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 1941 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Tuesday, January 2, 1941

1. Approval has been given for $328,782 in federal Work Projects Administration funds for the building of a third concrete runway at the Wichita Municipal Airport. The new runway will extend from the northwest to the southeast. A north-south runway is completed and work is nearing completion on the east-west runway. The new runway will be 3500 feet long and 150 feet wide, which is longer and wider than was first contemplated when the original plans were drawn for it more than a year ago. The runways at the airport are being constructed of concrete six to eight inches thick.

6. Report of death last night of Cornelius Beech, age 79, of 308 North Pinecrest, father of Walter H. Beech, president of Beech Aircraft Corporation. Death was due to a heart attack. Born in Williamson County, Tennessee, and was a farmer all his life. Came to Wichita last April from Tampa, Florida. Survived by his wife, Tommy Hay Beech, three sons, Walter H. and R. K. Beech, of Wichita, and I. L. Brooks, of Morriston, Florida (step-son?), and two daughters, Miss H. Maud Beech and Mrs. C. B. Peacock, at the home, and eight grand children. Two other children are deceased; Mrs. E. C. Burns, Birmingham, Alabama, died in 1936, and James W. Beech died at Pulaski, Tennessee in 1903.

Monday, January 6, 1941

12. Ground was broken this afternoon for the new stadium to be built in the northeast corner of the University of Wichita campus. The Work Projects Administration will assist the university in financing the project and it is to be built gradually so as to utilize labor as it is available. Seating capacity to be 7700. Details. Actual construction of the new stadium will start tomorrow, and it is hoped that it will be completed by the fall of 1942.

Thursday, January 9, 1941

10. Trustees of Grace Presbyterian Church today purchased a site at Pershing and Douglas as the location for the new church building to be erected by the congregation. The old Grace
Presbyterian Church in the first block of North Cleveland has been sold to the Church of Christ, and possession will be given February 1. Details.

Sunday, January 12, 1941

12. Aerial photo of progress on construction of new Plant 2 building for Stearman Aircraft Division of Boeing Airplane Company. To be 1000 feet long and 330 feet wide. Details.

14. Contract has been let for construction of a new 750,000 bushel capacity terminal elevator by the Farmers Cooperative Grain Company north of 25th near the Missouri-Pacific roundhouse between now and June. The main office of the firm is at Hutchinson where they have a 1,500,000 bushel capacity terminal elevator. They have maintained an office in Wichita since 1920. Construction on the new elevator in Wichita has already been started. Contractors are Chalmers and Burton, of Hutchinson.

Monday, January 13, 1941

7. United States liner Manhattan went aground late yesterday off West Palm Beach, Florida. Details.

Wednesday, January 15, 1941

18. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company today announced plans to expand service in the east section of Wichita by construction of a new dial telephone building starting late this spring. Location of the new building was not announced, but $450,000 will be spent on the building and equipment for the east side expansion. An additional $50,000 will be spent in the north side of the city. Details.

Thursday, January 16, 1941

1. The Fox-Miller Amusement Company, owner and operator of the five Fox theaters in Wichita, today announced plans to build a new theater here on a five and one-half acre tract at Lincoln Street and George Washington Boulevard. Purchase of the tract was made from the Schweiter Estate, which is opening a large residential addition to the city in that section. Details.

Sunday, January 19, 1941

1. Wichita aircraft contractors and subcontractors increased their employment nearly 2000 persons during the first 18 days of January, until they now have approximately 8000 persons on their payrolls, a survey yesterday showed.

B-9. Beech Aircraft Company is underwriting an experimental bus service by the Wichita Transportation Company between Central and Oliver and the Beech plant during the morning and evening rush hours. Details.
Monday, January 20, 1941

2. Twenty-six Stearman trainers were flown by naval fliers this morning from the plant here for delivery to the Pensacola and Jacksonville, Florida training fields.

11. Stearman Aircraft Company’s new Model 90 training plane has completed Army tests at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. The new model is a low-winged monoplane powered with a 225 horse power motor and is designed for use as a primary trainer.

Friday, January 24, 1941

24. The local head of the Sisters of St. Joseph has announced to the Wichita Hospital staff the inauguration of plans for a new hospital in Wichita. To be built in the southeast part of the city at Mount St. Mary’s. Tentative plans call for a 250 bed hospital. Wichita Hospital was taken over by the Sisters of St. Joseph on July 15, 1923. Details.

Saturday, January 25, 1941

3. The final service of the Grace Presbyterian Church in its old building at 124 Cleveland will be held tomorrow. After this Sunday the church will meet in the Robinson School, 3rd and Oliver, until its new church edifice is finished.

Sunday, January 26, 1941

1. Report of death yesterday evening of M. L. Arnold, well known Wichita auto dealer for many years, at age 63, of a sudden heart attack. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania January 21, 1878 and came to Wichita from there with his bride in 1908, the former Miss Sade Smit. Came to Wichita in spring of 1908. Survived by his wife, two sons, Morris L., Jr. and Newton, both of New York City, two daughters, Miss Genevieve and Miss Allene, both at home, three brothers R. E. and L. E. Arnold, of Wichita, and Solomon of Hutchinson, and two sisters (named). Member of Temple-Emanuel. Further obituary. Photo.

9. Article gives details of remodeling plans for Hinkel’s Department Store.

D-5. Aerial photo showing stage of construction at the new Number 2 Stearman factory.

Monday, January 27, 1941

1. Report of death today of L. Bert McCausland, Wichita pioneer and one of the owners of the Ross-McCausland Seed Store, 116 West Douglas, in Taos, New Mexico of a heart attack at age 73. Was spending the winter with his daughter there. Born near Lisbon, Ohio June 2, 1867. Came to Wichita in 1885 at age 17. In 1899 he associated with the Ross Brothers Seed House, and helped in organization of the Ross Seed Company in 1916 after the death of Alfred Ross. Was active manager until he sold out in 1931, and in 1932
he and his son Ross organized Ross McCausland Seeds. In 1894 married Ida Belle Noble, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Noble. Survived by wife, one son and two daughters (named). Obituary. Photo.

**Tuesday, January 28, 1941**

**page 3.** Contract let yesterday by board of education for $23,000 addition to the Harry Street school, and color of brick was selected for the new Irving, Kellogg, and Franklin schools which are to be built.

**Wednesday, January 29, 1941**

**page 1.** D. S. Jackman, manager of the Kansas Milling Company, announced plans to start construction immediately on new elevators to increase the capacity of the company’s elevator at 13th and Santa Fe by 700,000 bushels, giving a total capacity of 2,200,000 bushels. The addition will be complete in time to handle part of the 1941 wheat and will cost $100,000. Contractors are Chambers and Bolton, of Hutchinson. Total capacity of Wichita’s elevators at time of last harvest was 12,845,000 bushels, and this will be increased to 14,295,000 bushels for the 1941 harvest.

16. Passenger car licenses sold in Sedgwick County since new ones went on sale December 1-through January 27 -- have increased over 6000 compared to the same period a year ago -- from 15,600 in 1939-40 to 21,800 in 1940-41.

**Thursday, January 30, 1941**

**page 3.** Construction has started on the new Farmers Cooperative Commission Company grain elevator at 25th Street and the Missouri Pacific tracks. To have capacity of 750,000 bushels and be ready for grain storage by June 15.

**Friday, January 31, 1941**

**page 2.** Report of death this morning of Mrs. Anna Roetzel, age 81, widow of H. J. Roetzel, at her home, 715 North Topeka. Born in Germany and came to United States at age two. Settled at Mendota, Illinois, and later the family moved to Ellinwood, Kansas in 1878. Survived by two daughters, Miss Inez Roetzel, at home, and Mrs. William Orth, of Wichita, and three grandsons (including Roetzel Jochems) and one grand daughter (all named).

**Saturday, February 1, 1941**

2. Dr. John R. Brinkley, of Del Rio, Texas, former Kansan, has been adjudged bankrupt. Details.
10. Wichita’s radio stations are being assigned new frequencies effective 2:00 a.m., Saturday, March 29.

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Details.

Sunday, February 2, 1941

2. Buildings constructed under Beech Aircraft Company’s $1,600,000 expansion program were virtually completed yesterday. Details. Stearman Aircraft Division expects to occupy the new $540,000 addition to the Number 1 plant by February 15. Details.

B-11. The 90 day trial period of extension of the West Riverside bus line from 15th and Garland to 18th and Woodland which went into effect October 28, 1940 has expired, and continuation of the extension was still in doubt yesterday, as it has lost money each month during the trial. Bus company officials said the extension lost $502.36 the first month, $441.89 the second month, and $501.12 the third month, for a total loss of $1,445.37 during the 90 day trial.

Monday, February 3, 1941

5. Continental Air Lines Sunday received delivery of the second of three Lockheed Lodestars it has ordered and which were released to Continental by the air priorities board.

Tuesday, February 4, 1941

3. The United States liner Manhattan was pulled free from the sand bar off Lake Worth Inlet, north of West Palm Beach, Florida, by three tugs at 11:55 p.m. yesterday. It had been grounded there since January 12.

Wednesday, February 5, 1941

7. List of North High School honor roll for first semester.

8. At board of education meeting yesterday of the Gloria Dei English Lutheran Church asked the board to sell to the church a building site on the old Shrihe Club property at 10th Street and Riverside Boulevard (sic). No action was taken on the request. The church has been organized two years and is holding its meetings in the downtown studio of the University of Wichita. The board also adopted plans and selected the brick for the new Franklin and Irving schools, for which bids must be in by February 26 and March 3. Details.

Thursday, February 6, 1941
8. The Stearman Aircraft Division delivered 180 training planes during the last 15 days of January, Frank Knox, secretary of the navy, announced yesterday. The company has been operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The plant had produced 50 planes during the first half of the month, making a total of more than 230 planes for the month.

Friday, February 7, 1941

12. Photo and names of group of 29 Wichita Transportation Company bus drivers who had no accidents charged against them during 1940.

Wednesday, February 12, 1941


Sunday, February 16, 1941

3. Subject to court approval, the Machine Tool and Equipment Corporation of New York yesterday bought the Wichita and Northwestern Railway Company for $167,000. The line runs from Pratt through Larned with a branch from Trousdale to Kinsley, and the sale included two locomotives, 16 cars, and 100 miles of track. Seven bids were submitted to receiver R. A. Fry, who will submit them next week to District Judge Franklin Hettinger (at Hutchinson). The railroad suspended operation last August.

10. The Stearman Aircraft Division took over the final unit of its Plant Number 1 expansion program yesterday and is installing machinery to place the new unit in the assembly line. Details.

Wednesday, February 19, 1941

7. Photo of the new Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1700 South Market, which is to be dedicated Sunday, February 23. Details. (One story frame building.)

Sunday, February 23, 1941

1. Cessna Aircraft Company announced yesterday that it has received a new contract from the Canadian government for $15,000,000 worth of twin-engined intermediate training planes. Details.

Tuesday, March 4, 1941

20. Board of education let contracts for the new Irving School. Total amount is $138,152. General contractor is Frank E. Blaser. Details.
Tuesday, March 11, 1941
page 4. Montgomery Ward and Company has taken a five year lease on the former Hauser-Garrison Dry Goods Company building, five stories, on north side of Douglas just east of the elevated tracks and will remodel it for use as the company’s warehouse here. Building is owned by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. Details.

Wednesday, March 12, 1941
page 2. The Stearman Aircraft Company will deliver the 1000th plane it has completed under the national defense program in a ceremony Saturday noon.

Friday, March 14, 1941
page 19. Workmen this afternoon lowered the last remaining center street overhead traffic signal in the city at Water and 1st Street.

Saturday, March 15, 1941
page 1. Report of ceremony this morning making delivery of the 1000th Stearman training plane. Details.

Friday, March 14, 1941
page 8. Photo of removal of the last overhead, center of intersection, traffic signal today at corner of 1st and Water. Twenty-three lights of the old type have been removed and replaced by 92 of the new modern, four corner signal lights.

Sunday, March 16, 1941
page C-3. Article about the French liner Normandie laid up at New York -- a “ghost ship.” Details. Photo.

Tuesday, March 18, 1941
page 7. Report of a fund drive launched yesterday by the United Congregational Church to pay off the church’s $48,000 building debt. Pledges of $19,491 already received. Details.

8. Contract let yesterday by board of education for the new Kellogg grade school building to Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company for $113,980. Overend and Boucher are the architects. Construction will begin in a few days. To be erected north of the present school at Kellogg and Laura. Two additional lots were purchased to enlarge the Kellogg school grounds.

14. Full text of a long report of investigation of the Wichita Fire Department presented to city commission meeting yesterday. Details. Criticism, etc.
20. Overend and Boucher, architects, are working on plans for a new million dollar hospital for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Details.

Wednesday, March 19, 1941

A new Culver Aircraft plane, known as the Model 80, was undergoing tests today at the hands of Civil Aeronautics Administration inspectors. The plane is designed for commercial production and is powered with an 80 horse power motor.

Sunday, March 23, 1941

Photo showing group of Santa Fe Trailways employes in front of two special buses in which they traveled to Oklahoma City yesterday for the formal opening of the new Union Bus Depot there. One of the two special buses is a Santa Fe Trailways Sleeper Coach.

Wednesday, March 26, 1941

Report of death last evening of Harry A. Dockum, age 65, prominent Wichita druggist, in Kansas City while on a trip, of a sudden acute illness. Born in Marysville, Ohio on September 20, 1876. Attended pharmacy school at University of Kansas. Married Miss Mabel Magill in Wichita on September 4, 1907. Children are Robert B. Dockum, of Wichita, and Mrs. Ruth Dockum Boggs (Mrs. Robert Boggs), who resides in Caracas, Venezuela where her husband is with an oil refining and producing company. Harry Dockum came to Wichita 42 years ago and started in the retail drug business in 1900 at 248 North Main. The firm now has eight drug stores in the city. Further biography. Photo.

Saturday, March 29, 1941

Culver Aircraft Company yesterday received final Civil Aeronautics Administration approval of its new Model L. F. A., a deluxe version of the company’s other planes and the first in its price class to be equipped with a self starter. The first plane is to be delivered this afternoon to E. Merritt Anderson, a widely known Madison, Wisconsin pilot. The plane is equipped with an 80 horsepower Franklin motor and sells for $2590.

Sunday, March 30, 1941

Wichita’s aircraft factories, with more than 7500 persons employed, are turning out at the present time approximately 250 airplanes a month, most of them training planes. Details.

Wednesday, April 2, 1941

Report of results of city election yesterday. Sullivan and Beuttel elected to city commission.
8. Photo of nose of the new model Culver Cadet which came off the assembly line Saturday. Shown with the purchaser, E. Merritt Anderson, Madison, Wisconsin pilot, and Don Walters, Culver test pilot.

Saturday, April 5, 1941

1. P. M. (Doc) Wendel was today named as Wichita’s new fire chief to replace H. H. McCall, who resigned. Appointment effective at once. Details.

10. Report of death yesterday of Mark A. Reeve, associate curator of the Friends University museum, at his home, 620 Everett. Born at Friendsville, Tennessee and brought to Lyon County, Kansas by his parents at age three. Married and moved to southwest part of Kansas where he did farming. Moved to Wichita from Hugoton in 1924. Worked with Dr. Henry C. Fellow to restore the collection in the Friends University museum. Survived by wife, Cora, three sons and two daughters (named). Obituary. Photo.

Sunday, April 6, 1941

Special Section

B-16. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Laura Ford Buckwalter, age 82, at her home, 1106 Larimer. She had had a fainting spell and fell off her front porch last Sunday and had been ill since then. She was the widow of the late Dr. Oliver Buckwalter, a dentist. She was a carpenter and mason and was the contractor and did part of the work when Park Villa was built in Riverside Park. She had resided in the same home for the past 50 years. The house is noticeable in the neighborhood because of the amount of masonry work on the house and about the property. She also had done much of the building of her own home, putting in windows, laying tile, fixing casings and building the fireplace. She lived alone. Her nearest relatives are three nieces and four nephews. The nieces are Mrs. Sadie Nutt, Durango, Colorado, Mrs. Marie Harper, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Sadie Hedges, Aztec, New Mexico. The nephews are Arthur Ford, Chicago, Illinois, Forest Guy, San Francisco, California, W. H. Myers, Oklahoma City and Floyd Guy, Pueblo, Colorado. Small photo.

D1-8. Special Section observing 50th anniversary of the J. W. Metz Lumber Company. Article with history and photos.

Monday, April 7, 1941


Tuesday, April 8, 1941

1. John I. Dotson elected mayor by city commission last night.

20. Funeral notices: Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Buckwalter will be conducted from the Downing Mortuary at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. The body will be taken to Erie, Kansas for burial.

Saturday, April 12, 1941

Contracts are being negotiated for construction of 400 permanent type houses for defense workers. The site for the project has been selected and is just west of Oliver between Harry and Lincoln Streets. Details.

Monday, April 14, 1941

It was announced today that the Culver Aircraft Company has been reorganized and that this will result in new capital investment which will permit expansion of the company. Van Grant, industrialist and private banker, of Detroit, was elected president of the company at the meeting of the board of directors Saturday. Other officers include T. Bowring Woodbury, formerly of Salt Lake City, vice-president and general manager, Al W. Mooney, formerly of Denver, vice-president, Knight K. Culver, Jr., Columbus, Ohio, vice-president, Harold S. Kinsley, formerly of Detroit, treasurer, John Chester, Columbus, Ohio, secretary, and Milton F. Garrison, Detroit, assistant secretary-treasurer. Grant and Verne M. Laing, Wichita attorney, are now members of the board of directors. Grant and Laing now represent a substantial part of the corporation’s stock recently acquired by Detroit interests. The company has increased its employment to 180 men and now is producing at a rate of about ten planes a week.

Wednesday, April 16, 1941

M. J. Stone, head of the new Stone Propeller Company, announced today that his firm received a government contract for construction of four bladed wooded propellers and that construction is to begin in several weeks. Stone said the firm eventually will employ about 100 men. The order is the first of several he expects to receive, but he declined to reveal the number of propellers involved. The propellers will be designed for engines of up to 2500 horse power. Length of the blades will range from 9 to 14.6 feet. Stone founded and operated the old Supreme Propeller Company, which thrived during the aviation boom of the late 20s. This company used the building now occupied by the Swallow Airplane Company. The new company will be operated in the building at 701 Gilbert.

Thursday, April 17, 1941

Continental Air Lines will inaugurate the first scheduled airline service between Wichita and Hutchinson on the evening of April 26. The Hutchinson stop was included on the
original route certificate granted in 1939, but construction of the airport was not then far enough advanced to permit landings there. Details.

Saturday, April 19, 1941

Contracts have been let to two Wichita building companies and work on the government’s 400 family housing project may get under way within the week. The project is on an 80 acre tract and the units will be in two, four, and six family dwellings of frame, without basements. Details.

Sunday, April 20, 1941

Photo of the Nu-Way Sandwich shop, 1416 West Douglas, which has been remodeled and redecorated by Thomas E. McEvoy, well known Wichita business man.

Aerial photos of aircraft plants. Special articles and photos about each major company.

Thursday, April 24, 1941

Report of fire early this morning which badly damaged two buildings at 1st and Water, the Ablah Hotel Supply Company at 205 North Water and the adjacent building to the south on the corner, occupied by the Roland Speh Leather Company. Loss estimated at $150,000. Details. Photos on page 11.

Photo showing alligator being moved to summer quarters at Riverside Park zoo. Article on page 1 with details.

Friday, April 25, 1941

The Bo Stearns farm and racetrack ten miles north of the city have been sold to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wicker, of Chanute, Kansas, who will take possession May 15 and convert it into a saddle horse and riding business as soon as they have completed further improvements and decorating. The Wickers will move to Sedgwick County from Chanute at once. Details.

Drawing of proposed new hospital for Sisters of St. Joseph as designed by Overend and Boucher, architects. Shows ten story building -- never built as such.

Sunday, April 27, 1941

The Austin Company, of Cleveland, contractor on the huge Number 2 Stearman Aircraft Company plant, expects to complete the work on the big structure, 1000 feet long and 330 feet wide, late in the coming week. Employment at the four Wichita factories totaled 8633
men with Stearman leading with 3308 employes. Beech Aircraft Company has 3250, Cessna 1875, and Culver 180. The Culver Company expects to complete its first ship under a government contract early this week, with flights to begin immediately.

D-7. Article with some history of early Wichita steam driving street railways. Says the Wichita Rapid Transit line was built in the 80s by Henry Schweiter, Charles Hunter, and a few others. It ran from Douglas and Emporia south and southeast through Schweiter’s farm. At Emporia and Kellogg the line ran east to Broadway, now George Washington Boulevard, thence southeast to the vicinity of Chautauqua and Boston, then south to a point south of Levy Street, and from there west to Eldridge Park, a popular resort at the time but now forgotten. Article includes photo of locomotive and two passenger cars of the Wichita and Suburban Railway, which it says was taken by Guy Rogers, photographer, 3102 East Central, and is now the property of Charles Parrott, 110 West Douglas.

Tuesday, April 29, 1941
page 1. Work is to begin next week on the new National Guard armory and hangar building at the municipal airport. Details.

Friday, May 2, 1941
page 1. Alfred MacDonald today announced his resignation as city manager, to be effective he hopes by June 1. Details. He hopes to then return to his former position as director of the Wichita Park Board.

Sunday, May 11, 1941
page D1-6. Special Section on Wichita hospitals, with articles giving history, photos, details, etc.

D-4. Article about new addition to St. Francis nurses’ home, which is nearing completion. The present building, to the east, was constructed in 1921 at cost of $175,000. The new five story addition adjacent to it on the west is costing $200,000 and will increase housing capacity from 85 to about 130 nurses. Ground for it was broken September 24 last year. Photo. (Photo appears to show new north wing of main hospital building.)

Wednesday, May 14, 1941
page 1. Donald Gordon has been appointed as the new city manager of Wichita. Details.

Sunday, May 18, 1941
page D1-4. Photos of 1941 North High School graduates.

D6-10. Photos of 1941 East High School graduates.
Friday, May 23, 1941


Saturday, May 24, 1941

Report of death of former Wichita resident, Noble B. Dilday, who was born and raised here and then moved to Long Beach, California in 1920, where he was a mortician. Age 52. Wife is the former Marie Ream, who was also from Wichita. Survived by her and three sons (named). Photo.

Sunday, May 25, 1941

Announcement yesterday of engagement of Miss Geraldine Sauer to Dr. John L. Kleinheksel. Details. To be married September 3. Photo.

Monday, May 26, 1941

Donald Gordon today took over the office of Wichita city manager, replacing Alfred MacDonald, who returns to his former position as director of parks for the Wichita board of park commissioners. Details.

Wednesday, May 28, 1941

Announcement made of a huge expansion to be made at the Stearman Aircraft Division of Boeing Airplane Company to provide one million square feet of space for building $125,000,000 worth of super-bombers. Details.

Forty-one thousand five hundred twenty-seven passenger car license tags have been sold in Sedgwick County since December 1, 1940, this being 1000 more than the record number of 40,527 sold in the year ended December 1, 1940.

Sunday, June 1, 1941

Condemnation proceedings are under way to double the size of the Wichita municipal airport by the addition of 635 acres of land adjoining the field, permitting the lengthening of runways, etc. Details. Map.

Aerial photo of Stearman plant showing completed first unit of Plant Number 2.

Monday, June 2, 1941
16. Report of collision of Braniff and Transcontinental & Western Air planes while taxing at municipal airport at 2:30 a.m. yesterday. Several feet of left wing tip of Braniff plane was torn off and underside of Trans Worlds Airlines plane’s right wing slightly damaged. Flights cancelled. Details.

Tuesday, June 3, 1941

11. Report of death Monday night of Mrs. Robert B. Campbell, age 64, of a heart attack at her home, 1255 North River Boulevard. Born at Burlington, Iowa and came to Wichita with her mother when a small girl. She and Mr. Campbell were married in November 1902. Survived by husband, two sons, Robert W., of Salina, and Alfred M. at home, and by two daughters, Mrs. Richard Price, of Fort Ord, California, and Miss Elizabeth Campbell , at the home, and by a sister, Mrs. J. E. Alexander, 903 Wiley. Obituary. Photo.

Friday, June 6, 1941

1. Beech Aircraft Company today was awarded contracts worth $50,699,902 by the war department, bringing the total of United States and Canadian government warplane contracts held by the four Wichita factories to more than $220,000,000. Details.

Sunday, June 8, 1941

B-16. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company yesterday made application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to absorb the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company, which is a subsidiary company entirely owned by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. It includes 256.84 miles of line extending from Wichita to the Oklahoma-Texas state line. Purpose is to simplify the Santa Fe’s corporate structure. Details.

Tuesday, June 10, 1941

2. City commission yesterday took preliminary steps to acquire an additional 235 acres of land for the municipal airport in addition to the 605 acres now in the process of condemnation on the north, east, and south of the present airport. The present airport has 640 acres, which will be increased to 1245 acres by the addition now under way and to 1480 acres by the proposed new expansion. Details.

City commission yesterday ordered 353 easy-to-read black and white porcelain street signs for streets in the newer sections of the city without signs and as replacements for missing or hard-to-read old signs. The new signs will cost $5.35 each.

13. Report of death yesterday of Judge Jesse D. Wall, Wichita attorney and former district judge, at age 61, of a heart attack at his home, 1104 North Market. Born in Claremont, Indiana and came to Wichita from Indianapolis 35 years ago, opening his first law office
here in 1905. Survived by wife, the former Blanche Royal of Oatville, one son, Dr. David Wall, Lapeer, Michigan, and a sister. Obituary. Photo.

Wednesday, June 11, 1941

The Austin Company already has started work on the huge expansion of the Stearman Aircraft Company’s Number 2 factory, which will eventually employ 18-20,000 men. It is to be completed in approximately ten months. Details.

Friday, June 13, 1941

Article about proposed refinancing of the present Allis Hotel Company bonds at a lower interest rate with a view of possible enlargement of the hotel. Details.

Article about a 90 day trial of new route for the Osage-South Seneca bus line by which it would connect directly with the West Riverside bus line at Central and Nims. Details.

Sunday, June 15, 1941

Continental Air Lines will inaugurate a second daily service between Wichita and Denver beginning July 1. Details.

Wednesday, June 18, 1941


John Edwards, Jr., oil company executive, announced yesterday that he has purchased the 35 acre Heller’s Grove located at 4315 Arkansas avenue. The purchase was made from Minnie Heller, who now resides in Los Angeles. She and her husband, the late Otto Heller, who died four years ago, operated the grove for public entertainment, as will Mr. Edwards. The grove has been in the Heller family since 1886. As part of the purchase contract, Edwards reserved the right to operate the place under the Heller’s Grove name by which it has been known for 55 years.

Sunday, June 22, 1941

Excavation for the huge 40 acre extension of Stearman Aircraft Company’s $14 million bomber plant will begin tomorrow morning. Details. Drawing.

Thursday, June 26, 1941

Marsh Murdock, son of Marcellus M. Murdock, has been cited for contempt in district court on basis of charge filed by his former wife, Sally, that he is $1947.50 in arrears on
alimony and support money ordered against him by Judge Robert L. NeSmith on July 7, 1938. The order was issued at the time Mrs. Murdock obtained a divorce from her husband. Murdock was ordered to pay $9600 alimony at the rate of $40 a month for 20 years and $65 a month support for his two children until further order of the court. Following the divorce hearing Murdock was reported to have gone to Oregon. He returned to Wichita about 10 days ago. Hearing on the contempt citation to be held Friday.

Friday, June 27, 1941
page
1. Followup article on above hearing. Judge NeSmith refused to order Marsh Murdock put in jail, but further hearing to be held Monday on support moneys for his two sons, Marsh N., 13, and Neil P., 11. Details.

Monday, June 30, 1941
page
1. Followup article on above hearing. Marsh Murdock today ordered by Judge NeSmith to pay $65 monthly to his former wife, Sally, as alimony and support money, the amount being reduced from former order to pay $105 monthly. Murdock was also ordered to pay ten dollars monthly on the sum of $2052 on which he is in arrears from the original judgment. Details.

Tuesday, July 1, 1941
page
13. Continental Air Lines ad announcing that service from Wichita to Denver has been doubled, and there are now two flights each way every day. Photo on page 21 shows tail of Lockheed Lodestar -- number visible.

28. Concrete is being poured this week from the new hangar at the east edge of Municipal Airport for the new national guard air squadron. Details. Of the $304,000 cost, Wichita is furnishing $50,000, Sedgwick County $50,000, the national guard $54,000, and the Work Projects Administration $150,000.

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18. Article reports that the current $428,000 runway and improvement project at the municipal airport has been completed. This includes the northeast-southwest concrete runway, an extension of the taxi strip in front of the administration building, and an extension of the east-west runway to a junction with the northeast-southwest runway. The north-south and the east-west runways were completed under previous projects. Details.

Friday, July 11, 1941
Recently appointed City Manager Donald Gordon, who has been the storm center of controversy in recent weeks, has submitted his resignation to the city commission to take effect at their discretion. Details.

Sunday, July 13, 1941

Announcement by the Midland Building Company of plans for extensive remodeling and modernization of its two story building at 124 South Market (northeast corner of Market and William), the lower floor of which is occupied by Garfield’s Women’s Wear store. Work is to start November 1. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. Building fronts 75 feet on Market and 132 feet on William. Exterior is to be refaced. Drawing. Garfield's Store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Leichter, opened in 1931 at 316 East Douglas. It moved in 1933 to the second block on East Douglas and five years ago occupied its present quarters.

B-11. Aerial photos of Wichita municipal airport in 1938 before runways were built, and today with three runways completed.

Tuesday, July 15, 1941

Report of death today of Frank Isabell, Sedgwick County commissioner and former baseball player and club owner, at age 65. Born in North Branch, Minnesota and came to Wichita from there. Biography. Photo.

City commission yesterday accepted resignation of Donald Gordon as city manager effective September 1. Details.

Sunday, July 20, 1941

Drawing of proposed new Wichita fire station. Article with details, for which bonds were voted at the last city election. To cost $53,000.

Monday, July 21, 1941

Employment at Wichita’s aircraft plants passed 13,000 today. Stearman has 5760, Beech 4704, Cessna has more than 2250, and Culver has 250.

Tuesday, July 22, 1941

Report of death today of L. O. Ripley, age 64, former president of Kansas Gas and Electric, following a stroke which occurred Sunday morning. Born in Laurens, New York April 20, 1877. Came to Wichita in 1909. Was president of Kansas Gas and Electric from 1931 until retirement June 5, 1940. Survived by wife, Faye Tipton Ripley, whom he
married in 1934, by two sisters, an aunt, and a nephew (all named). Further biography. Photo.

Thursday, July 24, 1941

2. Well known Wichita and Midwestern theater owner, L. M. Crawford, is celebrating his 96th birthday today. Owns the Crawford Theater in Wichita, and the Edgington Apartments, 321 East William, where he resides. Photo.

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C-10. Photos of Wichita schools, including new Kellogg, Franklin, and Irving schools under construction.
C-16. Photo of the Wichita Beacon’s editorial office.
13. Photos of Wichita aircraft plants.
17. Photos of Wichita churches including the new Martinson Avenue Christian Church (frame), the new Wesley Methodist Church (frame) in 1700 block of South Market, and the stone addition under construction at east end of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church at Central and Hydraulic.

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18. Article says a modern elevator has been installed in the city hall in 1941 and the old wood stairway has been replaced by a modern steel one. Cost of elevator and stairway was $14,750.

22. Aerial photo of new defense housing area.

Tuesday, July 29, 1941

2. City commission yesterday appointed Russell McClure, for the past ten years executive secretary of the Wichita Independent Business Men’s Association, as the new city manager. Details. He was sworn in early this morning. Photo.

Thursday, July 31, 1941

5. Effective Sunday, August 3, running time on the Rock Island Rocket between Kansas City and Dallas via Wichita will be shortened approximately two hours. The train will leave Wichita at 1:00 p.m. and arrive in Dallas at 8:45 p.m., where it now leaves at 11:54 a.m.
and arrives at 9:00 p.m. Northbound it will leave here at 4:36 p.m. and arrive Kansas City at 8:15 p.m., where it now leaves at 6:42 p.m. and arrives at 10:40 p.m.

16. Wichita will have an additional 25 new city buses it was announced today by A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Company. Fifteen new buses will arrive in Wichita sometime in September and the remainder by the end of the year. The total expenditure will be $130,000. Wichita will have a total of 110 city buses. The new coaches will be 27 passenger capacity. The first 15 to be delivered in September are Twin Coaches manufactured by the Twin Coach company of Kent, Ohio. The others will be Yellow Coaches of the same size, but made by the General Motors Truck and Coach Company, Pontiac, Michigan. Cleary said “We have had these buses ordered since last fall and are fortunate at this time to be able to get any due to the scarcity of materials.” The demand for transit buses all over the country far exceeds the supply.
Drawing of the proposed Fox Boulevard Theater, to be built at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard, and of the new marquee and front to be built at the Fox Wichita Theater. Article with details.

Thursday, August 14, 1941

Photo of Hinkel’s Department Store building.

Saturday, August 16, 1941

Three injured when Rock Island and Midland Valley freight trains collided this morning four and one-half miles south of Wichita. Details. One locomotive was Number 5034 (photo on page 10).

Monday, August 18, 1941

Announcement that Cessna Aircraft Company has received a new $12,043,865 contract for twin-engined transitional trainers. Also reliable sources state Stearman Aircraft Company has received a $200 million order for “flying fortresses.” Details.

Tuesday, August 19, 1941

City commission yesterday purchased a site on Kellogg between Dellrose and Oliver as the location for the new fire station Number 9. The site fronts 125 feet on Kellogg, east from Dellrose and is 150 feet deep. Cost of the site was $2750. Details.

City commission yesterday authorized discontinuance of the 90 day trial of the new Osage-South Seneca-West Riverside bus route because it has been losing money. Wichita Transportation Corporation said receipts from the route were $64.03 and the cost of operation was $670.92. Details.

Friday, August 22, 1941

The Missouri Pacific passenger station is to be modernized within the next 30 days at a cost of $15,000 or more. Work was started yesterday. The improvements are to be mainly on the first floor. Changes include partition relocation, lower ceilings, new floors, wall and ceiling treatment, new plumbing, new electrical fixtures, and general repairs. All the furniture will be new.

Saturday, August 23, 1941

The new Stearman recreation park located on 40 acres between plants 1 and 2 will be dedicated this evening. Details.
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11. The 2000th Stearman primary trainer was delivered yesterday to the army air corps. Details.

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6. Wichita's second Western Auto Store is to be formally opened next Friday, September 5, in the large modern building at 1700 East Douglas (former Studebaker agency). Photo.

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7. Photo of Western Auto Store Number 1 at 235 South Broadway.

12. Article about the recent opening of the new Cuban Apartment Hotel at corner of Main and English. Building has been entirely remodeled and has 26 modern apartments. Work on remodeling was begun March 5 and is now nearly completed. Manager is Mrs. Eva Mercer. Photo.

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22. The B & G Hosiery Shop at 229 East Douglas and 103 South Broadway has been completely remodeled. Photos of both entrances.

Wednesday, September 3, 1941
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1. Announcement received that federal approval has been obtained for a $196,344 project at municipal airport which will extend the west end of the East-West runway 1700 feet to the Stearman plant and build a taxi strip approximately 1700 feet long north and south at the west edge of the airport. Details.

2. Report of death early this morning of Mrs. Lillian Burleigh Smith, 61, founder and owner of the Suburban Rest home, 4720 North Arkansas. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry O. Burleigh, pioneer Wichitans. She was born in Nebraska and brought to Wichita in infancy. Suburban Rest was founded 28 years ago, and lately has been managed by Mrs. Smith's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Asp. Survived by three sons, Reginald and Richard Smith of Wichita, and Don Allen Smith, of San Diego, California, one sister, Mrs. W. H. Stanley, of Wichita, two brothers, Dean Burleigh, of Wichita, and Ernest Burleigh of Corpus Christi, Texas; one grand-daughter, Billie Lu Asp; and four grandsons, Kenneth, Allen, Ronnie, Jerry, and Stanley Smith (sic). Photo. Funeral at First Baptist Church. Burial in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Friday, September 5, 1941
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Saturday, September 6, 1941

1. Report of crash of auto with Santa Fe passenger train yesterday at Murdock and Santa Fe tracks. Photo showing the wig-wag signal at the railroad crossing.

The Wichita Transportation Company announced today that it has received 25,000 new bus tokens to take care of its increasing business. The company now has a total of 335,000 tokens in circulation. The new tokens are made by the Meyer and Wentle Company of Chicago.

The board of education today inspected and formally accepted the new $160,000 Kellogg school building. Overend and Boucher were architects. Building has 13 classrooms and a modern kindergarten. Other details. It will be ready for opening of school on Monday.

Sunday, September 7, 1941

12. Long article with some details of changes in bus schedules, including special school buses, which will go into effect Monday, September 8 with the opening of school. Details. Cleary said the buses would be taxed to capacity due to the failure of the Twin Coach Company of Kent, Ohio, to deliver 15 new buses on September 1. The coach company has been pressed for steel, rubber, and aluminum and buses will not arrive in Wichita until about October 10. They have been on order for one year. Ten more buses have been ordered and are expected around the first of the year.

B-2. Wedding photo of Miss Geraldine Sauer, who was married Friday afternoon in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church to Dr. John L. Kleinheksel.

Wednesday, September 10, 1941

1. It was announced today that the Stearman Aircraft Division has changed its name to Wichita Division, Boeing Airplane Company.

Friday, September 12, 1941

22. A. J. Cleary, of the Wichita Transportation Company and Checker Cab, Inc., announced today that the Checker Company has purchased a ten passenger Henney-Packard limousine to provide service between the airport and downtown hotels. The new limousine is expected to leave the factory at Freeport, Illinois on September 19. It cost $5500 and will also be available for small charter groups.

23. Aerial photo of Hilltop Manor, the new government owned housing village at Harry and Oliver.

Saturday, September 13, 1941
1. Report of marriage in Washington, D. C. on Monday of Dwane L. Wallace, president of the Cessna Aircraft Company, to Miss Velma Lunt, his private secretary. Miss Lunt, daughter of J. W. Lunt, local dairy owner, had been Wallace’s secretary the past four years. She is a graduate of North High School and previously had been active in 4-H activities. Mr. Wallace is age 30. Photos.

Report of marriage on Friday of Dr. R. Claude Holmes, president of the Wichita board of education, to Miss Harriett A. Lawrence, of Haines, Alaska, member of a prominent Wichita family. They were married at Forrest Grove, Oregon. Dr. Holmes is a widely known Wichita dentist. Announcement of the marriage was made today in Wichita by Mrs. Hugh E. Wright of 1701 West Maple, a sister of Mrs. Holmes. After a wedding trip, Dr. and Mrs. Holmes will be a home at 1720 University Avenue.

4. Report of death the morning of Mrs. Louise L. Dale, widow of the late Judge Dave M. Dale, at age 84, at her home, 933 North Waco. Judge Dale died in 1920. She has no immediate relatives surviving except for a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Pratt, La Grange, Illinois. Dr. C. N. Johnson and Dr. H. N. Tihen, both of Wichita, are great nephews, and Mrs. J. C. Beitel, also of Wichita, is a great niece. There is also a nephew, Roger Pratt, and a niece, Mrs. Ned Warren, both of La Grange, Illinois.

Sunday, September 14, 1941


Wednesday, September 17, 1941

5. Photo of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church at Central and Hydraulic. New addition to building is to be dedicated Sunday. Details. Church was organized as a mission in 1905.

10. The new J. S. Lerner’s Vogue store is to open tomorrow at 221 East Douglas. The building, which has been remodeled, was formerly the Kansas Theater Building. Details.

Thursday, September 18, 1941

8. Photo of front of the new J. S. Lerner’s Vogue store at 221 East Douglas.

The Coleman Lamp and Stove Company today purchased a block of 20 lots on the west side of the Santa Fe right-of-way just north of 2nd Street, from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. The property has a frontage of 140 feet on 2nd Street and extends 400 feet north along the west side of the Santa Fe tracks to the Jones broom corn warehouse. It has been used for some time as a parking lot and baseball park by Coleman employes.
Sunday, September 21, 1941

Announcement by Mr. W. H. Holmes of the engagement of his daughter, Ann, to James Yarnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Yarnell, of this city. The bride-elect, a member of the Junior League of Wichita, was a graduate from Wichita High School North and attended the University of Arizona, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is now a member of the staff of the Wichita City Library. The bridegroom-elect is also a graduate of Wichita High School North and is now engaged in the photography business. Photo.

Tuesday, September 23, 1941

Work on the new $196,334 improvement project at the municipal airport to extend the east-west runway to Oliver and build a taxi strip parallel to the Boeing plants will start tomorrow morning.

Monday, September 29, 1941

Report of death this morning of James Preble Campbell, age 84, resident of Wichita for the past 33 years, and owner of a large cattle ranch in Clark County. Died at his home, 1327 North Broadway. Survived by wife, but no children. Obituary. Came to Wichita and built his home here in 1908.

Wednesday, October 1, 1941

Photo of the new Checker Cab limousine which goes into service today between the airport and union station and downtown hotels. The new Packard limousine cost $5500.

Thursday, October 2, 1941

Report of death this morning of Fred D. Aley, 75, Wichita civic and business leader, at his home at 403 North Fountain, of a stroke. He first visited Wichita in 1877 at age 11. Born at Yates City, Illinois. At time of his death he was president of the Wichita Perpetual Building and Loan Association. Survived by his wife, Mary R., a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aley, of 3309 East 13th, and a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Oertel, of Montclair, New Jersey. Also by two brothers, Harry M. and Carl G., both of Wichita, and two sisters, Isabel Rhea and Faye Bynum, both of Los Angeles. Further biography. Photo.

Friday, October 3, 1941

Report of head on collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains at Greenwich, east of Wichita, last evening. The east bound Sunflower collided with west bound passenger train Number 411. Engineer of 411 and fireman of Sunflower were killed and 20 passengers injured. Details and photos. Engine numbers not visible.
Tuesday, October 7, 1941


Thursday, October 9, 1941

Beech Aircraft will build a new flight hangar 350 by 120 feet to house completed planes as they come off the assembly line. It will be immediately east of the plant along Central, and is to be completed by December 1. Details.

Sunday, October 12, 1941

Full page ad critical of Lindbergh’s political views.

Wednesday, October 15, 1941

Report that Wichita aviation interests are negotiating to obtain a controlling stock interest in the Culver Aircraft Corporation. Details.


Another full page ad critical of Charles Lindbergh.

Thursday, October 16, 1941

Beech Aircraft Corporation announced today it has delivered the first AT-11 twin engined advanced training plane to the war department. It is to be used for specialized training of bombardiers and gunners. This brings to seven the number of types of planes Beech has produced for the army and navy:

- AT-7 navigation trainer
- C-45A twin-engined transport
- F-2 photographic mapping plane
- JRB-1 navy utility-observation plane
- JRB-2 twin-engined navy transport
- GB-2 single-engined navy transport

In addition, the AT-10, an all-wood twin-engined transitional trainer currently is under acceptance tests by the air corps.

Friday, October 17, 1941
5. O. F. Sullivan, widely known manager of local theaters, has taken over direction of the Crawford Theater, effective immediately. Details.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Augusta R. Davidson, widow of the late William Davidson of the Davidson and Case Lumber Company. Born in Wisconsin and had lived in Wichita for the past 25 years. Survived by three sisters and one brother (named -- none in Wichita), two nephews, including John Davidson in Wichita, two nieces, including Mrs. Agnes Pottenger in Wichita, and a great nephew, Jack Pottenger, in Wichita.

Sunday, October 19, 1941

B-10. Report of death yesterday of former pioneer Wichitan, Mrs. Augusta Bissantz, at her home in Pasadena, California. She was widow of the late Fred Bissantz, who died at Pasadena about a year ago. The couple had moved from Wichita to California about 21 years ago. Obituary. Survivors listed.

B-14. The new Franklin school will open Monday. Details.

Friday, October 24, 1941

36. Report that the Cessna Aircraft Company has purchased an additional 320 acres of land located just east across the road from the company’s plant. Was purchased from the Sisters of St. Joseph for $88,000. Cessna has had the property under lease for the past year.

Sunday, October 26, 1941

13. The Wichita Transportation Company will establish bus service to Hilltop Manor on a 90 day trial basis beginning tomorrow morning. Details of route, etc.

Wednesday, November 5, 1941

1. Announcement made today that Walter H. Beech and Charles G. Yankey, executives of the Beech Aircraft Corporation, have acquired control of the Culver Aircraft Corporation and have taken over active management. Details. Culver was established in 1936 in Columbus, Ohio and came to Wichita about a year ago.

Thursday, November 20, 1941

5. Report of death today of Karl E. Kilby, age 57, former advertising manager of the Coleman Lamp and Stove Company, who purchased the Thermopolis (Wyoming) Journal in September 1938 but later suffered a heart attack that forced him to retire and return to Wichita in June of 1939. Survived by wife, Mrs. Alice Kilby, of 1008 Shadyway, and a daughter, Miss Carol Kilby, in Wichita. Photo. Much more detailed biography November 21, page 2, correcting several errors in above. Says he has lived in Albuquerque, New
Mexico past four years. His wife is the former Alys B. Campbell, whom he married here in 1910. Their daughter is Mrs. Malcomb L. Long, the former Carol Kilby, also of Albuquerque, and there is a grandson, Karl Kilby Long, of Albuquerque.

Saturday, November 22, 1941

10. Continental Air Lines announced yesterday that the Wichita to Tulsa air route will open December 15 with two flights each way daily. Details.

Sunday, November 23, 1941

B-8. New six story addition to nurses home at St. Francis Hospital is to be dedicated this afternoon. Details. Photo.

B-16. At the close of business yesterday, employment at Boeing was 5777, at Beech 5761, and at Cessna 3200.

Monday, November 24, 1941

7. Report of fire yesterday afternoon at Kansas Gas and Electric building at 1st and Market which did estimated $50,000 in damage. Details. Building was formerly the five story Sedgwick Building. Kansas Gas and Electric purchased the building, grounds, and annex in 1930 and completely remodeled it in 1936, at which time it was cut down to two stories and the annex concerted from an apartment house to a general office building. Photo of fire.

Tuesday, November 25, 1941

3. City commission yesterday approved proposal to widen Kellogg street from Water to Crestway, making it a four lane street instead of two lanes. Kellogg has a 30 foot pavement now and this will be widened to 60 feet. When the work is completed Highway 54 probably will be changed from Central Avenue to Kellogg. City attorney was ordered to draw up the necessary ordinance to condemn the necessary land on sides of Kellogg for the widening. Details.

Wednesday, November 26, 1941

16. The 1942 Kansas license tags have white numerals on a green background and are further adorned with two painted yellow sunflowers.

Thursday, November 27, 1941

1. Approval has been given in Washington by the Public Health Service and the Federal Works Agency to the application of the Sisters of St. Joseph for a new $1,000,000 hospital in Wichita. Details.
Tuesday, December 2, 1941

10. Contract has been let for the new fire station Number 9 at Kellogg and Dellrose. Details.

18. Watkins, Inc., now located at 710 East 1st Street, has announced that it will start work immediately on construction of a new $250,000 plant on an eight and one-half acre site at Sycamore and 2nd Street. Details. Drawing. Architects are Forsblom and Parks.

Saturday, December 13, 1941

3. Report of death this morning of Miss Agnes Cornelia Conway, a teacher in the Wichita public schools for 48 years prior to her retirement in 1940, at her home, 1243 Coolidge. Her only surviving relative is a cousin, Mrs. Kate Whitlock, of San Fernando, California. Burial in Maple Grove cemetery.

Sunday, December 14, 1941

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14. Short note says more than 45,000 people ride the buses in Wichita daily.

8. Regular Wichita to Tulsa air service is to be inaugurated by Continental Air Lines tomorrow. Details. Ad shows photo of Continental Lockheed Lodestar, but no number visible. Another ad on Magazine page 9 shows photo of Lodestar NC 25--4. Followup report December 16 on page 17.

Wednesday, December 24, 1941

2. Continental Air Lines’ first regular flight using its new hostess service will arrive in Wichita at 12:05 p.m. tomorrow en route from Denver to Tulsa. Miss Billie Smith, of Wichita, will be the stewardess. The second flight will arrive at 5:10 pm, with Miss Dorothy Wise, also of Wichita, as hostess.

Thursday, December 26, 1941

8. Report of wedding of Miss Ann Holmes and James Yarnell, which is to be held this evening at the home of Mr. W. E. Holmes. Dr. H. Clarkson Atwater, rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church, will officiate. Mrs. Wytze Gorter, of Ellensburg, Washington, will attend her sister as matron of honor. Rex Yarnell will serve his brother as best man. Photo December 28 on page B-4.

Dr. C. H. Warfield has been called into the Naval Reserves at Great Lakes, Illinois and commissioned as a Lieutenant Commander.

24. Employment in Wichita aircraft factories has reached 16,020, including 6200 at Boeing, 6000 at Beech, and 3500 at Cessna.
Friday, December 27, 1941

10. Construction of the new Fox Boulevard Theater at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard has been temporarily delayed because of the war emergency and shortage of materials. Details.

Saturday, December 28, 1941

1. Report of death yesterday of George T. Nolley, pioneer Wichitan, at age 77. Born in Memphis, Tennessee and came to Wichita in 1904. Had married Miss Mattie Fabrique, daughter of Dr. Fabrique, in the First Methodist Church here on November 16, 1892. They had one son, George Fabrique Nolley, who died when a child. Wife is only immediate survivor. Nieces and nephews are in other cities. Further biography. Photo.

Tuesday, December 30, 1941