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**Subject(s):** Wichita Plaza, 125 N. Market, Regal Inn, Lassen Motor Inn, KSB&T Building, Wichita Club

**Wichita Beacon**

**Wednesday, April 29, 1914**

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6. The Incandescent Light and Supply Company will be merged into the Coleman Lamp Company effective May 1. Former company organized in Wichita in 1903, three years after the Hydro-Carbon Light Company, now the Coleman Lamp Company. It has rented the Yungmeyer Building at 120-122 North Market, and the mantel making department will be moved from 125 North Market to that building at once.

**Sunday, July 12, 1931**

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13. Report of the opening yesterday of Stevenson's News Stand at 125 North Market. Details.

**Sunday, July 26, 1931**

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8. Announcement of formal opening tomorrow of Stinson's News Stand, 125 North Market. Photograph.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Tuesday, June 23, 1931**

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5. C. E. Stevenson, head of the Stevenson news stands of Oklahoma City, yesterday leased space at 125 North Market where he will install a news stand. The building is owned by "Bunny" Mead, of Chicago.

**Sunday, July 26, 1931**

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13. Stevenson's news stand will hold its formal opening tomorrow at 125 North Market.

**Wednesday, July 29, 1931**

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2. Article about the new Stevenson's news stand, 125 North Market, which opened Monday.

**Saturday, October 21, 1944****page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday to B. Mead, of Chicago, for a new store front on his building at 125 North Market, to cost \$2000.

**Wichita Eagle****Friday, April 15, 1960****page**

- 1B. Plans announced yesterday for building of a \$9.5 million 19 story Wichita Plaza building in first block of North Market, on a 250 foot frontage. Developers are Walter W. Ahlschlager and Preston P. Reynolds, Jr., of Dallas, Texas. Details. Drawing. Photo of old buildings on the site, razing of which started in 1958 to clear the area.

**Friday, August 19, 1960****page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for razing of the two story building at 119 North Market as part of clearing of the site for the Wichita Plaza building project. Building permit also issued for wrecking of a six family structure at 425 North Topeka for the Wichita Catholic Diocese.

**Sunday, August 28, 1960****page**

- 5A. Photo of excavation and some concrete foundation poured this week for the new \$9.5 million Wichita Plaza Building in first block on North Market.

**Friday, January 20, 1961****page**

- 3A. Above ground construction on the new Wichita Plaza building in the form of concrete columns, is expected to start within two weeks.

**Friday, February 17, 1961****page**

- 5A. Construction crews are expected to start setting up a covered walk around the Wichita Plaza building construction site in first block of North Market soon, probably today. Details.

**Saturday, April 15, 1961****page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for the Wichita Plaza Building, 100 block on North Market, at cost of \$4,709,183. Total cost to be about \$9.5 million. Contractor is Henry C. Beck Company, Dallas, Texas.

**Wednesday, April 26, 1961**

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- 5A. City Commission yesterday approved proposal for a glassed-in pedestrian bridge in 100 block of North Market between Wichita Plaza and Fourth National Bank Building. Details.

**Wednesday, May 3, 1961**

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- 5A. Photo showing framework up for first story of the new 19 story, \$9.5 million, Wichita Plaza building.

**Sunday, June 11, 1961**

Special Centennial Edition of the Wichita Sunday Eagle and the Wichita Beacon.

- 2AA. Photo of Wichita Plaza building under construction. About two floors of framework completed.

**Thursday, July 13, 1961**

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- 5A. Photo of Wichita Plaza building under construction. Framework for first four floors is up.

**Sunday, August 6, 1961**

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- 5A. Construction of the Wichita Plaza building is approaching the half-way mark. Framework is up to the eighth floor. Photo. Details.

**Sunday, September 17, 1961**

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- 6A. Photo of Wichita Plaza building under construction. About 13 stories of framework up.

**Thursday, October 5, 1961**

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- 3B. Photo of Wichita Plaza building under construction. Framework for 14 stories now up.

**Thursday, October 19, 1961**

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- 4D. Photo of Wichita Plaza building under construction. Framework up to 16th floor.

**Friday, November 24, 1961**

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- 6A. Construction on the Wichita Plaza building reached the 19th floor this week. Photo from southwest.

**Thursday, February 22, 1962****page**

- 9A. Photo of Wichita Plaza building under construction. Exterior mostly enclosed. To be completed this fall.

**Friday, March 9, 1962****page**

1. The Wichita Club, now housed on the tenth floor of the Lassen Hotel, is to occupy new quarters on the 18th floor of the new Wichita Plaza Building. Occupancy is expected in October 1962. Details.

**Friday, June 8, 1962****page**

1. Photo looking north taken from top of the new Wichita Plaza Building (too dark to see details). Wichita Plaza construction was started in April 1961 and is scheduled for completion this fall. Estimated cost is \$11 million. It is owned by Dallas, Texas investors Preston Reynolds, Jr. and Walter Ahlschager, Jr. The building was designed by Walter Ahlschlager, Sr., architect and father of one of the owners.

**Thursday, August 2, 1962****page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday to Wichita Plaza, 119 North Market, to raze the structure at 117 North Market formerly occupied by Kansas Blueprint Company. Permits also issued to raze two two-story commercial buildings, each 25 by 100 feet, at 329 and 333 North Main.

**Thursday, August 23, 1962****page**

- 9A. Work on the overhead crosswalk to connect Wichita Plaza and the Fourth National Bank and Trust Company is scheduled to begin October 1. It will be the first of its type in Kansas. Details.

**Sunday, September 9, 1962****Magazine****page**

6. Feature article on the new Wichita Plaza building, Kansas' tallest building, now nearing completion. Under construction since August 1960. Thirteen million dollar project. Photos.

**Monday, October 8, 1962****page**

- 5A. Work started yesterday on the crosswalk spanning North Market from the Wichita Plaza building to the Fourth National Bank and Trust Company. Photo.

**Saturday, January 12, 1963****page**

- 5A. The first tenants will occupy their quarters in the new Wichita Plaza building beginning Monday. They are several of the Vickers interests which will be located on the 12th floor of the new building. Details.

**Saturday, March 2, 1963****page**

1. Announcement made yesterday that Preston Reynolds, Jr. and Walter W. Ahlschlager, Jr., of Dallas, have purchased the KFH Building and the KFH radio station for a price in excess of one million dollars. The radio station is to be moved to the Wichita Plaza Building. Details. Photo of KFH Building on page 2A.

**Saturday, March 23, 1963****page**

- 5A. The last of the temporary walkways in first block of North Market at construction site of the Wichita Plaza building was removed yesterday. Ground was broken for the building in August 1960. Details.

**Sunday, April 7, 1963****page**

- 14A. The new elevated crosswalk in 100 block of North Market will be opened early this week linking the Fourth National Bank and Trust Company with the nearly completed Wichita Plaza building. Details. Photo.

**Monday, April 22, 1963****page**

- 5A. Report of open house held yesterday by Wichita Club in its new quarters atop the Wichita Plaza building. Details.

**Sunday, July 14, 1963****page****Special section**

Special section announcing formal opening today of the new Lassen Terrace Motor Hotel, with articles and photos. Walter Schimmel is president and managing director.

**Sunday, August 4, 1963****page**

- 17D. The Kansas State Bank is moving this weekend from its old location at 229 South Market to its new quarters in Wichita Plaza Building. Details.

**Tuesday, March 30, 1965****page**

- 9A. Report of death Sunday in Dallas, Texas, of Walter W. Ahlschlager, Sr., 77, of Dallas

who designed the \$12 million Wichita Plaza building. Obituary.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Thursday, May 26, 1966****page**

1. The Kansas State Bank board of directors yesterday authorized purchase of the Wichita Plaza Building from its Texas developers, Preston Reynolds, Jr., and Walter A. Ahlschlager, Jr., both of Dallas. The building cost \$9.5 million to erect in 1960. Purchase price not disclosed. Details. The building was completed in the fall of 1962 after two years of construction.

**Sunday, November 6, 1966****page****Special section**

- 7G. Article about Wichita's elevated skywalks. First one is from Fourth National Bank and Trust Company to Wichita Plaza Building and was dedicated in 1963. A second one is now under construction at William and Market, linking Sutton Place with Innes parking garage and store. To be completed in a few more weeks. Details. Photos.

**Friday, October 25, 1968****page**

1. The Lassen Motor Hotel and other Schimmel Hotels Company properties have been purchased by the Premium Service Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a subsidiary of Premium Corporation of America, provider of premiums for Gold Bond saving stamps. Purchase was announced yesterday in Minneapolis by Curtis L. Carlson, chairman of the Radisson Management Corporation, which will manage the three Schimmel properties (Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska and Blackstone Hotel in Omaha in addition to the Lassen). Details. Photo.

**Sunday, March 30, 1969****page**

1. The 310 room Lassen Motor Hotel will be renamed the Radisson-Wichita Hotel, it was announced yesterday by Harry Kornrumpf, general manager. The change is expected about July 1.

**Saturday, June 14, 1969****page**

- 15A. Operation of the 400 car parking garage in the Wichita Plaza Building will be transferred Sunday from Park Rite of Texas Inc., Dallas, to Ampco Auto Parks Inc., a division of American Building Maintenance Industries, Los Angeles. Change was announced by Kenneth E. Johnson, president and board chairman of Kansas State Bank and Trust Company and chairman of K.S.B. Building Corporation, Inc., a subsidiary through which the bank owns the Wichita Plaza Building. Details.

**Saturday, June 28, 1969****page**

- 15A. Ceremonies yesterday completed the changing of the name of the Lassen Motor Hotel to the Radisson-Wichita Hotel. Since mid-February \$250,000 has been spent on remodeling. Details. Photo of new Radisson Hotel marquee.

**Sunday, August 31, 1969****page**

- 2E. Article about remodeling under way at the Wichita Club, on 18th floor of Wichita Plaza Building. Details. Drawings.

**Saturday, August 14, 1971****page**

1. The Radisson Hotel closed its doors to guests Friday night at 11 p.m., citing prohibitive costs and today's economic conditions. The hotel, originally the Lassen, was purchased by Schimmel Hotels in the 1950s and then by Radisson Management Corporation in 1968.

**Sunday, September 26, 1971****page**

- 1F. A four story high steel and plexiglass ceiling is to be built over the sixth floor swimming pool at the Regal Inn. Architects are Robson, Kuhnel, and Spangenberg. Construction is to begin early in October, with completion in December. Details. Drawing.

**Thursday, November 18, 1971****page**

- 1C. Report of death yesterday in Dallas, Texas, of Preston Reynolds, Jr., 53, investor and a major stockholder of Kansas State Bank and Trust Company, of Wichita, along with business partner Walter W. Ahlschlager, Jr. At one time they also owned Radio Station KFJH, which was purchased from the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company in 1963, and which they sold in 1969. They also were developers of the Wichita Plaza Building, now the Vickers-Kansas State Bank and Trust Building. Born in Dallas. Survived by widow, Judy, a son, Preston Reynolds III, a daughter, Jeanna Reynolds, his mother and a sister (named), all of Dallas. He and Ahlschlager purchased controlling interest in the Kansas State Bank of Wichita in June 1962. Less than a year later they bought KFJH and the KFJH Building, now Sutton Place. Kansas State Bank purchased the Wichita Plaza Building from them in 1966.

**Sunday, January 2, 1972****page**

- 1B, 4B. Chronology of major events in Wichita in 1971 [Excerpt]: August 13: The Radisson Hotel, which has been separated from its new portion early in July, closed its doors. The newer portion is being operated as the Regal Inn.

**Sunday, July 30, 1972****page**

1. Photo showing helicopter lifting a 105 foot long, ten feet high, \$60,000 sign for placement along south edge of the roof of the Kansas Bank and Trust Company building. The frame for the sign formerly held a Radisson Hotel sign. Placement was made yesterday.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1976****page**

- 11A. Full page ad announcing opening today of the new Wichita Royale, an elegant new hotel at 125 North Market. Details. Drawing of entrance.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Wednesday, September 15, 1976****page**

- 10D. Article reporting that the Regal Inn, 125 North Market, is being remodeled for a half million dollars and will be renamed Wichita Royale.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, February 28, 1980****page**

1. Wichita oilman George Angle has acquired controlling interest in the Kansas State Bank and Trust Company. Three weeks ago he bought the KSB&T-Vickers Building from the bank. Angle, 57, is an independent oil and gas man operating under Frontier Oil Company and Red Tiger Drilling Company. On February 1st Angle purchased the Vickers-KSB&T Building, 125 North Market, for an estimated \$17 million. Stock in the bank was sold to Angle by bank chairman Kenneth Johnson, 65, and Dallas real estate developer Walter Ahlschlager, Jr., 64. Details.

Summary of articles found in the Wichita Eagle Archives  
<http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/archives/>

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#### CHANGES ARE COMING TO OLD ROYALE

The Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, formerly the Wichita Royale, will open two restaurants in what is now part of the Wichita Club and will take over management of the money-losing private club. The two restaurants will be on the 18th floor while the Wichita Club will remain in the 19th floor of the Kansas State Bank Building, 125 N. Market.

Published on 09/24/1996, Article 26 of 36 found.

#### WICHITA CLUB'S CLOSING MAY BE TEMPORARY MANAGEMENT GROUP SAYS IT WANTS TO BOLSTER ITS SAGGING BUSINESS AT DOWNTOWN GUILD PLAZA.

One of this community's oldest institutions, the Wichita Club, will shut its doors temporarily Oct. 1 while it searches for a new management team. The Guild Cos., based in Omaha, has operated the private club and the Guild Plaza Hotel since 1994. Company officials confirmed Monday that the operating agreement with the club would not be renewed. "We feel it is necessary to focus all of our attentions on the Guild Plaza Hotel at this time," said Mark Guilds, president of the management company.

*Article 12 of 16; 732 words*

**Published on January 29, 1997, Page 16A, Wichita Eagle, The (KS)**

#### HOTELIERS PIN HOPES ON HYATTGUILD PLAZA BANKRUPTCY FILING CASTS A NEW CLOUD ON FINANCIAL FUTURE.

Source: Dennis Pearce, The Wichita Eagle

Imagine the scene: Hundreds of free-spending convention-goers flooding downtown Wichita. Hotels booked to the brim. Restaurants unable to keep up with the hungry visitors. Well, it never hurts to dream. But the reality downtown right now is:\* The 26-story Century II Plaza Hotel towers empty over the city's skyline.\* The Broadview Hotel is undergoing overdue renovation, so bookings are down.\* The Guild Plaza Hotel on Friday filed for protection under Chapter 11 protection

*Article 9 of 16; 332 words*

**Published on September 20, 1997, Page 13A, Wichita Eagle, The (KS)**

#### INTRUST FINDS A BUYER FOR KSB&T BUILDING

Source: Molly McMillin, The Wichita Eagle

Intrust Bank has found a buyer for its 19-story KSB&T Building in downtown Wichita. The bank

acquired the building and adjoining parking garage at 125 N. Market after it bought Kansas State Bank & Trust in 1993. "We had more real estate than we needed, and we're in the banking business and we'd like to concentrate on that," said J.V. Lentell, Intrust vice chairman. The deal is expected to close Tuesday.

*Article 8 of 16; 393 words*

**Published on February 13, 1998, Page 18A, Wichita Eagle, The (KS)**

### **DOWNTOWN HOTEL IS BACK ON THE BLOCK N GUILD PLAZA IS UP FOR SALE AGAIN AFTER POTENTIAL BUYER WITHDRAWS HIS OFFER.**

Source: Molly McMillin, The Wichita Eagle

A potential buyer for the Guild Plaza Hotel has withdrawn his offer and the struggling hotel is back on the market. The marquee on the former Kansas State Bank & Trust building, besides showing the time and temperature, has been advertising the hotel's sale this week. Guild Plaza, at 125 N. Market, currently is owned by GHMC Inc., based in Omaha. It went back on the market on Tuesday at a price of \$1.5 million.

*Article 7 of 7; 594 words*

**Published on January 28, 1999, Page 13A, Wichita Eagle, The (KS)**

### **GUILD PLAZA HOTEL TO GET FACE-LIFT PLANNED RENOVATION OF DOWNTOWN PROPERTY IS EXPECTED TO BOOST WICHITA'S CONVENTION BUSINESS.**

Source: Molly McMillin, The Wichita Eagle

The Guild Plaza Hotel in downtown Wichita has a quiet elegance just waiting to be uncovered, says its general manager, Lou Rosado. That's what Rosado thinks will be reflected as a major renovation of the 132-room hotel begins later this year. "You can feel how much this hotel could do," Rosado said, eyeing the Olympic-size pool, atrium and guest rooms on the sixth floor. The hotel, built in the 1960s, is important to downtown and its convention business.