

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 1942 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon

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6. Employees of the Wichita Transportation Company received an unexpected year-end bonus yesterday, half in the form of checks and half in defense bonds, amounting to a total of \$15,000. Each employe with at least one year of continuous service with the company received ten percent of his annual wage as a bonus. The Checker Cab Company paid each employe a \$15 year-end bonus. The bus company has paid a Christmas bonus for the past six years, but it was not expected this year because wages have been raised twice during the year, once in the spring and again on December 1. The total wage increase this year amounted to 33^a percent. A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager, stated that the increase in population has put an unusual demand on the company's service. "We have been trying desperately to buy new buses. We have had orders for new equipment for months and delivery dates are still uncertain. It is also difficult to repair buses which need parts, due to defense priorities." Also the cost of nearly everything Main company buys has gone up, but Wichita still has the lowest fare for a city this size in America.

11. New easy-to-read street signs are being installed in the downtown area on East Douglas as far as Hillside, and in all newly developed sections of the city. They are of porcelain and should last a lifetime. Photo at Main and William, appears black on white.

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1. Article about the estate of W. E. Jett, president of the Jett and Wood Mercantile Company, who died last December 30. Details.

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2. Article about plans for new \$1,000,000 hospital to be built in the spring and known as St. Joseph's Wichita Hospital. Details.

C-2-C-11. Several dozen photos of new homes in all parts of Wichita.

Monday, January 12, 1942**page**

1. Report of sale of Mathewson's pasture, bounded by Central, Wabash, 3rd, and Pennsylvania, to the William L. Graham company to be sold as house sites. The land was sold to the Graham Company by the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company, which retained a strip of land from Cleveland to Pennsylvania fronting on Central, which will be sold for business sites. Details.

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9. The Aero Parts Manufacturing Company has purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stanfield, of the Lassen Hotel, 140 acres of land southwest of the city on Highway 42 on which a new plant will be built. The company is a large aircraft industry subcontracting company and at present is occupying three buildings here in addition to its main plant at 225 North Water. J. A. McCullough is president. The land is located about a mile west and two miles south of Maple and West Streets. Highway 42 goes through the property, leaving some 90 acres to the north and 50 to the south.

Friday, January 16, 1942**page**

14. A \$322,000 program to provide additional city buses for the unexpected demand on the present facilities of the Wichita Transportation Company was announced today by A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager. Cleary said that orders had now been placed for a total of 26 new buses of different types. Some of these new buses will be larger than any yet seen here. Delivery dates are some months away due to national defense. Fifteen new 27 passenger Twin Coaches were delivered a few months ago at a cost of \$115,000. An order for ten 27 passenger General Motors Yellow Coaches was placed July 1941 and delivery is hoped for some time in March or April of this year. An order was placed Friday for ten more Yellow Coaches of the 36 passenger capacity and six more Twin Coaches of the same size. These 16 buses will be the largest ever in this city and will cost over \$10,000 each. Cleary said the 26 new buses now on order were badly needed now due to the rapid growth of Wichita due to national defense. A number of older buses that had been retired from service will of necessity have to be continued in service to meet the increased riding, especially during the rush hour periods. Cleary asserted there were now 410,000 bus tokens in circulation and that this was not adequate to meet daily requirements, but that fare boxes had to be removed in the middle of the day from many buses to provide enough tokens to carry on business. Orders for an additional 50,000 tokens have been placed, which will bring the total number of tokens in the pockets of Wichitans up to 460,000.

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5. A woman was killed instantly yesterday when the car in which she was riding collided with a West Riverside bus of the Wichita Transportation Company at Litchfield and Franklin. Bus was driven by Roland D. Ruth, 345 New York. Photo of front of bus shows a Twin Coach, license tag T2-2572, but bus number not visible.

Sunday, January 25, 1942**page**

14. Half page ad by Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc., advertising their three daily fast freight trains between Wichita and Hutchinson, with intermediate stops. Trains leave Wichita at 7:00 a.m., 12:01 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. and leave Hutchinson at 12:01 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. Says the company has invested more than \$300,000 since purchasing the railway.

Saturday, January 31, 1942**page**

1. The Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc. today asked authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D.C., to abandon all of its 60 mile line running between Wichita and Hutchinson. W. E. Stanley, attorney for the company, said the application was made because of reduced income caused by competing lines. "If we abandon the line now," he said, "we can clean everything up and pay off our obligations." Further details about history of the line. Says it paid current taxes full during the line's two years of operation. Elmer Vallance is general manager of the line.

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12. The 1941 Cessna employees' yearbook, the "Aircrafter," is now being distributed. Details.

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7. The Hockaday Auto Supply company, located for the past 25 years at Topeka and William, will be open for business Monday, February 16 in its new and modern home at 825 East 2nd Street, or the corner of 2nd Street and Rock Island Avenue. Details. Virgil Gallion is manager.

Sunday, February 15, 1942**page**

12. The newly remodeled Garfield's women's store at Market and William is to be dedicated tomorrow. Photo.

Monday, February 16, 1942**page**

14. A bus service between Winfield and Wichita's aircraft factories was inaugurated today. There will be three round trips daily.

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5. Additional city bus service was announced today by A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Company. Effective Monday, February 23, additional service will be given on the East Central, South Main, North Waco, East 2nd, Stockyards, East 13th, Pattie Avenue, West 2nd, and Osage-South Seneca lines. Two more buses will be added to the East Central and South Main line in the daytime, giving a 10 minute rush hour service and a 12 minute service during the remainder of the day. Another bus will be added to the North Waco and East 2nd Street line on Sundays. Still another bus will be added on Sunday to the Stockyards and East 13th line. On Pattie Avenue and West 2nd an additional bus line will be added on school days and Saturdays. Fifteen minute rush hour service on the Osage line will replace the present half hour service. The city bus company is trying to buy new buses to take care of the increased riding due to the growth of the city and tire rationing.

Tuesday, February 24, 1942**page**

1. Report of death today of Mrs. Giselle Wallenstein, 67, widow of the late Henry Wallenstein, Sr., at her home, 129 South Belmont. Maiden name was Giselle Wiltschek and she married Mr. Wallenstein in Wichita on February 3, 1927. Born in Vienna February 3, 1875 and came to United States as a girl with her parents. Grew up in Houston, Texas and came to Wichita in 1903. Survived by a sister in Los Angeles, two nieces and a nephew (named). Further biography. Photo.

Monday, March 2, 1942**page**

9. Ten new 27 passenger buses were delivered to the Wichita Transportation Company over the weekend, and all were in service today on the Stock Yards-East 13th and Friends University-South Emporia lines. Photo -- bus number not visible. Has Stock Yards destination sign. Sixteen more buses are scheduled to be delivered in the autumn and ten of these will be giant 36 passenger vehicles.

Tuesday, March 3, 1942**page**

4. A. J. Cleary says the increased bus traffic in Wichita has already reached 45 percent over last year.

Wednesday, March 4, 1942**page**

1. Report of death today of John Wenzel, 73, prominent Wichita building contractor for several decades, at his residence, 325 South Main Street. Among others, he built the Wichita Forum, Union Station, the Kansas Masonic Home, the home office of the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company, and the Wenzel Apartments at Lewis and South Main. Born in Germany and came to United States at age four. Survived by his wife, Lela, and a step-son in Indiana (named). Photo.

Friday, March 6, 1942**page**

1. Photo of Enterprise School, rural school south of Wichita, where liquor dealer has been reported selling whiskey to students. Details.

Monday, March 9, 1942**page**

14. The First Church of the Brethren and the West Side Church of the Brethren have consolidated and hereafter will worship in the First Church of the Brethren at 11th and St. Francis. The West Side church held its last service at 1700 West 2nd yesterday. Details.

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2. City commission yesterday discussed the possible purchase of the former Cessna Aircraft Company site on West 2nd Street by the Board of Park Commissioners as the site for a public park and recreation center. The 17 acre tract is bounded by 2nd Street, Athenian, Glenn and McLean Boulevard. It can be purchased for \$25,000. Lately its been used as a circus and carnival grounds, and this is objected to by some West Side residents.

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18. Ground will be broken Thursday for Wichita's new million dollar St. Joseph's hospital. Details.

Work has been started on additions to the convent and chapel of St. John's, of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, at McCormick and Sheridan in West Wichita. To cost \$100,000. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. The new addition will provide a larger dormitory, a small clinic and operating room, a small theater, large dining room, and other small rooms.

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20. City commission yesterday placed on first reading a franchise for a company known as Emergency Transportation, Inc., which intends to provide transportation to the Wichita airplane factories. Incorporators of the new company are Howard V. Wheeler, Harry H. Heimple, A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Company, and Robert C. Foulston, counsel for the corporation. The application for a charter for the new company at Topeka places the capital at \$100,000. However it was started with \$50,000 capital. It is proposed to use 25 buses to start with and to make a charge of ten cents each way.

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2. Grand opening of the new Number 9 Dockum Drug Company store at 4820 East Douglas (corner of Oliver) will be held tomorrow. Details. Photo.

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6. Photo of J. C. Penney Company store at 132 North Broadway, which is holding its 40th anniversary sale.

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- . Ad for remodeled and enlarged Jenkins Music Company store, which opens today at 323-325 East Douglas. Photo.
14. An Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on the application of the Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc. to abandon its entire line of railroad from Wichita to Hutchinson and branch lines will be held April 27 at the Allis Hotel. Details.

Tuesday, April 7, 1942**page**

1. Cessna Aircraft Company has received a contract of more than \$20 million for the production of gliders, it was learned reliably today, and it will begin construction of a new plant at Hutchinson immediately, on a 110 acre tract east of the city and near the Hutchinson municipal airport. The new plant is to be completed within 30 days. Details.
6. The Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company is negotiating for the purchase of the Arnold Building at Broadway and English, which they plan to use both as a depot and general office. When this is completed, the present location of the depot at Broadway and William Streets will be sold.

Wednesday, April 8, 1942**page**

7. A group of citizens have petitioned for a change in the route at the north end of the North Waco bus line. Details.

Thursday, April 9, 1942**page**

1. Report of death today of G. A. (Bo) Stearns, pioneer Wichita oil man and horse lover. He had moved from Wichita to Russell, Kansas three years ago. Had a stable of horses and a race track on his farm north of Wichita. Details.

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14. The new Blue Radio Network of Radio Corporation of America will be added to the network facilities in Wichita by radio station KFBI starting today.
- B-8. Photo of the Arnold Building at Broadway and English which will be remodeled and along with adjoining property will become the new Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company bus depot and general office. Details.

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9. Report of death Saturday at Oakland, California of former prominent Wichita lawyer, Rodolph Hatfield, at age 89. Moved to Oakland, California in 1912 after coming to Wichita in 1879 from Trinidad, Colorado. Survived by wife, Alice, four sons and one daughter (named). Obituary.

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2. City commission yesterday elected O. F. Sullivan as mayor. Details.

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2. O. F. Sullivan was sworn in yesterday as mayor of Wichita. Details.

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6. Full page ad opposing parking meters in Wichita.
10. Due to increasing demands on local city transportation, the appointment of an additional executive by the Wichita Transportation Company was announced today by A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager. He is J. E. Ebinger, who has been appointed assistant general manager in charge of operations for the company. He has been assistant director of transportation for the St. Louis Public Service Company and has had 14 years experience in the transportation field. Ebinger is 35 years old, married, and has a six month old son. He has purchased a house at 409 South Crestway and will move in immediately. Photo.

Sunday, April 26, 1942**page**

13. Photo of the newly opened Rainbow Drug Store at Central and Oliver.
- B-16. Plans were being studied in Washington yesterday toward purchase of the Arkansas Valley Railway for conversion into a carrier for aircraft workers. Details.

Monday, April 27, 1942**page**

1. At an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing today on proposed abandonment of the Arkansas Valley Railway, the war department intervened and asked for a 60 day deferment of settlement in order that it might investigate the possible use of the line for transportation of aircraft workers. M. H. Swenson, New Rochelle, New York, vice-president of the Arkansas Valley Railway parent company the Salzberg Company, of New York City, testified that the present line has been operating at a heavy loss. He said that there would

have to be numerous expensive improvements made if the line is to continue operation. Details.

Wednesday, May 6, 1942**page**

1. Photo of 21st Street bridge over the Big Arkansas River which was partly collapsed by flood waters last night. Article with details.

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16. Workers were making efforts last night to protect the Arkansas Valley Railway bridge east of the Seneca Street bridge over the Big Arkansas River from being washed out by the flood waters and debris. Details.

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32. Efforts are still being made to save the Arkansas Valley Interurban bridge east of Seneca Street from being washed out. Cables were being used this morning to support the structure. The biggest danger is from driftwood, as the crest of the river has passed.

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2. City commission yesterday approved a \$50,000 park board bond issue to be used to build a new wing on the airport administration building to add 10,000 square feet of space for use by the midwestern procurement division of the army air forces.

Thursday, May 14, 1942**page**

1. Reliable reports received today stated that the Lassen Hotel has been sold by the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company to Abe, Walter, and Bernard Schimmel, brothers, of Lincoln, Nebraska, for approximately a million dollars. Details.
2. Dr. Henry N. Tihen, Wichita, was inducted as president of the Kansas Medical Society at its final convention session here today.

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2. The newly remodeled Pup Lunch at the Allis Hotel is now open to the public with service 24 hours daily. Details. Photo of interior.

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11. The Cessna Aircraft Company is now ready to embark on a large glider construction program, it was announced yesterday by Dwane Wallace, president. Equipment is already

being moved into the company's new plant at Hutchinson, construction of which was started only 30 days ago. Details.

C1-C8. Photos of Wichita High School graduates.

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2. Report of death last night of Truman G. Reed, 47, former East High School principal, of a heart attack at Spokane, Washington, where he has been principal of the Lewis and Clark High School. Survived by wife and a son, Gervais, age 15. Obituary. Photo.

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2. The Wichita traffic commission yesterday decided to place new traffic signals at Oliver and Kellogg, Central and Topeka, Broadway and Waterman, and Broadway and 3rd. Diagonal parking is to be eliminated from Hillside to Green. Details.

Thursday, May 21, 1942

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1. Continental Air Lines will discontinue passenger service on its Denver-Wichita-Tulsa route about July 1. It is reported that four of the company's six Lockheed planes have been taken over by the war department. In exchange the company will get two Douglas DC-3 planes to fly freight between San Antonio and Denver.

Friday, May 22, 1942

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11. Ad announces grand opening of the Rainbow Drug Store at Central and Oliver tomorrow. Details.

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1. Report of death today of Dr. John Richard Brinkley, 56, at San Antonio. Biography.

Monday, June 1, 1942

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1. The Lassen Hotel has been purchased by Schimmel Hotels, Inc., of Omaha, Nebraska, and the hotel began operation under the new management the morning. Mrs. Charles Schimmel, widow of the founder of the Schimmel Hotels, Inc., is the active head of the company and is assisted by her four sons. One of the sons, Walter Schimmel, will manage the Lassen. Details.

Thursday, June 4, 1942**page**

1. Approximately ten weeks after the first announcement that the Cessna Aircraft Company would build a glider plant, the first of these gliders will come off the assembly line some time next week.

4. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to abandon 193 miles of lines in Kansas and Oklahoma, including:

Benedict Junction to Emporia	63.45 miles
Anthony, Kansas to Cherokee, Oklahoma	3.62 miles
Florence to El Dorado, Kansas	27.54 miles
Kiowa to Gerlane, Kansas	9.9 miles
Madison Junction to Moline, Kansas	59.75 miles

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4. Wichita school district population this year reported at 152,824, an increase of 22,409 over the 129,661 a year ago.

Thursday, June 11, 1942**page**

1. Papers were signed today completing the purchase by the Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company of the old Arnold Auto Company building and adjoining property at Broadway and English. The consideration involved was reported in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Details.

Sunday, June 21, 1942**page**

4. An intensive war-time training program for the city bus operators has been put into effect, according to A. J. Cleary, general-manager. The need for such a program comes from the fact that more than 50 percent of all city bus operators have worked on their jobs for less than a year. War industries and the draft have taken many former bus operators. Details.

Monday, June 22, 1942**page**

12. The war department is expected to ask for further delay on a decision on the proposed abandonment of the Arkansas Valley Railway when the previous 60 day postponement agreed to at the hearing held here April 27 by the Interstate Commerce Commission expires Saturday. The war department wanted to consider buying the road to use it in hauling aircraft plant workers. Details.

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5. Under construction at the Wichita shops of Santa Fe Trailways is the first of the new 117 passenger buses with which the company proposes to meet the demand for mass transportation in national defense projects. The tractor-trailer bus was planned and designed by Gene Allen, general manager, Eastern Lines of the Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company and embodies a semi-bus body adopted to a standard tractor unit. Wood is the principal material used in the specially constructed semi-bus body. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, June 27, 1942**page**

1. The Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington has ordered Continental Air Lines to resume full service on its Denver-Wichita-Tulsa air route. Suspension of service on the route had been ordered on May 26 as a result of equipment shortage.

Monday, June 29, 1942**page**

4. Continental Air Lines ad announces that service on the Wichita -Tulsa -Denver route will be resumed effective July 1. Schedule listed.
12. C. C. Isley of Dodge City is an anti-isolationist candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination. He is a native of Brown County and graduated from the old Fairmount College here and was formerly on the college board of trustees. Before going to Dodge City he was in the lumber and grain business in Wichita. He has four sons in the Service. Photo.

Tuesday, June 30, 1942**page**

2. Continental Air Lines will resume its Wichita-Denver-Tulsa service tomorrow using regular Lockheed Lodestars as were in use before the service was suspended. The ticket office is in the Lassen Hotel. Schedules given.

Tuesday, July 7, 1942**page**

- 1 and 7. Wichita's critical transportation problem was nearer solution today with the receipt of ten new 41 passenger emergency buses and the placing on first reading by the city commission of a franchise for a second defense transportation company. Emergency Transportation, Inc., which will be operated by the Wichita Transportation Company, announced today it had received ten large buses which will carry war workers to and from the aircraft factories here. Fifteen more are on order and are expected to arrive by fall. The only fly in the ointment is that the buses arrived from the factory minus emergency brakes. The franchise ordinance placed on first reading by the city commission last night is similar to that granted Emergency Transportation, Inc. (sic -- probably refers to Defense Transportation, Inc.). The fare will be ten cents per passenger from a central point in the

city to the aircraft plants under the franchise granted the Emergency Company. Under the franchise sought by the Defense Company, the fare will be 15 cents or 20 round trips for five dollars, from school districts. Emergency Transportation, Inc. recently purchased the old Hayes Equipment Building at 624 East Gilbert to house the fleet of buses to be used exclusively for war workers. The building requires extensive remodeling to house large buses. This work has been held up due to lack of release of necessary steel by the War Production Board. The ten new buses will cost approximately \$120,000, Cleary said, and another \$180,000 worth of equipment is on order. Further details. The new buses are 33 feet long, eight feet four inches in height, and are powered by 125 horse power Hercules motors. Each weighs over seven tons and carries 100 gallons of gasoline. They are painted a distinctive color to distinguish them from regular city buses. It is patterned after a Washington, D.C. color scheme and are dove grey with a green belt running around them. Photo. The bus pictured in photo has "Emergency Transportation, Inc." lettered on side and appears to be Number 208.

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10. Announcement of a change in East Kellogg bus line to become effective tomorrow (Sunday). Has to do with a change in route of the east end of the Veterans Hospital buses on the East Kellogg line. Details.

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4. A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the newly organized Emergency Transportation, Inc. bus line, announced that regular service would be started to Cessna, Beech, and Boeing Monday, July 20. The new service will use some of the new extra large buses which arrived in Wichita last week. At the time of their arrival these buses were complete except for emergency brakes. The company has been working night and day to supply this part. Five of the ten buses will begin the service. The fare will be ten cents cash for a one way trip. All the buses are painted a distinctive dove-grey, and will be marked with destination signs showing to which factory the bus is bound. Cleary said that as the demand grows, city buses will be taken from service and run to the factories. They would be marked with factory destination signs and will be the express type, making only a few stops within the city at major transfer points.

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2. Service on Continental Air Lines Denver-Wichita-Tulsa route will be resumed next Tuesday after nearly two month suspension. Details (apparently was not resumed on July 1st as previously announced it would).

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13. Photo of Boeing Airplane Company's new administration building, which is nearing completion. Approximately two-thirds of the office space is now occupied. Article with details.
- B-12. A state hearing on proposed abandonment of the Arkansas Valley Railway will be held on July 31 at Topeka, the state corporation commission announced yesterday. The Interstate Commerce Commission has already approved abandonment.

Monday, July 20, 1942**page**

14. Defense Transportation Company's proposed franchise for operating buses to defense factories will be up for third and final reading at the city commission meeting tonight. If approved the city will have two major companies with contracts to haul war workers. Emergency Transportation, Inc. began operations today. The Defense Transportation Company plans to use school buses and will have pick-up stops near schools over the city.

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16. Emergency Transportation, Inc. began operations yesterday on its new routes to the three major aircraft factories, but patronage was very light with only 61 passengers carried throughout the day on buses operated 118 miles. Nevertheless the city commission yesterday adopted an ordinance granting a franchise to Defense Transportation Company, which also will operate buses to the aircraft factories. Since priorities will not permit the purchase of new tokens, A. J. Cleary announced that thousands of old Wichita Motor Bus Company tokens -- about the size of a quarter -- had been recovered and will be used.

Thursday, July 23, 1942**page**

1. The Arkansas Valley Railway will cease operation at 10:00 p.m. today in accordance with an Interstate Commerce Commission ruling approving abandonment. Details.

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2. The Allen Market at Douglas and Chautauqua was badly damaged by fire early this morning. Details. Photo.
28. Dismantling of the abandoned Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc., will proceed as soon as the Metals Reserve Corporation of the war production board at Washington signs a contract for the work. Arkansas Valley Railway's last run arrived in Wichita at 11:00 p.m. Thursday. The road was abandoned at the request of the company, with approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. All materials are under supervision of the War Production Board.

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C-1-C-8. Photos of numerous Wichita stores, both interiors and exteriors.

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19. City bus service to the Airport and Boeing will become a reality on Monday, August 3, it was announced today by A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the Emergency Transportation Company. The buses will operate hourly from Market and Douglas, from 7:15 a.m. until 6:15 p.m. The route will go east on Douglas to Hydraulic, south to Lincoln, east to George Washington Boulevard, southeast on George Washington to Harry, east on Harry to Oliver, south to George Washington Boulevard and thence to the airport. From the airport the buses will go to Boeing plants 1 and 2, looping at the latter and returning north on Oliver to Harry and thence over the same route in the reverse direction. Lists of stops for boarding passengers is given. The fare will be ten cents. The service will operate six days each week, and will not operate on Sundays.

Wednesday, August 5, 1942**page**

1. Wichita voters yesterday decisively defeated a proposal to issue \$6,127,000 in bonds for purchase of the city water system. The final vote was 4575 for and 7901 against. Details.
2. Report of death yesterday of E. F. Holmes, 86, retired Wichita clothing merchant. Residence was at 2907 East Douglas. A native of Howell, Michigan, he came to Cottonwood Falls, Kansas and was in the clothing business there for 17 years before coming to Wichita in 1902. He opened a store at 211 East Douglas and was there for 29 years before moving to 117 North Market. He went out of business there in 1932. His wife died approximately ten years ago. Survived by a step-son, Stanley Jones, 2907 East Douglas. Burial to be in Wichita Park Cemetery. Photo.

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11. Frisco Transportation Company recently purchased the Midwest Freight Lines operating between Wichita and Parsons via Augusta, Severy, Fredonia, and Neodesha, it was announced today.

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14. Article about plans to start work soon on an addition to the airport administration building. Details.

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23. Wichita has a new propeller factory -- Stone Brothers -- located at 446 North Market, it was learned today. The new company has been in production about two weeks under a contract with one of the nation's largest airplane engine plants. At the present time it is

producing four blade test club props for a company building 2000 horse power engines. These club props are used for breaking in reconditioned engines and are made of approximately 28 laminations of kiln-dried birch wood. The wood props are used because of the shortage of metal.

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7. Report of death this morning in a local hospital of Walter H. Mooney, 62, member of the legal department of the Missouri Pacific Railway where he had worked for 37 years. He resided at 1425 North Broadway. Born in Eldorado. Graduated from Kansas City School of Law and was admitted to the bar in 1904. Married Miss Esther Truesdell Rauch here in 1902. Survived by his wife and a son, W. Harold Mooney, 1453 Burns, two brothers Dr. Earl R. Mooney, 822 North Emporia and Volney P. Mooney, Jr., Los Angeles, California, and a sister, Corah Mooney Bullock, Eldorado, Kansas. Photo. Pallbearers listed August 21 on page 28.

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2. Report of death yesterday of C. A. Comley, 50, president of the Comley-Neff Lumber Company, of a heart attack. Home was at 433 North Crestway. Survived by his wife, the former Teressa Lassen, one son and three daughters (named). Photo.

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18. It was revealed today that the Boeing Airplane Company here is building two bus stations at its plants here, one at Plant Number 1 and a large one at Plant Number 2. The station at Plant Number 2 is large enough to accommodate 60 buses at one time. It is located across the highway south of the plant and will have two large pedestrian overpasses over Mac Arthur Road. There will be six loading docks each capable of taking care of ten buses at once.

Tuesday, September 1, 1942**page**

12. Wichita's new fire station Number 9 at Kellogg and Dellrose went into service today. It houses two trucks, one brand new one and one veteran of many years service. Cost of the new station was \$53,000. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, September 2, 1942**page**

2. State highway K-15 was reopened to through traffic out of Wichita this morning with the opening of a new two and one half mile stretch of four lane roadway from Stafford to the Boeing plants.

Thursday, September 3, 1942**page**

1. Report of death Wednesday night of Mrs. Alicia C. Jochems, wife of Judge W. D. Jochems, at her home, 15 Norfolk Drive, Eastborough, of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was the former Alicia C. Healy and was married to Judge Jochems January 28, 1925. Survived by husband and three step-sons, Roetzel, 324 South Fountain, W. D. Jr., of Kansas City Missouri, and Lieutenant Ted P. Jochems, Paine Field, Washington, and two sisters and three brothers (named). Photo.

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13. A new Safeway food store was opened today at Central and Cleveland. Details. Photo.

Monday, September 7, 1942**page**

2. The Mentholatum Building in the 1300 block of East Douglas has been purchased for \$35,000 by the board of county commissioners to house the county welfare agency. The present offices of the welfare agency at 300 South Broadway have been purchased by Santa Fe Trailways.

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1. Four Wichitans including Alanson (Dutch) Rawdon, 28, of the Rawdon Brothers Flying Service, Fred Wallingford, son of Wichita grain man Sam P. Wallingford, Ersel Hurst, and Frank Wirt were killed in a plane crash 17 miles east of Flagstaff, Arizona late Wednesday en route from Wichita to Las Vegas, Nevada. Details.
11. The new 117 passenger Santa Fe Trailways "Victory Liner" bus will be on public display this evening at the Union Bus Depot, Broadway at William, and dedication ceremonies will be held. The big coach was planned and constructed entirely in the Wichita shops of Santa Fe Trailways. Gene Allen, general manager of the company, designed the plans and was assisted in the development by H. G. Bradford and Hal F. Stearns of the Wichita offices. Stearns, superintendent of the body shops of the company, supervised the construction. This is the first of a series of such coaches Santa Fe Trailways plans to put into service to production plants along the lines. The first bus is scheduled for service between Kansas City and the Sunflower Ordnance Works at Eudora. Photo.

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22. Photo of above 117 passenger Santa Fe Trailways bus taken yesterday afternoon at the Boeing Aircraft factory.
30. Three Wichita aircraft plants, Boeing, Beech, and Cessna, are engaged in building large transport gliders carrying 15 fully equipped soldiers, the Army Air Forces announced officially today. Details.

Tuesday, September 15, 1942**page**

1. Report of death today of Albert De Bernardi, 75, former vice-president and general manager of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway here until his retirement in 1923, in a hospital at Denver, Colorado after a one year illness. His residence was in his mountain home at Shawnee, Colorado. Born near Independence, Missouri July 28, 1867. Survived by his wife, one son, A. De Bernardi, Jr., dramatic critic of the Denver Post, a granddaughter, and three sisters (all named -- none in Wichita). Further biography. Photo.

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2. Announcement of a plan to inaugurate in 60 days a skip-stop plan of picking up passengers by the Wichita Transportation Company, announced yesterday by J. C. Carothers, superintendent of transportation for the company. The plan is designed to conserve tires and gasoline. Details.

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6. Photo of new warehouse buildings and bus terminal under construction at Boeing Airplane Company south of Mac Arthur Road. Article with details.

Saturday, September 26, 1942**page**

10. A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Company, announced today that ten new 36 passenger buses had arrived and would be put into rush hour service as quickly as possible. He said that Wichita was fortunate to receive the new buses, as the Office of Defense Transportation had released the buses only for use during rush hour and had the authority to recall them for other war areas if it was considered the need was greater. The Office of Defense Transportation allows the buses to operate only 2000 miles a month, while the average city bus actually goes over 6000 miles a month. The Office of Defense Transportation also requires that the buses be maintained in first class condition, and when not in use they must be kept inside a building. They may not be removed or transferred without government approval. The buses are identified with a number and the letters O. D. T. both inside and outside of the buses. An accurate record of the miles traveled, passengers carried, and maintenance performed must be kept and regular reports made to the Office of Defense Transportation on these buses. They will be used on all lines during the rush hours only. The buses are made by the Yellow Coach Company, and cost \$11,800 each. One of the new features is that they have no gear shift, thus making for smooth starts and stops.

Wichita's two new housing villages have been named Planeview and Beechwood respectively, the defense housing committee was notified today. Planeview will be a complete village, with churches, schools, and community buildings and will have 4382 housing units housing more than 17,000 persons. Beechwood located southwest of the

Beech Aircraft Corporation, will have 500 units and will house more than 2000 persons. A list of proposed names was submitted about two months ago to the federal public housing authority, and the selections have just been announced. Other names considered included Mac Arthur Heights and Beechville. Both projects are under construction and work is progressing as rapidly as possible. Units will be opened for occupancy by sections as they are completed rather than awaiting completion of the entire projects. First units will be ready about the first of the year.

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2. Wichita's new substation D of the post office was opened this week at 1142 South Broadway. It was formerly located at 1201 South Broadway. The old postal unit was closed on August 10. Photo.

Wednesday, September 30, 1942**page**

2. Article reports the October issue of *Fortune Magazine* has article about "Housing for War" about Wichita. Details.

Friday, October 2, 1942**page**

22. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. C. A. Tanner, widow of the owner of the Tanner Book Store here for many years. Resided at 904 North Topeka. Survived by two sons, C. J. Pickarts, of Portland, Oregon and W. A. Pickarts of 545 Greenwood. Burial to be in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Saturday, October 3, 1942**page**

3. The Apostolic Faith Congregation, formerly located at 600 North St. Francis, has purchased and moved to the New York Tabernacle, located at 209 New York.

Wednesday, October 7, 1942**page**

2. Wichita's new fire station Number 9 at Kellogg and Dellrose is to be formally dedicated this evening. Details.

Monday, October 12, 1942**page**

2. Article reports ceremonies yesterday donating old Wichita cannons to the scrap metal drive. Included were the 8440 pound Civil War cannon which stood adjacent to Park Villa and two other smaller cannons which formerly stood in Riverside Park.

Monday, October 19, 1942**page**

2. Corner stone of the new Beulah Church of the Nazarene building at Harry and Greenwood was laid yesterday. Details.

Saturday, October 24, 1942**page**

10. Article says an old Wichita steam fire engine purchased in 1902 is to be given to the scrap metal drive. Photo.

Sunday, October 25, 1942**page**

1. The L. R. Hurd residence at 3rd and Belmont has been purchased by the Wichita Art Association and will be converted into a permanent art gallery and school. Details.
13. Another article about the "famous old Metropolitan steamer fire engine" (see above) which is being contributed by the city to the scrap drive. Lists a number of the major Wichita fires in which it was used.

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2. Work has started on erection of two large covered bridges connecting the new bus loading platforms across the highway to the south parking lot of Boeing plant Number 2. The wooden bridges will each be 350 feet long and 12 feet wide.
22. Article relates early Wichita aviation history including Roy Knabenshue's dirigible in October 1908 and the aviation show of May 1911 followed in November of 1911 by exhibition flights by Hugh A. Robinson at the Wheat Show.
24. Biographical article about J. Earl Schaefer, vice-president of Wichita division of Boeing, with photo.
31. Article with history of Stearman Aircraft Company. Details.

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26. City commission yesterday approved the elimination of 41 percent of the city's bus stops, from 1370 to 806. This is in accordance with a recent Office of Defense Transportation order to decrease wear on city buses and tires and use of gasoline. Details.

Thursday, November 5, 1942**page**

11. Report of death yesterday of J. E. Rader, 1149 Fairview, photographer here for the past 32 years, who owned the studio at 220½ East Douglas. Obituary.

Friday, November 6, 1942**page**

2. Report on an article about Wichita in the November 14 issue of *Collier's Magazine*.

Friday, November 13, 1942**page**

17. The Sandra Theater has been purchased by the Fox Midwest Theaters to be added to the Fox group of theaters in Wichita. Details.

Saturday, November 14, 1942**page**

10. Announcement made yesterday that Wichita Transportation Company buses will operate nearly 22 hours daily, from 4:15 a.m. until nearly 2:00 a.m. Details.

Sunday, November 15, 1942**page**

- B-10. The Checker Cab Company has leased the Hockaday Auto Supply Company building at William and Topeka and will move in at once, it was announced yesterday. The lease will run for two years. Previously the Checker Cabs have been headquartered at 218 East 1st Street. The Checker Cab Company is owned and operated by the Wichita Transportation Company.
- B-16. It was officially announced yesterday that Wichita's glider construction program has been cancelled, and Wichita aircraft producers are now returning their full efforts to the construction of aircraft. Details.

Sunday, November 22, 1942**page**

2. The new art gallery and school of the Wichita Art Association, at 3rd and Belmont, is to be opened to the public today. Details.

Monday, November 23, 1942**page**

16. Work is under way on the six room addition at Woodland School, at cost of \$34,500. Details.

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11. Article reports visit to Wichita yesterday of an Royal Air Force Lancaster bomber on a good will tour. Flown by Captain Clyde Pangborn. Photo.

Monday, November 30, 1942**page**

14. The skip-stop plan was introduced today on the College Hill and Eastborough bus lines of the Wichita Transportation Company. Details.

Friday, December 4, 1942**page**

20. Drawing of new chapel to be erected by Woodland Methodist Church at 15th and Payne Streets. To be Silverdale limestone. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Ground breaking ceremonies will be held Sunday. Details.

Tuesday, December 8, 1942**page**

9. Board of education yesterday let contracts for four room annex to be built at Willard School at cost of \$23,200.

Wednesday, December 9, 1942**page**

5. The name of St. Luke's Methodist Church has been changed to University Methodist Church. It was founded in a Sunday School held in the old Skinner School at 21st and Hydraulic. In 1913 this was moved to a two room house on Kansas Avenue, and five years later a building was erected on lots owned at Minnesota and 17th Streets. Last summer the building was moved to a new location at 17th and Volutsia and it was completely remodeled with a full basement added. Formal opening will be held Sunday afternoon.

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16. Beech Aircraft Corporation reported this week a net income after taxes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1942 of \$2,417,818.79 on sales totaling \$59,592,953.46. Stockholders were paid a dividend of \$1.00 on October 27, 1942.

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33. Photo of buses lined up at the bus terminal across Mac Arthur Road from the Boeing plant Number 2. Approximately seven buses visible. The front bus is a General Motors bus labeled Wichita Transportation Corporation (or Company?), but bus number is not visible. License tag is T2-8020.

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- C-6. Aerial photo of the Planeview housing project, which is nearing completion. Article with details.

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5. Report of sudden death last week of Dr. Leon Matassarini at Leavenworth. Had been a Wichita physician for many years and at one time city physician. Born in Rumania. Moved to Leavenworth in the late 20s. Died suddenly December 7 of a heart attack. Survived by three sons, Dr. Frederick in the army, Major Joseph, in the engineering

service, and Benjamin, a medical student at Kansas University, and one daughter, Lieutenant Florence Matassarini, in the nurse corps. Further biography. Photo.

7. City traffic commission yesterday appointed a committee to investigate the dangerous condition created by overcrowding of city buses. The bus company reported it had a dozen of more old buses it could put into service if drivers could be obtained.
20. A. J. Cleary, of Wichita Transportation Company, said today it appears doubtful that the Office of Defense Transportation will approve the proposed re-routing of the West 2nd Street bus line to serve industries on West 2nd, since the proposal calls for an extension of the line. At present this line operates on West Douglas (to Seneca). Details.

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36. The skip-stop system for city buses has been placed in effect on downtown Douglas Avenue, it was announced today. Details. It is also being placed in effect on the East Kellogg-West Douglas line at present. It was recently placed in effect on the College Hill line.

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18. Offices of the board of education, which have been at 406 York Rite Building since 1928, were moved today to Carleton School. The space occupied in the York Rite Building has been requisitioned by the government for use by war offices.

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4. Article about large wooden test propellers under construction for the army air forces in a small back alley garage at 446 North Market by the Stone Brothers. They are 11 feet 6 inches from tip to tip and each contains 32 laminations of wood and four blades. They are designed to test some of America's largest airplane engines. The four Stone brothers, Harry, Sam, Henry, and William, have been building propellers all their lives. They received a prime army contract early in September and have been training men for the skilled work day and night. William is in active charge and Harry handling production. Photo.

Tuesday, December 29, 1942

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16. The new straight five cent fare on city buses will go into effect as soon as the city commission passes the necessary ordinance, A. J. Cleary announced today. It will last for the duration of the war. About 360,000 tokens are in circulation, but with the city's increased population and bus ridership this is insufficient, and the government will not release metal for production of additional supplies.

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2. The Wichita Transportation Corporation today began hiring women to be trained as bus drivers. This will allow placing back in service of 25 buses which are now idle because of a serious manpower shortage. The city commission yesterday also passed an emergency ordinance placing in effect an occupational tax, through which the city will collect about \$5000 a year in addition to the regular franchise tax from the transportation company. This will be retroactive to January 1, 1942.