

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

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WICHITA EAGLE

Sunday, September 3, 1916

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- ?. Article about flight of Clyde Cessna over downtown Wichita yesterday.

Sunday, September 10, 1916

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1. Article says Clyde Cessna intends to move to Wichita (from Belmont, Kansas) in October and establish an aeroplane factory and school. Details.

Saturday, October 18, 1913

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5. Article saying C. V. Cessna of Enid, Oklahoma, formerly a Kingman county farmer boy, drove the first monoplane airship over Wichita yesterday flying at a speed of 40 to 65 miles per hour and from 3,000 to 4,000 ft. above the ground. His machine is Cessna made. The take off and landing were at Walnut Grove park.

Friday, July 6, 1917

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2. Clyde Cessna flew from Blackwell, Oklahoma to Wichita yesterday at record speed of 124.62 miles per hour--76 miles in 36 minutes 35 seconds. In monoplane type of plane.

Sunday, July 15, 1917

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11. Photo of Clyde Cessna standing beside his new monoplane, the eighth monoplane constructed by him at the Cessna Aeroplane works, just north of the Jones Six factory north of Wichita.

Wednesday, October 10, 1917

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8. Article reporting that Clyde Cessna has developed a monoplane which will carry a passenger--on tests yesterday it carried three passengers on separate flights, the heavies weighting 165 pounds. The plane is powered by a French motor. Mr. Cessna does his flying on the field north of Fairmount, although he still stores his machines at his

factory, located at the Jones Motor Car factory.

Wednesday, February 15, 1928**page**

3. The Cessna Aircraft Company has increased its work force to twenty men and the company will produce one plane weekly starting within two weeks.

Monday, February 20, 1928**page**

5. The first Cessna monoplane to be sold from the local factory will leave today for Binghamton, New York, where the purchasers, E. A. Link and Richard L. Bennett, live.

Sunday, August 19, 1928**page**

6. Wichita aircraft firms delivered 31 new planes during the week, including sixteen Travel Air, eight Swallow, four Stearman, two Cessna and one Swift.

Sunday, October 7, 1928**page**

4. Magazine
Article about Clyde Cessna with photograph.

Rotogravure
Photograph of Cessna Model A monoplane.

Thursday, November 29, 1928**page**

6. Photograph of new six place Cessna cabin monoplane (6446).

Thursday, January 17, 1929**page**

5. Article says Shanmut Corporation has invested \$300,000 in Cessna Aircraft Company's expanded capitalization. Details.

Sunday, March 10, 1929**page**

Rotogravure
Photograph of Clyde V. Cessna

Sunday, March 24, 1929**page**

25. Cessna Aircraft Company announced plans yesterday for expansion and the purchase of a new airport east of the city. They will build a new six unit plant (drawing) on a tract of land between the county farm and the Braley airport with capacity of 21 planes a

week compared with two and a fourth planes a week at the present factory at 1st and Glenn. To cost approximately \$125,000. The new Cessna airport is an 80 acre tract. Payroll will be increased from present 50 workers to as much as 200. The tract was known as the Herman P. Jacobs place. Details.

Tuesday, March 26, 1929**page**

5. Ground was broken yesterday for Cessna's new factory on northwest corner of the company's eighty acre tract southeast of the city.

Sunday, March 31, 1929**page**

5. Contract let for new Cessna factory. Six manufacturing units will be constructed at once, giving nearly 55,000 sq. ft. of floor space compared to 18,000 sq. ft in the present plant at 1st and Glenn. Details.

Sunday, May 19, 1929**page**

2. Photographs of building being erected near new municipal airport. Includes Cessna factory units (framework), two buildings of Braley school, house for government radio station, and hangar at new airport (buildings at ends built, but framework on hangar just starting) Article says the hangar at airport will be completed by June 15. It is 102 feet wide and 270 feet long. Building also under construction for housing the 30,000,000 c.p. BBT floodlight, located on east side of the field.

Friday, June 14, 1929**page**

3. The Cessna Aircraft company has started moving into its new factory southeast of the city, which is nearly completed.

Wednesday, June 19, 1929**page**

5. Article says moving of jigs and fixtures from the old Cessna plant on W. 1st st. to the new plant began Monday. Forty-seven planes have been delivered by the company in the last three months. By August 1 production will be increased to 27 planes a week. Five hundred forty-five planes are on order.

Friday, June 28, 1929**page**

2. Aerial photograph of new Cessna factory.

Sunday, August 25, 1929**page**

- 2-B. Aerial photographs of Swallow, Cessna, and Travel Air plants. Article with details about Wichita's aircraft industry firms.

Sunday, December 22, 1929**page**

2. The Burgan Corporation, of Shendoah, Iowa, manufacturer of sectional tourist cabins and tourist camp supplies, has purchased the former Cessna Aircraft company plant in West Wichita and will occupy it early in January. Details. Photograph on page 26.

Saturday, February 15, 1930**page**

3. Photograph of the Skylark, product of Watkins Aircraft Company, which has been given its approved type certificate by the department of commerce. Article with details. It is the fifth Wichita company to receive approved type certificate for its product, the others being Travel Air, Stearman, Cessna, and Swallow.

Thursday, February 27, 1930**page**

5. Article reports Cessna stockholders voted yesterday to reorganize the company so as to increase the capitalization, with substantial interest purchased by Wichita businessmen M. L. Arnold and Charles Yankey. The company plans to start production of a two place open cockpit monoplane to sell for less than \$2000. Details

Sunday, August 3, 1930**page**

5. The Cessna plant will be shut down for 30 days while financial matters are straightened out to permit production on a larger scale. About 30 men are affected by the closing.

Sunday, August 17, 1930**page**

3. Photograph of new Cessna mid-wing monoplane to be entered in National Air races.

Sunday, November 30, 1930**page**

3. A half interest in the old Cessna plant on the West Side was sold yesterday by M. L. Arnold to Clayton S. Shank of the American laundry.

Thursday, January 22, 1931**page**

5. Report of annual meeting yesterday of Cessna stockholders.

Friday, January 23, 1931**page**

2. Report of officers elected yesterday by Cessna directors.

Sunday, June 7, 1931**page**

5. The Wichita Air Transport company inaugurated service between Wichita and Kansas

City yesterday. Cessna monoplanes will be used.

Monday, January 4, 1932**page**

5. Article about new racing monoplane now being finished by Clyde Cessna.

Sunday, April 10, 1932**page**

1. Walter Beech with associates K. K. Shaul and T. A. Wells has leased one of the buildings at the Cessna plant here and will start work in a few days on a new type airplane. A new company will be formed. Details.

Tuesday, April 19, 1932**page**

5. Walter Beech started work on his new plane yesterday at the Cessna factory.

Thursday, May 19, 1932**page**

1. Photograph of "Miss Wanda," new Cessna monoplane which made its first flight yesterday. Article with details. Has retractable landing gear. Another photograph on page 12.

Sunday, June 19, 1932**page**

1. Article reports tornado struck municipal airport at 8:45 p.m. yesterday. Stearman hangar was badly damaged and about one fifth of municipal hangar unroofed. The Mooney factory to the west was demolished and five planes damaged, three of which were owned by Clyde Cessna, including the famous "Miss Wanda." Details.

Monday, June 20, 1932**page**

5. Clyde Cessna hopes to repair all five of his damaged planes, caught under the falling girders and walls of the Mooney factory building in Saturday's wind storm, and to find a new factory for his experimental work. Photographs of damage on page 6.

Sunday, November 6, 1932**page**

8. Photograph of new Beechcraft biplane, which made its first flight yesterday. Flight was from the Cessna field. Article with details.
32. Article reports inaugural flight yesterday of the new Transcontinental Western Air 24 hour coast-to-coast passenger service. Details.

Thursday, December 29, 1932**page**

5. Article says the Cessna racing monoplane "Miss Wanda" hit 255 m.p.h. in tests at the Cessna field yesterday. Details.

Sunday, January 1, 1933**page**

1. Photograph of the "Miss Wanda" racing plane of the Clyde V. Cessna factory, to be entered in the speed races at Miami the last of this week.

Thursday, January 19, 1933**page**

10. Article reports annual meeting yesterday of directors of the Cessna Aircraft Company, with Charles G. Yankey elected president. There is hope that before the year ends better business conditions will permit the resumption of airplane building at the Cessna factory on Franklin road.

Friday, June 2, 1933**page**

2. Photograph of the new racing plane just completed for Johnnie Livingston by Clyde V. Cessna and Eldon Cessna. The plane was built at the Cessna Airplane Company shops at Travel Air field.

Saturday, June 24, 1933**page**

2. The "Miss Wanda" monoplane, built by Clyde and Eldon Cessna over a year ago, has been overhauled and slightly remodeled in past two weeks and will represent Wichita in the American Air Races at Chicago July 1-4. Details.

Friday, June 30, 1933**page**

2. Photograph of the rebuilt Cessna plane, "Miss Wanda."

Tuesday, July 4, 1933**page**

1. At air races in Chicago yesterday the 35 mile feature race was won by Johnny Livingston's Cessna at average of 183.78 m.p.h., and second place was won by Cessna's "Miss Wanda" at average of 183.32 m.p.h. Details.

Wednesday, July 5, 1933**page**

1. The two Cessna racers finished first and second again yesterday at the American air races in Chicago in the featured trophy race. Johnny Livingston's plane averaged 204.54 m.p.h. and the "Miss Wanda" averaged 202.88 m.p.h. Details.

Friday, July 7, 1933**page**

2. Photographs of the two Cessna racers which were winners at the Chicago air races.

Saturday, August 26, 1933**page**

2. Photograph of rebuilt Cessna "Miss Wanda" racing plane. Article with details.

Thursday, January 18, 1934**page**

5. Clyde V. Cessna was named president and general-manager of the Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday by a new board of directors elected at the annual stockholders' meeting. ¶ Plans were laid for a resumption of activity in the Cessna company affairs. The company will be refinanced so to take care of such obligations as are outstanding. A new commercial model is in prospect this summer if business conditions continue to improve. ¶ The Cessna factory northeast of the municipal airport already is an active spot in the Wichita aviation industry, with sections leased to the Beech Aircraft Company and the Straughan Aircraft Company. Details.

Monday, March 5, 1934**page**

5. A new Cessna commercial plane, the C-34 model, will be brought out this spring. Constuction on the first plane, powered with 145 h.p. Warner motor, will start within two weeks.

Saturday, March 17, 1934**page**

5. The Beech Aircraft Company yesterday leased from the Curtiss-Wright Corporation the Travel Air factory and hangar on E. Central and will move into the larger quarters within a few weeks. The Beech company will need more room than is available at the Cessna factory on E. Pawnee where they share the building with the Cessna and the Straughn Aircraft companies. The Travel Air factory has been idle except for one wing since it was closed down by the Curtiss-Wright corporation three years ago.

Thursday, April 5, 1934**page**

3. Walter Beech is planing to move back to the Travel Air plant in about two weeks. ¶ Clyde V. Cessna soon will be located again in the orginal Cessna plant for construction of new planes.

Friday, August 10, 1934**page**

3. Completion of the first of the new C-34 Cessna commercial planes was announced yesterday by Clyde Cessna. First flight will be today or Saturday. Details.

Saturday, August 11, 1934**page**

5. First flight of new Cessna C-34 was made yesterday.

Monday, September 17, 1934**page**

5. The Straughan Aircraft Corporation, of Wichita, was sold over the weekend to Mark Kleedon, president of Black Gold Refining Company of Oklahoma City. The company will be moved to Oklahoma City. It has been in receivership for several weeks. ¶ When the company last summer obtained a license for its plane from the department of commerce, it moved from the old Cessna plant, where its development work was carried on for almost three years, to the old Yellow Air Cab factory. Details.

Saturday, March 2, 1935**page**

3. Eldon Cessna has resigned from the staff of the Cessna Aircraft Company and accepted a position as engineer with the Northrop Aircraft Corporation at Inglewood, California.

Wednesday, July 3, 1935**page**

5. The Cessna Aircraft company is now ready for production of its new C-34 model and is announcing the ship in an attractive booklet to the trade. Details. The company announced yesterday the sale of an older DC 6A model Cessna to a company in Manila, Philippine Islands.

Monday, September 2, 1935**page**

5. Photograph of Cessna's new C-34 model.

Saturday, November 7, 1936**page**

5. Article reports new sales of Cessna C-34 and says the Cessna plant is building four to six planes a month.

Sunday, December 27, 1936**page**

5. Article reports activity in Wichita aircraft plants during past year. Stearman is increasing employment from about 400 to 500. Cessna built over 50 planes in 1936.

Wednesday, December 30, 1936**page**

2. Photo of new C-37 Cessna plane, successor to the C-34, which has been undergoing final tests the past week. It is similar to the C-34, but with detail improvements. Photo shows plane X-17070.

Friday, September 3, 1937**page**

5. Cessna Aircraft company yesterday announced plans to expand its capitalization to

purchase new machinery and increase production. Details. The present work force of 70 workers will be about doubled. To September 1 this year the company sold 44 planes for \$204,700, an increase of 178% over the entire 12 months of 1936. "During the next year we expect to equal the 1929 basis-a plane a day."