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 1923 WICHITA BEACON

### Monday, January 1, 1923

5. reports death in Kansas City last week of Alva Wilson, who is said to have built in first steam propelled car in Wichita. He owned a machine and blacksmith shop

### Wednesday, January 3, 1923

7. for \$96,500 were issued last year for park purposes. These improvements included:

Development of Seneca Park and building of swimming pool

Completion of bear den and bird house

Building of a concession house, walks and bird pools in Central Riverside Park

The above were done with first issue of park bonds for \$55,000 on February 1st. The issue of bonds on October 1st for \$39,000 was used for purchased of Oak Park. The last issue of \$2500 in November was for construction of a flood gate at the Central Avenue Dam.

## Sunday, January 7, 1923

page

B-4. W. S. Grant and B. W. Billingsley will build a three story warehouse, 58 by 128 feet in first block on North Rock Island at once. To cost approximately \$77,000. Plans by Glen H. Thompson (sic).

Sunday, January 7, 1923 page Special section New Woolf Brothers store, which opens Monday night. Articles with details.

## Sunday, January 7, 1923

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## Magazine

- 1. Article about city's option to purchase south half of Ackerman Island from Arkansas Valley Interurban. Diagram and details. ("Ten Acres Free Near Main and Douglas")
- 4. Article about Alva Wilson, recently deceased, who invented and built a steam "horseless carriage" in Wichita in 1894. Details.

# Friday, January 12, 1923 page

- 2. The Noll Brick and Tile Company plant, five miles north of Wichita, began making bricks yesterday. Capacity will be 120,000 a day. Details.
- 9. County commission yesterday let contracts for 10.8 miles of paving on North Lawrence road for \$422,002. First section north of city, 4.8 miles, to be of brick. Next section of six miles is to be of concrete. Details.

# Tuesday, January 16, 1923 page

7. Nine new holes will probably be opened on the Sim Park golf course late next spring or early next summer. Bermuda grass is being tried on the new fairways. It has been very difficult to develop the new course because of the sandy soil and lack of turf. Details.

# Wednesday, January 17, 1923 page

7. Report of death yesterday in Los Angeles of James M. Davis, wealthy Quaker, who purchased the building now occupied by Friends University and gave it to the Friends of Kansas. Obituary and details. He was a brother of Mrs. Edmund Stanley, of Wichita (wife of president of Friends University).

# Thursday, January 18, 1923 page

7. Work will be completed within a week by the Rock Island on relaying of the 80 pound steel rails between Wichita and Peabody with heavier 90 pound rails. The work started from Cline Yards on October 23 and will eventually be continued to Herington.

# Friday, January 19, 1923 page

7. Between \$150,000 and \$300,000 is to be spent this year for an addition to the Kansas Masonic Home. Details.

### Saturday, January 20, 1923

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1. Article with further details about addition to be built by Kansas Masonic Home. To cost \$200,000. To be started within 60 days.

# Sunday, January 21, 1923 page

- 3. Kansas Gas and Electric offices were moved Friday from their old location at Main and English to more spacious quarters in the Sedgwick Building.
- 7. Article about abstract on property at 854 Faulkner, which was sold Thursday to W. A. Faulkerson. Shows a patent on the land was issued by President U. S. Grant in 1866 (sic). William Smith sold the track in 1876 to one Henry B. Goodyear, of Paris, France. Charles T. DeForest of New York City purchased the 129 acres in which this property was located in 1877 for \$2000. Seventy acres of the grant was sold in 1886 to the Riverside Land Company, of which J. O. Davidson was president, for \$18,000. This 70 acres was at that time platted into town lots.
- C-3. Photograph of Nagelvoort-Stearns Cadillac Company at northeast corner of English and Lawrence. Article with details.

# Sunday, January 21, 1923 page

## Magazine

1. Article about Sedgwick County Jail with details and photographs, including one of the "rotary" steel cage.

# Tuesday, January 23, 1923 page

3. Article about move of Kansas Gas and Electric offices to new location in the Sedgwick Building. Predecessor company was organized in 1906 by J. O. Davidson as the United Gas Company. In 1907 an electric franchise was obtained and the old United Gas Company became the Edison Light and Power Company. In that year the company moved from their old office at Main and William, where baseball headquarters is now located, to northwest corner of Main and English, where they remained for 15 years until recent move.

# Wednesday, January 24, 1923 page

2. Excavation started yesterday for a two story brick apartment building in the fourth block on South Main, to adjoin John Wenzel's office, 427 South Main, on the south, with an east frontage of 100 feet and depth of 140 feet.

# Thursday, January 25, 1923 page

7. Three house on the site of the new Oscar S. Shirk apartment building at 2nd and Topeka

have been sold and are to be moved off the site at once.

## Sunday, January 28, 1923

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- 4. Photograph of new radio apartment building at 532 North Lawrence. Article with details.
- 8. Article about planned new Elks Club building to be built in second block on North Market. Details.
- B-7. Article about origin of name of Waco school -- named for the Waco Indian tribe. Earliest known history of the tribe dates from 1830, when they were located where is now located the city of Waco, Texas. At outbreak of Civil War they with their related tribes, the Wichita, Caddo, Toneye, Towakony (sic), Kechi and others lived on the banks of the Washita River in Indian Territory. These tribes remained loyal to the North in the Civil War, and this confederation of tribes were driven north to Kansas and in the summer of 1863 arrived at the mouth of the Little Arkansas river and built their grass lodges. In summer of 1867 government troops brought cholera to the state and many Indians died. Late in the summer the government issued orders for the removal of the tribes to their former hones on the Washita. Further details. ("Waco School Is Named For Indian Tribe")

## Sunday, January 28, 1923

## page

### Magazine

- 1. Photograph and article about the Arthur S. Parks house at 334 South Belmont. Details.
- 7. Article about Sullivan's Dam with photograph.

# Wednesday, January 31, 1923

## page

7. Article about new 100 room hotel to be built at corner of Lawrence and William by Alexander McClellan, son of the late M. A. McClellan. Details.

# Thursday, February 1, 1923

## page

9. Photograph of new Hazlewood Garage at 1602 West Douglas. Appears to show double track street car line.

## Sunday, February 4, 1923

### page

- 6. Photograph of new home of Charles H. Smyth at 325 North Belmont. Article with details.
- C-4. The Central Electric Company will occupy its quarters at 117 North Market this week. The building, formerly rented to the Regent Theater, was leased to the Central Electric Company last November for 15 years. The building has since been remodeled and a new

facade constructed. Details.

### Sunday, February 4, 1923

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## Magazine

4. Article about the North End Community House on North Topeka near 21st street, with photograph.

# Monday, February 5, 1923

page

1. Report of fire that destroyed the Getto Building at southwest corner of 2nd and Main at 3:05 a.m. today, with several killed. Photographs. Details.

# Tuesday, February 6, 1923 page

- 1. Report of fire at Eaton Hotel at 10:00 p.m. yesterday that caused \$50,000 damage. To be repaired at once according to J. O. Bowers, lessee of the hotel.
- 5. Three United States government locomotives, at present operated by the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railroad (sic), are to be purchased within the next few days by the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad.. They are large locomotives known as Russian locomotives because they were built by the government during the war for use by the Russian government. Upon the fall of Russia, the government employed them for use in America. The three under consideration were used by the Wichita Falls road during government operation. One of them is now in the Orient shops in Wichita undergoing repairs.

## Wednesday, February 7, 1923

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- 1. Total of six known dead in Getto Building fire. Details
- 7. Signs warning auto drivers that a street car is about to discharge passengers are being attached to the doors of all one-man Birney cars in the city. The signs, which are red and bear the word "STOP" in white letters, swing out when the doors are opened as the car stops. They are not visible when the cars are in motion.

# Sunday, February 11, 1923 page

1. Article about 42 acres of land comprising 60 lots in North College Place addition bought by W. J. Volkman in 1887 following platting of this addition on April 21, 1887, but apparently never occupied by him and October 24, 1921 given by county commission to L. D. Gow and Berry Wall, who had been farming it for 15 years and wanted the streets and alleys officially vacated. Tract located in Delano Township and is an eighth mile wide and half mile long, with its north line at West 13th street road three quarters of a mile west of 13th Street Bridge. The plat shows 394 lots comprising eight blocks bounded on the

west by Exposition avenue and on the east by Hoskins avenue.

- 6. Article about Maurice Levy, for whom Levy School and Levy Street were named. Levy School is at Levy and Ida.
- 8. The seven passenger air limousine recently completed by the E. M. Laird Company for the Wichita-Kansas City air transportation service is being equipped with a Crosley radio receiving set.
- B-1. The eighth body has been removed from the Getto Building fire wreckage. Details.

# Sunday, February 11, 1923

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## Magazine

3. Drawing of Union Station area with proposed William street underpass. Article with details.

# Monday, February 12, 1923 page

2. Operators of jitney bus lines who bitterly fought legislation that would remove them from streets traversed by street cars have found the change to be a boon. Under the former system a large license fee was charged, and buses and routes were being sold or exchanged weekly. Today, with buses paying a smaller license fee, but serving an area where street cars do not penetrate, greater profit has come to the operators and there have been no sales of routes made in months.

# Tuesday, February 13, 1923 page

7. County commissioners have withdrawn objections to placing of the street car tracks on Douglas Avenue Bridge but say any improvements to the bridge will automatically belong to the county and will not impair the county's title to the bridge. Details.

Residents of College Hill are petitioning the city to purchase and establish a park on the Merriman Park tract between Roosevelt and Fountain, south of Douglas. Details.

# Wednesday, February 14, 1923 page

10. Report of collision between a College Hill street car and a White Star jitney bus last evening in first block on North Market. The street car was so badly damaged that it had to be hauled to the shops for repairs. The jitney, somewhat damaged, backed out of the wreckage and left the scene, but not until the coal oil stove which kept it warm exploded and the few passengers kicked the windows out for fear they would be burned.

# Friday, February 16, 1923 page

7. Charles W. Bitting has sold his residence at 715 North Lawrence in which he has lived since he built it in 1886 to Clyde Maxwell for about \$15,000.

## Sunday, February 18, 1923

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B-8. Article lists year of building of Wichita's older schools:

1879 Carleton

Webster and Emerson

Park and Lincoln

1886 Franklin

1887 Irving

# Wednesday, February 21, 1923

## page

- 2. The bath house at the municipal beach is being torn down after nearly a decade of service, and the lumber will be used in construction of new barns and utility buildings which the city is erecting south of Central and east of Seneca. A new bath house and swimming pool are to be built in South Riverside Park where the auto tourist camp now is. The old city barns in South Riverside will be torn down or moved to the new site.
- 7. Thomas C. Naylor of 916 North Lawrence plans to build a new 18 family apartment building at northwest corner of 13th and Emporia, to front 100 feet on Emporia and 140 feet on 13th Street. To be three stories, brick.

# Sunday, February 25, 1923

## page

B-5. Seven new houses costing \$42,000 are now under construction by the California Bungalow Company on Woodrow Court, its new addition in the Riverside district. This is a restricted district with no houses permitted costing less than \$5000. The company has just purchased another ten acre tract adjoining Woodrow Court on the east, which will be landscaped in conformity to the first addition.

## Sunday, February 25, 1923

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### Magazine

1. Article about Lorentz Schmidt, architect, with photograph.

# Monday, February 26, 1923

## page

1. Twenty-four families in Squattertown, lying between Wichita and Western tracks and Harry Street, are to be evicted by the sheriff today on orders from the district court.

- 3. Report of change in Arkansas Valley Interurban schedules effective next Sunday. Details.
- 7. W. A. Dye, chile manufacturer, has purchased 100 feet of ground on east side of North Rock Island, adjoining the Ranney-Davis Wholesale Grocery Company's building, from O. A. Powell and others, for \$10,000. It's in first block of North Rock Island.

# Tuesday, February 27, 1923 page

- 5. Building permit: Residence 1227 University, Walker T. Weaver, \$2500.
- 7. Article says the title to the Douglas Avenue Bridge cannot be found and proceedings toward a contract with the street car company will have to be dropped until this is settled. Details.

# Wednesday, February 28, 1923 page

7. Further discussion of the "Squattertown" situation, with details.

# Thursday, March 1, 1923 page

7. New telephone directories will be distributed beginning Monday. About 20,000 directories will be distributed, an increase of 1000 over the last issue six months ago.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Hanna Aley, 81, who settled in Wichita 53 years ago, at her home, 1451 Park Place. She was wife of Jacob H. Aley, chairman of first Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners. Survived by two sons, Claude and Omrah, of Wichita, and three daughters (named), all of Wichita.

# Sunday, March 4, 1923 page

- 7. Article on history of the name of Webster School. Says a temporary wooden school was erected in 1871 at 3rd and Emporia where high school now stands. It was burned in 1879 and replaced in 1880 by the building torn down in 1910 for new high school. The year 1873 saw Wichita's first Board of Education in office (names listed). Details. School probably named for Daniel Webster rather than Noah Webster, but no records found to prove this.
- B-1. R. T. Ingels yesterday purchased 100 feet of ground at 316-318 South Market from G. G. Clark and C. R. Barker and plans to start within ten days building a three story apartment building to cost about \$100,000. The lots cost \$30,000 and are between the Palace Apartments and the Sedgwick County Battery Company building.

Repair of the Eaton Hotel following damage by fire the night of February 5 has started. To cost about \$40,000. It is planned to re-open April 1.

B-9. After a shutdown of two months because of winter weather, work on paving of the Cannon Ball road has resumed. Three and a half miles of the concrete road remain uncompleted.

## Sunday, March 4, 1923

## page

### Magazine

1. Reminiscence of a trip over the Chisholm Trail by J. C. Lockwood, 235 North Washington, in 1870 when he was age 13. Details. ("Over Chisholm Train With 5000 Steers")

## Monday, March 5, 1923

## page

3. Plans are being prepared for a 20 foot roadway along the north bank of the Little River east from Griffenstein Bridge to a point on the bank of the river opposite 8th Street. There is now there a wooded strip which constitutes the rear portion of more than a dozen lot owners' holdings.

## Wednesday, March 7, 1923

## page

8. The Meadow Lark Golf Club, three quarters of a mile east of Hillside on Harry, is now one month old, and nine holes of the golf course are now completed and were cleaned up by 40 members of the club Sunday.

## Thursday, March 8, 1923

## page

5. The Radio Apartments, 530-32 North Lawrence, were opened to visitors today.

# Saturday, March 10, 1923

## page

2. The Park Board has prepared plans for a park in the hollow surrounded by Circle Drive, near Roosevelt, just south of Douglas. Details.

## **Sunday, March 11, 1923**

## page

- 1. The new 1923 city directory will be released for distribution within the next ten days.
- 3. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Company has bought the two corner lots on West 5th Street in Newton, directly west of the present Arkansas Valley Interurban freight depot. This gives the Arkansas Valley Interurban all the remaining vacant portion of the north half of that block.

# Tuesday, March 13, 1923

## page

7. F. G. Orr, of Orr's Book Store, has purchased 25 feet of ground on East Douglas across

from the new high school building and will build a new East Douglas book store there, to be completed by July.

## Friday, March 16, 1923

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- 12. Construction of an additional nine holes on the golf course of the Meadow Lark Golf Club was decided on yesterday, and is to be completed within the next month. Membership of the club reached 125 three weeks ago. Details.
- 18. Excavation for the new \$200,000 Sedgwick County jail was begun this morning by the George Siedhoff Construction Company.

## Saturday, March 17, 1923

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7. Map of the Crestview Country Club golf course.

## **Sunday, March 18, 1923**

## page

B-5. Drawing of the planned new Oscar S. Shirk nine story apartment building at southeast corner of 2nd and Topeka. Architects are Eberson and Weaver; also were architects for Orpheum Building and Theater. To cost about \$500,000. Details.

## **Sunday, March 18, 1923**

#### page

## Magazine

4. Article about Frank Dunn of the Dunn Mercantile Company, with photograph and biography.

# Tuesday, March 20, 1923

### page

4. Razing of the old Sedgwick County jail is under way. Details. (Tearing down west wing now. Main part will be done later.)

## Thursday, March 22, 1923

## page

- 3. R. T. Ingels plans to build a three story apartment building at 211-217 North Emporia, adjoining the YMCA building on the north, to cost \$80,000.
- 10. An East 2nd Street bus with 12 passengers, driven by John J. Flournoy, 401 Minnesota, threw a wheel at corner of 2nd and Rock Island avenue Tuesday evening. One slightly injured.

## **Friday, March 23, 1923**

### page

5. Photograph of the ill-famed "rotary" of the Sedgwick County jail as it appears with the

walls torn away.

## **Sunday, March 25, 1923**

## page

- 1. Article about building boom now under way in Wichita. Details.
- 6. Building permit: Residence, 36 by 44, 1315 North River Boulevard, \$4700, Henrion Improvement Company.
- 7. Drawing of the "Adeline," new apartment house to be built at 13th and Emporia by Thomas C. Naylor for \$150,000. Details.
- B-9. F. W. (Woody) Hockaday has leased the southwest corner of Emporia and William to be used for a service station.

### **Sunday, March 25, 1923**

#### page

#### Magazine

1. Photograph of First Methodist Church, now nearing completion. Article with details.

## Monday, March 26, 1923

## page

1. Report of death last Friday at Ontario, California, of J. W. Hockaday, age 65. Survived by wife, four sons, F. W. (Woody) of Wichita, Ray K. and Gatewood, of Hutchinson, and Charles, of Canton, Oklahoma, and by four daughters.

# Wednesday, March 28, 1923

## page

4. Article about progress of Friends University. Enrollment 130 on August 31, 1919, 175 same date 1920, 202 same date 1921, 244 same date 1922, and 360 on March 1, 1923.

# Thursday, March 29, 1923 page

7. Another story is to be added to the Petrie Clothing Company's Building, 112 West Douglas, and a new front will be built for the building adjoining it on the east, which has been occupied by the Cummins restaurant but has been leased by Mr. Petrie, who will sublet the lower floor and use the second floor for the Clothing Company.

Earle W. Evans, attorney, has let contract for fine home at 3rd and East streets. Lorentz Schmidt and Company, architects.

## **Friday, March 30, 1923**

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7. The College Hill storm sewer will be completed about April 10. Details.

# Saturday, March 31, 1923

page

3. The Eaton Hotel will be reopened this evening after repairs of fire damage on February 5, and remodeling. The famous barroom attacked by Carrie Nation June 26, 1901 was entirely destroyed by the fire and has been replaced with a large banquet room. Details. O. S. Shirk is owner and R. R. Bowers is manager of the hotel.

## **Sunday, April 1, 1923**

page

- 5. Further discussion of possible extension of Arkansas Valley Interurban from Newton to McPherson. Details.
- B-1. Red Star Mill and Elevator Company will start work Monday on a new \$100,000 electric power plant -- to be one story, brick, 56 by 80 feet and 40 feet high. Building will cost \$25,0000 and equipment \$75,000.

### Sunday, April 1, 1923

page

## Magazine

7. Article about early Wichita Mayors.

## Monday, April 2, 1923

page

7. Board of directors of Wichita Union Terminal Association has voted to secure estimates on cost of building train sheds at the Wichita union station.

## Wednesday, April 4, 1923

page

1. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway has purchased a tract of land along its right-of-way north of 29th Street and may build new shops and yards there, etc.

Report of Wichita city election yesterday. Details.

- 5. The new 1923 city directory is out.
- 7. Article about motor buses operating between Wichita and Eldorado. Details.
- 14. Ten years ago the Standard Oil Company built at Water and William the first filling station in Wichita (?). Today this old filling station is being torn down to make way for a larger and more ornate building with double drive way.

## Thursday, April 5, 1923

page

9. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company today filed its annual report with City Manager Earl Elliott, but earnings were to enough to provide the city with any franchise revenue.

By the franchise ten percent of all earnings shall be paid provided such earnings shall equal or exceed ten percent of the value of the company's investment. ¶ Yesterday's report shows total earnings as \$776,530.76. The expenses are \$639,136.05. The net earnings are \$137,394.71, which is a little over seven percent of the company's valuation of its holdings, which is \$1,889,477.

# Friday, April 6, 1923

page

13. The Fralick Barber Supply Company has purchased a 25 foot building at 606 East Douglas from H. Wolkow for \$35,000. Mr. Fralick intends to build a three story building there as a location for his company, now located at 121 South Lawrence with lease expiring a year from now.

## Sunday, April 8, 1923

page

B-1. Eight houses being planned in new Pershing Terrace addition, between 1st and 2nd streets, with east boundary on Pershing and west on Marsh.

# Monday, April 9, 1923 page

- 2. Report of death yesterday at Superior, Nebraska, of Mrs. Elizabeth Carey, age 81, widow of former Wichita mayor, John B. Carey. Born October 28, 1841 at Miffin, Ohio and married John B. Carey at Merra, Illinois in 1865. He came to Wichita in 1874 and engaged in the lumber business and she and the children followed him here in 1878. She has lived here since except for a short time in California, where her husband went because of failing health and died in 1897. Died at home of her brother in Nebraska. Survived by three sons, Charles W., president of First National Bank in Wichita, Joseph G., attorney in Wichita, and Edward, of San Jose, California, and by two daughters, Mrs. Luu C. Dowden, of Wichita, and Mrs. Frank Frawley, of Cleveland, Ohio.
- 7. The Metz Lumber Company is building a warehouse 60 by 140 feet at the rear of its Main Street yard, facing on Water Street.

# Tuesday, April 10, 1923

page

5. City commission yesterday elected Ben F. McLean mayor. Details.

# Wednesday, April 11, 1923 page

- 7. Contract let this week for the new McCormick-Armstrong printing plant at Ellis and Douglas, 126 by 140 feet, two stories, cost \$75,000.
- 9. Excavation is under way for the new four story building being erected in second block on South Market for Hilbert Kaufman.

## Thursday, April 12, 1923

### page

4. Another article about proposed extension of Arkansas Valley Interurban from Salina to Newton. Details.

## **Friday, April 13, 1923**

### page

B-1. Enlarged, remodeled Fourth National Bank will be opened tomorrow. Details. Photograph.

## **Sunday, April 15, 1923**

#### page

- B-1. Excavation will probably start Monday for Wichita's new municipal swimming pool. Details.
- B-5. First Methodist Church is holding services and dedication in its new building today. Built of Carthage stone. Total cost \$304,766. Articles with details. Photograph.

## **Sunday, April 15, 1923**

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### Magazine

9. Article about bus lines out of Wichita with photograph of a DeLuxe Company bus running to Eldorado ("Gas Stage Expands Wichita's Territory") Also advertisement with DeLuxe Transportation Company timetable.

## Tuesday, April 17, 1923

#### page

7. Contract has been let for new Missouri Pacific shop building for \$20,000.

# Thursday, April 19, 1923

### page

5. The National Refining Company will at once erect a fine new filling station at southwest corner of Lewis and Lawrence on the site of the old C. R. Miller homestead. The old Miller home is to be razed immediately. Details. The same company will also raze its present filling station at southwest corner of 2nd and Topeka and build a new one there.

# Friday, April 20, 1923

## page

- 4. O. S. Shirk has let contract for his nine story family hotel at 2nd and Topeka to the George H. Siedhoff Construction Company. To cost approximately \$450,000. The exterior will be of Wichita made brick with Carthage stone trim. Excavation is expected to start next Monday.
- 7. Article says College Hill street car line is to be extended east on Douglas from Roosevelt to Belmont. Authorization was received yesterday by Howard Patten, superintendent.

Cost estimated between \$15,000 and 20,000. Work should start in next 30 days.

# Saturday, April 21, 1923 page

2. Photograph of old C. R. Miller house at Lewis and Lawrence which is to be razed to make way for a new filling station. Article with details. C. R. Miller came to Wichita in 1874 and the house was built by W. H. Sternberg.

John T. Sever, local real estate dealer, has taken a 99 year lease on the southwest corner of Rutan and Douglas from Clayton Smith, 1145 Coolidge, as a site for a large apartment building. The property is the old home of the late George T. Walker, one of the founders of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Material Company. It fronts 143 feet on Douglas and 230 feet on Rutan, extending to Oakland. Consideration of the lease is said to be \$30,000, with an option to buy the location in two years for \$27,000. A five story, 54 apartment building is planned.

Queen City International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 296 has purchased the northwest corner of Topeka and Waterman from Mrs. Louise Gerteis, former Wichita resident, now of St. Louis, for \$14,000 as site for a new building. It is at present occupied by a two story house facing on Topeka and a bungalow on Waterman.

- 3. Article reports, imprisonment at Lansing of Edward J. Conklin, former Wichita loan man, for embezzlement. Had left Wichita 11 years ago to start a loan business in Emporia. Details.
- 5. First Methodist Church to be dedicated tomorrow. Article with details.

# Sunday, April 22, 1923 page

- 2. Map of highway paving around Sedgwick County. Article says first hard surfaced road in Sedgwick County was built in 1919 from Wichita east on Central avenue to Butler County line. Long article with details.
- 5. Article about old 12th Street swimming hole on Little river.

# Monday, April 23, 1923 page

B-1. Report of death Saturday of Mrs. Henry Schweiter at age 69. Born in Stockheim, Germany in September 1853 and came to United States at age 12, to Pottawatomie County and Topeka, and then to Wichita in 1869. Married Henry Schweiter March 20, 1873. Lived for more than 40 years in their homestead, which still stands across the street from the bungalow at 1235 South Hydraulic where they have lived for the last few years. Survived by husband, four sons, Henry J., 1509 South Topeka, John, 1433 South Water, Otto, 1243 South Hydraulic, and Will, Route 5, and by two daughters, Mrs. George McNeal, 429 South Topeka, and Mrs. Lillie Luttgen, of New York.

C-5. Workmen are now rebuilding the front of the Petrie Clothing Company building. J. Ed Petrie founded the business in 1884, and it is now owned by his two sons, Bruce and Judson. Details.

# Monday, April 23, 1923 page

5. Ruins of the Getto building will be torn down on orders of the city. Final death toll of February 5 fire was nine.

# Tuesday, April 24, 1923 page

7. City commission yesterday decided to retain the old 12th street swimming hole. Details.

# Thursday, April 26, 1923 page

- 7. Work started this week on a 30 by 50 foot addition to the Wichita Water Company's plant to house a new pump with capacity of six million gallons per 24 hours which will be here June 1st. To be brick and cost \$20,000, and pump will cost \$30,000.
- 12. Map of plan for development of the new College Hill Park. Article with details.

# Sunday, April 29, 1923 page

- 2. New Riverside Christian Church at Litchfield and Harrison is to be dedicated today. Drawing. Cost \$45,000. Details.
- 3. Advertisement with aerial drawing of West Side showing new Smithson's Addition.
- B-1. Contract for ten miles of concrete pavement in Sumner County let yesterday from about \$25,500 a mile. Will give Sumner County a hard surfaced highway from north county line all the way to the Oklahoma line.

## **Sunday, April 29, 1923**

#### page

## Magazine

- 8.-10. Santa Fe Railway is now building its new line from Eldorado, through Cassoday and Matfield Green to Bazaar, and then connecting on to main line at Ellinor. Article with history, details, and photograph and map. The new road is being built only a short distance from the Orient Railroad right-of-way. Ninety pound rails being laid. ("After 39 Years Cassoday Can't Believe Train is Really Coming")
- 11. Interview with Henry Schweiter regarding his emigration from Switzerland to United States. He came to United States in 1867, to New York from Havre on a French ship, the *Tampico*, as a steerage passenger. From New York he went to Louisville and then to Topeka, where he worked for 19 months as a carpenter for \$3.50 per day and saved \$950.

Came to Wichita overland from Topeka in January 1871. Further details with photographs of Schweiter and of old Schweiter homestead on South Hydraulic. ("The Man Who Came Over in the Steerage")

12. Article about the Wichita Township Hall, a small building at 3rd and Hydraulic opposite the Washington School, which also serves as a hamburger stand. It was built many years ago and is still used as a polling place for residents of Wichita Township outside the city of Wichita and also as meeting place for township trustees. Photograph.

## Monday, April 30, 1923

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3. Report of dedication of Riverside Christian Church yesterday. Details.

# Tuesday, May 1, 1923 page

- 7. Work started today on a new \$40,000 home for Dr. E. M. Seydell on northeast corner of 3rd and East. Drawing. Architects: White and Dean, of Kansas City, Missouri.
- 8. Work will start on the Western Union Telegraph Company's new building at 1st and Topeka within the next two weeks. Two stories to be built now, with foundation for an eight story building. To be 60 by 140 feet and cost about \$125,000.

# Thursday, May 3, 1923 page

- 7. After being closed for several months, the old Frisco passenger station on East Douglas will be reopened and used for the Near East Relief as a central bundle depot starting May 7. Its use has been donated by the railroad for this purpose.
- 12. Contract has been let for construction of the rectory for St. Mary's Catholic Church. To cost \$70,000. Plans prepared by Lorentz Schmidt and Company.

# Sunday, May 6, 1923 page

B-1. David D. Gerson has purchased the two story brick building 25 by 140 feet, at 416 East Douglas, from Fred Bissantz for \$50,000. It is half of the 50 foot structure erected in 1884 by the Wichita Cracker Company, which first occupied it. This half is now occupied by the Royal Bakery on the ground floor. The east half of the old Wichita Cracker Company building, at 418 East Douglas, is now occupied by the Western Pacific Tea Company and is owned by the M. Slattery estate. The old Wichita Cracker Company was controlled by G. Gehring, now living in California, and the late George Bergman.

# Tuesday, May 8, 1923 page

7. Wichita is to have a new central intermediate school in the old high school building. Board of education yesterday elected William T. Crosswhite, principal of Newton High School,

as a new intermediate school principal in Wichita. Details.

## Friday, May 11, 1923

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- 3. Excavation for the new swimming pool in Riverside Park will be finished this week and cement pouring will start next week. The pool will be ready for use by June 15. Details.
- 12. Article about a proposed diagonal street from 2nd and Hydraulic to the northeast part of the city. Map.

### Sunday, May 13, 1923

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B-4. Article about plans for this season's Fresh Air Baby Camp in North Riverside Park. Details.

## Sunday, May 13, 1923

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16. Article about Wilson's Cafeteria, downstairs at 119-121-123 East Douglas, with photographs.

## **Tuesday, May 15, 1923**

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- 1. Map indicates former location of east bank of Arkansas River in central part of Wichita.
- 4. The Twentieth Century Club has purchased the old home of the late Judge R. A. Sankey at Elm and Lawrence for \$15,000 for its new club quarters. The property is 67 by 160 feet. Details.

# Wednesday, May 16, 1923

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1. Report of death today of George Jay Gould, American railroad magnate, at age 59, in France. He succeeded to the leadership of the Gould family on the death of his father, Jay Gould, on December 2, 1892. Details.

# Friday, May 18, 1923

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- 5. A new building for the Wichita College of Music will be constructed at once on the southwest corner of 3rd and Topeka for \$50,000. To be 50 by 92 feet, two stories, and will more than double the capacity of the college, now located at 219 North Lawrence. The college built a dormitory for its students on East 3rd about ten years ago. It is at the rear of the new building.
- 7. The Wichita Railroad and Light company plans to build an extension south on Grove street this year to accommodate the high school students. The company wants to build a loop

at the end of the line on Grove and has asked the school board to give it sufficient ground to build this. Later in the year the tracks might be extended south to Kellogg and east from there. ¶ Rails for the extension of the College Hill line have arrived and work on that project will start immediately. ¶ Within the next year another extension may be run north somewhere between Cleveland and Hillside.

Plans will be out tomorrow for the large addition to the Kansas Masonic Home, to cost about \$125,000. Drawn by Glen H. Thomas and Scott Fullerton, architects.

# Saturday, May 19, 1923 page

6. Good crowds are attending the municipal motion picture at Riverside park. This year they are operated by the city. Formerly it has been customary to contract for an operator.

# Sunday, May 20, 1923 page

- 2. Webb Avenue will be opened from Douglas to 1st between Waco and Wichita within the next 60 days. To be 60 feet wide and 134 feet east of the east line of Waco. Details.
- B-5. The second nine holes of Sim Park Municipal Golf Course will be ready for play within two or three weeks.

# Sunday, May 20, 1923 page

## Magazine

11. Article about first Wichita jail, built in 1870, and now located at 12th and Main. Photograph. It is now east (sic) of the street car tracks in the rear of a hamburger stand at northeast corner of 12th and Main. It is 14 by 20 feet. Formerly stood in second block of North Market beside the old fire station. Was sold to A. A. Buckeridge, former Wichita resident, now of Webb City, Missouri, who owns the property on which it now stands.

# Tuesday, May 22, 1923 page

7. Report that the old Seneca Street bridge, built in 1890 at a cost of \$1800, is to be torn down and replaced by a concrete bridge.

# Thursday, May 24, 1923 page

5. Petitions are being circulated requesting that the south side of Douglas be widened 20 feet between Hydraulic and Grove. East Douglas pavement east of Hydraulic is at present 50 feet wide. If the street is widened, it would probably mean construction of a new bridge over the canal.

# Friday, May 25, 1923 page

- 7. O. J. Watson has purchased the southeast corner of 2nd and Water streets from Mrs. Emma Eldred, of Alva, Oklahoma, for \$31,000. It is 125 by 140 feet and known as the Rogers corner, Charles Rogers having built a two story frame house on the corner in the early 1870s. This house and another smaller one stand on the site, as well as a brick garage known as the 2nd Street Garage, which is just across the alley west of the Getto Building ruins. ¶ The southwest corner of 2nd and Water, across the street from the above, is owned by Mrs. Peter Getto, who has lived there many years, and the northwest corner, containing three houses, is owned by the John Deere Plow Company.
- 10. A. H. Hill has purchased from C. Sam Israel and Clayton Ross the three story building at 251-253 North Main, adjoining the burned Getto Building. It sustained some damage in the Getto Building fire but will be repaired. Work started today to remove the debris from the Getto Building.

# Sunday, May 27, 1923 page

- 10. The Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, Lulu and Bayley, will be reopened today after having been closed for several weeks for repairs. Photograph.
- B-1. Article reports several motor car agencies are moving to East Douglas avenue. Details.

Razing of eight old buildings was recommended Saturday by the building inspector because they are unsafe. Includes the old Wichita Township hall at 404 North Hydraulic. Others listed. Includes the old one story ice plant at Washington and Waterman and a frame building at 132-134-136 North Lawrence, used as a machinery shop, restaurant, and soft drink emporium. Details.

# Sunday, May 27, 1923 page

## Magazine

5. Article about J. Hudson McKnight, with biography and photographs of McKnight and his residence. Born in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Came to Wichita in 1884, marrying the following year. Bought the Robert Black farm in 1896, extending from Douglas to Kellogg and from Hydraulic to Grove, except for 20 acres at the northwest corner which Black had previously platted and sold. Robert Black has purchased the farm from Sam Hoover, the original homesteader, about 1880. In 1897 Mr. McKnight had his stone residence built at 206 South Hydraulic. Details. ("An Interview With J. Hudson McKnight")

# Thursday, May 31, 1923 page

14. Contract let today to Eberhardt Construction Company for the addition to four wings of the Kansas Masonic Home for \$77,400. Total contracts let was \$113,240 including plumbing and heating, etc. Details.

# Saturday, June 2, 1923 page

3. Report of fire at 10:00 p.m. yesterday in the rear of the building at 228 North Market, owned by the city and until 15 years ago used as Fire Station No. 1, but now occupied by the Ponca Tent and Awning Company. The front half of the building is two stories, of brick, while the rear is a one story frame structure. The latter was left in ruins, with estimated \$40,000 damage. According to City Manager Elliott the building will be rebuilt immediately.

# Sunday, June 3, 1923 page

4. Photograph of home of Fred C. Conner, 144 Roosevelt, built three years ago, which has been purchased by W. R. Ritchey, of the firm of Ritchey and Moore, oil operators, for \$30,000.

A suburban community of 40 residences is contemplated by Earl Hutton, who has purchased and had platted 40 acres of ground three quarters of a mile east of Oliver, between Douglas and 2nd street. The tract is the original Douglas Avenue Addition, platted in 1887 by Mark Oliver and Hiram Imboden, containing seven large blocks with 322 lots. This was never sold as contemplated and in 1895 it was vacated by action of the legislature. Already ten of the 40 sites have been sold (names of purchasers listed). The community is to be known as Woodlawn Heights. No house built there is to cost less than \$10,000.

B-1. Article says the Rigby-Gray Hotel Company has taken a 30 year lease on the new hotel being built by A. W. McClellan at William and Lawrence. Details.

The Beacon's giant new printing press arrived yesterday from the Goss Printing Press Company of Chicago. Cost \$65,000. Details.

B-6. The new Wellington Place Baptist Church at 21st and Wellington Place will be dedicated next Sunday. Photograph. Details.

A new funeral home is to be built at once at 327 North Lawrence for J. H. Downing, who is resigning from his position as manager of the Wichita Undertaking Company. To be two stories, 38 by 136 feet, brick and stucco, and cost about \$45,000. Plans prepared by W. V. Street.

# Monday, June 4, 1923 page

7. The Wichita Steam Laundry, established by Newton Garst in 1885, and located in its present quarters at 117-119 West 1st since 1887, will start construction this week of its new building at southeast corner of Murdock and Wichita. To cost \$30,000 and be ready for occupancy September 1. To be one story, 80 by 160 feet, with a separate building 40 by 40 feet to be erected for the dry cleaning department.

# Thursday, June 7, 1923 page

7. Howard W. Schroeder, realtor, 1624 Park Place, has taken a 50 year lease on the southwest corner of Lawrence and English from Frank C. Borden, contractor, 919 Spaulding. The property fronts 75 feet on South Lawrence and 150 feet on English and is directly across Lawrence from the Arnold Brothers Auto Company. A three story brick building, 75 by 65 feet, occupies the front of the site. It was one of the first modern apartment houses in Wichita when built by Mr. Borden 18 years ago and is now the Niles Hotel. The lease involves \$180,000 rental, and after the 50 year period, the property will belong to Mr. Schroeder.

# Friday, June 8, 1923 page

8. Frank M. Dean, real estate dealer, is taking a 99 year lease on the three story building at 610-612 East Douglas from J. N. Haymaker, local attorney. Building is 50 by 140 feet. First floor occupied by B. M. Levitt Clothing Company and office of the Alton Hotel, which occupies the other two floors.

# Saturday, June 9, 1923 page

1. Report of large flood in Wichita today with 600 to 700 blocks of the city under water following a torrential rain on the Chisholm Creek watershed north of Wichita yesterday and last night. Many details. Arkansas Valley Interurban service has been suspended -- tracks washed away between Ferguson and Cowden, and the ten foot concrete bridge over Dry Creek, south of Walnut Grove, is under water.

# Sunday, June 10, 1923 page

1. Articles about the big flood, with photographs. Many articles with details.

Forty-five street cars, more than half the number in the entire system, were parked all day yesterday on Hillside avenue from Central to the Frisco tracks, the company fearing that flood waters might inundate the car barns. The cars were taken to the highlands late Friday night.

C-6. Photograph of the Mayfield Passenger Express bus, which operates daily from Wichita to Blackwell. Article with details.

## **Sunday, June 10, 1923**

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#### Magazine

- 2. Articles about the new Wichita municipal swimming pool, now under construction. Details and photograph. To be 235 by 272 feet.
- 11. Article says E. I. Spencer, real estate agent, bought the fifth automobile in Wichita and

built the first auto garage for it in 1903 at William and Emporia, which is still standing. First auto said to have been that of Arthur S. Parks, president of United Sash and Door Company, now a resident of California. Other early owners were George K. Spenser, insurance agent, and Sam Sargent.

# Monday, June 11, 1923 page

1. More articles about the flood.

The Little River has flooded an area from the river east to Market and from 10th street north to Sullivan's dam. North Riverside Park is under five feet of water and Oak Park is also under several feet of water.

# Wednesday, June 13, 1923 page

4. Report of death last evening of Coler L. Sim, age 64, following weeks of illness. He came to Wichita in 1885 and engaged in the real estate business. He purchased the holdings of the Keene Syndicate, of New Hampshire, which included a great part of the Riverside property and Sim Park. In 1919 he donated Sim Park to the city. Photograph. Survived by wife, Helen, and a daughter, Mrs. R. W. Hissem, of 321 North Roosevelt. His only son, for whom Sim Park was named, Arthur B. Sim, was accidentally killed in Kansas City.

# Thursday, June 14, 1923 page

7. The court yesterday ordered sale of the plant and assets of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company to satisfy claims of creditors totaling \$647,000, following foreclosure of two mortgages on the property. Details.

# Friday, June 15, 1923 page

- 1. Report of death today of former Wichita mayor, William J. Babb, age 76, at his home, 1432 Fairmount. Came to Wichita from Columbia, Missouri 36 years ago. Wife died five years ago. Survived by two sons, Albert F., 1444 Vassar, and W. J. Babb, Jr., living at the Babb homestead, and three daughters (named).
- 7. Curb filling stations for motor cars in Wichita must cease operation by June 20. Details.

# Saturday, June 16, 1923 page

3. An army plane transported mail from Wichita to Lawton, Oklahoma in an experimental air mail flight. The De Havilland plane, with pilot Lieutenant Arthur H. Rich, left Laird's field at 11:30 a.m. today with 70 pounds of first class mail. It was the first attempt at airplane mail service out of Wichita.

### Sunday, June 17, 1923

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### Magazine

- 7. Article about the 1904 flood with details and photograph.
- 9. Advertisement for J. A. Richards Furniture company with photograph of the store at 125-127 South Lawrence (Cone-Cornell Building).

# **Monday, June 18, 1923**

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5. Report of the first airplane mail flight from Wichita on Saturday. Plane flown by Lieutenant Arthur H. Rich, of the aviation service, left Wichita at 12:10 p.m. and arrived in Lawton, Oklahoma at 3:15 p.m.

## **Tuesday, June 19, 1923**

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- 1. Report of failure of the American State Bank to open its doors this morning, apparently due to embezzlement of a large sum of money by the cashier, Phil A. Drumm. President of bank is J. N. Richardson. Details. The bank was organized in 1900.
- 14. Cartoon on occasion of *S. S. Leviathan* entering service.

# Wednesday, June 20, 1923

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7. Helen Stackman was today granted a divorce from Fred Stackman. She is to get the residence at 937 Spaulding.

# Friday, June 22, 1923

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- 7. The Wichita Trunk Company has taken a ten year lease on the entire three story building at 233-235 South Main, recently vacated by the Kansas Gas and Electric Company, and will use the entire building for factory purposes. The business has outgrown the present factory location on South Lawrence. The retail store on East Douglas will be maintained as now.
- 10. The Arkansas Valley Interurban will resume regular service out of Wichita (after the flood) tomorrow, using the new detour bridge near Walnut Grove.
- 14. Building permit: A. E. Aufderhar, 1333 North River Boulevard, residence, \$2950.

## **Sunday, June 24, 1923**

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1. The Derby Oil and Refining Company has purchased from Stephen Skinner a 40 acre tract of land adjoining its refinery site north of 21st Street, for \$35,000. It is just east of the present refinery site, which contains 45 acres, and will provide for future expansion.

- 3. The new Santa Fe track from Eldorado was laid into Cassoday the end of the week.
- 7. Photograph of the new Allen's Auto Stage bus, operating between Wichita and Eldorado. Details. Body built by M. A. McKenzie Carriage Works, Wichita.
- B-9. Advertisement with photograph of new house at 1402 Woodrow Court.
- C-3. Article with reminiscences by Mr. Joseph Bartley, of 820 Cleveland, about his arrival in Wichita in 1870. Details.

## Wednesday, June 27, 1923

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2. Employment at the Orient Shops has increased from the usual 275 to 300 to about 350 now. Business on the Orient is better now than it has been. The Orient Shops also make repairs to Missouri Pacific engines and keep the Midland Valley equipment in running order.

## Friday, June 29, 1923

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7. The plant of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company, at 13th and Mosley has been sold to the Bemis Brothers Bag Company, of St. Louis, by the receiver, for \$110,000. Details.

# Saturday, June 30, 1923

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8. Material has been purchased for another curve in the street car line at Main and Douglas and it will be put in as soon as it arrives. The curve will enable cars from West Side lines to turn into North Main Street so they can run around the loop instead of "wying" at the busy corner as is occasionally necessary now.

# Tuesday, July 3, 1923

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7. The City of Wichita moved yesterday to take possession of two islands in the Arkansas River, one just below the Maple Street bridge and the other below the Harry Street bridge. Details.

## Saturday, July 7, 1923

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1. Sky-writing was demonstrated in Wichita yesterday for the first time by Captain Derek Shepperson, former British ace, working for the Sky-Writing Corporation of American. He spelled the words "Lucky Strike" for the American Tobacco Company.

# **Sunday, July 8, 1923**

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2. The Western Newspaper Union is moving into its new \$150,000 four story building at

William and St. Francis this weekend, ready to open there Monday morning.

The new municipal swimming pool will be opened within the next two weeks. The work has been delayed by the flood.

B-2. Interior work is being rushed on the new Kaufman building in second block on South Market. The exterior is completed except for the front.

# Tuesday, July 10, 1923 page

6. City commission yesterday decided to close the "Old Swimmin' Hole" at 12th Street and Little River permanently following a drowning there Saturday.

# Wednesday, July 11, 1923 page

2. The Palace Clothing Company, 420-422 East Douglas, has been purchased by Henry Levitt, formerly of Levitt's at 610 East Douglas, for \$35,000. It was purchased from Joseph B. Fractman, who has operated it for the last seven years. Mr. Levitt came to Wichita five years ago and entered the clothing business with his father, B. M. Levitt.

# Saturday, July 14, 1923 page

3. Santa Fe freight engine No. 460 fell through the Ninnescah River bridge three miles west of Kingman Monday.

## Sunday, July 15, 1923

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## Magazine

4. Article about Sedgwick County Poor Farm with photographs.

# **Tuesday, July 17, 1923**

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- 6. W. B. Beverly has taken a five year lease on the Orient Hotel Building, 1003 East Douglas, from H. F. Newberry. He is having the 34 rooms of the hotel remodeled and hot and cold water installed in each room. A hotel lobby will be opened on the first floor in the room formerly occupied by the Exchange State Bank.
- 11. Wichita's newest realty venture is to be undertaken by H. T. Lynch and Alton Smith in the platting of a 160 acre subdivision lying four miles east of Main and Douglas with 80 acres north and 80 acres south of Douglas. The property belongs to Mr. Lynch and will be divided into one and two acre tracts. Winding streets and lanes will be paved this fall. Mr. Smith plans to extend Douglas at the start of the project. (i.e., future Eastborough location).

### Friday, July 20, 1923

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6. Mrs. Fern Mead Jordan, 134 North Belmont, yesterday purchased the J. S. Brown Motor Company building at northwest corner of Douglas and Indiana from Walter P. Innes for \$55,000. It is a new brick one story building, 85 by 147 feet. Mr. Innes purchased the site in 1912 from Mrs. J. E. Noble for \$18,000.

# Saturday, July 21, 1923

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3. The National Refining Company will open its two new filing stations tonight -- at 2nd and Topeka, and at Lawrence and Louis. Sell En-Ar-Co brand products.

# Wednesday, July 25, 1923 page

5. The additional nine holes at Sim Park golf course will be opened next week, making it an 18 hole course.

# Thursday, July 26, 1923 page

- 7. An extensive paving program for Riverside Park drives will be started early in August, at a cost of more than \$40,000, and finished before cold weather starts. Pavement with asphalt will include:
  - (1) Drive from west end of Murdock Avenue bridge through Central Riverside Park and along Murdock Boulevard to the central entrance of Sim Park.
  - (2) Drive from south end of Wiley Avenue through Central Riverside park to the Woodman Bridge.
  - (3) Drive from the north end of Griffenstein Bridge to Bitting.
  - (4) Road leading from south end of Pearce Avenue to the boy and boot fountain.

# Monday, July 30, 1923 page

- 2. John A. Beeler, of the J. H. Beeler Traffic Organization of New York City, is in Wichita. His company has had a force of men here the past month making a survey of the traffic of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company and expects to complete its reports within the next few days. During the past year or two this company has made similar street railway surveys in many of the larger cities in the country.
- 5. North Hall at Friends University will be razed immediately by a wrecking company. For many years it served as a dormitory for boys, but it was condemned three years ago.

# Thursday, August 2, 1923 page

2. The new municipal swimming pool will be opened at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow. The bath house will probably not be fully completed until fall. Admission ten cents for those with own

suits and towels, or 25 cents including rental of swimming suit and towel.

## Friday, August 3, 1923

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1. Report of death yesterday of President Harding. Details.

## Saturday, August 4, 1923

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3. Will G. Price has purchased the one story brick building adjoining the two story building of the Price Auto Service Company, 301 South Topeka, on the south, from A. F. Parker, for \$25,000. The building is 50 by 140 and gives the Price company a frontage of 150 feet on Topeka. Mr. Price plans to add another story to the newly acquired building and build a third story on the two story brick at corner.

## Sunday, August 5, 1923

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- 2. Drawing of new one story dormitory building to be built at once at the Sedgwick County Farm.
- 7. Photograph of posters advertising the Wheat Show.
- B-1. Report attendance of 1495 at first night of opening of new municipal swimming pool. Details.

## Sunday, August 5, 1923

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### Magazine

5. Article about the old North Hall at Friends University, which is to be razed. It was opened in 1887 for the then Garfield University. Details.

#### Monday, August 6, 1923

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2. The new municipal swimming pool was used by 2997 bathers on its second day of operation.

#### Wednesday, August 8, 1923

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5. Twenty-two thousand one hundred four motor vehicles licensed in Sedgwick County this year -- 2500 more than 1922 total. Includes 19,420 cars and 2347 trucks.

# Thursday, August 9, 1923

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2. Site has been selected for a tourist camp in Wichita -- six acre tract on west bank of Little River just north of 13th street. Thirty day option on the track taken yesterday by Wichita Board of Realtors from the owner, I. D. Allison, of 212 North Estelle. Purchased price

will be \$5200.

4. Photograph of derailed and overturned Arkansas Valley Interurban car which split the switch near Water Works yesterday at 3:20 p.m. Was westbound. Had 35 passengers, but only minor injuries.

## Friday, August 10, 1923

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7. The old high school building, built in 1882, is being torn down. Work started today toward wrecking the historic building.

# Saturday, August 11, 1923

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6. Motor bus service to Fairmount College by way of 13th Street will be provided for by the 13th Street bus line, it was announced today. A license was issued by the city auditor for extension of the line, which now runs east to Pennsylvania on 13th.

## Sunday, August 12, 1923

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- 6. Photograph of new municipal swimming pool taken by Edgar B. Smith.
- B-4. The Bemis Brothers Bag Company has started moving into the old Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company building. Details.

# Friday, August 17, 1923 page

7. A new Greek Orthodox Church is being started in West Wichita. The American Syrian Benevolent Society was granted a charter today by the state charter board in Topeka. The society is composed of about 16 Syrian families in Wichita and vicinity. They expect to employ a priest and build a church in the near future.

## Sunday, August 19, 1923

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- B-1. Temporary tabernacle at 214 North Waco to be used for the Gipsy Smith evangelistic meetings here in September is nearly completed. It has taken just two weeks to build it. It is a little larger than the tabernacle built on the same site for Billy Sunday several years ago. The Sunday tabernacle had capacity of little over 4000, and the Gipsy Smith tabernacle will seat 5000. Building is 136 by 274 feet and 38 feet high in the center. Details.
- B-3. Paving of the six mile concrete section of the North Lawrence Avenue Road was completed Saturday. The concrete base for the five mile brick section has been laid, and brick laying will soon begin. It requires 350,000 brick for a mile of brick pavement and 3300 barrels of cement for a mile of concrete pavement.

# Monday, August 20, 1923 page

2. The new Adeline Apartment house at 13th and Emporia is now being finished and will be ready for occupants by the first of September. It is being built by T. C. Naylor at cost of \$140,000, and is named by Mr. Naylor for his daughter, Adeline.

W. H. Gains, 516 North Lawrence, has purchased the lease on the Eaton Hotel from J. O. Bowers for \$50,000. Mr. Bowers has owned the lease on the hotel for the past two and a half years. He purchased it from Mr. Gains, who has now repurchased it. The lease runs for seven years. The building is owned by Oscar S. Shirk.

# Tuesday, August 21, 1923 page

7. Frank Rose, of the Wichita Truck Company, today purchased from Peter L. Lazarus the north 36 feet of the building at Main and English, formerly occupied by Kansas Gas and Electric Company for \$37,500. Mr. Lazarus purchased the building four years ago and retains the south 40 feet on the corner, with two upper floors occupied by Colvin Chiropractic College.

# Wednesday, August 22, 1923 page

3. Walter Beach (sic), Laird Airplane Company pilot, has received contract to carry mail by air for one week from St. Joseph, Missouri to Omaha, Nebraska, as part of the government's extended experiments in airplane mail service. He will make a round trip daily during the week. He will leave Monday in a Laird Swallow to start work.

# Thursday, August 23, 1923 page

5. Advertisement with photograph of new home of Western Glass Company at 243-245-247 North Water.

# Friday, August 24, 1923 page

3. Concrete structure of the Shirkmere Apartment has been poured to the eighth floor, and exterior brick and stone is now being laid.

# Sunday, August 26, 1923

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- B-1. Photograph of temporary tabernacle in second block on North Waco where Gipsy Smith evangelical meetings will be held.
- C-4. Article about new home of the Western Glass Company, 243-45-47 North Water, with details and photograph. Building is 75 by 140 feet. Ed Forsblom was architect.

### Sunday, September 2, 1923

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- 5. Drawing of new York Rite Temple building to be erected at corner of Market and William. To be 75 by 140 feet and cost \$400,000. Seven stories. Details.
- B-1. Photograph of Gipsy Smith, who will open his Wichita revival meetings this afternoon. Details.

# Monday, September 3, 1923 page

4. The drainage canal bridge on Douglas Avenue was damaged in the recent flood and is weak and should be repaired or rebuilt, City Engineer Brockway has stated in a letter to the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, which has a track running over the bridge.

# Tuesday, September 4, 1923 page

7. The booklet "Wichita At A Glance," published by the Board of Commerce, is off the press and ready for distribution.

# Thursday, September 6, 1923 page

7. The old home of the late J. H. Butts, 1215 North Lawrence, has been sold to Sidney M. Swope, of the Swope Land and Investment Company, by Mary E. Streigel for \$27,500. Mr. Butts sold the property to J. H. Elem, who in turn sold it about a year ago.

# Sunday, September 9, 1923 page

- An old landmark of the Fairmount district has been razed -- the last bricks were torn down yesterday. It was a two story brick at 15th and Vassar, built in the late 1880s. After serving as a store it was taken over by the school board and used as a school house. After several years a new school was built, and the Fairmount Congregational Church was organized in the store. The church than turned the building over to Fairmount College and for almost ten years it was used as a boys dormitory and was known as Rugby Hall. When Fiske Hall was built, it was sold for a store. The Fairmount Boys Athletic Club used it for a time as a gymnasium. Harry Miles, sewer contractor, is the present owner, and since the war he has used it as an apartment house with a store on the ground floor. He is replacing it with two modern bungalows.
- B-1. George Theis, Jr., explains his offer to sell the south part of Ackerman Island to the city (or perhaps the whole island). Details.
- B-4. Photograph of the McIntire Building, at southeast corner of 3rd and Main, which was sold the past week to R. R. Moore of the Moore Plumbing and Heating Company for \$65,000. It is 50 by 140 foot brick and was erected ten years ago by W. F. and G. W. McIntire. The two upper floors contain 16 apartments.

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## Sunday, September 9, 1923

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## Magazine

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# Wednesday, September 12, 1923 page

- 1. Report on the Gipsy Smith revival meetings. Details.
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# Friday, September 14, 1923 page

- 5. New home of the Wichita College of Music and Art on corner of 3rd and Topeka is to be dedicated Sunday, September 23.
- 7. Park board failed to file deed with Register of Deeds when it purchased Oak Park last winter for \$39,000, so county has levied tax of about \$900 on the property. Details.

# Sunday, September 16, 1923 page

2. After ten years at 122-124 South Market, the McCormick-Armstrong Press is moving into its new \$100,000 building at Ellis and Douglas. Details.

# Tuesday, September 18, 1923 page

- 8. City commission yesterday approved addition of Woodrow Court subdivision to the city.
- 14. William Meyer announced plans to build a two story brick building, 50 by 140 feet, on the site of his old home at 231 North Emporia. His two story house is now being moved from the site to lots he owns at Central and Yale.

# Wednesday, September 19, 1923 page

8. City Manager Elliott will recommend to city commission the condemnation of property between Garland and 13th street north of Oak Park, and the Little River bank in that area, to allow the joining of 13th with Garland and the River Boulevard. At present, 13th ends abruptly at Woodland. From that point on to Garland the road runs over private property. Details.

# Friday, September 21, 1923 page

13. Growth of Wichita is shown by fact that 97 houses have been moved from their original sites in the business section, nearly all to new sties in the residential sections, since January 1 this year, to make room for commercial buildings.

# Sunday, September 23, 1923 page

- 8. Kansas Gas and Electric has taken a three year lease on the building at 138 North Wichita, formerly occupied by the Volco Manufacturing Company, and will use it as headquarters for its service departments. The building is three stories, brick, 50 by 140 feet, and was leased from Miss Elizabeth Kimball, of Philadelphia.
- B-1. 1923 Wheat Show starts tomorrow. Details.
- C-6. Photograph of new home of Western Newspaper Union.
- C-8. Kansas Gas and Electric advertisement with photograph of Wichita Electric General Station.

## Sunday, September 23, 1923

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10. Photographs of Boy Scout cabin of troop 1 at Woodrow and Briggs, built three years ago with sponsorship of the Riverside Shrine Club, from oak slabs obtained from the Ozarks of Missouri.

# Monday, September 24, 1923

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3. Report of dedication yesterday of new home of the Wichita College of Music and Dramatic Art, at 3rd and Topeka. Details.

# Tuesday, September 25, 1923 page

7. City commission has given residents of "Squattertown," by which name this strip of river bank has been known for 15 years, until October 15 to move. Two dozen families have already moved out of the disputed area. Details.

# Wednesday, September 26, 1923 page

- 5. The Beacon's radio station WEAH is to resume regular broadcasting. Details.
- 7. Will G. Price has bought an additional 50 feet of property at 315 South Topeka adjoining the Price Auto Service Company's building on the south and giving a total frontage of 200 feet on South Topeka. It was purchased from Claude E. Nell for \$10,000 and has a frame house located on it.

# Friday, September 28, 1923 page

18. The Wesley Hospital Nurses' dormitory will be formally opened October 8. It is to be known as the Burton Nurses' Home and is located a block south of the hospital.

## Sunday, September 30, 1923

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- B-1. New Shirkmere Garage, 114 North Topeka and 115 North Emporia, was opened yesterday.
- B-6. Photograph of crowd inside the Gipsy Smith tabernacle building.
- B-7. Advertisement with photograph of a new location of the Mid-Continent Engraving Company on corner of Market and William.

## Sunday, September 30, 1923

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#### Magazine

3. Article gives history of a Squattertown family with photograph.

## Thursday, October 4, 1923

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8. Report of death yesterday of pioneer George W. Corzine, age 64. Came to Wichita in 1885 and engaged in furniture business. Obituary.

## Saturday, October 6, 1923

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3. Although the street railway company and board of education have been negotiating for more than a year, they have failed to reach an agreement on construction of a loop off South Grove to load and unload high school students. The street car company proposed to spend up to \$10,000 putting in a spur on South Grove with a loop immediately south of the high school. The board of education instead offered space for a loop back of the shops building, which was declined by the street car company. Therefore students will have to load and unload on Douglas avenue. During the morning rush hour the four Fairmount cars are filled with Fairmount students. On the College Hill line 15 cars run during the 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. peak.

# Sunday, October 7, 1923 page

- 3. The Hillside Avenue Church of Christ is to be dedicated today. Details.
- 6. The Twentieth Century Club will open its new club house at southeast corner of Elm and Lawrence on Tuesday. It was purchased last May, and since then \$6000 has been spent on remodeling and improvements. Details.
- 11. Photograph of new Reo De Luxe inter city bus purchased last week by J. A. Combs to run from Wichita to Valley Center.
- B-7. Aerial photograph of new high school, which will open tomorrow.
- B-10. The new Missouri Pacific shops at 25th and Hydraulic will be ready for operation about December 1st. The shop buildings are already completed but the equipment is not yet in place.
- C-6. Article about A. T. Sayers, proprietor of Sayers' Dairy, 132 North Walnut, with photograph. Came to Wichita from Oxford, Kansas in 1904. Started on small scale and introduced first bottled milk in Wichita. Moved to present location in 1919. Details.

# Thursday, October 11, 1923 page

- 1. Photograph of Beacon Lane crowded with people watching reports of World Series baseball game.
- 8. Peter L. Lazarus, of the United Millinery Company, has taken a 25 year lease on the Lee Hays building at 115-117 West William. Details.

## Sunday, October 14, 1923

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#### Magazine

5. Article gives yearly snowfall records in Wichita.

### Wednesday, October 17, 1923

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7. Street car service over Douglas avenue bridge has been temporarily discontinued due to the washing out of the sand around the pilings. A pile driver was installed today to drive the piling in deeper. It will probably be two days before the bridge is repaired to a state of safety.

The Coleman Lamp Company will build a four story addition to its plant in the second block of North St. Francis next year. It will be between the main plant and the old church building north of the plant, now used by the company. Details.

Missouri Pacific employes will hold a dance and house warming party in the new shops north of 21st street on Tuesday, October 23. The new shops building, which is 180 by 200 feet has just been completed and be ready for installation of equipment.

# Thursday, October 18, 1923 page

10. The building in the second block on North Lawrence formerly occupied by the Wichita College of Music is to be remodeled at cost of \$20,000. The south wall of the building will be extended south to the north wall of Butts Building for the first story, and the front will be built out to the sidewalk line.

# Friday, October 19, 1923 page

15. The second floor of the Wichita Labor Temple, 417 East English, is to be completed by January 1st. The first floor of the building was completed last year. The second floor will cost an additional \$5500.

## Sunday, October 21, 1923

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- B-1. F. W. Hockaday, of the Hockaday Auto Supply Company, 406 East Douglas, yesterday closed a ten year lease on the O. C. Daisy property at northwest corner of Topeka and William, where he will operate service station. Frontage of 80 feet on Topeka and is 120 feet deep. On the site is the two story brick dwelling which Mr. Daisy built 50 years ago.
- B-6. Article about plans of Stackman Building and Investment Company to plat and sell about 50 acres in Central Riverside that are a part of the old Frederick Stackman farm. Details. Owners are Mrs. Marie Steinbuchel, 1905 North Main, Mrs. Bertha Stackman Gouldner and Dr. R. M. Gouldner, 1905 Park Place, Fred Stackman, 937 Spaulding, and H. J. Steinbuchel, 1919 Park Place.

## Sunday, October 21, 1923

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#### Magazine

4. Report of visit of Sedgwick County's second sheriff, John Meagher, to Wichita last week. Was born in Ireland in 1843 and came to United States at age five and then to Salina,

Kansas in 1867. Came to Wichita in 1868 after hauling a load of lumber here that was for the Munger House. Moved to Indian Territory in 1877 after serving as sheriff here for nearly two years. Had a twin brother, Mike Meagher, who settled at Caldwell and was killed there in winter of 1881. Historical details. He now divides his time between Soldiers Home at Leavenworth and the homes of his children.

10. Article about the old Sedgwick County jail, which is now being razed. Details.

# Monday, October 22, 1923 page

7. Article about possible new street car line on East Central from Main to Belmont, perhaps linking at east end with the College Hill line to form a loop.

Midland Valley Railroad is dropping its injunction and will allow the city to open 1st street from Osage to the west end of the 2nd street bridge, across its property. It had obtained the injunction four years ago, as it had been planned to build the railroad's shops on this ground. Details.

# Tuesday, October 23, 1923 page

2. City commission yesterday ordered the paving of Murdock from Wiley to the entrance of Sim Park with macadam.

# Wednesday, October 24, 1923 page

7. There is only a gap of 12 blocks, 35th to 47th street, of the North Lawrence Road that is yet to be paved.

Roy Riley has purchased the Jay Drug Store at 110 East Douglas, where he has been working for some time. His father, George T. Riley, operated a drug store at Douglas and Seneca for many years and later another at Main and Central.

Ernest Wolf, of the Wolf and Parrott Cafeteria has purchased a half interest in the vacant property just east of the Pacific Hotel, for \$25,000. It fronts 50 feet on Douglas and extends 300 feet, to William, with 90 foot front on William. Mr. Garrison purchased the property last May and owns the other half.

8. John T. Sever, real estate dealer, has purchased a half interest in the A. M. McClellan Building, southwest corner of Lawrence and William, for \$150,000. Building has been leased for 30 years by the Rigby-Gray Hotel Company, owners of the Lassen Hotel.

# Friday, October 26, 1923 page

10. E. M. Laird, aeronautical engineer and manufacturer of the Laird Swallow plane, is planning to leave Wichita and return to Chicago to engage in the manufacture of airplanes

for the United States Air Mail Service. He will leave within a few days. He disposed of his interests in the Laird Airplane Company here three weeks ago. Laird grew up in Chicago.

11. County commission is considering purchase of the Wichita Hospital for a county hospital. The grounds front 300 feet on Douglas from Seneca to Dodge, and except for the Missouri Pacific right-of-way, includes the lots north to Drew Street, beyond the nurses home. The latter is the old home of B. F. McLean. Details.

# Wednesday, October 31, 1923 page

- 7. Report that the Wichita Railroad and Light Company is considering establishment of several bus lines in Wichita to supplement the street car service. Company has had a three month survey of street railway needs here made last summer by the Beeler Organization, of New York. Albert Patten, from Topeka, general manager of the McKinley Syndicate properties in Kansas, is in Wichita today, conferring with his brother, Howard Patten, the local manager.
- 9. Ben Copley, president of the Wichita Creamery Company, announced today that the company will start work next week on an ice cream plant just north of the building now occupied by the creamery company. The company recently purchased the property on which the plant now stands at Handley and Pearl, and that adjoining it on the north, from George Brown, general manager of the Crystal Ice and Fuel Company. Property totals 150 by 150 feet. New building will be 60 by 125 feet, one story, and cost approximately \$15,000. The Wichita Creamery Company has also leased from the Midland Valley Railroad the property just north of the plant of the Crystal Ice and Fuel Company in second block on North Osage, just across the alley from the site of the proposed ice cream plant, and will use this for garages and warehouses.

# Thursday, November 1, 1923 page

7. L. P. Mason, of North Platte, Nebraska, has purchased the Pacific Hotel, 225-227 West Douglas, from J. F. Steelsmith. The hotel is being redecorated.

The new Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church at Central and Hydraulic, started in January this year, is now completed and will be dedicated Sunday. Photograph. Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1905 as a mission of First Methodist Episcopal Church. An old abandoned church building facing the Rock Island tracks between 1st and 2nd was secured later. When the building facing the tracks was sold in 1913, the present site was secured and a basement built, in which services were held for several years.

# Friday, November 2, 1923 page

7. The Wichita Water Company is installing a new pump with six million gallons per day capacity, giving total capacity of 30 million gallons per day.

## Sunday, November 4, 1923

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The new Wenzel Apartments on South Main at Lewis have been completed. Built and

### B-6. Photograph

opened to the public Monday. Building is 60 by 90 and six stories. Built by L. M.

# Sunday, November 4, 1923 page

10. One

Arkansas Valley Interurban train. Photograph.

### Tuesday, November 6, 1923

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with new 90 pound rails and those between Wichita and Ellsworth with 75 pound rails.

## Wednesday, November 7, 1923

4. Fred

Building from A. W. McClellan and John T. Sever, joint owners, for about \$250,000. was made yesterday as an investment. The building is expected to be completed by December 15.

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15. Club yesterday approved construction of their new building in second block on North Market. Excavation will begin in a few days. Details.

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3. of death yesterday of Wichita photographer, Harry Pottenger, at age 49 after two month three years ago last June. Married Agnes Davidson, daughter of John Davidson, pioneer

# Tuesday, November 13, 1923 page

Long article gives history of the Thursday Afternoon Cooking Club. Club was organized

### Thursday, November 15, 1923

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9. The Southwestern Serum Company will build a new plant at 21st and Mosley for \$50,000. The old buildings are now being torn down and excavating will begin next week. To include two story building 50 by 80 and one story building 100 by 120 feet.

The Yellow Cab Company of Wichita has purchased 12 new Yellow Cabs for \$36,000.

10. Advertisement with drawing of Yellow Cab.

# Saturday, November 17, 1923 page

2. The W. A. Dye Chile Supply Company will move into its new \$50,000 home at 120 North Mosley, Wednesday.

A new town, incorporated under its own name, is to be started just beyond the east limits of Wichita. It will be east of Kellogg and Oliver on a tract platted by H. T. Lynch and A. H. Smith into acre tracts. There are 160 acres in the proposed townsite, 80 north of Douglas and 80 south of Douglas. Suggested names for the town include the following: Eastland Gardens, Eastland Heights, Bancroft Hill, Douglas Heights, Sunrise Terrace, and Fair Acres. The lots will be placed on the market in the spring.

# Sunday, November 18, 1923 page

- 7. Photograph of J. C. Loevenguth, principal of Allison Intermediate School, with article about a book he has just written. Came to Wichita in 1915.
- B-5. The new Schuyler Crawford Grocery, 1022 West Douglas, will open Monday evening.

# Monday, November 19, 1923 page

7. Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit bank are moving their offices from the tenth floor of the Beacon building to the fourth floor of Fourth National Bank Building to obtain more room.

North Lawrence Avenue road pavement apparently completed last week.

# Wednesday, November 21, 1923 page

4. Construction of a new building for the Hockaday Auto Supply Company at northwest corner of Topeka and William will start within the next 30 days. To be one story, brick and stucco.

# Thursday, November 22, 1923 page

5. Mrs. Coler L. Sim has sold her residence at 1303 North Lawrence to J. H. Warte, of

Blackwell, Oklahoma, for \$20,000 and has purchased the Dr. J. F. Kernan residence at 309 Bluff for \$11,000.

# Saturday, November 24, 1923 page

3. Robert Campbell, secretary of the Guarantee Title and Trust Company, has sold his interest in the Belmont Apartments, 115-117 South Belmont, to E. W. Thompson and Lester Jackson, of Toulon, Illinois, for \$90,000. The three story, 50 by 150 foot apartment has 12 modern apartments and was built by Thomas Naylor six years ago.

# Sunday, November 25, 1923 page

- 6. Photograph of Wichita's newest motor bus, purchased by Mr. B. Chewning from the Wichita Auto Company for his bus line on North St. Francis and East 13th street. It is a 20 passenger Reo bus with cane seats, one full rear cross seat and eight transverse seats seating two passengers each, so all face the front.
- B-14. George Theis made new offer to city commission Monday to sell Ackerman Island to the city for \$45,000. Details.

# Sunday, November 25, 1923 page

## Magazine

8. Article about a girl bus driver in Wichita, Miss Eileen Combs, age 18, who drives a bus to Valley Center for her father, A. J. Combs, owner of the Valley Center bus line. The distance of 12 miles is made in 45 minutes. The Combs line starts from Lawrence and Douglas. Details.

# Monday, November 26, 1923 page

1. Report of first fatal airplane accident at Swallow Field yesterday afternoon killing pilot Harlem Le Baron and passenger Bert H. Davison, flying in a Longren plane owned by William H. Lassen and attributed to stunting too near the ground. Details.

# Wednesday, November 28, 1923 page

2. Max Steinbuchel has filed suit to break the will of his father, late Herman Steinbuchel, who died September 14, 1921. Original will left estate to wife and two sons and one daughter, but a later codicil added a step-daughter, Mrs. Bertha Stackman Gouldner and a step-son, Fred Stackman, to the devisees, and is being contested. Estate is worth approximately \$40,000.

# Friday, November 30, 1923

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9. A 100 foot concrete loading platform is being built on Main street in front of the First

National Bank for street car passengers. Work was started on it Tuesday and it will be completed this week. All other platforms as they wear out will be replaced by concrete safety platforms. The city pays the expense of building the platforms.

# Saturday, December 1, 1923 page

2. G. H. Fralick, of the Fralick Barber Supply Company, will erect a two story brick building at 604 East Douglas, in the location occupied by the Ben Wolkow Loan Office. Wolkow has been in business on East Douglas 18 years, but is moving to Chicago. Fralick will move his business to the new location.

# Sunday, December 2, 1923 page

- B-1. Pavement in Sumner County from Wellington to the Sedgwick County line was completed Friday and will be opened by December 20 after the concrete is cured. Wichita now has paved highway to Sedgwick County line in all four directions except for one and a fourth miles on North Lawrence Road, south of 35th street, which remains to be finished. Laying of brick is well under way on the Butler County connection to Augusta.
- B-1. Article about books of the Goldsmith-Woolard Publishing Company, of Wichita. Details. Over one million copies have been sold.

# Tuesday, December 4, 1923 page

7. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad expects to build a new freight depot in Wichita to supplant the old depot which has been in use for more than a quarter of a century on East Douglas just east of the union station.

## Wednesday, December 5, 1923 page Special section

Opening of the new McCormick-Armstrong Press building tomorrow. Articles with details, photographs, and biographies.

# Friday, December 7, 1923 page

- 4. Article says city officials favor buses operating under a universal transfer system with the street railway as solution to the transportation problem in Wichita. Says it is known that the Wichita Railroad and Light Company is considering a fleet of buses to supplement its service.
- 12. Report on opening of new McCormick-Armstrong Press building yesterday.

#### Sunday, December 9, 1923

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9. A new bus line between Wichita and Wellington, operating two large Reo buses, will be started the latter part of December by the Sander Motor Company, of Wellington. The bodies of the buses are being built in Wichita. Each will seat 16 persons, with seats running crosswise. Three or four trips each way daily will be made.

The fastest airplane ever built by the Swallow Airplane Company will be given a public trial this afternoon at the Laird airplane field, J. M. Moellendick, president of the company announced. The plane, completed Friday, has a Curtiss OX5 engine and has been driven at a high speed of 115 miles per hour.

# Monday, December 10, 1923 page

5. Article about program to be started immediately after first of the year to reduce flooding in Wichita. Bed of the Little River is to be dredged to out from two to 14 feet, starting just above the Central Avenue dam, where the channel has been filled in 12 to 14 feet above the natural level by silt and sand washed in. Sand and silt from the river bottom will be used to reinforce the dikes on both sides of the river.

# Thursday, December 13, 1923 page

- 2. State census shows Wichita population of 86,171, up from 83,232 in 1922. Kansas City has 117,359 and Topeka 45,574.
- 5. Plans are being prepared by Glen H. Thomas and Scott Fullerton, architects, for completion of the large auditorium at Friends University. It occupies the space above Russell Hall and the large room back of it. When completed, Russell Hall, now used for assembly purposes, will be transformed into a library.

# Friday, December 14, 1923 page

9. Contemplated improvements in the street railway service in Wichita during 1924 not only includes extension of certain lines but also is understood to involve the addition of a considerable number of new one-man cars. The double-truck cars on the Main Street-Stock Yards lines very likely will be discarded and replaced with the more modern equipment. ¶ The company's 1924 plans, including augmenting its service with bus lines, will, it is said, be governed almost entirely by the report of the Beeler Organization, train experts, who made a survey of conditions in Wichita last summer.

# Sunday, December 16, 1923 page

B-18. A \$50,000 three story brick building to be used as a supply and repair shop and club house by Kansas Gas and Electric is to be constructed on the southwest corner of Waco and 1st by J. H. Engstrom. To be 50 by 150 feet. Work to start Monday. Kansas Gas and Electric is to have a five year lease.

### Sunday, December 16, 1923

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## Magazine

- 8. Article discussing question whether Wichita should establish a municipal university. Details.
- 10. Photograph of bridge (footbridge) leading to Scout Island from west bank of Big River at 11th street.

# Monday, December 17, 1923

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- 3. The hard surfaced road between Wichita and Augusta will probably be completed by Christmas. All the concrete base is down and less than 1200 feet of brick remains unlaid.
- 7. John Engstrom, lumberman, plans, in addition to a building for Kansas Gas and Electric at 1st and Waco, the construction of a building for offices and warehouses for the Engstrom Lumber Company, facing on Waco in the same area.

## Sunday, December 23, 1923

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- 3. Report on the many articles left behind on street cars. Details.
- B-8. Photograph of the new Labor Temple building, at English and Emporia, which is to be dedicated January 3. Details.

#### Sunday, December 23, 1923

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## Magazine

5. Article about figures and gargoyles on Wichita buildings including head of John B. Carey on city hall. Drawing.

## Monday, December 24, 1923

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5. Excavation started today for the new Elks building in second block of North Market.

## Tuesday, December 25, 1923

page

2. The old house of O. C. Daisy has been torn down and the site cleared for the new Hockaday building at northwest corner of Topeka and William.

### Sunday, December 30, 1923

page

B-6. Summary of events of past year in Wichita.

### Sunday, December 30, 1923

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## Magazine

10. Diagram of Scout Island in Big Arkansas river west of Sim Park. Article with details.

# Monday, December 31, 1923 page

- 2. During the past year about 100 blocks of Wichita streets, approximately 12 miles, were paved according to city engineer P. L. Brockway.
- 4. List of major buildings constructed in Wichita during 1923. Building permits totaled \$6,511,899, exceeded only by 1921, with \$7,043,657.