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 1919 WICHITA BEACON

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3. Report of collision last evening of Cleveland avenue street car No. 142 into the rear of stalled College Hill street car No. 231 at corner of Pattie and Douglas. Two injured. Details.

4. One hundred and twelve persons paid fares on a delayed Riverside street car this morning. Residents of North Riverside are also dissatisfied with the “stub service” inaugurated on the line recently.

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4. The war memorial arch to be erected at Lawrence and Douglas is to be 40 feet high and have a span of 70 feet. Architect is Don Schuler. To cost four to five thousand dollars. Details.

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7. With the removal of all restrictions upon the running of a car for passenger service in the city and removal of license fee, any number of jitneys could be seen upon Wichita streets today, from the big yellow buses down.

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9. A city block, 300 by 270 feet, from the southeast corner of the Mathewson Pasture, is being purchased by the Wichita Board of Education for $20,000 as the site for a new Washington School building. The old Washington school building at corner of 3rd and Cleveland will be razed after the new building is constructed.

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9. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement.

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5. The city has purchased a strip of ground from 50 to 200 feet wide and half a mile long of the Steinbuchel property west of the Little Arkansas river and about a block north of Central avenue, on which will be built a boulevard drive to the new Sim Memorial Park. Cost was seven to eight thousand dollars. Making the new drive will require considerable grading, cutting, and filling, as the ground is rough. It will connect with the river drive that will be made on the outer edge of the park, the entire drive covering more than two miles. The half mile connecting drive, to be started probably next week, will run in curved lines along the edge of what was at one time a part of the Arkansas river, forming the island off Central Street Bridge. This is now filled in. ¶ The Memorial Gate to Sim Park is nearing completion. It is a half circle with two immense cut stone pillars at each side. Mayor L. W. Clapp is the landscape designer for the new park.

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4. Drawing of the proposed Soldiers Memorial Arch to be built at Lawrence and Douglas. Details.


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4. If all the paving petitioned for along street car lines is granted, it would total nearly two miles and cost the street car company at least $120,000 according to C. R. Lewis, superintendent. It includes South Main from Bayley to Levy, three blocks on North Waco, three blocks on 9th from Main to Waco, three blocks on Franklin and Porter to the Riverside Club House.

6. Building commission of Board of Education has accepted plans of Lorentz Schmidt, architect, for the new 20 room Washington school, to cost $120,000. Details. Emerson School will also be built within the next year or so for $45,00 to $50,000.

Wednesday, January 29, 1919
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4. The new terminals of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company will definitely be located at Waco and Douglas. The company will also build a new line from the northern part of the city enabling it to enter its terminals over its own line. Decisions were made at the annual meeting of the company, held yesterday. Officers and directors listed. Details.

F. C. Hoyt has sold the Hoyt building, formerly the Barnes Building, at southeast corner of Douglas and Lawrence, to the Union National Bank, for about $250,000.

Monday, February 3, 1919
3. A new Catholic parochial school is to be built this year on North Topeka avenue on the block with St. Mary’s Cathedral. Details.

Tuesday, February 4, 1919
4. Because of the public inconvenience in getting about during the severe bad weather it was decided to let jitney drivers operate without a license, although each has been required to secure a permit at the police station. Almost 100 of these have been given out. However beginning Thursday the regular license will be required of all who operate a jitney car, and the regular license fee of $25 must be paid.

5. A closed passageway between the new high school and the old high school building has been completed and is now in use by the students.

Wednesday, February 5, 1919
2. Article about Wichita park improvements mentions the removal of the larger animals from Riverside to Linwood park, where there is more room for them to graze. Details.

6. The Masonic Temple is to be enlarged, with an addition on the west side of the present building. Details.

City commission yesterday authorized City Manager Ash to have an inspector appointed to keep track of the street car service and make sure it is what it should be.

Thursday, February 6, 1919
7. Contracts are being prepared for paving of the East Central Avenue Road from city limit to the Butler County line with concrete. Details.

Saturday, February 8, 1919
1. Five injured including Motorman James Zeigler, when a street car was struck at 21st Street by a southbound Santa Fe passenger train at 6:00 a.m. today. Streetcar was westbound
from the Stock Yards. Street car was struck near the rear end and turned completely around. The rear vestibule was torn off and thrown some distance from the car. Details.

**Wednesday, February 12, 1919**

4. Herbert Jones has decided to accept a franchise to operate a jitney service on certain streets that was offered by the city commission several months ago. He will pay the city four percent of his gross receipts for the privilege. ¶ C. T. Simmons has also notified the commission that he intends to operate a jitney bus line on Lawrence avenue beginning Thursday, February 13.

**Thursday, February 13, 1919**

4. Building permit issued past week for two story brick building at 205-213 North Lawrence for J. Arch Butts, to cost $30,000.

**Tuesday, February 18, 1919**

5. Ed Forsblom, architect, has plans about ready for a bridge over 9th Street at St. Francis hospital to connect the heating plant and laundry with the hospital building. A 36 by 36 foot three story addition to the hospital will also be built. Total cost about $13,000.

**Wednesday, February 19, 1919**

5. Report of dedication of new Masonic Home, which replaces the old one destroyed by fire, today. Details.

9. The Moonlight Studio at 411 East Douglas has been purchased by I. Goldberg, who will take possession March 15 and continue the business under his management. Studio has been in operation at the present location the past eight years. The name will be changed to the Wichita Studio.

**Monday, March 3, 1919**

7. Building permit issued today to the Campbell Bread Company for a $65,000 modern addition to their plant on North Emporia, to have 140 foot front and be 60 feet deep and two stories.

**Tuesday, March 4, 1919**

3. Article about addition being built on the Campbell Baking Company plant. Capacity will be 250,000 pounds of bread a week, nearly double the present capacity. The new 60 by 140 foot building will be connected with the present building on the north and will face on Emporia. The company now sells its products to 285 stores in Wichita and in 125 towns in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Details.
8. The doors of the new Wesley Hospital will be opened for a “house warming” this evening. Details.

**Wednesday, March 5, 1919**

6. Article about financial needs for completion of Wesley Hospital. Details.

**Saturday, March 8, 1919**

4. A. G. King opened his new drug store at 3054 East Douglas today. The building which the new store occupies has been remodeled. Details.

**Monday, March 10, 1919**

9. Article reports petition being circulated for paving of South Main from Bayley to city limits provided the street car company will build a double track to the end of the line. C. R. Lewis, superintendent, says the latter is impossible this year, as the company has all it can handle with the paving and track work on streets that have already been ordered paved. The company’s special paving expense is going to run very high, and “with rails at $90 a ton, I know the company will not double track on South Main. If it is paved this year it will have to be paved with a single track.”

**Saturday, March 15, 1919**

7. Photograph of the new West Side Presbyterian Church at University and Martinson, recently completed.

**Tuesday, March 18, 1919**

8. Work will start Friday on paving of the East Central Avenue road with concrete from the city limits to the Butler County line.

**Thursday, March 20, 1919**

5. When College Hill street car No. 236 tried to negotiate the “Y” at the end of the line this afternoon, its brakes failed and it slid backward down the slope for a full block on the pavement. It finally came to a rest on the north side of Douglas just east of the its intersection with Quentin Avenue. Fortunately it did not hit anything on its wild backward trip.

8. Board of Education yesterday decided to submit vote on $850,000 of bonds at the spring election, for the following:

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Emerson School, ten rooms $80,000
Harry Street addition, four rooms $28,000
Riverside addition, four rooms $28,000
Sunnyside addition, four rooms $28,000
Woodland addition, four rooms $28,000
East End site and athletic grounds $100,000
West Side site $25,000.

Monday, March 24, 1919

Work started today on the Memorial Arch at Lawrence and Douglas. It will be of plaster over a net work of wooden beams and steel rods, similar to the materials used in World’s Fair buildings. Cost will be approximately $5000. Details.

Wednesday, March 26, 1919

Wichita Railroad and Light Company has filed its report for 1918 with the city clerk. Total valuation of all Wichita property of the company as assessed under order of the state tax commission July 10, 1918 was $1,774,698. Gross earnings for 1918 -- $539,842.04. Net earnings for 1918 -- $133,344.87, or 7.514% on the investment. Breakdown of revenue and expenses given.

More than 100 employes of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company with their wives and friends were the guests of the company at an entertainment given in their club room last night. Tremaine’s orchestra furnished the music for the entertainment.

Jake Moellendick, Wichita oil operator who resides at 815 Riverside, plans to buy an airplane this spring to use for both business and pleasure. Details.

Thursday, March 27, 1919

Article about plans for improvements at Friends university. Two or three more class rooms will be finished. The main driveway, from University Avenue is to be paved, and in connection with this the street car company has promised to move the loop from in front of the University to a point one block south on Hiram Avenue.

Monday, March 31, 1919

Building permits issued in March included one for a $64,000 four story brick building for the Arnold Brothers Motor Car Company.

Wednesday, April 2, 1919

The $850,000 in school bonds carried in election yesterday.
7. The Brown Memorial Reformed Church is planning to build a new church building at a site purchased several months ago at southeast corner of Market and Kellogg. To cost approximately $40,000. Their old building was sold some time ago.

Saturday, April 5, 1919
3. Photograph of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church which has just been completed at 1248 Lulu Avenue and will be dedicated on Sunday, April 13.

18. Advertisement for Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company.

Tuesday, April 8, 1919
4. Article says the Jones Motor Car Company is producing five cars daily. Details.

Tuesday, April 15, 1919
5. J. N. Spellman, an experienced electric railway engineer, is moving to Wichita to take charge of the mechanical department of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. He comes from Kansas City, where he has had charge of the mechanical department of the Kansas City, Clay County, and St. Joseph Railway Company, and it is hoped he will bring about improvement in the service here.

Wednesday, April 16, 1919
3. Six new street cars for use in Wichita are almost ready for delivery by the American Car Company of St. Louis. It is expected that the first of the six will reach Wichita within a month and that all of them will be here by June 1st. The cars are single truck cars similar in size to the Riverside cars.

Saturday, April 19, 1919
7. Wichita Railroad and Light Company sued today for $10,000 over death of fourteen year old boy struck at 2nd and Main on February 9, 1919 by Stock Yards street car No. 168, coming from the south. The mother alleges that this street car is a worn out car and unfit for use, with brakes and wheels worn, etc.

Telford Drug Store No. 2 in northeast corner of Lassen Hotel is holding formal opening today.

Tuesday, April 22, 1919
6. A. M. Patten, manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, arrived from Topeka today to see what can be done to overhaul the equipment here and put it in good running condition.
8. City Manager Louis Ash visited H. E. Chubbuck in Peoria, Illinois a few days ago; Mr. Chubbuck did not deny that the Wichita street car system is run down, but declared it had been impossible during the war to buy material or obtain enough skilled men to keep up their plants here and elsewhere. However the company has already taken steps to improve the Wichita plant, including ordering six new cars, employment of J. N. Spellman as master mechanic, installing several miles of trolley wires, etc.

Thursday, April 24, 1919
5. City commission Tuesday ordered the repaving of the intersection of St. Francis and William, with a removal of the public fountain from that point to Riverside Park for use as a bird fountain.

Monday, April 28, 1919
5. Wichita’s Victory Arch will be finished Saturday. Details.

Tuesday, April 29, 1919
4. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company agreed at a conference last night to a wage increase beginning May 1 which will cost a total of $24,969 annually. The total annual payroll based on the present number of employes will be $169,084.

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Men operating one man cars will receive three cents per hour above the scale. Time and a half will be paid for overtime. For men in service four years or more the company will allow $20 per year toward uniforms. (These items are unchanged.)

Wednesday, April 30, 1919
3. City commission yesterday granted petition for paving Spalding from Franklin to Park (two blocks) with asphaltic concrete, Clarence from Douglas to Anderson (two blocks) with brick, and English from Volutsia to Erie (one block) with brick.

Thursday, May 1, 1919
1. Report of flying demonstration this morning by the Victory Loon Air Circus flying from the Jones factory field, north of Wichita. Details.
Saturday, May 3, 1919

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has purchased a new truck for the line service crew, and it will be ready for use by some time next week.

Monday, May 5, 1919

9. The T. E. Arnold building at 122-124 West Douglas has been sold by Henry Schnitzler to Reiz and Strunk for $55,000. This is a two story brick building and was known at one time as part of the Union Block. The west half is occupied by the T. H. Lavenburg cigar store and pool hall and the east half will be occupied after remodeling, by Reiz and Strunk.

Tuesday, May 6, 1919

3. The finishing touches will be placed by sign painters on the Victory Arch by tonight. Details.

Wednesday, May 7, 1919

3. Photograph of the Kansas National Bank, northwest corner Main and Douglas.

4. A post office sub-station, Station E, has been opened in Riverside at 11th and Bitting, in the McAuley and Taylor drug store.

Friday, May 9, 1919

1. Report of parade under Victory Arch by several returned Army units this morning. Details and photograph.

7. Ten thousand four hundred and eighty-two automobiles are registered in Sedgwick County as of this week.

Tuesday, May 13, 1919

8. Material is being assembled for the new Cathedral school building. Contract let to H. I. Ellis Construction Company. To be 60 by 125 feet and three stories, with exterior of Bedford stone to conform with St. Mary’s Cathedral. To cost approximately $75,000. Completion expected by November 1st.

Saturday, May 17, 1919

2. Stockholders Thursday approved a ten story addition to the Lassen Hotel, but no date has been set for its construction. Details.

Thursday, May 22, 1919

12. Building permit issued today for a new $10,000 dormitory to be constructed by the Kansas Sanitarium.

Wednesday, May 28, 1919

5. Article about the novel triangular shape proposed for the new Emerson School building. Details.

Thursday, May 29, 1919

9. Article about the Wichita Airplane Service Company, A. A. Stratford, president, which will sell and fly airplanes from an 80 acre tract he has leased on North Hillside Avenue road a half mile north of Fairmount college. Details.

Saturday, May 31, 1919

2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement: Beginning Tuesday, June 3, the West Riverside cars will be operated around the loop and South Emporia cars will start from 1st street to the end of the pavement. This service will continue during the paving on the extension of South Emporia avenue.

Tuesday, June 3, 1919

3. Advertisement for Wichita Aeroplane Service Company offering joy rides for $15.00.


Wednesday, June 4, 1919

5. City commission yesterday approved petition to pave Woodrow Avenue from Bridge Street (sic -- Briggs?) to Murdock with concrete.

Thursday, June 5, 1919

6. Building permit issued for three story warehouse for Innes Wholesale Furniture Company at 1st and Mead, to be 125 by 225 and cost $90,000.

Saturday, June 14, 1919

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6. Theodore Roosevelt Intermediate School has been chosen as the name for the new East End intermediate school. Details.

**Monday, June 16, 1919**

5. The first copy of the 1919 city directory has arrived from the printing plant.

**Wednesday, June 18, 1919**

3. A $200,000 mausoleum is to be built in Old Mission Cemetery, 21st and Hillside, this fall and winter. Details.

4. The street car company has ordered 12,000 ties for track repairs on streets to be paved in Wichita this year. Cost is $1.08 each. The number does not include those for maintenance work nor for the track to be built on South Osage from Maple to University, which stretch is to be paved soon.

6. Ten more new street cars have been ordered by the McKinley Syndicate for the lines in Wichita, in addition to the six cars now almost completed in the shops at St. Louis. The new ones are expected to be here by September 1st. With these sixteen new cars it will be possible to retire some of the old cars now in use on some of the lines in the city.

**Thursday, June 19, 1919**

6. Ten more street cars for the Wichita lines have been ordered by the McKinley Syndicate in addition to the six now almost completed in the shops at St. Louis. They are expected to be here by the 1st of September. The six cars now in the shops were promised by the 1st of June but have not yet been shipped.

11. Building permit issued for another unit for the Kansas Gas and Electric Company’s plant, to cost $275,000.

**Monday, June 23, 1919**

3. Article about reorganization of the Wichita Flyers Club. Members listed. Details.

**Tuesday, June 24, 1919**

5. The Sinclair Oil Refining Company will open a new service station tomorrow at corner of 1st and Lawrence.

**Saturday, June 28, 1919**

3. George Theis, president, says the Arkansas Valley Interurban will order more equipment at once, both freight and passenger. The company is handling more than 3000 passengers
a day. The company plans to equip the limited trains with heavier motors so the trip between Wichita and Hutchinson can be made in one hour 40 minutes with a trailer.

9. This first airplanes ever sold in Wichita were sold yesterday when two Canadian Curtiss planes were sold by the Arnold Automobile Company to Sidney Q. Noel, of Glasco, Kansas, and W. P. Morganstern, of Salina, for $3000 each.

Sunday, June 29, 1919
page 3. More equipment, both freight and passenger, is to be ordered by the Arkansas Valley Interurban, which is now handling more than 3000 passengers a day. The limited trains will be equipped with heavier motors, so the trip between Wichita and Hutchinson can be made in an hour and 40 minutes with a trailer.

Monday, June 30, 1919
page 10. The Redfern Cloak Company will change its name tomorrow to the Danforth-Scott Company. Redfern has been in business here about eight years. Located at 120 North Main.

Tuesday, July 1, 1919
page 8. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased 100 foot frontage on North St. Francis as site for a large addition to its plant. The lots are just north of the company’s building and cost $12,000. New building is to be two stories, 50 by 140 feet, and cost $40,000. The new building will give a total frontage of 225 feet on St. Francis.

Wednesday, July 2, 1919
page 10. Paving petitions granted yesterday including Forest from 10th to 11th in concrete.

Saturday, July 5, 1919
page 1. Kansas Supreme Court today affirmed the lower court ruling that the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad must pay $75,753.75 to the Wichita Union Terminal Railway Company for its participation in the construction and use of the new Wichita union depot. However the payment of the judgement is doubtful, as the suit was against the old company, which has since gone into the hands of the receiver.


4. The new Calvary Baptist Church at Elm and Water is to be opened tomorrow. Details. Cost $45,000.
11. Drawing of new Whitlock building now being erected at 320-322 South Lawrence. Two story, 140 by 45 feet. Cost $35,000. Article with details.

Tuesday, July 8, 1919


Wednesday, July 9, 1919

4. City commission yesterday approved petition for paving Ohio, Douglas to 1st, with brick.

6. Board of education on Monday let contracts for a four room addition to Riverside School to Vandenberg and Sons for $27,700, to be completed early in the spring. Contract also let for two room addition to Sunnyside School.

8. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company yesterday shipped $20,000 worth of Midco tires to a firm in New York city. A large shipment was also made recently to Connecticut.

Thursday, July 10, 1919

4. A new cafeteria will be opened about September 1 at 115-117 South Main by E. F. Wolf and Charles O. Parrott, present proprietors of the Wolf Bakery, 115 South Main. Details.

Friday, July 11, 1919

3. Stratford Field, consisting of 55 acres at the northern end of Hillside avenue, has been purchased by the Wichita Aircraft Company, which will immediately erect a school building, office building, and hangers for its airships. The field has been used for this purpose for some time by A. A. Stratford and associates.

Saturday, July 12, 1919

5. Advertisement of the Wichita Tractor Company.

8. Contract let today for the Watson Motor Company warehouse building at Waco and Douglas. To be built on the old Vilm mill site, with 67 foot frontage on Douglas, five stories, and cost $150,000. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt.

11. Permission was given yesterday by public utilities commission for discontinuing service on the Iola Railway and “junking” of all property. The company has approximately seven miles of track, including a line to Le Harpe and Gas City.

Tuesday, July 15, 1919

1. Six new cars for Wichita Railroad and Light Company have arrived and are being unloaded. They are to be put into service tomorrow.


Friday, July 18, 1919

3. Another Midcontinental advertisement.

Monday, July 21, 1919

9. South Emporia residents are rejoicing over the completion of the paving on that street and the extension of the street car line to Harry Street. Street car traffic was resumed Saturday with some of the new cars recently purchased by the street car company.

Tuesday, July 22, 1919

4. Article reports new route of Arkansas Valley Interurban into the city to reach its new terminal has definitely been decided on. Details (accurate).

Friday, July 25, 1919

3. Letter suggests that North Riverside street car signs be changed to “Bitting Avenue” to reduce confusion. Details.

10. The house and grounds at northwest corner of Rutan and Douglas belonging to the Ben L. Eaton estate have been sold to W. R. Parker, 235 South Hillside. The house was one of the first large houses, of red brick, erected in the College Hill district.

12. Article with favorable comments about the six new cars received last week by the street car company. Details.

Saturday, July 26, 1919

3. Pouring of concrete on the East Central Avenue road was begun yesterday. All material for the road is shipped by railroad to Minneha station four miles east of Wichita on the Frisco. The Smith-Graham Company has a narrow gauge railroad four miles long leading from the east edge of Wichita to Minneha. A dummy engine weighing ten tons hauls a train of sixteen cars loaded with sand, concrete, crushed stone and other material, thus saving much time in hauling.

4. Photograph of Riverside Boat House.
8. Aerial photograph of downtown Wichita from 3000 feet taken by Carl Evans, of Arnold Auto Company, from a military plane here recently. Shows Victory Arch.

14. Two hangars are now under construction at the field of the Wichita Aircraft Company, three-quarters of a mile north of Fairmount College. Both are for Canadian Curtiss planes, or machines of similar size. Other hangars are to be built, among them being one large enough to shelter planes of the De Havilland four type. They are T shaped. The company has just received two more machines for use in air-taxi service and instruction in flying.

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Monday, August 4, 1919
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6. Report of death in Chicago yesterday of Grant Woodman, son of Wichita pioneer W. C. Woodman. He had left Wichita some 20 years ago and had been living in Chicago.

Saturday, August 9, 1919
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4. The Wichita Airplane Service Company, which has maintained a flying field at Stratford Field on North Hillside, has discontinued flying at that field and will move to the McKnight tract beginning this evening.

Saturday, August 9, 1919
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11. Attractive post card views of the Wichita Baby Camp in North Riverside Park have been made and are now on sale at the three Dockum’s stores, Goldsmith’s, Tanner’s, and at the Baby Camp. Proceeds will go towards the expenses of the camp.

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8. Article says the previous report that airplane flights from the field on North Hillside had been discontinued were erroneous.

Thursday, August 14, 1919
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2. A two story brick building has been erected at 1115 East Douglas by D. W. McGreevy. Frontage 25 feet. It is just completed, and the first floor store room is occupied by Jessup and Chance, auto repairs, formerly on North Main.
Saturday, August 16, 1919

The Schollenberger Brothers this week purchased the northeast corner of Lawrence and 2nd from Mrs. Bessie Taylor Bennett and Mrs. Ellen C. Ohmart. It is the old Colonel Taylor home place with frontage of 78 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on 2nd. Price was $25,000. The house will be vacated at once and they will build a new three story building for their Wichita Automobile Company, to cost $60,000. Details.

Wednesday, August 20, 1919

The Alexander Hamilton Intermediate School building is approaching completion and will be ready for use by time of the opening of the city schools.

Friday, August 22, 1919

Contracts have been signed for construction of the Arkansas Valley Interurban terminal buildings in Wichita and work will start as soon as old buildings have been removed. Contract for necessary bridges has been let to Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company and Arnold and Company of Chicago will erect the terminal buildings. Work on the freight depot and shops will be done first and will likely be finished this fall. Details. ¶ Mr. Theis announced today that the Arkansas Valley Interurban has purchased several high speed steel cars which have been promised by the middle of October. They will be used in the limited service between Wichita and Hutchinson, with trailers. ¶ Fifty track men are now at work on the line between Wichita and Hutchinson to put it into the best possible condition.

Saturday, August 23, 1919

Beginning Monday morning, the West Riverside street car line will terminate at Litchfield avenue, as that street (sic -- meaning Porter) is to be torn up to be paved to the Shrine club house. The West Riverside cars will for a time go around the downtown loop and the North Riverside cars will run to South Emporia.

Monday, August 25, 1919

Wichita Aircraft Company advertisement.
2. Actual work on the new Interurban line from 24th Street to the recently acquired terminal site at Waco and Douglas was begun today. Track men are putting in a switch at 24th and Mascot where the new track will diverge from the one now in use. Poles are on the ground from there to the Little River.

3. A plane flying from the McKnight Field on East Douglas crash landed yesterday soon after take off when it developed engine trouble. No injuries. Details.

**Thursday, August 28, 1919**

3. C. A. Seward, formerly manager of the Copper Engraving Company plant in Wichita, and recently art director of the Copper Publications at Topeka, has returned to Wichita, having accepted the position of art director of the Southwestern Advertising Company, with offices in the Bitting Building.

5. Building permit issued the past week for a frame bungalow, five rooms, at 1225 Woodrow, for H. M. Barrett, to cost $4000.

**Tuesday, September 2, 1919**

6. The Hotel Eaton yesterday began business under a new owner, W. H. Gaines, who recently purchased it from S. G. Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey will move to El Paso, Texas. The Wichita Aircraft Company has just purchased two new Curtiss Oriole planes, painted yellow and black, which makes a total of six planes now owned by the company.

8. C. R. Lewis, superintendent, has received telegram saying that the ten new street cars for Wichita have been loaded by the manufacturer at St. Louis and would be shipped Monday, September 1. They are similar to the six cars recently received. On their arrival a new run will be created by uniting the Topeka avenue and University lines and the new cars will be used on this run. The College Hill line will be run independently, the cars running around the downtown loop.

**Wednesday, September 3, 1919**

6. Article about progress on the new Sinclair Refining Company office and plant on Handley Avenue. Excavation completed and construction will start next week.

**Friday, September 5, 1919**

9. A bill of lading for Wichita’s ten new street cars was received at the local offices of the company today indicating that the cars were turned over to the Rock Island last Tuesday for shipment to Wichita.

**Saturday, September 6, 1919**
Wichita’s new motor street cleaning machines have arrived and did their first trial work yesterday on 2nd street from the Arkansas River to East Street. There are two of the machines. One of them runs ahead of the other, sweeping the gutters, after which the second machine gathers up the dirt.

**Monday, September 8, 1919**

Robert B. Campbell, secretary of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company, was offered the position of city manager at a meeting late Saturday night, but he declined the honor. Details.

**Wednesday, September 10, 1919**

Eugene R. Meier, an architect in Wichita for the past four or five years, is moving tonight to St. Joseph, Missouri, to enter business with his brother, an architect there.

The walls of the Cathedral School are up and work on the roof will start within ten days.

City commission has decided to open Oakland Avenue from Hillside to Rutan.

**Thursday, September 11, 1919**

J. W. Gibson will soon move to a new location on North Main street from 105 West Douglas where he opened his J. W. Gibson Harness and Trunk Company 20 years ago last July 1.

Advertisement with list of stockholders in The Wichita Aircraft Company.

**Monday, September 15, 1919**

Ten new street cars of the one-man type arrived in Wichita Sunday over the Rock Island and were unloaded today. At least part of them will probably be in service Tuesday. C. R. Lewis says the six cars received recently, of the same type, are going splendid satisfaction. These cars were made in St. Louis.

**Tuesday, September 23, 1919**

Contract let for two story brick building at southeast corner of Hillside and Douglas for $50,000. For W. B. Harrison et al.

**Thursday, September 25, 1919**

Report of plans for President Wilson’s visit to Wichita tomorrow.
10. Ground has been broken for foundation of the new Mark Twain Intermediate School in West Wichita.

**Friday, September 26, 1919**

1. President Wilson’s speech in Wichita this morning canceled because of illness. Details.

**Saturday, September 27, 1919**

- Special Section for International Wheat Show with articles and photographs.
- Many pages and many advertisements.
- Photograph of hangers on field of the Wichita Aircraft Company, and photograph of J. M. Moellendick and a Curtiss Robin plane of the company (photographs poor quality).
- Advertisement of the Royer Tractor Company, 315-17 West Waterman, Wichita.

**Monday, September 29, 1919**

11. Several changes are being made in street car service beginning Wednesday, October 1. The College Hill line will be operated separately with a five minute service and running around the downtown loop. University and Topeka Avenue lines will run together with a six minute service. North Riverside and Fairmount lines will be run together with a fifteen minute service. Cleveland Avenue will run through alternately to the Mt. Carmel and Orient Shops lines, with an eight minute service on Cleveland and sixteen minute on each of the others. The Waco and Pattie Avenue service, interrupted due to the paving of 9th Street, will be resumed tonight.

**Tuesday, September 30, 1919**

6. The new Hamilton Intermediate School is open and crowded.

**Thursday, October 2, 1919**

6. Amplification of the September 29 note regarding changes in street car service. Cleveland cars give eight minute service morning and evening and ten minute service noonday and after 8:00 p.m. Mt. Carmel and Orient Shops is sixteen minute service rush hours and 20 minute other times. College Hill cars give five minute service in rush hours and six minute at other times.

**Saturday, October 4, 1919**

5. Photographs of L. W. Clapp home soon after they moved in, about 31 years ago, with few trees, and now, surrounded by trees.

13. City commission yesterday elected L. W. Clapp as City Manager to replace Louis Ash. Details.
Tuesday, October 7, 1919

4. The Red Star Milling Company has purchased the entire block north of 18th street between Emporia and Topeka as a site for expansion of their plant.

5. A pile driver is now being erected for construction of the new Arkansas Valley Interurban bridge across the Little River, with work expected to be started by first of next week.

Thursday, October 9, 1919

11. State census reports 1919 Wichita population of 64,296 compared with 62,404 in 1918.

Friday, October 10, 1919

1. Aerial photograph of central downtown Wichita taken a few days ago.


Saturday, October 11, 1919

5. Arkansas Valley Interurban today closed a long term lease on another tract of land adjacent to their terminal site at Douglas to Waco. The additional tract is owned by M. R. Diver, and given the company control of all the tract surrounded by the Missouri Pacific tracks on north, Douglas on south, Waco on east, and Arkansas River on west.

Friday, October 17, 1919

1. Another recent aerial photograph of downtown Wichita.

Saturday, October 18, 1919

3. Recent aerial photograph of Kansas Masonic Home. Two street cars are visible on Maple.

Plymouth Congregational Church and College Hill Congregational Church are to be merged next month to form the new United Congregational Church. Details.

Friday, October 24, 1919

11. Contracts let today for a $10,500 school building at Andale.
1. Drawing of a six story office building to be erected by Wheeler, Kelly, and Hagny Company in first block on South Market facing the post office. To cost about $350,000. Work probably will start next week.

Wednesday, October 29, 1919

5. R. C. Israel today took out building permit for a large new canoe house on the present site of the smaller canoe house. To be 48 by 54 feet and three stories, with big pillars and a 50 foot porch. Work has already started on tearing down the old building and the new ones is to be ready for next season.

Monday, November 3, 1919

8. The Regent Theater building owned by Henry Schnitzler, was badly damaged by fire Saturday night. Details.

Thursday, November 6, 1919

4. The United Congregational Church is going to inaugurate a church bus line next Sunday morning to bring members to church from over the city. Two buses are to be furnished by the Perry bus line for this service, the first of its kind in this area. Details.

The Wichita Railroad and Light Company will ask for a six cent fare at its coming conference with the city commission it is believed. Details.

Saturday, November 8, 1919

12. The first service of the new United Congregational Church will be held tomorrow at the College Hill church. Details.

Monday, November 10, 1919

3. “Not until the street car company is able to give a little better service will it be of any use to ask the Wichita city commission for a raise in rates,” according to L. W. Clapp, city manager. Article complains about the “bunching” of cars followed by long gaps in service, etc.

Tuesday, November 11, 1919

10. The foundation is being prepared for the new Christian Service League building at southeast corner of Maple and Glenn. To be two story brick, 44 by 60 feet, and cost about $20,000. Ed Forsblom is architect.

Wednesday, November 12, 1919


Friday, November 14, 1919

15. After condemnation, J. Hudson McKnight has finally accepted Board of Education’s payment of $126,070 for his tract of land east of the drainage canal on East Douglas. Work will start as soon as possible on the new Roosevelt Intermediate School on this tract.

Monday, November 17, 1919

4. Work started today on the Arkansas Valley Interurban’s new bridge across the Big Arkansas river just east of Seneca Street. The bridge across the Little Arkansas, about 20th Street, has been completed and is 308 feet long. The road bed has been graded from this bridge south almost to Sim Park. Details.

6. Mrs. J. A. Stokely, secretary of the Board of Health, will move this week from the former M. M. Murdock residence at Murdock and St. Francis Avenues to the Duplex Apartments, 1248 North Emporia. The residence occupied by the Stokely family is to be remodeled by A. C. Henderson, owner, into an apartment house.

The old Washington School building at Cleveland and 3rd Street, is to be remodeled after the new Washington School building is completed, into the Board of Education work and repair shop. The shops of the Board have been at 340 North Water for some years. Details.

Tuesday, November 18, 1919

2. Work is underway on about $5000 of remodeling and modernization of the Sedgwick Building by its owners, Messrs. Hupp and Barnes. Rewiring, much new plumbing, redecoration of the Board of Trade rooms, etc.


Thursday, November 20, 1919

6. Article reports increasing use of the aviation field at the Jones Motor Car Company plant, including some visits by cross country fliers. A big Canadian Curtiss two seater plane is being housed in Building H, and this building is being remodeled and machinery installed for the use of airplane repairs.

12. Report of death yesterday of Oscar Z. Smith, prominent real estate man in Wichita since coming here from Ohio 37 years ago. He erected the Smith-Skinner building at 137-143
North Market with his brother-in-law, Sherman Skinner. Obituary. Survived by wife and a niece and nephew.

14. John H. Graham, former mayor of Wichita, will move to Los Angeles on Monday. He will have charge of the Coleman Lamp Company branch there. Came to Wichita in 1897 from Dubuque, Iowa, working at first for the Santa Fe and then for the Missouri Pacific. From 1901 to 1907 he managed the City Transfer Company. Was elected mayor in 1907 and staged a historic cleanup of saloons. Details.

Saturday, November 22, 1919

2. Davidson and Case have sold their property at the southeast corner of Market and William with 200 foot front on Market Street, for $112,000, to H. Kaufman, W. A. Stout, and E. E. Cressler. Howard Case said they have purchased a new site for their lumber yard in the third block on South Washington, with 300 foot frontage, facing west.

14. Mid-Continent Tire Company directors have declared a 20% dividend to stockholders of record November 8, and are planning to increase the present output of the factory two and a half times, to 500 casings and 1000 tubes per day, with increase in employment from present 140 to 200. The company’s distribution includes 350 dealers in Kansas and Oklahoma, and thirteen wholesale distributors covering practically the whole U.S.

Wednesday, November 26, 1919

5. The Citizens State Bank, in West Wichita, has purchased from I. W. Gill his two story brick building at southwest corner of Douglas and Walnut, 26 by 160 feet, and will remodel it for use as their new bank building. Cost was $20,000. Bank has outgrown its old quarters at 915 West Douglas, which it has occupied the past 20 years.

Thursday, November 27, 1919

3. Glen H. Thomas, architect, associated for three years with Lorentz Schmidt, has opened an office of his own in the Central State Bank.

Tuesday, December 2, 1919

8. Board of education yesterday let the general contract for the Theodore Roosevelt Intermediate School and for an annex for the high school building, the latter to be completed within 45 working days. Details.

Wednesday, December 3, 1919

10. Lots have been purchased at northeast corner of 1st and Clifton for a new $100,000 church for the new United Congregational Church. The old building and lots of the former Plymouth Congregational Church, at 2nd and Lawrence, will be sold. Details.
Thursday, December 4, 1919

page 3.
Photograph of the unfinished new Wesley Hospital building (poor quality photograph) -- shows exterior essentially complete with some scaffold.

Monday, December 8, 1919

page 1.
The Kansas National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce are to be merged. Details.

Wednesday, December 10, 1919

page 5.
Report of death this morning of Mrs. Chester I. Long, wife of ex-Senator Long, at the Long residence at 3401 East 2nd at age 59. Born in Missouri, moved to Paola, Kansas, married Chester Long February 12, 1895 and then moved to Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Survived by husband and two daughters, Agnes and Margaret, who will both graduate from the University of Chicago this coming spring.

Saturday, December 13, 1919

page 5.
Wichita without electric power this morning because prolonged cold congealed oil in storage tanks so it wouldn’t flow to burners. Details.

Monday, December 15, 1919

page 10.
School congestion will probably necessitate building a temporary two room annex at Horace Mann Intermediate. Had it been possible to complete the four room addition at Riverside school by second semester, the annex at Horace Mann would not be necessary, however the Riverside addition will not be complete until spring. (Production of many materials has been delayed by recent coal miners’ strike -- also freight shipping.)

Wednesday, December 17, 1919

page 9.
School board yesterday decided to build temporary frame annex of two rooms at southwest corner of Horace Mann School for $4000, to be ready by beginning of second semester.

Friday, December 19, 1919

page 8.
The new name of the consolidated Kansas National Bank and National Bank of Commerce is to be the “First National Bank in Wichita.” Details.

Monday, December 22, 1919

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12. W. M. G. Howse, president of Johnston and Larimer Dry Goods Company, has purchased the property occupied by the pro-Cathedral at 2nd and St. Francis, extending back to the Santa Fe tracks, from Bishop Hennessy. The property fronts 150 feet on St. Francis and 125 feet on the Santa Fe.

Tuesday, December 23, 1919

1. C. L. Brosius has obtained from H. V. Wheeler his 50 year lease on the southwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas, now occupied by the three story Brown building, and plans to build a modern office building at least six stories there not later than 1924. Details.

9. The three story National Bank of Commerce building, 25 by 100 feet, on southwest corner of Main and Douglas, was sold yesterday to W. H. Stanley, Edmund Stanley, and W. R. Jones for $125,000.

Thursday, December 25, 1919

13. Work on the new Arkansas Valley Interurban bridges across the Arkansas River near the baseball park will start by the first of next week.

Saturday, December 27, 1919

4. The B. F. McLean home, 313 North Seneca, has been purchased by real estate dealer W. W. Le Blond for $30,000. Details.

Tuesday, December 30, 1919

3. The Golden Rule Refining Company today purchased from the Arkansas Valley Interurban its terminal property at the northeast corner of 1st and Water for $42,000. The ground is 125 by 140 feet. On it is the passenger station, the freight depot and office building, and the shops of the Interurban company, which will remove its tracks from the property and give possession by July 1, 1920.