Tihen Notes from 1916 Wichita Beacon

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.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1916 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon  
Saturday, January 1, 1916  
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11. Drawing of two story residence at 3909 East Douglas purchased by Herbert W. Goroin, wholesale grain dealer, from the Trentman Land Company, which erected it at a cost of $8500.

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10. City commission today awarded contract for city printing for the next year to the Daily Legal News, published by the Guarantee Title and Trust Company. The Beacon has been doing it for several years.

Friday, January 7, 1916  
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1. Article with annual report of city budget for past year, by department, compared with 1914. Total expenditure in 1915 was $345,149. Details.

Saturday, January 8, 1916  
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6. Long article about estate of M. R. Clark, who died a few years ago, and who for years was owner of much of the property on Tremont Street occupied by the red light district, and who became quite wealthy, with estate estimated at $250,000. His son and heir, Lewis M. Clark, intends to clean up and rebuild the entire area with respectable cottages. Details. (“Heir to Mr. Clark Fortune Will Extinguish the Red Lights”)

New fare boxes are soon to be seen on Wichita street cars. Superintendent Lewis said today he had ordered 90 of the new boxes, which are portable. When a conductor leaves his run he takes the box to the office. The man who takes his place carries his own fare box and turns it in at the end of his run.
Tuesday, January 11, 1916
page 8.
List of state board of agriculture population for Kansas towns in 1915 and 1905. Wichita was 53,582 in 1915 and 31,110 in 1905.

Monday, January 17, 1916
page 1.
Report of sudden death early yesterday morning of J. O. (James Oakley) Davidson, at his residence on North Lawrence Avenue, at age 65. Apparently died during the night and death not discovered until 9:00 a.m. Born in Cuba (?) Allegany County, New York on March 4, 1850. Obituary. Photograph. Details. ¶ Married in 1876 to Miss Ida Fitch, of Eldorado, Kansas. She died in 1883, leaving a son, Frank, now in business in Texas. Remarried in 1887 to Miss Bessie Carver, of Jacksonville, Illinois, who survives him. They had two children, Bessie Oakley, now Mrs. Given Hagny, and James Ogden, both in Wichita. (“J. O. Davidson Passes Away”) -- page 1 and page 4. Interview with Thomas G. Fitch on page 4.

9.
The new Palace Theater opened today.

Tuesday, January 18, 1916
page 6.
Article says city commission might pass ordinance banning all smoking on street cars. Says Wichita is one of a very few cities in this country that permit smoking on street cars.

12.
Report of funeral of J. O. Davidson today at his home at 9th and North Lawrence. Details.

Wednesday, January 19, 1916
page 3.
Report that J. O. Davidson’s twelve year old son, James, was seriously injured when struck by an auto just after returning home from funeral yesterday. Details.

8.
Contract for a new motor fire truck has been let to the Seagrove Company of Columbus, Ohio for $5300. By omitting a self starter, Chief Walden saved $175 on the cost. None of Wichita’s other motor fire trucks have self starters.

Thursday, January 20, 1916
page 5.
The Wichita jitney ordinance, recently sustained by the Supreme Court in Topeka, will become effective tomorrow morning, and those operating on the street without the new licenses will be arrested.

Friday, January 21, 1916
page 5.
Article says no will has been found in J. O. Davidson’s safety deposit box. Details.
Saturday, January 22, 1916

11. Mrs. J. O. Davidson and B. F. McLean have been appointed administrators of the J. O. Davidson estate. Details.

Monday, January 24, 1916

5. Report of a robbery of street car crew at 8:30 p.m. yesterday at 17th and St. Francis loop at end of the Topeka Avenue line. Motorman was Walter Chambers and Conductor was W. R. Smith. Seven dollars obtained.

6. Report of discussion of A. M. Patten with city officials about the city’s claim for payment by the street car company of franchise tax. Details.

8. Charles D. Bell, superintendent of the Arkansas Valley Interurban, has resigned to engage in the dairy business, effective March 1. W. J. Faulkner, assistant superintendent for the past year, will take his place.

Tuesday, January 25, 1916

5. The Wichita Undertaking Company is in its new quarters at 200 South Topeka. They were previously located at 1238 East Douglas. Details.

8. The city made its first arrest under the new jitney ordinance last evening. Jitney association proposes to circulate a petition calling for an election on the jitney question. Details.

Wednesday, January 26, 1916

8. A. M. Patten, manager of McKinley properties in Kansas, when in Wichita yesterday stated that the street car company is considering building a double track steel bridge across the Arkansas River, probably this year. Details.

Thursday, January 27, 1916


Friday, January 28, 1916

3. The original Jim Steele residence, on west side of Emporia between Douglas and William and said to be the first residence built on Emporia south of Douglas, is being razed. Photograph and article with details.

Saturday, January 29, 1916
8. Report of death today of Henry Stunkel, of Peck, farmer and stock breeder, and for 30 years owner of the Occidental Hotel, now the Baltimore, at age 75. Survived by wife, two sons, and four daughters (named). Obituary.


Monday, January 31, 1916
4. Short article says the Mentholatum Company may decide to do its manufacturing in Buffalo, New York, rather than in Wichita because materials are cheaper there and freight rates better.

Wednesday, February 2, 1916
9. Superintendent C. R. Lewis has asked for the loan of a couple of street cars from Topeka. Several extra cars are needed in morning and evening rush hours, and the company is short of equipment, with several cars out of commission and being rebuilt, and with the jitneys eliminated and with recent bad weather. Topeka has some extra cars used in the summer on lines running to the parks, and these may be loaned to Wichita.

Friday, February 4, 1916
3. C. R. Lewis, superintendent of the street railway, reports he has received word from Manger Patten at Topeka that two cars will be sent from that place to be used in caring for the increased business on the lines here. New fare boxes for use on Wichita street cars will be installed Saturday morning.

Saturday, February 5, 1916
1. Report that the Kansas National Bank plans to build a new two story building on site of the present bank at northwest corner of Main and Douglas. Details.

6. The Jitney Association and city have agreed that license charges from August 1, 1915 to February 1, 1916 will be canceled and the jitneys will resume operating from February 1st under the terms of the new ordinance, with annual license of $325 for operating on any street with street car line, but only $25 per year for operating on streets with no street car line. Details.

12. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased two lots just north of the company’s plant at 220-224 North St. Francis and one lot just east of them and extending to the Santa Fe
tracks and plans to build an expansion of its plant thereon to double the size. To cost nearly $35,000. Details.


18. Photograph of apartment building at 343-345 North Market recently sold to W. H. Nesbitt, of Winnipeg, Canada by J. H. Elem, of Wichita for $25,000.

Tuesday, February 8, 1916

Friday, February 11, 1916
9. Ten nine-passenger jitney buses are to be purchased and placed in operation in Wichita within the next 60 days, according to the jitney owners. L. C. Carpenter, former owner of the Baltimore Cafe, who has maintained several jitney cars here, is contracting with other jitney owners for the proposed buses which are manufactured in Auburn, Indiana by a company which supplies jitney buses for operators in other cities. They are to be enclosed and furnished within like a taxicab.

Monday, February 14, 1916
5. Work will be started within a few days on the new four story building for the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company at 1st and Lawrence. To be 60 by 140 feet and with equipment will cost nearly $375,000.

9. A new street car loop is to be built at the end of the University line. It will be one block south of the present loop at the intersection of University and Hiram. Reasons for the change are that the present loop is directly in front of Friends University and interferes with persons going to and from the university, and also the present loop is in a low location which draws poorly and is very muddy in rainy weather.

Tuesday, February 15, 1916
9. City commission waited today for a conference with the street railway company regarding their controversy, but attorney for street railway company, Kos Harris, did not show up, so commission ordered a suit to be brought in District Court against the Wichita Railroad and Light Company for breach of contract involving a claim of $99,000. Details.

Wednesday, February 16, 1916
14. City attorney filed suit today against Wichita Street Railway Company for $60,548 alleged due under the franchise for a period of eleven years.
Thursday, February 17, 1916
page 5. The Wichita Shriners have purchased the old Toler Auditorium property at 1st and St. Francis, 125 by 140 feet, for $15,000, as a site on which to build.

Friday, February 18, 1916

Tuesday, February 22, 1916
page 10. Report of death yesterday of Mr. William A. English, son of Wichita pioneer N. A. English, at age 54. Survived by wife, four sons, three daughters, (named), two brothers and five sisters (named -- including Mrs. Alton H. Smith and Mrs. C. I. Fuller).

Friday, February 25, 1916
page 6. There are now 11,000 telephones in use in Wichita. Fifteen years ago there were 900.

8. A residence for the president of Fairmount College is under construction on the college campus at 17th and Fairmount on a plot 200 feet square. The home will cost $6000.

Monday, February 28, 1916
page 6. City commission today passed resolution calling for the paving of Nims Avenue from Riverside to Central.

City commission today passed resolution ordering Mascot Avenue opened from 21st Street to 22nd Street. It is understood that the Interurban Railway desires to run on that street.

City commission today passed ordinance condemning several of the old red light district buildings on the west side of South St. Francis.

9. The new 1916 Kansas auto license tags will have a black background with white letters.

Tuesday, February 29, 1916
page 8. Article about possible extension of the interurban south to Winfield and Arkansas City, etc. Details. (“Big Plans For Interurban to go South and East Soon”)

Thursday, March 2, 1916
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Monday, March 6, 1916

3. M. W. Levy of New York, is in the city visiting his brother-in-law, Albert Hess, secretary and treasurer of the Wichita Wholesale Grocer Company. He is accompanied by his son, Guy, who is a prominent broker in New York. Says after he left Wichita he went to Cripple Creek, Colorado, and then to New York. Details.

Wednesday, March 8, 1916

12. The Innes Company has leased for twelve years the second floor just across the alley north of their main building and will convert the 75 by 140 foot space into a model tea room. A bridge will be built across the alley from the store to the new tea room. Details.

Thursday, March 9, 1916

10. Another big addition for St. Francis Hospital has been decided on and approved by Bishop Hennessy. The entire original part of the building will be torn down to make room for a north wing which will have from 40 to 50 rooms and will be three stories high to conform with the newer St. Francis Avenue facade of the building to the south. Long article with some history of the hospital. (“Big Addition To The St. Francis”)

Friday, March 10, 1916

10. Work will commence in about two weeks on the new building for the Bell Telephone Company.

Saturday, March 11, 1916

6. Advertisement for sale by the Orr Book and Stationary Company prior to its move from 520 East Douglas to 327 East Douglas.

Monday, March 13, 1916

9. The street car company will ask for the transfer of the city’s mandamus suit against it from the District Court to the Federal Court. Details.

City commission formally ordered the removal within 30 days of a dozen of the old “red light” houses in the Tremont district at the request of Fire Chief Walden.


Thursday, March 16, 1916
Saturday, March 18, 1916

Special Section
Special Automobile Section showing 1916 models.

Tuesday, March 21, 1916


4. The street car company expects to begin next week on extension of the University line one block south on Hiram Avenue and the construction of a new loop.

13. Photograph of Colonel William Mathewson, deceased today.

Announcement of improved Arkansas Valley Interurban schedules beginning April 1. Details.

Wednesday, March 22, 1916

9. Jitney No. 17, owned by W. J. McKenzie and Henry W. Freeman, has paid the six month license fee of $162.50 for operating on streets having street car lines. There are now nine jitneys which have paid this $162.50 fee. The eight others of the seventeen have paid only the $12.50 six months fee for operating on streets without car lines.

10. Concrete for the fourth floor of the new YWCA building was poured today.

Monday, March 27, 1916

3. Communication from George C. Strong about history of early brick plants in Wichita. (“Made Brick Here 40 Years Ago”)

6. Colonel William Mathewson’s estate valued at $75,000. Details.

Monday, April 3, 1916

9. Yesterday morning a motor car was put on the Santa Fe run from here to Winfield. There were 60 passengers on the initial trip and 69 on the return trip from Winfield. The time taken for the 39 mile southbound trip is one hour ten minutes, and one hour 20 minutes for the return trip. Entrance is through the sides. The front is for smokers and in the rear of the car there is an observation compartment. It is the only motor car running out of
Wichita and leaves here for Winfield daily at 6:50 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 4, 1916**

6. Albert Kunkel yesterday sold the lease and furniture of the Jefferson Hotel, 625-29 East Douglas, to G. D. Perry of Parsons, Kansas for $10,000. The building is owned by Arthur Paulline.

**Wednesday, April 5, 1916**

11. Article announces that the Marsh Manor Addition on College Hill is to be platted and opened. It extends from Douglas to 2nd Street and from East Street one block east to Marsh Avenue. The land is now owned by Agnes S. Marsh and S. S. Marsh.

12. C. R. Miller’s Building at 120 South Main has been purchased by the Wichita Perpetual Building and Loan Association for $24,000. It is a two story brick building and was erected by Mr. Miller, now of California, in 1901 on Lot C of some of William Griffenstein’s former property which Mr. Miller purchased in 1876 from Hiram Imboden for $8000. The lot was flanked then by a livery stable and a blacksmith shop, but now by the Beacon Building and the Coronado Hotel. Building has 25 foot frontage.

**Saturday, April 8, 1916**

20. Advertisement announces March Manor Addition lots will open for sale Tuesday, April 11. Prices mostly $195 to $400. Details.

**Monday, April 10, 1916**

5. Advertisement with photograph of Kansas Independent Laundry Building at 2nd and Emporia.

**Friday, April 14, 1916**

4. Actual work at the Jones Motor Car plant north of the city will begin Monday. Much machinery is in place ready for use and eight carloads of material from Eastern factories have been unloaded there. J. J. Jones said today that it is no longer a matter of finding buyers for the cars, but the ability to make the cars as fast as the public demands them.

**Saturday, April 15, 1916**

3. Advertisement for sale of lots in Merriman Park Place. Says the work of paving Fountain, Belmont, English and Willow Streets has now begun. Details.

6. The United Brethren Church at Ellis and Hyde Park is to be dedicated tomorrow. Details.
13. Photograph of YWCA Building under construction. Article with details.

Wednesday, April 19, 1916

Friday, April 21, 1916
page 12. Two page special article in the May issue of the Woman’s Home Companion discusses the murals painted by Arthur Sinclair Covey for the new Wichita Library. Details. (“Kansas, Her Past and Future, Painted for the Wichita Library”)

Friday, April 28, 1916
page 5. Report of a visit to Wichita today of John Meagher, twin brother of early Wichita marshal, Mike Meagher, with reminiscences of early days here. Says there were only about 50 people here when he was here in 1868. Details.

Saturday, April 29, 1916
page 4. Advertisement announcing opening of Oak Park Addition with selling of building sites beginning Thursday, May 4, from $300 to $1500 per building site, each of which is as large as two or more ordinary building lots. Details. Advertisement is by Savings Realty Company, 109 North Market.

Monday, May 1, 1916
page 2. Fellsburg, on the Anthony and Northern Railroad, saw its first passenger train yesterday when a special carrying officials of the road, came into the station. The train went on west six miles to the end of the road. It is thought that within 30 days trains will be operating into Larned. The steel was completed from Larned into Belpre Saturday night. Belpre is ten miles from Trousdale where the two lines will connect. Five motor cars will be used on this line as well as one first class passenger train.

Tuesday, May 2, 1916
page 3. The new Innes Tea Room will open to the public on Friday.

11. Work was started yesterday on the new apartment house of Mrs. C. R. Hildebraud at 1017 Franklin Avenue. There will be two apartments of six rooms each. The outside will be in the English style with stucco trimming. Details.

Thursday, May 4, 1916
Monday will see the first Jones Six motor car manufactured in the new Jones factory in North Wichita. The new home will have 100,000 square feet of floor space compared with 20,000 at the present factory on West Douglas. The output of the factory will be increased to 5000 cars a year. The orders for cars are now considerably in advance of the output.

Building permit issued to Oscar Shirck and R. J. McKee for a four story apartment house at 308 South Market, to be 50 by 150 feet and have 35 suites. It will be ready for occupancy about October 1.

Saturday, May 6, 1916


Ten street cars for use on the lines of Wichita are being built in an eastern car factory and will be ready for delivery in a short time. They are all one-man cars similar to those in use on the Riverside-South Emporia lines. On their arrival they will take the place of some of the large cars in use on some of the other lines. A. M. Patten, of Topeka, general manager of the McKinley properties in Kansas, says that in his opinion the day of big street cars in towns the size of Wichita is past. He thinks the demand is for a faster schedule, which would be impractical and unprofitable if the larger cars are used.

“Eaglehurst” (sic), the old home of Colonel Murdock at corner of Murdock and St. Francis, is to be rented. It is a part of the estate of the late Victoria Murdock and has been unoccupied since she died nearly a year and a half ago. It was thought her daughter, Mrs. Paul Eaton, would occupy it, but instead she has built a handsome house of her own in College Hill. Details.

Mention of wedding “last week” of Dr. R. W. Hissem to Miss Nellie Sim.

Full page advertisement announces opening of the new Domestic Laundry building next Tuesday, on East Douglas, with photograph.

Monday, May 8, 1916

Article says Tim Hurst plans to move the grandstand from his speedway southwest of the city to a new site he has acquired north of the city. J. W. Brock, a farmer, had enjoined him from moving it from the present site on his land, saying that the contract called for Hurst to leave it there five years, but the injunction was lifted in court Saturday when Hurst showed that Brock’s title to the land was in question.

The Wichita Street Railway Company has given $250 to the Friends University gymnasium
fund campaign.

6. Report that an aviator, B. Canady, has been testing a new Curtiss military biplane at a field near Van Arsdale station on the Arkansas Valley Interurban the past week. Details.

Long report on the cleanup and rehabilitation of the old disorderly houses on South Tremont and South Emporia Streets by Louis Clark. Details.

Tuesday, May 9, 1916


12. The bridge gang of the Anthony and Northern Railroad left Pratt Saturday for Kinsley where the work on the bridge over the Arkansas River has been started. The grading gangs working out of Larned came to Pratt yesterday over the Missouri Pacific and went to Trousdale where they will rush the work of grading from that place to Belpre and try to have the steel laid by June 1st.

Saturday, May 13, 1916

4. Article with some history of the controversy over the telephone company fifteen years ago. Details.

8. Photograph of Mrs. A. A. Hyde.

15. Corner stone for the near YWCA Building is to be laid tomorrow. Details.

Monday, May 15, 1916


Tuesday, May 16, 1916


Friday, May 19, 1916

9. Photograph of the new Webster School at Emporia and Pine Street, which will be occupied at the beginning of the fall term in September. Contains ten rooms and an auditorium seating 420. Stands on the site of the old E. J. Healy residence. Site cost $17,000 and building $50,000. Architects Crowell and Van Meter.
Saturday, May 20, 1916

4. Photographs of new half mile horse racing track of the Wichita Horse Racing Association (location?). Will have stalls for 100 horses and work on grand stand and bleachers will start in the near future.

13. Lightning damaged the Arkansas Valley Interurban substation at Burrton a week ago and repairs are not yet completed, causing Arkansas Valley Interurban cars to run slower.

14. Eureka is to have a new $15,000 brick Santa Fe depot this year.

Monday, May 22, 1916

8. Clyde V. Cessna, of Belmont, Kansas will fly from his aeroplane construction camp near Rago, Kansas to Wichita within two weeks to make plans with the Wichita Aero Club for entering from Wichita in the army’s transcontinental flight of 40 planes from New York September 2. He expects to complete in two weeks the big aeroplane on which he has been working for some time. It is his sixth and largest machine. Details.

Tuesday, May 23, 1916

3. The new house of the president of Fairmount College was dedicated Sunday. It is located on the campus just north of the corner of 17th and Fairmount.

Wednesday, May 24, 1916

6. The new Arkansas Valley Interurban franchise ordinance was discussed in detail by city commission yesterday (especially regarding West Side right of way) and will probably be adopted Friday. Long article with details. (“Adopt Ordinance Friday Morning”)

Friday, May 26, 1916

4. The Wichita Consistory this week purchased 50 feet of ground lying north of the Scottish Rite Temple from Mrs. Hattie Watson for $9000. There is a good house on the lots, but it is proposed to remove it to make room for expansion of the Masonic Temple. About two years ago the Consistory purchased 50 feet of ground adjoining the Temple for $6500, and these two tracts will give them a tract 100 by 140 feet for expansion. Details.

City commission today passed the Arkansas Valley Interurban franchise so that it is now ready for official publication. Details.

10. The Waco Avenue United Brethren Church, at Waco and 11th Street, is to be rebuilt and enlarged this summer. The white brick veneer of the present building will be replaced by mottled buff brick. The entrance will be changed from 11th Street to Waco Avenue. Details.
Wednesday, May 31, 1916
page 8. Report of death yesterday of Wilbur Burdick Jones, at age 71. He was father of Herbert Jones and in partnership with him conducted the Jones Milling Company at 917 East Douglas. Obituary.

Saturday, June 3, 1916
page 10. A charter was granted today to the Wichita Terminal Elevator Company, with capital of $500,000. A site has been purchased on 24th Street just north of the Union Stock Yards.

Monday, June 5, 1916
page 8. A. M. Patten, general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, came in from Topeka this morning and says the company is making an effort to have the ten new cars ordered for the lines in Wichita ready for use in time for the races in September.

Thursday, June 8, 1916
page 11. Article says the old pile street car bridge across the Arkansas River at Douglas Avenue is deteriorating and will soon need replacing. No decision yet on type of bridge. Details.

Saturday, June 10, 1916
page 3. The new parish house of the College Hill Congregational Church is to be dedicated tomorrow. It is at the rear of the church lot and faces north. Built of concrete and stucco, three stories, and is 34 by 66 feet. Details and photograph.

13. Photograph in Building E of the Jones Motor Car Company taken about two weeks ago.


Tuesday, June 13, 1916
page 3. Report of marriage yesterday of Henry Roe-Cloud and Miss Elizabeth G. Bender at the bride’s home in Philadelphia. Mr. Cloud is to be appointed first president of the Roe Indian Institute. Details. He is a full blood Winnebago Indian and was reared in Nebraska. He is about 32 and his bride is 28. Several years ago he was made the adopted son of Dr. and Mrs. Roe, missionaries among the Indians. The Roe Indian Institute is named after the late Dr. Roe.

Saturday, June 17, 1916
page 18. Mr. C. V. Cessna, of Belmont, Kansas, aviator, was here yesterday with his brother to get
some sheet aluminum for his machine. It is nearly complete and is waiting for a few wheels before he makes his flight to Wichita, probably the latter part of next week. It is of the monoplane type with a 60 h.p. French-made engine. “This is my sixth machine and it is a corker.” While here the Cessna brothers looked over the Jones motor plant. The big building in the center of the group will probably be the one used by the Cessnas for a factory. That will give them easy access to their aviation field, which is to be northwest of the factory on Mr. Jones’ Tract.

Wednesday, June 21, 1916

Report that Mr. C. V. Cessna may establish a school for flying in cooperation with the Wichita Aero Club. Mr. Cessna is due to come from Belmont, Kansas to Wichita on Tuesday, June 27. Details.

Friday, June 23, 1916

The old Getto Bottling Works building has stood at 1st and Waco for 31 years. It has been almost deserted for a number of years, being used as a stable. Last night, showing its age, the whole east end of the building toppled over. It was built in 1885 for the Getto Bottling Works and was later occupied by the Wichita Bottling Works.

Saturday, June 24, 1916

Full page advertisement for sale of Jones Motor Car Company stock at $15 per share. Details.

Article about interest and visits of dealers from surrounding areas to the Jones Motor Car Company’s plant recently, with purchases of Jones cars.

Advertisement with photograph of house at 803 Spaulding Avenue, recently foreclosed, and for sale for $3500.

Tuesday, June 27, 1916

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Thursday, June 29, 1916

The Midland Valley Railroad plans to build a new $25,000 concrete station in Tulsa to replace the old frame building.

Short note about a letter received from John Noble, the artist, who is now in London.

Friday, June 30, 1916
8. Clyde V. Cessna was injured last night at his home near Belmont, Kansas when he made an emergency landing after his engine stopped at an altitude of 3000 feet. He was unconscious for six hours last night and had some ribs broken. His machinery was badly damaged. This is the fifth accident Cessna has suffered, but none has been as serious as the one last night.

Saturday, July 1, 1916

9. Note of wedding Wednesday, June 28 of Miss Mae Osler, of Indiana Avenue, to Elzie Baird. Photograph.

14. Full page advertisement for the Jones Motor Car Company including photograph of downtown salesroom and photograph of J. J. Jones.

Tuesday, July 4, 1916

2. George Theis, Jr., president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban, returned Sunday from a trip to the East where he purchased some additional motor-generator sets to provide duplicate equipment at the substations in case lightning knocks out one generator as happened recently at Burrton. More cars and some heavier car motors were also purchased by Mr. Theis during his trip.

6. Will G. Price has plans completed for a garage building, 50 by 140 feet, two stories, of brick and stone, to be erected on the southwest corner of English and Topeka. Details.

Tuesday, July 11, 1916

6. The Wichita Flour Mills Company plans to build a 250,000 bushel addition to its elevator at once, at a cost of $40,000. The new storage will be concrete and steel but unlike most elevator tanks in that these will be square instead of round. They will be constructed between the mill and the present elevator, it being necessary to tear out the old engine room for this purpose. It will fill in the space solidly between the mill and the present elevator and give the appearance of a single building 36 feet wide, 87 feet long, and 85 feet high.

Bishop Tihen, of Lincoln, Nebraska, will arrive here Saturday for a visit in connection with the dedication of the new Catholic Church on the West Side. Details.

Thursday, July 13, 1916

3. Detailed article discusses the need for an intermediate school in Wichita.

Friday, July 14, 1916

1. Contract let yesterday for Wichita’s new million bushel elevator, to cost $275,000. To be
completed by February 1. Details.

Saturday, July 15, 1916
page 4
4. Report of arrival of Bishop Tihen (photograph) this morning for the dedication of the new St. Joseph’s Catholic Church tomorrow. Photograph. A reception will be held Monday evening in Bishop Tihen’s honor at the Knights of Columbus hall. Details.

Clyde V. Cessna, who was injured in a trial flight two weeks ago, is to fly into Wichita in his new machine from Kinsley, Kansas next Saturday. All necessary repairs have been made. In Wichita he plans to establish an aviation school in North Wichita at the Jones Motor Car Company’s factory.

9. Photograph of Mrs. W. A. Ayres, wife of Congressman Ayres.

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Thursday, July 20, 1916
page 3
3. The street car company has purchased an electric welding machine and will weld the joints of the rails on West Douglas from the Missouri Pacific depot to Seneca Street, making the track perfectly smooth.

Monday, July 24, 1916
page 4
4. Several concrete bridges are to be built by the Arkansas Valley Interurban to replace bridges built of wood six years ago when the road was constructed. The Topeka Bridge and Iron Company has a contract to put in the bridges and will begin work next week. The first bridge will be across Sand Creek north of Sedgwick. This bridge will be 140 feet long.

Tuesday, July 25, 1916
page 8

10. Report of discussion today between city commission and Rock Island officials. The city wants the old main line track of the Rock Island north of Douglas Avenue taken up so that the public can use the street for ordinary traffic. As it is now there are four tracks in the
street (Mead Avenue), one on the east side, two on the west side, and one in the middle. Cars frequently stand on the middle track for storage, as well as on the east and west sides, making the street unusable for wagons, etc. Details.

Thursday, July 27, 1916
8. Work on the Kellogg Street road between Wichita and Augusta was begun this morning. The road gang is smoothing up the grade and filling in the holes preparatory to giving the road a coat of oil.

Saturday, July 29, 1916
5. Large advertisement promoting sale of Jones Motor Car Company stock.
9. Photograph of Miss Bernice Beachy, of College Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beachy.
10. A. J. Crow, for 24 years an employe of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, will leave Wichita and move to a farm in the Medicine River bottoms near Byron, Oklahoma. The only other man in the employ of the street car company as long as Abe Crow is Bert Duguid. Details.
20. Photograph of new residence of Henry Ware Allen, just completed in Country Club Place.

Thursday, August 10, 1916
2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Saturday, August 12, 1916
13. Beginning today the Arkansas Valley Interurban will handle all its trains by a dispatcher, so that they are not delayed by waiting on switches for late cars. Details.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Monday, August 14, 1916
5. Report that the Arkansas Valley Interurban plans to build new car barns and shops at 1st and Water Streets. The small buildings that have been erected from time to time to meet immediate needs are to be torn down, and in their place a building erected covering the site of all the others and taking in at least one of the tracks now used for loading passenger
cars. To be of brick and iron and cost $7000 to $8000.

**Thursday, August 24, 1916**

3. Clyde V. Cessna, of Belmont, Kansas, made flights at an Old Settler’s Picnic at Sharon, Kansas on August 17, 18, and 19 and then returned to his home at Belmont in the morning of August 20, covering 45 miles in 29 minutes.

8. Article indicates that the city and the street car company have agreed to an audit of the street car company’s books soon after September 1st at Champaign, Illinois or wherever they may be kept, with separate auditors to be appointed by the city and the street car company. Details.

**Tuesday, August 29, 1916**

3. Interview with vice-president A. W. Lefeber, of the Midland Valley Railroad about improvements being made by that road, including modern concrete depots in Muskogee and Tulsa, a modern shop at Muskogee, and ballasting of the track in the Osage Nation. Says they are now running an up-to-date motor car service between Muskogee and Tulsa without stop. Says “in the light of all the facts he and others are of the opinion that it was a mistake to build the extension to Wichita as the business received from this place has not justified it.”

**Wednesday, August 30, 1916**

8. Article about the “goose neck,” a narrow and rough stretch of North Lawrence Road between 21st and 29th Streets, with telephone poles in the middle, and only 31 feet wide. Details. Photograph.

**Saturday, September 2, 1916**

4. Clyde V. Cessna, the Belmont, Kansas aviator, made his debut in Wichita at noon today with a spectacular flight above the city, swooping over the Federal Building, the Beacon Building, and the principal streets. He arrived here at 8:25 this morning, alighting at the Jones Motor Car Company’s plant in North Wichita after flying from Hutchinson in 41 minutes. He flew from his factory near Belmont, Kansas to Hutchinson yesterday afternoon. Sunday noon Cessna will do several fancy dips. His aeroplane will be on exhibit at the Jones Six plant Sunday and Monday. Monday he will fly to Winfield, where he will exhibit three days at the Cowley County Fair.

**Monday, September 4, 1916**

1. Report of death yesterday morning of Dr. James Edward Oldham, a leading physician and surgeon in Wichita for 32 years, at his residence, 1031 North Lawrence, at age 68 of Bright’s disease. Born at New Albany, Indiana. Came to Wichita in 1884. Had two sons,
Gordon and Warren, but the latter died some fifteen years ago. Obituary. Photograph.


Monday, September 11, 1916

4. Two Arkansas Valley Interurban cars sideswiped each other at Interurban Place, just north of the city, at 7:10 p.m. yesterday. Southbound Car No. 7 on the main line sideswiped Car No. 3, northbound, which stood on a siding. The exterior of both cars was scratched up some and several windows were broken in the northbound car. Six passengers bruised.

Thursday, September 14, 1916

5. A site for the new Kanita Refinery, to be built in Wichita by James A. Corbett and other St. Louis men, was purchased yesterday. It is the 22½ acre tract of Samuel Goldstein, of Kansas City, lying north of the Cudahy Packing Plant and directly west of the new terminal elevator site. The price paid was $25,000.

6. Clyde V. Cessna has signed a contract to fly in Wichita during the fall Wheat Show. Details.

Kansas Gas and Electric plans to spend $300,000 to $400,000 to enlarge its plant on West 2nd Street. Details.

Tuesday, September 19, 1916

8. Following his return from Detroit, J. J. Jones announced that beginning October 1 production of the Jones Six will be increased to not less than 100 per month, after January 1 to 200 per month, and beginning March 1, 300 per month.

Thursday, September 21, 1916

7. Clyde Cessna is now making daily flights at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

8. Clinton H. Montgomery, expert accountant, of this city, returned today from Champaign, Illinois, where he has been several days looking through the books of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. He will not be ready to make his report for several days.

9. Wichita was given another big city touch today in the placing of “safety zone” markers at the intersection of Main and Douglas at eight corners of the zones set off by white lines where passengers getting on and off street cars may stand with safety. The markers are of black iron rods and base with white lettering on a red background forming the “safety zone” sign. Details.
Friday, September 22, 1916

page 8. The new October telephone directory is being distributed today.

Saturday, September 23, 1916

page 4. Photograph of new YWCA Building at 140 North Topeka which is to be dedicated tomorrow.

Monday, September 25, 1916

page 11. A. M. Patten, general manager of the McKinley Syndicate properties in Kansas, said here that smaller street cars and more of them is to be the policy of street car companies in the future, including the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. Referring to a dozen new cars which are soon to be placed on the company’s lines in this city, Mr. Patten said they would be single truck cars and smaller than those now in use on the Riverside-Emporia line. The company will run them oftener so patrons will not wait so long if they miss a car. Big cars in any but the largest cities are too expensive to operate. During rush hours they pay all right but during most of the day they are not profitable.

Tuesday, September 26, 1916

page 5. The Mid-Continent Tire Company met last night and authorized the building of the plant and the purchase of the machinery. Details.

10. Contract has been let for a new brick garage for J. H. Jacks at 221 North Lawrence, to be 50 by 140 feet, with front of white brick.

12. Clyde V. Cessna’s plane lost half of its stabilizer while he was flying from Hutchinson to Wichita Sunday, but he was able to land safely at the Jones Motor Car Company factory.

Thursday, September 28, 1916

page 3. A new passenger coach for use on the Arkansas Valley Interurban lines was received from the factory today and will be put on duty next week.

Friday, September 29, 1916

page 1. Report of death of Dr. E. E. Hamilton of Wichita today at age about 55. Had lived here about 30 years and was one of the first Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialists here.

11. First showing of 1917 Jones Six model. Drawing.

Saturday, September 30, 1916

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1. Drawing of Wichita’s new 1,200,000 bushels Terminal Elevator, which is to be completed by June 1, 1917.

10. First photograph of the enlarged Wichita Hospital.

Saturday, September 30, 1916
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Special Section
Fall Exposition.
2. Photograph of Kansas Milling Company.

10. Article on utilities says Wichita Railroad and Light Company operates 50 cars daily, employs 200, has monthly payroll of $12,000 and tax valuation of $1,600,000. Arkansas Valley Interurban during 1915 carried 594,000 passengers for the year.

13. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement and timetable.

14. Photograph of Emporia wing of St. Francis Hospital. Long article with details.


16. Full page advertisement for Wichita Railroad and Light Company with photograph of cars in storage yard -- also photographs of H. E. Chubbuck, A. M. Patten, C. R. Lewis. (“What Street Car Service Means to Wichita”) Says company has 35.14 miles of track in Wichita of which 27.17 miles are paved.

Many articles and photographs of prominent business people.

13. Photograph of Jones Motor Factory in North Wichita.


Monday, October 2, 1916
page
14. Clyde V. Cessna arrived in Wichita yesterday and will make daily flights during the first week of the Wheat Show. He flew from Douglass, Kansas where he made a series of flights last week at the Butler County Fair.

Wednesday, October 4, 1916
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9. Frank Isbell yesterday took a 30 day option on purchase of the financially troubled Wichita Western League baseball franchise. Purchase will depend on the terms on which he can obtain the use of Island Park from the former owners of the franchise. Details.

Thursday, October 5, 1916
Article describing hazardous flight of Clyde V. Cessna over Wichita yesterday due to engine trouble.

Saturday, October 7, 1916

Photograph of the Waco Avenue United Brethren Church, which has been remodeled and enlarged at a cost of $6000. To be dedicated tomorrow. Details.

Warren E. Brown, Augusta banker, has purchased a choice building site at 1st and Roosevelt from Alex Hyde for $14,500. It fronts 152½ feet on Roosevelt, 275 feet on 1st Street, to Yale, and 228½ feet on Yale. Details.

Monday, October 9, 1916

Having failed to obtain a suitable tract on which to build new shops, the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company has decided to enlarge its present shops by building along the entire north side of its property at 1st and Water Streets. An engineer will be here in a few days to plan the addition, which will double the capacity of the shops.

Wednesday, October 11, 1916

Aviatrix Ruth Law gave an exhibition flight for the Fair yesterday. Long detailed report of her night flight (7:00 p.m.) on page 11.

Friday, October 13, 1916

Photograph of crowd in Beacon Lane watching results of World Series.

Saturday, October 14, 1916

Photograph of entrance of Central Riverside Park looking west, with street car faintly seen in background.

Monday, October 16, 1916

Population of Wichita based on assessor’s returns on March 1, 1916, and published by State Board of Agriculture, is 53,148. Topeka is 46,747.

Saturday, October 21, 1916

Article says the Jones Motor Car Company stock is nearly all sold and will probably be closed to the public within two weeks. The capital is $500,000. The company expects to do $3,000,000 worth of business next year, with the schedule of manufacture for the year starting November 1 calling for 3000 cars. Details.
Monday, October 23, 1916
page 1. Article about speech tonight to discuss the City Manager plan.

2. Advertisement says prices of ingredients have risen so much that the five cent loaf of bread has been reduced to an uneconomical size and will be abandoned. Price will be seven cents for an ordinary loaf and ten cents for a large loaf. Details.

Tuesday, October 24, 1916
page 6. A new jitney line to North Wichita is being arranged this week by George W. Fryhofer with one of the best known service lines in the city.

Friday, October 27, 1916
page 4. Advertisement with map of lots for sale by the North Wichita Land Company, adjacent to Jones Motor Car Company. Shows east-west streets as Chambers Avenue (36th Street), Nassau Avenue (35th Street), Karl Avenue (34th Street), Russell Avenue (33rd Street), and Andrews Avenue (32nd Street). Jones Factory Buildings are G, H, F, J, E. Shows Frisco Station just on south side of Karl Avenue on west side of main track.

Tuesday, October 31, 1916
page 3. Board of education yesterday accepted the suggestion of Superintendent Mayberry that Wichita’s first intermediate school be named after the noted educator, Horace Mann.

6. Youngsters celebrated Halloween last night by soaping the rails on one of the steepest grades on the Fairmount street car line so the car wheels would not take hold of them. This delayed traffic on the line nearly an hour.
Thursday, November 2, 1916

The Jones Motor Car Company is this week installing machinery in its body-making department. Like nearly all other auto manufacturing companies the Jones Company has in the past purchased bodies for the Jones Six from an Eastern firm which makes a specialty of that work, but it will now make its own auto bodies in one of the buildings heretofore unoccupied.

Friday, November 3, 1916

A building at the Jones Motor Car plant unoccupied by the company has been turned over to the Cessna brothers and an aeroplane factory is being equipped. Building H of the Jones factory will be used by Cessna and material is coming this week for equipping it. Two monoplanes will be placed on exhibition at the factory. It is the plan of the Cessna Company to build three machines this winter, one of them providing for a passenger. Roy Cessna, the aviator’s brother, is moving to North Wichita this week and will occupy one of the bungalows east of the factory. An aviation school will also be established in cooperation with the Wichita Aero Club.

Saturday, November 4, 1916

Advertisement with photograph of new home of the Wichita Automobile School at 119-121 North Topeka.

4. The Golden Rule Refinery Company will build a refinery in the North End of Wichita.

Wednesday, November 8, 1916


Friday, November 10, 1916


Monday, November 13, 1916

5. Bliss Isely, a St. Louis newspaperman, has accepted the position of field secretary to assist in raising money and supporting the general interests of Fairmount College, and will return to Wichita. He was a member of the Fairmount class of 1906, and is a brother of Fairmount librarian, Miss Alice Isely, and of the late W. H. Isely, first dean of Fairmount. After leaving Fairmount he was principal of the high school at Hamlin, Kansas for one year, and then spent the next year in the lumber camps and saw mills of Puget Sound. He did his first newspaper work on the Beacon, and in the fall of 1908 went to Hutchinson to be manager of the Gazette. In 1909 he went to the Kansas City Star for two years and
then in February 1911 joined the staff of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, and in April 1912 became assistant city editor of the *St. Louis Star* and later editor of their Sunday magazine. His wife was Miss Flora Duncan, who graduated from Fairmount in 1908.


**Tuesday, November 14, 1916**

6. Short article says the Frisco will build a passenger and freight station in North Wichita to serve that community and the Jones Motor Car Company. An early morning train will enable workers in the Jones factory to reach the plant by about 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, November 18, 1916**

19. Advertisement with photograph of house for sale at 1025 North Market, T. H. Griffith, owner.

**Monday, November 20, 1916**

6. Article says Wichita Railroad and Light Company is proposing to replace its old bridge across the Arkansas River next spring with a double track steel bridge, said to be a second hand bridge discarded by the Santa Fe. Details.

7. Advertisement for sale of lots in North Wichita, with map showing industrial sites.

**Friday, November 24, 1916**

1. Drawing of the proposed Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing Company plant for which contract was let yesterday. Article with details. Contract let to George H. Siedhoff and Company for $65,000. To be 280 by 60 feet, two stories and to be completed in 60 working days. To be located on north side of 13th Street between Washington and Wabash. Details.

**Tuesday, November 28, 1916**

4. To facilitate the loading of passengers during the rush from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. and to avoid unnecessary delay of the cars at that time, the street car company has arranged to place collectors on all cars so passengers can enter the cars at both ends. ¶ Two collectors are stationed at Main and Douglas, one at Market and Douglas, and one at Lawrence and Douglas. These collectors will take fares at the front doors of the cars.

**Wednesday, November 29, 1916**

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3. The Eagles will dedicate their new $11,000 building at William and Emporia tonight.

Tuesday, December 5, 1916

1. Report of talk of Rotary Club yesterday promoting the city manager plan of government. (Many recent articles in the *Beacon* favoring this plan.)

Wednesday, December 6, 1916

1. Article about the marked rise in cost of living -- said up 62% since 1914 in Wichita. Details. Forty-eight pounds of flour was $1.40 in 1914, now $2.30, etc.

11. Architect Lorentz Schmidt is completing plans for Wichita’s new intermediate school, which will contain eighteen classrooms and an assembly room used also as a gymnasium. The building will face Market Street on a site south of 13th Street between Market and Main.

Thursday, December 7, 1916

8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Wednesday, December 13, 1916

1. Report that the Arkansas Valley Interurban Company is applying to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to issue $1,000,000 in bonds and $600,000 in preferred stock for purpose of retiring the present bonds amounting to $1,250,000 and creating funds to acquire right-of-way and build four miles of railway in Wichita to connect the Arkansas Valley Interurban with the Midland Valley and Orient Roads. There is also a request for additional authority to issue bonds and preferred stock for later extensions to Wellington, Winfield, and Arkansas City, etc. Details.

Thursday, December 14, 1916

4. Each of the 200 employes of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company will be given a ham and a 25 pound sack of flour for Christmas.

Each of the 100 employes of the Arkansas Valley Interurban will be given a twelve to fourteen pound ham for Christmas.

Saturday, December 16, 1916

1. Arthur Paulline is selling several of his Wichita business properties, including

   Princess Theater Building, 115 South Lawrence
   Wichita Trunk Factory Building, 119-21 South Lawrence
   Building occupied by Bowen and Marshall, 318 East Douglas
Jefferson Hotel Building, 627 East Douglas
Oldham (or Gandolfo) Building, 158 North Main.

Total value is $325,000. Purchasers are F. D. Tickel, J. W. Metz, D. E. Dunne, and S. B. Amidon, of Wichita, and J. M. Moore, of Kansas City. Details. ¶ Arthur Paulline came here from Attica where he was agent for the Santa Fe Railroad, about 27 years ago. He worked for several years in the Western Union telegraph office. For many years he has been a speculator at the Board of Trade and accumulated a small fortune. He plans to go to California for a few months. Photograph on page 15. Details.

4. The new Webster School building was dedicated yesterday. Details.

Tuesday, December 19, 1916

1. Report that Arthur B. Sim, of Wichita, age 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coler B. Sim, was found dead under the inter-city viaduct in Kansas City early this morning, apparently murdered and robbed. Details.

10. A $20,000 addition at Martinson School in West Wichita will be completed by the beginning of the second semester of school the latter part of January and will relieve the crowded conditions of the Martinson and Franklin Schools. ¶ The new four room Sunnyside School building will probably be completed by April 1st at cost of $20,000.

Wednesday, December 20, 1916

1. Further article about Arthur B. Sim death. Indicates he had been drinking heavily and had been separated from his wife several weeks ago and that she was going to Chicago to seek a divorce.

5. Article about the desire of people in West Wichita for a new street car line south on Osage, thence west on Dayton and south again to McCormick. Petition was signed about a year ago. Details.

6. Three of the houses on the new intermediate school lots on south side of 12th Street between Market and Main Streets have been moved off and the fourth is to be taken away this week.

9. Mrs. Arthur B. Sim denied that she was contemplating divorce, but said that she and her husband were estranged and that she had not talked with him for more than two months. They were married about eight years ago. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jackson, 3800 Hyde Park Avenue (in Kansas City?). They had no children.
Friday, December 22, 1916


Saturday, December 23, 1916

1. Another long article about the Arthur B. Sim case -- murder suspected.

    Board of directors decided today to rebuild a new Kansas Masonic Home. Details.

Monday, December 25, 1916

6. The Wichita Hospital will probably occupy its new wing January 1.

Tuesday, December 26, 1916

2. City Engineer Bert Wells says a new bridge is needed at Maple Street. The present one is about 29 years old.

Thursday, December 28, 1916

6. The new wing of Wichita Hospital will open to the public January 1st. Details.

Friday, December 29, 1916

1. The Wichita baseball franchise and lease on Island Park were purchased today by Frank Isbell. Details.

12. Kansas Public Utilities Commission has granted the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway’s request to redeem all its old bonds and issue new ones and preferred stock. Details.

Saturday, December 30, 1916

1. Article describing new Wichita Hospital Annex. Details and photograph.