TIHEN NOTES FROM 1940 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, January 3, 1940

Thursday, January 4, 1940
page 8. Photo of the large new neon sign recently erected at the Allen W. Hinkel Dry Goods Company’s Main and Douglas corner. Article with details. Sign is 74 feet 8 inches tall and six feet five inches wide. Has been constructed during past two months by the Rich Sign Company, 1803-09 East 2nd Street.

9. Article about remodeling of Kit Kat Coffee Shop at Allis Hotel recently. Photo of interior.

Friday, January 5, 1940
page 1. Most Reverend Christian H. Winkelmann, auxiliary bishop of St. Louis, today was appointed Bishop of Wichita to succeed the late Bishop August J. Schwertner. Details.

Sunday, January 7, 1940
page 1. Report of heavy snowstorm in Wichita since Friday night of eight inches or more.

Article with reminiscences of the blizzard of 1886 in Wichita. Details.

Pilots Walter Beech and Homer C. Rankin won the $3000 prize in the Bernarr McFadden trophy air race from St. Louis to Miami Saturday, averaging 234.097 mile per hour for the 1084 mile flight in their Model 185 Beechcraft powered by two Pratt and Whitney Wasp Jr. 450 horse power engines. Their time was 4 hours 37 minutes and 35 seconds. Photo on page 2 shows plane Number NC 19452 (last number is indistinct). Details.

11. The widow of Wichita artist, John Noble, Mrs. Amelia Noble, a native of France, will
speak on his paintings at the Wichita Art Museum tomorrow. While in Wichita she will be a guest of the painter’s brother, A. T. Noble, and his wife, at their home at 1029 North Market. The artist’s sister, Mrs. L. B. McCausland, and a nephew, Ross McCausland, live at 1403 North Vassar. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, January 9, 1940
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1. A. W. Kincade, executive vice-president of the 4th National Bank, was today elected president of the bank at the annual meeting of the board of directors, succeeding B. D. McLean. Details. Photo.

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8. Report of Mrs. John Noble’s visit to Wichita with her comments about his paintings, etc.

Monday, January 15, 1940
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1. Report of death at 7:50 a.m. yesterday of Bishop J. Henry Tihen at age 76. His illness began with a stroke on March 3, 1938 that left him partly paralyzed. Born in Oldenburg, Indiana on July 14, 1861. His parents had come from Hanover, Germany in 1859. Obituary. Photo.

Tuesday, January 16, 1940
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1. Report of serious fire this morning which destroyed the Whitney Paper Company plant, 131 North Santa Fe, with loss estimated at $50,000. Details. Photo on page 9.

2. Continental ad.

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5. Report of death today of pioneer land owner Henry John Roetzel, age 87, former commissioner of streets and improvements in Wichita from 1909 to 1913. Died at his home, 715 North Topeka. Born in Perry, Illinois February 25, 1852. Had been a resident of Wichita since 1903, coming here from Ellinwood, where he was a hardware and implement dealer. At age 24 he had married Anna Yetick, of Mendota, Illinois, and in 1878 they had moved to Ellinwood, Kansas, where their three daughters were born.
Survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Hulda Orth, 316 East Pine, and Miss Inez Roetzel, at home, and four grandchildren (named -- including Roetzel Jochems, 324 South Fountain, and William D. Jochems and Ted P. Jochems, of Eastborough). His other daughter, Mrs. Helen Jochems, died in 1922. Obituary. Photo.

**Thursday, January 25, 1940**

**page 5.** The Wichita General Tire Company has moved from its location at 154 North Emporia, which it has occupied for the past 11 years, to its new building at northeast corner of 1st and St. Francis.

**Sunday, January 28, 1940**

**page 16.** R. C. McCormick has been appointed manager of the Hotel Broadview and has recently moved from Kansas City, Missouri to Wichita with his wife and seven year old daughter, Kathleen. He was born in Topeka, Kansas in 1899. He entered West Point in 1919, and graduated in 1923. He resigned from the Army in 1926 to enter business with his father in Topeka. In 1934 he entered the hotel business with W. G. (Billy) Hutson, of Lawrence, acquiring a lease on the State Hotel (in Kansas City?). The Broadview Hotel was purchased in 1938. Mrs. McCormick before her marriage was Miss Kathleen Schoeffner, of Junction City, Kansas. Further biography. Photo.

**Wednesday, January 31, 1940**

**page 3.** Report of death yesterday at her Hillcrest Apartment home of Mrs. Libby Hagny, member of a pioneer family and former publisher and owner of the Wichita Beacon for 12 years. She was the former Libby Hinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hinton, who came to Wichita from Hannibal, Missouri in a covered wagon and established a home near the seventh block on East Central. Her first husband was Frank B. Smith, early owner of the Wichita Beacon, and when he died in the early 90s she became publisher of the paper. In 1895 she married the late Harry J. Hagny, one of the founders of the Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Company, who died in 1931. Mr. Hagny served as business manager of the Beacon until Henry J. Allen purchased the paper in 1907. Obituary.

**Sunday, February 4, 1940**

**page 8.** Report of death yesterday of Fred Buckley, age 78, Wichita business man. Had lived in Wichita since 1881 and resided at 1224 Riverside Avenue. Born in Quebec, Canada and came to Kansas City in 1880 and Wichita in 1881. Established his sheet metal contracting business here and in partnership with his son, M. T. Buckley, was head of the American Cornice Works. Survived by his wife, Mary, two sons, M. T., of Wichita, and R. B. Buckley, of Santa Monica, California. Photo.

**Wednesday, February 7, 1940**

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6. Photo of building at southwest corner of Topeka and 1st ?? which has been leased for the new federal food stamp office. Article with details.

7. The first vending stand for the blind was opened today in the southeast corner of the Wichita post office. Details.

**Friday, February 9, 1940**

1. An explosion and fire wrecked the district school building in St. Marks during the night. Building constructed in 1922 at cost of $10,000. Details.

**Sunday, February 11, 1940**

10. Howard Furs, formerly located at 209 Brown Building, is now located in its new quarters at 200 South Broadway in the Allis Hotel building. Article with details. Photo.

**Sunday, February 18, 1940**

B-9. Ed Forsblom, in Wichita since 1905, and Wendall Parks, here since 1920, have formed a partnership known as Forsblom and Parks architects, with offices in the Beacon Building. biographies. Photos.

**Tuesday, February 20, 1940**


**Sunday, March 3, 1940**

Special section

14. The Salvation Army’s newly constructed North Wichita Post Number 2, at 2024 North Broadway, is to be dedicated this afternoon. Details. Photo.

Special Section C honoring newly appointed Bishop Christian H. Winkelmann. Articles with photos. Bishop’s residence is at 345 North Belmont.

**Tuesday, March 5, 1940**


**Sunday, March 10, 1940**

12. Article about the Aircraft Training School now operated by the Swallow Airplane
Company. Has 125-150 students. School was started by Sam Bloomfield, president of the company, soon after he acquired control of the company in 1937. Routine manufacture of air planes was discontinued and they are now made only on special order.

**Tuesday, March 12, 1940**


**Wednesday, March 13, 1940**

18. The 1941 Kansas license tags will have yellow figures on a deep red background.

**Thursday, March 14, 1940**

1. Wichita aircraft factories are expected to have more than 2000 workers by June. Details.

**Saturday, March 23, 1940**

1. Report of death this morning of J. M. (Jake) Moellendick, Wichita aviation pioneer, at age 66. He had suffered a stroke at his home, 222 North Martinson, about a year ago. Born in Wanamaker, Ohio and went from there to Oklahoma, where he lived for seven or eight years before coming to Wichita in 1917. Survived by his wife, two daughters, Dorothy and Lucille, and one son, Ted Moellendick, all of the home, and another son, Harold, in western Kansas. Further obituary. Photo.

13. Report of Jake Moellendick funeral plans. Says he lived in Okmulgee, Oklahoma and had just sold out his interest in an oil refinery there in 1917 when two army pilots in the town encouraged him to start an aviation factory. So he then came to Wichita with the men E. M. (Matty) Laird and George E. (Buck) Weaver. Born in Ohio in 1874. To be buried in Wichita Park Cemetery.

14. Photo of an airplane manufactured in Wichita by students of the Aviation Industries School of Aeronautics, which is to be test flown at 2:30 p.m. today by its designer, G. R. Morton, at the field formerly used by the Yellow Air Cab Company, at 6614 East Kellogg. The plane is known as the “Speed-Spook” and has a Continental “75” motor. Its top speed is 130 miles per hour. Further details and information about G. R. Morton, who with N. R. Cline owns and operates the Aviation Industries Company.
Tuesday, March 26, 1940
5. Continental Air Lines ad.

Monday, April 1, 1940
13. Photo of South Main Street with streetcars taken about 35 years ago and handed down from the late A. J. Crow to his son-in-law, Reed C. Sparks, 3000 East Franklin Road.

Tuesday, April 2, 1940
12. Wichita city buses have operated nearly 12½ years since the last passenger fatality, A. J. Cleary announced yesterday. The last occurred October 11, 1927 when a bus was struck by a passenger train at Harry Street and the Santa Fe tracks. Wichita city buses have transported 128,819,909 passengers in the past 12½ years without a single passenger fatality. During this period the city buses have traveled a distance of 43,307,767 miles.

Thursday, April 4, 1940

Tuesday, April 9, 1940
1. City commission yesterday elected Elmer Corn as mayor of Wichita. Details.

Friday, April 12, 1940
5. Ground was broken yesterday by the Sorosis sorority for the first home on sorority row at the University of Wichita. To cost $6500 and be located on the campus. Architect is Ellis Charles. Details. Drawing.
7. Fred Cochran, Jr. has bought out the interest of D. L. Hammond in the Cochran-Hammond Funeral Home, and the firm will now be known as the Cochran Funeral Home. The firm now consists of Mr. Cochran and his father, W. F. Cochran, Sr. It was founded 11 years ago in the home where the family has resided for the past 27 years.

Tuesday, April 16, 1940
18. A new five room school building is under construction at St. Marks to replace the one destroyed by fire last winter. Details.
Friday, April 19, 1940

Report of death this morning of J. W. Berryman, of Ashland, Kansas, well known business leader and bank president, at age 70. Survived by wife, Nettie, three sons, Jerome C., James W., and George A., all of Ashland, and two daughters (named). Obituary. Photo.

Saturday, April 20, 1940

Photo of alligators at Riverside Park zoo being moved out of winter quarters. Article with details.

Sunday, April 21, 1940

Special section

Special Section announcing the opening of radio station KFBI, 1050 kilocycles, in Wichita, after moving from Abilene. Opening in Wichita is today. Article on page two gives history, refers to it as Kansas’ pioneer radio station -- says it was founded as a non-commercial station in Wichita on College Hill as WAAP by Wilbur Cooper in July 1923. Cooper and his associates sold the station in 1925 and it was moved to Milford, Kansas as KFKB. The Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company of Wichita bought it in January 1931 and moved the studios to Abilene under call letters KFBI on July 10, 1932. Remote studios were opened in Salina in August 1935. Drawing on page 1 of the new transmitting station at 42nd and North Broadway. Architects were Overend and Boucher. Power is 5000 watts. Studios are on fifth floor of Farmers and Banker Insurance Company building at 1st and Market. Photos.

Monday, April 22, 1940

Report of death yesterday in New York of Mrs. Victor Murdock three hours after a heart attack. Was visiting relatives there, i.e., her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Delano. Born in Greencastle, Indiana and came to Wichita with her family in 1886. Parents were Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Allen and Mr. Allen was a pioneer in the development of the east part of the city known as College Hill. Survived by husband, two daughters, Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Howard Fleeson, 225 North Bluff, and a brother, Dr. Will H. Allen of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and two grandsons, Victor Delano and Allen Fleeson. Further biography. Photo. Funeral plans April 23 on page 6 -- say burial is to be in the mausoleum at Old Mission Cemetery.

Wednesday, April 24, 1940

22. List of North High School students elected to the National Honor Society.

Sunday, April 28, 1940
page Special Section
8. Before and after photos where front of the old Winne Building was remodeled for the new Self-Service Drugs store.

1W-8W. Special Section for Wichita Chamber of Commerce Good Will Tour, with articles and photos about Wichita business. Several pages about Watkins, Inc., with history, photos, etc. Says Ben Sibbitt purchased the Moore Brothers factory in January 1914 and in 1918 he incorporated the company with the name of the Ben Sibbitt Iron and Foundry Company. Ben Sibbitt died in June 1936 and the business was operated by Mrs. Clara Sibbitt until September 1937, when the controlling interest was sold to E. A. Watkins. On March 1, 1940 the name of the company was changed to Watkins, Inc. Company at present has 140 employes, including W. Harold Mooney, who is a sales representative.

Sunday, May 5, 1940
page Special section
16. Lineup of six Wichita Transportation Company buses shown in photo -- chartered to take out of town school children on an educational Tour. First three are newer models -- identity? -- with last three being Twin Coach, probably both 30R and 23R models.


Wednesday, May 8, 1940
page 9. The first of Transcontinental & Western Air’s new fleet of Boeing Stratoliners, delivered to Transcontinental & Western Air this week from the Boeing factory and scheduled to go into service on June 15, arrived in Wichita at 3:30 p.m. today on its initial flight across the country. The pilots were Captain Bryan and First Officer L. D. Chappeano. The second Stratoliner was delivered to Transcontinental & Western Air at Portland, Oregon May 6 and will be flown directly via Denver to Kansas City with Captain W. G. Golien in charge. The third was accepted by Transcontinental & Western Air today at Portland and will be flown to Burbank, California and then to Kansas City via Albuquerque with Chief Engineer D. W. Tomlinson of Transcontinental & Western Air at the controls.

Friday, May 10, 1940
page 3. Article lists ten regulations of conduct adopted by the bus drivers of the Wichita Transportation Company.

Sunday, May 12, 1940
Article about new neon signs now being built for the Miller and Orpheum theaters by the Claude Neon Federal Company. Details. Drawings.

Monday, May 13, 1940

A large crowd was at the municipal airport last evening to witness the visit of one of Transcontinental & Western Air’s new Stratoliners, which arrived shortly after 8:00 p.m. for an hour’s stop here. The plane which stopped here left Burbank, California Sunday morning, stopping at Winslow, Arizona. It left here for Kansas City. Control surfaces for the Stratoliners were made at the Stearman plant here. The crew included D. W. Tomlinson, chief engineer for Transcontinental & Western Air as captain, W. A. Campbell, first officer, Ray Dunn, flight engineer, and Barbara Scollard, hostess. Photo. (Number not visible).

Wednesday, May 15, 1940

Photo of Hinkel’s with new sign on building.

Thursday, May 16, 1940

About 245 men are now working on the new east-west runway at municipal airport. Work was started about a month ago but has been delayed somewhat by rainy weather.

Monday, May 20, 1940

Ground broken today for a new 25,000 square foot assembly building addition to the Cessna plant. Details.

Thursday, May 23, 1940

Report of fire which damaged Garfield’s store, northeast corner of Market and William, this morning. Details. Photo.

Report of death today of Mrs. A. W. Bitting, age 81, at her home, 1157 North Topeka. Born in Angelice, New York. Maiden name was Mary Lucy Eldridge. Came to Wichita with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eldridge, in 1873. Lived in one of Wichita’s early pretentious homes at 1st and Emporia, where the YMCA now stands. Husband died six years ago. Survived by one son, Carl Eldridge Bitting, and two daughters, Miss Lucy E. Bitting and Miss Florence Bitting, all at the home. Photo.

Sunday, May 26, 1940

Special section
5. Article relates reports of Wichita flood of 1877 from the Beacon. Details.

C1-8. Special section on Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company. Articles, details, history, photos, ads, maps, etc. History: Company now 20 years old.

**Sunday, June 2, 1940**

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**Special section**


C1-20. Special Section observing 20th anniversary of the Derby Oil Company. Many articles, history, photos, etc. Aerial photo of Derby refinery on page C-20.

**Tuesday, June 4, 1940**

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11. City commission yesterday voted to amend the city’s parking ordinance to permit diagonal parking on Douglas Avenue from Dodge Avenue to Hillside Avenue.

**Wednesday, June 5, 1940**

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1. L. O. Ripley today retired as president of Kansas Gas and Electric Company, a position he had held since 1933. He was succeeded by Murray F. Gill, who has been vice-president of the company since 1937. Details.

**Thursday, June 6, 1940**

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13. The new neon sign marquee of the Orpheum theater has been inaugurated (last evening?). Photo.

20. The old Wesley Methodist Church Building at 1704 South Market is being razed after 50 years of service and is to be replaced by a new 38 by 60 foot building.

**Friday, June 7, 1940**

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15. Photo shows men standing in front of plane built recently by students of Aviation Industries, Inc. in Wichita.

**Saturday, June 8, 1940**

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2. Report of death yesterday in New Orleans, Louisiana of former Wichitan Fred W. Sweet, age 74, who was manager of the Wichita Street Railway and Light Company until 1898. Born in Quaker City, New York and came to Wichita with his parents in 1879 and lived here until 1898. For the past 25 years he has been secretary-treasurer of the Hauser Printing and Lithographing Company of New Orleans. He was the brother of Mrs. H. B.
Gilkeson of 102 North Fountain in Wichita.

Sunday, June 9, 1940
page 9
Report of planned visit to Wichita soon of actor Sidney Toler, famous for playing part of “Charlie Chan” in the movies, and a former Wichita resident. He was the son of well known early Wichita horse breeder, Colonel H. G. Toler and Mrs. Sallie Toler. Details. Photo.

11. Workers started on a $30,000 addition on the Cathedral High School. Excavation started Friday. Architect is Lorenz Schmidt. Addition is to be a two story stone building with 54 foot front by 94 foot depth. First floor will have wood work, sheet metal, and sewing rooms, and second floor will have a large cafeteria, gymnasium and recreation room and a girls’ locker and shower.

B-16. Article about plans of small aircraft builders in Wichita. Aviation Industries, inc. is awaiting action on its application for an NC license for its recently completed two place monoplane with 75 horsepower motor. Glenn Stearman, cousin of the founder of the Stearman Aircraft Company, is completing work on a low wing cabin monoplane which he has been designing and working on for more than three years. It should be ready for its first flight in about a week and is being constructed at Stearman’s home, 6720 East Central. The Rawdon Brothers Flying Service, operated by Herb, Gene, and Dutch Rawdon, also plans to complete its first plane in the late summer. It will be a two place monoplane with a small engine. The Swallow Airplane Company recently announced plans for starting airplane production at 917 East Lincoln, but no definite date has yet been set for this.

Thursday, June 13, 1940
page 11
Grand opening of new Consumers Oil Station at southwest corner of Central and Broadway is to be held tomorrow. Details. Photo.

Saturday, June 15, 1940
page 1
Directors of the Beech Aircraft Corporation today announced plans to double the present 160 acre field by purchase of the land south of their field and to expand the plant by use of a large hangar and workshop now standing on the newly acquired land adjoining the present field.

Wednesday, June 19, 1940
page 9
The McVicar Clothing Company has just installed a new marquee and Neon sign at its store at 113 East Douglas. Details. Photo.

Friday, June 21, 1940
page 24. Braniff Airways yesterday took delivery at Santa Monica, California of the first of another fleet of new Douglas 21 passenger “Super B Liners” identical with six (sic) now flying through Wichita between Chicago and Dallas. Three times daily in each direction. Braniff is observing its 12th anniversary, having started its service June 20, 1928 between Oklahoma City and Tulsa with a second-hand single engine cabin plane. Now the line has 565 employes and flies 13,000 miles daily.

Sunday, June 23, 1940

page 10. The Dickinson Secretarial School has moved into new and larger quarters at Topeka and Murdock (the old Ross house, razed in December 1986). Photo. A. H. (Al) Parrott, who has been engaged in the paint and wallpaper business in Wichita since 1895, has opened his own new independently owned Parrott’s Wall Paper and Paint Store at 315 North Main in association with Lawrence Keene. Details.

Wednesday, June 26, 1940

page 1. Stearman Aircraft Division of the Boeing Airplane Company received the largest aircraft order ever received by a Wichita manufacturer. It calls for construction of $3,779,258 worth of primary training planes and parts to be used by the navy. Additional expansion of the Stearman plant will be carried out and the company plans to operate two full shifts instead of the one full shift now employed. Details.

Thursday, June 27, 1940


Friday, June 28, 1940

page 8. Ad giving freight train schedule of the Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc., effective July 1, 1940.

Sunday, June 30, 1940

page 5. Article by O. C. Emery giving history of Wichita’s first bank failure, that of the “Wichita National Bank” (sic) in 1876 followed by the disappearance of its president, J. C. Fraker, and his later arrest and trial. Details with some biography of J. C. Fraker.

Tuesday, July 2, 1940
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Wednesday, July 3, 1940
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1. The annual school census reports Wichita population of 116,993 within the city limits and 118,872 including areas in school districts outside the city limits. Latter is a gain of 161 over last year.

Thursday, July 4, 1940
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6. Photo of children standing in front of Miller Theater this morning. Still has the old marquee -- new Neon marquee not yet erected.

16. Some aerial motion pictures of Wichita were taken this morning for use in the Community Chest campaign. Details.

Friday, July 5, 1940
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10. This week marks the first anniversary of Continental Air Lines air mail route 43 between Wichita and Pueblo, and it has proved very successful. Service was first started with Lockheed Model 12 ships, but business was so good that another Lockheed, a Model 10 Electra was purchased during the summer for the route. In the fall two Lockheed Super-Electra (Model 14) were ordered and went into service to help handle the biggest month’s business Continental has ever had, in December 1939. Subsequently orders were placed for seven new 14 passenger Lockheed Lodestars powered with twin row 1250 horse power Pratt and Whitney Wasp motors. The first of these new ships was delivered last week and will soon be in service on all of Continental’s routes. Ad with photo of Continental Lodestar, Number 17385.

Tuesday, July 9, 1940
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3. Contracts let yesterday by state highway commission for asphalt paving of Highway K-15 for ten and one-half miles north and west of Mulvane towards Wichita, and for paving a five and one-half mile extension of Highway K-42 south and west of Schulte. Details.

Wednesday, July 10, 1940
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2. The United States Weather Bureau office located on the fifth floor of the federal building will be moved to the administration building of the municipal airport during August.
6. A receiver has been appointed for the Wichita Cab and Transportation Company, which filed a petition of bankruptcy recently. Details.

Sunday, July 14, 1940
page B-12. Ad of Aviation Industries, Inc., which is now located at 235 North Emporia (previous location in old Yellow Air Cab hangar was sold to Beech Aircraft Corporation recently). Photo.

Friday, July 19, 1940
page 12. Report of death yesterday of John Wesley Clem, age 56, who is said to have built one of Wichita’s first airplanes in 1920, a monoplane called the “Gold Bug,” which made its test flight where the municipal airport is now located. The plane is said to be dismantled and stored in Mr. Clem’s home in Mulvane. Details.

Sunday, July 28, 1940
page Special section B-9. Ad tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beech and the Beech Aircraft Corporation, with aerial photo of plant.

B-15. The Sedgwick County lake project located between Goddard and Garden Plain will be named Lake Afton, it was announced unofficially Saturday. This is due to its location in Afton Township. Details.

C-15. Report of statement by A. J. Cleary about problems Wichita Transportation Company has in running bus service smoothly and efficiently. Says the company transports on average 35,000 passengers daily and has a crew of 86 bus operators.

18. Aerial photo of downtown (not recent -- shows old post office building).

20. Aerial photos of Stearman and Cessna plants showing new additions.


24. Full page showing photos of all Wichita Transportation Company bus drivers and front of one Twin Coach bus (number not visible).

20. Photos of schools, including Dunbar School.

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Sunday, August 4, 1940

page 11. Small photos of ten different Sedgwick County night clubs and booze joints which are running wide open around the city. Article with details begin page 1.

Monday, August 5, 1940

page 5. Photos of eight more liquor and gambling joints open around Wichita. Details.

Tuesday, August 13, 1940

page 9. Braniff Airways passenger traffic during July showed a 91.18 percent increase over the same month last year according to Charles E. Beard, vice-president. A principal factor in the increase is the retirement of the company’s ten passenger equipment and standardization on the 21 and 14 passenger equipment.

Saturday, August 17, 1940

page 1. Final approval of the airport project for completion of the second concrete runway at municipal airport was announced in Washington today. The total cost of the project is $248,314 of which the city’s part will be approximately $50,000.

The war department today announced awarding of contracts to Stearman Aircraft Division for $2,041,948 for 404 primary training planes and to Beech Aircraft Corporation for $3,410,747 for 67 advanced training planes. Details.

Sunday, August 18, 1940

page 5. Airline traffic figures for the month of May this year reported to the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

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Thursday, August 22, 1940

1. Announcement made in Washington yesterday of plans to expand Boeing’s Wichita plant to approximately five times its present size. A three million dollar Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan has been approved to finance the plant expansion. Details of the plans are not yet available, but the interest rate on the loan will be four percent and it is to be repaid in five years.

Friday, August 23, 1940


Sunday, August 25, 1940

7. Article about the Missouri-Central Type Foundry, 701-709 East Murdock, which has been located since J. J. Witt, president, moved the plant here from Marshall, Missouri in August 1914. The firm was founded in 1909 when its head was owner of the Marshall Republican. The original building in Wichita at 703 East Murdock was soon added to and the business was incorporated with Mr. Witt as president and J. W. Bromilow as secretary. R. J. Studebaker succeeded Mr. Bromilow following his death in 1926 but later left the firm and went into business for himself. Ross W. Thomas is the present secretary, W. E. Lawrence, office manager, Paul Van Kirk, type foundry foreman, and Sam Warren, machine shop foreman. The equipment has been increased until there are now 12 type casters besides a first class machine shop. Last spring the firm purchased all patterns, rights, parts, and machinery for the manufacture of the Peerless Gem Paper Cutters from the Packard Machinery Company, and two million dollars worth of these cutters are in regular manufacture in Wichita at the present time. Photo.

10. Report of death yesterday of Newton Garst, pioneer Wichita laundryman, at age 85. Born in Dayton, Ohio on September 16, 1854. Came to Wichita in 1885 with a brother Thomas, and they founded the Garst Brothers Laundry, which is now operated by his two sons, Robert, 426 North Terrace Drive, and Sam, with whom he was living at 834 North Market. Two daughters also survive (named -- in Los Angeles and Toledo, Ohio). Photo August 26 on page 7.

Monday, August 26, 1940

1. Report of marriage of Mrs. F. W. (“Mama”) Edler, widow of the late Francis W. Edler and head of the Edler School of Dancing, to Jimmy Cavaness, youthful dancing instructor,
Thursday night in an informal ceremony at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago, where they first met four years ago as delegates to the Chicago Association of Dancing Masters convention. Details. Photos.

2. The Jacob Dold Packing Company in Wichita is closing its doors and within two weeks nearly all of its 300 employees will be released. The two other Jacob Dold plants have been sold within the past few years. The Hygrade Food Products Company purchased the Buffalo, New York plant early last year and the Omaha plant was sold to Witson and Company in 1937. Details.

Tuesday, August 27, 1940

Wichita’s new soft water supply will be turned into the mains at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 1. Formal dedication of the plant will be Sunday, September 29. Details.

Ground was broken yesterday for the $110,000 addition to Mount St. Mary’s convent on East Lincoln. H. G. Overend is architect. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, August 28, 1940

Report that the Culver Aircraft Company is planning to move its factory from Columbus, Ohio to Wichita. The company manufactures a light commercial airplane. It is reported the firm intends to purchase the Bridgeport Machine Company facilities at the north edge of Wichita. Al Mooney is chief engineer for the company and was active in Wichita’s aviation industry in the early days. The Bridgeport Company recently closed the portion of its plant where heavy oil drilling machinery was manufactured.

Beech Aircraft Company plans to start construction of three new buildings next week, officials announced today. To cost $400,000 and will nearly double the facilities of the company. The largest is an assembly building 181 by 640 feet in size, which will be just south of the present factory buildings. The second largest will be a parts manufacturing and materials storage building 511 by 100 feet in size west of the present factory. An office building will be constructed to the west of the present office rooms.

Thursday, August 29, 1940

The Beech Aircraft Company has received another huge contract, its largest yet, for $4,847,217 for 150 training planes and 20 transport ships. Added to the company’s previous recent three and one-half million dollar order, the firm now has more than $8,000,000 in warplane contracts. Details.

Friday, August 30, 1940

The Cudahy Packing Company today announced plans for extensive expansion and improvement of its Wichita plant, to cost $250,000. The company already employs more
than 800 persons. In 1939 the plant here slaughtered 112,500 cattle and calves, 153,500 hogs, and 165,500 sheep. Details.

Further article saying it seems assured that the Culver Aircraft Company will move its plant to Wichita from Columbus, Ohio. Details.

11. The new Checker Cab Company will start operations in Wichita next Sunday, September 1 with its 25 new cabs. They are equipped with meters. The fare is 25 cents for the first two miles and ten cents for each half mile or fraction thereafter. Details.

Saturday, August 31, 1940
1. The Culver Aircraft Company has taken an option on the former Bridgeport Machine Company plant here pending a meeting of the company’s board of directors on Tuesday. Details.

Sunday, September 1, 1940
10. Ad with photo of one of the new Checker Cabs.

Sunday, September 8, 1940
5. One of Continental Air Lines’ new Lockheed Lodestar transports will land at municipal airport at 4:57 p.m. today. The Lodestar will be used on all Continental schedules as soon as delivery is completed on the million dollar order. Three ships have already been delivered.

7. Photo of the new home of the Men of Webster fraternity near the University of Wichita campus, which is to be occupied this week. It is the completely remodeled and redecorated former home of the University President, W. M. Jardine. Article says it was moved from the campus to its present site at 1720 North Vassar. It was moved a block east and one-half block south to its new location on “fraternity row.” The stone mantel of the fireplace was once a stairstep at old Fairmount Hall. The cost of project was $14,000.

B-9. The new chapel and classroom building of the Blessed Sacrament Church at Quentin and Douglas is to be dedicated today. Cost $25,000. It is located at 115 North Quentin, adjacent to the main school building. Details. Photo. Followup report September 9 on page 7.

Wednesday, September 11, 1940
1. Cessna Aircraft Company today announced the biggest order ever awarded to a Wichita company. It involves $9,550,490 and covers an unspecified number of Cessna T-50 twin engine trainers for the Royal Canadian Air Force. With other orders Cessna now has a
backlog of $11,000,000 in airplane contracts. Cessna officials also announced that they would double the present floor space at the Wichita plant.

8. Building permit signed yesterday for the new north wing to be added to the Mount St. Mary’s convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 3700 East Lincoln, at a cost of $90,000 for both the north and south wings. The north wing will cost $45,000. The south wing, costing a similar amount will be located outside the city limits. Overend and Boucher are the architects. Details.

18. Stearman primary training planes are now being completed at the rate of one every four hours throughout the two main shifts of the day. Within the next four months it is expected that a rate of one plane every 90 minutes will be reached. Factory additions are now nearing completion. Details.

Thursday, September 12, 1940

1. The $9,550,490 Cessna order for the Canadian government announced yesterday is for approximately 320 planes. At full capacity the company expects to build two of the planes daily with employment rising to 1500. Work on the new 400 by 200 foot assembly building is already under way. Details.


Sunday, September 15, 1940

1. Announcement made yesterday that the Culver Aircraft Corporation will definitely move to Wichita. The Columbus, Ohio plant will be closed and the company will take over Bridgeport factory beginning October 1. Details. Aerial photo of plant on page 14 (?).

B-9. Eastern Air Lines announced yesterday that it has sold ten of its 14 passenger DC-2 transport planes to the British government. They are being replaced with a like number of new 21 passenger DC-3 planes.

Wednesday, September 18, 1940

1. Report of death today of Alton H. Smith, prominent Wichita real estate developer, at age 71, after a long illness. Born in Berkshire, Ohio and came to Wichita in 1895. After six years here he went to California for a time but then returned here with his idea of developing Wichita suburban areas with his California bungalow. He developed much of the Riverside district before and after World War I and also built many homes in Wichita’s eastern sections before laying the foundations for Eastborough Village. Survived by his wife. No other relatives in Wichita. Further obituary. Photo.

Beech Aircraft yesterday received another contract for $13,115,138, the largest aircraft order ever placed with a Wichita manufacturer. This bought the total placed here during
the past week to nearly $30,000,000, including Cessna’s $9,500,000 order from the Canadian government on Wednesday and a $7,000,000 order given to the Stearman Aircraft Division on Monday. Total orders placed with Wichita manufacturers since the national defense program started now total $53,000,000 including $22,449,707 at Beech, $18,000,000 at Stearman, and $10,500,000 at Cessna.

Saturday, September 21, 1940
page 3.
The new Trinity Lutheran Church at 601 South Erie will be dedicated tomorrow. Details.

Friday, September 27, 1940
page 29.
The new control tower now being completed at the municipal airport was inspected yesterday by Civil Aeronautics Administration officials. Details.

Sunday, September 29, 1940
page Special section
1. J. Earl Schaefer, general manager, yesterday announced a $545,000 expansion program that will enable the Stearman Aircraft Division of the Boeing Airplane Company to employ 3000 workers and double the present rate of production. Work on the new structure will begin Monday morning on the west side of the present plant and will increase the present 200,000 square feet of plant space to 300,000 square feet. Article also refers to a proposed Number 2 Stearman plant to be built entirely separate from the present factory. Details.

C1-8. Special Section of articles about Wichita’s new soft water system with history, photos, etc.

C7. Photo showing general view of long operating gallery at the filtration plant of Wichita’s now soft water production system.

Monday, September 30, 1940
page 1.
Photo of Boeing 247 of Pennsylvania - Central Airlines being repainted with Canadian registration letters. It is one of two similar planes sold to the Canadian government, and President Monro of the airline said four similar ships had previously been sold to them.

The Culver Aircraft Company will begin moving its employes from Columbus, Ohio to Wichita this week. Details.


Tuesday, October 1, 1940
page 1.
Further details of Culver Aircraft Company’s plans for moving its workers to Wichita.
19. The Swallow Airplane Company, Inc. has been approved by the federal government as an aircraft workers’ school, according to Sam Bloomfield, president. Details. To be used in connection with the training is the first of the new Swallow airplanes recently completed in the company’s plant at 917 East Lincoln. The company plans to put this plane in production in the near future. It is a low wing ship designed to sell for $1900. It has a 65 horse power motor giving a top speed of 115 miles per hour and a cruising speed of 100 miles per hour. The wing span is 27 feet. Photo.

Sunday, October 6, 1940
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Special section

Special Section advertising movie “Our Town.”
1. Aerial photo of downtown from northwest.

Tuesday, October 8, 1940
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5. The first two carloads of Culver Aircraft Company equipment to be shipped from Columbus, Ohio to the company’s new location in the old Bridgeport plant will be delivered by the Santa Fe to the factory grounds tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, October 9, 1940
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7. Dr. Henry N. Tihen recommended as examining physician for examining physician position for Sedgwick County draft board for District Number 5, which is primarily rural Sedgwick County. Details.


Saturday, October 12, 1940
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1. Actual airplane construction at the Culver Aircraft Company’s new factory just north of Wichita started yesterday afternoon. Details.

8. Diesel-electric service on the Arkansas Valley Railway will be celebrated at a dedication service October 20. At 1:30 p.m. on that date a special train, diesel powered, will leave the Wichita terminal for Hutchinson with a group of Wichita civic leaders who will be served a buffet luncheon. Experiments have been conducted this week on the run with two new 44 ton diesel electric locomotives. Murray M. Salzburg, vice-president and general manager said the equipment is of the very latest type.

10. Photos of additions to Wichita aircraft factories.

Sunday, October 13, 1940
Announcement made today of details of plans for new warplane factory to be built for Stearman Aircraft Division of Boeing Airplane Company at cost of approximately $3,500,000. Construction to start next week. Plant to have 442,000 square feet and employ 4000 persons and will build parts for the Boeing B-17 bombers. These will be shipped to Seattle for assembly. New factory to be 1900 feet long and 330 feet wide and will be completed about March 1. Further details. A year ago Stearman had approximately 560 employes and at present it has approximately 1550. Drawing of new plant.

Article about major expansion program at Beech Aircraft and other Wichita aircraft plants.

Contract signed yesterday in Seattle with the Austin Company of Cleveland for construction of the new Stearman Division plant.

The Grace Presbyterian Church has outgrown its present church building at 124 Cleveland and may sell it to the Mathewson Church of Christ and then erect a larger building in to the southeast part of town. The First Church of Christ is at Mathewson and 1st Streets.

The Bridgeport Machine Company has leased the entire fifth floor of the York Rite Building for office space and will occupy it by December 1. Despite the fact that the company has discontinued manufacturing oil field supplies, it will continue to buy and sell them and has branch offices in major oil producing centers.

Nearly half the Culver Aircraft Company’s employes are now in Wichita.

The Salem Evangelical Church will celebrate its 55th anniversary tomorrow. It was organized in 1885 and the first services were held in the old Turner’s Hall at the corner of 1st and Market Streets. In 1888 the first church was built at Emporia and Indianapolis. This building was moved later to the corner of Market and Waterman. In 1921 the present
church building was erected at the present location at 1st and Madison. Further details. The church is a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

**Sunday, October 20, 1940**

Special articles on inauguration of Diesel Electric freight service by the Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc. H. E. Salzberg and associates bought the property of the former Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Co. from the trustees effective November 1, 1939, after there had been no bidders at a public auction ordered by the federal court. The Interstate Commerce Commission approved the sale April 26, 1940. The new owners have rehabilitated the line and purchased two new 44 ton Diesel-Electric locomotives and four traction motors. The eight cylinder V-type Diesel engines are built by Caterpillar. The driving wheels are 34 inches in diameter. The locomotives are built by General Electric. The present freight service schedule has been in effect since July 1, 1940 and provides three trains each way daily except Sunday and a refrigerator service daily except Sunday. One trip daily connects to Newton. A special four car train will be operated to Hutchinson today with invited guests as a dedication party and to inform patrons and potential patrons of the new Diesel-Electric service. There are approximately 75 persons on the payroll of the rejuvenated Arkansas Valley Railway. Trains leave Wichita for Hutchinson at 7:00 a.m., 12:01 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., arriving two hours 45 minutes later. They leave Hutchinson for Wichita at 12:05 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

**D-1.** Full page ad of the Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc. for its new diesel powered freight service. Photo of locomotive Number 92.

**D-2.** Article about the new Arkansas Valley Railway diesel-electric service which is to be dedicated today with a special train of invited guests leaving to the Wichita terminal at 12:30 p.m. Four coaches will carry the guests to Hutchinson and return. Details. Says the present freight service schedule has been in effect since July 1 (4?), 1940 with three round trips daily except Sunday. There are approximately 72 persons on the payroll of the company. Photo of both of the new 44 ton locomotives. Also photos of M. M. Salzberg, vice-president and general manager, and M. H. Snerson, vice-president.

**D-3.** Article about the two ton Diesel-Electric locomotives put in service by the Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc. Each is rated at 360 horse power and has two eight cylinder Diesel engines. Driving wheels are 34 inches in diameter.

**D-4.** Further articles about Arkansas Valley Railway. Photo of some employes, including E. R. Vallance, general superintendent.

**Monday, October 21, 1940**

Article about dedication trip yesterday on the Arkansas Valley Railway. Details. Group photos including one showing Frisco passenger car in background.
Tuesday, October 22, 1940

1. Contracts let yesterday for the new units to be built under the Beech Aircraft Company’s $1,600,000 expansion program. Excavation was started yesterday for the new Number 2 plant for the Stearman Division of Boeing. Santa Fe Railroad is building a one mile track to the new plant, to be completed in ten days.

9. Approval was given last night by the trustees for purchase of the Grace Presbyterian Church at 124 Cleveland by the Mathewson Avenue Church of Christ for approximately $15,000. The Church of Christ’s present home at 1st and Mathewson will be razed. Details.

Thursday, October 24, 1940

1. Article says Boeing Airplane Company contemplates a new aircraft factory in Wichita five times as large as the huge new unit started by the company here Monday. The latter is only the first stage of a factory which will eventually employ 14,000 persons and build complete four motored “flying fortresses.” Details.

3. Article with some history of the 1887 Irving School building. Contract was let early in 1887. Two rooms of building were occupied on January 9, 1888 and the building was accepted by the board of education on February 20, 1888.

Friday, October 25, 1940

28. Construction of the east-west runway at the municipal airport will be completed within the next 30 days and Work Projects Administration approval of a $315,000 project to complete the flying field improvement is expected before that time by City Manager Alfred MacDonald. The new project will include concrete surfacing of the northwest-southeast runway and associated grading and drainage work. Grading and filling of 50 acres in the southeast section of the airport is now in progress. The control tower on the airport administration building will be finished within the next ten days. The exterior has been finished but some interior work remains.

Sunday, October 27, 1940

Special section

15. Wichita’s newest theater, the Roxy Theater, will open on or about November 25 at 121 West Douglas. Cost will be $25,000. Under direction of R. E. Conrad. Details.

Special Section on Wichita stores with many photos, etc.

C-1 Aerial photo of downtown from northwest.


C-10. Photos of Wichita Fox Theaters (now shows new Neon marquee at Miller -- also at Palace), Perpetual Building and Loan, 120 South Main, Union Bus Depot, The Morris Plan Company, 114 South Broadway.

5. Photos of Wichita Trunk Company, 233-235 South Main, and Branstetter Jewelers, 134 North Broadway.

**Wednesday, October 30, 1940**

18. The Culver Aircraft Company’s move from Columbus, Ohio to Wichita will be completed some time next week. The first planes to be turned out at the company’s plant here are now under construction and will be completed after the arrival of the final assembly department.

**Friday, November 1, 1940**

5. Drawing of four new elementary school buildings for which bonds are to be voted on at election next Tuesday -- Franklin, Irving, Harry Street, and Kellogg schools.

**Monday, November 4, 1940**

8. Aerial photos taken past Saturday showing expansion underway at Wichita aircraft plants.

**Wednesday, November 6, 1940**

1. Wichita school bonds (see above) and bonds for a new fire station near Kellogg and Oliver carried by a large majority in yesterday’s election.

**Thursday, November 7, 1940**

1. Cessna Aircraft Company announced today that it has leased for airport space approximately 90 acres just east of the company’s present factory site and airport. This was made necessary because expansion of the factory to the south has spoiled the east-west runway on the original airport. The field to the East will be primarily for east-west landings and takeoffs.
Friday, November 8, 1940
page 32.
Continental Airlines will add La Junta, Colorado as a stop on its Wichita to Denver flights beginning November 15. The point was originally intended as a stop on this route but lack of airport facilities prevented making the stop until now. Details.

Sunday, November 10, 1940
page 1.
Article on progress of Wichita aircraft plant expansion with details.

Monday, November 11, 1940
page 1.
Report of death today of John A. (Jack) Vickers, age 49, president of the Vickers Petroleum Company, after an illness of several weeks. Born in Lowell, Kansas in 1891. In early boyhood he moved with his parents to Liberal, Kansas. Attended University of Kansas and from there went into the grain commission business in Kansas City, Missouri. When oil was discovered in Butler County in 1918 he immediately went there and became active in oil production and refining, establishing a refining plant at Potwin, Kansas. He became a Wichita resident at the time he began the development of his Butler County interests and in 1934 built one of the largest and most modern suburban residences in Kansas at 6500 East Central on Highway 54. It is known as “Vickridge.” He was married to Miss Helen E. Brown in Chicago on December 28, 1916. In addition to her he is survived by five sons and three daughters (named) as well as a sister, Mrs. Irene Vickers Baker, a department head at Friends University, and his father, W. H. Vickers, of Liberal, Kansas. Further biography. Photo.

Sunday, November 24, 1940
page 1.
Employment in Wichita aircraft factories has reached 4700, more than three times as many as a year ago. A check yesterday showed that Beech now has 2000, Stearman 1800, and Cessna 750. The Culver Aircraft Company will have 145 employees at its Wichita factory early next week.

13. Photo of a horse drawn delivery truck being used for Meadow Gold Dairy deliveries in Wichita.

C-4. Photo of Swallow Airplane Company’s building on East Lincoln Street.

C-6. Photo of Cessna plant and recently completed additions.

Thursday, November 28, 1940
page 4.
The new Culver Aircraft Company factory in Wichita will be in full operation tomorrow and the first Culver plane to be built here will be completed on Monday according to present plans. Details.
**Sunday, December 1, 1940**

10. Article by O. C. Emery giving history of Wichita’s Arkansas River bridge of the 1870s.

B-12. The 1941 Kansas license tags will go on sale tomorrow. They have a bright red background and yellow numerals in commemoration of Coronado’s explorations.

**Tuesday, December 3, 1940**

1. The first plane to be completed by the Culver Aircraft Company at its new factory just north of Wichita came off the assembly line this morning, was given final tests during the day, and the purchaser left with the ship this afternoon. The plane was purchased by Manuel Gonzales, who operates a ranch at Gonzales City, Mexico, near Tampico, and is proprietor of a charter airplane service. The plane was the first of three planes to be completed by the company this week. This will increase to six planes a week within the next few weeks.

6. City commission gave permission to the Wichita Transportation Company to change the downtown routing of the east 2nd-North Waco bus so as to eliminate the right turn at Broadway and Douglas, where the police department wishes to eliminate all turns. Details.

**Thursday, December 5, 1940**

1. More than 1300 new residence units have been created in Wichita during the first 11 months of 1940. Many have been made by remodeling and partitioning of 108 old homes during the first ten months of the year. Details.

3. The Wichita Transportation Company announced today that it will build a third garage as part of a $92,000 expansion program. It will house the ten new buses recently ordered by the company and the fleet of Checker Cabs. Cost of the new building will be $25,000. It will be constructed on 50 feet of ground recently purchased by the company directly north of the original garage at 10th and Fairview. It will be 100 feet by 30 feet and of stone construction. Saturday it was announced that the company had ordered ten new buses at a cost of $67,000. The three garages will accommodate 114 vehicles in addition to necessary machinery. Overend and Boucher are architects. Work on the new building will start immediately. Drawing.

**Sunday, December 15, 1940**

1. Fire Chief H. H. McCall yesterday announced his plan to retire on February 1 when he will have completed 51 years with the Wichita Fire Department. Details. Photo.
2. Article by O. C. Emery giving early Wichita history items from the early Wichita Beacon. Details.

Omrah Aley, 1515 Fairview, yesterday released the names of the ten Wichita pioneers whose names will appear on the sides of the ten new city buses recently ordered by the Wichita Transportation Company. They will be named Sawyer, Royal, McAllister, Stuart, Cartwright, Diver, J. Edgar Allen, Cook, Dave Lahey(sic), McComas, and Dotson. The new buses have left the Twin Coach factory in Kent, Ohio, and are due to arrive in Wichita by Monday. Names now appearing in gold leaf on the sides of the Wichita Transportation Company’s fleet of city buses include Fitch, Payne, Fees, Mitchell, Corn, Bissantz, English, Mead, Smith, Allen, Jewett, Fabrique, Crawford, Hyde, Lawrence, Stanley, Getto, Aley, Schweiter, Israel, Gribi, Black, Woodman, Steele, Sowers, Waterman, Cottman, Sluss, Ross, Munger, Carey, Smythe, McCoy, Lewis, Harris, Little, Coleman, Mathewson, Davidson, Griffenstein, Vegus, Heller, Ackerman, Fuller, Throckmorton, Caldwell, Miller, Daisy, Jackson, Bolte, Noble, Reese, Powell, Nighswonger, Royes, Bone, McFarland, Gardener, Cogdell, Appleby, Sayles, Taylor, Dyre, Barnes, Whitney, Tuttle, Hunter, Pierce, Parrott, Menefee, Fisher, Root, Phillips, Imboden, Wells, and Niederlander (note -- bus named Weaver -- not shown on this list).

Wednesday, December 18, 1940
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5. Announcement of new monthly publication titled “Wings Over Wichita” which goes on sale at newstands today for the first time. Publisher is H. Ernest Kingsley. It is to provide information about the rapid industrial expansion in Wichita, etc.

Friday, December 20, 1940
page
1. Beech Aircraft Company today received an Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan for $13,504,508 to enable them to continue their expansion program without delays. Details.

Saturday, December 21, 1940
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8. Civil Aeronautics Administration examiners in Washington yesterday recommended that Continental Air Lines be awarded the new Wichita to Tulsa air line route. Details.

Friday, December 27, 1940
page
22. Cessna Aircraft Company announced today that the first training planes to be delivered to Canada under the company’s $9,500,000 Canadian government order will leave the Cessna factory early next week. Details.

Sunday, December 29, 1940
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Magazine
13. The Wichita Transportation Company put into service Monday, December 2 (sic) another fleet of the newest type of city buses. The fleet includes ten buses of the type known as “Cradle Ride Twin Coaches.” Shock and vibration are absorbed by a new suspension design. Independent wheel cushioning is used. The ten new buses, all of which are now in service, one in operation on six of the heaviest passenger traffic routes, including East Kellogg, West Douglas, East 2nd, North Waco, Friends University and West 2nd Streets. Equipment is of the latest type, including powerful air brakes. Photo of A. J. Cleary in door of one of the buses, with caption saying it is one of the ten new buses put into service the past week.

8. Chronology of events in Wichita in 1940.

**Monday, December 30, 1940**