

#### **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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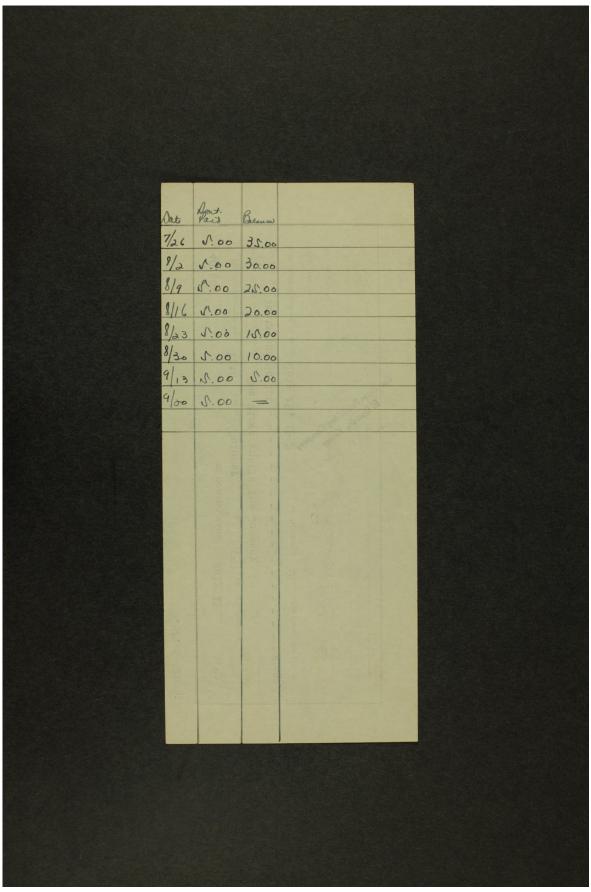
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A. L. SHULTZ
POLITICAL NEWS
HOTEL JAYHAWK
TOPEKA, KANSAB
JULY 18, 1952.

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, ElDorado Times, ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Paragraphs such as the one you wrote for the Listening Post the other day are the things that makes a man happy, but wonder if he should not go down to the iron foundry and get something to keep his head from growing beyond the size which the Lord provided for mankind. You were truly wonderful and I appreciate it more than you will ever know. However, you make me conscious of the fact that being a reporter has responsibilities which one finds difficult to live up to.

It was a wicked and vicious convention, Rolla, and the sin was not on either crowd, It was considerably divided, and because the issues were personal rather than party policy, I am not sure that all the wounds will heal before cool weather sets in.

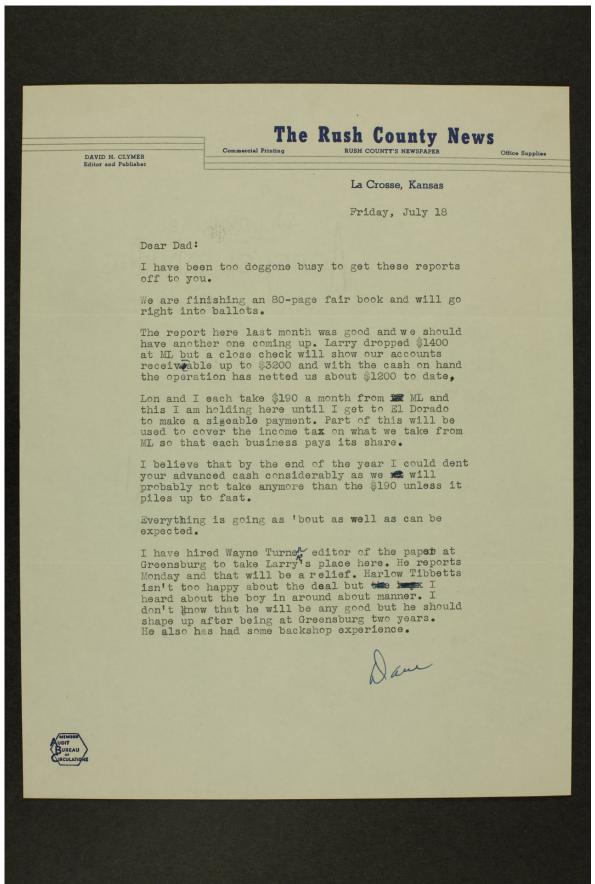
I thought of you many times and wished for you. Hope we may have an opportunity to sit down sometime soon, so that I may have some of your wise counsel.

Again, a thousand thanks for your kindness, and my best regards always,

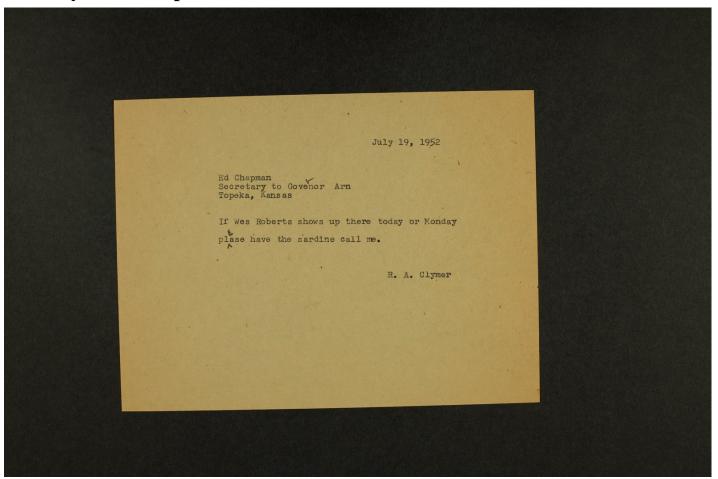
Very Sincerely

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K. M. GEDDES

LAWYER
EL DORADO, KANSAS July 20th, 1952.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,

El Dorado , Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Recently in the paper of which you are the Editor, you published an editorial in which you advised and recommended that the best thing that could happen to the Country would be the burial of a great number of the "Old Guard".

In this article you gave vent to a considerable amount of hatred.

Recently you published at some length an Article submitted by Mr. R. C. Woodward, reviewing the recent Chicago Convention and of his labors therein, and which article contains much of the same attitude of hatred as to the "Old Guard.

I wonder if it would not be well to examine this hatred as to the "Old Guard" which you and Mr. Woodward have manifested and made public.

I wonder if it would not be well for you and Mr. Woodward and to ask yourselves to just what branch, if any, of the Republican Party you claim membership in.

It might be well for you to ask your self the question of whether or not you want the Republican  $P_{\rm B}$ rty to win in November and also whether or not you think this  $P_{\rm B}$ rty can win in November, without the votes of the "Old Guard".

Before you ever came to El Dorado the Republican Party, including the "Old Guard" was winning elections and without any help from either you or Mr. Woodward.

From the time the candidates were selected until the polls closed the "Old Guard", of which I was and am a meder, was beating the bushes to win the election. The record is not so bad.

The " Old Guard" did not defeat William Howard Taft for re-election; it did not elect Woodring, Governor of Kansas.

I undertake to say that the selection of Mr. Woodward as a delegate to the recent Convention was accomplished with the help of a lot of support from the "Old Guard".

The "Old Guard" will be in this campaign with all it xxength strength to win this election for the Republican Party and it will not be loafing on the job. Will you?

If so, why throw bricks at Republicans? If you are against the "New Deal", why not throw your bricks at democratice "New Dealers".

If you think this election is in the bag, you are as far



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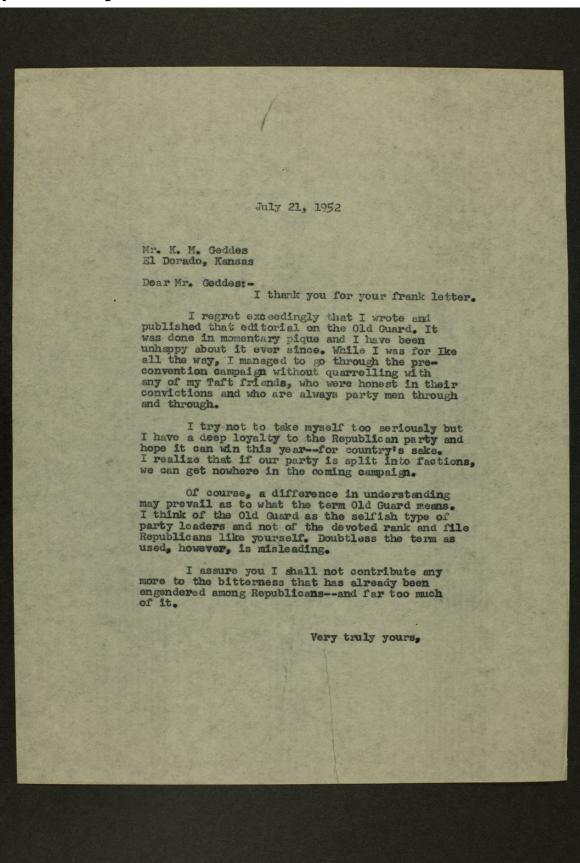


wrong, in my judgment, as you can be; if you think this Country can stand 4 more years of rule by the Democratic Party and survive and likewise its form of Government, and likewise the Republican Party survice, then, in my judgment you have entirely lost your sense of of political balance, if any you have; if you think this election can be won without the courage and the fighting spirit of the "Old Guard", then in my judgment you are wrong again, but, if that is your way of thinking then why not come out in the open and say so?

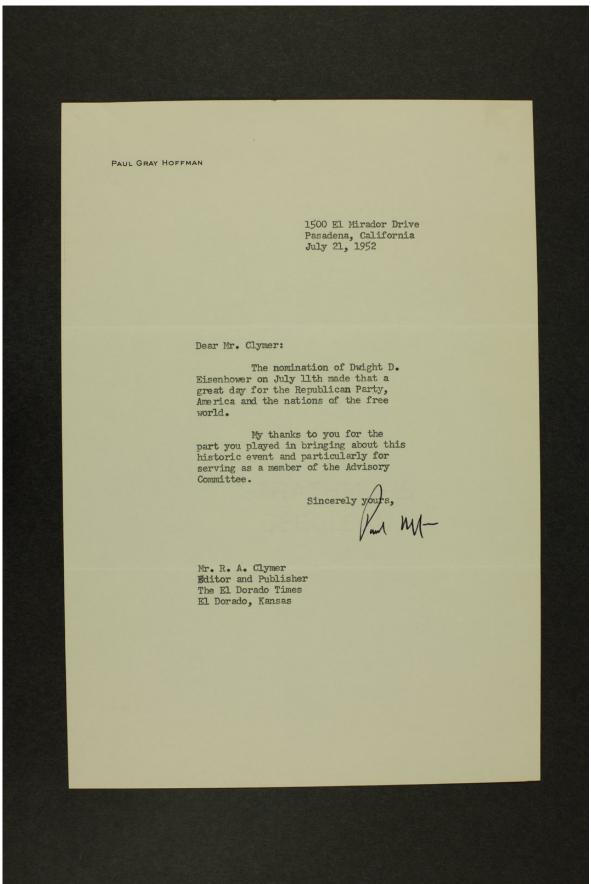
I suggest it is about time to quit publishing such idiotic damn fool editorials if you have the welfare of the Country sincerely at heart.

Very Truly, L. M. Geddes.

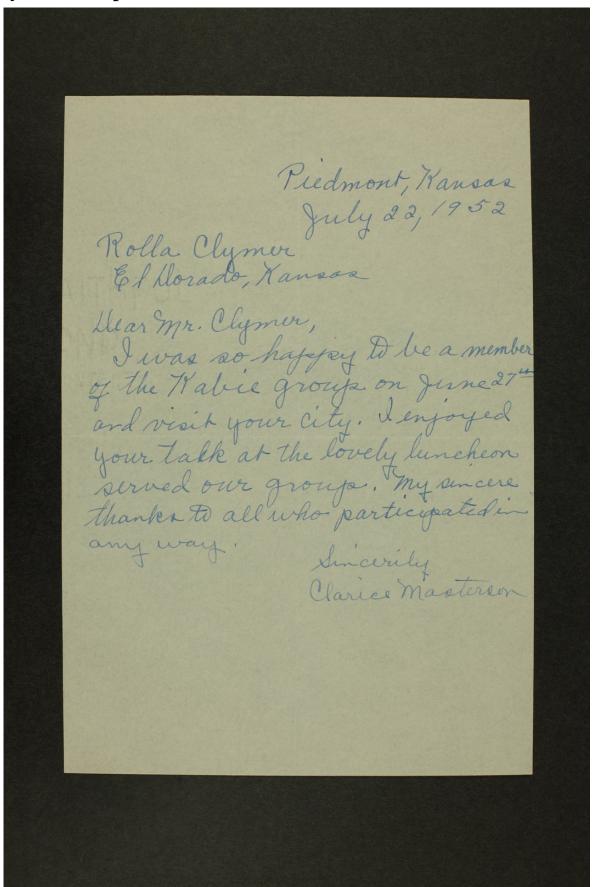




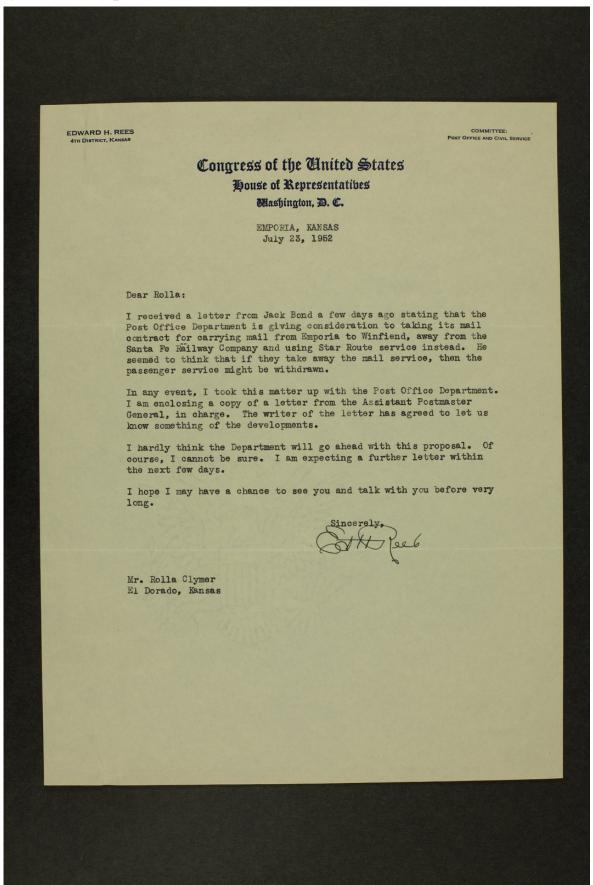






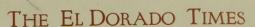








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-MERGER OF-

WALNUT VALLEY TIMES

EL DORADO REPUBLICAN

EDITOR AND MANAG

EL DORADO, KANSAS

July, 23, 1952

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am writing these few lines to let you know how sorry I am of the incident I Let happen to me a couple of weeks ago.

Of course it was all my fault. I wasn't "keeping my guard up" as you have repeatedly told me to do many times. My defense was down and I was cracked hard--on the chin.

As you know, I have had headaches for several weeks now and thought at the time this happened I would go to Dr. Earp and let him give me a shot to stop this consistent nuisance---not letting it get through to my thick head that I would be running right back for more medication.

So the old guy winds up giving me six shots of morphine within about a three day period. And strong ones they were. Then, too, he gave me prescriptions that allowed me to purchase 36 three grain sleeping capsules. And to top this off I drank fourteen cans of beer. Boy, oh boy, am I smart?

After this all ended you don't have any idea how badly I felt about the matter. I was sick with myself and ill, too, from absorbing all this lousy junk. Never, never again.

Words simply cannot tell you how grateful I am to you and to Roy for the splendid treatment I have received at The Times. I don't like to let my friends down, Mr. Clymer--especially understanding individuals like you and Roy.

I'll never go back again for that "first one" as I Know that I cannot take the chance-the chance of going back for the second one, etc.

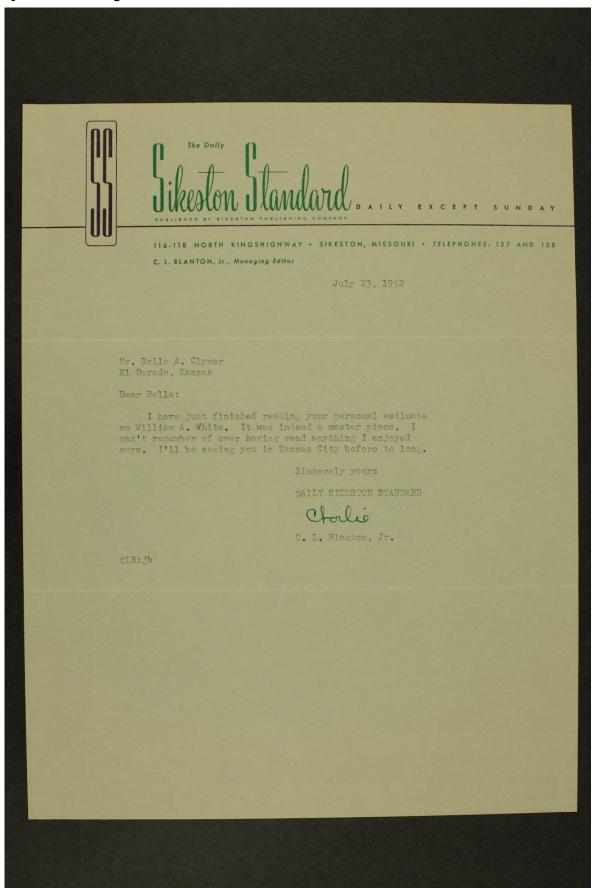
I love my work here and someday--in some way--maybe I will be able to repay fou for the kindness you have shown me.

Yes, I have finally got it straight. I simply cannot take medication like this. I always go back for more.

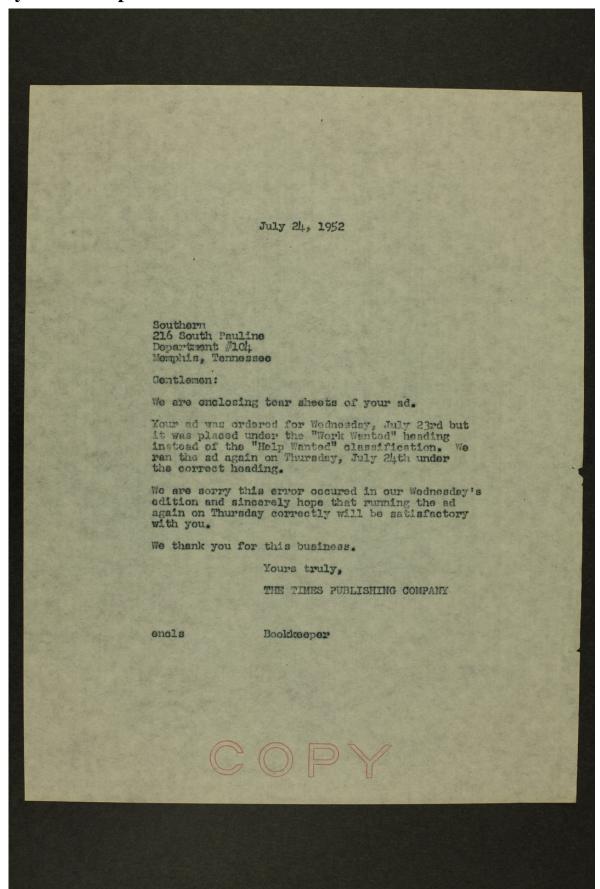
Never, never again.

Respectfully,







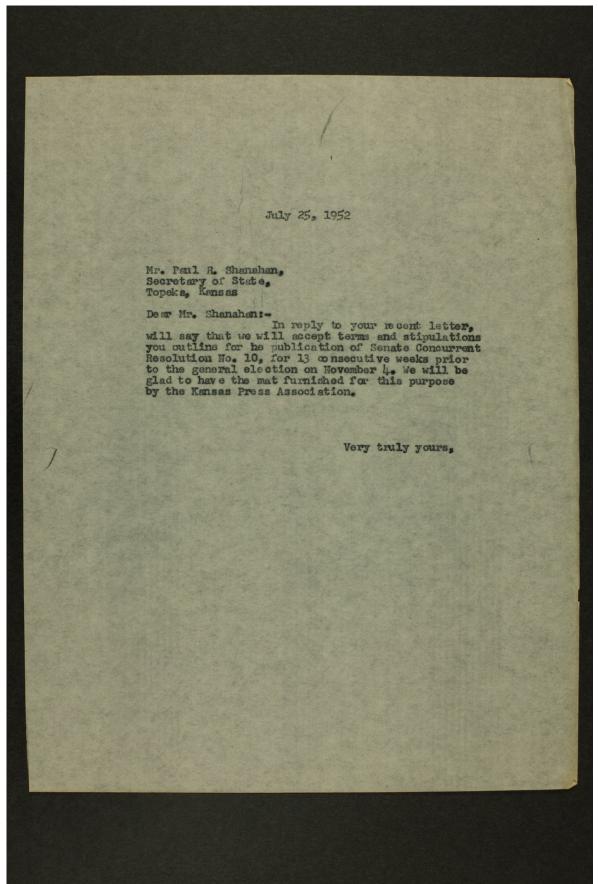




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## BALDERSON INC. N. C. BALDERSON, PRESIDENT W. E. BALDERSON, GEN. MGR. GILBERT SIEWALD, SECY.-TREAS PHONE 154 CATERPILLAR ALLIED MANUFACTURER SNOW PLOWS - BULLDOZERS WAMEGO, KANSAS July 24, 1952 Mr. Rolla Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas Dear Mr. Clymer: El Dorado has been under City Manager form of government since 1917. Wamego will vote September 12 on making a change to the Commission-Manager Plan. Our city owns its public utilities and needs such a system for unified control of all city functions. Will you please make a statement concerning the success of the City Manager Plan in El Dorado so that we can use it in our publicity here in Wamego. The enclosed envelope is for your reply. Will you please offer any further suggestions or ideas, or obtain another statement from one of your city officials, to help our campaign. We will appreciate your assistance immensely. Sincerely, WEB: jd







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July 25, 1952

Mr. W. E. Balderson Wamego, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Balderson:-

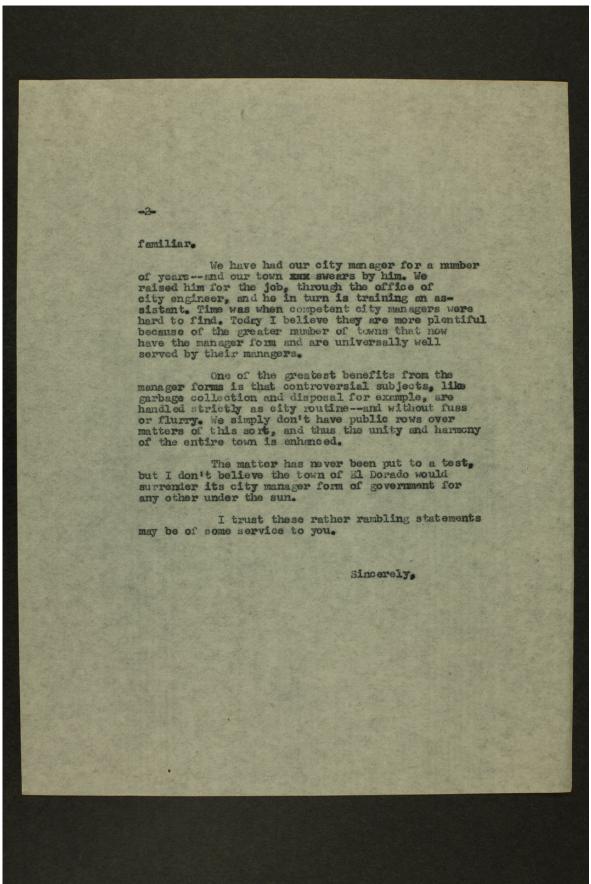
well satisfied with the city manager form of municipal government since 1917 for the principal reason that it centralizes direction and responsibility.

I don't know how this town would have been able to handle its affairs under any other form of government during the oil boom days of something more than thirty years ago-when the population jumped almost overnight from 3,500 to 12,000 and the whole municipality had to be made over, especially as regards new streets, paving, sewers, water facilities and all the rest of it. Then, in these days of complexity, the manager form serves capably with its alertness toward solution of all the baffling problems that arise.

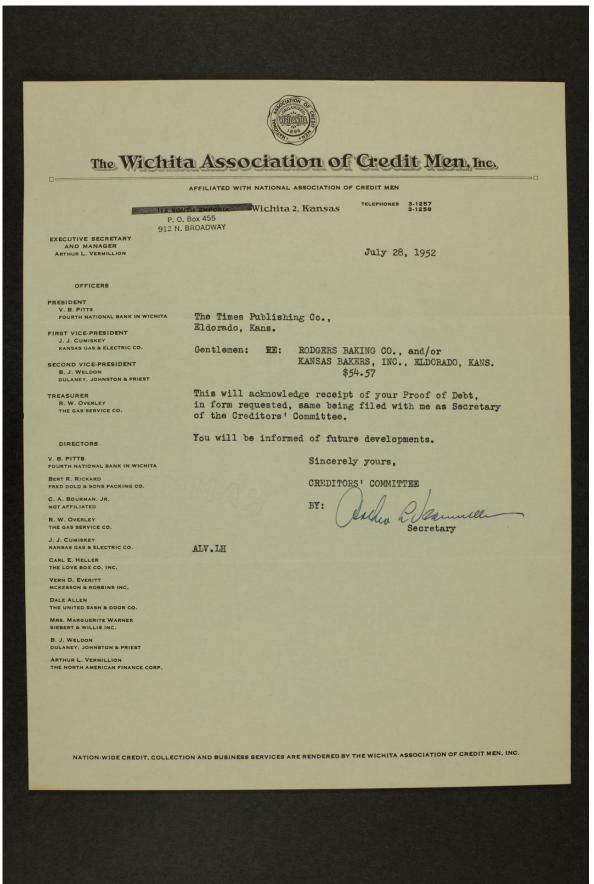
The city commission serves as a board of directors, and the manager as its executive officer. The trick, of course, is to contrive to have a sound city commission and a competent manager at the same time. Mostly we have managed to accomplish this aim in El Dorado, though we have had both good and bad city managers. The good ones have outnumbered the inferior ones by a wide margin. A good manager pays for himself by his constant attention to all the little details of municipal operation which might well be overlooked under the council, or other, form. I am continually amazed at the number of comparatively small innovations our city manager puts into effect, all of which aid in keeping our municipality streamlined and functioning efficiently.

I am often asked if the city manager form saves in taxes—and I frankly answer that I don't know. I doubt if much public saving is possible anywhere these days under any form. But our levy in El Dorado has always been kept down, at least, as low as average levels. Under any conditions, I would sooner trust a city manager and his commission—with their close daily scrutiny and understanding of city affairs—to keep expenses down than any other form of city government with which I have been

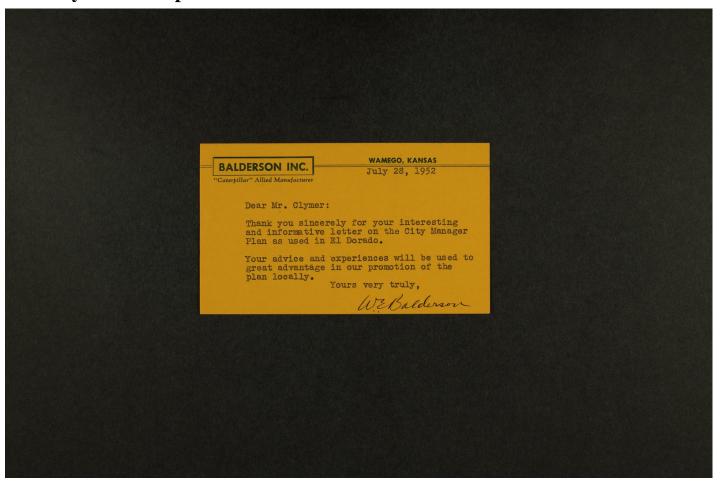




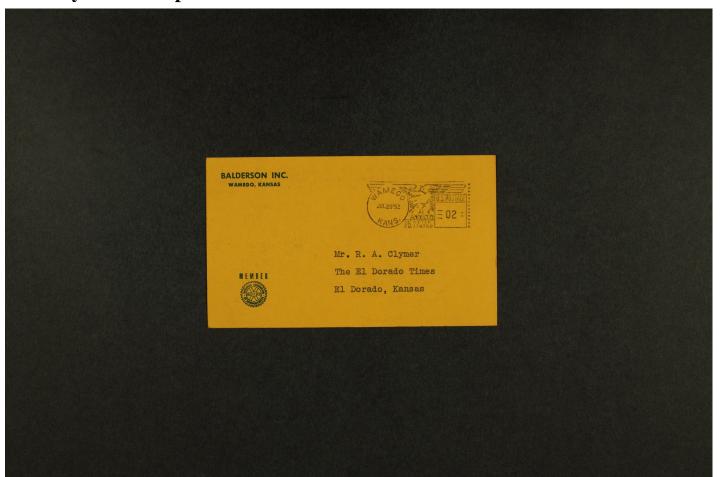




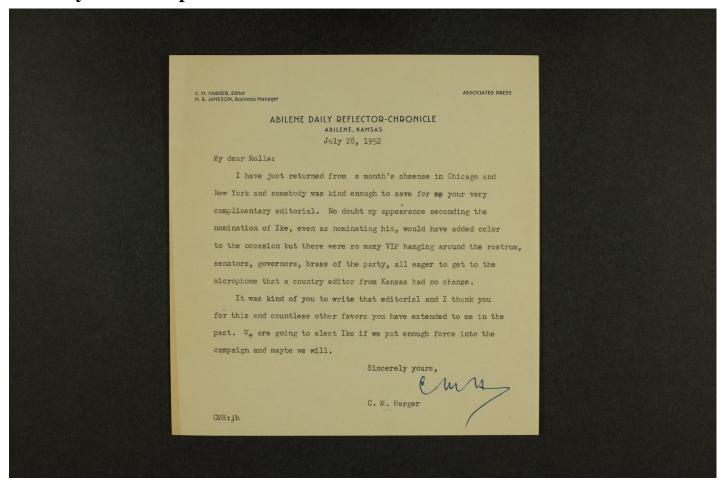




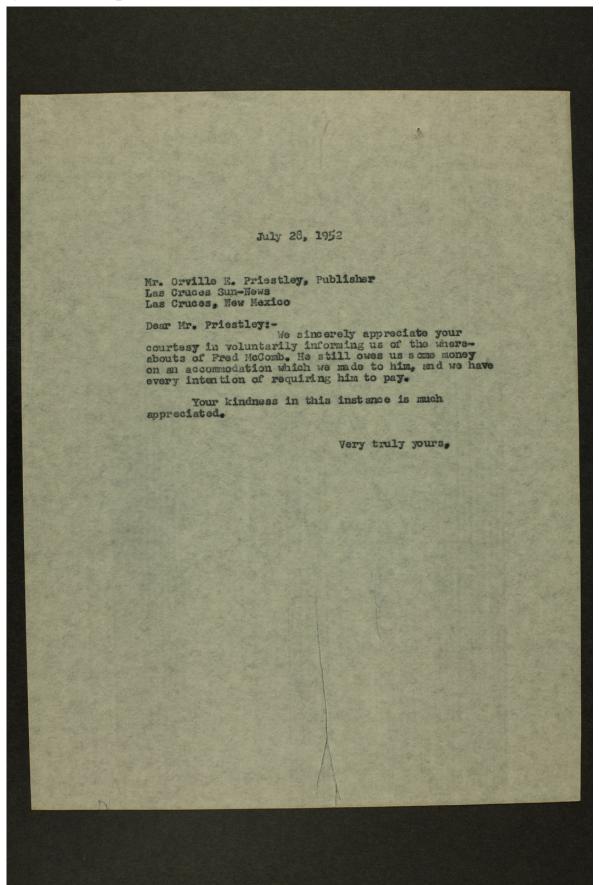




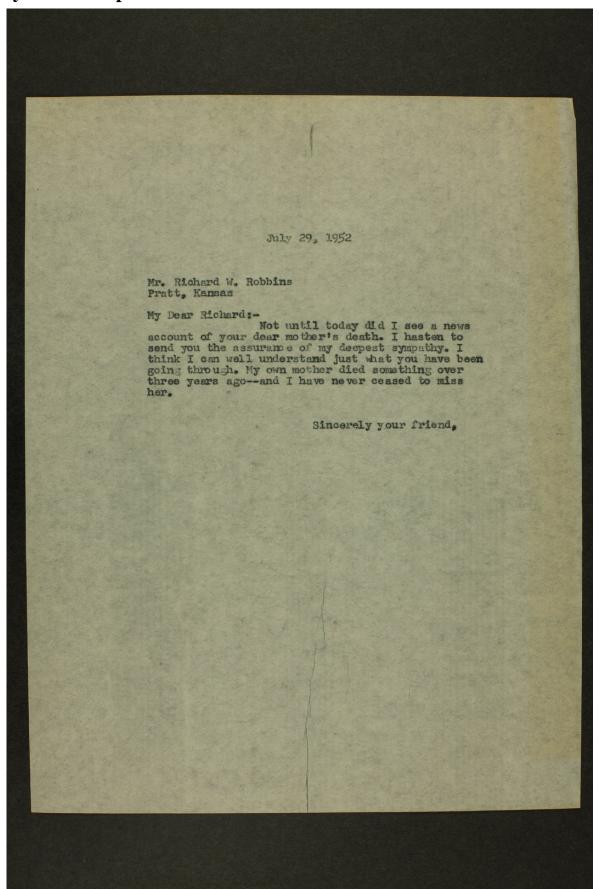




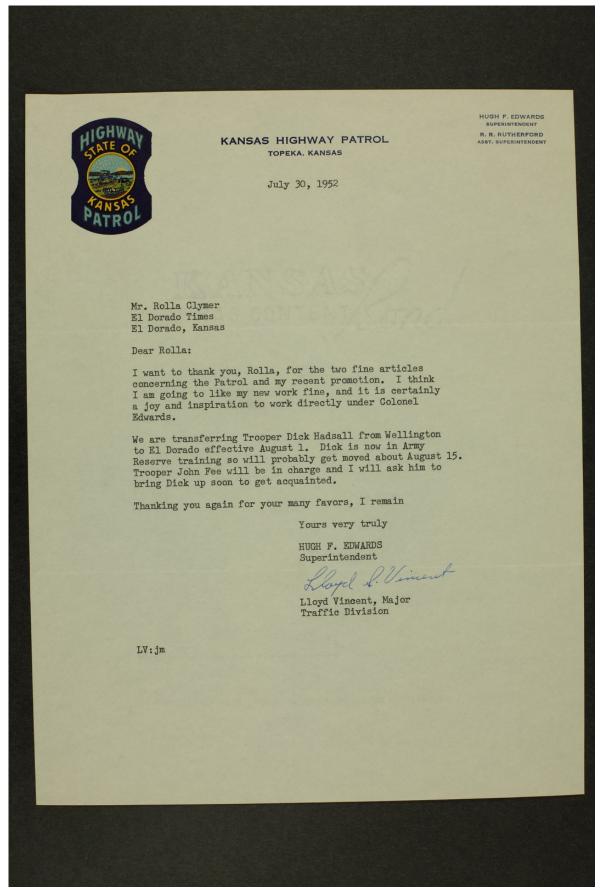




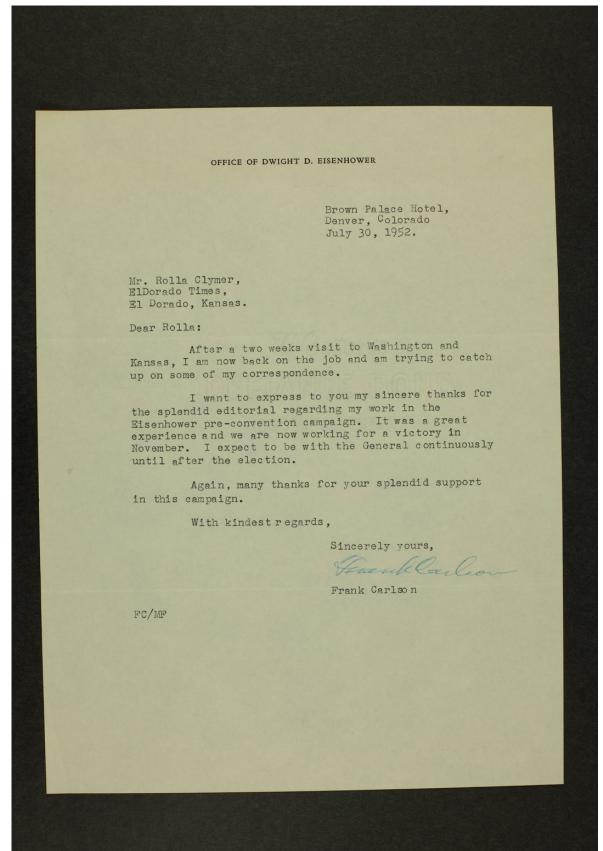




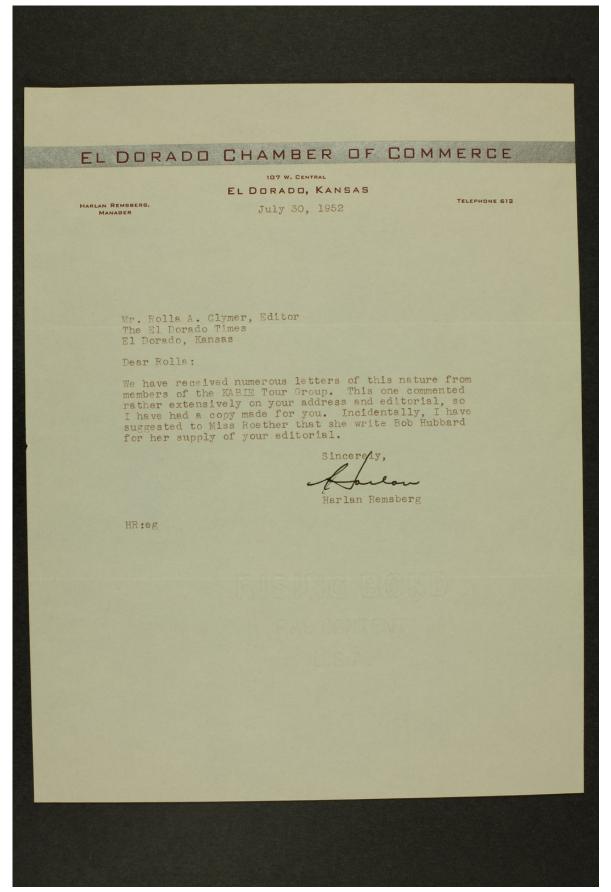
















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#### BLOOR SCHLEPPEY

Counsel to Newspaper Management Zionsville, Indiana

July 31, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

About four years ago I made a compilation of the number of men required by union contract to operate newspaper tubular presses. Inasmuch as some tubular presses have been abandoned and a number of newspapers have purchased new duplex tubular equipment, this compilation is now obsolete.

 $\ensuremath{\text{I}}$  am making another survey a copy of which  $\ensuremath{\text{I}}$  will send to you when completed.

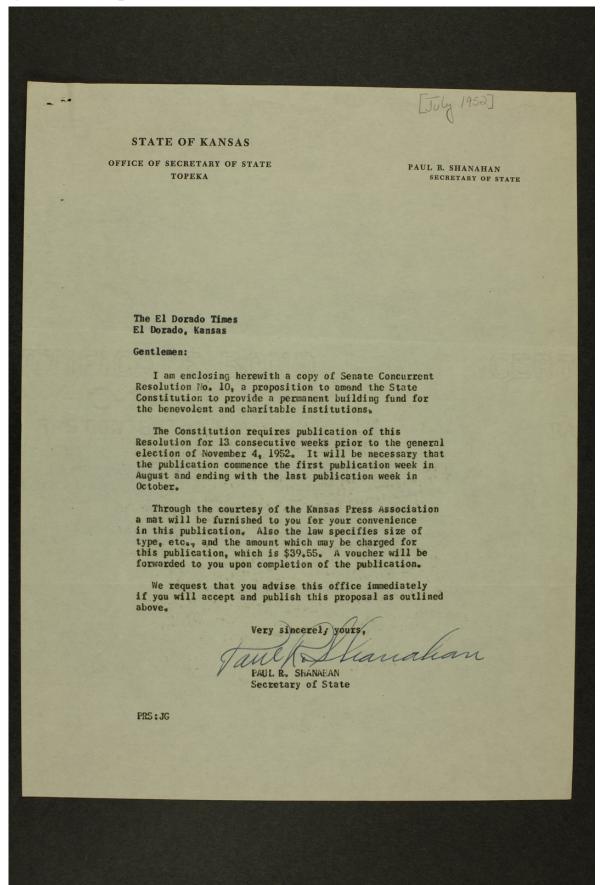
I would very much appreciate knowing the circulation you print together with the average pages printed per week and your manning table. If you do not have a specific press manning table in your contract, please tell me your practice as to the number of men required. Also, do you have a standing or minimum crew? Do you guarantee a minimum amount of employment throughout the year? Do you require extra man power when color is run? Do you have any other fringe manning requirements?

Let me again assure you as I have in the past that the information you give me will be held in strictest confidence and will not be used in negotiation with the union. This information is for my own purpose of comparing the general practice with my own time and motion study and results. I believe that you will find this very interesting when completed. It may not be of help in lowering your manning but it should be of great help in preventing further increases therein. therein.

Sincerely,

Blm Schlyppey









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First District
ALBERT BERLIN
Wakefield News

Second District ANGELO SCOTT Iola Register

Third District KERM POWERS Thayer News

Fifth District SAM SHADE

Kiowa News

Sixth District ELTON CARTER Norton Telegram PAST-PRESIDENT

Independence Reporter

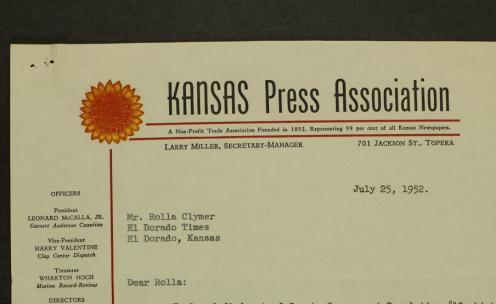
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN

WEEKLY BYRON E. GUISE Marysville Advocate DAILY CLYDE REED



Enclosed find mat of Senate Concurrent Resolution #10 which is to be published in your newspaper starting the first week in August and running for thirteen consecutive weeks.

You have received the order direct from Paul Shanahan, Secretary of State for this legal.

The KPA is mailing a mat to every newspaper picked by the Secretary of State, making it easier for the composing room to handle this legal notice. Another reason we are sending a mat is due to the fact that if the legal notice was set in ten different plants, we would probably get at least four different number of lines, which looks unusual to state authorities who handle legal notices. It is difficult for them to understand that there is a fat "six-point" and a lean "six-point", and in this way the number of lines will be the same in the papers which elect to use the KPA mat.

If you prefer to set the type that is your privilege. We know that several papers appreciated receiving the mat four years ago, and we are happy to send it to you and hope it proves beneficial.

With every good wish, I am

LM: hb

Cordially yours,