

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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

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

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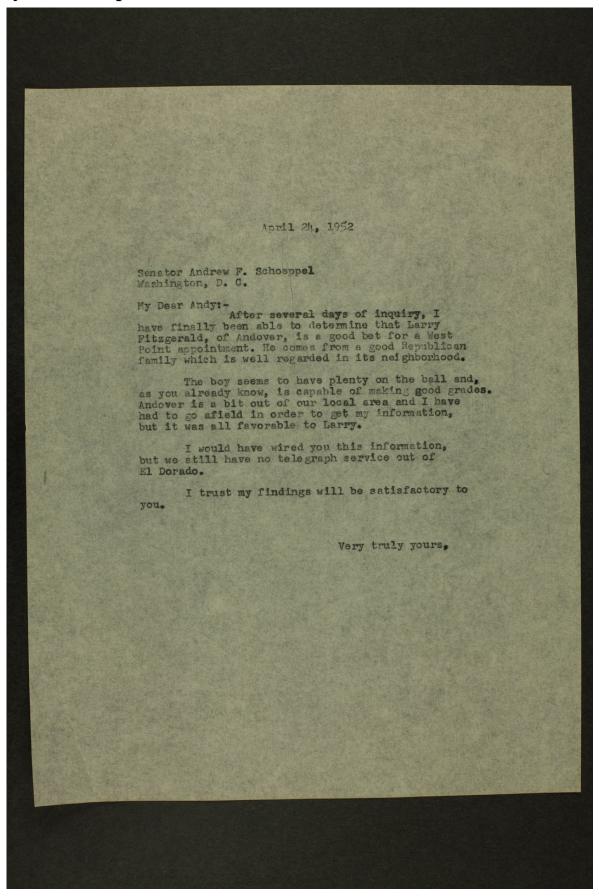
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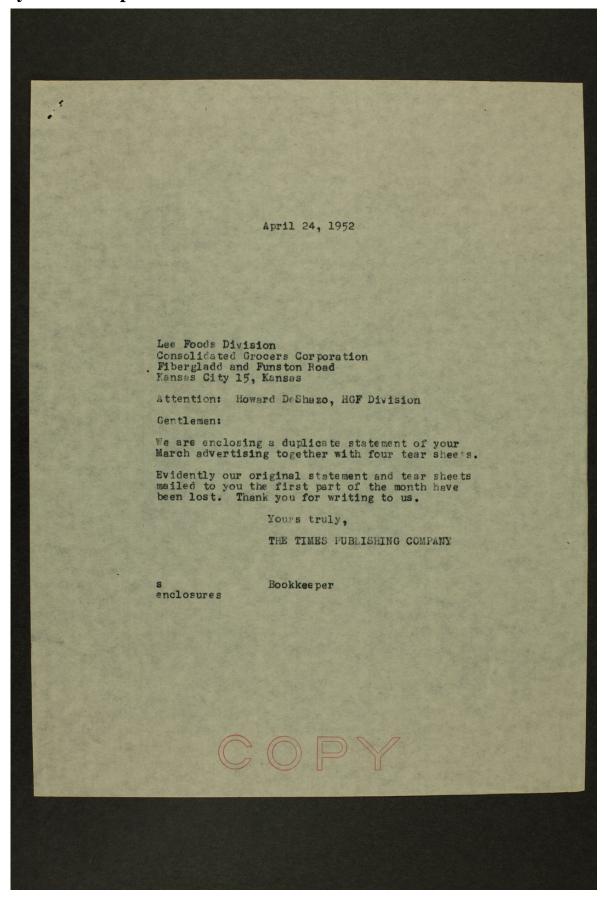
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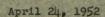


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April 24, 1952 Mr. Alvin S. McCoy, Editorial Department, The Kansas City Star, 18th and Grand, Kansas City, Missouri Dear Al: Last night twenty-four students who will be back next year met with me regarding the proposed summer intermships to be promoted and encouraged by the William Allen White Foundation. Of the twenty-four, nineteem definitely expressed interest in summer internships on newspapers. The others cannot take summer jobs because of previous committments and such matters as ROTC summer camp or cruises. Eighteen of the nineteen said they would be interested in jobs on daily newspapers, and fifteen expressed interest in weeklies. Ten favored news jobs and ten favored advertising jobs. Two said they would take advertising or circulation or both and one said she would take advertising or promotion or I think the next step is to compile a list of Kansas week-lies and dailies to whom it would be a good idea to send a let-ter summarizing the above information and offering to get the editors and publishers in touch with specific students if those editors and publishers are interested in having student interns for the summer. In this list of students there are, of course, a number of highly qualified persons, and there are also some whose qualifications would have to be described in seme detail so that we would not be in a position of deceiving a potential summer employer. I shall take all such responsibility on my own shoulders, of course. shoulders, of course. At the April 12 meeting of members of the Foundation Executive Committee the statement was made and affirmed around the table that Foundation Trustees would like to promote this program and would do all possible to see it through. Therefore, I am sending a copy of this letter to all members of the Executive Committee and shall be looking forward to response from you and other members of the committee regarding the next logical steps. Meanwhile, I shall be compiling the newspaper list and preparing to get in direct touch with editors and publishers interested in going along with the internship program. Burton W. Marvin,



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Mr. H. E. McMillen, City Manager El Dorado, Kansas

My Dear Mac:
If you were in town, I would hand you these enclosures in person. Since you are absent this week, I am transmitting them by mail.

First is Mrs. Binter's resignation from the library board. I suggested that she address her resignation to Mayor Joe Faulconer and send it to me. Instead, she has addressed it to the library board of directors. I hope this will make no essential difference.

Second is a copy of new rules and regulations for library procedure. Don Burlin, Miss Frances Frazier and I collaborated as a special committee in preparing these. We have reduced them in length and content about two-fifths from the size of the old by-laws under which we operated. I believe, however, that they are just as effective and inclusive in this shortened form.

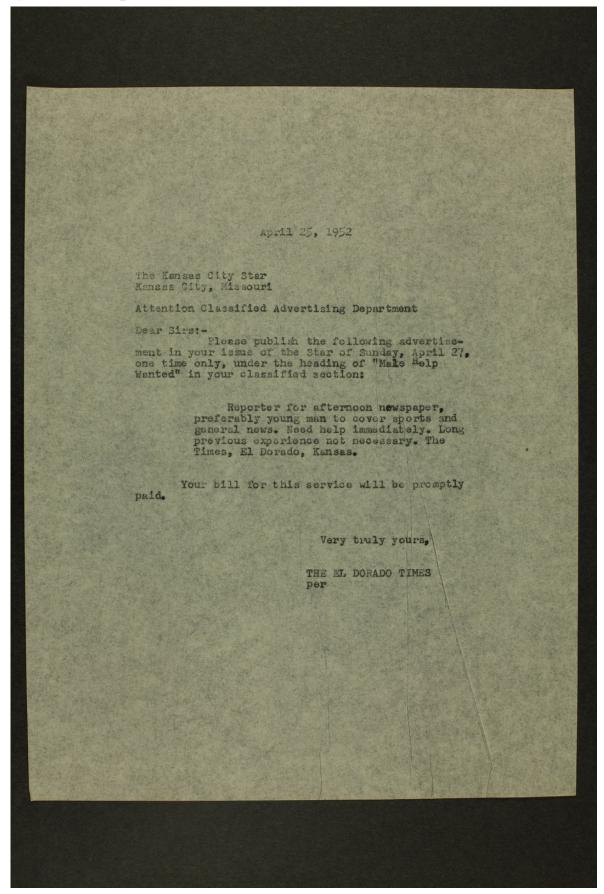
In several places, we have given our authority for certain procedure the Revised Ordinances of the City of El Dorado, Kansas, for 1951. It may be this reference is sufficient, but you may want to want also to refer to the proper number and section of the governing state law. If so, I shall be obliged if you will insert the proper designation in the proper places.

If the city commission will approve these rules, either with or without change, we will adopt them at our next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 20.

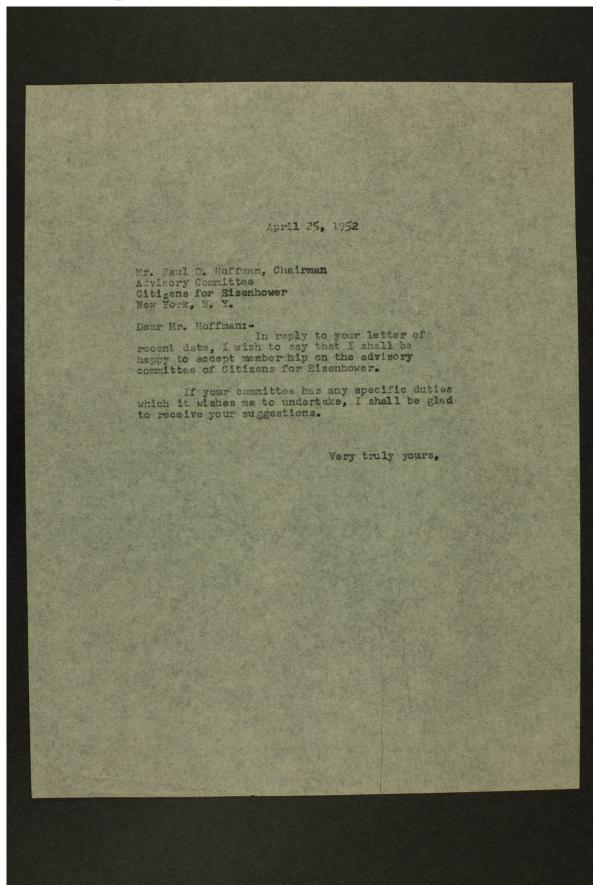
Should you want to consult me about any matters in connection with either of these enclosures, I shall be available.

Sincerely,

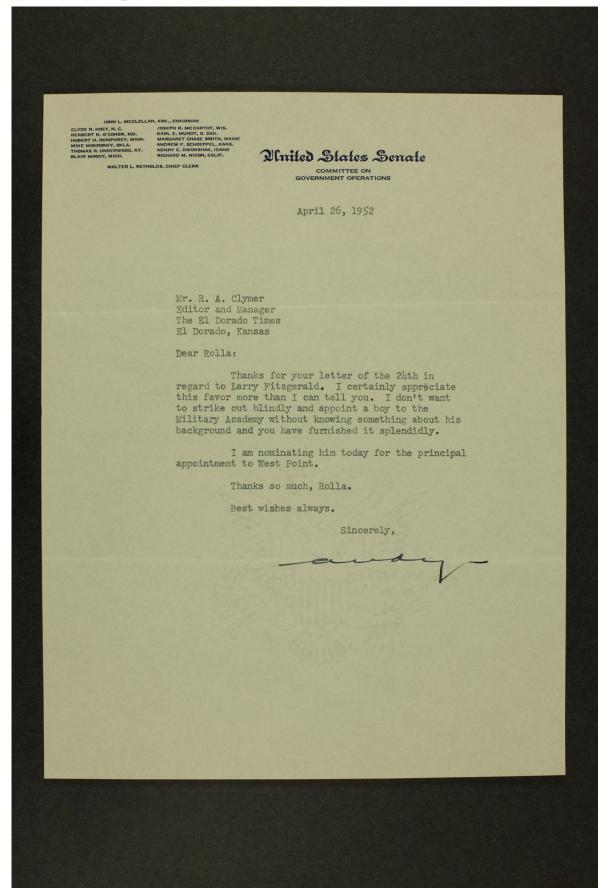






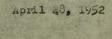








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Mr. Frank Gorrie, Chief of Bureau The Associated Press, Kansas City, Missouri

My Dear Frank:This is a tough request, but I am going to make it anyway.

We need a roundup of Western League baseball games on the wire early in the day. We could use the standings, so I might as well ask for them, too.

I know this suggestion was turned down at the wire editors' meeting at Emporia. We thought then we could get along in a fashion by relying upon Wichita Eagle reports, which from time immemorial, has been serving this town with its regular main edition.

But The Eagle is now sending to El Dorado a mail edition, which looks as if it had been made up with a pitchfork about 9 o'clock the preceding evening. We are getting the Western league baseball reports here a day late.

Our fans here are growing restive under these circumstances. You will remember that the wichita Indians will be the <u>El Dorado</u> Indians in July and August, when they play about fifteen regularly scheduled games in our local park. Our fans have taken over this team, bag and britches. The Indians will also play a few games in Wellington and Arkmnsas City during the same period.

I think that El Dorado, Newton, Arkansas City and Winfield would wecome this roundup. Whether any other points want it, or not, is a question. All I know for sure is that it would mean a tremendous lot to us under the prevailing circumstances.

I haven't squawked for anything out of the AP for a long time, but the dear AP management has just raised our assessment \$5 or \$6 a week out of hand and I am squawking now for something that we need and want the best way. Please do the best you can. I am going to be hard to get rid of, I promise you.

Sincerely,



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A. L. SHULTZ
POLITICAL NEWS
HOTEL JAYHAWK
TOPEKA, KANSAS
April 29, 1952.

Dear Rolla:

The osteopaths have been in town this week and some of them who saw the gorgeous picture of you on the wall wondered if you would be available for a lobbyist in their behalf in the coming session of the legislature. They are certain that dour look would impress legislators very deeply and would put them on a level with the regular M. Ds. I had no authority to speak for you and feel that the safest way to protect against complication in the future is to have that modern photograph on the wall——the one you so earnestly promised so many months ago.

You missed a grand show at Hutchinson the other day. Your zest for fresh dog meat and hamburger would have been satisfied to the fullest extent had you been at the press table.

Best regards,

Very Sincerely,

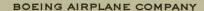
Mr. Rolla Clymer, El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas.

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P. S. The purpose of this letter is to remind you that we are waiting for that picture.



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WICHITA I, KANSAS April 29, 1952

J. E. SCHAEFER
VICE PRESIDENT
GENERAL MANAGER
WICHITA DIVISION

Rolla Clymer THE ELDORADO TIMES El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

During recent weeks you've probably heard a lot about the Air Force's "stretch out", and you may have wondered, "What will be the effect on our community -- payroll, employment, etc.?" You also may have wondered about the progress we have been making in the B-47 program, and from the local impact of that progress asked yourself and others -- "What next?"

To answer some of these questions, to bring you up to date and outline, as best I can, our future plans, we are inviting a representative group of civic, business and professional men from Wichita and the surrounding community to a dinner meeting at Plant II on Thursday evening, May 8.

You will be our guest at dinner which will be served at 6:00 p.m. in our cafeteria. The business session -- which we will make as brief as possible -- will follow, and after that a trip through the plant for those who care to take it.

Enclosed is a self-addressed post card. Please check it, sign it, and return it to me as soon as possible. Our Air Force Plant Representative, Colonel Frederick A. Henry, joins me in extending you this invitation. We hope you can be with us.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Just before 6 p.m. we will gather in the lobby of the Plant II Administration Building. Guards will be posted in front of the building to direct parking of cars.



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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
STAR BUILDING
KANSAS CITY 8. MO.

April 29, 1952

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

Dear Rolla:

For you, by all means, we will do something about the Western League roundup. Starting tomorrow we'll file a roundup on the TTS circuit but there doesn't seem to be any chance that we can relay standings as we don't get them here. I would suggest that they can be picked up from the Eagle or Beacon, except that the last day's games will have to be added.

Outside of scores and a brief roundup Western League copy is not available in Kansas City as all but the Wichita team hail from up north. The Wichita Eagle and Beacon subscribe to our Colorado-Nebraska wire for four hours each night to get all the Western League material so they should be publishing most of the copy. They pay special fees to get the Colorado wire extended to Wichita so they ought to use the stuff.

Anyhow we'll see that you get a roundup early each morning and I hope this fills the bill. If not please try me again.

I am glad to have the information that Wichita will play at El Dorado, Newton, Arkansas City and Winfield and I agree with you that, if only for that reason, we should carry some copy on the league. We'll give you all

Looking forward to seeing you in Abilene May 11-12.

Frank G. Gorrie:rb

Chief of Bureau



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The Pittsburg Headlight

EVENINGS EXCEPT SUNDAY

Established 1887

THE PITTSBURG SUN

MORNINGS EXCEPT MONDAY

Established 1918

THE PITTSBURG PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. W. BRINKERHOFF

Pittsburg, Kansas April 29, 1952

Rolla A. Clymer The Times El Dorado, Kas.

Dear Rolla:

Thanks again for your most kindly words in connection with my Washington piece. What I found I wrote. This campaign, no matter who is our nominee, means hard manual work for the Republicans, or another burial in November. And, Rolla, believe me, I want to make a change in Washington and get rid of the new deal, the fair deal and the abominable mess of spending and taxing that threatens the destruction of this country. I want to throw the whole thing out and not attempt merely to change the label from Democrat to Republican. I do not believe in socialism or in the do goodism which has almost done us up. I cannot overlook the fact that the men best qualified to advise on the subject have told me--and that includes Roy Roberts--that the man closest to the general and his main counselor and adviser on all things political is Brother Milt. Mnough of that.

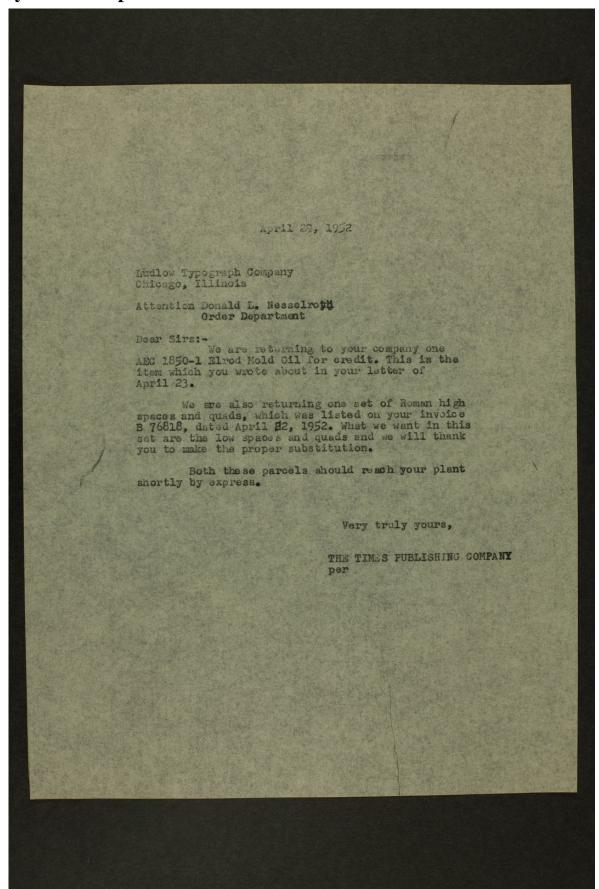
What would you say if this Pittsburg Chevrolet came "zooming" through El Dorado about 1 o'clock or 1:30 on Sunday afternoon May 11 and picked up Ham Berger and went on to Abilene, said Chevrolet bearing also one Junior Reed from Parsons?

Sincerely yours,

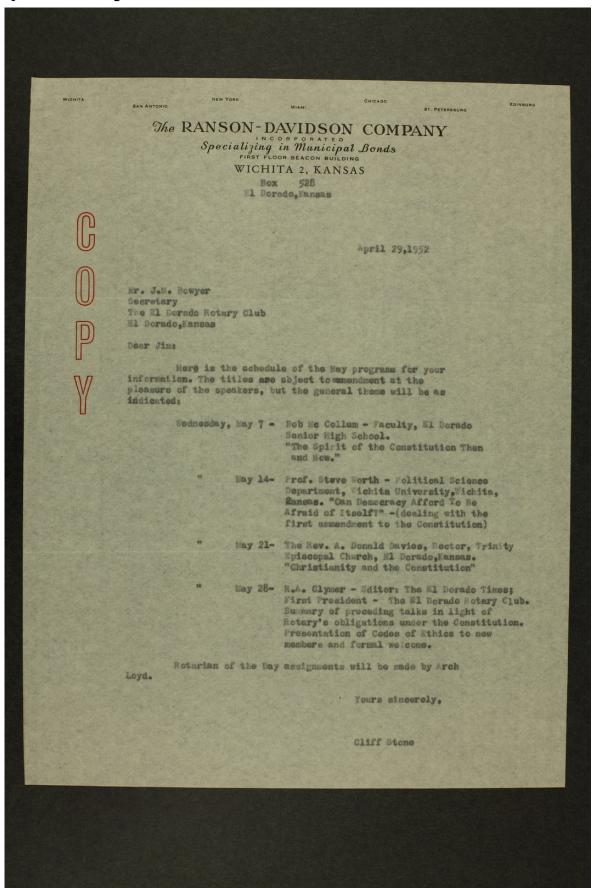
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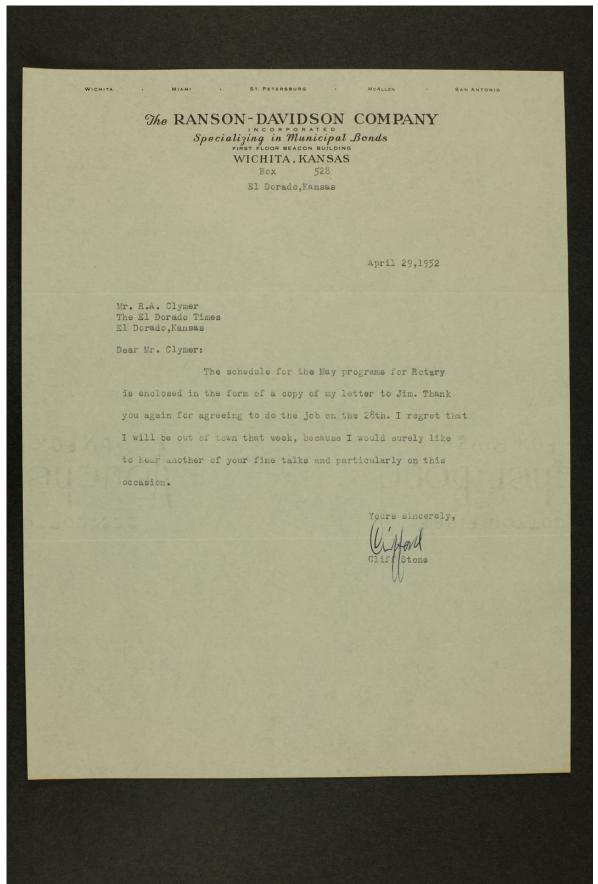




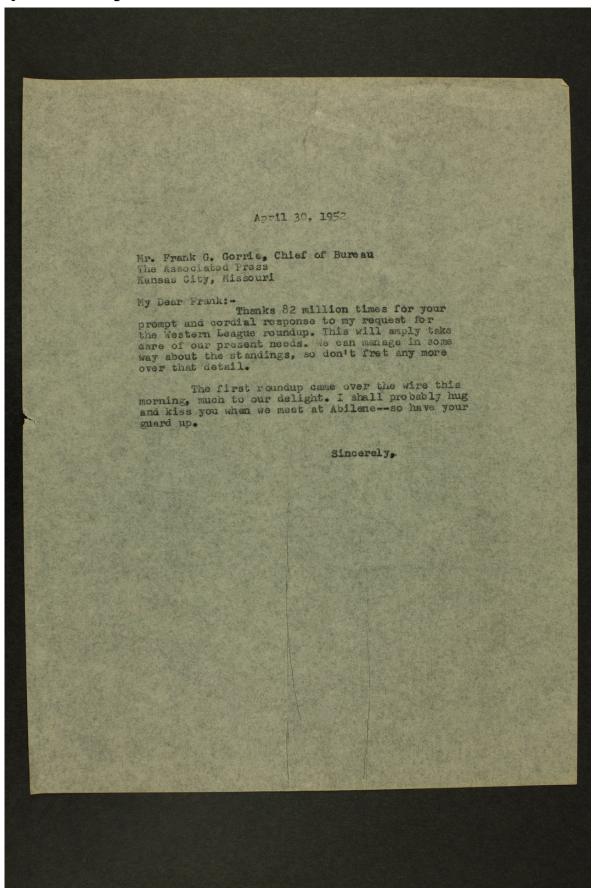














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GRAND CANYON LINE

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

W. J. RODGERS,
Passenger Traffic Manager
W. WALLACE WOOLFORD,
Aust Concern Passenger Agent

H. F. ROONEY,
General Traveling Passenger Agent

Galveston, Texas, April 30, 1952

File: A.

Mr. Rolla Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

Mr. Kirkpatrick has forwarded me your article regarding my recent transfer to Galveston. Needless to say I do appreciate this very much and want you to know its quite a thing to have such a fine press agent on one's side.

Am wondering if you recall our first meeting in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol at Topeka. To me that does not seem such a long time ago, and yet it has been approximately thirteen years. Time does fly!

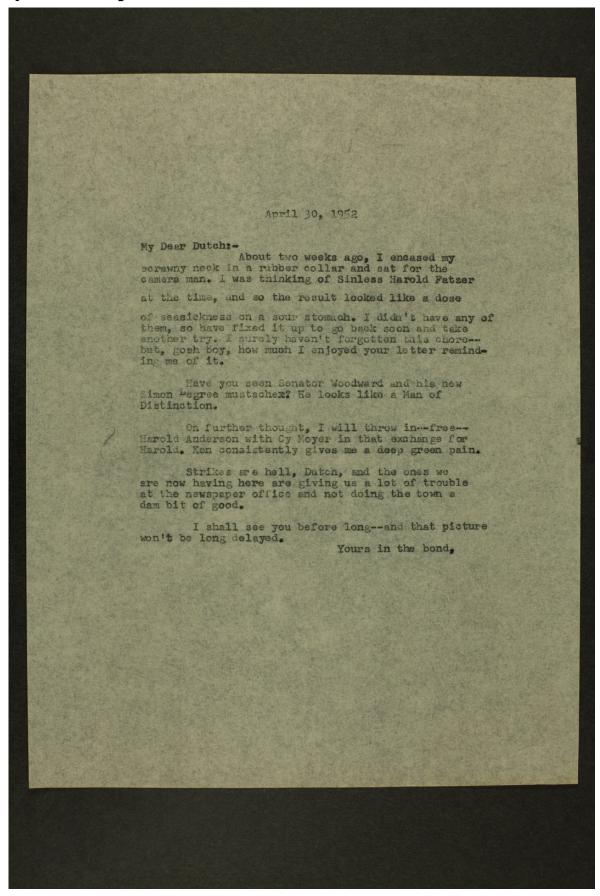
Surely at sometime or another you will have occasion to make a trip to Galveston and am hopeful we can then get together and talk over some of the old times we knew.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Passenger Traffic Manager







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503 Burnham Road Columbia, Missouri May 1, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Through the placement service at the University of Missouri School of Journalism I have been informed of the opening on your newspaper for a sports writer who can assist in covering general news. Because your letter to Mr. Derr stresses these two phases in the order named, I think my background and training would especially qualify me for such a job, and I would be pleased to be considered a candidate.

I will graduate in the upper third of my class in the school of Journalism June 5. I am 22, single, six foot two, 190 pounds, and neither drink nor smoke. At present I have a student's deferment, and will be reclassified June 15, probably 1A. But because of a spinal lesion operation performed on me when I was a week cld, I have been left with a slightly stiff back, which I think will make me unacceptable for military service.

I have had an avid interest in sports ever since high school, where I was sports editor of the school bi-weekly and annual, and sports writer for two neighborhood weeklies. At the University, I became sports editor of the school weekly when I was a sophomore and then went into the School of Journalism. After a semester of general subjects, I took a semester of reporting sports for the daily Golumbia Missourian, and of 12 awards for the best stories over a four-month period, won three of them. During that semester I also took basic courses in copyreading and radio work. Last semester I wrote, edited and read news and sports broadcasts over radio station K-F-R-U, which has sort of a work ing agreement with the University. I also worked on both news and sports on the copy desk. This semester I am taking city reporting, with my main assignments being horse shows in Columbia and at Stephens College. Other courses which have helped me gain an understanding of sports were a coaching course, mejor sports, taught by coaches Don Faurot and "Sparky" Stalcup, and a course in officiating, which qualified me for a referee in the intramural program. I have also taken several courses in psychology, which I believe have helped me to understand people and know how to get along with them. To me this seems to be a valuable skill for a reporter to have.

During three of the past four summers I have worked at a show horse stable, Oak Brook Polo Club, and at a summer camp teaching riding. I think this would qualify me to cover horse shows, rodeos and trail rides, which I understand are popular in Kansas.

I hope I am not being too cocky when I say that I think I am your man. I would be very happy to send you samples of my writing, a record of my radio voice, a photograph, or any further information you desire. Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible, I remain

Sincerely,

Harlan Abbey 503 Burnham Road. Columbia, Missouri



