Photograph of new building for the Conway Springs Bottling Company under construction at 218 North Waco.

The Wichita Blue Streak Motor Company received its Kansas charter several weeks ago. In a stockholders meeting Saturday Clyde Smyser, president of the West Wichita Booster Association, was named president of the company. Other officers and directors listed. The company has leased the old Travel Air site at 537 West Douglas for its factory. The building is owned by J. H. Turner. Details.

The Lark Aircraft Corporation, Wichita’s seventh airplane company, is beginning work on its first plane in the factory at 217 East Lincoln. The plane is a four place cabin plane, to be known as the Lark Pullman, with the pilot occupying an open cockpit at the rear of the closed compartment. To be powered by a 150 horsepower Hispano-Suiza motor and with a Wright Whirlwind. The concern is headed by Curtis C. Baldwin, chairman of the board, who is the inventor of the Baldwin combine, made in Kansas City. Mr. Baldwin formerly lived in Wichita and recently moved back to this city. Other officers and directors listed. Fred R. McConiga, who came here several months ago from Chicago, where he was an engineer for the United States Air Mail Service, is engineer and designer. Homer G. Weyant, who has been a pilot for the Cessna Aircraft Company, will be factory superintendent.

Photograph of ice skaters on Little River yesterday between Murdock Bridge and Woodman Bridge.

Chronology of events in Wichita in 1927.
13. Trees are being cleared from the site of the new high school and low ground is being filled in.

**Wednesday, January 4, 1928**

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1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Carrie Hutchinson Clapp, wife of L. W. Clapp, suddenly from heart disease at her home, 1845 Wellington Place. Born at Iowa City, Iowa on April 4, 1862. Married L. W. Clapp, also of Iowa City, on September 12, 1882. They came to Wichita in 1886, and their home was built soon after the arrival of the family here. Survived by two sons, Marc C., of Wellington Place, Robert D. W., 320 North Belmont, Mrs. Sydney Holmes, 204 West 18th, and Mrs. Carolyn Millison, 102 East 17th. Further obituary. Photograph.

2. Formal opening of the Wichita Sanitarium, 3200 West Douglas, will take place Thursday after completion of remodeling work under way for the past three months. Details.

14. The fourth Cessna cantilever monoplane will be tested Thursday or Friday. It has larger windows than the first three planes, to improve visibility for pilot and passengers.

16. New Wichita telephone directory has just been issued.

**Thursday, January 5, 1928**

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10. Annual meeting of the Highland Cemetery Association has decided on an addition to the cemetery of several hundred lots next spring. To be north of the present cemetery limits. The hedge on the north of the cemetery will be removed, and walks and drives laid out. Officers of association listed.

**Friday, January 6, 1928**

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15. Mail planes on the Chicago-Wichita-Dallas will fly at night after February 1st. Details.

**Saturday, January 7, 1928**

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7. The Kansas Supreme Court held legal the use of a portion of park lands owned by city of Wichita for airport purposes, thus clearing the way for purchase of the Wichita airport land by the city. Details.

10. Drawing of the Wichita The Air Capital design by Ted Young recently chosen in a competition sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

**Thursday, January 12, 1928**

**Page**
The Watkins Manufacturing Company of Wichita plans to rebuild a number of obsolete French Super Rhone rotary airplane engines into modern static radial motors. Details.

The new purchasers of the Swallow Airplane Company took over the factory yesterday from the receiver, George Bassett. Three new buildings are planned on Swallow’s 40 acre tract of land: a new factory unit 50 by 70 feet for constructing fuselages, a unit 40 by 50 feet for a paint shop, and an office building 28 by 64 feet. Total cost estimated at $5500.

Advertisement with photograph of new home of Mid-Continent Engraving Company at 120 South St. Francis.

Report of death this morning of pioneer Edward Eben Armstrong, age 79, who came here in 1870 and is said to have operated the first ferry boat across the Arkansas River here. Obituary.

Details announced of the new night air mail schedules which go into effect in February and replace the previous daytime flights.

Wichita pilot Fred Hoyt, chief test pilot and sales manager for Stearman Aircraft Company, is missing on a flight Saturday to deliver a Stearman plane to Boise, Idaho. Took off from Salt Lake City Saturday afternoon and did not arrive at destination. Details.

Report of dedication yesterday of the new $40,000 five room addition to Hamilton Intermediate School. Details.

Fred Hoyt, Wichita aviator, found frozen to death yesterday, a short distance from the place where his plane had crashed against a mountainside in a snow storm one week ago, near Holbrook, Idaho.

Fred Hoyt’s diary indicates that he lost control of plane due to icing and jumped out safely with parachute only to die later of exposure and freezing. Body found about six miles from the plane. Details.
Tuesday, January 24, 1928


2. Charles O. Parrott, for nine years one of the proprietors of the Wolf and Parrott Cafeteria, 115-121 South Main, has sold his half interest in that concern to Ernest F. Wolf, who plans to take his son into partnership and continue to operate the cafeteria. Mr. Parrott purchased the cafeteria on South Main on January 1, 1919 and nine months later sold a half interest to Mr. Wolf. Details.

The new theater near Hillside and Douglas is to be called the “The Uptown.” Frame residences have been moved from the site and construction is expected to start soon. Details.

Wednesday, January 25, 1928

2. News of Wichita aircraft companies. The fifth Cessna cantilever monoplane was given final tests yesterday by Francis Bowhan and will be delivered to W. L. Stribling this week. Another monoplane of a larger design will be tested the latter part of this week. It carries three passengers and pilot and will be delivered to E. A. Link, of New York.

Wichita’s seventh airplane manufacturing company, the Lark Company, is beginning construction of its first ship. It will be a transport type biplane carrying four passengers and pilot. Homer C. Weyant, formerly with the Cessna Aircraft Company, and F. R. McConiga are factory superintendent and chief engineer respectively. The factory is at 215-17 East Lincoln.

12. Annual stockholders meeting of Arkansas Valley Interurban was held yesterday. Officers and directors named.

Thursday, January 26, 1928

14. Article about progress on the first Laird Whippoorwill plane, under construction in the factory at 471 West 1st street. Expected to be ready for initial flight latter part of next week. Details.

Friday, January 27, 1928

13. Contract let for construction of a large dam and reservoir for the Santa Fe Railway five miles northwest of Augusta. It is a half million dollar project.

15. Construction to start at once on three new units for the Swallow Airplane Company plant,
to cost $25,000 to $30,000. Details.

Sunday, January 29, 1928
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Magazine
13. Article about the death of General John Sedgwick at the Battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 9, 1864.

Monday, January 30, 1928
page
3. Article reports sale last week of the tract of land bought in 1887 for the proposed John Bright University. Says the 160 acre tract, the John Bright Addition, was two and a half miles south of Maple Street on Seneca and that a foundation was constructed before work on it ceased. The property passed into other hands and for many years has been owned by J. Shannon Nave, of Attica, Indiana, who last week sold it to Charles H. Miller and B. R. Peck, of Wichita, who bought it as an investment.

6. Report of death Saturday of D. G. Millison, Wichita pioneer and one of the founders of the Beacon on October 6, 1872, in Oakland, California, at age 91. Came to Wichita from Topeka. Went to Oakland, California to live a few years ago. Obituary. Wife died one and a half years ago. Survived by one son and three daughters (named). Photograph.

Wednesday, February 1, 1928
page
3. The new night airmail service through Wichita by National Air Transport is to begin tonight. Details.

Thursday, February 2, 1928
page
1. Drawing of proposed new 15 story office building at Douglas and Main (never built to this design). Details.

2. Report of arrival of first night air mail plane (north bound) at 11:26 p.m. yesterday, piloted by Herbert Kindred. Details.

Friday, February 3, 1928
page
6. Construction of three new factory units at the Swallow Airplane Company is well under way. They include a factory unit, a paint shop, and an office building.

10. Article announcing formal opening tomorrow of the new Dockum Drug Store No. 5 at northeast corner of Hillside and Douglas. Advertisement with photograph. Details.

Sunday, February 5, 1928
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28. The first Siemens-Halske motor which has been installed in a Travel Air biplane was tested Saturday morning with satisfactory results, according to Clarence Clark, chief test pilot.

Monday, February 6, 1928
2. Report of death yesterday in New York of J. William Carey, grandson of Wichita pioneer John B. Carey. Was oldest son of William P. Carey, pioneer lumber dealer in Wichita, who moved to Chicago later in the 1880s, where he died in 1916. The deceased was born in Wichita in 1886 and was an investment banker in New York, where he moved about two years ago from Chicago. He was a nephew of the late Charles W. Carey, Wichita banker, and of J. G. Carey, Wichita attorney.

Thursday, February 9, 1928
9. Current news from Wichita aircraft companies. Details.

Friday, February 10, 1928
9. More news items from Wichita aircraft companies.

Tuesday, February 14, 1928
2. Article about city commission discussion yesterday of pros and cons of purchase of East Central airport. Details.

5. Kansas license tags for 1929 will be one-fifth smaller than the present tags -- they will be five and a half by 12 inches instead of the present five and a half by 15 inches. The first Kansas tags were six by 15 inches, the half inch being cut off during the war. The 1929 tags will have a yellow background with black letters and numerals.

Wednesday, February 15, 1928
5. Walter Beech stated yesterday that although a new factory building has just been completed, Travel Air is already in need of another factory unit to take care of the demand for his planes.

7. First Swift Aircraft Corporation plane is expected to make first flight around March 1. Details.

8. City Manager Bert Wells, who Tuesday favored the purchase of 240 acres directly south of the Central Avenue airport in addition to the original tract, got stuck in the mud on the tract later in the day and changed his mind. He now recommends that the city not purchase the present airport, but that it go farther south and purchase the 640 acre California Section.
Thursday, February 16, 1928
6. City commissioners yesterday recommended that the park department take the present 160 acres of the East Central airport, minus 11 acres owned by Travel Air, and an additional 160 acres lying immediately south, making a total of nearly 320 acres, one mile long by a half mile wide, facing on Central and Kellogg, by condemnation, for use as a municipal airport: Estimated total cost including all improvements is $70,000. Details.

Saturday, February 18, 1928
5. The Laird Whippoorwill made its first flight early this afternoon, piloted by Ewing (Cactus) Brierley.

Wednesday, February 22, 1928
1. Fred W. Dold has severed his connections with the Dold Packing Company, it was announced today. It is said he is considering starting a new independent packing house in Wichita. Details. Photograph.

Sunday, February 26, 1928

Tuesday, February 28, 1928

16. The University of Wichita’s new $10,000 cafeteria was opened to students yesterday. Details.

Thursday, March 1, 1928
7. Article about the new modular steel buildings designed by Lloyd W. Hay, construction engineer for the Wichita White Castle Systems. The first one has been constructed and will be erected Thursday at Hillside and Douglas. Building is 24 by 12 feet. Details. Parts are interchangeable.

Friday, March 2, 1928
22. A large new electric sign is being placed on the Smyth Building for the new Sanger Brothers Store. Details.

Sunday, March 4, 1928

1. Report of a large fire last evening causing extensive damage to the Mills broomcorn warehouse at 614 South Commerce. Details.

Sunday, March 4, 1928

11. Article by L. W. Clapp about the new animal building just completed at the Riverside Park Zoo. Details and photographs.

Monday, March 5, 1928

5. The Wichita Trunk Company will move its retail store next July 1st from its present location at 125 East Douglas to its factory building at 233-235 South Main, which it already owns. The building now occupied at 125 East Douglas has been leased to Newt Edwards, who will move his store into it after the first of July.

Thursday, March 8, 1928

6. Board of Regents of Wichita University yesterday let contract for drawing of plans: for new science hall to Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend; for addition to Henrion Gymnasium to Glen Thomas; and for the new heating plant to Ed Forsblom. Details.

7. Widening of the drainage canal from 21st Street and the Big River, which started more than a year ago, will be completed this week at cost of $766,000. In addition the city spent $353,967 for widening and lengthening the 14 bridges across the canal.

Saturday, March 10, 1928

2. Report of meeting yesterday of city officials in which it was tentatively decided that the city would acquire both the present airport and the California section. Details.

Tuesday, March 13, 1928


10. New electric sign is being erected for the Fields Clothing Store at 118 East Douglas, in building formerly occupied by the Holland Theater.

Saturday, March 17, 1928

1. Contract has been let for a $75,000 expansion of the Orient Railroad Shops in Wichita. The addition is to be 85 by 100 feet and built on the north end of the present large shop building. Details.
Sunday, March 18, 1928

17. Report of formal opening last night of the new General Baking Company plant at Central and Rock Island. Cost was $200,000. Baking was begun in the plant last Monday. Company’s product is “Bond Bread.” Details.

Sunday, March 18, 1928

Special Section

Page 1 of Special Junior League Section on occasion of completion of Junior League’s new brick one-story Day Nursery in first block of New York. Photograph. Also on page 4 is photograph of the old frame Cleveland Avenue Day Nursery which was condemned and replaced by the new building. Articles with details.

Sunday, March 18, 1928

Magazine

2. Article with history of the Price Auto Service Company. Photograph.

Wednesday, March 21, 1928

1. The state charter board today granted a charter to the DeLuxe Airlines Corporation, with capital of $100,000, which plans to start air passenger service between Wichita and Kansas City and between Wichita and Tulsa beginning April 10. Two round trips daily are planned on each route. Schedule given. Names of incorporators listed. The company has contracted for three four passenger Buhl planes, one four passenger Travel Air, and a small Swallow. The controlling stockholder is Bert Schmitt, an oil promoter with offices in the Union National Bank Building. Details.

12. Article about preliminary future plans for the campus of Wichita University. Details.

Thursday, March 22, 1928


Friday, March 23, 1928

3. Report of death last night of Charles Irving Fuller, pioneer grocer, at his home, 911 Riverside, at age 64. Survived by wife, Maria English Fuller, a son, Thomas Wesley Fuller, and his sister, Mrs. Finlay Ross, Sr.

Saturday, March 24, 1928
Stockholders of the Central Building Company held their first formal meeting last night. Officers listed. Initial plan is for six story building, at southwest corner of Main and Douglas with foundation for additional stories if needed. Details.

**Sunday, March 25, 1928**

St. Francis Hospital is planning additions and improvements to cost approximately $400,000. Plans are now being drawn. The two additions will be to the west wing of the hospital, one on the north and one on the south, plus addition of a fourth floor to the old structure, making the west wing conform in a general way with the original building or east wing. Details.

**Sunday, March 25, 1928**

Article by Paul I. Wellman giving history of disappearance of the great buffalo herds. Details.

**Monday, March 26, 1928**

Announcement made today by Lloyd Stearman of the appointment of J. Earle Schaefer, as sales manager for the Stearman Aircraft Corporation. Biography and photograph.

**Tuesday, March 27, 1928**

City Manager Bert C. Wells has decided to employ O. W. Wilson, of Los Angeles, California, as chief of police to succeed L. B. Walston, who was asked to resign recently. Details.

**Friday, March 30, 1928**

The Missouri Pacific Sunflower arrived in Wichita this morning with one of the 66000 (sic) class engines, a 4-6-2 type, one of the largest to enter the Wichita Terminal. Without tender its weight is 521,500 pounds and length with tender is 87.5 feet. The tender holds 12,000 gallons of water and 16 tons of coal. Forty-three thousand nine hundred seventy pounds tractive effort enable it to easily handle 13 steel cars on any grade of the run. Building of stronger bridges and heavier steel rail from Wichita to Ft. Scott last year allows use of these heavier engines, which will be used regularly on the Sunflower.

**Sunday, April 1, 1928**

Sanger’s Department Store, Lawrence and Douglas, will open for business at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. Details.
2. Photographs of five well known aviation people in Wichita: Joe Miller of the Wichita Flying School; O. G. Harned, sales manager of Travel Air; Ewing (Cactus) Brierly, pilot of the Laird Whippoorwill; H. E. Weihmiller, designer of Travel Air’s deluxe monoplane; and Wilbur Neely, an originator of the All Kansas Air Tour.

Sunday, April 1, 1928
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Special Section
Special tabloid section about the All Kansas Air Tour April 2-7. Details. Photograph on page 10 of several aviators including Charles Laird.

Monday, April 2, 1928
page
1. Report of opening of Sanger’s Department Store this morning. Details.

13. Report filed with city manager today by R. C. Clevenger, treasurer, says the net earnings of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company during the year 1927 over and above expenses, including taxes, general operating expenses, and depreciation -- was $101,531.29 (?), or a net profit of 7.6 percent on the assessed valuation of $1,346,529. On the other hand, the Wichita Transportation Company, which now includes the buses, claims the buses during the same period lost money. The company is asking for new franchise claiming that the present higher bus fare causes the public to ride the street cars instead of the buses. Details.

Wednesday, April 4, 1928
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16. Herbert Rawdon, age 23, has been appointed chief engineer at the Travel Air factory here following the resignation of H. E. Weihmiller. Biography.

Thursday, April 5, 1928
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8. Long article gives history of Swallow Airplane Company and its recent reorganization and refinancing. The two new factory buildings are now completed. Details.

22. The first service in the new chapel of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament at Quentin and Douglas will be held Easter morning. The public solemn blessing of the church by Bishop Schwertner is to be held May 6. The building contains eight classrooms and an auditorium large enough to seat 500 persons. It is intended ultimately to be used as a school for the parish, but for a time it will also be used as a place of worship. Later after the church is built, the chapel room will be made into four more classrooms.
Friday, April 6, 1928

19. Article estimates current Wichita airplane production as:
   - Travel Air 15 per week
   - Swallow 6 per week
   - Stearman 2.5 per week
   - Cessna 1.5 per week

   The other three Wichita factories -- Laird, Lark, and Swift -- are just now starting production, and number is less than one per week at these.

Saturday, April 7, 1928

3. Article discusses sites being proposed for planned new Wichita post office. Details.

9. Article says the new Uptown Theater is expected to open in June. Details.

Sunday, April 8, 1928


Monday, April 9, 1928

2. Report that the aero service of the Deluxe Air Lines will be inaugurated Sunday following the receipt of a Buhl five passenger sedan plane Saturday. The opening line will be between Wichita and Tulsa.

9. Building permit issued for the Meridian Avenue Baptist Church, at 202 North Meridian. Building to be 42 by 70 feet and cost $7500.

11. The new two place Swift biplane made its trial flights yesterday afternoon. It was tested by Charles Lander, head of the Wichita Flying School and was designed by C. B. Bennett, Swift’s engineer, who formerly was production engineer for Travel Air. Powered with a seven cylinder Siemens-Halske engine. Details. Photograph (not very clear).

13. Drawing of proposed new club house of the Wichita Gun Club. Grounds of the club are located five and a half miles west of Wichita on the Cannonball road. To be 75 by 35 feet.

Tuesday, April 10, 1928

11. Full page advertisement by Campbell Baking Company announcing inauguration of sale of Wonder Bread in Wichita today.
Thursday, April 12, 1928

1. Five additional stories are to be added to the Brown Building, southwest corner of Douglas and Lawrence, at once. Plans were approved at a meeting of directors of the Brosius Investment Company, owners of the building, today. To cost about $250,000. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. Details.

Sunday, April 15, 1928

11. Article about a new Travel Air monoplane. Photograph from rear shows it be X4765. Details.

Monday, April 16, 1928


Tuesday, April 17, 1928

1. Report of unofficial visit of Charles Lindbergh to Wichita yesterday afternoon in his new Ryan brougham monoplane. Landed at Swallow field. Spent the night at the Broadview Hotel and departed for St. Louis at 1:00 p.m. today. Details.

8. Board of education yesterday accepted plans for addition to Riverside School drawn by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, and for additions to Martinson and Allison Schools drawn by Ed Forsblom.

Friday, April 20, 1928

20. The second Laird Whippoorwill plane was tested this morning by Ewing (Cactus) Brierly, veteran Laird pilot. The plane will be flown to Detroit for the air show there.

Sunday, April 22, 1928

20. Article about progress in building the new Lark airplane behind frosted windows of a converted garage in second block on East Lincoln. F. R. McConiga is the engineer building the plane. Dr. C. F. Barn is president of the Lark Company. Details.

B-2. Drawing of the new Auto Inn Garage which is nearing completion at 234-240 North Lawrence. To be completed about May 20. Details.

Friday, April 27, 1928

17. Article reports successful test this week in an American Eagle biplane of the Rhone motor converted from the rotary type to the stationary radial type according to patents of Charles
Quick, Wichita engineer, Production of the motor here is planned, according to H. H. Patton, president of the company. Details.

**Wednesday, May 2, 1928**

1. The Wichita Air Services Provision Company was granted a charter today by the state charter board. Incorporators listed, including Dan Sauder and Aaron Greenleaf.

11. Photograph of May Day Fete at Wichita high school grounds yesterday -- shows houses along Grove Street.

12. Five Wichita men (listed) have organized the Bluebird Transportation Company for operation of a bus line between Wichita and Kansas City. The first trip was made this morning. Details.

**Thursday, May 3, 1928**

3. The third Laird Whippoorwill plane will be ready for its first flight in a week.

**Friday, May 4, 1928**

2. Residents have petitioned the city for a change in the name of the 11th, 12th, and 13th blocks of North Wichita Street to Fairview.

**Saturday, May 5, 1928**

2. Photograph of the new Blessed Sacrament school and chapel, 3820 East Douglas, which will be dedicated tomorrow by Bishop Schwerter. Details.

5. Work on the five story addition to the Brown Building will be started within a week. Details.

10. From temporary quarters in a converted garage in second block on East Lincoln, the Lark Aircraft Company moved the last of the week to new specially built quarters at 1st and Osage. The building is 60 by 100 feet, with large windows on three sides. The company’s first plane is nearly completed.

**Sunday, May 6, 1928**

19. Article about plans to build the Wichita Blue Streak airplane motor in the near future. Chief engineer, Joseph Schaeffer, returned to Wichita last week from a visit to Germany. Details.

**Wednesday, May 9, 1928**
12. Photograph of W. H. Smith, of the Stevens Scott Grain Company, who was elected president of the Wichita Board of Trade yesterday.

Thursday, May 10, 1928


Friday, May 11, 1928

3. Article about back taxes and interest of over $30,000 owed the city by Maple Grove and Highland Cemeteries for paving of Hillside Avenue between them. Details.

8. Photograph of Stearman plant marked from air.

Saturday, May 12, 1928

3. The new education building of the First Baptist Church, recently completed, will be dedicated Sunday, May 20.

Monday, May 14, 1928

9. Photograph of the recently completed club house of the Wichita Gun Club.

Tuesday, May 15, 1928

3. Contract has been let to the Missouri Bridge Company, of Kansas City, for construction of a new bridge across the Arkansas River at Harry Street for $16,395. The city will construct its own bridge across the canal on 21st Street, as no bids were received.

10. Report of communication to city commissioners from L. E. Fischer, of Chicago, vice-president of the North American Light and Power Company, saying that unless the city soon grants a new street car franchise to the Wichita Transportation Company, the latter company will be compelled to return the property to the original owner. Says the American Light and Power Company a year ago entered into a contract with Howard V. Wheeler, Robert Campbell, R. C. Clevenger and others for sale of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company and agreed to certain financial arrangements, but before the necessary loans could be obtained it was found necessary that a new franchise be obtained, which the city commission has thus far not agreed to. Details.

Photograph of new Crane Company building on East 1st Street.

13. The string of tall telephone poles that have stood along the Missouri Pacific depot for 27 years were removed this week, now that the wires have been placed underground, thus leaving the platform unobstructed from Douglas to 1st Street.
15. Advertisement with photograph of Douglas Avenue looking west.

Wednesday, May 16, 1928
1. Announcement of recently formed Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc. which plans coast to coast air-rail service via Wichita. Details.

Friday, May 18, 1928
7. Western Air Express Fokker tri-motor stopped in Wichita yesterday on its way to California -- one of three to be used in Los Angeles-San Francisco service. Photograph -- number not visible.

17. Sentiment in Wichita seems to be growing in favor of the purchase of the California section for an aviation field.

Sunday, May 20, 1928

8. Drawing of the new Uptown Theater, now under construction.

Monday, May 21, 1928
1. Report of death this morning of Dr. Edmund Stanley, 81, president of Friends University. Obituary and photograph.

Tuesday, May 22, 1928
3. City commissioners yesterday authorized a bond issue of $20,000 to be used as first payment on the California section, to be purchased as a municipal airport.

11. Report of visit of former Wichita resident, Prof. H. Samuels, age 79, now living in Chicago. Details.

15. Dr. J. G. Dorsey, who has lived many years at 1315 North Topeka, is to have a new home in the Riverside district. He has employed R. B. Holmes to build it for him and work will be started at once. To be two stories, brick veneer, and cost $12,000. Building permit was issued today. It will be at 1245 River Boulevard.

Wednesday, May 23, 1928
1. Fred W. Dold announces plans to start a new packing plant in Wichita -- Fred Dold and Sons Packing Company. Details.

**Thursday, May 24, 1928**

1. County assessors census shows Wichita’s 1928 population to be 101,434, up from 99,651 last year.


**Sunday, May 27, 1928**

B-1. Article about the Wichita Air Service Provision Company says the company now has four planes including a Travel Air biplane, the “Peerless Princess,” which formerly was known as the Oklahoma, under which name it participated in the Dole race. Details.

**Tuesday, May 29, 1928**

2. Work was started today by the Siedhoff Construction Company on the addition of five stories to the Brown Building. To cost $225,000 to $250,000. Details.

12. The Swift biplane made its first formal public appearance at the Municipal Airport Sunday afternoon with pilot Howard Jones, a former army aviator, at the controls. It is powered with a Quick nine cylinder 120 horsepower radial motor, which is the product of the Quick Air Motors Company of Wichita. The Swift factory is at 33rd and North Lawrence. Details.

**Wednesday, May 30, 1928**

3. The Orient Railroad in Mexico is laying track at the rate of one kilometer every two days, and is now within 33 kilometers (20.6 miles) of the Rio Grande. By August 1st the gap will completely closed from Chihuahua to the Rio Grande. There remains about 80 miles of track to be laid from Alpine, Texas to the river to link up with the Mexico road, but work on this link cannot be started until after completion of reorganization under W. T. Kemper, expected soon.


**Friday, June 1, 1928**

16. Contract for the new science hall at the University of Wichita was let yesterday by the Board of Regents to the Blaser and Vollmer Construction Company for $128,933. To be completed in 170 days. Ground will be broken next Tuesday. Details.

**Saturday, June 2, 1928**
State charter board today granted a charter to the United Aircraft Corporation of Wichita, with capital of $200,000. Incorporators are C. C. Baldwin, H. R. Van Sickle, and H. A. Burkhart. The company plans to build Wichita’s newest plane, the United, formerly known as the Lark, designed by F. R. McConiga.

Sunday, June 3, 1928

Photograph of the new Swift biplane. Article with details and says company is starting production of a batch of ten planes.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh made his third visit to Wichita the middle of this past week.

Sunday, June 3, 1928

Article with details and says company is starting production of a batch of ten planes.

Tuesday, June 5, 1928

City commission yesterday accepted the proposed site for Wichita’s new post office in the south 250 feet of the block between Main and Market and between 3rd and Central. Details.

The Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company has purchased an option on the Blackwell-Oklahoma City bus line and plans to start service from Wichita to Oklahoma City with four trips daily each way within a few days. Details.

Thursday, June 7, 1928

The Fred Dold and Sons Packing Company, of Wichita, was granted a charter today, with capitalization of $250,000. Incorporators listed.

Friday, June 8, 1928

Article says the Santa Fe Railway will buy the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient for 15 million dollars. Details.

Article gives history of the first Travel Air plane, which is being traded in and returned to Wichita.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company yesterday announced plans to erect a new building at northwest corner of 2nd and Topeka for installation of a new dial telephone system. Details.
Monday, June 11, 1928
3. Photograph of Wichita’s newest plane -- United No. 1, formerly known as the Lark, a six place cabin biplane, which made its first flight Wednesday on the California section, flying from there to the Swallow field.

Tuesday, June 12, 1928
5. Board of education let contract yesterday for auditorium and four room addition to Martinson School for $30,389 and for an addition to Allison School for $11,495. Details.

Wednesday, June 13, 1928
3. The Supreme Propeller Company has been organized this week in Wichita for the manufacturing of airplane propellers, and application has been made for a charter. Organizers are George H. Siedhoff; president; C. A. Noll, vice-president; A. E. Sanders, treasurer; M. J. Stone, secretary; and C. A. McConkle, counsel. M. J. Stone will have charge of the manufacturing end. The building at 1016 South Santa Fe has been leased and machinery ordered. Mr. Stone has been in the business more than 14 years. A daily output of 25 propellers is anticipated.

Friday, June 15, 1928
15. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer Lloyd B. Ferrell, age 76, at his home, 310 East Pine, after a long illness. Came to Wichita in 1876 at age 24. Maintained the first telegraph office in the city as manager for Western Union Telegraph Company. Born in what is now West Virginia in 1852. Moved to Illinois at age 15 and four years later came to Council Grove, Kansas where he lived before moving to Wichita in 1876. In 1877 he married Miss Tarsy Myers, of Illinois, who died in Wichita in 1922. Oldest child was Lloyd B. Ferrell (apparently deceased). Survived by a son, Garland P. Ferrell, and a daughter, Mrs. Leda Ferrell Rex, and four grandsons (named -- includes Lloyd Bayne Ferrell). Obituary. Photograph.

Sunday, June 17, 1928

Tuesday, June 19, 1928
7. United No. 1, the first plane produced by the United Aircraft Company on West 1st Street, formerly the Lark concern, was completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon when a forced landing was made because of motor failure a mile west of Swallow Field. Homer Weyant, pilot, miraculously escaped injury.
Wednesday, June 20, 1928

In order to relieve traffic congestion on North Hillside at the intersection with Douglas, the Wichita Railroad and Light Company has agreed to the request of the city commission to removed its siding from that location and will relay the track on Douglas so that cars may pass on the wider street. Complaints have been made that the Fairmount cars await the passing of College Hill cars on the siding on Hillside sometimes for nearly ten minutes and create a dangerous traffic obstruction.

Friday, June 22, 1928

Report of crash of a National Air Transport airmail plane in a windstorm near Lebo, Kansas at 4:00 a.m. today, killing pilot Wayne Neville. Plane was flying from Kansas City to Wichita. Was the first fatality since this branch of the airmail was opened two years ago. The plane was a Douglas Transport powered with a 400 horsepower Liberty engine. Neville’s home was in Dallas, but before going into the air mail service two years ago he was chief test pilot for Swallow Aircraft Corporation. Details.

Report of death this morning of Mrs. Emma Dodd, a resident of Wichita for 44 years, at her home, 308 (sic) Circle Drive. She would have been 75 years old July 20. Death due to heart disease. Was married in her native state of Ohio in 1870 to George Stephens and remarried in 1881, after Mr. Stephens death, to Edward M. Dodd. She and Mr. Dodd came to Wichita in 1884. Mr. Dodd engaged in the cornice business. The firm which he headed is now the American Cornice Works. Mr. Dodd died in 1899. Twenty years ago Mrs. Dodd bought the old Wichita Country Club house on Circle Drive, facing the now deserted golf course, which has been left as a city park. She lived there with her son, Bert Stephens, until her death. A sister also survives, Mrs. J. A. Croette, of Cambridge, Ohio. Mrs. Dodd owned considerable real estate in Wichita, including downtown business property.

Sunday, June 24, 1928

The Red Star Milling Company, of Wichita, has been consolidated as a unit of General Mills, Inc., a Delaware corporation, it was announced yesterday. Details.

It is understood the Santa Fe plans to extend the Orient Railroad at once to the Rio Grande river in Texas.

Tuesday, June 26, 1928

Forty acres of land have been bought by three companies along the west side of the California section across the road, facing east. Beginning near the northwest corner of the new Municipal Airport, the Red Bird Airplane Company, whose plans are unknown, bought ten acres, and to the south of this the Quick Airplane Motor Company bought 15 acres, and to the south of this the Swift Aircraft Corporation bought 15 acres. The land
was bought from Peter Ohl for slightly less that $300 an acre, the total price being $11,500. Details.

10. The wall foundations for the new science hall at the University of Wichita have all been poured.

Saturday, June 30, 1928

1. Report of details of a tentative new street car and bus franchise for the Wichita Transportation Company as proposed by city attorney A. V. Roberts. It would be for 20 years and would place fares for both street cars and buses at seven cents or four for 25 cents, with a straight five cents fare for high school and grade school students. Other details. (“Rate Proposal At last Given to Public”)

3. Photograph of the new Trinity Methodist Church Community House, south of the church at Maple and Martinson, which is to be dedicated tomorrow. Cost $40,000. The parsonage which formerly stood on the ground was moved to 220 South Martinson and rehabilitated at a cost of $3500. Details.

Sunday, July 1, 1928

1. Frank L. Carson, cashier of the First National Bank, was elected president of the bank Saturday, succeeding the late C. W. Carey. Details.

3. Southern Kansas Stage Lines will begin through bus service from Wichita to Oklahoma City within a week. The Golden Eagle right-of-way from Blackwell to Oklahoma City was purchased, and the Southern Kansas Stage Lines already has a line into Blackwell.

6. The Uptown Theater will open Monday, July 16.

13. Drawing of the new front being installed on the building at 123-125 East Douglas, which will be the new home of the Heads Shoe Store and the Newt Edwards Dry Goods Company. Article with details.

Monday, July 2, 1928

3. The first Wichita made propeller will be put on display Monday afternoon at the Hotel Broadview, George Siedhoff, president of the Supreme Propeller Company, announced yesterday. Equipment has already been installed to allow production of 25 propellers a day. Ten men are employed.

Attendance at the Municipal Beach on Sunday set a season’s record at 3931.

Tuesday, July 3, 1928

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2. The July edition of the Wichita Telephone Directory is being issued today and contains more than 22,600 telephone numbers.

**Wednesday, July 4, 1928**

1. With today’s issue, Max M. Levand, who has purchased a majority of the stock of the Beacon Publishing Company, becomes president and general manager of the *Beacon*. Henry J. Allen, who has been publisher of the *Beacon* since 1907, will continue as chairman of the board of directors of the publishing company. Mr. Levand comes to Wichita from St. Joseph, Missouri. Biography.

**Thursday, July 5, 1928**

3. Planes may now use the new municipal airport, the California section, as a landing field, park director, Alfred McDonald announced today. Although the first payment has not yet been made, park workmen today are mowing a north-south runway 2500 ft by 600 feet through the courtesy of the owners of the tract.

**Saturday, July 7, 1928**

2. Work is nearly completed on the new warehouse, paved team tracks, and automobile dock under construction in the yards of the Missouri Pacific at the intersection of the tracks and 2nd Street.

**Sunday, July 8, 1928**

19. Southern Kansas Stage Lines has ordered two large 32 passenger White buses with 110 horsepower motors for use on its new line from Wichita to Oklahoma City. The new line is expected to begin operating about July 15 and the two new buses are expected to be delivered about the middle of August. Details.

36. Drawing of the new Fred W. Dold and Sons packing plant under construction near corner of 21st and Topeka. To cost about $125,000 and have capacity of 700 hogs and 150 cattle (per day?).

**Sunday, July 8, 1928**

**Magazine**

10. Article discusses controversy about whether the first Wichita church was built by St. John’s Episcopal or by First Presbyterian. Details. (“Which Came to Wichita First?”)

**Wednesday, July 11, 1928**

3. The Playmore Bowling center, above the new Auto Inn at 234-240 North Lawrence, opened its doors today. Has 12 bowling alleys and ten billiard tables.
Thursday, July 12, 1928

2. Report that Waverly Stearman, young chief of design at the Swallow Airplane Company for four years, and brother of Lloyd Stearman, has resigned his position to accept a similar position with the Butler Airplane Manufacturing Company at Kansas City. It is said that the Butler Brothers concern has contracted for the purchase of 200 Quick Rhone motors from the Quick Motor Company of Wichita. H. H. Patton, president of the Quick Air Motor Company, stated that the deal had been closed two weeks ago for 100 small type motors of 125 horsepower for $250,000 and 100 of the larger 180 horsepower motors for $350,000. All are to be made in the new $20,000 factory now being built on a site near the California section.

11. The park board yesterday voted to lease the Booster Building Club airfield on East Central for a period of not more than two years and to purchase the equipment of the field. The lease cost is $4800 a year plus taxes and the lighting and other equipment cost $18,000. It will be some months, or perhaps a year before the new Municipal Airport is equipped with the lights now in use for night landing at the East Central field. The Santa Fe Railroad may build a spur track to the new Municipal Airport on which a special Pullman could be made up each afternoon for passengers from New York arriving on the Transcontinental Air Transport rail-plane transcontinental service.

Sunday, July 15, 1928

12. New Uptown Theater is to open tomorrow evening. Details. Photograph.

15. Large advertisement lists large number of major buildings erected by George H. Siedhoff in Wichita.

19. Three new Wichita built Supreme propellers were tested yesterday afternoon on a Travel Air OX-5 biplane with highly favorable results. The propellers are of mahogany construction, eight feet six inches in length, with blade tips of metal.

23. Long article about George Siedhoff and his construction work in Wichita. Came here in 1917. Details.

Sunday, July 15, 1928

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12, 13. Feature article about the old stone mansions of Riverside. Details. (“The Old Stone Mansions of Riverside”)

Tuesday, July 17, 1928

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Thursday, July 19, 1928
page 3.

Friday, July 20, 1928
page 1.
Report of death this morning of Richard M. Grey, Wichita hotel man (Lassen Hotel), at Santa Barbara, California, after an illness of more than a year, at age 52. Born in Omaha, Nebraska September 12, 1875. Became manager of the Lassen when it opened in January 1919. Biography. Survived by wife. Had no children. Photograph.

2. Report of dedication party held yesterday in the new $80,000 addition to the Orient Shops.

Sunday, July 22, 1928
page 1.
Drawing of proposed 16 story Medical Arts Building planned to be built at Webb Street and Douglas, between Broadview Hotel and Missouri Pacific depot. Article with details. (It was never built.)

Thursday, July 26, 1928
page 18.
School census taker reports Wichita population of 102,512, which includes total of 1210 Mexicans. Total number of Negroes not counted but said to be no more than four percent of the total population. Includes 680 Negro boys of school age and 728 Negro girls.

Sunday, July 29, 1928
page 38.
The board of park commissioners will take over East Central air field next Wednesday from the Booster Building Committee and will take immediate steps to improve it. Development of the recently purchased California Section will be delayed until the Transcontinental Air Transport Corporation decides how the field must be equipped to qualify for its proposed transcontinental air-rail service.

Monday, July 30, 1928
page 9.
Work on the $15,000 plant of the Quick Motors Company, adjacent to the new municipal airport southeast of the city, was completed today. Machinery for the plant is expected to arrive tomorrow.

Tuesday, July 31, 1928
page 2.
Contract let yesterday for building a gymnasium and auditorium, a heating plant, and other items at the University of Wichita. Details.
5. City commissioners yesterday approved taking over of the East Central air field this week by the board of park commissioners, including all buildings and equipment except that owned by the Travel Air Manufacturing Company. Details.

10. Advertisement with photograph (dark) of the new plant built for the Quick Air Motors Company. Article on page 15 with details -- building is 50 by 150 feet. Planned production of 125 per month.

Sunday, August 5, 1928

page 3. The new front on the building at 123-125 East Douglas occupied by Head’s Shoe Store and Newt Edwards Dry Goods Company has been completed.

6. Photograph of a 75 car trainload of salt from the American Salt Company, Lyons, Kansas, in north Wichita on the Frisco Railroad. Appears to have two engines.

15. Contract has been let for the new four story addition to St. Francis Hospital to a Wisconsin firm. To make room, the chaplain’s house at 935 North St. Francis (sic -- Emporia ?), formerly the Charles E. Lahey residence but since purchased as a home for the chaplain, is to be removed.

B-1. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

Tuesday, August 7, 1928

page 5. The Wichita Transportation Company yesterday requested from the city commission permission to abandon the Mt. Carmel and Bitting Avenue trolley lines under the contemplated reorganization of the car and bus routes. The company says that for several years the revenue from these lines has not been enough to pay the motormen’s salaries. No decision reached.

15. The Public Service Commission in Topeka today granted a certificate to J. W. Gurley to operate a bus line between Wichita and Joplin and to the Independence-Wichita Transit Service to operate a bus line between Wichita and Independence.

Wednesday, August 8, 1928

page 1. An oil gusher was struck today at the Wright well one and a half miles south of Valley Center in Section 12 Township 26 Range 1 West in the Wilcox sand at 3370 feet. Details.

11. Photograph of Wichita Trunk Company’s new retail store at 233-35 South Main, opposite the city library. The store was formerly located at 125 East Douglas.

Friday, August 10, 1928

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12. All buildings on site of new Central Building at southwest corner of Main and Douglas are to be vacated by October 1.

**Saturday, August 11, 1928**

11. Construction on the second story of the Forum will be started by September 1st. To be 110 by 125 feet and cost about $40,000.

**Sunday, August 12, 1928**

1. The Wright well south of Valley Center, by Saturday evening was making 75 to 80 barrels an hour, more than 1800 barrels a day.

4. The first Wichita built airplane motor, the Blue Streak, a five cylinder air cooled radial motor, was mounted on the testing frame just a week ago and completed a 24 hour test yesterday. Details.

5. Wichita Transportation Company advertisement with photographs of street cars and buses.

**Tuesday, August 14, 1928**

7. Building permit issued today for new store building for the Dunn Mercantile Company, at northwest corner of 21st and Arkansas, 60 by 75, one story, to cost $10,000.

The Paul R. Braniff Air Lines, of Tulsa, began air passenger service between Tulsa and Ponca City and Tulsa and Oklahoma City this morning. Two flights daily between Tulsa and Ponca City each way and one daily between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Fare from Ponca City to Tulsa is $10 one way. Details.

**Wednesday, August 15, 1928**

2. Ground will be broken Thursday for the new plant of the Fred W. Dold and Sons Packing Company at 21st and Topeka. To be one story, 100 by 180 feet, cost approximately $125,000, and be completed by January 1st.

5. *Air Transportation Magazine* published in New York will have a complete Wichita section in the August 25 issue. (“The Story of the Aircraft Business in Wichita”)

**Thursday, August 16, 1928**

13. Formal opening of the new home of the Smith Motor Company, Pierce-Arrow dealer, to be held today and next two days. At corner of East Douglas and Mathewson. Photograph.

**Friday, August 17, 1928**
The new $16,000 pile bridge over Big Arkansas River at Harry Street, 400 feet long and 25 feet wide, is nearing completion and may be opened to traffic next week.

Southern Kansas Stage Lines advertisement with photograph of two new White Model 54 coaches. Details.

Wichita Motor Bus Company filed application today with the Kansas Public Service Commission to reroute the West 1st Street bus line. Route requested is from Main and Douglas west to Seneca, north to 1st, west to Meridian, north to 2nd, and west to St. Paul.

The Harry Street bridge was opened to traffic this morning. The roadway is now 24 feet, where before it was 18 feet.

The Arkansas Valley Interurban is now bringing six or seven cars a day of oil into Wichita from the new well south of Valley Center.

The first production ship of the Swift Aircraft Corporation was delivered this week, and the second and third ships, which have already been sold, are now under construction. In a few weeks the company will be able to deliver at least one plane a week. The company is working on plans for a new factory to built directly south of the Quick Motors factory on the site of the new Municipal Airport.

The new Lincoln Cafeteria, 122½ North Lawrence, will be open for inspection Tuesday, August 21. Details.

Photograph of new home of the Auburn Wichita Motor Company, just completed at 1406-08 East Douglas.

Six Stearman biplanes have been ordered by the Department of Commerce of United States government for $48,500. The Stearman plant is booked ahead until next November and is running to its capacity of four planes a week all the time.

Photograph of the Blue Streak motor, built by the Blue Streak Motors Company at 529 West Douglas. Article with details. Officers of company listed.

Ground was broken yesterday for a $60,000 apartment building at 404 South Water being built by Max Steinbuchel of 705 Faulkner. To be 50 by 140, two stories. Details.
Tuesday, August 21, 1928

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The Kansas Public Service Commission announced it would approve discontinuance of the Mt. Carmel street car service and replacement by bus service. R. B. Campbell, president of the Wichita Transportation Company, will confer with the city manager regarding it. The plan is to make the Mt. Carmel bus a continuation of the Kellogg street line, proceeding from Main and Douglas west to St. Paul. The West Side bus route will also be changed. From Main and Douglas it will proceed west to Seneca, north to 1st, west to Meridian, north to 2nd, and west to St. Paul. It will be a continuation of the Wichita University line known as the East 13th bus.

Friday, August 24, 1928

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Photograph of interior of new Lincoln Cafeteria.

Sunday, August 26, 1928

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Wichita University is protesting the Wichita Transportation Company’s proposed change in routing of the East 13th bus. The buses now travel east on 13th to Holyoke and then north to the university campus. The company wants to stop them at 13th and Hillside, which would require passengers to transfer to reach the university.

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Photograph of new Science Hall under construction at Wichita University. Article with details. Foundations for the new gymnasium addition have practically been completed.

Page 9.

Production of the Supreme Propeller factory will be doubled from the present five a day to ten a day in the next few weeks after addition of new equipment. Twenty-five men are employed in the factory at present.

Page 15.

The new Sedgwick County Boys Farm on South Seneca will open September 1 and the boys will vacate their old location at 1211 South Wichita. Details.

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The Southern Kansas Stage Lines company announces inauguration on September 10 of a scheduled airplane service between Wichita and Kansas City by the Wichita Air Service Provision Company, a subsidiary of Southern Kansas Stage Lines. Dan Sauder, president, announced that the airplane service will be maintained for at least a month on a trial basis, with regular operation of one Travel Air monoplane. The fare will be $17.95 one way and $30.00 round trip.

B-13.

Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad advertisement with Orient Lines logo. Photograph.

B-14.

Advertisement of Wichita Park Cemetery with aerial photograph by Edger B. Smith showing Swallow plant.

Cessna advertisement with photograph of plane No. 1627.

Monday, August 27, 1928
page 5.

During tests yesterday the new Swift airplane reached a high speed of 135 m.p.h. Details.

Tuesday, August 28, 1928
page 1.

The Interstate Commerce Commission today approved the sale of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. Details.

Thursday, August 30, 1928
page 2.

The Cessna Aircraft Company this week received an approved type certificate for its aircraft powered with Anzani, Whirlwind, Warner, and Siemens-Halske motors.

Friday, August 31, 1928
page 8.

Wichita Transportation Company advertisement with photographs of street car No. 273 and Riverside.

Sunday, September 2, 1928
page 2.

Remodeling and redecorating of the Palace Theater by the Consolidated Amusement Company is nearly completed, at cost of over $50,000. Details.

Photograph of the Napir Drug Company, at Washington and Douglas. Article with details.

B-1. Garden Grove addition has been platted and is being sold by the People’s Finance Company, 201 North Main. The addition lies between 13th and 17th streets and between Woodrow Court and Woodland avenue.


B-12. Photograph of new Sedgwick County Boys Home on South Seneca.

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8. Photograph of new C. V. Snyder residence at 103 North Crestway. Article with details.

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10. Wichita zoning map.

**Thursday, September 6, 1928**

5. Excavation started today for a $40,000 residence for C. A. Comley, of Comley-Neff Lumber Company, in third block on North Crestway.

7. Mosley is to be connected between 9th and Murdock by a diagonal street with Washington, to open a through traffic route to the North End industrial district.

**Friday, September 7, 1928**

1. A $100,000 addition to the Broadview Hotel will be built at once by George H. Siedhoff. Work will start next Monday. The addition will provide 78 more rooms, giving a total of 318 guest rooms. To be built north of the present building, extending over the present freight depot of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company, from which the long term lease was obtained.

**Sunday, September 9, 1928**

14. Photograph of Cook Pharmacy at Maple and Seneca.

The building at 128-130 North Market is to be torn down and replaced with a new one story building extending from street to the alley. The present old building is two stories in front but does not extend to the alley.

B-12. Drawing of Broadview Hotel addition.

**Tuesday, September 11, 1928**

1. A two story building costing $50,000 will be built this fall on the California section for the Braley School of Flying. Details.


9. City commission has purchased lot 150 by 135 feet on northeast corner of 3rd and Wabash for $4000 as the site for a new fire station.

20. Photograph of Cessna A monoplane which won the class A division of the National Air Derby from New York to Los Angeles yesterday. Also photograph of pilot Earl Rowland, Cessna factory pilot.

**Friday, September 14, 1928**
Photograph of new 42 by 120 foot building of Schermerhorn and Son Furniture Company at 1312 East Douglas.

Sunday, September 16, 1928

Photograph of new house of Oscar Smith, 1108 Riverside Avenue.

Monday, September 17, 1928

Report of visit by Rudolph Hatfield, former Wichita lawyer who left Wichita 15 years ago and is now practicing law in Oakland, California. Built house in 400 block of South Seneca in 1881. Visiting daughter, Mrs. H. A. Tornow, 1744 Park Place.

Daily air passenger service between Wichita and Kansas City was started this morning by the Wichita Air Service Provision Company. The “Peerless Princess” cabin plane accommodates four passengers. It left at 7:30 a.m. and will return from Kansas City at 3:30 p.m., arriving at the East Central Air Field two hours later. One way fare is $19.50 and round trip $35.00.

Tuesday, September 18, 1928

City commissioners yesterday discussed the proposed abandonment of the Mt. Carmel trolley lines with substitution of buses on this line as an experiment. The tracks would not be ripped up and trolleys could be put back in operation if the buses failed to give satisfactory service.

Robert W. Campbell, son of R. B. Campbell, president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company, was recently appointed general superintendent of the Arkansas Valley Transportation Company. He had previously held the position of superintendent of transportation of the same company.

Thursday, September 20, 1928

Workmen last night began tearing down the scaffolding around the Brown Building at the sixth floor to prevent debris from falling to the ground.

Saturday, September 22, 1928

Kansas Public Service Commission approved proposed route change of the Wichita Motor Bus Company with only one exception, namely that the Mt. Carmel-Wichita University buses run north on Hillside to 17th street during the school months instead of stopping them at 13th and Hillside. The buses will proceed west on 13th to St. Francis, south on St. Francis to 2nd, west on 2nd to Emporia, south on Emporia to Douglas, and then west
on Douglas to St. Paul, the western terminus. The eastern terminus of the Kellogg-West 1st line now will be Belmont and Kellogg. From the west to Ida, north to Douglas, west on Douglas to Seneca, north on Seneca to 1st, west on 1st to Meridian, north on Meridian to 2nd, and west on 2nd to St. Paul.

Sunday, September 23, 1928
page 7. Photograph of Harry Street Drug Store at Washington and Harry.

B-13. The Riverview Apartments, near 8th and Waco, will be open for public inspection today. Photograph. Article with details.

Sunday, September 23, 1928
page Magazine
2. Article about new book by Dr. Harold W. Foght, president of Wichita University, and his wife, on Unfathomed Japan.

7. Article about the Girard airship of 20 years ago. Details.

Monday, September 24, 1928
page
9. By next Monday the six buildings now standing on the site of the proposed Central Building will be vacant and the work of tearing them down will be started. Details. The Kos Harris building is the oldest building in the group to be torn down and was built over 40 years ago.

Tuesday, September 25, 1928
page
2. Article about the general revision in the bus lines being made by the Wichita Motor Bus Company. Details. Photograph.

4. Claiming that it has lost money since January 1, the Wichita Transportation Company filed application with the city commission yesterday for permission to increase trolley fares to eight cents, which would be a two cent increase over the present rate. The company would also give two tokens for 15 cents, five tokens for 35 cents, and 24 tokens for $1.50. The company says its capital investment is approximately $2,750,000 and that it is entitled to earnings of ten percent on its capital investment. Trolley service on the Bitting Avenue stub was discontinued a week ago, and yesterday a petition asking that it be resumed was presented to the city commission. The city attorney was ordered to determine whether the city has the power to force the company to put these trolleys back in service on this line.

Wednesday, September 26, 1928
page 1. The Bayley Street connecting link between the Orient and Santa Fe is being upgraded to
make it fit for passenger train traffic, so that Orient trains will be able to use the union
depot within a short time. It is thought the Santa Fe will become owner of the Orient
about November 1.

3. The Robertson Aircraft Company of St. Louis took delivery today in the first of seven
Whirlwind powered Cessnas for use on the Chicago-St. Louis contract air mail route.

9. Change in schedule of National Air Transport airmail planes through Wichita to become
effective October 1. Details.

Thursday, September 27, 1928

1. Report of death yesterday of Arthur E. Stilwell, builder of the Kansas City, Mexico and
Orient Railroad, in New York City at age 68. His connection with Orient ended with its
receivership in 1912. Details.

Friday, September 28, 1928

25. Photograph of construction under way on second story of the market building between the
Forum and Arcadia Theater.

Saturday, September 29, 1928

2. Report of death this morning of pioneer wholesale grocer of Wichita G. E. Lehmann, of
the Lehmann-Higginson Grocery Company, at his home, 1157 North Lawrence, at age 76.
Moved to Wichita from Humboldt, Kansas in 1890. Born in Germany and came to United
States as a young man. Survived by wife Eliza, one son in Long Beach, California, and
two daughters in Wichita (named).

Sunday, September 30, 1928

10. Swallow Airplane Company stockholders Saturday voted to increase the company’s
capitalization from $250,000 to $1,000,000. The factory is to be enlarged about the first
of the year. Board of directors listed. Details.

Sunday, September 30, 1928

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5. Article about William E. Mathewson, with photograph.

Tuesday, October 2, 1928

6. Board of education yesterday accepted the completed addition at Riverside School. It also
ordered the construction of a sidewalk around Riverside School.
7. At city commission meeting yesterday, city attorney A. V. Roberts harshly criticized the tactics employed by the Wichita Transportation Company in its negotiations with the city for a new franchise. City officials told by the Wichita office that the company’s books were in Topeka, and by the Topeka office that they were in Chicago. Details.

15. Report of death yesterday of J. J. Thomas, Wichita pioneer, at his fruit farm near Kansas City, Missouri, at age 70. He came to Wichita in 1870 and with his father helped build the old mill on Chisholm Creek near 1st and Hydraulic.

**Wednesday, October 3, 1928**

15. The Quick Motor Company reorganized today, with the resignation of several officers, election of men to replace them, to a complete change in manufacturing policy. The Quick Company has been chiefly engaged in the conversion of Rhone motors into Quick motors. The conversion will be suspended, and instead the company will make a new motor of original design. R. G. Powers, former president, resigned. Charles E. Quick, former vice-president, was elected president and Thomas E. Quick, vice-president. H. Spencer Quick is a director and also George C. Quick. The company also plans to design a new monoplane. H. H. Patton purchased the furniture and fixtures at the factory building near the municipal airport, for $4000. Details.

**Friday, October 5, 1928**

7. The Swallow Airplane Company, originally organized as a Kansas firm, today became a Delaware corporation to facilitate its re-organization. Details. Officers and directors named.

Stearman Aircraft, Inc. has begun the manufacture of a larger plane for air mail service, powered by a Wright Cyclone motor of 525 horsepower. The plane has been sold to Walter S. Varney of the Varney Airlines, operating a contract air mail route between Salt Lake City and Pasco, Washington, and will be delivered in about three months.

10. Kansas Public Service Commission will hold hearing October 17 in Wichita on Wichita Motor Bus Company application for rerouting of its line which now starts at Hydraulic and Harry and ends at 18th and Topeka. The new routing would start the line at Harry and Hydraulic, thence west on Harry to Wichita Street, south on Wichita three blocks to Skinner, and west on Skinner three blocks to Gold.

20. The buildings on the new Central Building site will be torn down in a week, beginning next Monday.

**Saturday, October 6, 1928**

Sale of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe for $14,500,000, with the purchaser assuming a $2,500,000 mortgage held by the government, has been approved by federal Judge John C. Polloch, in Kansas City, Kansas. Details.

Sunday, October 7, 1928
page 11.

Full page advertisement for the Brinkley Hospital, Milford, Kansas.

13.

Photograph of demolition of the three story Stanley and Jones building, constructed in 1905 as home for the National Bank of Commerce, to make way for new Central Building.

Monday, October 8, 1928
page 1.

The Quick airplane engine factory and a 15 acre tract on which it is situated on the west side of the 640 acre Municipal Airport has been purchased by the Swift Aircraft Corporation for $20,000, it was announced today. Swift Company officials immediately ordered moving of their factory equipment from the old plant at 33rd and North Lawrence. The new building is a large modern brick building erected last summer by Quick Air Motors but never occupied owing to the fact that H. H. Patton resold his interests to Tips and Smith, of Houston, Texas, who will carry on the future manufacture of Quick engines in Texas. The Swift Company began its experimental work about nine months ago and since then has built a number of two place biplanes. Details.

2.

J. W. Gurley, doing business as the Wichita-Joplin Bus Company, has been granted a certificate of convenience and necessity by the Public Service Commission to operate as a motor carrier of passengers and express between Wichita and Joplin, Missouri.

Tuesday, October 9, 1928
page 1.

Drawing of a proposed new 19 story hotel to be erected at southeast corner of William and Lawrence. Article with details (varies from the Allis).

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Article gives history of Miss Eva Minnich’s property at southeast corner of Lawrence and William, which she bought with two small houses in 1898 for $1035, and which she has now leased for 99 years for $8875 a year. Details. Photographs of small houses on property when she bought it.

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The newly incorporated Knoll Aircraft Corporation received its charter yesterday and will build a cabin biplane powered with a Whirlwind engine. Details.
17. Advertisement of the Wichita Transportation Company announcing changes in some bus routes and also announcing that the Mt. Carmel Street Car Line is to be discontinued on and after Sunday, October 14. Details.

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5. Photograph of old Bitting Building after January 2, 1911 fire.

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5. Buses of the Wichita Transportation Company yesterday began operating on Douglas Avenue, using the same loading platforms as the street cars. Details.

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10. Report on hearing today by Public Service Commission on Wichita Transportation Company’s application to discontinue three bus lines and reroute two others Details. Photograph.

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1. Sale of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe was completed today. Details.
22. Photograph of buildings at northwest corner of Hillside and Douglas -- shows street car tracks turning both east and west off Hillside.

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3. Excavation for the new Central Building started this morning.
18. Photograph of site of Central Building -- only partly cleared.

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13. State census showed Wichita’s population in 1928 to be 101,436, compared with 99,651 in 1927.

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Completion of clearing of site for new post office at 3rd Street between Main and Market was finished yesterday. When the site was purchased there were seven frame buildings and four brick or stone buildings on the 250 by 300 foot tract.

Photograph of partly completed new Science Hall at Wichita University.

City commission yesterday hired Black and Veatch, engineers, of Kansas City to make an appraisal of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company property. The company’s recent valuation of $2,800,000 was considered too high by the city commission.

Kansas supreme court today upheld the eight cent bus fare now in effect in Wichita as valid. The city of Wichita had sought an injunction against the Wichita Transportation Company’s higher rate which had been approved by the Public Service Commission.

Contract let yesterday for the new fire station at 3rd and Wabash to the Henrion Improvement Company. General contract was for $23,744.

Advertisement with photograph of the new Dunn Community Center Building at Kellogg and Hydraulic, which opens tomorrow.

Report announcing investigation next Thursday of scheduled regular passenger air service between Wichita and Tulsa by Air Transportation Corporation, of Wichita. A Travel Air monoplane will be used, a sister ship to Art Goebel’s “Woolaroc.” The company also has a remodeled Laird Whippoorwill air sedan and has placed an order for a smaller Travel Air monoplane, the Type 6000, for delivery in a few weeks. The pilot will be Ira (Big Mack) McConnaughey. Details.

The state public service commission today granted permission to the Wichita Motor Bus Company to discontinue its South Water, South Topeka, and North Market bus lines. The company feels that these areas are adequately served by the South Lawrence bus line and the Main Street, Topeka, and South Emporia street car lines and represent unnecessary duplication.

Photograph of start of work on Hotel Broadview addition, showing Arkansas Valley Interurban freight depot.
Sunday, November 11, 1928

13. Articles reporting completion of five story addition to the Brown Building.

14. Photograph of Brown Building addition under construction.

Monday, November 12, 1928

2. Photograph of Forum complete with the new second story center section, completed about the middle of October.

Tuesday, November 13, 1928

1. Article reports sale of controlling interest in Travel Air, Inc. to a group of New York and Boston bankers. Fifty percent of the outstanding stock was purchased for approximately $750,000. It is reported that the resulting merger will include the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, of Paterson, New Jersey. Details.

3. Article about history of Orient locomotive No. 252, damaged by Pancho Villa, but now rebuilt and restored to service. (“Iron Horse, Once Object of Villa’s Ire, Is Resurrected by Orient”)

18. City commission yesterday authorized bond issue of $46,000 to pay for improvements at the new Municipal Airport on the California section. Details.

Wednesday, November 14, 1928

7. Approximately $400,000 is the amount Wichita University will eventually receive from the Eva H. McKnight estate after all other bequests have been paid. Details.

Thursday, November 15, 1928

1. The Dunn Mercantile Stores, owned by Mayor Frank Dunn, his brothers, Harry and Horace, and others, have been sold to the Kroger Grocery Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for nearly $1,000,000 cash. Details.

7. Directors of the Orient Railway of Texas today resigned their positions in favor of directors of the Santa Fe Railway.

9. The Air Transportation Corporation, N. L. Sifers, president, has delayed the opening of its Wichita to Tulsa air passenger line until Monday in order to complete the final arrangements.

14. Changes in bus routings effective next Sunday were announced today. Details. ("Bus
Routings Re-arranged”) Photograph.

Friday, November 16, 1928

1. Drawing of the proposed new Commodore apartment-hotel, to be built at Elm and North Lawrence. Building permit issued today. To cost $750,000. Details.

10. Varney Airlines, Inc. yesterday ordered five of the late, large model airplanes recently announced by the Stearman Aircraft Company, for $87,500. They will be powered with 500 horsepower Wright Cyclone motors.

25. The Dahl Chevrolet Company today was sold to E. V. Yingling, of Eldorado, for $75,000 and will henceforth be known as the Yingling Chevrolet Company. Details.

Sunday, November 18, 1928

1. Drawing of a proposed 15 story apartment building to be erected at southwest corner of 3rd and Lawrence (never built). Article with details.

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5. Article about rosy future for the Orient Railroad under Santa Fe ownership. Details.

6. Article about Edward Vail, age 75, prominent Wichita business man (president of Wichita Perpetual Building and Loan Association). Biography and photograph.

Monday, November 19, 1928

9. The giant 14 passenger Fokker tri-motor which is being delivered to Western Air Express Company, of Los Angeles, and which stopped here Sunday, returned to Wichita after leaving for Amarillo, because of bad weather conditions and icing and remained here overnight. It is the first of nine such planes purchased by Western Air Express for $67,000 each and being delivered at two week intervals. None of the hangars at the Wichita airport was large enough to hold the plane, so it was tied down and covers placed over its three Wasp motors. Details.

Wednesday, November 21, 1928

3. The new six passenger cantilever monoplane, the latest design of the Cessna Aircraft Company is scheduled to make its first flight next week. The new craft is known as Model CWP and will be powered with a Whirlwind motor.

7. Excavation is under way for the basement of the new Central Building at southwest corner of Main and Douglas.
Sunday, November 25, 1928

2. Al H. Parrot, well known Wichita paint dealer, until recently manager of another local paint store, will open a new store under his own name in a week or ten days at 120 North Topeka. Details. Photograph.

7. Full page advertisement -- Sears, Roebuck and Company’s new retail store at 419-21-23 East Douglas, corner of Emporia and Douglas, will open Saturday, December 1st. Drawing.

9. Drawing of plan for Wichita’s new municipal airport. Article with details (print rather faint).

B-1. Sam P. Wallingford announced yesterday plans for building a new grain elevator, to be located just north of the Golden Rule Refining Company plant on North Lawrence, on ten acres of ground recently purchased from L. A. Ottaway. Details.

B-14. Article about new airplane propeller testing device designed and made by the Supreme Propeller Company of Wichita. The plant is now turning out ten propellers a day. Details. Photograph.

Sunday, November 25, 1928

3. Feature article about Walter Innes. Photograph.

Monday, November 26, 1928

1. List of Sedgwick County oil wells producing or being drilled. Wright No. 1 is in Section 12, Township 26, Range 1 West.

7. Concrete work on the addition to the Broadview Hotel should be completed by the end of this week. Laying of brick will start as soon as the stone trimmings arrive.

10. The old home of former Gov. Lorenzo D. Lewelling, located on ground recently purchased by the University of Wichita, not far from the university’s recently completed Science Hall, is being moved to another location. It was purchased from Governor Lewelling by John Halbrook. Photograph.

Tuesday, November 27, 1928

12. Homer Harden is retiring from the photograph business and has sold his studio to Walter E. Carlson and Paul R. Bulla, who will continue the business under the name of Carlson and Bulla. Details.
Wednesday, November 28, 1928

1. Report that the Cessna Aircraft Company has increased its capitalization from $200,000 to $500,000. Details.

2. Article about the Okey Airplane Company, which has opened offices in Wichita although its factory is at Okey, Oklahoma, near Muskogee, where the company has been engaged in the manufacture of O.K. trucks. Details.

16. The Knoll Aircraft Company, recently organized at Wichita, began today the construction of its new factory building. Details. Officers listed. Felix K. Knoll, vice-president and chief designer, was recently chief designer of the Heinkel Airplane factory at Warnemünde, Germany.

Thursday, November 29, 1928

2. Victor Roos, general manager of the Swallow Airplane Company, retired at the expiration of his year’s contract with that concern Wednesday, and George Bassett, once receiver for the company, was named to take his place.

Friday, November 30, 1928

1. Another article about the newly organized Knoll Aircraft Company. Details. The site of the new factory for which Art Grebel broke the ground Wednesday is in the quarter section just south of the East Central Avenue airport. Photograph of three Germans in the company.


Sunday, December 2, 1928

5. Drawing of proposed new Nomar Theater, to be built at once at 2140-42 North Market for $125,000. Plans prepared by Boller Brothers, of Kansas City, specialists in theater design. Seating capacity, 800. The name “Nomar” is taken from the words “North” and “Market,” where it is to be built. Article with details.

Sunday, December 2, 1928

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4. Feature article on Charles P Mueller, florist, with photograph.

Monday, December 3, 1928

3. Photograph of Transcontinental Air Transport’s first Ford Trimotor, the flagship
“Columbus,” which is fitted up for use as a flying office by Charles Lindbergh and other company officials.

Tuesday, December 4, 1928
page 2. The corner stone of Wichita’s new high school is to be laid Sunday afternoon. Details.

Wednesday, December 5, 1928
page 7. Article describes three proposed changes in bus routes by Wichita Motor Bus Company involving East 9th Street, Bridgeport, and East 2nd bus lines. Details.

Thursday, December 6, 1928
page 9. Missouri Pacific Railroad has let contract for construction of a steel building for a new power plant at the 25th Street yards. To be 40 by 50 feet with a 100 foot steel smokestack, and cost about $12,000.

Friday, December 7, 1928
page 15. Photograph of the new Randle Drug Store at 9th and Emporia, which is to open Sunday. Mr. Klon Randle, owner, has been on the opposite corner of 9th and Emporia for the past eight years. Details.

Sunday, December 9, 1928

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page Magazine 2. Feature article on M. C. Campbell, cattleman, with photograph. Came to Kansas from Illinois in 1874 and homesteaded a claim a few miles south of Dodge City in that year. He will be 80 years old next September. Biography.

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Wednesday, December 12, 1928
page 10. Article about street paving completed this year. Includes North Topeka and Mosley from 18th to 21st. Mosley is already paved to 13th Street, and petitions are being circulated to pave it on south to Central. West 13th was paved from Garland to Bitting and the gap on East 9th from Estelle to Hillside was paved.
11. Article about the Knoll plane which is being built in the Knoll shop at 1st Street and the Big Arkansas river (i.e. 471 West 1st). Details.

Thursday, December 13, 1928

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7. Appointment of a friendly receiver for the Hartman Theater Company, which operates the Uptown Theater was expected in federal court today. The intention is for reorganization and continued operation. Details.

Friday, December 14, 1928

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1. Article about court proceedings concerning large estate of M. R. Diver, pioneer, alleged to be now incompetent. Details.

Sunday, December 16, 1928

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1. Ted Braley, head of the Braley School of Flying, will attempt to take off from the roof of the Hotel Broadview next Tuesday afternoon. Details. Photograph showing his plane being hoisted to the top of the Broadview.

13. Article about Al Parrott’s new paint and wallpaper store, now open for business at 120 North Topeka. Photographs of exterior and interior.


24. Wichita’s newest Chevrolet agency, the Hobbs Chevrolet Company, opened for business yesterday at 554 West Douglas, in the building formerly occupied by the Sheer-Bell Motor Company, Oldsmobile dealer. Details.

Monday, December 17, 1928

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7. Contract has been let for the new Nomar Theater and excavation started today.

Tuesday, December 18, 1928

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7. Article about plans for the new Kress Building. Details.

Thursday, December 20, 1928

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Friday, December 21, 1928
Long article about organizational meeting of the new Air Services Corporation, 208 North Waco, with details, list of officers and directors, etc.

Sunday, December 23, 1928


Article about the new two story building to be erected by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at 2nd and Topeka. Details.

Monday, December 31, 1928

Feature article by Ignace Mead Jones on the entertainment in Wichita years ago. Details.
Report of first flight of new Knoll plane yesterday at East Central airport. Pilot was Howard Jones. Details.