Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the “Tihen Notes,” as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1930 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, January 1, 1930
page 10. Approximately 3000 of the new black and white auto license tags have already been sold.

Thursday, January 2, 1930
page 2. The new Vogue women’s ready-to-wear store will open Saturday at 220 East Douglas in the location formerly occupied by Stellheimer’s store.

Sunday, January 5, 1930
page 7. Transcontinental Air Transport planes carried 4346 passengers a total of 2,000,000 passenger miles during the first six months of operation of their air-rail service. Of 669 trips scheduled, 587, or 86.5 percent, were completed. “On time” arrivals were 70.6 percent. Ninety and a half percent of all scheduled miles were flown.

Article about a new airplane motor designed and built in Wichita by Guy R. Power at a shop at 840 North Main. It has run 150 hours and develops 75 horsepower from a 325 cubic inch displacement. It is a five cylinder radial motor. Details.

B-6. Full page advertisement with photograph of the new Kress store building. Informal opening to be held Wednesday, January 8. Article with details on page B-7.

B-8. Full page advertisement of Yellow Air Cab Company.


C-8. The first Yellow Air Cab plane, a Hilton super mid-wing built in Wichita is to give a public demonstration at Municipal Airport this afternoon.

Monday, January 6, 1930
page
3. Dissident stockholder’s petition for appointment of receiver for Cessna Aircraft Company was denied by Judge I. N. Williams today. Details.

Tuesday, January 7, 1930

Western Air Express carried more than 25,000 passengers in 1929. Previous totals were 267 in 1926, 408 in 1927, and 6794 in 1928.

8. Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux Air Lines advertisement.

Wednesday, January 8, 1930

Formal opening of new Kress store to be tomorrow.

Thursday, January 9, 1930

Report of death this morning of James Murry, veteran city official, of a stroke, at age 68. Born February 14, 1861 at Sigourney, Iowa. Moved to Lawrence, Kansas in 1873 with family and later to Sumner County, near Millerton, before coming to Wichita in 1904. Survived by wife, Emma and one daughter, Miss Emma Murry. Obituary and photograph on page 6.

Kansas license tags are issued by county this year for first time. Sedgwick County is 2 C. List.

Friday, January 10, 1930

Contracts let yesterday by Board of Regents for new administration building at University of Wichita to Blaser-Vollmer Construction Company. General contract was $187,730. Architect is Ed Forsblom. Details.

Sunday, January 12, 1930

New officers and directors of Stearman Aircraft Company have been elected to reflect the recent takeover of the company by the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation. Names listed.

Monday, January 13, 1930

Administration building and hangar of the Braley Flying School with 11 airplanes was destroyed by fire about 9:00 a.m. today. Nine planes lost. Ninety thousand dollar loss. Details and photographs. Three Beezle Bug planes were destroyed.

Tuesday, January 14, 1930
1. The Braley School administration building is to be rebuilt. Details.

**Wednesday, January 15, 1930**

9. The new A. A. Hyde and William Finn elementary schools will be opened this month at the beginning of the second semester.

**Thursday, January 16, 1930**

5. The Wichita Airplane Manufacturing Company directors decided yesterday to build another Cadet sport biplane immediately. Tom Harley is president of this company. Other officers and directors named.

16. Henceforth Wichita will be a regular stop for all Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux planes instead of a flag stop as in the past. Wichita has been used with increasing frequency as a plane-train transfer point when weather and schedules made it more expedient than at Waynoka, Oklahoma.

18. Financial report of Board of Education. Details.

**Sunday, January 19, 1930**

1. A Transcontinental Air Transport Curtiss Condor biplane landed at Wichita at 6:30 p.m. yesterday with 13 persons aboard. For the third time, Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux had a full load of 18 passengers out of Columbus, Ohio and the Condor biplane had to be put into service to accommodate the demand. Only one passenger continued by plane to Waynoka, Oklahoma. The other 12 transferred to the Santa Fe here for Clovis, New Mexico to avoid the six hour wait during the night at Waynoka.

**Sunday, January 19, 1930**

**Special Section**

Rajah Rabbitry with articles and photographs. Says the Rajah Rabbitry last week purchased the Wichita Sanitarium, 3400 West Douglas, for $125,000, for use as a school.

**Monday, January 20, 1930**


**Tuesday, January 21, 1930**

18. Stockholders of the Braley School of Flying yesterday approved the decision to rebuild the administration and classroom building. Details.
Thursday, January 23, 1930

20. Recent aerial photograph of downtown from northwest.

Tuesday, January 28, 1930

1. Report of crash yesterday evening of a Wichita to Kansas City plane of Central Airlines, subsidiary of Universal Air Lines System, which is a subsidiary of Aviation Corporation, within a mile of its destination at Fairfax Airport in Kansas City, Kansas, killing the pilot and all four passengers. It was the first fatal crash Central Airlines has experienced since it started operations. Details.

Friday, January 31, 1930

20. The new $500,000 addition to St. Francis Hospital will be dedicated February 11. Details.

Saturday, February 1, 1930

3. Photograph of United Presbyterian Church at 1st and Ohio.

Thursday, February 6, 1930

1. Report of two crashes of Wichita built planes yesterday. A Sullivan low wing “Crested Harpy” cabin monoplane crashed at Garden City, killing pilot Eddie R. Gardner and one passenger, and the Hilton mid-wing monoplane crashed three miles south and three miles east of municipal airport when the wings came off while pilot R. (Ralph) P. (Red) Shannon was stunting the plane, killing him. The Hilton plane was the only one of its type ever built, designed by Ralph Hilton. Details. Photographs.

Saturday, February 8, 1930

1. Dan L. Jones, president of the Okay Airplane Company, was arrested yesterday at Okay, Oklahoma on charge of violating the Kansas blue sky law in promoting sale of stock in the plane company. Wichita offices were maintained by the Okay Airplane Company until a short time ago. Details.

Sunday, February 9, 1930

C-12. Full page advertisement of Yellow Air Cab Company promoting stock sale and giving details of plans.

D-8. Advertisement with photograph of E. C. Team Auto Company’s new home (Franklin distributor) in the Kersting Hotel Building, 320-322 North Market.
Monday, February 10, 1930

Article about plans for dedication of new St. Francis Hospital addition by Bishop Schwertner tomorrow. Details. Report on February 11, page 5.

Wednesday, February 12, 1930


Thursday, February 13, 1930

New officers elected today by board of directors of Swallow Aircraft. W. M. Moore reelected president. Names listed.

Friday, February 14, 1930

New community shopping center building at northwest corner of 13th and Lawrence is to be opened to the public tomorrow. Details. Photograph.

Sunday, February 16, 1930

The new Kersting Hotel, 320 North Market, will be opened for public inspection this evening. Article with details. Photograph.

D-5. The Watkins “Skylark” low wing monoplane has passed all Department of Commerce tests and the company expects to receive its approved type certificate soon. It will be the fifth Wichita plane to receive such a certificate. Plans are being made to build a sales organization for the plane.

Tuesday, February 18, 1930

A. E. Merriam was today appointed receiver for the Swift Aircraft Company by District Court Judge J. E. Alexander. Requests for receivership were made by directors and several stockholders of the company. Details.

Wednesday, February 19, 1930

Option has been taken by building committee of Central Christian Church for purchase of
the southwest corner of Central and Market as site for a new church building. Details.

Friday, February 21, 1930
page 3.
Special machinery will arrive here soon and production of the Buckley all-metal low-wing monoplane will start in the new factory building east of the city about April 1.

Saturday, February 22, 1930
page 1.
Report of death yesterday of noted Wichita judge, Jesse Newton Haymaker, age 71, at his home, 3754 East Douglas. Had been Wichita resident 43 years. Survived by wife, one daughter and one son (named). Obituary. Photograph on page 2.

Sunday, February 23, 1930
page 1.
Report that Walter Beech will return to Wichita soon to marry Miss Olive Ann Mellor, daughter of Frank Mellor, 442 South Poplar. Details.

Tuesday, February 25, 1930
page 12.
Wichita’s telephones will be changed over to the dial system after midnight next Saturday, March 1.

Wednesday, February 26, 1930
page 1.
The new Wichita city directories for 1930 are being distributed today.

Friday, February 28, 1930
page 1.
George Siedhoff is probable winner of the contract to build the new Allis Hotel. Details. Drawing on page 26.

Saturday, March 1, 1930
page 2.
Dial telephones go into operation tonight at midnight.

Sunday, March 2, 1930
page B-1.
F. W. (“Woody”) Hockaday yesterday let contract for addition of a second story to his company’s present building at William and Topeka. Details.

D-8.
The Ranney-Davis Mercantile Company will soon erect a new building on 2nd Street between Mosley and Rock Island at cost of over $100,000. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. Details. Drawing.
Sunday, March 2, 1930
page Magazine
3. Article about Wichita fire department. Details.

Monday, March 3, 1930
page
1. Missing Western Air Express passenger plane missing for a week has been found crashed on a San Bernadino mountain peak. Three were aboard.

16. A middle span of the old South Lawrence Avenue bridge over Arkansas River collapsed at 9:45 p.m. yesterday under the weight of a heavy oil truck and trailer. Details. Photograph.

Tuesday, March 4, 1930
page
1. Board of education will submit $740,000 school bond issue to voters at spring election, to be used for new schools and improvements (details given).

Tuesday, March 4, 1930
page Special Section
Opening of William Levitt’s new jewelry store location, successor to Vail Jewelry Company, at 116 East Douglas. Articles with details, and drawing of new store front.

Thursday, March 6, 1930
page
8. A receiver is to be appointed for the Wichita Elks Lodge, No. 427 and its property on North Market Street on petition of the Guaranty Title and Trust Company, holder of the mortgage on the property. Details.

9. The Missouri Pacific Railroad put into service yesterday all the new tracks in its North Wichita yards. Work on the new coal shed is well under way and the repair sheds are completed. This will mark the completion of a $250,000 construction program by the Missouri Pacific in Wichita.

18. Drawing of new fire station to be built at Lewis and Topeka at cost of $75,000. To be two stories, 81 by 100 feet, of dark brick trimmed with Bedford stone. Architect is Ed Forsblom. Details.

Friday, March 7, 1930
page
25. Report of changes in Arkansas Valley Interurban schedules to take effect Sunday, March 16, cutting running time from present two hours to one hour 50 minutes from Wichita to
Hutchinson and one hour 45 minutes from Hutchinson to Wichita. Details.

Sunday, March 9, 1930

1. Article about proposed new street car and bus franchise to be voted on by city commission March 17. Fare on both street cars and buses would be seven cents or 15 tickets for $1.00. Long article with details -- continued on page 8. (“Franchise Proposes, etc.”)

5. Service on American Airways, Inc., successor to Universal Air Lines, will be discontinued at Wichita Sunday, meaning that there will be no plane operating between Wichita and Tulsa until some other concern fills the gap. Cessation of American Airways service also means one less plane a day between Wichita and Kansas City, although two other lines are operating six multi-motored planes daily between them.

B-10. Advertisement announcing formal opening tomorrow of the new home of Wichita-Ponca Tent and Awning Company at 611 East Central (former location 815 West Douglas). Photograph. Article with details on page B-11.

Monday, March 10, 1930

15. Excavation for the basement of the new Allis Hotel will start next Monday. Work on wrecking the three old buildings on the site has been proceeding very rapidly, and the two story Minnich Building on the corner will probably be completely torn down by Saturday night. Details. (Later report indicates excavation did start today.)

Tuesday, March 11, 1930

12. United States Airways has taken advantage of the opening left by the American Airways abandonment of the Wichita-Tulsa air line and will start service over that route Tuesday. Two round trips daily will be flown from municipal airport here, using seven passenger Flamingo planes. The fare is $8.00. Central Airlines first operated over the route as an independent company, and later as a division of Universal Air Lines System. American Airways operated the line upon acquisition of Universal but stayed with it only a few weeks, abandoning it last week.

Wednesday, March 12, 1930

11. A new company, the Eastborough Estates Company, has been organized to take over the business of the Alton H. Smith Company for the purpose of developing the Eastborough properties. Company to be incorporated at once with capitalization of $100,000. George H. Siedhoff is to be president. Other officers and directors listed. Development of this property was started about a year ago by the Alton H. Smith Company, but the drilling of an oil well adjacent with a showing of oil put a decided check on the enterprise and this coupled with the effects of the stock market crash in the East made it impossible for the original company to carry out its plans. The proposition now seems to be in an excellent
18. William Floto is the receiver of the Wichita Elks Club Building. The Elks Club wants to retain one floor of the building, and it is hoped that the gymnasium and swimming pool can be retained for athletic purposes. Details.

Sunday, March 16, 1930
page D-5.

Photograph of excavation site for basement of Allis Hotel. All old buildings on site now gone.

Advertisement of Southern Kansas Stage Lines with photograph of American Car and Foundry Company Parlor Car bus.

Sunday, March 16, 1930
page Magazine

5. Feature article about Kathleen Kersting. Photographs.

Tuesday, March 18, 1930
page

9. New franchise ordinance for Wichita Transportation Company was passed by city commission yesterday, to take effect in 60 days if there is no protest, and to have a term of 20 years. Bus fares to be lowered to seven cents and street car fares to be raised to seven cents, with school children riding to and from school for five cents. Company’s books to be open to the city at all times. Details.

Tuesday, March 25, 1930
page

1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Sara Blair Case, wife of Howard Case, Wichita lumberman, at her home, 1145 North Lawrence, after an illness of several months, at age 67. Born in Blair’s Mill, Pennsylvania May 5, 1862. Moved to Wichita as a bride 42 years ago. Survived by husband, three daughters, Mrs. Morris Neff, Mrs. William Brookman, and Mrs. Thor Jager, all of Wichita, and one son, Howard Case, Jr. of Wichita. Was prominent in Wichita social circles and she and husband have been devoted members of First Presbyterian Church.

3. Big glider show to be held Sunday under direction of Clyde V. Cessna. The new Cessna soaring glider was tested Sunday with great success by Eldon Cessna.

National Air Transport to establish Chicago to Dallas passenger service by way of Tulsa. Details.

Sunday, March 30, 1930
page
11. Work started yesterday on the second story addition to the Hockaday Building at William and Topeka. To cost $10,000 and be completed in about 60 days.

D-6. New two story building is to be erected at northeast corner of Douglas and Hydraulic and leased for ten years by the Etchen Auto Company, Studebaker distributor. Building company investors maned. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend. Details.

Sunday, March 30, 1930
page
Magazine
5. Feature article about Wichita gliders with photographs.

Monday, March 31, 1930
page
1. Wichita pilot Charles R. Moore was killed yesterday afternoon at Hutchinson airport in the crash of the Baby Ace plane he was flying in a flying demonstration. The Baby Ace, designed by O. G. Corben, is the smallest airplane made in Wichita. Three of the planes have been made by the Ace Manufacturing Company, 1016 South Santa Fe. It is powered by a 40 horsepower engine. Details.

Report of glider show yesterday. Details.

Tuesday, April 1, 1930
page
4. George Siedhoff was today appointed as receiver for the Braley School of Flying as a result of a suit filled in district court by J. W. Craig of the Craig and Craig Oil Company. The suit alleges that the school’s indebtedness is approximately $90,000.

Saturday, April 5, 1930
page
1. The huge 32 passenger, four motor Fokker F-32 plane landed at the municipal airport at 1:15 p.m. today after a flight from Kansas City. The plane belongs to Western Air Express but is being chartered for exhibition flights by the Fox Theater Company. Details. Photographs. Plane number is NC 334 N. Further details April 6, page 1 and B-5 and D-4.

Sunday, April 6, 1930
page
D-4. The Yellow Cab and Transfer Company is to occupy its new $125,000 home at 2nd and Mosley on May 1. Details.

Monday, April 7, 1930
page
9. The second Fokker F-32 four motored transport plane landed briefly at the Wichita municipal airport shortly before noon yesterday before following its sister ship west. The first one left for Denver early Sunday morning after an overnight stay here. Details and photographs (number not visible).

Wednesday, April 9, 1930


Saturday, April 12, 1930

1. United States Airways plans to open daily airplane passenger service between Oklahoma City to Denver by way of Wichita and Hays beginning May 1.

10. W. P. Moore, an Indian flier, generally known as Chief Thundercloud, was killed yesterday in the crash of his glider two miles south of Wichita on Meridian. The glider was built by the Ace Glider Company. Details. Photographs.

Sunday, April 13, 1930

10. Drawing of proposed new $200,000 nurses home to be built at Wesley Hospital this year. Article with details. Architects are Conrow and Wilkinson. (Was not built.)

B-12. Drawing of proposed new church to be built by Central Christian Church at Central and Market (this design never built).

C-2. Photograph of Old Mission Mausoleum, just completed at 21st and Hillside.

Monday, April 14, 1930

1. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Louis W. Minnick, at age 66. He had been sluged and robbed last October 25. Came to Wichita in 1885, then was in Cheney from 1894 until 1904 when he returned to Wichita. Wife died in 1926. Survived by a nephew, Dr. W. W. Minnick, of Santa Monica, California. Obituary.

Wednesday, April 16, 1930

1. Report of death this morning of well known Wichita pilot A. J. (Steve) Lacey in the crash of his Cessna monoplane near Hays, Kansas. Details.

10. Yellow Air Cab Company today announced purchase for $166,500 of the assets of the Knoll Aircraft Company, including company’s 149½ acre flying field at 6600 East Kellogg and the 250 by 150 foot plant upon it. Details.
Thursday, April 17, 1930

1. The $740,000 in school bonds carried but the $185,000 bond issue for enlargement of the Forum was defeated in Tuesday election. Details.

Friday, April 18, 1930

18. Contract let for enlargement of the Sam P. Wallingford Grain Corporation elevator to 750,000 bushel capacity. Work to start at once. The Wallingford elevator was completed only last year. Details.

29. The Braley School of Flying has formed a glider school. Details.

Sunday, April 20, 1930

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16. Full page advertisement for Yellow Air Cab Company with photograph of company’s new hangar (formerly Knoll Aircraft building).

Tuesday, April 22, 1930

5. City commissioners yesterday elected Herman A Hill mayor of Wichita.


Wednesday, April 23, 1930

3. United States Airways will inaugurate a new service through Wichita Monday, April 28, from Oklahoma City to Hays, Kansas, where it will connect with the company’s Kansas to Denver line. Hutchinson and Enid will be regular stops, and Hoisington and Ponca City will be flag stops. One round trip daily to be operated. The company already operates twice daily Wichita to Tulsa service. Details.

Details of the will of George Theis, Jr., as filed with Probate Judge J. D. Dickerson. Total value of estate placed at $1,133,159. Details.

Thursday, April 24, 1930

5. Announcement made yesterday that United Aircraft and Transport Corporation has acquired National Air Transport, Inc. Details.

Saturday, April 26, 1930

1. Report of crash of Southern Kansas Stage Lines bus and auto this morning ten miles south of Wichita on Lawrence Avenue Road, with two in auto killed. Photographs on page 2.
Details.

**Sunday, April 27, 1930**

**page C-4.** Photograph of second story addition to Hockaday Auto Supply Company building under construction.

Photograph of first story of Etchen Auto Company building at Douglas and Hydraulic under construction.

**C-9.** Southern Kansas Stage Lines advertisement saying company has American Car and Foundry Company Parlor Car equipment and also Flexible Bus equipment. Has total of over 100 buses and trucks and 350 employees. Photographs.

**C-11.** The George Rushton Baking Company, of Kansas City last week announced the purchase of the Reinhardt Bakery, 624-26 North Main. Details. Photograph.

**Monday, April 28, 1930**

**page 1.** County assessor has reported Wichita population of 114,390, up 6,273 from 108,117 in 1929.

**4.** Two new passenger lines were added to Wichita’s air service today. United States Airways, Inc. opened a new route through here between Oklahoma City and Salina. The company’s ships are all metal seven passenger Flamingo monoplanes. Brower Air Service Company extended its service from Wichita to Blackwell. It has been running Omaha to Wichita service for several months. Details.

**Tuesday, April 29, 1930**

**page 1.** One man killed this morning when his auto was struck by an Arkansas Valley Interurban car at the 2nd Street crossing just north of Island Park. Details. Arkansas Valley Interurban car not identified.

**Thursday, May 1, 1930**

**page 4.** Contract has been let for the new Ranney-Davis Mercantile Company building at 2nd and Rock Island. Details.

**Monday, May 5, 1930**

**page 9.** Photograph of new Yellow Cab Company building at 2nd and Mosley. Article with details.

**Friday, May 9, 1930**
Bus and street car fares in Wichita will be changed the morning of May 17. Bus fares will drop from eight to seven cents under the new franchise which will go into effect that day, and street car fares will rise from six to seven cents. Transfers will be given on request from bus to street car and vice versa.

Sunday, May 11, 1930

The tracks of the Wichita and Western branch of the Santa Fe Railway are soon to be taken up from the east bank of the Big Arkansas River, on Orme Street, to a point about one mile west of Friends University. Now under construction from the Wichita and Western tracks to the Orient Railway tracks in southwest Wichita is 1½ mile of new tracks over which Wichita and Western trains will come into and leave the city by way of the Orient tracks on Bayley Street. The new track will connect with the Wichita and Western branch about a mile west of Friends University and with Orient tracks just west of the Orient Shops. The Wichita and Western bridge over the Big Arkansas River is to be removed. The grading for the 1½ mile of new track is almost completed and it is expected that the laying of steel will start in a few days.

Article about the “Skysport” glider, designed by Ward Braley, and to be built by the Braley Glider Corporation. Details. Photograph.

B-4. Photograph of alligators at Riverside Park zoo.

Thursday, May 15, 1930

Building permit issued yesterday for two story building 52 by 140 feet in first block of North Lawrence to be occupied by the J. C. Penney Company. To cost $80,000.

Saturday, May 17, 1930

Bus and street car fares did not change this morning as previously announced, since the Wichita Transportation Company has 30 days yet to examine the new franchise before formally accepting it. The 60 day period during which citizens could protest the new ordinance expired today. No protest was filed.

Tuesday, May 20, 1930

School board yesterday let contracts for new grade school at South Main and Clark Streets for $55,000, and for additions at Gardner, Central Intermediate, Linwood, Lowell, and Ingalls schools.

Wednesday, May 21, 1930

Judge I. N. Williams yesterday appointed Cy Seymour, manager of the Hotel Lassson, as
receiver for the Rajah Rabbitry, Inc. J. S. Porter, president of the rabbitry, is said now to be a resident of Enid, Oklahoma, and is not expected to return here. Details.

Thursday, May 22, 1930
page 8.
The first Wichita store of J. S. Dillon and Sons, operator of retail grocery stores in central Kansas, is to open this evening at 900 West Douglas. Details. Photograph.

Friday, May 23, 1930
page 11.
Receivership action against the Rajah Rabbitry, Inc. was dismissed yesterday after announcement of new officers and directorate who propose to place the company on a firm footing. Details.

Monday, May 26, 1930
page 16.
Contract let today for the new Kansas Gas and Electric service building at Central and Piatt, just east of the canal. To be 283 by 288 feet, three stores, and cost $500,000. Details.

Tuesday, May 27, 1930
page 6.
Report of death Saturday night of pioneer Wichita photographer William S. Rogers, age 76, at his home, 937 North Market. Came to Wichita 60 years ago and opened photographic studio here in 1878. Retired six years ago. Survived by two sons, in Wichita, and two daughters, one in Wichita and one in Michigan (named).

Saturday, May 31, 1930
page 1.
Article about retirement of Missouri Pacific engineer J. C. Wickham at age 70 from operation of Engine No. 6432. Has lived in Wichita for 45 years in the employ of the Missouri Pacific and has been on the run between Wichita and Durand for several years.

Wednesday, June 4, 1930
page 1.
Wichita’s new street car and bus franchise was officially accepted by the Wichita Transportation Company today. Details.

11.
Construction of the new Stearman factory will start about the middle of the month. Details.

Thursday, June 5, 1930
page 4.
The new uniform seven cent bus and street car fare under the new franchise will go into effect Sunday or at the latest, Monday. Twenty-four tokens may be purchased for $1.50.
Details.

7. Jake Moellendick is planning a new company to manufacture a two place monoplane with the characteristics of a glider. He hopes to have the company organized within 30 days. The plane will be powered by a small engine of not more than 40 horsepower and have a top speed of 60 miles per hour and landing speed of ten to 12 miles per hour.

**Friday, June 6, 1930**

21. A speedier model of the Skylark has been produced by the Watkins Aircraft Company by clipping five feet from the wings of the low-wing, two place monoplane. The first of the new models was test flown yesterday afternoon by G. A. MacDonald, instructor of Central Air College.

**Sunday, June 8, 1930**

B-7. Photograph of Allis Hotel under construction with six stories of framework up.

**Sunday, June 8, 1930**

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8. Article about Crestview Country Club with photograph of club house with recently completed new veranda.

**Monday, June 9, 1930**

2. The right-of-way of the Wichita and Western branch of the Santa Fe Railway is being abandoned by the railroad company and the property will revert to the city. It is a strip 100 feet wide and 10,560 feet in length from the west bank of the Big Arkansas River to the west city limits of Wichita., two miles distant. The right-of-way was deeded to the Santa Fe nearly 50 years ago by Robert Lawrence, now deceased. The tracks are to be taken up at once.

10. Report of dedication yesterday of site for the new Central Christian Church, at Central and Market. Photograph shows old house now on site, which is to be torn down.

**Tuesday, June 10, 1930**

2. The Mooney Aircraft Company has purchased the Swift Aircraft factory and ten acres of land from the receiver and will start airplane construction work there immediately. The new Stearman factory will be located on 30 acres of land which formed a part of the Swift site. Both Mooney and Stearman have been located at the Bridgeport plant north of the city since their organization here.

**Saturday, June 14, 1930**
Newman and Truman Wadlow, Wichita’s twin fliers, have purchased Central Air College and all of its equipment from E. A. Watkins and associates. The name will be changed to “The Wadlow Brothers Flying Service.” Details and biography.

Sunday, June 15, 1930

It was announced Friday by Gary E. Prebensen, president, that Yellow Aircab Company through its subsidiary, Yellow Aircab Manufacturing Company, will begin immediate production of a new airplane in its new plant adjacent to Travel Air. Details.

Tuesday, June 17, 1930

Within a short time the Brower Air Service will put in service larger six passenger Stinson monoplanes to replace the smaller Curtiss Robin planes now in use, and the present line from Wichita to Blackwell will be extended to Oklahoma City by way of Guthrie. The original Brower line operated from Wichita to Omaha by way of Salina and Belleville, Kansas and Lincoln, Nebraska. The first of the Stinson planes has been delivered and two more will be on hand soon.

Friday, June 20, 1930

Because of increased traffic, Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux has put on a third plane daily at Wichita. The new service will normally terminate at Wichita at the end of its westbound trip, and then will return to the East, making 11 more seats available.

Sunday, June 22, 1930

Full page advertisement for sale of stock of Yellow Air-Cab Company. Formal opening of the new Yellow Air-Cab plant is being held today.

Monday, June 23, 1930

Wichita pilot, Ray Fields, age 31, was killed yesterday in the crash of a little mid-wing monoplane of his own design during an air show at the Braley School of Flying airport. Plane apparently went into a spin. Details.

Wednesday, June 25, 1930

Two hangars, including that of Universal Airlines, Inc., at the Chicago Municipal Airport were destroyed by fire early today with loss of 27 planes including 12 tri-motor passenger planes. Details.
7. J. Arch Butts is to build a new building at corner of Fannie and Douglas for the home of his Packard auto agency. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. To cost $75,000. Contract let and excavation has begun.

20. Announcement of revised schedules of United States Airways at Wichita, with details.

**Sunday, June 29, 1930**

1. Report of big air show at Wichita yesterday. Ground was broken for new airport administration building. Details.

8. Article about new Stearman Aircraft Company plant to be built across road west of municipal airport. To cost about $500,000 with equipment. Details. Drawing.

B-1. Photograph of the new “Super Ace,” latest product of the Ace Manufacturing company. It is a one-place, parasol, open cockpit monoplane and has been tested successfully. O. G. Corben is the designer. The company also manufactures the “Baby Ace” cabin plane.

C-10. The Polar Bear, located at Central and Oliver, featuring “frozen custard,” opens today. Owners listed. Advertisement with photograph.

D-1. Photograph of the “Bo” Stearns farm and half mile track on North Lawrence Avenue Road. Article with details.

**Wednesday, July 2, 1930**

18. Photograph of Southern Kansas Stage Lines bus.

**Thursday, July 3, 1930**

6. A Kansas charter was issued yesterday to the Wichita Transportation Company to operate street cars and buses on the streets of Wichita. During the last two years or more the company has been functioning under a Delaware charter, and operating as subsidiaries the Wichita Motor Bus Company and the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. These subsidiaries are eliminated by the new charter. The incorporators are: H. V. Wheeler, R. C. Clevenger, A. R. Brasted, and Robert C. Foulston, of Wichita, and L. E. Fischer, of Chicago. R. B. Campbell, president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban, who was formerly connected with Wichita Transportation Company, has not been connected with it for several months. The charter provides for 30,000 shares of non-preferred stock and $500,000 in preferred stock.

**Sunday, July 6, 1930**

6. The George H. Siedhoff Construction Company is setting a new record for rapid construction on the Allis Hotel building. Work began March 4, 1930 and the company is
now engaged in pouring the cement for the 16th floor. Details. List of many major buildings in Wichita built by the Siedhoff Company.

B-11. Report of change in Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux air schedules through Wichita. One flight each way has been discontinued. One continues from Wichita to Waynoka to make westward connections with the Santa Fe Railroad. A second plane arrives here at 5:11 p.m. from Columbus, Ohio and remains here overnight before returning east to St. Louis at 3:00 p.m. the next day. The through plane for Columbus to make connections with the Pennsylvania Railroad leaves Wichita at 9:35 a.m.

Sunday, July 6, 1930

Photograph of Allis Hotel under construction; framework up 13 floors and brickwork about six floors.

Article about aviation in Wichita. Says within the past 90 days Wichita factories have turned out approximately 140 airplanes "that have been placed in surplus;" although recently aviation has been somewhat top heavy and rather "in the dodos" as far as the manufacturing end is concerned. Wichita has ten active airplane manufacturing concerns, five of which are turning out products licensed by the government: Swallow, Stearman, Travel Air, Cessna, and Watkins. The others are Mooney, Buckley, Yellow Air Cab, Sullivan and Ace Manufacturing Companies. Three gliders are being made here -- Cessna Aircraft Company was a pioneer and reached a peak of one glider per day; the Skysport, manufactured by the Braley Glider Corporation, and Sullivan Aircraft has also turned out a glider. Output of planes in Wichita in previous years was 150 in 1926, 300 in 1927, 927 in 1928, and between 800 and 900 in 1929. Air routes thought Wichita include Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux, National Air Transport, Western Air Express, United States Airways, and Brower Air Services. About 500 passengers board and leave the airplanes here during the course of a month.

Tuesday, July 8, 1930

"Friendly Gables," the new Sedgwick County Girls' Detention Home, at Gilbert Street and the canal, will be officially opened tomorrow. Details. Photograph.

Wednesday, July 9, 1930

Report of death last evening of prominent Wichita businessman, R. Given Hagny, vice-president of the Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Trust Company, of a stroke, at age 55. Born at Keokuk, Iowa, January 14, 1875 and came to Wichita immediately after graduating from school there. Worked initially for the Beacon, of which his brother, Harry J. Hagny, was then owner and publisher. On January 8, 1913 he married Miss Oakley Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Davidson, who survives, along with their daughter, Nancy. Further biography. Photograph. Daughter is age 12.
Sunday, July 13, 1930

8. Article gives history of former town of “Huckle,” actually just a grain and stock shipping station on the Santa Fe two miles west of Peck, Kansas. The town has long since disappeared. Many details.

PC-10. In June the planes of Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux set a new record, carrying 5688 passengers compared with 5474 in May, and flying 246,525 miles. During the first year of operations since July 7, 1929, Transcontinental Air Transport has carried 30,000 passengers and its planes have flown 1,250,000 miles.

Monday, July 14, 1930

2. Steel and concrete understructure for the Beacon’s new $125,000 Goss heavy duty Unitype press was completed this week. Details.

3. Maddux No. 1, the first Ford tri-motored plane to be put in scheduled passenger service and in service on the Pacific coast since then, passed through Wichita this noon on its way to New York, where it will be retired from service and put on display in the Pennsylvania Railroad station.

Tuesday, July 15, 1930

20. Photograph of the latest Cessna plane, a mid-wing monoplane powered by a Cirrus engine, to be flown by Stanley Stanton, widely known Wichita flier, in the $25,000 Cirrus cross-country race. It has been named “Miss Blackwell” for Stanton’s Blackwell, Oklahoma backers.

Friday, July 18, 1930

1. Report of petition filed in district court today for appointment of a receiver for the Roosevelt Hotel, excavation for which has been made at northeast corner of Douglas and Waco. Details.

Saturday, July 19, 1930

1. S. Ward (Scrap) Braley, age 19, was killed last evening by the crash of his “Skysport” glider, which he designed and built, at the Braley School of Flying airport, southeast of Wichita. Ward had unusual ability in the construction end of aviation, and he designed the Beezle Bug biplane, four of which were built. Survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Braley, three brothers, Ted, and nine (?) year old Jack, and one (?) sister Dorothy, 16 (?). Details. To be buried at Marion, Kansas. Wings apparently broke off at altitude of 100 feet when glider being towed by car for takeoff.

Sunday, July 20, 1930
Biographical notes about Ward Braley. Photograph of him beside Beezle Bug.


The remodeled Wolf’s Cafeteria will hold its grand opening tomorrow. Long article gives history.

The model for the McKnight memorial statue to be erected at Wichita high school East is nearly complete. It was made by A. Phimister Proctor, New York sculptor. Details.

Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

The new administration building at the University of Wichita will be completed next week. Cost $250,000. Details.

Work is going forward rapidly on the two new fire stations under construction at 3rd and Water and at Topeka and Lewis Streets. They will be ready for occupancy about the first of the year. Details.

Report of death yesterday of veteran Wichita clothier, Sam G. Homes, age 76, owner of S. G. Holmes Clothing Store, 309 East Douglas. He left Wichita about eight years ago after five years residence, but has been a frequent visitor since, from his present home at McAlester, Oklahoma. First came here in 1917 to open his store, which is now under management of Dan H. Holmes, his youngest son. First location of store was at 325 East Douglas, and it was moved to present location at 309 East Douglas in January 1920. Survived by wife, three sons: Dan H., of Wichita, H. V., of Tulsa, and Sam, Jr., of Tulsa, and a grand-daughter, Henrietta Holmes, of Wichita. Obituary.

Clyde V. Cessna announced that the Cessna Aircraft Company plant is being closed down for a 30 day period except for completing Earl Rowland’s racing plane for the national air races. A number of company’s assets will be sold including the old factory at 1st and Glenn. About 35 men will be laid off.
Wednesday, August 6, 1930
1. Report of suspension of business this morning of the Guarantee State Bank and the Guarantee Title and Trust Company. Their assets will be liquidated by the state banking department. Details.

Thursday, August 7, 1930
1. Flag raising ceremonies on top of the 17 story building marked completion of the Allis Hotel structure this morning. Details.


Thursday, August 14, 1930
3. Report of fire which badly damaged the frame elevator of the Craig Grain Company at 20th and Santa Fe early this morning. Details.

Sunday, August 17, 1930
C-2. Drawing of remodeled front of two story building at 316 South Lawrence. Details.

C-3. Photograph of crowd at Riverside boat house.

C-6. Map of new diagonal road to be built to municipal airport. Article with details.

Monday, August 18, 1930
1. Report of ground breaking today for Wichita’s new federal building and post office at 3rd and Main. Details. To cost $1,150,000 with equipment. Photograph on page 4.

Tuesday, August 19, 1930
8. The new mid-wing Cessna racing plane which Earl Rowland will fly in the national air races made successful test flights today indicating it will do more than 180 m.p.h. It is powered by a 110 horsepower Warner engine.

Wednesday, August 20, 1930
11. Photograph of the new Missouri Pacific motor car No. 653, which made its initial run yesterday afternoon from Wichita to Geneseo, with motorman E. T. Carroll. It is a combination passenger coach, smoking compartment, baggage car and motor car and replaces a smaller one which did not include a baggage compartment, making it necessary to pull a separate car. Has a 250 horsepower six cylinder Winton motor driving a dynamo.
which generates electric current to power the car. Passenger coach has 15 large double seats with bright blue upholstering. Smoking compartment has five similar seats.

Sunday, August 24, 1930

C-2. Photograph of Mooney plane with A. W. Mooney. Flew to Chicago yesterday for National Air Races.

C-9. Article reports new Arkansas Valley Interurban schedules which will go into effect Monday, September 1. There will be eight through passenger cars daily between Wichita to Hutchinson instead of the 11 previously operated. Until March 10, 1930 the company operated 15 passenger cars daily each way, but increased use of passenger automobiles has greatly decreased the passenger traffic on railroads. Details.

Monday, August 25, 1930

1. Report of large raid Saturday night on suburban Wichita roadhouses, including the Green Gables, on West 13th Street Road, just west of the Big River, and The Evergreens, on North Hillside near the Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks. Details. Photograph of the Green Gables on page 1 and of The Evergreens on page 10.

Wednesday, August 27, 1930

1. The newly organized Western Air Service Corporation, of Salina, Kansas, headed by Nathan L. Jones, has taken over the Brower Air Service Corporation, and will now operate its line from Oklahoma City to Omaha via Wichita, using six passenger Stinson and Bellanca planes. Details.

5. Announcement made yesterday that contract has been let for New Specifications Motoroil System filling station to be built at southwest corner of 1st and Water. Drawing (appearance of stone building with lighthouse tower).

Friday, August 29, 1930

4. New bus and street car fares will go into effect in Wichita, on September 3. Rides on either bus or street car will be seven cents each or 15 tickets for $1.00. Transfers may be made from bus to street car or vice versa at any point where the lines intersect. School pupils may ride for five cents. Several pieces of new bus equipment are to be added at once. Street car tracks crossing the Big Arkansas on the company’s bridge are to be moved to the steel and concrete Douglas Avenue bridge.

Sunday, August 31, 1930

C-1. The 1931 Kansas license tags will have white numerals on a green background.
The large addition to the Kansas Masonic Home was completed last week. Article with details. Photograph. Architect is Edward L. Tilton, of New York City. Aerial photograph on Magazine page 5.

Tuesday, September 2, 1930

The new seven cent bus and street car fares go into effect tomorrow morning. Details. General manager Patten said that since the new franchise was granted the company has spent more than $50,000 in new equipment and improvements, including five new buses, which are expected to arrive within a week, six new street cars, now being operated, and extensive track and special work.

Thursday, September 4, 1930

Report of visit of John H. Graham, former mayor of Wichita who has lived in Los Angeles past 11 years. Details. Photograph.

Wednesday, September 10, 1930

The auditorium at the new North High School is rapidly being completed, with seats installed Wednesday. It may be used for next week’s convocation.

Thursday, September 11, 1930

Ted Wells, Travel Air engineer and pilot, saved his life by a parachute jump yesterday afternoon when his racing biplane lost its ailerons in a power dive and crashed just north across Central Avenue from the Travel Air Field. Details.

C. F. Byrd and L. L. Snodgrass will open their new Byrd and Snodgrass Funeral Home Sunday in the beautifully remodeled Colonial style home at 633 North Lawrence. Details.

In accordance with the terms of the new franchise all free pass books for street car and bus rides will be taken up. Only sheriffs, policemen, firemen, and employees of the company may have free rides. Details.

Saturday, September 13, 1930

Effective immediately the United States Airways will start a daily passenger plane service between Wichita and Topeka.

Sunday, September 14, 1930

Advertisement with photograph of new Byrd and Snodgrass Funeral Home, which opens today.
Sunday, September 21, 1930
page C-5. Photograph of the new Hebrew Congregation Synagogue at Kansas and English Streets, which will be used for the first time tomorrow. Details.

Wednesday, September 24, 1930

Sunday, September 28, 1930
page D-6. Advertisement announcing the new Stewart Court Apartment, 930-934 North Lawrence, will be formally opened today. Photograph.

Wednesday, October 1, 1930
page 13. The two new pile bridges over the west and east channels of the Big Arkansas River on 2nd Street were opened to traffic today, and the Central Avenue bridge over the Little Arkansas River was closed to prepare for building the new $100,000 concrete bridge at that point.

Thursday, October 2, 1930
page 3. Under the terms of the new Waters bill, a joint bid of Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux and Western Air Express for an all plane service from coast-to-coast through Wichita has been approved. Details.

18. Drawing of proposed new five story Montgomery Ward store building to be erected at southeast corner of Douglas and Topeka.

Friday, October 3, 1930
page 8. The first piling has been driven for the new Lincoln Street bridge over the Big Arkansas River. To cost $20,000 and be completed by January 1st.


Saturday, October 4, 1930
page 1. A. J. Cleary, of San Angelo, Texas, has been employed as the executive vice-president of the Wichita Transportation Company. Biography. He was with the Orient Railroad for 18 years as an executive and before that was with several other railroads. Details. Photograph.
Sunday, October 5, 1930

1. Dr. John R. Brinkley has purchased a new six place Travel Air cabin monoplane, which will be delivered to him on October 9. Details.


8. New Santa Fe depot at Newton is to be dedicated Thursday. Details.

C-6. Photograph of new Kansas Gas and Electric service building on East Central under construction.

D-4. The Steffen Ice and Ice Cream Company will soon start construction of a new $250,000 ice cream plant on East Central between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks. To be two stories, 200 by 90 feet. Architect is C. G. Schoelch, of St. Louis, who has specialized in ice cream plants. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, October 5, 1930

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5. Feature article on history of the Wichita Fire Department, with photographs.

Wednesday, October 8, 1930

1. Opening of the new Yew York to Los Angeles air mail and passenger line by Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc. on October 15 will be celebrated in Wichita. Details.

5. Three new deluxe passenger buses have just been added to the fleet of the Southern Kansas Stage Lines company. Two are of 25 passenger capacity and one of 36 passenger capacity. Dim photograph.

9. The new Stearman Aircraft Company factory is expected to begin operations by October 27. Moving of machinery into the new factory was started today. Details.

Thursday, October 9, 1930

1. Article by O. C. Emery about the 1889 Oklahoma run and the events then in Wichita. “For a year Wichita had been very dull and drab. The boom finally went flat early in 1888 and hundreds of people were ready for some new diversion. The population in Wichita in 1889 was perhaps about 22,000, for with the collapse of the boom many people left the town. The collapse left hundreds of men penniless. Business slumped and men could not earn a living, hence the exodus. Wichita was left but an empty shell of what it had been a few months previous.” Further details.
Friday, October 10, 1930
page 28
“Wishbone Villa,” Wichita’s newest dine and dance establishment, will open tomorrow evening at 5310 East Central. It is the property of Mrs. Leila Barefield. Details. Photograph.

Saturday, October 11, 1930
page 10
Opening of the new Transcontinental Air Transport-Western Air Express transcontinental air mail and passenger line has been postponed from October 15 until October 25.

Tuesday, October 14, 1930
page 1
Report of death yesterday of Ben F. McLean, president of the Fourth National Bank, at his home, 1031 North Topeka, at age 71. Born in Canada of Scots ancestry. Came to Wichita as a young man. Lived on the West Side for many years. Has held many public offices, including four years as mayor, and had a lumber yard for many years. One of his hobbies was farming, and he bought the well-known “Cottonwood” Davis farm about five miles northwest of Wichita on the Little Arkansas River. Survived by wife, Julia, two sons, John, who resides on the farm, and Drew, of Wichita, (full name Benjamin Drew McLean) and one daughter, Mrs. Helen McLean Anderson. Further obituary and photograph on page 7.

Thursday, October 16, 1930
page 5
United States Airways discontinued its Kansas City to St. Louis run effective yesterday, and its service is now limited to the line from Denver to Kansas City, to Salina, Wichita, and Tulsa. Northbound plane leaves Wichita at 12:15 p.m. daily and southbound at 3:00 p.m.

8. The Allis Hotel is to have a 75 feet high neon sign above the roof flashing the name of the hotel. Contract signed yesterday with the Claude Neon Federal Company. To cost over $15,000. Details.

Sunday, October 19, 1930
page 9
The new $250,000 administration building at the University of Wichita is to be dedicated Monday evening. Details. Photograph.

10. Details and schedule of the new Transcontinental and Western Air service, which is to be inaugurated on Saturday, October 25. Includes overnight stop at Kansas City.

C-9. Full page advertisement of Yellow Air Cab Company.

D-8. Charles R. Culbertson has purchased the Holmes Mortuary, which will henceforth be
known as the Culbertson Mortuary.

**Monday, October 20, 1930**

1. County commissioners today approved a resolution calling for construction of a diagonal road from Kellogg to Hydraulic to the municipal airport, provided the Chamber of Commerce gets the necessary land at market real estate prices for the right-of-way. Plans call for a 100 foot right-of-way. A sanded surface will be provided initially on the extension. Details.

5. The Ranney-Davis Mercantile Company wholesale grocers, began occupying its new $150,000 building on East 2nd between Mosley and Rock Island Avenues, this week. Formal opening being planned for November 1.

**Friday, October 24, 1930**

26. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company has leased the Herman Steinbuchel building at 440 North Main for temporary storage of buses and supplies for which they have insufficient room, pending building of an addition to their quarters on West 2nd Street.

**Saturday, October 25, 1930**

1. Report of arrival at municipal airport at 10:41 a.m. today of the inaugural flight of the Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc. 36 hour coast-to-coast air mail and passenger service. The Fokker tri-motor was flown by Pilot Joseph Kuhn and Co-pilot W. L. Gollen and carried five passengers and a large amount of mail. Details.

**Friday, October 31, 1930**

21. Photograph of building at 314-316 South Lawrence occupied by the new Southwestern Hotel Supply Company. Details.

**Monday, November 3, 1930**

20. Work started today on the new Steffen Ice and Ice Cream Company plant on East Central. Details.

**Sunday, November 9, 1930**

1. A. J. Cleary, executive vice-president of the Wichita Transportation Company, announced yesterday that the company on Monday, November 16 will start a stub bus line from Hillside and Douglas east on Douglas to the city limits to serve this newly built up area. The service will be on a trial basis at first, but if the business received justifies it it will be made permanent. It will run on week days only, with a 15 minute service from 6:00 a.m. until midnight.
E-1. Photograph of the new Ranney-Davis Mercantile Company building on East 2nd. Details.

Wednesday, November 12, 1930
page 5. Notice of change of schedule of the Western Air Service Corporation plane service from Oklahoma City to Omaha via Wichita. Details.

Thursday, November 13, 1930
page 4. The Buckley Aircraft Company’s new four place, all-metal cabin monoplane is expected to be completed within the next ten to 14 days, according to Roy Buckley, president. To be powered with a 300 horsepower Wasp motor.

Friday, November 14, 1930
page 5. The new county poor farm on West Douglas Avenue, formerly the Wichita Sanitarium, will be turned over to the county commissioners Monday or Tuesday. It will cost the county $70,000. Moving from the old farm southeast of the city is expected to be completed early in December. Details.

18. Photograph of street car specially painted for the Community Chest campaign by the Wichita Transportation Company. Car number not visible.

22. Article reports major change in street car routes to take effect Monday morning, November 17. The loop at Main and Douglas, 1st and Market will be abolished. College Hill cars instead of going around the loop and returning to College Hill will be routed north on the Stockyards line. Stockyards cars instead of continuing on South Main will be routed on the College Hill line. Cleveland Avenue cars which have heretofore gone around the loop will be routed south on the South Main line, and South Main cars will be routed on the Cleveland Avenue line instead of the Stockyards line. A new stub bus line will be started, operating from Hillside and Douglas to Oliver and Douglas.

Saturday, November 15, 1930
page 2. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company has asked the Hutchinson city commission for permission to change its line to run direct to the Rock Island station instead of its present station, to avoid hauling freight over the street railway lines. The company’s freight business is now more than 50 percent of its total business. Proposal opposed by Emerson Carey, owner of the Hutchinson street railway lines.

Thursday, November 20, 1930
page 9. Report that the former Cessna Aircraft Company plant at 1st and Glenn has been sold to M. L. Arnold, Wichita automobile dealer, for $40,000 according to announcement today by Cessna officials. Mr. Arnold made the purchase as an investment.
Sunday, November 23, 1930
page 1. Final official 1930 federal census figures show Wichita population of 111,110.

C-5. The new Allis Hotel will open for business Wednesday, December 3.

Sunday, November 23, 1930
page Magazine 4. Feature article about long acquaintance of A. J. Cleary, new vice-president of Wichita Transportation Company, with Pancho Villa, while Cleary was working for the Orient Railroad in northern part of Mexico. Details.

Thursday, November 27, 1930
page 16. City commission yesterday officially accepted the new fire station No. 1 at 3rd and Water from the contractor. It will be occupied about the first of January.

Friday, November 28, 1930
page 10. The Wichita Transportation Company has a total of 258 employees. The bus company payroll during the past year totaled more than $147,000 and the street car company payroll was more than $261,000.

Sunday, November 30, 1930
page 2. The Friends University class of 1931 plans to install an $1800 Seth Thomas clock in the tower of the school before June of next year. When the building was erected, the tower was left unfinished and only the dials of the clock were installed. Details.

Sunday, November 30, 1930
page Special Section Allis Hotel, which will open for business Wednesday, December 3. Details. Photographs.

Friday, December 5, 1930
page 35. Photograph of new Dockum Drug Store No. 9 at 300 North Main (corner 2nd Street -- Baltimore Hotel building).

Sunday, December 7, 1930
page 1. The Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company yesterday purchased the lease, fixtures, and goodwill of the Sanger Brothers department store at Lawrence and Douglas Avenues for approximately $1,000,000, and will move from its present location on North Main Street
to the new location March 1, 1931. The lease on the Smyth Building has 23 years yet to run. Details.

Sunday, December 7, 1930
page
Magazine
10. Feature article about Rorabaugh’s plans to move to Sanger location. Details and history of Rorabaugh’s. Photograph of present Rorabaugh building.

Monday, December 8, 1930
page
1. Western Air Service, which has served Wichita with air passenger service for months, inaugurated its new tri-motored plane service this morning. The first of the tri-motored Stinsons to land here, was landed by the famous Eddie Stinson, its designer and builder, who alternated at the controls with Pilot O. W. Haynes on the trip from Oklahoma City, which arrived here at noon. On the blue and silver plane with Stinson and Haynes were H. F. Rehg, director of public relations for Western Air Service, and P. C. Markel, Oklahoma state manager of the Public Utilities Investment Company. The second big Stinson plane was scheduled to arrive during the afternoon on the southbound flight. Western Air Service runs from Omaha to Oklahoma City by way of Lincoln, Salina, Wichita, and Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Tuesday, December 9, 1930
page
8. The new Buckley all-metal monoplane was test flown for the first time yesterday by Newman Wadlow. W. B. Stout, famous designer of the plane, was among those witnessing Monday’s flight.

Sunday, December 14, 1930
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B-8. Wichita’s new Jewish Synagogue, at corner of Kansas and English, is to be formally dedicated today. Details.

Friday, December 19, 1930
page
17. Photograph of North Lawrence Avenue from Douglas.

Monday, December 29, 1930
page
3. The new Lincoln Street bridge over the Big Arkansas River was opened for the first time yesterday.

Tuesday, December 30, 1930
page
5. A. J. Cleary, executive vice-president of Wichita Transportation Company, today
summarized improvements resulting from “home ownership” of the Wichita street car and bus system, which was taken over by the local company headed by Howard V. Wheeler, R. C. Clevenger, and Robert C. Foulston on November 1. It was purchased from the Illinois Power and Traction Company (sic), which for nearly a year prior had made practically no improvements and allowed it to run down in some places. The new Wichita owners promptly purchased five new buses at a cost of $30,000, which were immediately placed in operation. Two new stub lines were started, one on East Douglas from Hillside to Oliver, and one on the West Side. The downtown street car loop was eliminated, thus solving a serious traffic problem.

Sanger Brothers will end their closing out sale and close their doors in Wichita at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Wednesday, December 31, 1930

Western Air Service Corporation has announced plans to extend its Omaha to Oklahoma City line via Wichita to Sioux City on the north and to Dallas and Ft. Worth on the south beginning January 1. The company is equipped with Stinson tri-motored planes. Details.