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 1936 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
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1. The 1936 Wichita city directory is out.

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4. B. Drew McLean was elected president of the 4th National Bank yesterday, replacing R. C. Clevenger, who has sold part of his stock in the bank to Mr. McLean. Details.

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23. Report of death today of pioneer Wichita lumberman, Frank Oliver, at his home at the Hillcrest Apartments at age 81. Born at Waterford, Pennsylvania, and later lived in Illinois before coming to Wichita with his twin brother, Mark J. Oliver, in 1876. He was married in 1879 to Anna M. Stamper, of Decatur, Illinois. His twin brother, Mark, moved to Chicago more than 20 years ago. Survived by wife, one son, Frank, Jr., and brother. Obituary. Photo.

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7. Report of death last night of Wichita pioneer, Otto Weiss, founder of the Otto Weiss Milling Company, at his home 1240 North Topeka, at age 81. Born in Germany and came to Wichita on the first Santa Fe train to run into the city. Lived initially with his uncle, William Griffenstein. Survived by his wife, the former Anna Weile (?) whom he married here in 1885, a son, William W. Weiss, and four grandchildren. Obituary.

Sunday, January 19, 1936
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C. Special motor show section.

Wednesday, January 22, 1936
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A. J. Cleary announced yesterday that the Wichita Transportation Company has placed an order for a new 31 passenger Twin Coach, to be delivered in Lima, Ohio January 31 and to be put in service early in February on the College Hill Line. The new coach, has safety air brakes and cost $10,000. Cleary said the companies patronage has increased since new buses bought to average 32,500 people daily.

**Sunday, February 2, 1936**
Article about the new Swallow Model C airplane which has been under engineering and construction at the Swallow Aircraft factory for a year and a half and which made its first test flight last week. It is powered with a 125 horsepower Menesco engine. The plane was built under the direction of E. B. Christopher, who become head of the Swallow plant in 1933, purchasing it from the previous stockholders directed by George R. Bassett. In designing the ship Christopher was aided by Sam Bloomfield. Dave Brehm was the superintendent of construction. Details. Photo.

**Monday, February 3, 1936**
Photo of new W. T. Grant store at Market and Douglas with exterior essentially completed.

**Thursday, February 6, 1936**
Howard Hughes stopped for one hour in Wichita yesterday in his twin engined Douglas plane (DC-1? -- has two windows on right side). Photo.

**Thursday, February 13, 1936**
City officials were taken for a ride in the Wichita Transportation Company’s new bus, which went into service this week. (It is Twin Coach 31 R.) Photo.

**Sunday, February 16, 1936**
The new International Harvester Company truck service station at 17th and Broadway will be formally opened this week. Details. Photo.

**Wednesday, February 19, 1936**
Report of sudden death yesterday of Arthur G. Dodge, age 54, 1402 West 2nd, son of Wichita pioneer Enoch Dodge. Born June 22, 1880. Survivors include mother, Mrs. C. W. Jones, one brother, Roy R., of Wichita, and two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Woodard, Plains, Kansas and Miss Golda Dodge, of Wichita.

Monty Barnes, pilot for the Beech Aircraft Company, has returned from New York where he delivered the new Cyclone Beechcraft which is now being transported by ship to Rene
Drouilet, French pilot. Barnes made the eastward trip in only seven hours, making one refueling stop. The plane was dismantled and put aboard the French line steamship Champlain for shipment to Le Havre.

Thursday, February 20, 1936

Mayor Frank Nighswonger has been honored by the naming of Wichita’s newest city bus for him. The new bus arrived in Wichita last week, and is now on the College Hill line and will bear the name “Nighswonger.” A. J. Cleary, vice-president of the bus company, said today it was only proper that this bus should be named in Mayor Nighswonger’s honor, as he has been so active in making possible Wichita’s new bus system. The 46 buses bought last year (sic) were named in honor of Wichita pioneers by the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society. Names of the pioneers now on the city buses include: Throckmorton, Griffenstein, Mathewson, Davidson, Murdock, Mead, English, Jewett, Waterman, Fabrique, Allen, Woodman, Hyde, Ross, Harris, Lewis, Munger, Carey, Schweiter, Gribi, Black, Smith, Lawrence, McCoy, Aley, Sluss, Stanley, Smythe, Sowers, Steele, Getto, Little, Miller, Caldwell, Bolte, Daisy, Noble, Fuller, Jackson, Powell and Reese.

Friday, February 21, 1936


Sunday, February 23, 1936

Photo of a new General Motors bus recently placed in service by the Santa Fe Trail System on its transcontinental bus system through Wichita. Says five of these buses have been placed in service

February 25 will mark the first birthday of the nickel token bus fare in Wichita. Very few cities of this size in the United States have such a low fare. Photo of A. J. Cleary.

Thursday, February 27, 1936

Report of death Tuesday of James C. Cassell, age 72, 533 North Fountain, president of the Cassell Transfer and Storage Company. Came to Wichita from Kentucky in 1887 and was with American Express Company and then in the produce business prior to organizing the transfer company in 1924.

Sunday, March 1, 1936

J. Arch Butts Auto Company has leased the building at 300 South Broadway (former Arnold Auto Company) for additional used car display area. Photo.

**Tuesday, March 3, 1936**

1. Fire early this morning completely destroyed the Shadowland dance pavilion about 2 miles south of the John Mack bridge. Details.

**Wednesday, March 4, 1936**

9. A. R. King and Elmer C. King, of Salina on Monday purchased the Mueller Mortuary, 314 North Broadway, and will henceforth operate it under the name of King Brothers Mortuary. Details.

**Sunday, March 8, 1936**

1. Three hundred thousand dollars is to be spent on remodeling of the Lassen Hotel. Details. New coffee shop is to be built to south side of Market Street entrance to replace the present location on the 1st Street side.

B-8. Destruction signs are to be placed on the sides of Wichita Transportation Company buses Monday as a result of numerous requests from patrons, according to A. J. Cleary.

**Monday, March 9, 1936**

11. Organization was started in Chicago today to merge five large bus companies including the Santa Fe Trail System, with headquarters in Wichita, into a nationwide network, to be known as the National Trailways System. Included in the organization besides the Santa Fe System are the Burlington Transportation Company, The Missouri Pacific Transportation Company, Frank Martz Coach Company, and the Safeway Lines.

**Thursday, March 12, 1936**


Capitalization of the Bridgeport Machine Company is to be doubled. Details.

**Friday, March 13, 1936**


**Sunday, March 15, 1936**
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A group of five airlines -- Eastern, Pan American, TWA, United, and American -- announced today that they had signed a contract with the Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica, California, for construction of an experimental four engine airliner to be ready for tests in 1937 and for passenger service in 1938. The plane will weigh 25 tons loaded, and carry 40 passengers for 900 miles non-stop, with top speed of 230 miles per hour and cruising speed of 193 miles per hour. It will fly coast to coast on a 13 hour schedule with only two intermediate stops.

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page 4
Photo of rear of a car and bus up on curbing after an accident at 10th and Topeka yesterday. Bus Number faintly visible -- No. 549. Bus driver was Howard A. McPherson, 1923 North Emporia.

Thursday, March 26, 1936
page 9
Article reports meeting to discuss question of having a separate High School for colored students in Wichita. Details

22. TWA will establish a downtown ticket office in the Allis Hotel on April 1. Through an arrangement with TWA, Braniff Airways tickets and reservations will also be obtainable at the TWA office. R. S. Little, district TWA traffic agent, will be in charge.

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page 11
Ad announces opening tomorrow of Hart’s Cut Rate Drugs at 112 North Broadway. Article page 12-B.

Ad announces opening of Gage Brewer’s new Shadowland Dance Club (rebuilt since previous one destroyed by fire). At 21st and Hillside -- see page 12-B.

15. The new Knights of Columbus club house at 626 North Broadway will be opened and dedicated Sunday, April 19. Details.

Tuesday, April 7, 1936
page 10
A ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in front of the Union Station on East Douglas Avenue, to mark the removal of the Last Rail of Wichita’s former electric street...
railway system. The public is invited to witness the ceremony which has been arranged by the Wichita Transportation Company to mark the occasion. Also for inspection during the ceremony there will be a new type of large motor bus of Mack manufacture which is being demonstrated to the Wichita Transportation Company this week by the manufacturers.

**Wednesday, April 8, 1936**

1. Report of ceremony yesterday morning to mark the removal of the last rail of Wichita’s street railway system. A plaque was placed in the street at the east end of the railroad viaduct to mark the occasion. Details. Photos of this and demonstrator Mack bus on page 11.

**Thursday, April 9, 1936**

2. Two demonstrator buses are being used on the College Hill line this week and are being carefully tested for efficiency of operation and popularity with the public. A. J. Cleary, vice-president of the Wichita Transportation Corporation says the company this year will purchase ten new buses. The two types being tested now are under consideration. One of the demonstrators is a 23 passenger Twin Coach and the other is a 31 passenger Mack. The Twin Coach weighs 9,500 pounds and is powered by a 90 horsepower motor. The Mack bus weighs 16,000 pounds and has a 130 horsepower motor.

The South Kansas and St. Louis, a motor carrier affiliated with the Santa Fe Railway, today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission (in Washington) for authority to acquire three Kansas motor lines. They are the Western Transit Company, operating several truck lines in western Kansas, for $6500; the Central Kansas Bus Lines, for $1218; and the Silver Star Stages, operating a bus line between Parsons and Pittsburg, for $750. Control of the Western Transit Company would be assumed by the South Kansas and St. Louis through the purchase of stock, while the properties of the other two lines would be purchased outright.

**Saturday, April 11, 1936**

1. Pan American Airways Sikorsky S-42 Brazilian Clipper sank after colliding with fishing boat today in harbor of Port-of Spain, Trinidad on take-off. Three dead. Details.

**Wednesday, April 15, 1936**

13. Braniff Airways new daylight scheduled flight, the “Centennial Flyer,” which arrives here at 7:00 p.m., will be officially welcomed to Wichita this evening. Details. Further report on April 16, page 9. Plane was a Lockhead Electra.

**Sunday, April 19, 1936**

C-8. Articles about dedication today of new Knights of Columbus club house at 626 North
Monday, April 20, 1936
page 5.

Report of apparent suicide attempt this morning by Clifford A. Truesdell, at his home, 4115 North Hydraulic, by gunshot wound to head, at age 49. Was found by his son, Lewis, age 23. Said by son to have been despondent for several weeks over financial affairs and difficulty in paying for the small farm and home where he and his son live. He has been an employee of a paint company here for the past five years and he and son have lived at their present address for the past two years. The son is not regularly employed but has been taking care of the small farm and home. Subsequent note on April 21, page 15, said Truesdell died later Monday (he was half-brother of Mrs. Esther Mooney).

Wednesday, April 22, 1936
page 1.

County commissioners George Rogers and John Millhaubt found guilty by district court jury today of making excessive payments of county funds in a bond contract deal. County commissioner Herman Hill was acquitted on the same charge. Details. (Trial has been underway for several days, with further details.)

7.

Photo of new TWA downtown office on ground floor of Allis Hotel, which opened April 1.

18.

Photo of arrival in Wichita of Missouri Pacific freight train carrying a solid trainload of Chevrolet trucks. Missouri Pacific locomotive is No. 1498.

 Thursday, April 23, 1936
page 22.

Photo of Wichita Beacon biplane, being flown to Liberal by Wichita aviation executive, E. B. Christopher, with a load of Beacons. Regular Number is NC 671 H.

Friday, April 24, 1936
page 25.

Former opening of the King Brothers. Mortuary, 314 North Broadway, formerly the Mueller Mortuary, will be held tomorrow. Details. Photo.

Saturday, April 25, 1936
page 7.

Open house will be held tomorrow at the new Phyllis Wheatley colored children’s home at 9th and Mathewson, built at cost of $15,000 after the old Phyllis Wheatley home was condemned by the city in 1934. Details.

Sunday, April 26, 1936
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1. Report that famous John Noble painting, "The Run," depicting the opening of the Cherokee Strip, and said to have been painted in a studio at the Forum a score of years ago, was purchased yesterday from the painter’s widow by Frank Phillips, head of the Phillips Petroleum Company, for $15,000. Details. To be placed in the museum at Phillips’ Woolaroc ranch. John Noble died in 1934 at age 60. His brother Arthur, who resides at 1029 North Market, stated that “The Run” was painted was painted in a temporary studio occupied by Noble in The Forum.

10. Photo of Hart’s new and larger Cut Rate Drugs at 112 North Broadway, which will be formally opened to the public tomorrow. Details.

Tuesday, April 28, 1936

12. Wichita’s new wholesale produce market at Central and Wabash will be ready to open May 1. Cost of the market house was $46,400, about equally divided between the city and the Works Progress Administration.

Work started today on the development of the new College Hill Park by the park department. It is located between Circle Drive and Clifton Avenue on a 23 acre site purchased by the city 12 years ago. Grading is the first work, to be followed by a swimming pool and bath house to be started in about three weeks.

Famous French aviator Rene Drouillet reported missing on a flight in a recently purchased Beechcraft biplane. He departed from Villacoublay Airport near Paris on what was suspected to be a daring attempt to rescue Emperor Haile Selassie from Ethiopia and has not been heard from since then.

Thursday, April 30, 1936

1. Report of suicide by gunshot this morning of William H. Smith, Wichita grain executive and former president of the Board of Trade, at age 52. Had shot himself in his automobile near St. Francis Hospital on 9th Street between Emporia and St. Francis. Suicide note referred to recent financial troubles with losses due to short grain crop, etc. Born at Horton, Kansas July 4, 1884 and has resided in Wichita since 1915. Was president of Wichita Board of Trade 1928 to 1931. Survived by wife, Nettie, and two sons, Paul and Eugene. Further obituary. Photo.

Saturday, May 2, 1936

2. Two thousand tons of steel rails and other iron reclaimed from the abandoned street railway system was sold by the city Friday to a Kansas City, firm for $7.05 a ton, the highest of three bids submitted. About 1000 tons of rails were sold previously. This money will go into the city treasury with the $75,000 which was paid to the city by the Wichita Transportation Company when electric street cars were removed from service and an all-bus system of mass transportation was put in operation. Rails were removed from
33 miles of streets. The $75,000 received from the bus company and the proceeds from the sale of the old steel is being used by the city in resurfacing the streets from which the street car tracks were removed. Fifty tons of rails make a freight carload. It will require 40 cars to transport the last consignment of 2000 tons to the Kansas City buyer. The rails are now being loaded for shipment.

Sunday, May 10, 1936

Special section

Wichita hospitals and doctors. Articles with details.

Tuesday, May 12, 1936

1. Photos of TWA Douglas DC-2 plane “City of Columbus” at Wichita municipal airport today carrying convicted kidnapper, Thomas H. Robinson. Number not visible.

Sunday, May 17, 1936

1. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Cathryn E. Schulte, widow of Sedgwick County pioneer landowner Peter Schulte, for whom the town of Schulte was named, at age 80. He lived in Wichita past 14 years. Husband died in 1932. Survived by five sons and two daughters (named). Came to Kansas with her parents in 1874.

7. Two strips of pavement in the Riverside Park area will be opened today. Paving on both was done under a Works Progress Administration project and the work of construction has been under way since the first of the year. One river drive in Central Riverside flanks the river from the north end of the Woodman Bridge through the area where moving pictures are shown each summer, and continues west to Gilman. The second strip of new pavement connects the Park Villa area and the south end of Forest Avenue.

Thursday, May 21, 1936

4. Photo of one of two 27 passenger Curtiss Condor planes which Colonel Clarence Chamberlin is bringing to Wichita next week-end.

Saturday, May 30, 1936

1. Report of visit to Wichita today and this week-end of Colonel Clarence D. Chamberlin with his 27 passenger Curtiss Condor biplane in which he is taking people for rides over the city for $1.00.

Sunday, May 31, 1936

1. Report of major downtown fire yesterday afternoon which badly damaged the McLellan Store at 121 East Douglas. Details and photos. Damage estimated at $150,000. Many
Monday, June 1, 1936

4. The Grit Printing Company is opening for business this week in its new location at 741-45 South Emporia. It was previously located at 223-25 North Market since 1922, in the building formerly occupied by the Missouri and Kansas Bell Telephone Company. Details.

5. The newly formed Rainbo Baking Company introduced its new Rainbo Bread in Wichita today. The formation of the new company became effective June 1. It is the successor to the Wichita Home Baking Company and is occupying that company’s quarters and retaining the same personnel. J. E. Murray is president of the new Rainbo Baking Company.

9. Colonel Clarence Chamberlin’s two 27 passenger Curtiss Condor planes will remain here throughout the week. Photo but Number not visible. Says over 3000 have been carried on local flights.

Tuesday, June 2, 1936


Wednesday, June 3, 1936

2. Bids for purchase of the old post office building and site will be received by the treasury department in Washington, D.C. until June 30, 1936. Details.

Thursday, June 4, 1936


Friday, June 5, 1936

2. County assessor’s population report shows Wichita city population this year 103,347 compared with 102,698 last year. Sedgwick County population is 130,554 compared with 128,142 in 1935.

25. Photo of high water in Big Arkansas River and of 21st Street bridge over Big Arkansas.

Sunday, June 7, 1936

1. Article about murals painted by young Wichita artist, Felix Jones and intended for the new
post office building but which were rejected for that building, but which now will be installed in the airport administration building. Details. Photo.

Report of annual meeting of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday at the Forum. Details, with photos on page B-11.

C-4. Photo of crowd at bus station.

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Saturday, June 13, 1936
page 7.

Article about the 50th Anniversary of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church at 944 South Topeka. Gives history of church. Was formerly located at Dewey and Emporia in a frame church building (photo) and known as the Emporia Avenue Church. Moved to the present location in 1910. Details on page 7, 8, 9.

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B-9. Article about installation of murals by Felix Jones on second floor of airport administration building. Details.

Sunday, June 21, 1936
page 7.

Short article about repairs to be carried out in the immediate future on buildings and grounds of Friends University. Details.

Tuesday, June 23, 1936
page 4.

Work started today on a $300,000 remodeling program at the Hotel Lassen. The work will be completed next October. A new coffee shop will be built facing on Market Street just south of the present lobby entrance. There is to be a new front for the present Spanish ballroom to harmonize with the rest of the hotel building. The coffee shop and ballroom are to be air conditioned. Plumbing in the building is to be replaced and 175 new shower baths installed. All rooms will be redecorated. Further details.

Thursday, June 25, 1936
15. The newly developed Woodland Park will be dedicated on July 4. Details.

Friday, June 26, 1936
18. Report of death Wednesday at her home in Melbourne, Florida of Mrs. Charles L. Davidson, wife of former Wichita banker and mayor, Charles L. Davidson. Grew up here and was one of the four persons in the first class to be graduated from the Wichita High School. Article mentions tragedy in 1925 in which seven Wichita people, including Mrs. Lock Davidson, her daughter in law, died when a sightseeing launch capsized of the coast of Florida. Further obituary. Survived by husband and son, Lock. Burial at Highland Mausoleum.

Sunday, July 5, 1936

Sunday, July 5, 1936
Special Section
Anniversary Edition
30. Photo of TWA DC-2 here for Kansas Diamond Jubilee—it is “City of Philadelphia.”
31. Photo of Swallow Aircraft Company plant from air. Also photos of other Wichita aircraft plants.
32. Photos of a number of schools, including Horace Mann.
34. Photos of partially completed Salvation Army fresh air camp for mothers and babies, started with extra money from last year’s Penny Ice Fund. Located northwest of the city on land donated by the late A. A. Hyde. Shows photos of street cars being used as cottages.

Monday, July 6, 1936

Tuesday, July 7, 1936
1. Report of death this morning of W. S. Grant, pioneer Wichita merchant and president of the Grant-Billingsley Fruit Company, at his home, 1251 North Emporia, at age 78. Born in Byron, New York May 19, 1858. Came to Wichita March 14, 1882. Founded the Grant-Billingsley Fruit Company with the late S. S. Billingsley in 1888. Mr. Billingsley died in Wichita about 20 years ago. Wife died 24 years ago. Survived by one son, J. S. Grant, of Wichita, and two daughters (named-one in Wichita and one in Norwich, Kansas).
Further biography and photo.

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1. R. C. Clevenger, former president of the 4th National Bank in Wichita, was today elected president of the National Bank of Topeka. Details. Photo. Will move to Topeka.

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Friday, July 24, 1936
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10. Photo of new shelter house in Linwood Park which is to be dedicated Wednesday night. Report July 30, page 7.

C-2. Ad for Santa Fe Trailways Nite Coach Sleeper.

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9. Photo of officials in front of one of ten new Twin Coach buses which arrived in Wichita yesterday afternoon from Kent, Ohio for service in the lines of the Wichita Transportation Corporation. (Number not visible).

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B-9. Photo of new sign at Norge Downtown Electric Shop at 122 North Broadway (large Neon sign).

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B-10. Photo of new 10,000 barrels per day refining unit recently added at the Derby Oil
Company’s refinery on East 21st Street. Article with details.

Monday, August 24, 1936

Report of death last night of Charles H. Hatton, Wichita civic and business leader, at Hewins, Kansas, of an apparent heart attack, at age 56. Resided at 1145 Stanley Avenue, on banks of Little Arkansas River. Born in Wichita April 23, 1880, the son of a pioneer family which came here in 1872. Father was Charles Hatton and mother was Louise Davidson Hatton. Father was attorney. Survived by wife, one brother and four sisters (named). Further biography. Photo.

Wednesday, August 26, 1936

Report of increase in TWA traffic. Revenue passenger miles in July this year totaled 7,504,590 compared with 6,568,789 for the same month of 1935, an increase of 14.2 percent.

Photo of steel framework of the tower for Wichita’s new radio station, KANS, which rises 180 feet above the roof of the Hotel Lassen. It was completed today except for painting and lighting. Article with details. Charles C. Theis is owner of the venture.

Friday, August 28, 1936

Clearing of the site of the old post office building at Market and William for the erecting of a modern business building is to start about October 1, according to the Midco Building and Investment Company, which purchased the site and old building from the government. Relief agencies which occupy the building have been notified to vacate within the next 30 days.

Saturday, August 29, 1936

Report of death yesterday afternoon of Sidney D. Long, circulation manager of the Wichita Eagle, at his home, 545 Everett Avenue, at age 63. Had been a resident of Wichita since 1887. Obituary, but survivors not listed.

Sunday, August 30, 1936

Article about Price’s “OST” Ford agency, 301-21 South Topeka, which was 20 years old last Friday. It was started in a small garage building 25 by 100 feet located at 133 North Lawrence. Article gives further history of the firm.

Photo shows Knorr-Kuhl Clothing Company front and store sign at 113 East Douglas.

Wednesday, September 2, 1936
1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Adeline Bruce Petrie, widow of the late J. Ed Petrie, at the home of her son, C. J. Petrie, 3924 East Douglas, after two months illness. Born in Wellsville, Kansas and had lived in Wichita for more than 50 years. Husband died a year ago this month. Survived by two sons, Richard Bruce Petrie and Charles W. Petrie, and three grandchildren, Katherien (sic) Petrie Howse, Jiles (sic) and Jock Petrie. Photo.

Sunday, September 6, 1936

The Wichita Transportation Corporation will inaugurate new faster bus schedules next Tuesday morning, A. J. Cleary, vice-president, announced today. The change coincides with the opening of school. Sixty two buses will then be in operation, whereas there are now only 48 buses in service in Wichita. Due to the purchase of new buses, it is now possible to give the new better bus service. There will be more special school bus service than in the past. New schedules are now printed and now available on all city buses and at the office of the company. Additional services will be available when the demand is greatest in the morning and evening rush periods. During these periods buses will run four minutes apart on the College Hill line, and in the East Central-South Main line there will be ten buses during the rush periods where there are only six now. Three extra buses will operate on the East Kellogg-West Douglas line. One extra bus will serve the North Waco-East 2nd line, and time between buses on the South Emporia-Friends University line will be reduced to ten minutes. The Pattie-West 2nd. line will be speeded up one minute and the West Riverside- North Topeka buses will be only eight minutes apart. Further details about special school buses.

Saturday, September 12, 1936

Article about provisions of will of Louis Steinbuchel, which was filed in probate count Friday. The estate is to go into a trust managed by his son, Herbert M. Steinbuchel. The widow is to receive the net income from the properties. After her death the estate goes to the son and two daughters, Helene E. Powell and Lenore M. Gluschkin (spelling?), shared equally.

Monday, September 14, 1936

Report of death yesterday of Herman A. Hill, Sedgwick County commissioner and former city commissioner and mayor, at age 69, following a stroke. Born in Ft. Scott in 1866 and came to Wichita from there 42 years ago. Survived by wife, a son, Herman Warner Hill, two sisters (named), both of Chicago, and one brother, A. M. Hill, of 120 South Fern in Wichita. Further obituary.

Wichita University will start work Wednesday on the reconstruction and remodeling of the old gymnasium. With about $23,213 in federal government aid and about an equal amount from the university. The building will be 36 feet longer than the old structure and the outside of the building will be made to conform in architecture with the new auditorium just across the street, which is practically finished.
Wednesday, September 16, 1936

5. Report of death today of Mrs. Jennie May Balderston, widow of the late Jacob M. Balderston, of pneumonia following a fracture of a femur in a fall September 9. She was an early Wichita schoolteacher and lived at 547 North Pershing with a daughter, Mrs. Hortense Balderston Campbell, city reference librarian. Survived also by two other daughters, Mrs. Frank S. Stover, 137 North Lorraine, and Mrs. Laird Archer, of Greece, a grandson, Laird Campbell, two sisters (named-living elsewhere) and a brother, P. E. Boyle, of Greeley, Colorado. Orville A. Boyle, Wichita businessman, is a nephew. Her husband died in 1909. She was born in Putnam County, Illinois, February 19, 1859, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Boyle, who later moved with her to Wichita. She was educated in the Putnam County schools, at Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State Normal colleges. One of her early teachers was her future husband, who was 17 years her senior, and a civil war veteran. Mr. Balderston moved to Wichita in 1872 and the Boyles came here nine years later. She and Judge Balderston were married in 1885. Small photo. Burial to be at Highland Cemetery.

Friday, September 18, 1936

2. Wichita’s new radio station, KANS, is to go on the air at 6:30 a.m. tomorrow, on frequency of 1210 kilocycles. Details.

Sunday, September 20, 1936

7. Enrollment at the University of Wichita yesterday reached 1327 compared with 1276 at the same time last year.

15. Santa Fe Trailways has announced effective Sunday the re-routing of the Nite Coach Highway Sleeper between Kansas City and Los Angeles via Wichita. Westbound it will arrive in Wichita at 7:00 a.m. and depart at 8:30 a.m. for Santa Fe, Albuquerque, the Grand Canyon and Los Angeles. Eastbound it will arrive in Wichita from Los Angeles at 10:59 p.m. and depart at 11:59 p.m., arriving in Kansas City at 7:00 a.m.

Artist John Steuart Curry has been appointed artist-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin. Curry was in Wichita five years ago and his paintings and lithographs have been familiar to Kansas for some time. His early years were spent in a struggle for art education in Kansas City, Chicago and New York. Photo.

Monday, September 21, 1936

1. Report of death yesterday of Joseph D. Houston, age 78, well known Wichita attorney and judge, at his home at 1131 North Market. He practiced law in Kansas for more than 50 years. Born in North Middleton, Kentucky, on February 17, 1858. After education in law at Cincinnati, he came to Wichita after four years of legal work in Arkansas City and Winfield. Married Miss Fanny Eddy April 8, 1885. She had come to Kansas with her
parents from Michigan. Survivors include the wife, two daughters, Mrs. T. P. Kahoe of Philadelphia, and Mrs. M. C. Naftzger, 312 North Belmont, and four grandsons including Lee and John Naftzger of Wichita and two in Philadelphia (named). Further biography. Photo.

Thursday, September 24, 1936
Page 1.

Report of death today of Dow Dewey, prominent Wichita oil man, of a stroke, at his home, 227 South Terrace Drive, at age 58. He was head of the Dow Dewey Oil Company, operating a number of filling stations in Wichita, and was the principal distributor of Derby Oil Products in Wichita. Survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Claire Dewey, and one brother, Ned Dewey. Obituary. Photo.

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The art department of the University of Wichita will be moved to the building at the corner of 17th and Fairmount formerly occupied by the University bookstore and cafeteria on October 15.

Tuesday, September 29, 1936
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Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Samuel B. Amidon, age 76, at her home in San Diego, California, where she moved in 1928. She was from the pioneer Noyes family in Wichita. Survived by two sisters living elsewhere (named), and one brother, Romulus Noyes, of Wichita.

Thursday, October 1, 1936
Page 15.

Wichita bus drivers appeared this morning in an entirely new type of uniform. It includes an English type coat with Sam Brown belt, breeches, puttees, and shoes and is black in color. The new uniforms were provided by Henry’s Clothing Company. Details. Photo of men in front of four buses.

The rebuilt and modernized McLellan Store is expected to reopen about November 15 following its destructive fire of last summer.

Sunday, October 4, 1936
Page 5.
Special Kansas Diamond Jubilee issue.

Thursday, October 8, 1936
Page 1.

Report of departure from San Francisco yesterday afternoon of the pre-inaugural passenger flight of the China Clipper to the Philippines carrying a group of news reporters. Details.
Friday, October 9, 1936
page 1. Article about the Kansas Diamond Jubilee exhibition, which opened Wednesday. Details.

Tuesday, October 13, 1936
page 1. Report of visit of President Roosevelt to Wichita today. Speech given at Lawrence Stadium. Details.

Sunday, October 18, 1936
page Magazine
11. Ad for Santa Fe Trailways Nite Coach.

10., 11. The new Civic Theater at Osage and Douglas will be opened at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, October 21. Address is 725 West Douglas. Articles with details. Drawing.

Friday, October 30, 1936
page 1. Photo shows Bishop J. Henry Tihen and others welcoming Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, at airport in Wichita last night.

Sunday, November 8, 1936
page 9. Kathleen Kersting, Wichita singer, will speak at the Wichita Art Museum on November 16. (Editor's note: Upon checking the microfilm, the article was found on page A-9.)

C-6. Ad with photo of 15 new 1937 Chevrolet cars for Safeway Cab Company lined up in front of Yingling Chevrolet Company.

Sunday, November 22, 1936
page B-8. W. E. Carlson and Paul R. Bulla, well known commercial photographers, who for the past eight years have operated the firm of Carlson-Bulla, have dissolved their partnership, and the business will hereafter be under the sole management of Bulla. The Carlson-Bulla Studio was formerly operated by Homer T. Harden. Photos.

Tuesday, November 24, 1936
page 3. The McLellan Store, 121 East Douglas, is to be reopened tomorrow after being rebuilt and remodeled since its disastrous fire last summer. Photo.

Thursday, November 26, 1936
Funeral Home. Born in Ladoga, Indiana and came to Kansas at age seven, settling with his family in Franklin County. Was in funeral business in several Kansas towns before coming to Wichita in 1930. Survived by wife, Anne, two sons, Carol M. and Gerald F., both of Wichita, a grandson, Jack Byrd, of Wichita and a sister. Further obituary. Photo.

Monday, November 30, 1936


Friday, December 4, 1936

The War Department today announced award of a contract to the Stearman Aircraft Company for 28 additional primary training planes and spare parts for two more, or a total of 30, for $146,720. This is in addition to a contract for 50 planes which the company has had for some months. Delivery will start early in January and take about a year to complete. The Stearman Company has already delivered more than 100 planes to the government for use in the army and navy.

Sunday, December 6, 1936

Article reports that substantial bonus checks were distributed to 125 employes of the Wichita Transportation Company Saturday night. Details.

C-6. The Evans Motor Company yesterday announced plans to build a new two story building at northwest corner of Topeka and English, to be completed about March 1. To front 125 feet on Topeka and be 140 feet in depth. Contracts let to Ellis and Vollmer Construction Company. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details. Drawing.

Thursday, December 10, 1936

Abdication of King Edward VIII. Details.

19. Work has started on razing of the old Post office Building at Market and William and is expected to be completed within 60 days. Details. Photo.

Friday, December 11, 1936

Report of increase in passenger traffic on TWA in November this year with reduced winter rates which went into effect November 1. Total of 9,130 passenger carried in November 1936, up from 4,110 in November 1935. Average distance flown was 831 miles compared with 826 miles last year. Passenger miles in November 1936 rose to 7,599,957 from
3,396,520 in November 1935.

**Thursday, December 17, 1936**

15. The University of Wichita’s new auditorium was formally opened last evening. Details.

24. The new church building of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, at South Market and Indianapolis is to be formally opened and dedicated Sunday. Details. Photo.

**Friday, December 18, 1936**

14. Photo of “Santa Clause” arriving at Wichita aboard TWA DC-2 NC 13724.

**Wednesday, December 23, 1936**

15. Article describes redecorating and improvements underway at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Details. Photo.

**Sunday, December 27, 1936**

C-2. Chronology of major events in Wichita in 1936.