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## **Subject(s): Joyland, Ottaway**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Saturday, November 20, 1948**

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5. An amusement park is planned by the Ottaway Amusement Company of Wichita in the vicinity of Hillside and George Washington Boulevard, it was revealed yesterday. The amusement company, operator of Joyland on East Central, plans the park in a 13 acre tract and includes the "biggest roller coaster in Kansas" in its plans. L. A., Herbert J., and Harold I. Ottaway head the Ottaway Amusement Company. Details.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, June 12, 1949**

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15. Formal opening of Wichita's new amusement park, Joyland Hillside, 2801 South Hillside, is to be held this afternoon. Details. Photo of roller coaster. Ad on page 3C. Followup article June 13 on page 2.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Saturday, July 2, 1949**

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2. Starting today the Wichita Transportation Company will provide a regular shuttle bus to Joyland Park connecting from South Emporia line at Pawnee and Ellis. The bus will operate weekday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon and evenings. Details.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, March 11, 1951**

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13. Photo of two new miniature steam engines to be used at the Joyland Hillside and Central amusement parks when they open next Saturday. They were built to scale by the Ottaway Amusement Company of Wichita.

**Sunday, September 2, 1951**

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7. Agreement of Wichita Transportation Company to establish zone fares for eight bus

routes extending outside the city limits will be presented to city commission Tuesday. Six of the eight extensions have previously been approved by the city commission. The two new ones, the Joyland route and the Boeing route, will be presented at the Tuesday meeting. ¶ A five cent zone fare applies on extensions of four lines: North Waco, Stock Yards, College Hill-Eastborough, and West Douglas. In other words passengers on these lines pay the usual ten cents on boarding the bus in the city and then an additional five cents to ride outside the city limits (or vice versa), for a total of 15 cents. ¶ On four other routes: Beech, Cessna, and Boeing routes, the zone fare would be an additional ten cents, making a total from within the city limits of 20 cents. Details.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Saturday, October 20, 1951**

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2. Article says proposal will be made to city commission next week for alterations in Wichita Transportation Company's South Emporia and Airport-Boeing routes and for discontinuing the Joyland bus route. Details.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, November 13, 1953**

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Lester A. Ottaway, 79, of 811 South Crestway, Wichita businessman and one of the founders of Joyland Amusement Company. Born December 18, 1873 near Lawrence, Kansas and came to Wichita from Fort Dodge, Iowa in 1904. Five years later, he organized the Ottaway Alfalfa mill, which he operated until 1921. Married Gladys Woolworth in Wichita May 13, 1911. He operated the L. A. Ottaway Sand Company from 1929 to 1945, when he and two sons organized the Joyland park and Ottaway Amusement Company. The company made small steam locomotives and trains which have become internationally known. Survivors include the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Erma Pepper, Halstead, Kansas, Mrs. Charles Mosher, North Hollywood, California, and Miss Elizabeth Ottaway, at home; seven sons, Harold, 702 South Hillside, Herbert, 2038 South Estelle, Charles, Viola, Kansas, Donald, 663 Eastridge, and Lester A., 1522 South Pinecrest; 27 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Burial to be in Kechi cemetery. Photo.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Saturday, April 11, 1959**

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- 4A. "Wichita Silhouettes" -- biography of Harold Ottaway, co-owner of Ottaway collection of steam vehicles and Joyland Park. Son of the late L. A. Ottaway, who owned a farm on St. Francis between 29th North and 37th North, near the old Jones Automobile factory. He is associated in his enterprises with his brother Herbert. They started work on the Joyland Park site in December 1948 and opened it the following June. Harold graduated from North High School and Wichita University (latter in 1940). Wife's

name is Evelyn. Has 16 year old son and 12 year old daughter. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle****Monday, May 4, 1959****page**

4A. "Wichita Silhouettes" -- biography of Herbert J. Ottaway, president of Joyland Hillside Park, Inc. Born in Wichita. Operates the amusement park with his brother, Harold. They opened their original Joyland Park on East Central in 1942 and started work on the present South Hillside park in 1948. He also manufactured miniature steam locomotives with his father, the late L. A. Ottaway. More than 100 of the steamers were built by the Ottaways before they sold their plant to Gerald Chance, of Wichita, who continues to make the tiny trains. ¶ He and Mrs. Ottaway have three children, Jerry, 22, Robert, 17, and a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Morrone, in El Monte, California. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Wednesday, July 3, 1968****page**

5C. Report of death Monday of Mrs. Gladys Rea Ottaway, 78, 200 South Volutsia, part owner of Joyland Amusement Park. Born in Knox County, Nebraska and came to Wichita in 1903. Husband, Lester A., died in 1953. Survived by seven sons, Harold and Herbert, also co-owners of Joyland and Wichita residents, Charles, Coyle, Oklahoma, Edward, Wichita, Albert, Viola, Kansas, Lieutenant Colonel Donald, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Lester, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, two daughters, Mrs. Emma Pepper, Newton, Kansas, and Miss Bessie Ottaway, of the home; a brother, Ernest Woolworth, Wichita, and two sisters, Mrs. Basil Wharry, El Dorado Springs, Missouri, and Mrs. Leland Armstrong, Oak Park, Illinois. Photo. Burial in Kechi Cemetery.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Sunday, May 23, 1976****page**

2D. Article about roller coasters, including those in Wichita. Photo of Wonderland Park roller coaster (in distance). The present roller coaster at Joyland, 2801 South Hillside, was built when L. A. Ottaway and his sons, Herbert and Harold, opened the park in June 1949. The park was bought by Stan Nelson last year. The Ottaways' manufacturing arm was bought by Harold Chance in 1950. Details. Photo.