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## **TIHEN NOTES FROM 1918 WICHITA BEACON**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Friday, January 4, 1918**

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4. C. R. Lewis, superintendent of the street railway, said today it would cost the company \$15,000 to pay its employes the ten percent bonus which it decided to pay the first of the year. All the men working for the company prior to the first of last September will receive ten percent of the total wages earned by them the past year as bonus. ¶ The company has decided to pay a bonus this year, but instead of waiting till the end of the year it will pay at the end of each quarter.

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8. A. S. Parks has sold to S. J. Houston his elegant home at 1111 North Lawrence for \$30,000. It was built by Mr. Parks a few years ago, is of buff brick, two stories, with large colonial columns in front. The deal was closed Saturday. Mr. Parks will probably build another residence in Wichita, but plans to spend the winter in California.
9. The buildings at 308-310 East Douglas, now occupied by The Leader store and M. L. Goldman and Son, shoe dealers, are to be torn down after March 1st to make room for the new theater that is to be built there.

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5. C. R. Lewis, superintendent, promises to give a better service on the Fairmount street car line. The first car will leave 1st and Main at 5:45 a.m., followed by a fifteen minute service till 8:45, then 20 minute service till 1:45, then fifteen minute service till 7:45, then 20 minute service till the last car leaves 1st and Main at 11:45 p.m. ¶ Mount Carmel and Cleveland lines will operate together.

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4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

5. The formal dedication of the Horace Mann Intermediate School will be held January 18. Details.

**Monday, January 14, 1918****page**

5. The Jones Motor Car Company today announced a ten percent stock dividend payable to stockholders of record January 10. This is the first dividend declared by the Wichita motor car company. The directors' meeting last Thursday decided to push truck production and material will soon be purchased in the East for production of 150 one and two ton Continental motored trucks. The first Jones trucks will come through the factory in about 60 days. The new model -- Series A-B-C -- with a Red Seal Continental motor is proving to be a fast seller. The sale of the million dollar stock issue recently voted by the stockholders is providing liquid capital and enabling the concern to conduct its business on a more satisfactory basis, and the company expects to make its influence felt over a far wider field with agencies placed in every prominent city in the Southwest for distribution of Jones cars and trucks.
7. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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6. Report that the Butts Building at 1st and Lawrence has been purchased by F. C. Hoyt, president of the Union National Bank, for \$155,000. Fronts 100 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on 1st Street, six stories, and was built eight years ago by J. H. Butts. Photograph. ¶ Article January 16, page 6, says Mr. Butts states the above report of sale of the Butts Building is false.

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5. In accordance with direction of the city commission, the street car company is having cards printed warning passengers not to smoke on street cars that have no open vestibule. These cards will be placed in the cars. There has been a good deal of complaint about this practice, especially by passengers on the College Hill-University line, as all the cars on that line are without vestibules.
7. Hereafter if passengers start to ride on a street car and the power goes off or for any other reason the cars do not reach their destination and the passengers have to get off and walk, they will be given an emergency transfer which can be used to pay for a car fare at any time during the next three days. This arrangement was made by Superintendent C. R. Lewis after a conference with City Manager Louis R. Ash. Numerous persons complained that during the recent snow they paid car fares and then had to leave the cars and walk, sometimes after riding only a block or two.

**Friday, January 18, 1918****page**

5. Two new boilers were put into service at the Kansas Gas and Electric Company plant last night to increase the company's ability to meet the demand for its service.

**Saturday, January 19, 1918****page**

5. Letter from C. R. Lewis, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, explaining the poor street car service during the recent very bad weather. Details.

Report of dedication of new Horace Mann Intermediate School yesterday. Details. Only two-thirds of the building is completed -- the contract has been let for the third wing, which is expected to be completed for the opening of school next fall. Total cost then will be \$135,000.

**Monday, January 21, 1918****page**

5. Report of annual meeting of stockholders of the Jones Motor Car Company today. Details.

**Wednesday, January 23, 1918****page**

4. One hundred and forty-four street marker signs were ordered yesterday by the city for the downtown streets, few of which have had street signs previously. They will have steel letters on a black background. Details.

The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway carried 817,294 passengers during the year 1917 according to the report of George Theis, president, to the stockholders yesterday. The number of car miles for the year, totaled 7,660,170. Directors and officers elected (named), with George Theis, president; Charles H. Smyth, first vice-president; W. O. Van Arsdale, second vice-president; R. H. Campbell, secretary. It was decided to begin almost immediately two limited stop trains daily between Wichita and Hutchinson, making only five stops between the two towns, with running time of one hour 50 minutes.

**Thursday, January 24, 1918****page**

6. The Colonial theater, 117 North Market, was purchased this week by O. K. Mason, Frank Krehbiel, and other Wichita men from the J. C. Mackay estate. The building will be remodeled and a new glass front put in. Since its establishment in 1910 it had been owned by the late J. C. Mackay, of Denver, of his heirs.

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8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
13. Herbert Jones, who operates a system of motor buses in Wichita, wants to extend his system. He outlined his plans to the city commission yesterday and proposes to establish

new bus lines on Lawrence Avenue from north to south part of the city, and to the West Side and Friends University, via Maple, Seneca, and University Avenues. He proposes in lieu of a regular license fee per bus to pay two percent of the gross earnings of his business. His proposition is being considered.

**Monday, January 28, 1918****page**

10. The old Colonial Theater is to be renamed the Regent and reopened within two weeks.

**Tuesday, January 29, 1918****page**

4. J. C. Watson, an eastern oil operator who has been living in Oklahoma the past few months, yesterday purchased the new modern two story house at 1205 Woodrow in Riverside, owned by Charles S. Lawrence, for \$6500. The house was built by F. D. Shoop and has just been completed.

Charles S. Lawrence, of the King-Lawrence Lumber Company, yesterday sold his three story building at 123 West Douglas to Mrs. Alice V. Cook, of 1417 North Topeka, for \$29,000. The building covers 25 feet and is the east half of the Green Building. The deal includes an option on the west half of the Green Building for the same price, which is now being taken over by Mr. Lawrence. This has been occupied by the Reiz and Strunk furniture dealers for nearly 20 years. ¶ Mrs. Alice V. Cook is the mother of William R. Cook and J. Elmer Cook, insurance agents in the Schweiter Building.

**Wednesday, January 30, 1918****page**

4. Article about plans for remodeling the City Building as prepared by Lorentz Schmidt, architect. To cost \$15,000 to \$16,000. Largest change is in the south part of third and fourth floors, where the two story council chamber with gallery will be reduced to a one story room with the fourth floor part remade into offices, etc. Details.
8. Wichita's fifteenth state bank was granted a charter in Topeka yesterday. It is the Guarantee State Bank with capital of \$50,000, and will occupy the rooms of the Guarantee Title and Trust Company on first floor of the Beacon Building. Details.

**Friday, February 1, 1918****page**

3. The Riverside Club today becomes the property of the Midian Temple. It was purchased for \$12,500. Some months ago the State Savings Bank took the tax title to the club, quieted the title and perfected the same. About ten days ago certain of the bondholders subscribed a fund and purchased the club from the State Savings Bank, and these subscribing bond-holders today sold the club to the Shrine. ¶ The Riverside Club was formally opened February 24, 1910 after being first proposed at a meeting of the Riverside Whist Club in November 1908, leading to its being incorporated in December 1908. The site for building was purchased January 9, 1909. Details.

**Saturday, February 2, 1918****page**

5. Interview with C. R. Lewis explaining poor street car service on a very cold morning this week when 20 men failed to show up for work.

**Monday, February 4, 1918****page**

3. The new unit of the Wichita Flour Mills Company is progressing and will be ready to begin grinding the 1918 crop of wheat in July.
5. Report of death Saturday of Fred A. Sowers, pioneer newspaperman, at his home, 875 Spaulding. Born in Canton, Ohio in 1838. Was on staff of *Leavenworth Times*, and then came to Wichita in 1870 and started *The Vidette*, bringing a small press and some type overland. In 1872 he and David Millison started *The Beacon*. Editorship changed in 1873 and Mr. Sowers wrote for the *Eagle* for some time. Later changed to the real estate business in partnership with John Fisher. Survived by his wife, and two sons, Clarence Sowers, of Wichita, and Claude E. Sowers, of Kansas City. Details.

**Tuesday, February 5, 1918****page**

4. Mean temperature in January in Wichita was 19.4 degrees compared with normal of 29.7 degrees. It was the coldest month on record in the Wichita station (i.e., in past 30 years). Details.
5. City Manager Louis Ash today recommended purchase of a heavier chassis for one piece of motor fire equipment, which will then be moved to Hose House No. 6, the only station not now motorized, making the Wichita fire department 100% motorized. This compares with St. Joseph, Missouri, which is only 25% motorized and Oklahoma City, which is only 60% motorized.

**Wednesday, February 6, 1918****page**

4. J. M. Brew, contractor, has been given the job of wrecking the old Toler Auditorium at 1st and St. Francis and now has a good sized force of men at work, so that the old building will soon be reduced to lumber piles.

**Thursday, February 7, 1918****page**

6. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Saturday, February 9, 1918****page**

9. The old Colonial Theater sign on North Market was painted over today and the new Regent Theater name has been installed. The whole theater has been renovated and the new front is very attractive. It will open Wednesday, February 13.

12. The Midland Valley Railroad has notified city commission that it is their intention to build a round house on its property just west of the Arkansas River formerly used as a fair ground. The company's roundhouse on Harry Street has been found to be unhandy and it will be abandoned. This may prevent the opening of 1st Street though the Midland Valley property (to connect with 2nd Street Bridge) as was recently proposed.

**Monday, February 11, 1918****page**

3. The Coleman Lamp Company has let contract for a two story brick and concrete warehouse building 50 by 40 feet in second block of North St. Francis just north of the lamp company's plant. To cost \$20,000.

**Wednesday, February 13, 1918****page**

4. Complaints about poor street car service discussed by city commission yesterday. Details.

**Friday, February 15, 1918****page**

5. A new front is being put in Cleon Whitney's jewelry store, 222 East Douglas. Tile will be put on the base up to the plate glass front.
8. Article about lack of conformity of streets in various additions of Wichita, including the new platting of 40 acres between Kellogg and Gilbert and Grove and Volutsia being drawn up. Details.

**Tuesday, February 19, 1918****page**

6. The proposed Collegiate Church for the Plymouth and College Hill Congregational churches was presented to the congregations of the two churches Sunday by Dr. Walter H. Rollins. The outline of the plan was accepted by the two churches and it was voted to appoint committees of conference (listed).
8. West Riverside street car patrons now are enjoying ten minute service between 6:50 and 8:50 a.m. and 4:50 and 8:10 p.m. ¶ A stub car runs from the end of the west line ten minutes after each regular car leaves. Passengers from the stub line connect at Franklin and Nims with the North Riverside car which at that times goes south. In the same way connection going back is made with the west bound stub.

**Thursday, February 21, 1918****page**

9. The Redfern Cloak Company will open its new home, 120 North Main, the first week in March, having rebuilt after the fire last September. Details.

**Saturday, February 23, 1918****page**

7. Workmen started pouring concrete for the third floor of the Lassen Hotel this morning.

**Monday, February 25, 1918****page**

3. Report of death in Santa Monica, California, of W. S. Woodman, son of Wichita pioneer W. C. Woodman. Says he was an artist. Mrs. J. O. Davidson, a sister-in-law, has two of his paintings, which are snow scenes, and Mrs. Finlay Ross has a portrait of her mother painted by Mr. Woodman. Mrs. W. E. Stanley has a large painting of his, "The Old Lady Quilting."

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6. Effective March 15, prices of all Jones cars will advance. Model 26 A-B-C-D with a Lewis power plant will advance \$100, and Model 27 A-B-C-D containing a Red Seal Continental engine will raise in price \$200. ¶ The Jones car has of late been entitled "The Standard Car -- Made of Standard Parts." Principal among these are the following: Borg and Beck clutch, Timken axles, Timken bearings, Westinghouse starting and lighting system, Rayfield carburetor, Covert transmission, Fedders radiator, six inch frame, specially braced, and self-oiling springs. ¶ Further details. ("Jones Car Prices Advance March 15")

**Saturday, March 2, 1918****page**

4. Two new state banks are opening in Wichita today: The North End State Bank, at 18th and Lawrence, and the Peoples' State Bank, at 600 East Douglas. Officers listed.

**Tuesday, March 5, 1918****page**

6. The Mid-Continent Tire Company factory on East 13th Street is now turning out 70 tires and 200 inner tubes a day. This is to be increased in three months to 100 tires and 300 tubes daily. Two carloads of tires left Wichita last week.

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4. The new Sunflower State Bank will open its doors Thursday morning at northeast corner of 1st and Main. Details.

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9. Interview describing early days of Wichita, by Mrs. E. W. Phillips, 1136 South Main, who came here in 1871 as a bride of 19. Details. ("Wichita in '71 as Bride Saw It")

**Saturday, March 9, 1918****page**

1. Article says big film company, the Palestinian Film Company, has bought Wonderland Park from John T. Nuttle and associates for \$40,000. Details.

### **Monday, March 11, 1918**

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1. Article says contract for the new Wesley Hospital has been approved. To include basement and four stories, 207 by 40 feet, with a wing 45 by 60 feet Site is between Elm and pines on Hillside. Architects are Richards, McCarty, and Bulford, of Columbus, Ohio. The George H. Siedhoff Construction Company has the contract. To cost \$250,000. Details.
8. M. E. Eshelman is building a fine story and a half frame bungalow at 1202 Coolidge, 31 by 44 feet, for \$5000.

### **Tuesday, March 12, 1918**

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4. School board yesterday let contracts for the Hamilton Intermediate School. Main contract to H. I. Ellis Construction Company Total amount is \$131,725. ¶ Contract also let for Skinner School to Robert C. Hammond for \$11,493.

### **Thursday, March 14, 1918**

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2. The United Congregational Church will be the name of the new organization formed by the merger of the present membership of College Hill and Plymouth Congregational Churches. Details.

### **Friday, March 15, 1918**

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9. List of estimates for street paving approved by city commission yesterday. Includes Buffum from Franklin to Riverside.

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10. Long list of streets for which paving bids are to be advertised.

Those with brick:

- 15th - Fairmount to Vassar
- 12th - Main to Market
- Bort - Douglas to 1st
- Central - Bluff to Fountain
- Central - West end of bridge to Seneca
- Central - St. Francis to Santa Fe
- 3rd - Hillside to Clifton
- Lorraine - Central to 8th
- James - 3rd to Central
- Lawrence - 21st to City Limits



Yale - 2nd to 3rd  
Green - 2nd to Central.

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10. Howard L. Hammond, of the Wichita Construction Company, is building several fine houses in College Hill and Riverside. He is at work on ten new bungalows in Central Riverside which will sell for about \$4500. ¶ He is tearing down the old Country Club house and will erect four or five houses on the land at a value of \$10,000 to \$12,000. He has sold the new house he put up at 320 Circle Drive to Bruce Billingsley for \$6500. At 220 North Clifton he is constructing a \$9000 residence, and at 208 North Clifton he is building one for \$10,000.

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8. Board of education contracts for Hamilton Intermediate School and Skinner School have been cancelled and bids will be re-advertised.

**Tuesday, April 2, 1918****page**

8. Board of education yesterday let contract for Skinner School building to H. J. Vandenburg and Sons for \$13,971.

The Snyder Ice Cream Company will move into their new building at 211 South Washington this week. It is two stories, of concrete block.

**Thursday, April 4, 1918****page**

4. Suit of the Wichita Union Terminal Railroad Company against the Orient Railway for \$68,833 is being heard in District Court today. The suit alleges that this sum is rental due as a tenant company under the contract when the elevated tracks and union station were built. Details.
6. City commission Tuesday approved plans of Lorentz Schmidt for the Forum annex and decided to advertise for bids. To cost approximately \$130,000. Details.
8. State charter board in Topeka this week granted a charter to the Wichita-Southwestern Interurban Railway Company with capitalization of two million dollars.

**Saturday, April 6, 1918****page**

5. Wrecking of the two buildings at 308 and 310 East Douglas to be replaced by the new Wichita Theater building is to begin May 1. The old buildings are one story buildings. Details.

**Wednesday, April 10, 1918****page**

9. The new Wichita city directory, the twenty-eighth volume of the directory, will soon be ready for the public. Published by Polk-McAvoy Company.

Article says the Palestinian Film Company, which has purchased Wonderland Park, will locate its offices there within ten days. Details.

10. Brick was purchased today for the new South Lawrence Baptist Church, at Lawrence and Zimmerly, and work will begin immediately. Services are now being held in the basement of the church, which was built a year ago. Details.

**Thursday, April 11, 1918****page**

11. Article about extensive Arkansas Valley Interurban schedule changes effective Sunday, April 14, some at government direction for purpose of fuel economy. Details.

**Saturday, April 13, 1918****page**

3. A. L. Derby, of Independence, has purchased the recently completed new house of Fred C. Connor at 151 Roosevelt Avenue for \$25,000, and will move to Wichita about May 1st. Lorentz Schmidt was the architect.

4. The property at 237 West Douglas owned by Mrs. Charlotte P. Ross has been purchased by O. G. Eikenberry and A. A. Reiff for \$20,000. They will tear down the present one story frame feed barn and build a new two story brick building 46½ by 291 feet extending through to William Street. Building will cost about \$30,000.

City commission yesterday let contract for the new Forum annex and exposition building to George H. Siedhoff Construction Company. Work is to start next Monday so it will be ready for the International Wheat Show in October. Plans were prepared by Lorentz Schmidt. New building to be 150 by 300 feet, two stories, and cost approximately \$140,000. Details.

5. J. J. Stamps, motorman on the College Hill line, has won the \$25 prize in the *Beacon's* contest for the most courteous motorman or conductor, etc. He has worked for the company nine years, having started June 1, 1909. He has a wife and little girl and lives at 1014 North Main. There are between 175 and 200 motormen and conductors in the employ of the Wichita Street Railway Company.

**Monday, April 15, 1918****page**

5. Dr. and Mrs. Howard G. Norton have purchased the C. H. Hatton residence at 941 Buffum Avenue, in Central Riverside, and expect to move in some time in May.

6. New Arkansas Valley Interurban timetable effective April 14, 1918.

**Tuesday, April 16, 1918****page**

4. Board of Education yesterday let contract for the Hamilton Intermediate School to L. W. Brown Construction Company, of Hutchinson, for \$94,797. Work will be started at once. Total cost to be about \$150,000.
5. The Central State Bank will move into its new rooms in the Roetzel Building, 119 North Market, this week, from its temporary quarters in the building with Fred C. Connor, 121 North Market. A new front has been built on the Roetzel Building.
6. Building permit issued today for the new Wichita Theater, to be built at 308-310 East Douglas, just east of the Innes Store, for \$75,000. To be completed October 1. Details.

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10. Article about many houses under construction in Riverside. Details.

**Tuesday, April 23, 1918****page**

10. Photograph of Motorman John Stamps, who won the *Beacon's* \$25 prize recently for most popular street car motorman or conductor. Badge is No. 210.
12. Article says four story Bitting Building is to have eight stories added. Architects are Shepard, Farrar, and Wiser, of Kansas City. Owners are A. W. and C. W. Bitting. A. W. Bitting came to Wichita in April 1877 and C. W. in August of the same year. Drawing. Details.

**Wednesday, April 24, 1918****page**

6. Control of the Union National Bank at Douglas and Lawrence was sold today to a new group of owners (listed). The sale price included the Wichita Investment Company and totaled \$325,000. Details.
9. Report of death yesterday evening of Wichita pioneer, Pat V. Healy, of an acute stroke of apoplexy, at his home, 725 South Emporia, at age 72. Born in 1846 in Limerick County, Ireland. Came to Wichita in 1876. Was in real estate business. Parents brought him to U.S. at age two, settling in Kentucky, and then Illinois. Survived by son, Frank, two brothers, E. J., of Wichita, and John A., of Chicago, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Gould, of Texas. Obituary. Photograph.

**Friday, April 26, 1918****page**

1. Report of rumor that the U.S. Railroad Administration may abandon the Orient Railroad.

**Saturday, April 27, 1918****page**

5. Full page advertisement for Jones Six car by the Wichita distributor, Shaw-Snyder Motor Company, 116-18 North Lawrence.

**Wednesday, May 1, 1918****page**

4. City commission yesterday let contract for the paving of the "gooseneck" on North Lawrence from 21st Street a half mile north, with brick.

**Thursday, May 2, 1918****page**

3. Letter from Kos Harris giving some early history and dates for original plats filed for Wichita, etc.

**Friday, May 3, 1918****page**

11. A. S. Parks plans to build a three story, eighteen room, \$30,000 home in third block on North Belmont. To be 49 by 120 feet. Details.

**Tuesday, May 7, 1918****page**

5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Wednesday, May 8, 1918****page**

4. Workmen began pouring the ninth floor of the Lassen Hotel this morning.
5. Article about proposed new building to enlarge the Riverside Boat House, owned by R. C. Israel. Details.
6. Report of death today in Kansas City of George T. Walker, age 52, former Wichita resident, and head of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Material Company. Came to Wichita in 1883. Business grew and a few years ago he moved to Kansas City. Survived by widow and a brother, J. H. Walker, of Alameda, California. Some obituary.

**Friday, May 17, 1918****page**

12. Contract has been let to Dieter and Wenzel for remodeling some interior rooms of the City Building including the council chamber. Details.

**Saturday, May 18, 1918****page**

6. The United Millwork Company has purchased two lots north of its plant in second block on North St. Francis and will use it for a lumber shed. In connection with this the present

75 foot frame shed will be torn down and replaced with a brick building, giving the company a 225 foot frontage on St. Francis. ¶ The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased another tract of ground 100 by 140 feet in same block, which will be covered by a one and two story brick building. The new building will be east of the alley and just north of a building the company erected last year. Three months ago the company let a contract for a two story building facing on St. Francis just north of its main factory and office building. This building is not yet completed, but already more room is needed by the company.

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5. Photograph of crowd watching "human fly" climb wall of the Beacon Building.
  
11. Rufus Cone and George W. Cornell, for 25 years in the laundry business, have dissolved their partnership. Mr. Cone will have full control of the Kansas Independent Steam Laundry hereafter, and Mr. Cornell becomes sole owner of the Cone-Cornell Building opposite the post office at northeast corner of Market and William. Mr. Cornell has spent most of the past year in California and expects to make his home in Los Angeles.

**Wednesday, May 22, 1918****page**

9. Mayor L. W. Clapp presented to the city commission yesterday blueprint plans for a system of drives through Sim Memorial Park. The drives are to run on the higher ridges on the park and if carried out will give Wichita one of the most beautiful systems of park drives in the Southwest.

**Saturday, May 25, 1918****page**

3. Another article about plans for new Sim Park drive. Says the memorial gateway at end of Murdock Avenue will be erected this summer. Details.
  
6. The new pavilion in Riverside Park west of the street car tracks and north of the bathing beach will be dedicated tomorrow with a concert by the Midian Shrine Band. Moving pictures will be given at the same place Monday night.

**Wednesday, May 29, 1918****page**

5. J. E. Snedeker comes to Wichita June 1 from Osawatomie as division superintendent of the Missouri Pacific Railway. He has been in charge of the Central Kansas and Colorado divisions of the road the past ten years. He succeeds A. H. Webb here, who went to Kansas City as general superintendent for the Missouri Pacific Railway.

**Saturday, June 1, 1918****page**

- B-3. Panoramic photograph from Main and Douglas.

Special section about oil industry, motor cars, etc.; with history of a number of Wichita businesses.

- B-11. Permission has been granted by the government for the construction of seven additional stories on the Bitting Building.

### **Monday, June 3, 1918**

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5. Article reports  
W. M. G. Howse is the new president of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods Company. Details.

### **Saturday, June 8, 1918**

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6. Cornerstone of the new Wesley Hospital at Elm and Hillside is to be laid Sunday evening. Details. Report June 10 on page 3 with photograph on page 4.

### **Wednesday, June 12, 1918**

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6. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson entertained the Board of Education members last night at their new home at Franklin and Nims Avenues.

### **Friday, June 14, 1918**

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6. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Minerva Clough Babb, wife of former Wichita mayor, W. J. Babb, at age 57. Lived at 1432 Fairmount. Born March 2, 1861 near Columbia, Missouri. Married W. J. Babb July 29, 1879. They came to Wichita in 1887. Survived by husband, two sons, Albert F., and W. J., Jr., both of Wichita, and three daughters, Mrs. Minnie Rautenstrauch, of Palisade, New Jersey, Virginia E. Babb and Carolyn Isabel Babb, both of Wichita.
9. Photograph of new Catholic church at Colwich, which was dedicated last Sunday by Bishop Hennessy. The old church was destroyed by fire on June 20, 1915. Cornerstone for new church was laid on June 14, 1916, but there have been many delays. New church is of brick, 62 by 118 feet, of Romanesque design, with two towers, one 120 feet high and one 80 feet.

### **Wednesday, June 19, 1918**

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1. The government has taken over the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway and will operate it in conjunction with the other main line systems that were placed under government control on January 1st. W. T. Kemper, of Kansas City, receiver of the Orient, says this step will prevent the disintegration and closing down of the Orient. Details.
4. In looking up the title to the old fire station in the second block on North Market, city attorney Robert C. Foulston discovered a few days ago that it had been illegally sold by

the county for delinquent taxes in 1886. The property had been purchased by the city from William Griffenstein, the original owner, in 1872, and the sale was illegal since city property is not taxable. Now the city commission has directed Mr. Foulston to bring suit in the District Court to quiet title to the property.

7. Report of death yesterday of Levi Frank Means, former city councilman and commissioner, at his home, 811 West Douglas, at age 72. Survived by wife, Fannie, two sons, and one daughter (named). Obituary and photograph.

#### **Thursday, June 20, 1918**

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3. By Saturday night practically all the concrete work will be done on Wichita's big exposition building. Details.

#### **Tuesday, June 25, 1918**

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3. Charles H. Sims, of Kansas City, has purchased 40 acres at northeast corner of 21st and Hillside to develop into a new cemetery to be known as Mission Hill Burial Park. Details.

#### **Wednesday, June 26, 1918**

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5. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has been running double headers on almost all its trains and even in three sections in some instances, to accommodate the vast number of harvest hands.

#### **Saturday, June 29, 1918**

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7. Photograph of Lassen Hotel under construction. Article with details. Excavation was begun October 7, 1917. Building is 100 by 140 feet. To be opened January 1.

#### **Wednesday, July 3, 1918**

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6. Work has started on development of the new College Hill Memorial Lawns cemetery at 17th and Oliver. The 80 acre tract was purchased a month ago by the Modern Burial Park Company of Springfield, Missouri. Details.
9. The city will open a third municipal bathing beach along the Little Arkansas river at 18th Street in a few days. In addition to the permanent beach in Central Riverside Park there will also be a new beach for colored residents at west end of South Riverside Park.

#### **Thursday, July 4, 1918**

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3. Photograph of the small houses at the Sedgwick County Tubercular Sanitarium.

#### **Saturday, July 6, 1918**

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6. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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12. Long article describing size and facilities of individual Wichita grade schools with ten year plan for \$2,135,000 improvements. Details. Addition already built at Martinson but not at Riverside or Linwood. ("That Two Million Dollar School Program")

**Tuesday, July 16, 1918****page**

4. The brick one story building at 137 to 149 North Lawrence being built for Walter P. Innes and George M. Brown is almost completed. Building is 125 by 89 feet with garage in the rear. Cost \$18,000. It is a temporary building for use until building materials for larger buildings can be obtained.

The Kansas Good Roads Association, after delays, has now published its new maps: "The Military map" -- 24 by 27 inches in two colors, and "The Hockaday Road Map of Kansas," 22 by 34 inches in two colors. Details.

**Friday, July 19, 1918****page**

5. Article about franchise under consideration by city commission for Herbert C. Jones, owner of jitney lines. Street car company strongly objects. Details. ("Jitney Series is Under Debate")

**Saturday, July 20, 1918****page**

4. Full page advertisement for Midco Tires.

**Tuesday, July 23, 1918****page**

4. Extensive repairs to the Maple Street bridge have been completed and it was opened to traffic Monday. One improvement is the sidewalk built along one side of the bridge.
7. A. M. Patten, general manager for Kansas of the Illinois Traction company, is in Wichita on his regular inspection trip. At a recent company directors' meeting in St. Louis the subject of new equipment for Wichita was discussed. The outlook is bad for cars since the car builders are working on war equipment. ¶ The extension of the Emporia Avenue line will be completed as soon as possible, but owing to the necessity of paving on the Waco Avenue line, this will be delayed. Many employes have left for the army or to work on the railroads, so work must be slower. ¶ The cars are expected to be running to Seneca on the Osage Avenue line by Thursday morning. The frog is in at the railroad crossing. The line will be completed for another half mile and the entire line is expected to be through by time of the Wheat Show. A 20 minute service will probably be given.



**Wednesday, July 24, 1918****page**

4. Workmen are now building a canopy over the sidewalk along the sides of the Biting Building, and actual construction on the additional seven stories will be started within the next few days. The Manhattan Construction Company has the contract for the work.

**Friday, July 26, 1918****page**

5. Article about change in Arkansas Valley Interurban schedule effective Sunday, July 28. Details.

**Saturday, July 27, 1918****page**

6. Advertisement giving new Arkansas Valley Interurban timetable effective July 28.

**Tuesday, July 30, 1918****page**

6. Memorial service to be held Sunday in memory of Lieutenant Thomas Hopkins, who was killed in France on July 21; he was the first Wichita officer to fall in action in France. Details.

**Thursday, August 1, 1918****page**

7. Arch. P. Naramore has resigned his position with the Hauser-Garrison Dry Goods Company in order to accept a position with the Boyle Commission Company.

**Friday, August 2, 1918****page**

3. A new street car, built in a general way on the plan of the small one man cars in operation in the city since last fall, was received by the company last night from the car shops in St. Louis. The new car is made with a stronger frame than those of the last lot of cars received, and there are several small changes which will make it more serviceable and satisfactory. If it proves to be all that is expected, more cars of this type will be ordered soon.

**Monday, August 5, 1918****page**

7. Local offices of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway will be removed tomorrow evening from their present locations in the 800 and 900 blocks on East Douglas to the passenger station of the Midland Valley Railway Company. Included in the transfer will be the offices of the superintendent and commercial agent, 813 East Douglas, and those of the freight and passenger departments, 901 East Douglas. Orient train No. 1, leaving Wichita at 8:00 a.m., will be the first out of the new terminal Wednesday morning. The change is being carried out under direction of the federal manager for several railway

systems including the Orient and Midland Valley and is thought to be an effort to conserve manpower and facilitate the handling of trains.

**Thursday, August 8, 1918****page**

5. Thomas C. Naylor, 803 Gilman, has purchased the Interdale Apartments, 916-924 North Lawrence, from Andrew McAush, of Chicago, for \$125,000. Mr. McAush had the apartments built, and they were completed last December. There are 30 apartments. Details.

**Friday, August 16, 1918****page**

1. A. De Bernardi, general manager of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, announced that Wichita has been made the official headquarters of the road. The J. B. Hupp building in second block on North Market, formerly used by the Bell Telephone Company, has been leased for a year. The move from Kansas City will be made as soon as the building is remodeled and fixed up.

**Monday, August 19, 1918****page**

5. The Jews of Wichita will soon be able to realize the hope of many years, a place of worship that they can call their own. They recently purchased the Brown Memorial Reformed Church building at Topeka and Lewis and are having it remodeled and redecorated. The synagogue will be formally dedicated the first of September.

**Wednesday, August 21, 1918****page**

5. The brick laying on the wall of the first story of the Alexander Hamilton Intermediate School is nearing completion.

**Wednesday, August 28, 1918****page**

7. Beginning today the Frisco Railroad started a new form of passenger service between Wichita and Ellsworth. Instead of the regular daily passenger train, a motor car seating 90 passengers and a trailer for mail and baggage has been installed. It operates under the old schedule.

**Thursday, August 29, 1918****page**

3. Building permit issued for frame bungalow, 28 by 47 feet, for Dr. R. E. Maxwell, at 1107 River Boulevard. Cost \$4200.

**Monday, September 2, 1918****page**

7. Report of dedication yesterday of Wichita's Jewish synagogue at Lewis and Topeka. It is Wichita's first Jewish synagogue. Details.

**Thursday, September 5, 1918****page**

2. Report that the skip-stop system will probably be inaugurated on the Wichita street car system to save fuel.

**Friday, September 6, 1918****page**

4. Report of death yesterday of Morris Krailsheimer, age 73, who was a partner for many years with I. Gross in operating the Golden Eagle Clothing Store at northwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas. Obituary and photograph.

**Saturday, September 7, 1918****page**

5. City commission yesterday gave Herbert Jones a franchise to operate two jitney lines, one on Douglas Avenue from Water Street to East Street, and one on Water, Maple, Seneca, and University to Friends University. Details of proposed schedule, etc. and other requirements.

**Tuesday, September 17, 1918****page**

3. A change has been made in the running time of the Osage Avenue street cars. It will leave Main and Douglas at 5:45 a.m. and every 30 minutes thereafter instead of 5:30 a.m. This way it will leave the other end of the line at 6:00 a.m. and one the hour and half-hour during the day.

**Wednesday, September 18, 1918****page**

3. Enrollment of individual schools in Wichita listed. Riverside has 141, Horace Mann 585, and high school has 1354. Total 10,313.

**Thursday, September 26, 1918****page**

3. J. O. Adams, has purchased the interest of J. D. Martin in the Martin and Adams Music Company and is now the sole owner. ¶ (See later correction September 28, page 9 -- M. F. Martin purchased half of the interest of his brother, J. D. Martin, in the firm.)

**Saturday, September 28, 1918****page**

29. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement.

**Monday, October 7, 1918****page**

9. The Red Cross Flu Hospital was opened last Saturday at 2146 North Topeka.

**Tuesday, October 8, 1918****page**

6. Board of education yesterday ordered Lorentz Schmidt, architect, to draw plans for a new Washington School ,to be erected at 3rd and Pennsylvania on a tract 600 by 300 feet To have sixteen rooms. ¶ The Board also accepted the contract for building the new Skinner School for \$14,000 and for an annex and lighting and ventilation systems for Waco School.

**Thursday, October 10, 1918****page**

7. City commission has condemned and ordered removed several structures, including the old Morgan barn at Waco and Douglas with its surrounding sheds and feed yards, owned by M. R. Diver, and the feed and storage sheds and yards used by a transfer company just north of the interurban depot on North Water Street.

**Friday, October 11, 1918****page**

5. Report of death last night of Donald I. Hayworth, construction engineer of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, of influenza, at his home, 901 Carter, at age 30.

**Saturday, October 12, 1918****page**

3. Drawing of the entrance of the new College Hill Memorial Lawns burial park at 17th and Oliver. Article with details.
7. The skip stop plan is to be put into operation by Wichita street cars next Monday on orders of the fuel administration. A yellow cross painted on the poles will mark the stopping places. Details.

**Monday, October 14, 1918****page**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Tuesday, October 15, 1918****page**

5. Report of death on October 7 of Wichita pioneer and first postmaster, Milo B. Kellogg, at the Soldier's Home at Ortin, Washington, after a long illness. Left Wichita more than 30 years ago and has been living in Washington for past ten years. One daughter survives. Obituary.

**Friday, October 18, 1918****page**

7. There are now 147 patients at the Red Cross Flu Hospital, 2146 North Topeka. Details.

**Saturday, October 19, 1918****page**

5. Fred C. Mayer, traffic manager of the Arkansas Valley Interurban, returned yesterday from Scott City where he bought some rails for the interurban cut off near Halstead. Two miles of steel formerly used in the Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma Railroad line, which has been abandoned, was purchased and is already loaded on cars for Wichita and will be here in a few days. ¶ A bridge on the new cutoff is completed and the grading work is in progress. It is expected that track laying will be started next week. The cutoff, which will be about two miles in length, will eliminate a reverse curve and shorten the line between Wichita and Halstead nearly a mile.
  
7. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Monday, October 21, 1918****page**

4. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Catherine Griffenstein, widow of William Griffenstein, at Shawnee, Oklahoma at age 65. Born near Topeka May 1, 1853 and married William Griffenstein in 1869. Was daughter of a former chief of the Pottawatomie Indians. Survived by one brother and three sisters (named).

**Tuesday, October 22, 1918****page**

1. State board of agriculture population for Wichita in 1918 is 62,404, up from 58,318 in 1917. Eldorado up 9092 from 7154 in 1917 to 16,246 in 1918. Topeka down from 44,325 to 40,624.
  
5. J. O. Adams has purchased the interest of M. F. Martin in the Martin and Adams Music Company and has changed company name to the J. O. Adams Music Company.

**Saturday, October 26, 1918****page**

1. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has obtained by purchased and lease a tract of ground at northwest corner of Douglas and Waco on which to build a depot and shops. It is about 300 by 400 feet and includes properties heretofore owned by Morgan Brothers and M. R. Diver. It is said that the Arkansas Valley Interurban Company has purchased the Morgan property, which lies 300 feet along Douglas and has obtained a long time lease on the Diver property.
  
5. Beginning November 1 the freight and passenger rates on the Arkansas Valley Interurban will be increased, it was announced today by Charles H. Smyth, general manager. However the increase will not be as much as on steam lines. The new passenger fares will be 2½ cents a mile, and the freight increase will be only ten percent.

W. B. Harrison has purchased a large interest in the Union National Bank of Wichita and will likely become active in the management about January 1. Details.

**Monday, October 28, 1918****page**

8. Rails have arrived for the Osage Avenue street railway extension and work on the line will be resumed as soon as possible. A loop on this line is to be constructed at Walker Avenue, about five blocks from the Orient shops.

**Wednesday, October 30, 1918****page**

3. I. W. Gill put into service today a new motor ambulance made by the Cunningham and Son Company, of Rochester, New York. Nine years ago Mr. Gill brought to Wichita the first motor ambulance ever put in service in Kansas. Details.
6. The McVicar-Howard-Millhauht Clothing Company has leased all of the Winne Building, 212 East Douglas. After remodeling, it will occupy the first and second floors and sublease the floors above. The building is 50 by 140 feet.

**Thursday, October 31, 1918****page**

6. C. R. Lewis, street railway superintendent, and W. S. Hadley, city commission, decided today on the location of the loop on the Orient street car line. It will be constructed at the intersection of Millwood and Walker Avenues. The material is now on hand and work will be pushed rapidly.

**Friday, November 1, 1918****page**

5. Report of death of Lieutenant Erwin R. Bleckley of Wichita, age 23, on October 6 when his plane was shot down in France by German machine gun fire.

**Wednesday, November 6, 1918****page**

8. The John Deere Plow Company has leased the south 62½ feet of the Peru-Van Zandt Building at 117-121 North Water Street, effective December 1st. The Peru-Van Zandt Company will move its headquarters to Hutchinson. Details.

**Friday, November 8, 1918****page**

10. List of about 200 old settlers of Wichita who have died in recent years, as compiled by Jack Thomas. (Note -- only men are listed.)

**Monday, November 11, 1918****page**

1. Armistice announced.

**Wednesday, November 13, 1918****page**

4. C. R. Lewis, superintendent, says the extension of the street car line to the vicinity of the Orient shops will be completed in ten days. The material is all on the ground and most of the ties are in place. The extension will end at Millwood and Walker, where a loop will be built.

**Friday, November 22, 1918****page**

12. Report of death today of Wichita pioneer, Max Steinbuchel, at his home, 1231 North Waco, at age 67. Born in Cologne, Germany, came to the U.S. as a young boy and settled in the East. Came to Wichita more than 40 years ago. Was in real estate and insurance business. Survived by three brothers, Herman, Louis, Leopold, and three sisters, Julia and Johanna, who lived with him, and Mrs. John Gorges.

**Tuesday, December 3, 1918****page**

4. Workmen completed the loop at the end of the Orient line of the street railway today. Henceforth the cars will run to the end of the line and turn. The loop is at Millwood and Walker, within about four blocks of the entrance to the Orient shops and within one block of the yards.

J. Arch Butts has purchased 75 feet and taken a long term lease on 50 feet more on west side of second block of North Lawrence, starting 50 feet north of northwest corner of 1st and Lawrence, and extending north to the Wichita College of Music. He is preparing to build a two story building, 125 by 140 feet, on the site, which at present is occupied by three frame houses. Building will cost approximately \$40,000.

7. Influenza is causing problems in keeping the street cars running on schedule. Yesterday 28 motormen and conductors did not report for work, and today 25 are absent.

**Wednesday, December 4, 1918****page**

4. A new Winter Garden recreation hall is to be opened soon on West Douglas Avenue where the entrance to the exposition building was last fall. Details.

**Saturday, December 7, 1918****page**

2. The skip-stop system of street car operation will end after tonight. Beginning tomorrow the cars will resume stopping at the street intersections.

**Friday, December 13, 1918****page**

6. Some changes will be made in street car schedules beginning Sunday morning. The main change will be on the Riverside-Emporia line, where all the main line cars will now run from Emporia Avenue to the club house on West Riverside, on a twelve minute schedule. A stub car will be operated from the junction to North Riverside on the same schedule as

the cars running on the main line. A special double end car has been built for the stub line.

¶ On the Fairmount line cars will operate every fifteen minutes from 5:45 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. ¶ Cleveland Avenue cars will be changed to run:

5:45 a.m. till 9:30 a.m. every twelve minutes

9:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. every fifteen minutes

1:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. every twelve minutes

7:30 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. every fifteen minutes

10:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. every 20 minutes.

### **Saturday, December 14, 1918**

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4. The former German Methodist Church, at Lulu and English, has recently been transferred from the West German Conference to the Southwest Kansas Conference and will now be known as the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. Photograph.

### **Monday, December 16, 1918**

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6. A divorce has been granted in Kansas City to Mrs. Paul Eaton, formerly Miss Pearl Murdock. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were Wichita residents until two years ago. For several years he owned and managed two cigar stores in Wichita. He is now with Niles and Moser Cigar Company, of Kansas City. ¶ Mrs. Eaton was given the custody of the two children.

Work is being commenced on the drives to the new Sim Memorial Park. It will follow Murdock Avenue from Central Riverside Park until it reaches Sim Park. Trees are being cut down in this area so that the drive may be built.

### **Tuesday, December 17, 1918**

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8. Government planes stopping at Wichita have been landing at the Kiser pasture field.

### **Wednesday, December 18, 1918**

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7. The Hamilton Hotel was sold today by the owner, G. W. Harris, to Colonel W. C. West, formerly of Topeka, for \$25,000, including the furnishings, and good will. The hotel has 78 rooms and 35 private baths, and it is to be repainted and redecorated.

The 24 room Milton Hotel at 500 East Douglas was sold today by Mrs. Sarah E. West to Mrs. Mattie Harris for \$6000. Mrs. Harris formerly owned the Banker and the New Linden.

### **Thursday, December 19, 1918**

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5. The tool houses and feed bins have been moved from the newly opened up Nims Avenue in Central Riverside Park to South Riverside park at the former Municipal Beach location.



¶ Central Riverside is more inviting since the yards of the buffaloes and elk have been moved to Linwood Park in the south part of the city.

**Saturday, December 21, 1918****page**

11. The "new" (remodeled?) Wichita Theater will be opened Monday night, December 23. Details.

**Tuesday, December 24, 1918****page**

2. Report of record 12.8 inches of snow in Wichita yesterday and last night. Details.
5. Report of street car problems from the heavy snow.
7. Report of opening of the Wichita Theater last night.

**Wednesday, December 25, 1918****page**

8. More reports of difficulties with street car operation due to packed snow and ice. Details.

**Thursday, December 26, 1918****page**

4. O. W. Jones, former Sedgwick County treasurer, has been paroled from the state penitentiary after being there since September 1915 after his conviction for embezzlement. Details.

**Monday, December 30, 1918****page**

1. Formal opening of Hotel Lassen to be tomorrow evening. Details. Drawing.