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## **Subject(s): B-52**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, December 30, 1951**

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1. First photo released of new eight engine Boeing XB-52 jet bomber.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, March 19, 1954**

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1. The first production model of Boeing's B-52 bomber rolled out of the Seattle plant yesterday. At the Wichita plant tooling is in progress to establish Wichita as a second source of supply for the new bomber.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, October 15, 1954**

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- 5A. The 1000<sup>th</sup> B-47 Stratojet produced by the Boeing Wichita plant was rolled out yesterday afternoon. Details. Photo. There are 30,400 employes at the plant. Tooling up is now underway for production of the new eight jet B-52 bomber.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, May 27, 1955**

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- 5A. Production of the B-52 jet bomber is being increased by about 35 percent at both Wichita and Seattle divisions of the Boeing Airplane Company. Details. Total employment at Boeing Wichita is 26,952. This is expected to gradually decline to approximately 22,500 by the end of 1955.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Saturday, November 12, 1955**

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1. A Boeing B-52 Stratofortress bomber flew over Wichita for the first time yesterday as a part of the Air Force Base Veterans' Day program. It was flown here from Tinker

Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Photo of plane over downtown Wichita.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, December 8, 1955**

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1. Report of roll out of first Wichita built B-52 Stratofortress bomber at Boeing plant here at noon yesterday. Details. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Wednesday, December 28, 1955**

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- 2B. Article summarizing annual report of the Cessna Aircraft Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1955. Total sales exceeded \$50 million, up 11 percent from 1954. Net earnings were \$2,839,083, up 30 percent over 1954. The company spent about \$1,250,000 on expansion of plant facilities, with 31,000 square feet added to the Prospect plant, 20,000 square feet to the Pawnee plant, and another 20,000 square feet addition started at the Pawnee plant to accommodate B-52 and T2V-1 subcontract work. Further details.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Saturday, January 7, 1956**

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- 7A. The first Boeing B-52 Stratofortress to land at Wichita arrived here yesterday morning. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, January 27, 1956**

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- 5A. Construction of the previously announced new B-52 hangar at the Wichita Division of Boeing Airplane Company will begin in April, the company announced yesterday. The hangar will be large enough to house four B-52 bombers and is scheduled for completion in February of next year. It will be located south of the present hangar east of Oliver on the Boeing flight line and will measure 195 by 880 feet, with an overall height of 72 feet at the center.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, March 25, 1956**

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- 5A. A concrete ramp 760 by 3000 feet costing \$5 million is to be built at the Boeing Airplane Company's Wichita Division for pre-flight operations for the B-52 Stratofortress bombers being built here.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Tuesday, May 15, 1956**

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1. The first Wichita built B-52 Stratofortress made its maiden flight yesterday afternoon. Details.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, June 10, 1956****page**

- 7A. Photo of the new B-52 concrete parking ramp at the Boeing Airplane Company in Wichita, which is nearly completed. Work was started last November and will be completed in July. The ramp is 760 by 3000 feet.

**Wichita Eagle****Saturday, June 30, 1956****page**

- 11A. Article about expansion projects under way at the Boeing plant in Wichita. Work started recently on the giant four bay B-52 hangar being built on the flight ramp. Details. Photos.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, September 23, 1956****page**

- 1F. Photo of the large B-52 hangar under construction at Boeing plant. Framework is up. To be completed in February 1957.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, December 2, 1956****page**

- 1E. Photo of new four bay B-52 hangar nearing completion at Boeing Airplane Company.

**Wichita Eagle****Tuesday, December 11, 1956****page**

- 1C. It was just one year ago Friday that the first B-52 Stratofortress bomber rolled off the assembly line of the Boeing Airplane Company (in Wichita?). It was completed on December 7, 1955 and after testing was delivered to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing at Castle Air Force Base, California.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, January 13, 1957****page****Magazine**

- 1E. Aerial photo of new four bay B-52 hangar nearing completion at Boeing Airplane Company's ramp on east side of Oliver.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Sunday, February 24, 1957**  
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1E. The new B-52 hangar at Boeing's Wichita Division has been completed. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Thursday, June 27, 1957**  
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5A. Boeing Airplane Company yesterday announced plans to terminate B-52 production at Seattle in about a year and concentrate all production of the B-52 at the Wichita Division. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Thursday, July 24, 1958**  
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4A. The first of the new G model of the B-52 Stratofortress bombers was rolled out of the Boeing Wichita Division plant yesterday. Details. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 1959**  
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3A. Aerial photo of B-52 over downtown Wichita to be used on cover of phone directory.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Wednesday, June 7, 1961**  
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1. Boeing's Wichita plant is to receive a large contract to modify and beef up B-52 Stratofortress bombers for low level flying operations. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Saturday, June 23, 1962**  
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3A. The final B-52H Stratofortress bomber was rolled out from the final assembly plant at Boeing-Wichita yesterday. It was the 744th B-52 to be purchased by the Air Force. Of these, 467 were produced by Boeing-Wichita, and 277 by Boeing's Seattle Division. The B-52 flew for the first time April 15, 1952. Details. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Thursday, November 7, 1963**  
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1. Employment at Boeing-Wichita is at the highest point since February at slightly more than 18,000, and is expected to remain steady, according to Ben Wheat, general-

manager, Airplane Division, Wichita Branch. The B-52 will remain the most important program in the foreseeable future. Boeing has modified and modernized 352 of the B-52s. Details.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Monday, June 30, 1970****page**

3A. The first B-52 bomber was delivered to the United States Air Force 15 years ago yesterday, on June 29, 1955. Two prototypes, first flown in 1952, were test airplanes. There have been eight models of the B-52, ranging from B through H. The last B-52H came off the Boeing Wichita assembly line on June 22, 1962. Of the total of 744 B-52s produced, 467 were produced in Wichita.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Saturday, January 28, 1978****page**

8C. Boeing Wichita Company will head a seven and one-half year, \$1.6 billion program to upgrade 250 B-52 G and H model bombers. Actual work of modification will start in June 1981. Details.