to have a day or two advance notice. Will appreciate your advices on this point.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Feb. 15, 1951

Butler Paper Co.
Wichita, Kansas

"Dick" Harrison:

I am going to be in need of some #4 sulphite
before to long so I thought I had better get my order
in ahead of time. Following is the items I am going
to need by the last of April or the middle of may:

1 Carton 19x24-19 $\frac{1}{2}$ Blue	= 6 pounds
3 Cartons 19x24-19 $\frac{1}{2}$ White	= 18 Reams
2 Cartons 17x22-16 Canary	= 16 Reams
5 Cartons 17x22-16 White	= 40 Reams
2 Cartons 17x22-20 $\frac{1}{2}$ White	= 12 Reams
2 Cartons 17x22-20 White	= 12 Reams
1 Carton 17x22-25 $\frac{1}{2}$ White	= 6 Reams

I believe this makes a ton lot, and I don't
care if I get this all at once or not, so fill it
at your best time.

Thanks,

Neut



James A. McCain
President

February 16, 1951

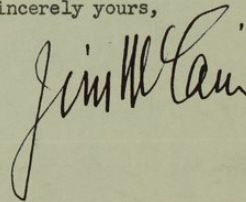
Dear Rolla:

Several of your devoted readers have sent me clippings from The El Dorado Times relative to my recent visit to El Dorado. I am deeply grateful to you for your most generous comments, especially in the light of the universally high regard in which you are held among the editors of Kansas.

I can only hope that you can conscientiously write as favorably five years from now.

It is a pleasure to be associated with you in our many common causes. You still have a very cordial invitation to visit us here on the campus, and to be my guest for lunch or dinner, or both, depending on the time at your disposal.

Sincerely yours,



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



February 16, 1951

Mr. Ted McDaniels
Gazette,
Emporia, Kansas

My Dear Ted:-

The storm seems to have blown away so I can come along to Emporia tomorrow evening for the AP fracas then on Sunday morning. Will you please grab the phone at your elbow and make a reservation for a single room with bath for me at the Broadview Hotel?

I shall greatly appreciate this favor. Feel sure that your gathering will be the usual big success.

Sincerely,

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El Dorado Junior College
El Dorado, Kansas
February 17, 1951

Mr. R. A. Clymer
Times Publishing Co.
118 E. Central
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The members of the Butler County Council for UNESCO wish to express their appreciation for the splendid editorial on UNESCO in the February 12 Times.

We feel that such recognition will further the cause of UNESCO. In fact, we know that it will, for several local organizations have renewed their UNESCO memberships since the appearance of the editorial.

For this and other courtesies, we extend our sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

Butler County Council for UNESCO

Helen Bradford
Helen Bradford, Secretary

Rolla Clymer correspondence

2/20/51
Memo From Richard Robbins...
been Rolla - The brief
Primary is meat for
the Rich Guy - far
more undemocratic
than the old Convention
was

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system - also we
for better candidates
under the Convention
system - quite a lot
stirring in Topeka - I
need a visit with you -
I am distressed about
the suicide of Melbeck Warren.
It shouldn't have happened
with

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Feb. 21, 1951

Dear Rolla -

Here is the column about the newshens' meet - but the roosters did the cackling, and how! Also one a few days previous about your winning \$50 for an editorial on saving. Jennie Owen passed along that bit of information, picked up in her combing of papers for the Wilder Annals, about which I did a feature for Kansas Day Sunday. After Jennie told me the award was in Jan. 1921, I went back over the El Dorado Times files for the end of 1920 and located the editorial

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and stopped to browse many others
and the column you wrote. I remem-
ber one especially, "Death can be
Beautiful", I believe, which could
well be reprinted any Memorial Day.

I thought, and everybody else did,
that you were terrific at the hens'
meeting-- the best of the three, I
thought, and heard it said by others.
I do want to tell you how warmly
grateful I am for the nice tribute,
"no flint in her heart", one of the
best things that could be said of a
writer. And especially thrilling since
I have long been, in this order, an
awed and affectionate admirer of you.

Rolla

Rolla Clymer correspondence

Peggy of the Flint Hills

"This is better than the press club," Virg Hill told one of the newsgals at their Sunday morning breakfast.

If it was, it was due to Virg and his two journalistic brothers who divided talking time among them, and three wittier could not have been turned up without using a spade.

Rolla Clymer was the handsome dark tragedian, distinguished, melancholy, who had the girls in moaning hysteria as he told of the newspaper women who had harried his life. (Those vallainesses wouldn't have been worth two bits for the lot if they had been tossed into the Sunday morning audience that Rolla swayed with his wit and charm.)

Virg, the dead-pan comedian, was next on the bill. He began anecdotes in the approved



Native - Sons - and - Daughters manner, but as the end came he ducked swiftly and the audience fell with a whoop.

Winding up the event was Gordon Martin, who had written it all out in poetry. If you looked at his sweet, innocent face and didn't listen to the words, you would have billed him as the ingenue, but both looking and listening, you decided the word was hilarious.

Along with the regular allotment check to a Navy wife came a greeting from a rear admiral.

"We look forward," he said, "to further years of cordial relationship."

Far as she is concerned, she'd be glad to break off the relationship right where it is. She could be quite happy never to hear from him again.

A local couple is very fortunate. She has the figure to wear clothes and he has the figure to pay for them.

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In view of the fact that some very fine air bases, paid for by American taxpayers are remaining idle, it would seem to me that practical common sense would determine that we should use these bases despite some small inconvenience that would happen to the entertaining side."

Topeka Woman Injured In Three-Car Accident

Mrs. J. J. Melchior, 403 Monroe, suffered a back injury Wednesday in a three-vehicle accident at Ninth and Monroe. She was riding in a taxicab that was involved in a collision with a car driven by Mrs. Julia Wilson, 1434 Chandler.

The taxicab was spun around and collided with a car driven by Robert Nottingham, 501 Leland. Carter's ambulance took Mrs. Melchior to St. Francis Hospital.

Three non-injury accidents also were investigated by police during the day. Cars driven by James Young, 710 West Sixth, and Carl D. Hamaker, 414 West Seventh, collided at Second and Quincy.

A truck driven by George S. Morris, 120 West Dudley, and William Anders, 1187 Woodward, collided at Fifth and Adams. Cars

doing underneath the pavement at Seventh and Jackson, here's what J. Wayne McCoy, Bell Telephone Company's district manager, said Wednesday.

The company discovered Monday that the cable there had begun to disintegrate because of some kind of unexplained chemical action eating thru the sheeting around the cable.

A neutralizing solution was poured on the cable to stop the fire.

GI Pays on His With Bundle of

LOUISVILLE.—(AP) — A Louisville collection agency received a big bundle of depreciated Korean money Wednesday from a former soldier at Ft. Knox in payment on a \$23.50 grocery bill.

The soldier, identified as Cpl. Earl Booth of the Fifth Cavalry Division, wrote in response to a

Shell Blast Kills Dodge City Marine