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8. Article about Wichita pioneer, D. G. Millison, now nearly 89, who came to Wichita in October 1872 and founded the Beacon. He left Wichita today for a prolonged stay in Oakland, California. Details and photograph.

12. Article says the Wichita Union Terminal Railway Association has decided to build train sheds at the union station within a reasonable time. Details.

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5. More than 14 miles of streets were paved in Wichita in 1924, more than any year since 1911 except for the peak year of 1920, bringing the city’s total to 158 miles.

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16. The newly created island northwest of the 12th Street swimming hole in the Little River, is to be named Mead Island in honor of J. R. Mead, if the recommendation of the Tribe of Wichitas is accepted by the city commission and park board. Details.

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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.
2. Architectural firm of Lorentz Schmidt and Company has been reorganized as Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend. Mr. Schmidt opened offices in Wichita in 1915 and was joined in 1917 by Mr. Boucher and in 1919 by Mr. Overend. Article lists a number of buildings in Wichita designed by this firm.

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5. Santa Fe switch engine No. 1486 collided with a truck Sunday at 39th and North Lawrence. Details.

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B-1. Report of death Friday evening of Wichita pioneer Hiram Imboden at age 73. Came here in 1873 and organized Imboden and Hargiss Milling Company. Sold his milling interests and retire in 1918. Survived by wife and five daughters (named), including Mrs. Harry Stanley and Miss Mildred Imboden, of Wichita.

B-3. Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hyde, whose 50th wedding anniversary is tomorrow. Wife’s maiden name was Ida Todd -- they were married at her parents home at 1st and Lawrence. Children and grandchildren named.

C-6. Photograph of new Bontz apartment building at 2610 East Douglas. Cost $80,000. Article with details.

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3. Arkansas Valley Transportation Company advertisement with schedule.

4. Article about travels of Orient Railroad box car No. 3617 over four months, traveling on 17 different railroad lines. Details.

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2. The new addition to the Price Auto Service Company will be open to public inspection tomorrow evening.

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15. The new Meridian School and the two new rooms at Levy School will open with beginning of second semester tomorrow.
Wednesday, January 28, 1925

2. Compilation of the new Wichita city directory for 1925 is just finished.

George Siedhoff has repurchased the half interest in the Broadview Hotel he sold to Charles E. Gillen, of St. Louis, ten months ago.

Contracts were let Monday by city commission for the new Murdock Avenue bridge over Little River for $87,007, and for a bridge over the drainage canal at Broadway Avenue for $23,477.

Sunday, February 1, 1925

B-6. Article with reminiscences of early Wichita by Mrs. Charles (Emma) Goodyear, 1526 Maple, who came here at age 16 as Miss Emma Smith in November 1869. Details.

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Start of new “Town Crier” Sunday magazine section.

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Wednesday, February 4, 1925

5. High school boys jumping up and down on the rear end of a street car caused it to jump the track as it was taking the curve at Douglas and Hydraulic at 8:00 a.m. today. The high school boys have been amusing themselves by jumping up and down every morning on the extra cars put into service for the early morning rush. These cars are of the old type with the large rear platforms, and the constant teeter-tottering endangers their equilibrium.

10. This has been a very expensive winter for the Wichita Railroad and Light Company because of the almost continuous snow since the middle of December. Mr. Patten, superintendent, says the company has used the snow sweepers more this winter than in any winter since 1912, and the two sand cars have been in almost constant use since December. The company has also had considerable trouble with flat wheels caused by sliding over the slippery rails.

Saturday, February 7, 1925

4. Report of progress on bridge construction in Wichita. Canal bridge on Kellogg should
be finished in one week. Lengthening of Woodman Bridge and Central Avenue Bridge should be finished by first of March. Last abutment on the new Seneca Street Bridge will be finished today, leaving only the superstructure to be finished. ¶ Tearing out of the old Murdock Avenue Bridge over the Little River began yesterday.

8. The name of the Hauser Garrison Dry Goods Company has been changed to the Osborne and Keith Dry Goods Company. Details.

11. Arkansas Valley Interurban today announced a change in schedule reducing the number of cars between Wichita and Hutchinson from 14 to 12 a day, leaving one and a half hours apart.

Sunday, February 8, 1925
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1. Report of plan for reorganization of the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railroad now before the Federal Court in Topeka for approval. Details.

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14. Reminiscences about Wichita in 1895 to 1905, including mention of the many saloons, etc. Details.

Monday, February 9, 1925
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1. Article about the proposed gift of Fairmount College to Wichita as a municipal university, to be voted on April 7. Details.

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4. List of street paving projects planned for this year. Includes the last three blocks of unpaved street in Riverside: Harrison from Coolidge to Amidon and Briggs from Perry to Amidon. Details. Riverside will be the first section of Wichita to have every street paved.

5. Raising of steel for the seventh and last story of the York Rite Temple Building began this morning.

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7. The new Kellogg Street bridge over the drainage canal will be opened for traffic Sunday.

9. Report of death this morning of Albert H. Bolte at age 51. Born in Wichita on May 4, 1873, son of Wichita pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bolte. For years he and his brother, R. C. Bolte, operated a furniture store on East Douglas, but in recent years they have been
in the real estate business. Survived by wife and three brothers (named).

12. The Dunn Mercantile Company will build a one story store building 30 by 84 at corner of Harry and Emporia similar to the one built last year at 18th (sic) and Waco.

Saturday, February 14, 1925

2. The Wichita Country Club is making plans to build a new 18 hole golf course which will not use any of the holes of the present course although much of the same land will be used. The club’s present course covers 83 acres. Sixty acres additional have been bought by the club.

Sunday, February 15, 1925

5. Photograph of home at 220 North Roosevelt bought last week by Gary R. Houston, of A. C. Houston Lumber Company, from C. A. Bayless, who built it about a year ago.

Wednesday, February 18, 1925

5. Contract let yesterday for the new Salvation Army Rescue Home north of Sim Park. Building to cost $100,000 and will be four times the size of the present home at 1103 North St. Francis. George H. Siedhoff Construction Company is general contractor. Details.

Thursday, February 19, 1925

10. George Bissantz, real estate dealer, has purchased property in second block on North Market, north of the Sedgwick Annex, formerly owned by the old Missouri-Kansas Telephone Company and including the three story telephone company building on the site, for $60,000. The former owners were Mrs. J. B. Hupp, 4001 East Douglas, and J. S. Banes, Pratt, Kansas banker. The total frontage is 92 feet, half of which is occupied by the old telephone building. The old building will be remodeled and a new one built adjacent to the Sedgwick Annex.

Friday, February 20, 1925

2. Advertisement with map of Cities Service Company gas pipelines.

Sunday, February 22, 1925

2. Contract was let Friday for new one story brick store building for the Dunn Mercantile Company at Harry and Emporia. To be 40 by 84 feet and cost $8200.

6. Current issue of *School Board Journal* has article about Wichita High School, with photographs.
Sunday, February 22, 1925
Page 11. Article about founding of Wichita Country Club, with excellent photograph of the original club house (Proudfoot house). Photograph was taken by Fred Baldwin the first Saturday after the Circle Drive place was taken over. New clubhouse was built later just east of Circle Drive.

Thursday, February 26, 1925
Page 9. The new Kellogg Street bridge over the drainage canal was opened a week ago Sunday. The Central Avenue bridge over the canal should be completed March 15 and the Woodman Bridge extension in Riverside should be finished March 10. Three of the nine spans in the Seneca bridge over the Arkansas river have been finished and the foundations and buttresses are all in. The old Murdock Street bridge over the Little River has been torn out and work is progressing on the new bridge.

14. The Smith Baking Company plant in Wichita is included in the merger of bakeries now being made of 25 plants, to be known as the Empire Baking Company. Bryce B. Smith is president of the Consumers’ Bread Company of Kansas City, and head of the local bakery. The capacity of the Wichita plant is about 35,000 loaves a day.

Saturday, February 28, 1925
Page 7. Mr. T. M. Deal has purchased the home of Mrs. W. O. Van Arsdale, at 205 Broadview, on northwest corner of 1st and Broadview. The Italian style home, designed by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects, cost $60,000 to build nearly four years ago. Mr. Deal now lives at 1247 North Emporia and is president of the Deal Lumber Company.

Sunday, March 1, 1925
Page 7. New one story brick building is to be built by A. J. Christman at 218-220 North Lawrence starting this week. To be 60 by 140 feet and cost about $25,000, and has been leased by J. Arch Butts for his Packard automobile agency. To be completed by May 1st.

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Page Magazine 6. Article about work of Alfred MacDonald in beautifying Wichita’s parks. Details.

Tuesday, March 3, 1925
Page 3. City Undertaking Company, owned by Charles E. Lahey and Earl P. Martin, has let contract for new building at southeast corner of Douglas and Lulu, 50 by 120 feet, two stories, of buff brick, to cost $40,000.
7. Wichita’s new tourist camp at 13th and Little River, which opened September 24 last year and was closed November 1, will reopen some time this week for spring and summer travelers. Details.

**Wednesday, March 4, 1925**

8. Contract has been let for Wichita’s new electric traffic signal system and work will probably begin tomorrow and be completed in about a month. Cost is $2100. Twelve downtown corners will be equipped with traffic signals, including Douglas at Waco, Water, Main, Market, Lawrence, Topeka, Emporia, and St. Francis, and Lawrence and 1st, Lawrence and William, Market and 1st, and Market and William.

11. The Interdale Apartments, 918 North Lawrence, and the Alameda Court Apartments, 517 North Topeka, have been sold. Details.

**Friday, March 6, 1925**


**Saturday, March 7, 1925**

8. Article discusses in some detail the question of the true site of the Treaty of the Little Arkansas (actually three separate treaties between the United States government and Indian tribes on October 14, October 17, and October 18, 1865). Question whether it was five miles north of city limits of Wichita, or five miles north of junction of Big and Little Arkansas rivers, etc.

**Tuesday, March 10, 1925**

7. Note about former Wichita musician and band leader, W. W. Sanford, says he left Wichita about 20 years ago and is now engaged in the real estate business in Los Angeles.

**Wednesday, March 11, 1925**

2. Robert Campbell, secretary of the Guarantee Title and Trust company, has purchased the Lorentz Schmidt residence at 138 North Roosevelt.

5. The Arkansas Valley Transportation Company yesterday took over operation of the Greenleaf stage line between Wichita and Salina and added service to Winfield and Arkansas City via Oxford and Belle Plaine, and today will take over the Moore line between Wichita and Salina. Details.

**Thursday, March 12, 1925**
13. Julius Lucht resigned his position as city librarian yesterday after nine and a half years in this job. To be effective in April. He accuses the library board of being unprogressive. Details.

Friday, March 13, 1925

Note says the bill providing for regulation of buses in Kansas has just been passed by the state legislature.

Saturday, March 14, 1925

Report of death yesterday in Phoenix, Arizona of Mrs. Cash Henderson, one of the first children born in Wichita, at age 54, from tuberculosis. Was born January 27, 1871. Maiden name was Anna Gribi. Parents came to Kansas from Switzerland and still live at 431 South Water. Married Cash Henderson in 1889. They lived at 815 South Emporia, where her daughter, Mrs. Carl Mosbacher, now lives. Mr. Henderson died in 1909. Survived by (besides Mrs. Mosbacher), son Cash, Jr., and daughter Miss Barbara Henderson, and by two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Knoblauch, 940 South Lawrence, and Mrs. A. H. Bolte, Shirkmere Apartments.

11. Photograph of new Nokomis Apartments, 426 North Topeka, which is to be duplicated by the owner, Claude E. Neil, on a site adjoining it on the south, with 30 foot court between the two buildings. New building to cost $70,000.

Sunday, March 15, 1925

Detailed article about the Wichita Bicycle Club of the 1880s, with photograph and names.

Wednesday, March 18, 1925

The Golden Rule Refinery Company, has taken a ten year lease on northeast corner of 2nd and Market and will erect a drive-in filling station on the site in about 60 days. The property is owned by Mrs. S. G. Neff.

Friday, March 20, 1925

R. R. Vermillion, of the law firm of Vermillion, Evans, Carey, and Lilleston, has sold his home at 1204 North Topeka, where he has resided for the last 38 years, and has let the contract for a new residence to be built at southwest corner of 2nd and East. Site has frontage of 127 feet on East.

Article report’s slight changes in timetable of the Arkansas Valley Interurban effective Sunday, March 22. Details. There will be 13 trains daily between Wichita and
8. Advertisement with drawing of Woolf Brothers store.

**Sunday, March 22, 1925**

4. Johnson Brothers Auto Supply will hold formal opening Wednesday, March 25, of their new location at 117-123 South St. Francis (corner of William and St. Francis). The company was started in 1908. Details and photograph.

B-1. The Adeline Apartments, at corner of 13th and Emporia, were sold yesterday to David S. Jackman, treasurer of the Kansas Milling Company, by Thomas C. Naylor, who built them two years ago.

D-6. Photograph of used car department of Mosbacher Motor Company at 251-53 North Lawrence.

D-7. Advertisement of Wichita Automobile Company showing Reo buses.

**Tuesday, March 24, 1925**

11. New ward and precinct map of Wichita.

**Wednesday, March 25, 1925**

6. The Santa Fe plans to build a third track between the company’s freight yards at 25th street and Central Avenue this spring. Details. This will provide a switching track for local industries entirely independent of the main tracks. About two miles of additional tracks will also be built in the North Wichita yards. Total cost $175,000.

7. Article about strong competition between bus lines operating out of Wichita. Details.

9. Ellis Charles, architect, is to prepare plans for two entrance arches to North Belmont, at Douglas and Central, which will be built by residents of that street at cost of approximately $10,000.

**Thursday, March 26, 1925**

1. Federal judge Pollack has approved the sale and reorganization plans of the Orient Railroad. Details.

10. Interview with J. J. Crawford, age 80, who passed through site of Wichita in 1866 and says there was then a man camped at the bend where Little Arkansas runs into the Big Arkansas, by the name of Griffenstein, who was trading with the Indians for fur, buffalo robes, and horses.
Thursday, April 2, 1925

2. The corner stone of the new Salvation Army Rescue Home at 11th Street entrance to Sim Park will be laid this Sunday afternoon. Details.

9. A. A. Hyde is selling small tracts in a suburban subdivision, known as the Ormiston Addition, located on the old Bunton farm, lying west of Arkansas Avenue, two and a half miles north of 21st Street. Mr. Hyde purchased the 150 acres included in the Bunton farm nearly a year ago. A part of this has been subdivided and is being sold for $550 an acre with restriction to houses costing not less than $3500. The central portion of the addition is reserved for the Hydes. This property faces on the Little River. It is understood that George Hyde, son of A. A. Hyde, expects to build a fine home on the east side of Little River, which bisects the farm, while Albert Hyde, another son, will erect a home on the west side of the river.

Saturday, April 4, 1925

2. John Noble is in Wichita to visit his mother. Interview expresses his views on various subjects. Says he is getting as much as $5000 for his paintings.

Sunday, April 5, 1925

2. Article about home building promotion by J. Elmer Clarke and Claude R. Lambe, realtors. Details and photograph of the two men.

7. Article about A. A. Hyde’s 75th birthday party. Details.

Sunday, April 5, 1925

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7. Advertisement for Busch Shoe Repair company with photographs.

10. Photograph of Butts Building.

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8. The scaffolding which has helped support the roof over the great chapel room at Friends University ever since the building was erected in the 1880s is now being torn down, since the ceiling of the chapel room has finally been completed. The boards for the scaffold were securely bolted into place and are mostly two by 12s and two by 14s and are 30 to 40 feet in length. Details. (Note: April 7, page five, says the scaffold was erected in 1888 by J. M. Campbell, father of John A. Campbell, of 108 East 10th.)

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Thursday, April 9, 1925

3. W. T. Kemper, former receiver of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company, was elected president of the reorganized company, named the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company, at meeting of the board of directors in Wichita yesterday. Details.

Friday, April 10, 1925

8. Miss Ruth E. Hammond was appointed by the library board yesterday as city librarian, to succeed Julius Lucht, who has resigned. Details.

Tuesday, April 14, 1925

5. Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate granite marker today at the site they believed was where the treaty of the Little Arkansas was signed in 1865, on the old Thompson farm seven miles north and one mile west of the junction of the Big and Little Arkansas rivers. The marker has been erected about a half mile from the river bank. The peace treaty encampment was believed by the state historian to be on the southeast corner, Section 7, Township 26, Range 1 East, subsequently the E. P. Thompson farm, later owned by Josh A. Lavender.

Wednesday, April 15, 1925

2. City commission yesterday elected B. F. Copley, president of the Wichita Creamery Company, as Wichita’s new mayor. He came to Wichita in 1906, when he purchased the Wichita Creamery Company.

Saturday, April 18, 1925

11. W. S. Dalton, proprietor of the City Lunch, second block on South Main, has taken a two year lease on the 75 feet of ground at 231-33 South Main, opposite the City Library, from Kimball Brothers and G. H. Fralick. A small house and lunch stand which have occupied the location for years are being moved off the property.

24. The Santa Fe will dedicate its new office building in Topeka today. Details.

Sunday, April 19, 1925
The Travel Air Company, Inc. is building two hangers at its new flying field on East Central and another will be built as soon as the first two are completed. Banker Bixby, of St. Louis, who purchased Maiden Wichita, the first plane of the shop, has contracted for three more, and the company has orders for a dozen ships. The company has a lease on 80 acres of the Ed Hart place seven miles east on Central, with an option on another 80. Three new ships are now under way at the shops on the east bank of the river at 1st Street. Details.

B-10. The new Boys’ Country Club at Lulu and Bayley will be dedicated this week. Photograph.

Tuesday, April 21, 1925

A new union bus depot was opened yesterday on the northwest corner of 1st and Lawrence by the Southern Kansas Stage Lines and the Seamans and Seamans lines, which have taken a five year lease on the property. Other inter-city bus companies will be invited to use the union bus terminal. The east part of the site is occupied by a Blue Star filling station. Details.

Applications for inter-city bus franchises will be heard in Wichita on May 20 by the motor carrier department for the Kansas Public Service Commission. Details.

The Wichita Gas Company subsidiary of the Cities Service Company has taken a five year lease on 112 feet in the fourth block on South St. Francis. A two story brick building built for the Daniels Shoe Factory at 417 South St. Francis occupies the south 50 feet of the site. A building 50 by 70 feet will be erected on the adjacent site.

Wednesday, April 22, 1925

Preliminary state census population figure for Wichita is 86,066.

Arlie Davis, operator of bus lines to Arkansas City and Salina, has joined Southern Kansas Stage Lines and Seamans and Seamans in the use of the new union bus terminal, 216 East 1st. Beginning May 1, all bus lines operating from the union depot will discontinue hotel and curb stops.

City commission yesterday, ordered paving despite protests, of the unpaved portion of 2nd Street between the two bridges on Ackerman Island.

Saturday, April 25, 1925

The downtown properties of Henry Schweiter were yesterday transferred from his personal ownership to the recently chartered Schweiter Building Corporation whose stockholders are Henry Schweiter and his children, Henry Jr., Will, Otto, John, Mrs.
Carrie McNeal, and Mrs. Lillie Lutgen. Real estate involved includes the Schweiter Building and properties at 116 West Douglas, 258 North Main, 423 and 425 East Douglas, and 507 East Douglas. His large tract of land in southeast Wichita is not included in the transfer.

**Sunday, April 26, 1925**

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10. Article about early automobiles in Wichita with photograph in first flower parade of the Wichita Automobile Club, held in 1903. In 1908 the auto club published a booklet listing a total of 118 car owners in the city. Details. J. O. Davidson owned a Haynes auto at that time.

**Tuesday, April 28, 1925**


**Thursday, April 30, 1925**

5. Advertisement announcing opening of new Dunn Store No.19, at Harry and Emporia, which is an exact duplicate of Store No. 17 at 13th and Waco. Dunn Stores owned by Dunn twins, Harry and Horace. First of their stores began 32 years ago at 418 East Douglas, and was later moved to 724 North Main. Fifteen years ago a second story was opened at 1149 South Lawrence, and since then 18 stores have been formed. Advertisement lists location of all Dunn stores. Photographs of ones at 13th and Waco and at Harry and Emporia.

10. Coca Cola Bottling Company, 215 South Washington, is planning to construct a new two story building late this summer at southeast corner of 1st and Mosley, fronting 107 feet on Mosley and 150 feet on 1st Street, at cost of $50,000.

**Saturday, May 2, 1925**

1. Two people killed Thursday night in collision of west bound auto with north bound Arkansas Valley Interurban at 29th Street crossing west of Arkansas Avenue. Details.

7. Report of death Tuesday evening of pioneer Wichita physician, Dr. William A. Minnick, at his home, 1061 North Market, of cerebral hemorrhage. Came to Wichita from Illinois, in 1885. Survived by wife, a daughter, Mrs. J. D. Howard, of Chatham, New Jersey, and a brother, Dr. L. W. Minnick, of Wichita.

**Sunday, May 3, 1925**
2. Oak Park has been made more attractive by the completion of a more beautiful drive, which reaches the most densely wooded portions of the park. The new drive was opened to the public today for the first time. All the old drives have been abandoned.

B-10. Wichita Union Terminal Company says motor buses and cars have cut heavily into railroad earnings from local transportation. In 1918, the peak, Wichita Union Terminal sold 600,000 passenger tickets. Last year the number was barely over 300,000, with decrease of one million dollars in revenue.

Monday, May 4, 1925

The Wichita Board of Trade has sold its radio broad-casting station, WEAH, located on the Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Building, to the Hotel Lassen. All new apparatus will be installed on the roof of the hotel, and power will be increased from the present 100 watts to 250 to 500 watts.

Wednesday, May 6, 1925

List of inter-city bus lines which have filed applications to appear at hearing of the Kansas Public Service Commission in Wichita on May 20. Also lists the Wichita city bus operators.

Thursday, May 7, 1925

The new Seneca Street Bridge across the Arkansas River is to be dedicated and opened May 27.

Friday, May 8, 1925

The Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railway Company has ordered five large freight oil burner locomotives from the Baldwin Locomotive Company, to be delivered within the next two and a half months. Total weight is 434,500 pounds each and will be used this summer to move the wheat crop on the division between Fairview, Oklahoma, and Altus, where the Orient line has its maximum grade.

Article today says Seneca Street Bridge is to be opened May 23. Constructed by the List and Weatherly Company, and is 381 feet long. Cost about $110,000.

9. Article about a change of cooperate structure being made by the Wichita Hospital. Details. The financial problems of the hospital have been a worry since 1917.

Sunday, May 10, 1925

Contract was signed last week with the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Connecticut,
for a $10,000 organ for the Wichita High School auditorium. Details.

Monday, May 11, 1925

3. Short note reports death Friday night of Samuel B. Amidon, attorney, suddenly, of heart disease. Photograph.

Tuesday, May 12, 1925


Thursday, May 14, 1925

8. A deal begun nearly a year ago was consummated Tuesday by the purchase by the Rounds and Porter Lumber Company of a five acre tract on the west side of the second block of North Waco belonging to the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. A large building will be erected there. The property fronts 267 feet on Waco, adjoining the Kansas Gas and Electric building on the north. It extends west to the Arkansas River and fronts 443 feet on the 2nd Street. A portion of the property purchased will be leased to the Wichita Railroad and Light Company for storage purposes.


Friday, May 15, 1925

Special Section


Sunday, May 17, 1925

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6. Photographs of Clapp children with horse and wagon in 1896 and in White steamer auto in 1904. Article with details.

11. Photograph of Douglas Avenue with street cars.

Thursday, May 21, 1925

1. Report of hearing in Wichita yesterday by Kansas Public Service Commission on applications for licenses for 51 bus lines. George Theis, president, testified Arkansas Valley Interurban’s passenger receipts declined from $570,000 in 1920 to $374,000 in 1924, and the company has lost money the last two years. Details.

3. Wichita’s old fire station at 228 North Market was purchased a few months ago from the
city by Stein Brothers furriers. It is now a modern structure, and Stein Brothers Tuesday leased the ground floor for three years to the L. T. and F. Drug Sundry Company, which has been located at 632 North Main.

5. Complete will of Samuel B. Amidon.

Friday, May 22, 1925

1. Announcement that a 14 story building will be erected at southeast corner of Lawrence and Douglas by Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick Trust of Chicago replacing the present Union National Bank Building. The site, 75 by 125 feet, has been purchased for $550,000, and within 90 days, wrecking of the present building will begin. Details.

Sunday, May 24, 1925

B-1. Contract has been completed for erection of the new 14 story office building, to be known as the Union National Bank Building. Details. Razing of the present building will start soon after July 1.

C-1. Article describes the transformation and beauty of Oak Park, under direction of L. W. Clapp. Details.

Sunday, May 24, 1925

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10. Article about “Jim” and “Rock,” two fire horses at Fire Station No. 2 on South Topeka in the early 1890s. The station was completed at 232 South Topeka in 1888. Details. Photograph.

Monday, May 25, 1925

8. Report of the dedication and opening to the public of the new Seneca Street Bridge Friday night last. Bridge has been named for B. F. McLean, former city commissioner and resident on Seneca Street. Details.

Wednesday, May 27, 1925

3. The York Rite Temple Building will be completed and ready for occupancy June 29.

Friday, May 29, 1925

3. Construction on the new Rounds and Porter Building in second block on North Waco will start by the middle of June. To be one story, brick, 250 by 300 feet, and cost about $80,000. The site is that recently purchased from the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, and on which the Billy Sunday and Gipsy Smith tabernacles were built.
20. Fifty-nine employes of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company who have sold one or more shares of stock in the customer ownership campaign of the Kansas Power and Light Company, parent company to the Wichita’s corporation, were entertained at a dinner Wednesday night.

Monday, June 1, 1925
8. The two story brick building at southwest corner of Market and English has been purchased as an investment by Wells W. Miller, realtor, and his brother, George, as an investment. Building is 75 by 140 feet and was built five years ago by the Elks Club. The ground floor is now occupied by the Wichita Oakland Motor Company.

Wednesday, June 3, 1925
6. The Interlocking Cement Stave Silo Company has acquired a three acre triangular strip of ground between Murdock and Elm on the Frisco right-of-way from the Standard Oil Company, which has used the property for many years. Twenty-five thousand square feet at the south end of the triangular strip was purchased from Standard Oil company for $7500. A 50 year lease between the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company and the Standard Oil Company made in September 1892 on the remainder of the site has been taken over by the silo company.

12. Within three weeks the Travel Air airplane manufacturing company, 471 North Waco, (sic) will hold the grand opening of its new flying field four miles east of Hillside on Central.

20. Contract was awarded Monday for construction of the Southwest Osteopathic Sanitarium at Rutan and Douglas to the F. C. Randa Construction Company. Contract was for $48,860. Heating and plumbing contract was $17,888, to Clark and Smith, and electrical contract for $3505 went to Central Electrical Company, making total cost $70,343. Architect is S. S. Voigt.

Thursday, June 4, 1925
14. The new Alumni Auditorium at Friends University which lay unfinished for nearly 40 years, is now ready for use for commencement exercises and other ceremonies.

Sunday, June 7, 1925
7. Article about Wichita “Invincibles” basketball team of 1893-94 with photograph (showing John P. Davidson). Details.

10. Article about the rustic home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davison at 1104 Pierce (sic), with photograph. Mr. Davison owns the Commercial Bank on North Main, “the only privately
owned bank in Kansas.”

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9. The Orpheum Building Company has regained possession of the lease and equipment of the Orpheum Theater from the Interstate Amusement Company, of Dallas, Texas, which took a long term lease on it in the spring of 1922 but is alleged to have defaulted on rent due of $48,000. Details.


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page
2. Photograph of motorman A. C. Arnett in window of street car 265 on Cleveland Avenue line.

Report of death Friday of Henry Timmermeyer, 1324 North Wichita, Wichita resident for ten years, in Timmermeyer’s Grove, 29th Street and the Little River. The grove is owned by his brother, William Timmermeyer. Other survivors are a brother, Frank, in Lawrence, and four sisters, Mrs. J. E. Morris, with whom he made his home, and Elizabeth, Katherine, and Anna Timmermeyer.

Wednesday, June 17, 1925
page
1. Article reporting that five bus lines permits have been denied to Wichita companies by the Kansas Public Service Commission. Details.

5. Report that the S. W. Forrester home, 1201 River Boulevard, was sold yesterday for $100,000 to an out-of-town man. Mr. Forrester purchased the property nearly six years ago and made extensive improvements. He purchased it from the late J. H. Butts, who bought it from Tipton Cox, now of Little Rock, Arkansas. When Mr. Cox owned it it was remodeled throughout. Mr. Cox purchased the property from the builder, J. O. Davidson,
nearly 20 years ago for $20,000. It was said to have cost nearly $100,000 to build.

The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has purchased the northeast corner of 10th and Wichita streets for approximately $15,000, with frontage of 140 feet on 10th and 250 feet on Wichita, as a site for a new bus garage building. The location is across 10th Street from the street car barns.

**Thursday, June 18, 1925**

2. Article about the plans for new bus garage to be built at 10th and Wichita by Wichita Railroad and Light Company. Details.

14. Lon H. Powell, president of the Wichita Terminal Elevator Company, plans to build a new $35,000 to $40,000 home this year on East Street, adjacent to the home of Earle W. Evans. Details.

**Friday, June 19, 1925**

2. C. W. Mourning has obtained building permit for a two story brick apartment house to be erected at 428 North Emporia at cost of about $20,000.

**Saturday, June 20, 1925**

14. The two mile extension of Douglas Avenue Road, granted recently by the county commission, probably will be opened early in the fall. This road now extends a mile east of the city limits at Oliver Street.

20. R. R. Vermillion, who is building a new residence on College Hill, has sold his present house at 1204 North Topeka to Frank L. Carson, cashier of First National Bank.

**Sunday, June 21, 1925**

2. Drawing of Roger S. Hurd residence, now under construction at 418 North East Street. Article with details.

B-3. Photograph of interior of Riverside Park Baby Camp building.

**Sunday, June 21, 1925**


10. Article about the California style houses built by Harry Pottenger on Oakland Street just east of Hillside. Photograph.
Tuesday, June 23, 1925
page 9.
Contract just let for new plate glass and metal store front for the building to be used by
the new clothing store of John Millhaubt in second block on East Douglas.

Wednesday, June 24, 1925
page 9.
Herman F. Hoffman, 1601 Woodrow, has asked city commission to change the zoning
ordinance to permit him to build an apartment building on the land at southwest corner
of Douglas and Rutan which he has purchased from Clayton Smith for $30,000. A ten
acre chicken ranch at 1601 Woodrow was given as part consideration for the purchase,
and Mr. Hoffman has purchased a home at 1145 Coolidge and is moving there today. ¶
The site fronts on Douglas 126 feet and 339 feet on Rutan.

Thursday, June 25, 1925
page 5.
School board census shows Wichita’s population to be 91,038 compared with 89,676 last
year, and compared with 87,906 in the state census taken this spring by the county
assessor.

Saturday, June 27, 1925
page 4.
The old two story brick building at northeast corner of Emporia and Waterman is to be
razed and replaced by a $50,000 warehouse building, 75 by 140 feet. The old building
was erected in 1887 by Baughman and Freeman, who operated a hack barn there. The
property was then taken over by the late Whitney R. Tucker, who sold it to the present
owners, Singer and Donnell, for a furniture warehouse in 1893.

Sunday, June 28, 1925
page C-1.
Article giving history of Waterworks Island. Details. (“Pumping Plant Former Site of
Three Islands”)

Article with history of Sedgwick Block. Photograph. (“Wichita’s First Skyscraper”)

Sunday, June 28, 1925
page Magazine
8.
Article about “Sycamore Beach,” the summer home of Drs. Dorsey and Weaver at 53rd
Street and Little River. Photographs. (“Raising Cabbage and Building Character”)

Tuesday, June 30, 1925
page 1.
Bids for air mail service on eight routes have been invited by the Postmaster-General, and
Wichita is on one of them, the Chicago to Dallas route. Details.
12. Report of death Sunday in Portland, Oregon, of Miss Jessie L. Clark, supervisor of music at Wichita High School for more than 25 years. Age about 60. Came to Wichita from New York State and was employed as a teacher February 2, 1887 at salary of $50 per month. Details.

Wednesday, July 1, 1925

2. City commission Monday granted permission of the old Bidleman estate, a 40 acre tract just southeast of corner of Hydraulic and Kellogg, bounded by Gilbert on the south and the drainage canal on the east. For years it has been an alfalfa field, although it was platted at one time, and a diagonal street, Broadway, cuts across it to the southeast from the corner of Hydraulic and Kellogg. The city commission granted permission to vacate all present streets in the tract except Broadway. New streets will be joined to those already established.

City commission Monday granted zoning change to permit Herman F. Hoffman to build apartment house at Rutan and Douglas.

3. Final school census shows Wichita population of 92,016 for 1925.

8. Six intercity motor bus routes between Wichita and surrounding towns will be discontinued through denial of permission to operate by the Kansas Public Service Commission. Details.

9. Article about weeds, etc., on Ackerman Island. Details.

Sunday, July 5, 1925

10. Article with history of Zimmerly Block. Photograph.

B-5. Advertisement announces inauguration of daily Wichita to Kansas City passenger plane flights beginning Monday, July 6th, by Kansas City Air Transportation Company. Planes leave Swallow Field. Fare $30 one way, $55 round trip.

B-6, 7. Advertisement announcing New York Rite Temple Building is now open for tenants. Photograph.

Sunday, July 5, 1925

Magazine

4. Long article about Louise Caldwell Murdock and her gift of Caldwell-Murdock Building proceeds to Wichita Art Museum. Photographs of Mrs. Murdock and building. (“A Substantial Love for Wichita”)
The first air passenger service for Wichita will start today when an airplane of the Kansas City Airways Transportation Company leaves Kansas City at 7:00 a.m. for Wichita. Returning it will leave Swallow Airplane Field at 4:00 p.m. daily. Three planes, all new, will be put in service on this line. Freight and express will also be carried. The Blue Bird Taxicab Company will be the booking agent in Wichita for the new service and will pick up passengers and take them to the airplane field.

Tuesday, July 7, 1925

The Kansas City to Wichita passenger plane flight yesterday stopped at Emporia and when there was no fuel ready at the field there and no definite bookings for the return trip from Wichita, the plane returned from Emporia to Kansas City without coming to Wichita. However it is expected to come to Wichita today.

Friday, July 10, 1925

The Wichita Flour Mills Company yesterday let contract for construction of 14 more large grain tanks, to be built adjacent to its present elevator at cost of $50,000. To be concrete, 21 feet in diameter and 100 feet high, and will give an additional 300,000 bushels of storage capacity.

Sunday, July 12, 1925

Article with some history about skyscrapers in Wichita. Details.

Monday, July 13, 1925

The Arkansas Valley Transportation Company (subsidiary of Arkansas Valley Interurban) will start bus service this week between Wichita and Hutchinson and intermediate towns, but carrying no through passengers between Wichita and Hutchinson, according to permit granted by Kansas Public Service Commission. Details. The Arkansas Valley Transmission Company now has established seven bus lines radiating from Wichita, to Arkansas City, Winfield, Wellington, McPherson, Salina, and Hutchinson, and operates 13 buses over 253 route miles. Details.

Tuesday, July 14, 1925

Drawing of planned new 14 story Union National Bank Building. Bids to be opened July 27. Details.

Southern Kansas Stage Lines asked permission to issue $25,000 in common stock by Public Service Commission yesterday. To be used to pay for purchase of the Hudson and Frank Greenleaf bus routes. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company was incorporated last November with capitalization of $50,000.
3. Missouri Pacific has purchased 15 and a half acres lying just west of the car’s shops on 25th Street for $13,150 from John Ferreter, real estate dealer. To be used for enlargement of the shops here and building of additional trackage. The new tract of land extends to the Rock Island right-of-way and a connecting track with the Rock Island will be built to facilitate interchange between the two lines.

6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company has asked the Kansas Public Service Commission for permission to extend its motor bus line on Kellogg from Rutan east on Kellogg to Belmont. This would abandon the present loop at end of line south on Rutan to Waterman and back to Kellogg on Green. The company also stated it intends to extend its College Hill street car line on Douglas from Roosevelt to Belmont.

Thursday, July 16, 1925

2. The Wheeler, Kelly and Hagny Company has purchased the three story brick building at 223 North Market, formerly the home of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company, from Mrs. Mayme B. Hupp of Wichita and J. S. Barnes, of Pratt, for $40,000. It has frontage of 50 feet on Market and is 140 feet deep and was at one time headquarters of Thomas Hopkins Post of the American Legion.

12. The Wichita Hospital was sold Tuesday to the Sisters of St. Joseph for $150,000. Details and history of hospital.

Ground to be broken Sunday for the new St. James Episcopal Church at Douglas and Yale. Drawing. Details.

Saturday, July 18, 1925

2. The street railway in Arkansas City operated by the Southwestern Interurban Railway Company will go out of business and pull up its tracks within a few days. The interurban line to Winfield will continue business for a short time at least. The street railway system was started February 24, 1909 and has been a losing proposition almost from the start. The history of street car systems in Arkansas City extends back to 1888, when the late A. A. Newman and others started a mule car system which operated until 1907.

12. The Wichita Gas Company today formally took over the distribution of gas in Wichita. With this transfer, the Kansas Gas and Electric Company become solely an electricity serving utility.

Report that the Yellow Cab Company and the Bluebird Taxicab Company are to be consolidated.

Sunday, July 19, 1925

4. Article about the new Shanklin Grocery Store at 1601 East Douglas. Details and
Photographs.


C-2. Interview with Howard Patten, manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, urging purchase of the seven percent cumulative preferred stock of the Kansas Power and Light Company. Says the Wichita Railroad and Light company is owned by the Kansas Public Service Company and financed by the Kansas Power and Light Company. Details.

Sunday, July 19, 1925
page Magazine
2. Article about beautification of the house and garden of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Damon at 641 South Glenn, alongside the Wichita and Western right of way. Photographs.

Monday, July 20, 1925
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6. Ground broken yesterday for new St. James Episcopal Church. Details.

Tuesday, July 21, 1925
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7. The Blue Bird Cab and Transfer Company and the Yellow Cab Company were consolidated yesterday. The merged company will have a total of 28 cabs and eight trucks. Details.

9. Contract has been let for erection of two ornamental arches across Belmont Avenue at Douglas and Central. Plans prepared by Ellis Charles and Company.

Wednesday, July 22, 1925
page
12. Board of trustees of Wesley Hospital have recommended building of addition to east wing of hospital to add 60 beds. Details.

Thursday, July 23, 1925
page
3. Effective Saturday, July 25, the Arkansas Valley Transportation Company will operate bus service between Hutchinson and Wichita by way of Haven, Mt. Hope, and Maize for local traffic only. There will be two buses each way daily. Details.

Friday, July 24, 1925
page
1. Article about complaints about the interpretation of the new Kansas bus law by the Public Service Commission in the granting of certificates to operate. Details.
7. Fred W. Dold today sold his residence at 1335 North Lawrence to Allen McWhorter for $14,500 and plans to build a new home on North Belmont.

18. W. S. Grant let contract yesterday for another unit for his warehouse at 123 North Rock Island. The new building at 125-27 North Rock Island will adjoin the present warehouse on the north, will be three stories, 57 by 129 feet, and cost $53,000.

Sunday, July 26, 1925

B-3. The L. T. and F. Drug Sundry Company, formerly at 632 North Main, has moved to 228 North Market (old fire station building).

Monday, July 27, 1925

2. The Independent Ice and Cold Storage Company was given a charter today with capital stock of $150,000. The company will remodel and occupy the buildings formerly occupied by the Monarch Furniture Manufacturing Company at southeast corner of Central and the Missouri Pacific tracks. There are two brick buildings on the site, one two story, 60 by 100 feet, and a one story 60 by 110 foot building adjoining it on the south.

10. Cleon A. Whitney is planning remodeling of the 75 feet just east of the Winne Building in second block on East Douglas, including a new front in the Reese Building and addition of another story to the Aley Building. The Reese Building is one of the oldest in the block, having been erected by J. F. Reese in 1883. These buildings are occupied by the Whitlock-Allen Market, the Schuyler Jones Shoe Store, and the Whitney Jewelry Store.

Tuesday, July 28, 1925

3. The Kansas City-Wichita passenger plane service was suspended yesterday after operating for 21 days at a cost of $4500, owing to a lack of patronage.

Wednesday, July 29, 1925

11. The Union National Bank will move to temporary quarters at 121 South Lawrence over the weekend, where it will remain until its new 14 story building is completed.

Friday, July 31, 1925

10. Announcement by Arkansas Valley Transportation Company of a new coach schedule to be operated between Wichita, Wellington, Winfield, and Arkansas City beginning Saturday, August 1. Details. Six round trips daily (two via Belle Plaine).

13. Another four story unit is to be added to the Coleman Lamp Company’s plant on North
St. Francis, extending from the present building north to the old church on the corner of 2nd and St. Francis. The tower of the church is in the way of the construction and is being torn down. Addition to be 60 by 90 feet and cost about $60,000.

Saturday, August 1, 1925
page 2.

W. H. Gaines, 510 North Lawrence, has purchased the Cenpeka Apartment at northwest corner of Central and Topeka from Wallace C. Kemp, cashier of the Citizens’ State Bank. Details.

Sunday, August 2, 1925
page 4.

Union National Bank advertisement announcing relocation of several tenants of their old building, which is to be razed starting Monday, August 3, to make way for their new building. Union National Bank will temporarily be located at 121 South Lawrence.

C-2. Advertisement for airplane rides today for $1.00 at the East Central Flying Field, provided by Travel Air Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Sunday, August 2, 1925
page Magazine

2. Article about the North End Community House, on Topeka near 21st Street. Details and photograph of swimming pool (indoor) there.

6. Photograph of house of E. N. Drowatsky at 2321 North Arkansas, built gradually by him over a period of years beginning in October 1911. Article with details.

Thursday, August 6, 1925
page 16.

Work started today on razing of the old Union National Bank Building. It is expected to be finished in three weeks.

Saturday, August 8, 1925
page 2.

P. L. Brockway, city engineer, has just completed a new map of the city. Details.

8. Advertisement with bus schedules to Eldorado.

Sunday, August 9, 1925
page 7.

Article gives details of arrangements for new Union National Bank building which were completed in just 90 days.

C-7. Small photograph of a large bus being operated by the Wichita Bus Association and
having a body built by the McKenzie Carriage Works, 200 West 1st Street, in Wichita. It is a White Star Line Bus. No. 145 (?)

Friday, August 14, 1925

3. The Missouri Pacific passenger station is to be remodeled at cost of $11,000. The ticket office is to be moved from the southwest corner of the building to the north end of the waiting room where the smoking room is now located. A new tile floor is to be laid in the waiting room. Other details.


11. Dim photograph of a bus of the Arkansas Valley Transportation Company, which is to be used to carry passengers to the Dale-Rice Dance Pavilion. It is a Fageol bus.

Sunday, August 16, 1925

B-7. Today there is little more than a hole in the ground to mark the site of the old Union National Bank Building. It has largely been torn down in only one week.

C-1. Reminiscences of a man who was in Wichita in 1870. Details. (“Arrived A Year Before Wichita Became A Town”)

C-5. Business is picking up at the Kozy Klosure Top Manufacturing Company, located at the Bridgeport Machine Company. More men are being employed and at least 110 men will be employed by this fall. The company produced 16,000 tops last year and the quota this year is set at 30,000.

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10. Photograph of lily pond at Park Villa.

Monday, August 17, 1925

3. Report that George McKnight, 35 year old son of J. Hudson McKnight, of 206 South Hydraulic, was accused two or three days ago of stealing some brooms and a mop from a neighbor’s house. Details.

12. A permanent tabernacle seating over 5000 people and costing $8000 is to be built in Beulah Park by the opening of the 1926 Kansas Holiness Camp Meeting. Details.

Tuesday, August 18, 1925
2. Work has started on the new warehouse and factory for the Rounds and Porter, sash and door house at 2nd and Waco. To be one story, 240 by 340 feet, and cost about $80,000. Expected to be completed by the first of the year. Architect is H. S. Conrow.

This morning, just one week from the time the first brick was taken from the walls of the old Union National Bank Building, that five story building was razed level with the ground. Mike Hahner, building superintendent for the George H. Siedhoff Construction Company, expects to have the steam shovel at work Thursday excavating for the new 14 story Union National Bank Building.

5. J. P. Kinney, 227 North Hillside, today started excavation for a new brick business building, one story, 65 by 80 feet, to be located 75 feet east of Hillside on the north side of Douglas. It will cost $15,000 and contain three store rooms.

7. Large Midland Valley Railroad advertisement about company’s decline in passengers and Less that Carload Lot freight revenue. Passengers revenue down from $12,800,000 (?) in 1920 to $440,000 in year ending June 30, 1925. (Midland Valley advertisement.)

Thursday, August 20, 1925

1. Report of death yesterday of J. Hudson McKnight, at his home, 206 South Hydraulic, following his third stroke since July 25, 1924, at age 63. Born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, and came to Wichita in early 1880s. Married Miss Eva Giltner, of Anthony, in 1884. In 1896 he bought at auction the Robert Black farm extending from Douglas to Kellogg and from Hydraulic to Grove, except for 20 acres at the northwest corner which Mr. Black had previously sold. Black had purchased the property in 1880 from Sam Hoover, the original homesteader. In 1897 Mr. McKnight built the large stone house where he died. Survived by wife, Eva, and a son, George, 35, who has been mentally retarded for many years. Obituary and photograph. Also photograph of the home, called “Willowdale.”

9. The John F. Millhaubt Men’s Clothing Store will be formally opened Friday, August 21, at 217 East Douglas, in the building occupied for several years by Taylor’s Cafeteria. Details.

Saturday, August 22, 1925


Tuesday, August 25, 1925

9. The Grit Printing Company, 122 South Lawrence, will occupy the old Missouri-Kansas
Bell Telephone Company Building in second block of North Market as soon as remodeling is completed.

14. A new half million dollar ice and cold storage plant is to be built this fall by the Independent Ice and Cold Storage Company at Central and the Missouri Pacific tracks on a site 120 by 200 feet. Details.

Wednesday, August 26, 1925

7. Report on the will of J. Hudson McKnight, leaving everything to his wife. Estate estimated at $400,000 to $500,000 in value.

Thursday, August 27, 1925

3. Contract let yesterday for a three story building at southwest corner of 1st and Topeka for the Western Lithograph and Office Supply Company, to cost about $125,000. Contractor is Eberhardt Construction Company, of Salina, and architect is Glen H. Thomas. To be 100 by 140 feet and completed by January 1, 1926. The site was the former site of Cook’s Boarding House for some years. Details.

Saturday, August 29, 1925

2. The September telephone directories are being distributed in Wichita today. Thirty thousand were printed.

Sunday, August 30, 1925

B-2. Photograph of Mrs. Schuyler Jones, Jr., daughter of the late J. R. Mead and Mrs. Fern Mead Jordan, of 134 North Belmont. She was married August 12 in Denver.

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8. Article about Orient Shops with details and photographs. Four hundred ten men employed there. (“What the Orient Means to Wichita”)

10. Article about the oldest house in Wichita still standing on its original, that of Mrs. L. S. Trotter at 457 North Market originally built between 1869 and 1871 by Mr. Hope. Details and photograph.

Monday, August 31, 1925

6. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased a tract of ground 132 by 150 feet between 1st and 2nd and between Mead and Moore streets and has let a contract to John M. Denny to put up a factory building at once.
Article about proposed paving of highway from Wichita to Andale and Mt. Hope. Details.

10. Report of death in Topeka at midnight last night of Mrs. Margaret Du Bois Shuman, an early Wichita resident. Born in 1845 in Covington, Indiana and was the widow of the late W. A. Shuman. In the early days Mr. and Mrs. Shuman owned the farm on which is situated Central (?) and South Riverside Parks. The farm home was located some few hundred yards to the east and south of the present Woodman Bridge. South Riverside Park was for many years known as Shuman’s Park. Mr. Shuman died 15 years ago and is buried in Highland Cemetery. Survived by one sister, Mrs. John E. Brookings, of San Diego, California, and was an aunt of Mrs. W. E. Stanley and John W. Du Bois, of Wichita.

Tuesday, September 1, 1925
page 1., 8. List of income tax payments by Wichita individuals for year 1924.

Wednesday, September 2, 1925
page 1. Another list of Wichita income tax payments.

Thursday, September 3, 1925
page 1. Report of crash of dirigible Shenandoah this morning.

Sunday, September 6, 1925
page 5. Four of the new Decapod engines ordered recently by the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railway are on their way to Wichita from the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Eddystone, Pennsylvania. Five locomotives were in the order, and the fifth is to be shipped as soon as possible. They are to be used in freight services at Altus, Fairview, and Clinton, Oklahoma and are oil burners of the latest type with five driving wheels on each side.

C-5. Interview with Dr. Fabrique, who will be 83 on September 9. Much historical and biographical information. (“The Old Doctor Opens Wide His Memory Chest”)

Friday, September 11, 1925
page 2. The Wichita park board today purchased a tract of land which is to be made into a park on Fairmount Hill. The east three and a half blocks were purchased from Mrs. Emma L. Redden, of Topeka, and was part of the original Redden estate which was platted during the boom days. An adjoining half block on the west was also part of the estate but was purchased by Mr. W. M. G. Howse about two years ago, and is also being sold to the city. The location is between Vassar and Gentry and between 15th and 16th Streets. Cost of
the entire tract is approximately $7800.

3. A year will elapse before work can be done on the long planned widening of the drainage canal, as the city’s right of way needs to be increased from 150 feet to 250 feet. Lengthening of the canal bridges is nearly completed, with only the Douglas Avenue, Harry Street, and Broadway bridges remaining to be lengthened. Contract for the Harry Street bridge was let at the last city commission meeting.

16. Small photograph of the Orient Railroad’s first Motor Car, No. 1, which is to be placed in operation between San Angelo and Alpine, Texas. The car left Wichita Wednesday under its own power for San Angelo.

B-1. Tomorrow is the official opening of the Wichita Gas Company, with offices in the new York Rite Temple Building. Details. The company was organized in May 1925 to take over the gas distribution system of Wichita, which was formerly operated by the Kansas Gas and Electric Company.

**Sunday, September 13, 1925**

9. Advertisement with Arkansas Valley interurban and bus schedules.

**Monday, September 14, 1925**

2. Orient Railroad engine No. 801, brand new from the Baldwin Locomotive Works, arrived in Wichita Friday morning. It is one of the five new locomotives purchased by the Orient recently.

3. Report of death yesterday of veteran Wichita Railroad and Light Company motorman-conductor Charles F. Weaver, age 54, following a stroke eight months ago. He had been a motorman for 23 years, being at the time of his death fifth oldest in seniority among the street car men of the city.

10. More than 350 freight cars have been rebuilt at the Orient Shops during the last seven or eight months. The total includes 67 stock cars and 295 box cars.

**Tuesday, September 15, 1925**

3. Engine No. 801 of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway, which arrived here Friday, was sent to Fairview, Oklahoma Sunday and was to be placed in freight service today.

Wichita Masonic Lodge No. 99 held its last meeting Monday evening in its old quarters at 1st and Main and than transferred the meeting to their new rooms in the York Rite Temple Building. Details.
14. City commission yesterday approved 35 blocks of street paving (listed), including Carlos from 11th to Little River.

**Wednesday, September 16, 1925**

A bus line between Wichita and Valley Center, owned by I. F. McGill and operated as the Valley Center Bus Line, has been discontinued upon an order of the Public Service Commission on August 26, because its service duplicated that of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Company.

**Thursday, September 17, 1925**

Contract has been awarded for the new University Friends Church at University and Glenn Avenues, to the Wichita Construction Company. Cost will be approximately $71,000. Architect is S. S. Voigt. Details.

**Friday, September 18, 1925**

The Lassen Hotel’s new radio station is expected to be on the air by November 1st, with a power of 500 watts. Two steel towers, each 100 feet high, will be placed on the roof of the hotel to carry the aerial. Details.


**Saturday, September 19, 1925**

Former Wichita business man Tipton Cox, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Roy J. Hennings, 842 Nims, the past few days. From the failure of his business here, the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company, he has recovered and is now the owner of 60 cash groceries in Arkansas, and now financially well off. He now lives in Little Rock.

**Sunday, September 20, 1925**

Article about the Will G. Price home at 1040 Riverside, with details and photograph.

**Wednesday, September 23, 1925**

After having discontinued business for a year, the J. H. Engstrom Lumber Company of Wichita has been incorporated by J. H. Engstrom, N. M. Engstrom, John McLean, C. G. Yankey, and Wallace McKay with capital of $100,000.

Passenger business on the Orient Railroad between San Angelo, and Texon, Texas has more than doubled since motor car service was installed, officials of the road say. Two
additional motors, with trailers, will be received some time after the first of October, for service in Texas.

5. Observation car service between Newton and Wichita is a recent addition to the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway operation. This car is attached to regular interurban cars that meet Salina buses at Newton. Although the railway company has owned the observation car for several years, this is the first time it has been put into regular service.

9. Photograph of the new Friends Church at 33rd Street and Park Place, which is to be dedicated next Sunday.

Thursday, September 24, 1925
page
8. The Dunn Mercantile Company is having plans prepared by Glen H. Thomas, architect, for another store, one story, 40 by 50 feet, brick, to be located just east of 13th and St. Francis, adjacent to the abandoned fire station which the Dunn Mercantile Company now occupies with a store.

Saturday, September 26, 1925
page
3. The Travel Air plant on West 1st, near the Arkansas River, is working full time and plans to turn out one airplane every two weeks, or about 25 to 30 planes a year, according to officials of the company. The entire production of the company for the present is sold out.

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page
Magazine
6. Article about a group of artists in Wichita doing lithographs. (“Wichita Artists Turn To Lithographs”)

9. Article about the Salvation Army’s new Booth Memorial Home on West 11th Street, which is being dedicated today. Details and photograph.

Tuesday, September 29, 1925
page
7. Note about the large new electric sign, 22 feet long and seven feet wide, on the front of Henry’s Clothing Store, 420-422 East Douglas.

Thursday, October 1, 1925
page
16. The Murdock Avenue bridge over the Little River will be finished about the last of November. The delay has resulted from difficulties encountered in the under water structure, and the Gunite Construction Company, which has the contract for about $88,000, is likely to lose about $15,000 on the project. The same company has the
contract for the Broadway bridge over the canal, work on which was began early this week.

Saturday, October 3, 1925
page 8. Article about applications to operate three bus lines in parts of the city not now served, which are being made to city commission. (Propose Buses For City Routes Not Yet Served)

Tuesday, October 6, 1925
page 4. The enlargement of Highland Park Cemetery, 1039 Hillside, by the addition of a block of ground, was announced today by C. D. Frank, treasurer. Highland is the oldest cemetery in Wichita. It was established about 1870 and about 5000 persons are buried there. The original area was about 20 acres. The addition extends from 10th to 11th and from Hillside west to Walshman. Roads have been built, lots surveyed, and trees set out.

19. Drawing of Vail’s store, Douglas and Blue Lantern Lane.

Tuesday, October 6, 1925
page Special section
Vail’s Jewelry Company with details and photographs.

Wednesday, October 7, 1925
page 1. Announcement of a new wing to be built at once at Wesley Hospital at cost of $100,000. Details.

5. Hillside Avenue will be widened 18 feet from Central to Pine by virtue of the city’s acceptance from Wesley Hospital of a gift of that much frontage on the street through those two blocks. This will obviate most of the traffic congestion in front of the hospital.


10. Award of the air mail service’s first contracts was made today by the Post Office Department and included the Chicago-Wichita-Dallas-Fort Worth route awarded to National Air Transport, Inc., of Chicago.

Friday, October 9, 1925
page 1. Johnston and Larimer Wholesale Dry Goods Company are to build at once a new factory building at 9th and Mosley to manufacture Jyanell work clothes. A block of ground 518 by 300 feet has been purchased. Building will be brick, 125 by 140 feet, and cost $75,000. Details.
Saturday, October 10, 1925

Article about search for heirs of Dr. Henry O. Burleigh, early Wichita physician and property owner north of Murdock Street. Says he died in 1887, two weeks after son, Dean and a twin brother, now dead, were born. Mrs. Burleigh died four weeks later. Two sons living, Dean, in Wichita, and another in Texas, and two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Stanley, 304 North Belmont, and Ms. Rolla Smith, of Suburban Rest.

Sunday, October 11, 1925

Report that F. Woody Hockaday was taken into custody in Omaha yesterday on insanity charges filed by Mrs. Hockaday. Details.

Thursday, October 15, 1925

All five of the Orient Railroad’s new Decapod engines are now in freight service between Altus and Fairview, Oklahoma. They can pull a freight train of 1800 tons up a 1.25 percent grade easier than the old engines pull a 1300 ton train up the same grade.

Saturday, October 17, 1925

Report of death yesterday of Henry Schweiter at his home, 1235 South Hydraulic, at age 81. Was son of a Swiss farmer and came to United States in 1867 and to Wichita in January 1870. In 1872 traded his small store on North Main Street for a quarter section southeast of Wichita on Chisholm Creek. Married in 1873 and moved onto the farm. Further obituary. Wife died about two years ago. Survived by four sons, John, Henry, Will, and Otto, and two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Neal, 429 South Topeka, and Mrs. Lillie Luttgen, of New York. Details and photograph.

Tuesday, October 20, 1925

Work was begun today on the new $75,000 east wing to Wesley Hospital. Contract is Ellis and Singleton Construction Company.

10. The Santa Fe has renewed its request to discontinue the passenger train between Wichita and Pratt and to substitute a motor car passenger service between the two cities. Hearing to be held November 5.

11. City commission yesterday approved the plan to widen and deepen the drainage canal proposed by city engineer. Canal is to be made 100 feet wide at the top and 70 feet wide at the bottom, with a minimum depth of 14 feet. The project will cost $498,000.

Thursday, October 22, 1925

Report of death yesterday of Morris H. Schollenberger suddenly at age 47. Was president
of the Wichita Automobile Company. Obituary and photograph.

Saturday, October 24, 1925
3. A receiver has been appointed for the Palaroyal Dance Pavilion north of the city, which was opened last summer. Details.

8. Work on the Rounds and Porter building in second block on North Waco is progressing rapidly. The brick work on most of the outer walls has been completed to the roof line.

Sunday, October 25, 1925
page B-5. Board of education yesterday voted to close the one room Grand School, 1447 South Mosley, for colored pupils, which has an average enrollment of only about a dozen pupils, and to transport the pupils of that school free each day to the Douglass School, 615 North Water.

Sunday, November 1, 1925

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page Magazine
6. Reminiscences by Otto Weiss about Wichita in the early 1870s with many details. (When Kansas Began Growing the Best Wheat In The World)


Monday, November 2, 1925

7. Cornerstone of new St. James Episcopal Church at Yale and Douglas was laid yesterday. Details.

Wednesday, November 4, 1925
page 5. The aviation committee of the chamber of commerce yesterday purchased the Ed Hart farm on East Central Avenue, known as the Travel Air Aviation Field, it having been leased the past summer to the Travel Air Company, as a landing site for government air mail planes. The price of the land is $200 an acre, which will make a total of $32,000. The land will be held by the business men until the city is authorized to buy if for an air
Thursday, November 5, 1925

13. Report of hearing today on Santa Fe Railroad’s request to discontinue daily passenger service on its Wichita and Western branch from Wichita to Pratt and substitute daily mixed freight and passenger service. Details.

Sunday, November 8, 1925

Magazine

12. Article about Wichita social life in the 1870s. Photograph of the J. H. Aley home in fourth block on North Lawrence. Details.

Wednesday, November 11, 1925

1. Frank Isbell has sold the Wichita baseball club of the Western League. Details.

Monday, November 16, 1925

8. The Wichita Automobile Company, the oldest motor sales firm in Wichita, is today in the hands of a receiver. A petition for declaration of bankruptcy was filed Saturday. It is said to be a friendly suit and that the company will be reorganized and retain George E. Schollenberger in its management. Details.

Tuesday, November 17, 1925

8. The Kellogg Street bus line, owned by the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, is to be extended east to Belmont, where it will turn back to the city. The present loop around Rutan, Waterman, and Green Streets will be abandoned. The change has been approved by the Public Service Commission. ¶ The company also announced that it intends extending the College Hill car line east on Douglas to a point east of Belmont as soon as it can secure a dissolution of the injunction against the extension.

11. Travel Air planes made after the first of December will be made in the company’s new factory at 537-539 West Douglas. A lease has been taken by the company on the J. H. Turner building at that location. ¶ It is said that the company’s present quarters at 471 West 1st Street is unsuited for the manufacture of airplanes. It was originally built for a creamery and has no heating plant.

Wednesday, November 18, 1925

1. Article says investigation has revealed that the recent death of M. H. Schollenberger was due to suicide from cyanide poisoning, resulting from the deep financial troubles of his company, the Wichita Automobile Company, now in bankruptcy. Details.
3. State Board of Agriculture reports Wichita’s 1925 population as 88,367.

7. H. D. Gaines has completed his new three story brick apartment house, the Kentucky, at 2606 East Douglas. It is 44 by 100 feet, with six apartments on each floor, and cost $90,000.

Thursday, November 19, 1925

2. Article about National Air Transportation’s plans for air mail service through Wichita starting next spring. Details.

9. The three story building at 140 North Main, owned for many years by the late J. Hudson McKnight, has been bought by H. J. Roetzel for $27,000. The McKnight building has been unoccupied for the last 15 years except for one brief period when a tire concern occupied it. Details.

Saturday, November 21, 1925

2. F. W. Hockaday has been placed in a mental hospital in Chicago after becoming unmanageable while staying in the LaSalle Hotel there and inflicting wounds on himself claimed to be a re-enactment of the Crucifixion. Details.

Monday, November 23, 1925

7. The Linwood Presbyterian Church, at Laura and Harry, was practically destroyed by fire yesterday morning caused by an overheated coal stove during church services. Value was $2000.

9. The Santa Fe Railroad has received authority from the Kansas Public Service Commission to discontinue its passenger train between Wichita and Pratt and substitute a mixed passenger and freight train. The change will be made on or about November 29.

14. Corner stone was laid yesterday for the new A. A. Hyde Chapel of the Wichita Mexican Mission (Protestant) at 907 South St. Francis. Details. Mr. Hyde’s gift of $4500 allowed the purchase of the ground, with $800 left over for the building fund.

Tuesday, November 24, 1925

9. The Smith Baking Company in Wichita has been purchased by the General Baking Corporation, of New York, along with eight other baking plants in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Details.

The new schedule on the Kellogg Street bus line, operated by the Wichita Railroad and Light, will go into effect, Thursday, November 26. Instead of running a loop at Rutan Avenue, the bus will run straight east to Belmont, and turning there, return to the city.
Wednesday, November 25, 1925
page 5.
Wichita’s new 500 watt, 268 meter broadcasting station, known as the Hotel Lassen Station KFH, went on the air this week.

Friday, November 27, 1925
page 2.
The Santa Fe will discontinue its local passenger train on the Wichita and Western branch between Wichita and Pratt beginning Sunday, November 29. A mixed freight and passenger train will begin operating Monday, November 30 over this route.

Sunday, November 29, 1925
page 3.
A new cemetery without tombstones, known as Wichita Park Cemetery, is being laid out on North Hillside across the roadway from the Swallow Landing Field. It will be open in a few months. Details.

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The R. D. McKay Motor Company, Willys-Overland distributors, moves to its new home in the Skaer Building, 231-235 South Lawrence, at Lawrence and English, on December 1.

Monday, November 30, 1925
page 3.
The Coleman Lamp Company is planning to build another unit of its plant soon. It will be on the site once used for a tennis court on 2nd Street at the rear of the old Catholic Church, extending from the alley to the Santa Fe right-of-way. To be four stories, 60 by 130 feet, and cost $125,000. The contractor will be John M. Denny, who has already built several buildings for the Coleman Company. He has now completed the exterior of the new four story administration building, 60 by 90 feet, with entrance on St. Francis Avenue, and is at work on the interior. This building will cost about $60,000. Later the old Catholic Church, which stands on the corner, will be torn down and replaced by another four story Coleman Company building.

Tuesday, December 1, 1925
page 8.
The Travel Air airplane factory is being moved from West 1st Street to the Turner Building in the fifth block on West Douglas avenue. The move will be completed within three or four days.

Wednesday, December 2, 1925
page 7.
The Wichita Home Baking Company has bought a 50 foot lot south of their present plant near Dewey and Main and will build an addition to the plant which will double the capacity of the bakery. Work will commence in two weeks. The present bakery, housed in a two story building on a 50 by 140 foot lot, bakes 12,000 loaves daily besides rolls and
other bakery products. The bakery was opened three years ago and manufactures Butternut Bread. It is controlled by local capital. J. E. Murray is manager.

**Friday, December 4, 1925**

The Wichita Chamber of Commerce has moved to its new quarters in the Arkansas Valley Interurban building, just west of the Hotel Broadview, from their previous quarters on the fourth floor of the Orpheum Building. The moving was started yesterday afternoon and completed by 9:00 a.m. today.

**Sunday, December 6, 1925**

Cornerstone for the new Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Market and Indianapolis, is to be laid this afternoon. Details.

Photograph of new location of R. D. McKay Motor Company at Lawrence and English.

**Sunday, December 6, 1925**

Article about “Cannonball” Green and his family. D. R. Green, known as “Cannonball,” died in Los Angeles two years ago. He had come to Wichita and taken up stage driving in 1874. Has a daughter in Wichita, Mrs. J. C. Duffield, 2422 East Douglas. Details. Photograph.

Biographical article about Mr. Meyer Wallenstein, age 94, father of Mrs. Ike Goldsmith and of Henry Wallenstein. He and wife moved to Wichita from Cincinnati 20 years ago. His wife died three years later. Born in village of Grossen Linden, Bavaria, and came to United States in 1852 at age 21. Had seven children, three of whom have died in recent years (three daughters -- named). Four sons are still living. Will be 95 next February 14. Photograph.

**Tuesday, December 8, 1925**

J. J. Flournoy has bought out the interest of his father-in-law, C. L. Kading, and is now the sole owner of the 2nd Street Bus Line.

**Thursday, December 10, 1925**

The new Water Street Branch of the YMCA for colored, at 502-506 North Water, will be opened next week.

**Friday, December 11, 1925**

Article about financing plans for the new air field on East Central, purchased recently by
the Booster Building Company. A hanger and repair shop costing $2000 have already been authorized. Details.

11. The mill of the Imperial Flour Mills Corporation on Commerce Street, Edward Kelly, president, was burned last Monday night. Kelly announced today it is to be rebuilt. See article about the fire on December 8, page 2. Damage estimated at $70,000. Details.

Wednesday, December 16, 1925
page 7. Suit file against Joseph Calhoun, owner of a bus line operating on North Market Street, for injuries sustained by a passenger alighting from a bus at 21st and Park Place on December 10.

Friday, December 18, 1925
page 20. Twenty-five name takers have started taking names for the 1926 City Directory, which is to be published in the spring.

Sunday, December 20, 1925
page 11. Lahey and Martin Mortuary moved Wednesday from their old location at 922 East Douglas to their new two story buff brick building at 1401-03 East Douglas. Architect was Glen Thomas. Details.

Tuesday, December 22, 1925
page 13. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company is celebrating its first year in business by entertaining its 43 employees with dinner at the Elks Club. The company operates 23 buses serving a territory including Wichita, Kingman, Pratt, Eureka, Eldorado, Augusta, Caldwell, Winfield, Wellington, and Blackwell.

Sunday, December 27, 1925
page Magazine 11. Article about Wichita’s first hotel, the Buckhorn, built by Henry Vigus in 1869 on east side of Waco between 9th and 10th Streets. Details told by Dr. Fabrique. Photograph.

Monday, December 28, 1925
page 2. Twenty-nine people have been killed by auto accidents in Wichita in 1925, a new record. The previous high mark was 16 in 1923.

Plans are being drawn by Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend, architects, for addition of towers to St. John’s Episcopal Church, at 3rd and Topeka. The church was started in the 1880s and is constructed of Cottonwood Falls limestone. Funds ran low at the time of its
construction and the towers were not added. The main tower, at the southwest corner, will be extended to a height of 45 feet. The other will be much lower. The expense will be borne by C. A. Magill, of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods Company, and will be about $7000.

Steel is being put in place today in the penthouse on top for the Union National Bank Building. If weather permits, paving of concrete for the roof slab of the building will begin tomorrow.