

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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Peggy of the Flint Hills

Scanning old papers in recent weeks turned up the item that Rolla Clymer won first prize of \$50 in a contest in the 10th Federal Reserve District for the best editorial on saving. It was "Blessed Be the Saver," in the El Dorado Times. The prize was awarded in January, 1921.



Beginning with, "The silk shirt era in American history has about passed. The wild orgy of high wages, high prices is beginning to abate," Rolla works into a description of the times: "Sane virtues were abandoned and money flowed like water. The ancient homely doctrines of thrift . . . have been relegated to the rear. . . . Now the golden flood is thinning to a trickling stream. And the dollar is resuming its lost estate."

Thrift was defined as "not penny pinching, but a wholesome regard for trifles."

"There is no excuse for any waste. . . . Every opportunity has been given the thrifty. . . .

The man, community, or nation that fails to husband resources is without the vital element of success."

Those words are just as good as they were 30 years ago—and are worth another \$50.

We will not inquire what Rolla did with the money. Readers who are fast with a calculator could tell how much \$50 would have amounted to by this January, compounded semiannually at 6 per cent.

Whatever figure it would come to, I doubt that it could stand alongside of \$50 in 1921.

That graceless old Roman, Martial, never spoiled a verse to spare a friend.

Members of the Authors' Club, which is meeting here today, will smile at the little verse he wrote about a woman poet friend 18½ centuries ago. (I doubt that she smiled):

You read us your verses with your throat wrapped in wool.

The reason we're anxious to know.

For to us it appears

That some wool in our ears Would really be more apropos.

Capital Jan 27, 1951

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reactivated here in 1947, already has reached 17,824.

Hiring 113 workers daily, Wichita-Boeing obviously was about to pass the last publicly-announced employment goal—18,000 set last fall.

The Beacon story quoted unnamed "informed sources."

B-47 Is Top Need

It said the Air Force is "urging greater acceleration" in production of the 600-miles-an-hour-plus B-47 as "the top medium bomber of the military."

It said that "to assist, 150 engineers and expeditors from 15 top aircraft firms of the nation will move to Wichita to expedite the sub-contracting program of Boeing."

That program, it stressed, "is a billion-dollar program and a vital phase of production."

Rent Hike Reported

A previous announcement from Washington said Consolidated Aircraft will produce B-47s at a re-opened World War II plant at Tulsa.

Wichita's mayor said Rep. Ed Rees has promised "to go to work" to help solve any "critical labor and housing shortages" that might develop.

Officials talked — usually off-record — about restored federal rent controls for the area. Apartment

to "adopt the life of adventure" in their thinking.

The commencement speaker was Chancellor Deane W. Malott of the University of Kansas. His audience included more than 500 graduates.

Malott said 20 civilizations, including ancient Rome, went down the road of increasing corruption with the government becoming more arrogant with power and people increasingly selfish for government doles. An over-weening interest in security was largely the cause, he said.

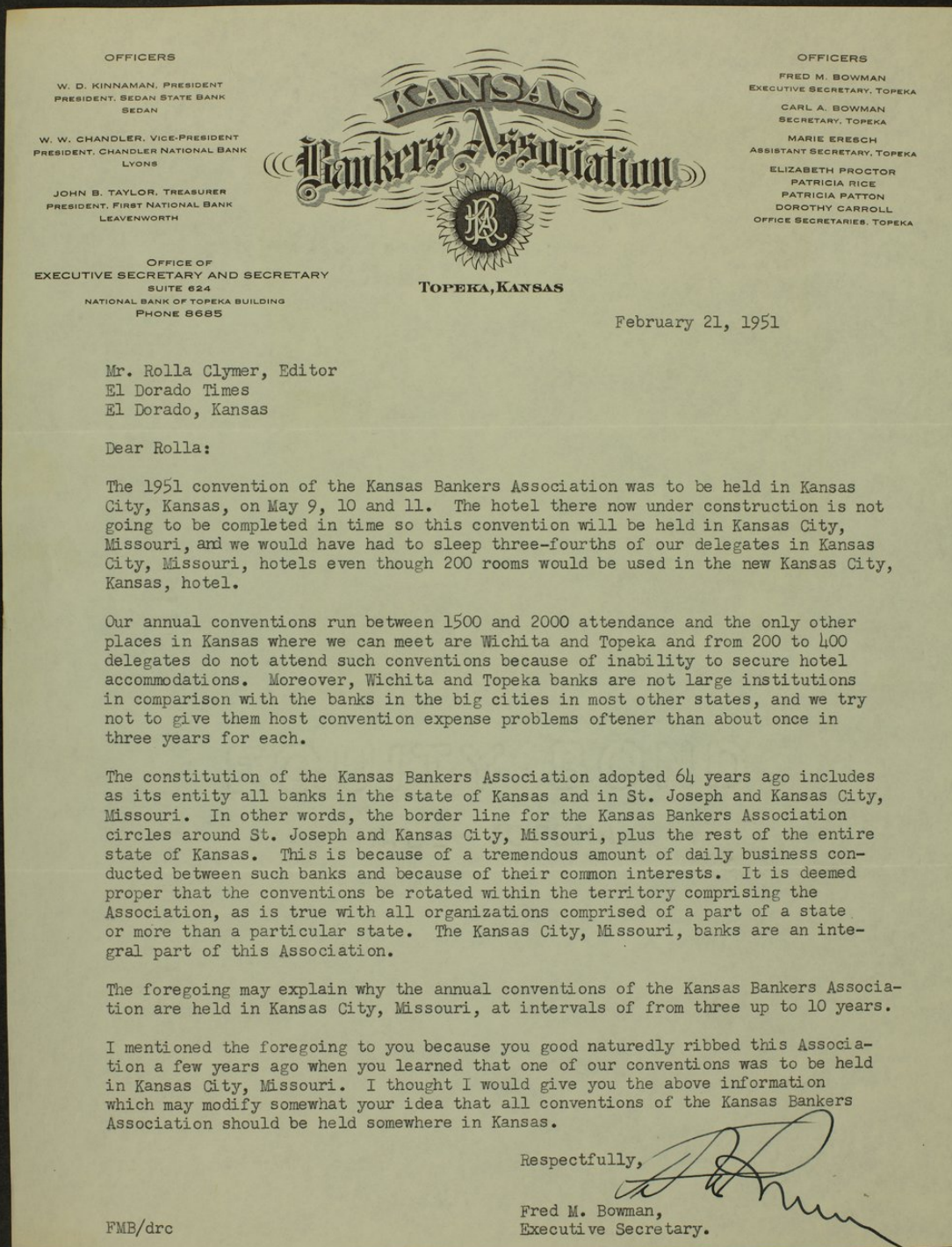
To avoid those dangers, Malott said, we must abandon security and adopt the life of adventure.

The "adventurous world" he said, is a challenge to think globally and to appraise the pressures of international power politics and the permanent value of conducting world negotiations under klieg lights of UN deliberations.

Soon, Malott continued, we shall have to make it plain to congressional representatives they must stop "this fan-dance of talking economy and committing us or our future generations to payment of untold billions."

Names of 65 Drawn For Jury Duty Feb. 5

the names of 65 Shawnee



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February 21, 1951

Mergenthaler Linotype Company
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sirs:-

Under separate cover, we are today returning to your factory by parcels post Coil 110V, part number F3084 1, which was listed in a recent shipment under your order number P 8446.

This resistance coil, which you sent us, is designed for use by direct electric current.

Our original order clearly specified that this coil was to be used on alternating current.

The coil we have received is of no use to us, and we wish you would please ship us out at once another coil for AC hookup. When the coil which we are returning is received by your factory, we ask you to give us proper credit for it in your billing.

We will greatly appreciate your close and prompt attention in making the exchange which we request.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO TIMES
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K.P.A. Confidential Bulletin

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KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION . 701 JACKSON ST. . TOPEKA . LARRY MILLER, SEC'Y-MGR. . PHONE 3-0545

February 22, 1951

WAGE-PRICE FREEZE....Here is how the wage-price freeze ordered by the Economic Stabilization Agency effective midnight January 25 affects newspapers:

Wages: Until amended, wages, salaries or other compensation in all industries -- including the newspaper business -- are frozen as of midnight, January 25. The wage freeze is covered in the following section of the E.S.A. order:

Wages (Sect. 1, E.S.A. Order): No employer shall pay any employe and no employe shall receive "wages, salaries, and other compensation" at a rate in excess of the rate at which such employe was compensated on January 25, 1951, without the prior approval or authorization of the Wage Stabilization Board. New employes shall not be compensated at rates higher than those in effect on January 25, 1951, for the jobs for which they are hired.

Prices: Newspaper advertising and circulation rates are exempt from control in the Defense Production Act of 1950 and the E. S. A. price freezing order of January 26, 1951. The Defense Production Act, public law 774, reads:

"Prices or rentals for (a) materials furnished for publication by any press association or feature service, or (b) books, magazines, motion pictures, periodicals, or newspapers, other than as waste or scrap; or rates charged by any person in the business of operating or publishing a newspaper, periodical, or magazine, or operating a radio-broadcasting or television station, a motion picture or other theater enterprise, or outdoor advertising facilities...."

Please note this does not exempt prices charged for job printing, only those in the production of a newspaper.

Record Keeping: While newspapers are exempt from preserving price and cost records for the base period of May 24 to June 24, 1950, as provided in the Defense Production Act of 1950, it is suggested that publishers preserve their price and cost records for that period for possible future need.

Construction: The National Production Authority has placed a ban on all new commercial construction. However, an interpretation as to the scope of this order, obtained by the NPA Printing and Publishing Division, shows that it is inapplicable to newspaper publishing. The ruling specifies that the limitation on construction does not apply to printing or publishing plants in connection with the production of newspapers, magazines, or books. However, it has been held that the terms of the order do apply to job printing establishments, blue print shops, etc.

Personnel: The National Production Authority has established a Printing and Publishing Division, and the first Director of this Division is Arthur B. Treanor of the Booth Newspapers in Michigan. Treanor served as Director of this Division when it was a part of W. P. B. during World War II. Deputy Director is Donald C. Shook, who also served during World War II.

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WICHITA 2, KANSAS

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February 22, 1951

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

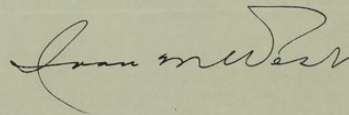
Dear Rolla:

Enclosed is the work sheet of Mrs. Clymer's which you asked for. Please ask her to retain this carefully, as I have no further support of her return in my files.

We are in a helluva jam this year on getting work out, because of the new excess profits tax law, mostly. I can't get a man loose until the last of next week or the week of March 5 to get on your audit - but will make it as soon as I can. Don't worry about the tax return. The Collector's office is cooperating with us on extensions.

Sincerely,

IMW/geb





February 23, 1951

Mr. Floyd Parsons
El Dorado, Kansas

My Dear Floyd:-

I wish to call your attention to
the enclosed statement of your account with us.
Considerable of the sum total is long overdue.

It would be a great favor to us if you
could manage to give us a check for this balance.

Thanking you for all past favors, I am

Truly yours,

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Kansas State College
Manhattan

President's Office

February 23, 1951

Mr. R. A. Clymer
ElDorado
Kansas

Dear Rolla:

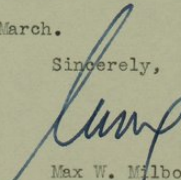
Your editorial, "Already Inaugurated," was a keen and sympathetic appraisal of President McCain, greatly appreciated by him and by this old left-hander. Did you know it was reprinted in the Concordia Blade—Surprise?

We are preparing a folder in brown leather containing the highlights of the president's inauguration. It will be a surprise to him. Your editorial will be included in this exclusive collection of material for McCain's permanent possession.

The solonic horde will descend on us this weekend, guests of the College for the K. U. game Saturday night. The inaugural last week apparently precluded anyone else from handling the detailed arrangements of their arrival, dinner on the campus, buses to transport them here (provided by the Chamber of Commerce), and the tickets. I wish you could be aboard to assess the effectiveness of these efforts. There is one phase of Operation Field House which I shall make a point of discussing with you. If I am a member of the College staff on Monday, you will know I did not, as David Everett put it, "fall below Demosthenes or Cicero."

Remember our date in March.

Sincerely,



Max W. Milbourn
Director of Public Service

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KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION . 701 JACKSON ST. . TOPEKA . LARRY MILLER, SEC'Y-MGR. . PHONE 3-0545

February 23, 1951

HOUSE BILL NO. 224 has passed the House of Representatives and is on its way to the Senate for consideration. This bill will force third-class cities to run a semi-annual financial report itemizing all expenditures made. It will force cities of the second class to publish a semi-annual report and classify their expenditures. The bill is as follows:

"Section 1. Section 12-1608 of the General Statutes of 1949 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 12-1608. That the treasurer of each and every city shall publish or cause to be published in some newspaper published in such city, or if there be no newspaper published in such city then in some newspaper published in the county in which such city is located and having a general circulation in such city, within twenty (20) days after the quarter ending in March, June, September and December of each year, a statement showing the total amount received into each fund and the total amount expended from each fund, and the cash balances of each fund at the beginning and close of each quarter; Provided, That in cities of the second class such report shall semi-annually classify the expenditures by showing total wages and expenses paid to each claimant against the city during said quarter; Provided further, That in cities of the third class such report shall semi-annually itemize all expenditures made by showing the date of the warrant, purpose for which drawn, amount, and to whom paid: Provided, Such quarterly statement shall show the amount of outstanding registered warrants, temporary notes, bonds and all other obligations and liabilities of the city.

Sec. 2. Section 12-1608 of the General Statutes of 1949 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book."

My best scouts tell me that this bill will have a very difficult time getting through the Senate, and we are sending you this Bulletin with the hope that you, as a publisher, will contact your state senator and urge his favorable consideration of the bill. If the bill receives favorable consideration, it will be because you, as a publisher friend of the senator, urged his consideration. The cities have their own lobby, and it really doesn't take a hero to kill a bill. It takes a hero to pass one, and you're the only guy that can be a hero in this picture. Now please, if you desire this legislation, sit down and write your senator, sending a carbon copy of your correspondence to the KPA office, because we often are able to learn things that will assist in securing favorable legislation, from your correspondence. H.B.224 passed the House with only one nay vote. There were 17 absent, but only one nay, which was voted by Rep. Starrett of Norton.



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RICHARD W. ROBBINS, Pratt
Chairman

MRS. GLADYS POTTER, Preston
Vice-Chairman

RICHARD RANDLE, Pratt
Secretary

HUGH H. MORRISON, Pratt
Treasurer

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PRATT COUNTY

PRATT, KANSAS

February 24, 1951

Senator Paul R. Wunsch
State Capitol
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Senator,

The people of this county are not in favor of the House bill to disorganize the present Fish and Game Commission.

We have confidence in the present Commission and think they are doing a good job.

It would not seem to be good politics to disturb a bi-partisan set-up and make it partisan just because the Republicans are in power.

The Wichita Eagle of February 18, 1951, makes a good statement of this case under the headline "Trouble Signs Begin To Stir In Legislature",

"Another water-rippling controversy that may arise concerns proposed reorganization of the State Forestry, Fish & Game Commission. The proposal is to reduce the present board of six commissioners to four. It would give Governor Edward F. Arn the right to fire the six commissioners and name new ones. The governor also would name the new director. The six commissioners now appoint the director. This proposed set-up would, of course, increase the power and patronage of the governor's office.

What the kick about the present set-up is has never clearly been stated. This commission has been running the bureau in a business like way holding out against patronage demands and conserving its resources. As much progress as possible has been made in a state with oil-tainted streams and no great amount of cover for wild-fowl. Many are against the change and firing on the proposal, if it gets to the debating stage, will be hot and heavy."

Sincerely yours,

RWR:bd

Richard W. Robbins

cc: Governor Edward F. Arn
Topeka, Kansas



El Dorado, Kans.
Tuesday.
February, 26, '51.

Dear Mrs. Clymer:

In clearing
out some files and the
safe, preparing to vacate
the building, found a couple
of letters, that I thought
you might enjoy reading
and keeping.

I also want to take this
opportunity, to thank you,
for the many favors,
and kindnesses extended,
me, after dear Herman's
passing, it meant so much.

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to me then, and during
the intervening years, it was
a great help, and I will always
feel grateful to you.
Your work, as an editor in
El Dorado, and interest in
all affairs of the city is
appreciated by all who know
you.
I hope the ~~good~~ Lord will
bless you and yours, with
an abundance of health, and
many years of fruitful
work, and success.

Most sincerely
Fanny B. Limmon.

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Comparative Analysis of Circulation
January and February - 1950 and 1951

	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1951	Feb. 1950	Feb. 1951
Carriers	2516.55*	2048.45**	1918.80	2055.25
Office Credits	514.95	549.50	253.95	186.20
Desk Calls	.90	.90	--	4.50
Desk Sales	39.05	42.70	43.85	38.50
Butler County	545.10***	617.40	769.36****	565.85
Farm Bureau	48.24	53.63	48.24	67.20
Towanda	31.64 (2)	60.34 (3)	31.64 (2)	18.20 (1)
Augusta	24.53 (1)	24.10 (1)	39.71 (2)	19.20 (1)
Price	15.30 (2)	43.95 (3)	17.45 (2)	31.10 (2)
Leon Corner	2.10	--	1.68	--
Long	--	9.10	2.00	16.90
Oil Hill	59.60 (1)	58.50 (1)	48.45 (1)	46.80 (1)
Outside Butler	199.13	204.96	118.10	114.25
Exchange	10.00	42.00	--	--
Hotel	8.10	6.50	5.20	5.20
Clark Pharmacy	2.47	1.46	.79	1.94
Kelly Drug	2.62	2.02	2.16	2.16
	<u>4020.28</u>	<u>3765.51</u>	<u>3301.38</u>	<u>3173.25</u>

* 5 Saturdays - 12/31/49 collections shown in January 1950
 ** 4 Saturdays - 12/31/51 collections shown in December 1950
 *** \$12.00 subscriptions by 4-H Club
 **** 206.24 subscriptions by 4-H Club

Numerals in parentheses after figure indicate number of collections during month.



March 1, 1951

Dr. F. H. Guild, Director
Legislative Council Research Department,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Doctor Guild:-

I shall be grateful if you will
have mailed to me at once a copy of the highway
report recently issued by your department.

Thanking you for this favor, I am

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 1, 1951.

Mr. E.D. Manspeaker,
Manager Wichita Office
General Electric Company.
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Manspeaker:

Your friend Charley, Mr. McMillen and I had a most pleasant afternoon visiting with you last Tuesday. I can assure you that we came home with a greater appreciation of this problem of industrial preparation for defense.

Since our return we have discussed our visit there with Ray L. Smith, the owner of the property briefly described in the booklet you have. We find that Mr. Smith possesses a positive interest in the improvement and enlargement of his building to best suit and serve your requirements. The ground area available for building expansion is approximately 8 acres including the three buildings presently on the site.

It might be of special interest to your company to know that Mr. Smith also owns land on Highway 54, just 1-1/2 miles south of El Dorado, which has in the past been used and operated as a privately owned airfield. Mr. Smith has extended his interest in building additional structures there if this location would better suit your requirements.

After making actual measurements of the two buildings previously mentioned and a third building which Mr. Smith now can make available, these supplements should be added to the booklet.

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General Electric Co. ---March 1, 1951

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The building descriptions are as follows:

1. The new expandable Butler Steel building 81 X 100 feet, made of two 40-foot rigid frame trusses. The eave clearance is 15 feet and the crown clearance is 22 feet. It has two sets of doors in each end, (double doors) one 16 feet wide and 15 feet high and the other 12 feet wide and 14 feet high.

Square feet of floor area--8,000

2. Concrete block building 50 X 100 feet. Twelve foot clearance to the roof trusses and 20 foot clearance to the crown. The building has a door (double) 16 feet wide and 12 feet high in each end.

Square feet of floor area--5,000

3. Concrete block building 48 X 160 feet. This has a built up asphalt roof. The ceiling clearance decreases from 13 feet at the front to 8 feet at the rear.

Square feet of floor area--7,680

You will notice that by adding the third building this property now offers a total of 20,680 square feet of floor area.

Mr. Manspeaker, I would like to add one last comment concerning Mr. Smith, the owner of this suggested property. Mr. Smith is a progressive operator in anything he does. His business consists almost entirely of large contracts. He is a "doer" and anything he does is done right. He now owns considerable property here including a large office building and the property is always well kept. I mention this only to give you the assurance that any improvements or expansions you might find mutually a-



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greasable would be executed with the greatest speed possible and of the best quality obtainable.

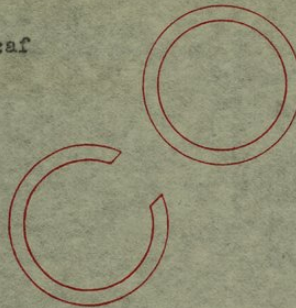
We want your company in El Dorado and want to do everything we can to help you and other company officials.

Yours very truly,

THE EL DORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Harlan L. Rensberg
Manager

HR:af



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WICHITA 2, KANSAS

March 2, 1951

MEMBERS OF
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Mr. R. A. Clymer
Times Publishing Company
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Mr. Tom Young of this office will be in your
office to start the audit Monday morning.

Rex plans to spend a day or two with him
finishing up the work on Wednesday or Thurs-
day of next week.

Yours truly,

IMW/df

Ivan Moberly

LARGEST DAILY AND SUNDAY CIRCULATION
IN THE STATE OF KANSAS



HOME OF THE WICHITA BEACON
TELEPHONE 3-2211

The Wichita Beacon

EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING

M. M. LEVAND, President

WICHITA 1, KANSAS

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March 2, 1951

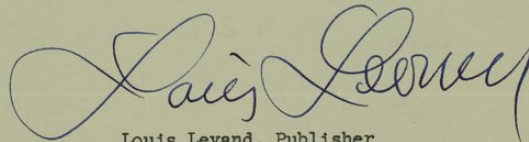
Mr. R. A. Clymer
Kansas AP-Chairman
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 1 addressed to Mr. Max Levand and in his absence from the city your letter has been called to my attention.

We will have Mr. Marvin Levand present at the meeting of the Associated Press at Hutchinson, Kansas on April 7 and 8. It is possible that we will also have Mr. Al Bentz, our Managing Editor, present.

Sincerely yours,



Louis Levand, Publisher
THE WICHITA BEACON

LL:FS

Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 3, 1951

Mr. Max Milbourn
Department of Public Service
Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas

My Dear Max:-

We could use a young man (or a young woman, perhaps,) who has had some training in advertising work. I think I would like to add a likely person of this sort to our staff. If you will pass this inquiry along to your journalism department--which might come up with a proper suggestion--I shall be extremely grateful.

That's business--and now for the most important part. How about having a date with you and yours next Saturday evening, March 10? It could be in the picture for me.

Will appreciate a reply when you can write.

Sincerely,

THE McPHERSON DAILY REPUBLICAN

K. R. KREMBEL
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

McPHERSON, KANSAS

March 3, 1951

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

Dear Rolla:

Mark Anson and his wife plan definitely to attend the Hutchinson meeting on April 7 and 8. I am quite sure they will be there as I am footing the bill.

I agree fully that this managing editors meeting is one of the best things the AP group has done in many years. Before last year's meeting, we were extremely dissatisfied with the number of minor details which were not being cured in Kansas City. After the meeting and the sparks that flew there, it was most pleasing to see how many of these things were corrected promptly.

I will not be there myself as I believe strongly that this is a meeting of the men working the wire and not their bosses. If we sit in, these men will not have the freedom of speech that they will without us. Of course, you, as president of the AP group, will have to attend the meeting. God bless you!

Teddy and I are both tired of inviting you up here but if you happen to run out of gasoline, drop by and we will take care of you.

Best regards.

Yours truly,



KRK/dlm

March 3, 1951

Hotel Jayhawk
Topeka, Kansas

Attention Mr. Harry Lose, Assistant Manager

Dear Sirs:-

I wonder if you could squeeze me into some sort of a room for next Friday evening, March 9. I plan to be in Topeka late that afternoon.

If you can take care of me, I will greatly appreciate a confirming reply.

Truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 3, 1951

Mr. Paul Gerhard
Department of Journalism
University of Wichita
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gerhard:-

We could use a young man (or young woman) of some advertising training, if you have a prospect available. I think I would like to add a competent person of this sort to our staff.

I am conscious of the many favors you have rendered us in the past. If you have a notion along the lines suggested, it will constitute another favor and put us more deeply into your debt. Still, I shall be most grateful.

Sincerely,

March 3, 1951

Mr. Elmer Beth
William Allen White School of Journalism
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My Dear Elmer:-

We could use a young man (or a young woman perhaps,) with some training in advertising. Do you know of such a prospect that might be available? I think I would like to add a competent person of this sort to our staff.

If you have any suggestions for us, I shall be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 3, 1951.

Mr. M.F. Gill, President
Kansas Gas & Electric Co.
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gill:

We have visited with E.D. Manspeaker recently in the hope of interesting the General Electric Company in establishing part of its service headquarters for the Modification of Jet Bombers in El Dorado. In the course of this visit he remarked that you had urged him to keep El Dorado in mind in the event any industrial placements were considered by his company. We want sincerely to thank you for remembering us in this way.

Buildings have been our main concern whenever the thought of industrial expansion is considered. In fact, we have had numerous inquiries from firms seeking floor area but who do not want to build or pay for a lease based on present building costs. We may now have an answer to this problem.

Ray L. Smith, a local pipe-line contractor, whom you undoubtedly know, has three buildings, two of which he purchased and one which has just been built for housing his pipe-line equipment. The new building is a Butler Steel structure 80 X 100 feet. The other two, all within a few yards of each other, are concrete block structures, giving a combined floor area of 20,690 square feet. Mr. Smith has moved his equipment for work on the East coast and has no idea when it will be returned, because of the amount of work available in that area. Therefore he is interested in converting this property to industrial use.



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This is not large but Mr. Smith has expressed an interest in expanding the buildings to any size required, and he has approximately 8 acres on which to do so. This is located just two blocks east from the main business intersection of Main and Central Avenue. If an occupant would prefer to be out from town he would, under favorable lease contract, build for them. This interest gives us something tangible to work with.

We realize that you must maintain an impartial attitude among the towns your company serves, but we are pleased with your suggestion to Mr. Manspeaker and urge that you keep us in mind in all your business associations. Particularly now with General Electric and others engaged in defense contracts.

Do you suppose there is any chance of getting a light bulb plant in this area?

Thanks and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

THE EL DONADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Harlan L. Rensberg
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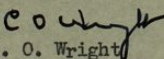
Dear Rolla:

You prove that you are the man you are with the editorial "Wherein We Back Up." A chap who is as fair minded as you are will do just this sort of thing. I hope you keep going on studying the facts of oil, gas and severance and some day you may become the chief advocate of the tax!

They tell me they have a bill in the Oklahoma legislature to raise the tax to 10% and that the oil people are anxious to compromise at 8%. The boys in Texas tell me that they are going to raise the severance there. The public returns from this natural resource is sure pretty piddley in Kansas. When expressed in severance it would run about 2%. If there is justice there, I will be darned if I can see it.

The oil fellows have everything bottled up as usual but if I have my guess, there is going to be one hell of an explosion between now and 1953. The historians will probably say it might have been better to have equalized things this year.

Kindest regards,


C. O. Wright
Executive Secretary
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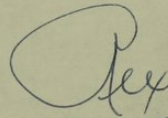
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RAC:

Thanks for "them nice words" in your Listening Post last Friday. Jack is making a nice impression and we are very well pleased. This is a big place and it will take him a little time to get his feet on the ground---and get his bearings, too.

What I'm really writing about is this: do you happen to know anyone who has a cabin at Fox Lake ##### and wants to lease it for the season, or sell it. I'd like to have a little place that I could go out to and "hole up" for the weekend whenever I can get away---some place where Meryle and I could get away from everybody for a day or two on weekends. Let me know if you have any ideas along this line.

Best regards,



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Dear Rolla:

Our check for \$7 enclosed. Go thou and do likewise.
Exchange date is March 15.

Come over to Parsons Thursday night. A great speech
is about to be delivered over there on the occasion
of the 80th anniversary of the Balkan borough.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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