Tihen Notes from 1934 Wichita Beacon

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.

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Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, January 3, 1934
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Progress on the new bridge of the Missouri Pacific across the Arkansas River in Wichita has reached the point where it will be necessary to use the Arkansas Valley Interurban and the Midland Valley tracks in a few days for all trains north and west out of Wichita for a short time.

Friday, January 5, 1934
page 1.
Report of a serious fire in the basement of the J. C. Penney store, 132 North Broadway, at 6:00 a.m. today. Estimated damage $25,000. Details. Photograph on page 18.

Saturday, January 6, 1934
page 1.
Report of death today of famous Wichita artist, John Noble, at Bellevue Hospital in New York City at age 59. Cause of death was listed as poisoning from a drug used in the treatment of alcoholism, from which he was suffering when he was taken to the hospital the night of December 29 from his home at 220 East 15th Street in New York. (Article January 7 says 210 East 15th.) Brief obituary. Photograph.

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The R. D. McKay Motor Company, 301 South Water, has been appointed Chrysler motor car distributor in Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, January 10, 1934
According to a resolution adopted by city commissioners Monday, buses are to take the place of street cars in West Wichita and on the Pattie and Cleveland Avenue lines for three months as a test. The Wichita Transportation Company asked to change from street cars to buses because of the condition of the street railway bridge across the Big Arkansas River on Douglas Avenue. The bridge needs rebuilding and the car company is unable at this time to rebuild it, according to A. J. Cleary, vice-president. At the end of the three months test it will be determined whether the change is to be permanent.

Thursday, January 11, 1934


Friday, January 12, 1934

Work of transforming the old Central fire station building to a modern building for the Wichita police department will be finished by February 15. Cost is $118,428, of which about $93,000 is a federal emergency relief appropriation and $25,000 the cost to the city. Details.

Sunday, January 14, 1934

The R. D. McKay Motor Company, recently appointed Chrysler-Plymouth dealer, has taken a lease on the modern building at 1214-20 East Douglas, at Indiana and will move there in a few days, after some remodeling. Photograph. Details.

Thursday, January 18, 1934

Clyde V. Cessna was re-elected president and general manager of the Cessna Aircraft Company at the annual meeting of stockholders yesterday. Roscoe Vaughan was elected vice-president and Dwight Wallace secretary-treasurer. Beech Aircraft and Straughan Aircraft will continue to be quartered at the Cessna plant.

Monday, January 22, 1934

Report of death last Thursday in Chicago of Lysander D. Skinner, age 78, resident of Wichita from 1880 to 1894 and president of the States (sic) National Bank here at that time. Mr. Skinner, who was a prominent banker of Chicago, retired in 1925. He was an officer of the old Central Trust Company for 21 years. A. C. Jobes and the late Charles W. Carey were associates of Mr. Skinner in the banking business here. The old States National Bank was merged with the Kansas National Bank, which became the First National Bank. Mr. Skinner was an outstanding business man of the boom period of the late 80's, and Wichita has a street named for him. He is survived by his widow, Margaret Butler Skinner; a son, Paul B. Skinner of Chicago, and a daughter, Mrs. Edward A.

**Tuesday, January 23, 1934**

1. Board of Regents today chose W. M. Jardine as the new president of the University of Wichita. Details.

9. Work on the widening and resurfacing of Broadway, formerly Lawrence Avenue, is to be started within the next 15 days and finished in 160 days. The expense is to be borne by the federal public works administration.

**Friday, January 26, 1934**

15. Eight Plymouth motor cars were purchased by the Wichita police department today, of which seven were 1933 models and one a 1934 model. Delivery will be in ten to 14 days.

**Sunday, January 28, 1934**

1. Dr. William M. Jardine has accepted the presidency of the University of Wichita and will assume his new duties March 1. Details and photograph.

**Tuesday, January 30, 1934**

4. Approximate enrollment at high schools and intermediate schools:
   - East High School: 2350
   - North High School: 1960
   - Allison: 870
   - Central: 892
   - Hamilton: 850
   - Horace Mann: 880
   - Robinson: 480
   - Roosevelt: 980

8. Contract let by city commission yesterday for new bridge across Little Arkansas River at 18th Street to the Banta Construction Company for $15,210. To be of piling with girders of steel and a concrete deck, with a five foot sidewalk on either side. The old bridge at that site is unsafe and is to be removed.

   A resolution was passed by the city commission yesterday granting the Wichita Transportation Company permission to substitute buses for street cars in West Wichita for
a three month trial. The change is to be made as quickly as possible.

Saturday, February 3, 1934
page 7. Report of death yesterday of W. R. Dulaney, 920 North Topeka Avenue, at age 78. Was a prominent Wichita business man until illness confined him to his home the past four and a half years. Born in Florence, Kentucky and came to Wichita in 1886. Was senior member of Dulaney, Johnston and Priest. Obituary. Mrs. Dulaney died two years ago. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. S. Prestridge, 1202 North Emporia. Buried in Maple Grove.

Wednesday, February 7, 1934
page 3. J. Arch Butts has been appointed Buick distributor for Wichita. Was Buick dealer here for 25 years, but past three years The E. Jack Beatty Motor Corporation carried the Buick. Will remain at 1520 East Douglas.

Thursday, February 8, 1934
page 1. Report of death this morning of veteran Wichita lawyer, Vermilion Harris, at his home at 4115 East Douglas, after an illness of two years. He was the son of the late Kos Harris, pioneer Wichita lawyer. Born in Wichita August 21, 1877. Married Gladys Worden Greene, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on August 21, 1924. Survived by widow, a step-son, Danford W. Greene, of Wichita, and two sisters, Mrs. W. V. Frazier of Hutchinson, and Miss Nourma Harris, of Wichita. Photograph.

Buses will replace the street cars in West Wichita beginning Sunday, A. J. Cleary has announced. The buses will follow the same general routes of the old Orient and University street cars. The new system is being installed to avoid rebuilding of the street car bridge across the Big River at Douglas Avenue, which was recently condemned.

Friday, February 9, 1934
page Dr. Tihen’s note: Missing edition. (Replaced by Tuesday, January 9.)

Saturday, February 10, 1934
page 7. Changes will be made Sunday, February 11, in five of Wichita’s bus routes, by the Wichita Transportation Company. Details.

Sunday, February 11, 1934
page Dr. Tihen’s note: Missing edition.

Monday, February 12, 1934
Short report of visit of the new Transcontinental & Western Air Douglas air liner to Wichita yesterday. Photograph.

Wednesday, February 14, 1934

Contracts let for construction of administration building at municipal airport subject to approval by Public Works Administration in Topeka. Cost estimated at $66,000. Glen H. Thomas is architect.

Friday, February 23, 1934

The Merchants Reserve Bank has been reorganized since it was closed and will open on March 1 as the Kansas State Bank of Wichita. Details. It will open at the old location of the Merchants Reserve Bank at Emporia and Douglas.

Thursday, March 1, 1934

Dr. William M. Jardine took over his duties as president of the University of Wichita this morning. Details. Photograph.

Monday, March 5, 1934

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Daniel Boone, age 82, Sedgwick County pioneer, and mother of Dan H. Boone, cashier of the Union Stockyards National Bank. Born in California and came to Sedgwick County with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Carpenter, in 1871. They homesteaded on a farm on the Cowskin Creek north of Colwich. Husband came to Kansas with his parents from Illinois and settled on a farm near Colwich. They were married in 1873. They moved to Wichita in 1900. She lived in recent years with her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Davis, 1614 Parker Avenue.

Construction work on the new Cessna plane will begin within two weeks. It will be slightly larger than former four place Cessna ships. It will be powered with a 145 horsepower Warner engine and have a speed around 170 miles per hour. Wing flaps will be used for the first time on a Cessna to reduce landing speed.

Thursday, March 8, 1934

The new bridge across the Little River at 18th Street is to be built at once by the Banta Construction Company, of Harper. The old bridge will be closed Saturday night and work will start next week on the new bridge. It will be 250 feet long with a 30 foot roadway and a six foot sidewalk, and will cost $15,000.
4. Drawing of proposed new Wichita Art Museum (shows it with two side wings which are to be built at a later time). Details.

Tuesday, March 20, 1934

20. United Air Lines advertisement.

Saturday, March 24, 1934

4. Construction of the new 21st Street bridge across the Little Arkansas River has been started through the Civil Works Administration. It is a county project. The bridge will be 100 feet long and 24 feet wide on wood pile substructure.

Thursday, April 5, 1934


Saturday, April 7, 1934

7. Work on completion of the administration building at the Wichita municipal airport will start Monday, April 16 and be completed in three months. About $20,000 for skilled labor will be provided by a federal Public Works Administration grant and approximately $46,000 spent for materials, provided by the city from a $50,000 bond issue sold last week at par plus 4 percent interest. Work on the building was halted two years ago for lack of funds. Details.

Sunday, April 8, 1934

6. United Air Lines on Friday observed its eighth birthday, marking the beginning of the first domestic air mail service under private operation in the United States on what is now the Pacific Northwest Division of United Air Lines. Instead of six 90 miles per hour single engined mail planes, the company now has a $4,000,000 fleet of multi-motored Boeings in addition to reserve equipment, a total fleet of 110 airplanes. The company now has 150 pilots and 1480 employees and flies more than a million miles a month.

C-1. Aerial photograph of downtown Wichita by Edgar B. Smith.

C-3. Photograph of grandstand at former Wichita racetrack (said to be the one south of town).

C-5. Photograph of the old Santa Fe depot.

C-10. Photograph of Douglas Avenue on Circus Day in 1907, with elephants, street cars, etc. (date is wrong, because Smyth Building is up).

Sunday, April 15, 1934
Photograph of Professor I. M. Weiringer of Friends University in cast of a Junior League play.

Advertisement with photograph of Carl Graham paint and wallpaper store, northeast corner of 2nd and Broadway.

Monday, April 16, 1934

After a wait of two years, work was resumed today on the administration building at the Wichita municipal airport. It is to be finished in 120 working days.

Friday, April 20, 1934

Dr Harold W. Foght, president of the University of Wichita for the past seven years, who resigned last summer effective January 1st this year, and who has been living in California since then, has been named superintendent of the Burke Navajo Vocational School at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. Article gives long biographical sketch and lists several books he has written. He came to Wichita from Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he was president of the Teachers’ College. Details.

Article gives report on the new bids for the air mail routes. On Route No. 1, Chicago to Dallas via Wichita, Braniff Airways, Inc. bid 22½ cents per mile and United Air Lines 39 cents. On Route No. 9, Newark to Los Angeles, Transcontinental & Western Air bid 24 cents.

The Beech Aircraft Company has sold a four place cabin plane to the Ethyl Corporation, of New York. It will be powered with a 420 horsepower Wright motor and work on the ship is to be started at once. The Beech Company is now moving into the Travel Air plant on East Central Avenue.

Tuesday, April 24, 1934

Report of death of Wichita pioneer, Leopold J. Steinbuchel, at his home, 1038 North Main, at age 74. Born in Cologne, Germany and came to Sedgwick County in 1880, settling on a farm near Andale. Lived there until 1912 when he moved to Wichita. Survived by widow, Frances, four daughters (named), two sisters, Misses Julia and Johanna, 1234 (1231 ?) North Waco, and one brother, Louis, 1235 North Waco.

Friday, May 4, 1934

Report that Transcontinental & Western Air has been awarded the new air mail contract between New York and Los Angeles via Wichita on its bid of 24 cents per airplane mile. The company is now operating one passenger and express plane daily in each direction since cancellation of the previous air mail contracts on February 9. Details.
Saturday, May 5, 1934

Report that Braniff Airways, Inc. has been awarded the new air mail contract on the Chicago to Dallas line, on its low bid of 22½ cents per airplane mile. United Air Lines formerly held the contract for this run.

Sunday, May 6, 1934

Photograph of Mrs. Henry Tihen, president of the Sedgwick County Medical Auxiliary.

Tuesday, May 8, 1934

W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines, announced in Chicago today that his company will stop operations between Kansas City and Dallas via Wichita May 12 as a result of the company’s failure to secure the award of the temporary air mail contract on this route. It will continue temporarily, at least, to fly between Kansas City and Chicago.

Sunday, May 13, 1934

Article about the Home Cab Company, with offices at 355 North Market, which operates more than 30 modern taxicabs in Wichita. Details and photographs.

Photograph of Mrs. J. O. Davidson, of 155 North Pershing, a prominent member of Wichita’s social circles. Mrs. Allen W. Hinkel and Jim Davidson are her daughter and son.

Airmail service over the Transcontinental & Western Air line will be resumed through Wichita at 11:45 p.m. Sunday, at which time the “Sky Pilot” will depart westbound for Los Angeles via Amarillo, Albuquerque, and Winslow.

Wednesday, May 16, 1934

Report of death yesterday at Dodge City of Otto Theis, 49, son of the late George Theis, of Wichita, as result of injuries ten days ago in a fall from a horse on his ranch near Englewood. With his father he had operated extensive land and cattle interests in Clark and Meade County and in Texas. Survived by widow, five children, mother, Mrs. Chester Rice of Portland, Oregon, two half brothers, Charles Theis, of Wichita, student at University of Kansas, and George Theis, Jr., of Shirkmere Hotel, and two sisters, Mrs. David W. Graham of Kansas City, Kansas and Mrs. Ethel Zadegian of Los Angeles, California.

Thursday, May 17, 1934

Delivery was made yesterday on the first Wichita built Straughan two place biplane, selling for nine hundred dollars, marking the culmination of more than two years development work of the Straughan Aircraft Corporation, located in the old Cessna plant. Plans are
completed for beginning immediate quantity production and the company now has orders for 24 planes. Two more planes are to be delivered within the next 30 days, and within 60 days it is hoped to be turning out a plane per week. The Straughan plane is powered with the Straughan conversion of a Model A Ford motor and is the first two place biplane ever produced to sell under one thousand dollars. Wing span is 28 feet, gross weight 998 pounds, top speed 80 m.p.h., cruising speed 70 m.p.h., and landing speed 25 m.p.h. R. C. Holmes, vice-president of the company, as a lad on an Oklahoma farm was always interested in airplanes and at age 20 had built a small plane of various parts and powered with a Model T Ford motor. It flew. He continued tinkering with airplanes and wound up as mechanical foreman for Frank Straughan, Ford dealer of Marshall, Oklahoma. They built a second plane powered with a Ford motor, which also flew successfully. The two then formed the Straughan Aircraft Corporation in December 1932 for the commercial building of small aircraft. Since then they have devoted their time and production to test craft until less than 90 days ago when they felt they were ready for actual production of a successful model.

Friday, May 18, 1934  
Braniff Airways will make its first official air mail flights on the Chicago-Dallas line Thursday night. The northbound plane will leave Wichita at 1:05 a.m. and the southbound at 3:30 a.m. Mail only will be carried for a time, but later the company expects to carry passengers also.

Sunday, May 27, 1934  
Droll’s English Grill, located in the Miller Theater Building, is celebrating the second anniversary of its opening this week. Photograph of entrance.

Tuesday, June 12, 1934  
Rapid progress is being made on the airport administration building and it will probably be ready for occupancy within 60 days. The exterior has been finished.

Wednesday, June 13, 1934  
The new North Broadway overpass road was opened at 10:00 a.m. today after 14 months’ work.
Thursday, June 14, 1934
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5. The new longer bridge across the Arkansas River and 2nd Street was opened to traffic yesterday.

13. The postoffice department today awarded a new air mail contract on the Pueblo, Colorado to El Paso, Texas route to the Varney Speed Lines, Inc., of Burbank, California on its low bid of 24 cents per airplane mile.

Sunday, June 17, 1934
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10. Photograph of new Highway 81 overpass north of Wichita. Article says it cost total of $275,000.

12. The widened and repaved North Broadway was opened from Douglas to 10th Street yesterday. The part between 10th and 14th Streets will be opened some time next week.

Tuesday, June 19, 1934
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11. The three mile diagonal boulevard from Lincoln to Poplar Avenues to the municipal airport will be open for traffic in about a month.

Monday, July 2, 1934
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Sunday, July 8, 1934
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C-4. Photographs of a number of Wichita churches including Riverside Christian Church.

C-6. Photograph of Central Building, new home of the Wichita Farm Credit Banks.

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Special Section -- Anniversary Section
3. Advertisement with photograph of Sanger Brothers Department Store.
4. Photographs of Wichita hospitals.
5. Photographs of Wichita aircraft plants and unfinished airport administration building. Says Strawn (sic) has moved to the old Yellow Air Cab hangar.
6. Photographs of packing plants.
8. Photographs of Wichita colleges buildings.

Wednesday, July 11, 1934

1. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer, A. W. Bitting, age 88. In Wichita since June 25, 1876, coming here from Pennsylvania, and soon followed by his brother, Charles. Obituary. They discontinued their business in 1898 and he moved to New York for a few years, but returned to Wichita in 1906 and then established the A. W. Bitting Wholesale Jewelry Company. Home at 11th and Topeka. Married Miss Mary Lucy Eldridge in 1881. She survives, as well as two daughters, Lucy E. and Florence Frances, and one son, Carl, all of Wichita. Was member of First Presbyterian Church for many years. Photograph (page 7).

Friday, July 13, 1934

4. Report of death yesterday of Otto T. Schweiter, age 53, at his home, 211 South Clifton, after an illness of many months. Born on the old family farm at 1240 South Hydraulic on May 29, 1882, the youngest son of the late Henry Schweiter. Married Miss Bertha Schmidt, of Wichita, in 1905. Survived by wife, two sons, Otis and Henry, and two daughters, Mildred and Eunice, as well as three brothers, Henry, John, and Will, and one sister, Mrs. William Lutten, 315 North Fountain, all of Wichita. Another sister, Mrs. George McNeil, died a year ago.

Sunday, July 15, 1934

B-2. Fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weaver, parents of Dr. T. Walker Weaver, to be celebrated Tuesday, July 15, with open house in their home, located five miles west of Broadway on 13th Street and then one and a fourth miles north.

Monday, July 16, 1934

5. The White Castle System will be moved from Wichita to Columbus, Ohio, it was announced today by E. W. (Billy) Ingram, president. The change will be completed by October 1st. The Wichita office for local operations will remain in charge of A. J. King. The White Castle System started in Wichita in 1921 with a single stand on West 1st at the rear of the Dorsey Building, 201 North Main and today operates 123 eating houses in 16
cities. Details.

Wednesday, July 18, 1934

7. Photograph of one of six new 30 passenger streamlined motor coaches which will be put into service between Wichita and Los Angeles at 8:00 p.m. today by the Southern Kansas Stage Lines (bus labeled Santa Fe Trailways System). Says they are the first of their kind to be put into service in the United States and were specially built for the company. They will make the run directly through in 51 hours.

Saturday, July 21, 1934


2. The Hypatia Club has purchased the old J. H. Butts home, 1215 North Broadway, to be used for a clubhouse.


Sunday, July 22, 1934

3. Garfield’s women’s wear store will be moved this week from 316 East Douglas, where it has been for three and a half years, to its new location at 210 East Douglas, formerly occupied by the McVicar-Howard Clothing Company. Details.

Tuesday, July 24, 1934

4. The new Ferrell Bridge across the Little Arkansas River at 18th Street was opened and dedicated yesterday evening. Named in honor of Lloyd Ferrell, who bought the land south of 17th Street and west of the river and platted it into the Fourth Addition. He also built the first bridge across the Little River at 17th Street, destroyed by a flood in 1904. Photograph.

13. Photograph of Wichita’s new baseball stadium at Maple and Sycamore, which will be
dedicated August 1. Has been under construction for the past several months and will take the place of old Island Park. Seating capacity of approximately 4000 with added bleachers to accommodate total of 10,000.

**Wednesday, July 25, 1934**

3. Santa Fe Trail bus advertisement.

20. Article lists proposed 1935 city budget by department compared with 1934.

**Friday, July 27, 1934**

19. Report of death yesterday of Almon Emerson Dodge, age 88, Wichita pioneer, at his home, 247 North Waco. Born in Crete, Illinois. Came west with a brother, Enoch, to Emporia, where the railway ended and they walked to Wichita, where another brother, Frank, had taken land on which Mr. Carmel now stands. Returned to Illinois to marry Miss Harriet Gaines 62 years ago. Had lived in present home since 1887. Survived by widow and two daughters, Almira, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mrs. Elsa D. Hill, 247 North Waco. Further obituary.

**Sunday, July 29, 1934**

7. Santa Fe Trail bus advertisement.

10. Photograph in Chicago of three of the new streamlined Southern Kansas Stage Lines buses for the Santa Fe Trail System, which were brought to Wichita last week.

Transcontinental & Western Air will inaugurate the first over-night coast to coast passenger plane service on August 1st, using its new Douglas planes.

13. Article announcing the merger of the Southern Kansas Stage Lines and the Cardinal Stage Lines Company as a unit of the Santa Fe Trail System, effective August 1. Details.

Ground was broken Friday for the new $20,000 Wichita Home for the Aged, located on the ten acre site between Kinkaid and Clark and extending from South Broadway to Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huston donated the tract of land and aided in the financial campaign for the building. Details.

**Wednesday, August 1, 1934**

1. Southern Kansas Stage Lines plans to build a large new bus terminal on the northeast corner of William and Broadway fronting 100 feet on Broadway and 150 feet on William. Details.

**Sunday, August 5, 1934**
Magazine

4. M. C. Naftzger, president of Southwest National Bank, urges abandonment of street cars and inauguration of a five cent bus fare in Wichita. Says the local buses and street cars hauled in excess of five million people in 1933.


Monday, August 6, 1934

9. Full page advertisement about the “street car monopoly” and the street car company’s opposition to the ten cent cab ordinance. Details.

15. Photograph showing bus involved in accident at 2nd and Hydraulic in crash with a milk wagon.

17. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

Wednesday, August 8, 1934

1. Proposed new taxicab ordinance was defeated in election yesterday. Details.

Saturday, August 11, 1934

10. Flight tests were held yesterday on the new Cessna C-34, the first commercial Cessna model brought out in some time.

Sunday, August 12, 1934

B-11. Transcontinental & Western Air will inaugurate fast service through Wichita on its transcontinental route with its new Douglas Airliner next Wednesday. Details.

Monday, August 13, 1934


Photograph of a passenger getting off Transcontinental & Western Air Ford Trimotor with erroneous caption saying he is getting off their new Douglas airliner.

Tuesday, August 14, 1934

1. Report of resignation of Howard V. Wheeler, president, and R. C. Clevenger, treasurer, of the Wichita Transportation Company. Says they are the only Wichita individuals
connected with the management of the company, which is controlled by the Illinois Traction Company, and that their resignation is being held up in Chicago pending reorganization. Says the operating officials in Wichita have had under consideration for some time the abolishing of street cars and substitution of buses throughout the city.

Condemnation procedures were started today to allow widening of nine more blocks of North Broadway from 26th Street to 35th Street to a 40 foot right of way. The present slab in the area in only 18 feet. Details.

Thursday, August 16, 1934

1. Report of crowd of nearly 1000 persons which turned out after daybreak this morning to welcome the first arrival in Wichita of Transcontinental & Western Air’s Douglas luxury airliner, carrying a dozen passengers from Los Angeles to Kansas City and on to New York. Pilot was F. G. Richardson and plane landed about 7:30 a.m. Details. Photographs page 7 (don’t show plane).

Sunday, August 19, 1934

6. Photograph of entrance of building at Lincoln and Washington formerly occupied by the Supreme Propeller Company, which has been taken over for the new federal emergency relief meat canning factory. Operations will start tomorrow in the 300 by 70 feet, two story building, and 600 people from relief rolls are to be employed. Building has been remodeled the past two weeks. Details.

11. The Southwest Transfer and Storage Company, Wichita’s newest transfer and storage firm, has moved into the Bryan building, at 301 South Wichita. Photograph.

Tuesday, August 21, 1934

1. Report that W. A. Ayres, congressman from the fifth Kansas district, resigned from Congress today to accept an appointment as a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Details and photograph.

Friday, August 24, 1934

18. One of the new Transcontinental & Western Air Douglas luxury airliners will be christened “City of Wichita” at 4:00 p.m. Sunday by Miss Jane Seydell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Seydell, with a bottle of Arkansas River water. Details.

26. Photograph of nine United States Army Martin bombers flying over Wichita in formation this morning. Details. The planes made a brief stop here.

Sunday, August 26, 1934

Monday, August 27, 1934

3. Report of christening of Transcontinental & Western Air’s “City of Wichita” Douglas airliner yesterday. Details and photographs, but serial number not visible.

Thursday, September 6, 1934

6. Work started today on Wichita’s new bus terminal at William and Broadway.


Sunday, September 9, 1934

7. Wrecking of the building at corner of Broadway and William to make room for Wichita’s new union bus depot will be started this week and will be completed within about a month.

B-15. Photograph of buildings at Broadway and William to be torn down to make way for new bus depot.

Wednesday, September 12, 1934


5. Small Transcontinental & Western Air advertisement.

Thursday, September 13, 1934

3. Contract let yesterday for Wichita’s new art museum to Hahner and Foreman Construction Company for $54,709. To be completed about April 1st. Details.


Friday, September 14, 1934

1. Report that negotiations were completed today for sale of the Wichita Transportation Company by the North American Light and Power Company to a group of Wichita financial men, including Howard V. Wheeler, R. C. Clevenger, Charles E. Parr, and others.
Sunday, September 16, 1934

Miss Betty Weaver, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. Walker Weaver, and Gerald Wetlaufer, of Oelwein, Iowa, are to be married this afternoon at the United Congregational Church.

It was announced yesterday that the Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company has purchased the one story modern building of the W-W Feed Grinder Company located at 419 West 2nd. It will be remodeled for use as the general offices of the bus company and will also house a body building and paint and repair shop. The company will take possession October 9. Details.

Monday, September 17, 1934

Sale of the Straughan Aircraft Corporation of Wichita to Mark Kleedon, president of the Black Gold Refining Company, of Oklahoma City, today awaits only confirmation by Judge I. N. Williams of the district court. Dale Kidwell had been appointed receiver for the concern. Its equipment is to be moved to Oklahoma City beginning Tuesday, where Kleedon hopes to employ 50 men and turn out one plane a day.

Wednesday, September 19, 1934

The Workshop for the Blind, at 223 West 3rd, is to be dedicated tomorrow. Details.

Thursday, September 20, 1934

Report of death today of Charles Smith Lawrence, city commissioner and former mayor, three hours after suffering a stroke. Born in Wichita October 10, 1876, the son of Robert E. (Edwin) and Laura L. (Smith) Lawrence. His father died in Wichita in 1911 and his mother in 1920. He married Anna Dell Ewing, of Eldorado, in 1903. They have three children, C. Ewing, Robert Edwin, and Sara Louise Lawrence. One brother, Harry A., of Wichita, and two sisters, Miss Harriet A. Lawrence, of Haines, Alaska, and Mrs. Ruth L. Loght, 1801 West Maple, also survive, as well and two grandchildren, Lou Ann and Charles Richard, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ewing Lawrence. Further obituary and photograph.

Friday, September 28, 1934

Surveys made by the city on the 33 miles of paved street on which there are street car tracks have revealed an estimated cost of $225,000 to remove these tracks and repave the streets in case the tracks are removed in favor of buses.

Saturday, September 29, 1934

Photograph of H. R. Schmidt, from Wichita, who is to be a lay delegate to the General Conference of the Evangelical Church. Details.
Wednesday, October 3, 1934
page 5. Report of death yesterday of Joseph A. Ackerman, age 94, former owner of Ackerman’s Island in the Big Arkansas River, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Sproat, 1443 North Lorraine. Was a native of Switzerland and came to the United States as a boy and to Wichita in 1886. Operated a slaughter house and packing plant here for four years before it was destroyed by fire. Survived also by another daughter, Mrs. Kate Rohrback, of Phillipsburg, Kansas. Photograph.

11. Photograph of crowd in Beacon Lane watching World Series results.

Friday, October 12, 1934
page 20. The Sheets Block at southeast corner of Market and Douglas was sold yesterday to the Midco Building and Investment Company, a group of Wichita investors (named) by the estate of the late William Liggett, of California, for $150,000. It has a 50 foot front on Douglas and 120 feet on Market, and is occupied by a number of small stores (named).

Sunday, October 14, 1934
page 1. Report of testimonial dinner at Lassen Hotel last evening sponsored by Wichita Art Association in honor of civic leader, Mr. L. W. Clapp. Details and photograph.


Monday, October 15, 1934
page 2. Report of death yesterday of J. E. Fritzlen, age 80, retired rancher and cattleman, at his home at 3244 Country Club Place. Survived by his widow, Hattie, and two daughters, Mrs. Frances Ebright, of the Hillcrest Homes, and Mrs. Christine Christy, of Eureka, Kansas.

14. Photograph of the new Sara Blair Case Memorial Building at First Presbyterian Church, which is nearing completion (exterior completed).

Wednesday, October 17, 1934
page 1. Report of death today of Dr. J. S. Hibbard, 61, general practitioner. Survived by wife, Cora, a daughter, Ellen, and a son, Dr. James Hibbard. Photograph.

Wednesday, October 24, 1934
page 4. The administration building at the municipal airport is expected to be completed within the next 30 days. Workmen have finished the concrete taxi strip in front of the main entrance.
and the walk leading from the strip to the main entrance.

Saturday, October 27, 1934

Photograph of a new type General Motors bus demonstrated in Wichita Thursday and Friday as the type of bus which would be used here if Wichita interests purchase the Wichita transportation system, as now seems likely. It is a 21 passenger bus with modern features. Details. (“New Type Bus Tried Out Here”)

Sunday, October 28, 1934

The W-W Feed Grinder Company, which recently sold its building at 417-419 West 2nd Street to the Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company, has taken a three year lease on the buildings at 311-315-319 South Wichita Street from John Wenzel, owner of this property, as the new location for their manufacturing plant. Details.

Tuesday, October 30, 1934

City commissioners yesterday named a committee to negotiate with the proposed purchasers of the Wichita street car and bus lines. One of the problems in making the purchase is the franchise provision requiring the company to pay for repaving of the streets where street car lines are taken out, the cost of which is estimated at a minimum of $200,000. Details.

Sunday, November 18, 1934

The Ralston Purina Company, of St. Louis, announced yesterday its purchase of the Otto Weiss Milling Company properties in Wichita, extending 617 feet north from 13th Street along the terminal tracks and including 13 buildings. Details. Photograph on page 12.

Tuesday, November 20, 1934

A proposed new franchise ordinance was submitted to the city commission by the Wichita Transportation Company yesterday. It would replace the company’s present ordinance, adopted four years ago, which has 16 years more to run. If passed it is said that Wichita interests will purchase the system from the North American Light and Power Company, of Chicago. The fare would be five tokens for 25 cents or ten cents for a single fare. Five new buses would be installed within 90 days and the street cars abandoned within one year. The company would pay $75,000 to the city for removal of the street car tracks, at the rate of $2000 per month beginning January 1, 1935 and would give the city the rails and trolley fixtures to be sold for some additional money. Details.

Sunday, December 2, 1934

Advertisement with photograph of the Evans Motor Company, Dodge-Plymouth dealer,
at 235 South Broadway, its new location.

Tuesday, December 4, 1934

14. Occupants were moved into the new Wichita Home for the Aged at Kincaid and South Broadway yesterday. Details.

Thursday, December 6, 1934

7. Article with text of proposed new bus company franchise for Wichita. (“Here are Original Provisions in Wichita’s Bus Franchise”)

Friday, December 7, 1934

3. Article about a long review of the proposed new bus ordinance by city commission yesterday with some amendments made including reduction of the maximum charge for single fare from ten cents to seven cents. Details.

Saturday, December 8, 1934

7. The new administration building at the municipal airport is to be formally dedicated some time in January. Details.

Sunday, December 9, 1934

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2. Article with details about bus companies, and photograph of Dan E. Sauder and Aaron E. Greenleaf.

3. Advertisement with photograph of earlier Santa Fe Trail bus.

12. Advertisement showing bus fares.

B-8. Ferguson-Olander, the new authorized Ford car dealer for Wichita, is now located in temporary quarters in the former Stretch and Strain Nash Motor Company building at 1325-1331 East Douglas, corner of Lulu. Details.

C-4. Report of death yesterday of Henry Schnitzler, prominent Wichita realtor, of 1002 South Broadway, at age 69, after an illness of six weeks. He was 69 last May. Had lived in Wichita since age 9. Married Albertina Billman (?) in 1886 and they moved to the
residence on South Broadway where they have lived ever since. Survived by two sons, Henry, Jr., 1148 West Murdock, and F. W., 240 North Lorraine, one daughter, Mrs. Albertina Powell, 1002 South Broadway, and three sisters (named).

Tuesday, December 11, 1934

Long article about further discussion by city commission yesterday of proposed new bus company franchise. No final vote taken. The option from the North American Light and Power Company of Chicago for Wichita men to buy the system has been extended beyond the previous deadline of December 15. Details.

Wednesday, December 12, 1934


Thursday, December 13, 1934

The city’s new bus depot was put into service this morning with the departure of a Chicago-bound Santa Fe Trails System bus at 12:30 a.m. It had been open yesterday for an open house, which drew many visitors. Details.

Friday, December 14, 1934

President Jardine, of the University of Wichita, calls for paving of the roads on the campus. Details.

Saturday, December 15, 1934

L. W. Clapp is critically ill with a severe heart attack suffered yesterday evening.

Sunday, December 16, 1934


Tuesday, December 18, 1934

A Transcontinental & Western Air Douglas airliner landed safely at Wichita this morning after losing one propeller in flight about 15 miles east of here. Details.

Article about court contest over estate of M. R. Diver, valued at $300,000. Details.

Saturday, December 22, 1934
Report of further discussion yesterday by city commission of proposed new bus ordinance. Objection made to requirement to purchase minimum of ten tokens for 50 cents. Details. No final action.

Sunday, December 23, 1934

The Wichita Transportation Company has received five new Yellow Coach buses from General Motors Corporation at a cost of about $5500 each. The 21 passenger buses will be placed in service Tuesday, December 25 on the East Kellogg-West Douglas line. They are finished in a two tone green, that is quite a relief from the several shades of tan, yellow, orange, and brown of the older type buses. Details. Photograph (number not visible). Officials were given ride yesterday.

Friday, December 28, 1934

Robert W. Campbell, for the past two years assistant manager and catering manager for the Allis hotel, has purchased an interest in the Sunflower Hotel at Abilene and will go to Abilene January 5 as the hotel’s manager. Photograph.

Sunday, December 30, 1934

Review of 1934 events in Wichita.