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 1919 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Saturday, January 4, 1919
page
5. Article reporting death of Henry Lassen at 12:45 a.m. Friday, January 3 at age 57 -- presumably heart attack. Born in Germany. Was president of Kansas Milling Company, of the Wichita Terminal Elevator Company, and of the Lassen Hotel Building company.

Sunday, January 5, 1919
page
1. Article about some early hotels in Wichita.

7. Article about Wichita Tractor company -- organized last year -- producing one completed tractor each day. Has 20 or 25 men employed. Located at 421 North Water. Officers listed.

Tuesday, January 7, 1919
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3. Article about visits of Theodore Roosevelt to Wichita -- said to have been here four times -- 1900, April 19, 1912 (spoke at the Forum and later at the city hall), 1914, and October 4, 1918.

Note about Wichita hotel history -- says first hotel in Wichita was the Buckhorn, run by H. W. Vigus, located across the street and some distance north of the old Woodman and Munger building.

5. Mildred King, daughter of George E. King, 1645 Park Place, suffered broken arm when struck by street car yesterday.

10. Article reporting $10,000 will be spent to remodel the Hamilton hotel. Colonel J. C. West purchased the hotel lease on December 4 and engaged Curtis H. Barnes as a manager. The owners of the building are a New York firm. ¶ “It is the intention of the management of the Hamilton hotel to make it a first class hostelry. In the past, it has been a rendezvous for many undesirables, but only the better class of people will be permitted to patronize
the hotel while Mr. Barnes and Colonel West have charge of it,” the former stated. ¶ Work will start about January 15.

Wednesday, January 8, 1919

All restrictions on operations of jitneys, motor buses, etc. were removed Tuesday by resolution of the city commission for a period of 30 days, provided they carry passengers for fare of five cents. This action was taken in order to give better transit facilities to the public. The street car company, declares the resolution, has failed to give “reasonable and satisfactory service.” ¶ Mayor Clapp said, “This is a public emergency. The street car system has seemed unable to provide adequate transportation for the public. The resolution aims to encourage jitneys, buses, cabs, and others to enter the field and help out the situation.”

Article says Union National Bank is to reorganize under a new charter as the Kansas State Bank, because it is easier and less expensive to operate under the state banking laws than the national.

Thursday, January 9, 1919

Article reporting a memorial arch to cost not more than $6000 will be built at the corner of Lawrence and Douglas avenues. About $1000 was raised at the Tag Day two weeks ago. The remaining $5000 will be raised by various clubs and organizations in the city.

Sunday, January 12, 1919

“Some signs on Wichita street cars need an interpreter,” a passenger reports. She boarded a car with Fairmount on the front only to find that it turned north on Cleveland. When she disembarked she observed that while the front was marked “Fairmount,” the back said “Emporia and the side “Cleveland.”

Another letter to editor about early Wichita hotels -- mentions the Douglas Avenue house and the Emporia house.

Wednesday, January 15, 1919

Mt. Carmel academy announced their intention to build a large addition for about $150,000 to replace the old main building, which was built was built years ago and forms the connecting portion to the two new wings of the building. The old portion will be torn down.

Thursday, January 23, 1919

Another case of too many labels caused a passenger on a street car on South Emporia avenue Tuesday evening to say “Where do we go from here.” On the front of the car was
the sign “Cleveland,” on the side, “University,” and in the rear it was “College Hill,” while as a matter of fact, according to the motorman-conductor, the car was going to Riverside.

**Saturday, January 25, 1919**

5. A $50,000 two story brick building 125 by 140 feet will be built in the second block on North Lawrence and leased to the J. Arch Butts Automobile and Implement company.

**Sunday, January 26, 1919**

8. Article by Kos Harris discussing appropriate dates to consider as the founding of Wichita. ¶ (1) Griffenstein’s plat and Munger’s plat of the city of Wichita were both filed March 25, 1870. Griffenstein platted south of Central avenue and west of Lawrence avenue to the south line of Douglas; Munger’s plat was north of Central avenue and west of Lawrence avenue to Waco. Subsequently Griffenstein platted south of Douglas avenue to Kellogg and west of Lawrence avenue; N. A. English platted south of Douglas, east of Lawrence, to a point beyond the elevated tracks. James R. Mead platted east of Lawrence, north of Douglas to Central avenue, east to a point beyond the elevated tracks. These four plats are what is really known as Wichita. ¶ (2) The town of Wichita was incorporated in July 1870. ¶ (3) On April 3, 1871, Wichita became a city of third class and the first city council of the City of Wichita was elected.

B6. Article about the Red Cross flu hospital in Wichita established in the Wichita Manual Training Association building at 2146 North Topeka, with first patient admitted on October 6, 1918. Photograph of interior. Six hundred and fifteen patients have been cared for there.

**Tuesday, January 28, 1919**

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company will have to pay $120,000 for paving if the present prices prevail and if the program of paving planned by the city commission is carried out. These are to be three blocks on North Waco, three on 9th street from Main to Waco, three on Franklin and Porter to the Riverside club house, and South Main from Bayley to Levy.

Orders for a new snow sweeper and six new street cars have been sent in by Superintendent Lewis of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. The new cars are to be of the same type as the South Emporia-Riverside cars.

**Wednesday, January 29, 1919**

5. Wichita Railroad and Light company is spending nearly $22,000 for eight miles of copper wire to replace the present crystallized and badly worn trolley wire along eight miles of track. Lines being replaced are portions of East Douglas, Fairmount, West Side, South Main, South Emporia, North Topeka, Riverside and Pattie. The wire costs 52¢ a foot
strung for use. ¶ Much of the trouble the company has experienced in interrupted service is due to the bad condition of the trolley wires. Due to the war new wire was unavailable. As an emergency, insulated high tension wire strung in Wonderland Park was purchased by Manager Lewis soon after the outbreak of the war and strung when needed.

City commission passed ordinance for paving of 9th street from Waco avenue to Main street.

Thursday, January 30, 1919

Car service on the Riverside line, especially to and from North Riverside, has degenerated into a condition which seriously effects the peace of mind of those persons depending on street cars to travel to and from their business. The schedule arranged for Riverside looked well on paper but that is the only place it works. North Riverside is supposed to be given street car service by means of a “stub” car operating between Nims and Franklin and the 12th street wye. West Riverside cars run straight through and from the west entrance of Central Riverside park to the wye at the Shriner’s club there is no passing switch. The result is that half the time the cars are off schedule and the “stub” fails to make connections. The present service to the Shriners club, while accommodating its patrons, is a very serious handicap to business, professional, and working men residing in North Riverside. Repeated complaint has brought no results.

The Hoyt building, formerly the Barnes building, has been deeded to the Union National bank. It is a five story brick, 75 by 140 feet, and was purchased by F. C. Hoyt, oil operator and former president of Union National bank, from O. D. Barnes nearly two years ago for $250,000. ¶ The Union National bank recently applied for and was granted a charter for a state bank, but officers stated yesterday they will not use the new charter but will continue to do business as a national bank.

Friday, January 31, 1919

The Lawrence avenue bridge over Chisholm creek, which has been closed to traffic since last Thanksgiving, will re-open for traffic today. The old iron bridge, deemed too narrow, has been replaced with a reinforced concrete structure at a cost of about $4500. Paving of the North Lawrence avenue “gooseneck” (from 21st street to 25th street) with brick started last October and will be completed in about a week.

Saturday, February 1, 1919

Members of St. Mary’s Cathedral to meet Sunday to consider construction of a fifteen room school and gymnasium together with a rectory on church property at southwest corner of Topeka and Central avenues.

Sunday, February 2, 1919
2. Large crowd at opening of Winter Garden dance hall Saturday night, at 217-219 West Douglas (second floor).

8. Another article by Kos Harris on early Wichita hotels.

B2. Article about new Winter Garden ball room and tea garden.

**Monday, February 3, 1919**

Members of St. Mary’s Cathedral Parish Sunday night pledged $78,500 towards $100,000 fund to build a new rectory and Cathedral school. The school will cost $70,000, will face on Topeka avenue and is to be 124 by 167 feet and contain about fifteen rooms. The rectory is to cost $30,000 and be located south of the cathedral on Lawrence avenue.

The Imperial Mills company on South Santa Fe avenue, purchased last year from the Imboden Milling company, has recently remodeled its plant and increased the capacity to 500 barrels per day.

**Tuesday, February 4, 1919**

The stub service on the North Riverside street car line will be changed into a through service to the corner of Main and Douglas starting Thursday morning. This change will make a fifteen minute service for patrons of this line. These cars will run around the loop, while the West Riverside cars, which run every twelve minutes, will continue to run on South Emporia avenue.

Mrs. George Whitney is interested in the formation of a pioneer historical society to assist Kos Harris in the preservation of everything of value such as relics, papers, books, etc., which have to do with the early history of Wichita. She plans to entertain the women of the 70s in Wichita in the near future to discuss the society.

**Wednesday, February 5, 1919**

Because of the many complaints about the street car service the city commission yesterday directed one member of the police department to act as an inspector for two weeks of condition of the cars, regularity of the schedules, etc., and report the result of his investigation.

Bids for paving eighteen foot road with concrete on East Central for 7d miles from city limits to Butler county line plus construction of six bridges on the road will total approximately $225,000, part of which is to be paid by the federal government.

**Sunday, February 9, 1919**

Street car No. 210 was struck by a Santa Fe passenger train at 21st street crossing
Saturday morning. Street car was badly damaged. No serious injuries.

Trolley wire around the downtown loop was recently replaced.

Wednesday, February 12, 1919

3. Herbert C. Jones, owner of the largest jitney bus line in Wichita, told the city commission yesterday he was ready to accept the franchise offered him several months ago.

5. Paving contracts let yesterday for brick pavement on 18th street from Waco to Arkansas avenue and on Waco avenue from 15th to 18th street. Contract also let for asphalt paving on Carter avenue from Franklin to Murdock.

Friday, February 14, 1919

3. Payne’s park, a tract of about 20 acres on west side of the river, has been offered to the city of Wichita for $200,000 by the owner, Charles Payne. It extends from Sycamore street east to the Midland Valley tracks, between Maple street and Douglas avenue. An adjacent tract of four acres was sold several years ago for a boulevard and railroad right-of-way.

5. Work will start Monday on remodeling the northwest room on third floor of City Hall for use for commission meetings. Seats will be furnished for 50 or more spectators.

Sunday, February 16, 1919

2. Although it is incomplete, Friends University will open its new gymnasium Monday night for the annual basketball game between Friends and Fairmount.

4. Article relating some history of the old Garfield Hall, which is being transformed into a church.

5. Article says board of directors meeting of Roe Indian Institute in New York January 24 decided to change its name to “American Indian Institute” and to start work on its $18,000 building on Fairmount as soon as possible.

7. Article about meeting to be held Wednesday by Mrs. George Whitney with Wichita “school girls of the 70s” to organize a society for perpetuation of early Wichita history. Their first school house was in a dugout, and William Finn was the teacher. The next school house, a frame shack of five rooms, two rooms upstairs and three downstairs, was built in 1872 near the place where the present high school is now located. Wichita had a population of 1000 at that time.

B2. Map of Wichita National Gas Company’s present system, which includes 1200 miles of pipeline. Also article giving history of the system.
Wednesday, February 19, 1919
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   Formal dedication of new $300,000 Masonic Home to be held toady.

   New Arkansas Valley Interurban route into Wichita has been decided on except for the southern end of the line. It will leave the old line at 24th and Market, run south on Mascot to Little river, which it will cross between 19th and 20th streets. It will then proceed diagonally southwest to Amidon avenue, at the southern end of which it will curve east to a point south of the waterworks. From that point to the terminal, the route has not been definitely selected.

8. Photograph of new Masonic Home.

Thursday, February 20, 1919
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   A South Main street car was burned Wednesday night by a fallen trolley wire. The wire fell in front of the car, which was quickly consumed.

Friday, February 21, 1919
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   Riverside street car jumped the track last night near the edge of the bridge over Little River in South Riverside park and bumped along the ties for ten or twelve feet at the edge of the bridge but was not far enough on the bridge to topple off into the river.

Sunday, February 23, 1919
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   Pneumonia and flu caused 403 deaths in Wichita in 1918. The total number of deaths in Wichita was 1282 compared with 946 in 1917. There were 63 deaths from tuberculosis and 21 from typhoid fever.

   Paving of the “goose-neck” strip of North Lawrence avenue from 21st street to the 25th street was completed Friday. Lawrence avenue is now paved from the northern city limits to within two blocks of the southern city limits.

Wednesday, February 26, 1919
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   Article reporting work is to start on new Arkansas Valley Interurban depot by June 1, to be located at northwest corner of Waco and Douglas avenues.

Sunday, March 2, 1919
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   Article reporting organization of the Pioneer (Historical) society February 19 at home of Mrs. George Whitney. Any women who lived in Wichita or its vicinity prior to January 1, 1880 is eligible for membership or the wife or daughter of residents of same date. Reports constitution and list of members of the organization.
School board will probably request vote on $650,000 bond issue to build two new intermediate schools and new Washington and Emerson primary schools.

Tuesday, March 4, 1919

School board yesterday voted to request vote on bond issue for $850,000, to include $150,000 for sites and $700,000 for buildings. Includes two new intermediate schools, new Washington and Emerson elementary schools, and additions on College Hill, Harry Street, L’Ouverture, Ingalls, Sunnyside, Lowell, Irving, Park, Linwood, Lincoln, Kellogg and Riverside schools. ¶ Superintendent L. W. Mayberry was re-elected for two years at increase from present $4500 salary to $4800 the first year and $5000 the second year. John Lofty was re-elected principal of the high school with salary increase from $2900 to $3500 a year.

Friday, March 7, 1919

Fourteen car men of Wichita Railroad and Light company have been fired within past 36 hours by Manager C. R. Lewis due to failure to maintain schedules and other reported shortcomings. Wichita’s street car service is a subject worthy, many declare, for the masters of satire. There is little likelihood of it being improved soon. City hall maintains that no crew of men in the world could give Wichita efficient service with the equipment the McKinley syndicate, the Illinois Traction company, has furnished Wichita.

Sunday, March 9, 1919

Long article on “what’s the matter with the street cars” in Wichita -- shortage of parts, etc., etc. About ten of the 60 cars are in the barns for various repairs, etc.

Monday, March 10, 1919

Long article about problems of Wichita street railway, placing blame for deficiencies in past year on stingy attitudes towards Wichita by Illinois Traction Company. Opinion here is favorable to the local officials of Wichita Railroad and Light company, but not to the company officials “back east” in Illinois. ¶ Lists incidents delaying street cars in February.

Tuesday, March 11, 1919

Article stating position of Illinois Traction company that demands for street paving on streets with car lines are so heavy and expense so great that company cannot provide both this and new equipment.

Because of the many complaints concerning small cars operated on Riverside and University-College Hill lines made to the St. Louis Car company, which built the cars, Theodore Brewster of the company’s mechanical engineering department was in Wichita yesterday making investigations with C. R. Lewis, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and
Light company. It is probable some repairs will be made in the near future.

**Wednesday, March 12, 1919**

3. Article reporting on meeting last night by Wichita doctors agreeing to raising the fee schedule which has existed here in most respects since 1888. New fee schedule is to be $5.00 for night calls (10:00 p.m.-7:30 a.m.) and $3.00 for day calls.

10. Another article about deficiencies of the Wichita street car system. Antiquated cars are being operated on many of the lines, especially Fairmount-Mt. Carmel and Pattie-Cleveland avenue lines. These are of the smaller type familiar to citizens when Wichita was in the last century, and only a short distance removed from horse cars.

**Thursday, March 13, 1919**

5. The Red Cross flu hospital will close in a week unless it is taken off the hands of the Red Cross. Funds are nearly exhausted. Thirty-four patients in hospital now, with 20 nurses and five attaches also there. The daily expenses will exceed $100, as salary alone averages about $3.00 per day for each person.

Other fees being adopted by Wichita physicians starting yesterday:

- Office consultations: $1.00
- Partial exam at office: $2.00
- Complete exam at office: $5.00-10.00
- Advice and prescriptions by phone: $1.00
- Insurance exams: $2.00
- Exam of urine: $2.00
- Exam of sputum: $3.00
- Anesthetic for minor operation: $5.00
- Anesthetic for major operation: $10.00.

7. Bearing on rear axle of street car No. 174 broke yesterday on turn at Main and Douglas, tying up traffic on several lines. Car No. 174 is one of the oldest types of cars in use in Wichita and is known to every resident on Pattie avenue and Waco avenue, as it has been in operation on these lines for years. ¶ Mr. Brewster, of the St. Louis Car company, will remain in Wichita and supervise the repair of cars manufactured by his company.

**Friday, March 14, 1919**

1. Open letter from *Wichita Eagle* to Mr. W. B. McKinley, Champaign, Illinois, about Wichita’s atrocious street car service.

12. Another article about deficiencies of Wichita’s street car service. Of total of 60 cars owned by Wichita Railroad and Light company there are never more than 50 in operation at the same time. Many are small and antiquated with seating capacity of 22 to 25 but
forced to carry 60 or even 80 passengers jammed in aisles and vestibules during rush hours. The single oil stove in motorman’s vestibule is incapable of heating the cars. When Wichita Railway company was taken over by McKinley syndicate in 1900, 22 cars were included. Only 38 have been added since.

Monday, March 17, 1919

Another article on Wichita’s street cars describing profits made here by McKinley syndicate. McKinley Syndicate purchased Wichita Street Railway company on January 22, 1900 for $375,969.84 for equipment of the road together with franchises for extension of lines and for an electric lighting plant. In 1910 the company sold its electric lighting system and franchise to Kansas Gas and Electric company for $235,000 in preferred stock of the American Light and Power company, which had a cash value of $188,000, leaving $187,969.84 invested in the street railway system. The company has paid big dividends every year since its purchase.

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Combined net earnings from 1903 to 1915 have aggregated $2,168,378.19 after all expenses have been deducted.

Tuesday, March 18, 1919

Article describing inadequacy of equipment at the street car barns at 9th and Wichita. The main barn used for repairing cars was built in 1902. It has five tracks and four pits used in repairing cars. Five cars are in the shops with three or four workmen trying to get them back in working condition. The machine shops directly opposite the main barn are more poorly equipped then some of the garages in Wichita. Besides the five cars in the main barns, six cars are in the paint shops to be painted.

Wednesday, March 19, 1919

Article blaming the poor street car service in Wichita for the rise of jitney buses. There are fifteen jitneys now operating on streets where trolley cars run. About $55,000 is annually taken from the street car cash boxes by these vehicles.

Friday, March 21, 1919

Another article about Wichita street cars. Car No. 105 on Mt. Carmel line is one of the oldest relics of the street railway company. Its seating capacity is 28 persons. Loose bearings, two flat wheels, and springs with so many years service they have no elasticity announce the arrival of No. 105 long before it rounds a corner. Car No. 115, on Osage avenue, is a sister car to No. 105, with loose gear, flat wheels, floor strewn with coal and
The South Main street and Stock Yards cars are in better condition than the others now in use. These cars are of the larger type with heavier frames and four trucks, which minimizes the jar of flat wheels. No. 202 is in fairly good condition and is the largest type of car in operation in Wichita. Both interior and exterior are in need of paint. It formerly was coated with yellow paint, but weather and time have left their imprint. No. 215 is of similar type and condition. No. 212 on the Stock Yards-South Main line has loose gears and is greatly in need of paint. No. 174 on Pattie and Waco avenues is another of the old classics of street car history. Two flat wheels, loose gear, an untidy unsanitary interior, woodwork needing paint, and corners of the car filled with dirt offer plenty of room for criticism. No. 131 has practically everything that any street car should not have. The flanges grind, the gears rattle and wheeze, and two wheels have square corners. It is a summer car and intended for summer weather, and even the expert camouflagers of the street car company have found it impossible to convert the car into a vehicle for winter use. But it is being used on Cleveland avenue collecting its quota of nickels every day.

Sunday, March 23, 1919

2. Photograph of Bitting building with recently completed addition. Article giving history of the Bittings and their buildings.

6. Construction work on the new Central avenue concrete highway is to start Saturday. To be eight inches thick in the center and six inches at the sides and extend from city limits to the Butler county line. Width to be eighteen feet.

B1. Article reporting PTA meetings with school officials describing the need to vote bonds for new school additions. Enrollment for 1912-13 was 9273 in both elementary and high school. Enrollment for present year will total about 13,000. Seventy-seven temporary school rooms are now in use. Estimates for new buildings:

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plus $133,000 for sites.

Monday, March 24, 1919

4. Cartoon about Wichita street car system.

5. Friends University directors meeting Wednesday will discuss proposed $40,000 heating
Another matter to be discussed is the removal of the street car loop from its present location to a point one block south. This will do away with much confusion in front of the college.

Street car No. 148 on College Hill line burnt out its old bushes and armatures yesterday and had to be towed to the barn.

**Wednesday, March 26, 1919**

1. *Wichita Eagle* straw vote ballot on what people of Wichita want done with the traction problem.

**Thursday, March 27, 1919**

5. Article about proposed new jitney ordinance, simplifying requirements.

**Saturday, March 29, 1919**

4. Another cartoon about Wichita’s street car system.

**Sunday, March 30, 1919**

C3. Article about need for passage of school bond vote. Includes photograph of Emerson school, the oldest elementary school building in the city.

**Monday, March 31, 1919**

2. Article reporting straw poll on transit is strongly in favor of municipal ownership. Includes letters -- one very good “tongue in cheek” letter about Wichita’s street cars.

5. Arnold Automobile Company is to build new four story garage at 302-304 South Lawrence for $64,000.

**Tuesday, April 1, 1919**

3. More letters regarding street car system. One says “I have lived in Wichita 34 years and seen all manner of street cars from the one-mule car, where the entrance was through a narrow door in the back end, to the present system. The first stable or barn for cars, mules and horses, was located near the corner of 10th and Wichita streets. In a short time the quarters were moved to 440 North Main street. George M. Dickson was made superintendent March 1, 1886. While the system was crude, it kept pace with the rapid improvements of the city until the past five years.
1. Proposal for $850,000 bond issue for new schools passed by two to one at election yesterday.

Saturday, April 5, 1919
4. Another cartoon regarding Wichita street car system.

Sunday, April 6, 1919
C1. Article about flour mills in Kansas -- includes some history of early mills in Wichita.

Automobile Section
9. Article reports 11,002 auto licenses issued in Sedgwick county since July 1, compared with 9765 in year 1917-18 and 7100 in the year 1916-17. Of the 11,002, 6093 have been issued to residents of Wichita.

10. Article reporting that the Jones Motor Car company employs 110 workmen and produces seven models of autos and one truck.

Tuesday, April 8, 1919
5. Board of education yesterday increased teachers’ salaries $50 to $300 per year. Grade school teachers will receive $855 to $1200, up from current $720 to $990. ¶ Annual salaries of all teachers will be paid in twelve monthly payments beginning in September 1919.

Thursday, April 10, 1919
5. Article reporting board of education will start negotiations this week for purchase of the McKnight pasture on East Douglas avenue, at present unoccupied except for a good stand of alfalfa.

Saturday, April 12, 1919
3. City manager Ash proposes the building of a subway under the elevated tracks at Waterman to connect through to a junction with Division street east of the tracks.

5. Article reports the new Emerson school may be located on a site west of the Missouri Pacific tracks rather than on the present site at Central avenue and Water street.

O. J. Watson of Watson Motor Car company plans to build a five story building for tractors and implements on the Vilm mill site at Douglas and Waco. Cost probably will exceed $100,000. Frontage of 66b feet on Douglas, 131 feet on the Missouri Pacific tracks, 64 feet on the alley and 112 feet on the west.
Sunday, April 13, 1919

From a letter to *Eagle* about street car service. ¶ “I notice one thing in particular, that the car signs are never changed, as cars going east are marked Riverside or University, and cars going west are marked College Hill or South Emporia or something of the sort. You can never tell just which car to take unless one gets familiar with the certain rattle, and that is difficult, for they all rattle alike and a few are almost past that.”

5. An “aviation bulls-eye” was completed at the Jones aviation field yesterday as a marker for fliers. It is 125 feet in circumference, built of concrete, and is even with the surface of the field. In the center is a flat expanse of concrete 28 feet in circumference, surrounded by a circle of earth and then the outer circle of concrete. The idea is that the reflection of the two patches of concrete against the black soil makes the whole visible for a distance of six to ten miles. Seen from above it really looks like a big eye, and it is arranged so that electric lights can be used at night.

9. Another article about the very earliest hotel in Wichita, the “Buckhorn Hotel” or “Vigus.”

B3. Zion Methodist Episcopal church, 1248 Lulu avenue, to be dedicated today (photograph).

Wednesday, April 16, 1919

One of the finest shoe repair shops in the west has recently been opened by Math Busch in the Liberty Theater building on South Topeka. F. X. Busch is the manager.

Thursday, April 17, 1919

Article saying Wichita Railroad and Light company has invited directors of the Board of Commerce to its shops and barn next Friday to see preparations being made to improve the service. A new master mechanic has been hired to take charge of the machine shop. ¶ He will have one decent car to start with. No. 238 enjoys the distinction lately of being the model car.

Friday, April 18, 1919

The street car company received 106 new wheels -- round wheels -- Wednesday and began replacing some of the well known square wheels with them. The company says it has another car containing about 106 more round wheels on the way to Wichita. Many Wichita car riders will have their first ride on round wheels experienced in several years. ¶ C. R. Lewis, manager, says he has ordered six new street cars and that these will be in service in about six weeks.

Saturday, April 19, 1919

Article reporting recent request by city commission to Illinois Traction company that they
send an authorized representative to Wichita to consider improvements needed in the street car system, with reply from H. E. Chubbuck, general manager and director of the company, that “A. M. Patten of Topeka will communicate with you. He has all the necessary authority to meet the board of commissioners at Wichita.”

Sunday, April 20, 1919
page 2.
Article giving Mayor Clapp’s telegram of response to above message from Illinois Traction company.

Tuesday, April 22, 1919
page 5.
City is building a new driveway from Murdock avenue through the annex to the West entrance to Central Riverside park. This drive crosses the double tracks of the street railway at the cinder platform built to accommodate park passengers. Criticism has been heard that permitting motorists to drive across the street car tracks at this point will endanger passengers getting on or off the cars. Mayor Clapp explains that the city expects to persuade the street railway to move its park platform south of the present location, leaving a clear right-of-way to motor cars across Nims avenue into Central Riverside.

Wednesday, April 23, 1919
page 3.
Results to date of the Eagle’s straw vote on the traction system in Wichita. Two hundred thirty-eight votes out of 415 in favor of municipal ownership.

Thursday, April 24, 1919
page 4.
Another cartoon about Wichita’s street railway.

5.
A. M. Patten of Topeka, Kansas manager of Illinois Traction company, is in Wichita and announced yesterday the purchase of an additional snow sweeper, another trouble car, and $4000 worth of shop equipment. He will remain in Wichita for several weeks. He stated that the war struck all street car properties hard with shortages of materials and labor, and Wichita had the further misfortune of a snow storm of almost unprecedented severity last winter. Parts were broken under storm conditions which are not ordinarily carried in stock because they usually last as long as a car. Such parts had to be ordered, and the cars were kept out of service, resulting in a disarrangements of schedules.

Saturday, April 26, 1919
page 5.
Article listing city manager’s three points of negotiation being presented to A. M. Patten, Kansas manager of Illinois Traction company.

Eaton Hotel coffee room in room 32 by 60 feet off east side of hotel lobby is to be opened by May 1.
Sunday, April 27, 1919

4. The old Frisco passenger depot was leased April 1 and will be opened May 16 by the Salvation Army as the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ club. Remodeling started last Monday. The main waiting room is being made over for a reading and rest room. The old ticket office is to be the checkroom and business office. The canteen service will be placed in the old baggage room. Shower baths, lavatory, and a dressing room will occupy the former women’s waiting room. All rooms upstairs are to be used for bed rooms, with about 35 cots placed in the eight rooms. More than $8000 is being spent for the renovation.

B4. Another cartoon suggesting improvement in street cars is starting.

Wednesday, April 30, 1919

2. New pay scale agreed to by street car men’s union and Wichita Railroad and Light company, calling for four to six cents an hour increase in pay over 1918. New pay scale is 34 cents per hour for first six months up to 39 cents per hour for fourth year and thereafter plus three cents extra for operators of one man cars.

Thursday, May 1, 1919

8. Advertisement for Kansas National Bank with photograph of their building at northwest corner of Main and Douglas.

Friday, May 2, 1919

1. Aerial photograph of downtown Wichita -- not very clear. It shows Memorial arch in place. Ackerman island extends to just opposite mouth of Little Arkansas river. Photograph by U.S. Air Service.

9. Aerial photographs of Union Stock Yards, Masonic Home, and Jones Motor Car company -- by U.S. Aerial Service and developed by Homer T. Harden, Wichita.

Sunday, May 4, 1919


Tuesday, May 6, 1919

6. J. Hudson McKnight’s alfalfa farm on East Douglas avenue is to be condemned by the Wichita board of education, since the board could not get Mr. McKnight to set a price on the land.

Wednesday, May 7, 1919
5. Contract let yesterday for construction of a new Cathedral school at Topeka and Central avenues. The building will be 60 by 124 feet, three stories, with Bedford stone facing, and will cost $70,000. Work will be started at once, with completion to be by January 1, 1920.

**Thursday, May 8, 1919**

2. Long article presenting A. M. Patten’s statement to city commission regarding improvements under way in street car service. Lists headway and number of cars on each line. Six one man Birney type safety cars have been purchased with delivery expected by June 1.

**Friday, May 9, 1919**

1. Photograph of Wichita soldiers marching under Memorial Arch on Douglas avenue. Crossover track is visible just west of Topeka.

**Sunday, May 11, 1919**

5. Article describing the new Cathedral school.

**Tuesday, May 13, 1919**

5. Arkansas Valley Interurban has built four new bridges in past month, one at Halstead, one at Emma Creek, and two others near Newton. A concrete structure of this kind will also be built in a short time at Sullivan’s Dam just north of the city.

**Saturday, May 17, 1919**

6. Contract awarded for paving Harry street from Topeka to the drainage canal.

**Sunday, May 18, 1919**

3. Drawing of new Cathedral school.

B12. One hundred thousand dollar mausoleum will be built by the American Cemetery company in Old Mission cemetery, 21st street and Hillside avenue. It will be similar to the one built in Highland cemetery four years ago.

**Tuesday, May 20, 1919**

5. New street car schedule is to start today. Article gives schedules of service on the various lines.

Article says the first telephone directory ever printed in Wichita was printed in 1884 and was a simple slip of paper ten inches in length with a single column of names thereon. One
of these is in possession of J. H. Hobbs of the Hobbs Music company.

Saturday, May 24, 1919

5. Plans announced by Kansas National Bank for new eleven story building at northwest corner of Main and Douglas, to cost $500,000 to $600,000.

Sunday, May 25, 1919

5. The Salvation Army Soldiers’ and Sailors’ club in old Frisco depot was dedicated last night.

Innes Furniture company awarded contract for construction of $100,000 wholesale furniture warehouse at southwest corner of Mead avenue and 1st street. Site has frontage of 225 feet on 1st street and 200 feet on Mead avenue. Building will be 225 feet on 1st street by 100 feet on Mead with an L at the rear making width there 125 feet. To be two stories high. To be completed by November 1. Foundation will allow for five stories.

B1. Article by Kos Harris on “Early Days History of the Peerless Princess.”

B9. Record of street car intervals on various lines recorded the afternoon of May 17.

Tuesday, May 27, 1919

1. Price of the Eagle delivered by carrier in Wichita will be increased to twelve cents per week beginning June 1.

Wednesday, May 28, 1919

3. Contract let for paving Market from Gilbert to Lincoln and Gilbert from Main to Lawrence.

Saturday, May 31, 1919

5. The South Emporia street car line will be extended two blocks from Zimmerly street to Harry street. The work will require about two weeks and construction will be started early next week. A change in service on the South Emporia-West Riverside line will be made. Cars on South Emporia will run as “stubs” from 1st and Main to the end of the line. Cars on West Riverside will go around the loop at Douglas avenue. South Emporia avenue will be paved from Zimmerly to Harry street at the same time the car line is extended.

Sunday, June 1, 1919

4. Photographs of old Frisco depot, now the Salvation Army’s Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Club. The building has been leased for one year by Salvation Army. Article describes interior
14. Firestone advertisement with photographs of about eight auto or tire stores.

16. Article about Western Tractor company, with factory at 118 North Osage, which produces the Western Kerosene Tractor.

**Tuesday, June 3, 1919**

School board yesterday accepted offer of $20,000 for site at Waco and Central for new Emerson school. ¶ The Seneca street site was accepted at cost of $26,500 for the new West Side Intermediate school. ¶ The board voted to name the new East Side intermediate school for Theodore Roosevelt and the West Side one for Mark Twain.

**Friday, June 6, 1919**

Federal aid of $405,000 will be granted Sedgwick county for construction of a hard surface highway connecting Wichita and Hutchinson. Sedgwick county will construct 27 miles of the route via Maize, Colwich, Andale and Mt. Hope.

County commissioners are considering remodeling the county jail versus cost of a new one.

**Sunday, June 8, 1919**

John and Fred Wright have purchased the Pacific hotel, 227-229 West Douglas, from the Lanoue hotel company for $25,000. Has 64 rooms in four stories. The Wright brothers plan to keep the hotel on a strictly moral basis.

Advertisement with photograph of the Wichita Fireproof Apartments at 231 South Lawrence -- three stories.

Article about the Southwest Cracker company. Employs about 125. Sales increased from $200,000 in 1916 to over $700,000 last year. Mr. D. K. Oxley is general manager.

**Tuesday, June 10, 1919**


**Wednesday, June 11, 1919**

Wichita will spend one million dollars for paving this year. Fifty contracts have been awarded and 40 more are awaiting bids.
Friday, June 13, 1919

5. Plans for new Roosevelt school are completed and call for building with 27 rooms and 800 seat auditorium.

Frisco Railroad is replacing the motor car which has been running between Wichita and Ellsworth with a steam train due to increased travel during the harvest season.

Sunday, June 15, 1919

5. Municipal beach will open today. This is the eighth year the beaches have been operated under municipal control.

B10. Advertisement with photograph of the Western Tractor 16-32, made in Wichita.

Thursday, June 19, 1919

2. Article reporting Arkansas Valley Interurban is seeking standard steam railroad freight equipment that can be interchanged with other roads for long halls. Wheels and trucks at present in use are not up to steam line travel.

5. Preliminary plans for the new Mark Twain intermediate school are completed by Lorentz Schmidt. To have sixteen class rooms and 500 seat auditorium. Hamilton intermediate school will be completed in time for the first of coming school year.

Friday, June 20, 1919

5. Kansas Gas and Electric has taken out building permit for $275,000 addition to its plant at Kelly and 3rd streets. Addition to be 70 by 120 feet, brick, three stories high.

Saturday, June 21, 1919

5. Article about protests against establishment of a bathing beach near 18th street on Little river. Objections to “mixed bathing” as endangering the morals of young persons.

7. After 33 years the main building of Fairmount College is to be completed. The large unfinished room 38 by 50 feet at the southwest corner of third floor is being finished. When Fairmount was built in the ‘80s only one floor was finished. The basement, second floor and part of the third floor have all been finished since 1899.

Sunday, June 22, 1919

5. Tractors have entirely replaced horses with the Globe Construction Company in their paving work on East Kellogg.
Tuesday, June 24, 1919

6. A Standard Oil service station has been built on the site of the old Toler Auditorium at southwest corner of 1st street and St. Francis.

Saturday, June 28, 1919

2. Route for the Arkansas Valley Interurban entrance into Wichita has been decided on if the arrangements can be made satisfactorily. The route crosses the Arkansas river below the Seneca street bridge. Here the tracks will make a circuit of the Wichita ball park and again cross the Arkansas north of the Douglas avenue bridge, coming into the property at Waco and Douglas from the west.

Sunday, June 29, 1919

Section B
1. Long article about Wichita’s “No Man’s Land”, officially named the Oak Park addition. A wooded wilderness, lonely, depressing, mysterious with a maze of paths. Map shows roadways through the park. Photograph of one of the roadways.

Monday, June 30, 1919

5. Article reporting picnic yesterday of more than 200 members of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society -- their first annual picnic. Founder and president is Mrs. George M. Whitney.

Wednesday, July 2, 1919

5. The Arkansas Valley Interurban is hauling more than 2500 passengers daily -- approximately 80,000 per month, up from about 60,000 per month at the time it was organized.

6. Petition granted for paving Forest avenue from 10th to 11th.

Thursday, July 3, 1919

5. City manager Ash advises spending $120,000 to complete the interior of the new Forum annex and rebuild the center section of the block with steel and concrete.

Friday, July 4, 1919

5. Unless Wichita Railroad and Light company improves its service, the city government will start proceedings in court to appoint a receiver for the company. ¶ Six new cars were promised by June 1 and none has arrived. It is said these cars are in the shops of the American Car company in St. Louis completed and ready for shipment. Ten other cars
were promised to arrive by the first of September, but there is little hope they will be here on time.

Construction has started on the new Washington school. Excavation is nearly complete and the foundation is being constructed.

**Monday, July 7, 1919**

5. The 68 acre McKnight tract on East Douglas has been appraised at $126,070.

**Tuesday, July 8, 1919**

3. Contract let yesterday for four room addition to Riverside school plus installation of new plumbing in the old section. Cost to be $27,790 for the general contract. ¶ Contract also let for two room addition to Sunnyside school.

5. The six new street cars left St. Louis Monday on their way to Wichita.

**Wednesday, July 9, 1919**

2. The new J. Arch Butts building at 1st and Lawrence will be completed about September 1.

3. Louis R. Ash, city manager for past two years, has resigned effective October 1 and will move back to Kansas City.

5. Site has been selected between 18th and 20th streets on the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad for the new 1000 barrel capacity Victory Flour Mills company. This is one block north and one block east of the Red Star mills.

**Thursday, July 10, 1919**

2. Effective July 14 the Arkansas Valley Interurban will discontinue express service on its Limited cars, which leave Wichita at 6:40 a.m., noon, and 4:00 p.m. because of heavy demand for transportation of baggage by passengers.

**Saturday, July 12, 1919**

2. Advertisement and photograph of the Mid-West Tractor, made by the Wichita Tractor company. Price $1170 free (freight) on board Wichita.

5. Three hundred girls are employed at the Wichita Telephone exchange making an average of 130,000 connections daily.

The six new street cars have not arrived yet. They are coming.
Sunday, July 13, 1919
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3. Special issue for National Tractor Show
   Article describing the three tractor companies in Wichita, the Wichita Tractor company, the Western Tractor company, and the Royer Tractor company. ¶ These companies have combined capital stock of $850,000, employ 58 men with payroll of $6200 a month, and expect to turn out about 200 tractors this year and probably one tractor a day next year. Nearly all the parts except the motors are made in Wichita. ¶ Article gives history and details about the three companies.

5. During the heat wave Friday, Wichita consumed eight and a half million gallons of water in 24 hours, an all time record. Water company delivered 8,570,100 gallons to the mains.

6. Contract let yesterday for the new five story Watson Motor company warehouse at corner of Waco and Douglas to cost $150,000. Thirteen feet between floors, allowing hanging of cars and tractors from ceilings.

Monday, July 14, 1919
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5. Old brick residence at Central and Waco, known as the “Williams Place” and built by Atlantic A. Moore in 1874, one of the first brick houses in Wichita, is being torn down for the new Emerson school. Photographs.

Tuesday, July 15, 1919
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2. Kansas Sanitarium is building a modern dormitory for its nurses for $12,000.

5. Contracts let yesterday for the twelve miles of brick paving on South Lawrence avenue road. Cost approximately $47,000 per mile.

Wednesday, July 16, 1919
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5. Five new street cars arrived in Wichita yesterday over the Missouri Pacific from St. Louis. They will be put in service today. They are of the same size and type as cars now being used on Riverside lines and will be operated as one-man cars.

Paving petitions approved for brick paving on 16th street from Market to Lawrence, Ellis from Gilbert to Indianapolis, and Ohio from 1st to Douglas.

7. Directions to West Side Race Track: Drive west on Douglas to Vine and turn north to auto entrance. ¶ Take Mt. Carmel street cars or Missouri Pacific train at Douglas avenue to entrance.

11. Article reports there is feature story and photograph regarding “Farmer Doolittle,” age 82, in August number of American magazine.
Thursday, July 17, 1919

2. The five new street cars were placed in service yesterday but will be used only in rush hours for the present. Soon they will be put on regular runs, but the location has not been decided. They have seating capacity of 40 persons.

Saturday, July 19, 1919

5. Wichita population passed 65,000, so state law authorizes it to establish a park board and city commission passed resolution yesterday to do so.

City has declined to pay the cost of floodlighting the Memorial Arch at Lawrence and Douglas except during special events such as the Wheat Show.

Sunday, July 20, 1919


Section B

1. Article about the Baby Hospital Camp, established two years ago and moved this week to new site in Riverside park, on 11th street west of Forest avenue. Photograph. Building to care for 20 sick babies has been erected. Idea was first suggested by Dr. Howard Norton, who gives his services free. Funds are obtained by donations.

Monday, July 21, 1919

5. South Lawrence Avenue Baptist church was dedicated yesterday. Ground broken in February 1917 for present building. Cost about $20,000.

Tuesday, July 22, 1919

5. Missouri Pacific depot is undergoing extensive remodeling and redecorating.

Saturday, July 26, 1919

5. H. E. Chubbuck of Illinois Traction company has written Mayor Clapp calling attention to recent shipment of six new street cars to Wichita Railroad and Light company and mentioning ten more new cars now under construction for the company at the St. Louis car company works.

Sunday, July 27, 1919

5. Ten new street cars being built by the American Car Works in St. Louis will arrive in Wichita about August 15. They will be duplicates of the five cars received last week and
will go into service September 1.

Monday, July 28, 1919
8. Photographs of buildings on “Machinery Row” on South Wichita street.

Tuesday, July 29, 1919
5. Article reports Union National Bank plans ten story skyscraper to be built on site of Hoyt Block (formerly Barnes Building) by adding five stories to the five stories of this building, built in 1905, and recently sold to Union National bank.

The contract was awarded yesterday for new Emerson school for $74,488 plus $21,380 for heating and plumbing and $1119 for electrical contract.

Wednesday, July 30, 1919
12. Excavation work has stared for the base of the new Lawrence avenue road extending twelve miles from the city limits south to the Sumner county line. It is expected to have the road completed by the time snow flies next winter.

Thursday, July 31, 1919
5. Contracts have been let by Arkansas Valley Interurban to Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron company for construction of more than a quarter mile of bridges for their new route into Wichita. One bridge will cross the Little Arkansas river near 20th street, the second spans the Big river east of Seneca street, then the route swings to the south of Island Park where two bridges will be thrown across Big river, one across the dry bed just north of the Missouri Pacific tracks and the other across the Big river south of the Missouri Pacific bridge. Contract for the 1335 feet of bridges was $30,000. All will be completed before winter. Piling will be of southern pine and the bridges of creosoted fir.

Friday, August 1, 1919
5. The Regent Theater on North Market street will be closed for a month for extensive remodeling including new lights and canopy on the front with a changeable electric sign to announce the shows in bright lights.

Sunday, August 3, 1919
11. Long article on “Stage Coach Days in Wichita” by Kos Harris.

B1. Drawing of proposed Victory Flour Mills company plant in Wichita.

B3. Article on early business location in 1878 of Mr. Rufus Cone, president of Kansas
Independent Laundry company, who opened a grocery store about that time.

Wednesday, August 6, 1919
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5. Engineers of the Midland Valley Railroad were in Wichita yesterday to secure data on the feasibility of making physical connections between that road and the Arkansas Valley Interurban in Wichita.

Saturday, August 9, 1919
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5. Street car No. 172 on Topeka avenue line lost a gear from its rear motor Wednesday.

Sunday, August 10, 1919
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1. Long article about a book “Down the River,” the product of an early day print shop in Wichita, written by Cecil H. Harris, deceased, about his trip down the Arkansas river with Grant Woodman, son of Commodore W. C. Woodman. Article describes that area of early Wichita where the two boys then lived. The book was written 32 years ago. ¶ Body of Grant Woodman was brought back to Wichita from Chicago few days ago to be buried beside his father. (This article written by someone with initials J. B. D. Suspect this is John B. Doze, reporter for years and in 1929 editor of Evening Eagle, born 11/24/1880. Has son, Burtiss T. Doze -- born 7/15/1914.)

18. Ten thousand dollars is being spent to decorate Exposition Hall in the Forum for the International Wheat Show. ¶ Two hundred metal roses have been purchased from the Portland, Oregon Rose Festival to illuminate the main floor. These large red, pink and yellow roses, each with a 1000 watt tungsten lamp in its center, cost $2500 and were used in Portland for decorating the streets.

Monday, August 11, 1919
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5. Article on origin of the name of the Fourth National bank.

The Wichita Airplane Service company has moved its headquarters from Stratford Field, northeast of the city, to the McKnight tract on East Douglas. A part of the tract will be used for flying purposes, so long as the crowds do not trespass on that portion which is now in alfalfa. Evening flights will be resumed between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. The price of passenger flights has recently been reduced to $10 per flight.

Wednesday, August 13, 1919
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5. Article says the Wichita Post of the American Legion will henceforth be known as the Thomas Hopkins Post in honor of the first Wichita man to fall in action in France.
Friday, August 15, 1919  
5. The Exchange State bank opened its doors for business last Saturday at corner of Washington and Douglas avenues.

Saturday, August 16, 1919  
5. Two new voting precincts are to be established in Wichita, making a total of 28. The new ones are Riverside and Fairmount. The new Riverside precinct will comprise the territory north of Central avenue and west of the Little River.

Sunday, August 17, 1919  

Tuesday, August 19, 1919  
5. The Eaton Hotel was repurchased last Saturday by S. G. Humphreys from his son, H. G. Humphreys, to whom he had sold it in 1913. It had been purchased by S. G. Humphreys in 1902.

Wednesday, August 20, 1919  
5. The city’s budget for 1920 was passed at a total of $804,000. Gives breakdown by departments.

Two steel high powered motor cars have been purchased by the Arkansas Valley Interurban and will be delivered soon. They were purchased of the Union Traction company of Nashville and will be in service by November 1. Cars which the new equipment will replace will be used as trailers. Their motors will be taken out, baggage compartments arranged for passenger service, and will be pulled by some of the larger motor cars.

Thursday, August 21, 1919  
4. Article listing comparative prices of about 30 items in stores in 1913 and 1919.

5. Ten new street cars are expected to arrive in the city any day. They were shipped from the factory August 15 and will be small one-man cars similar to the six (sic) new cars recently added to the equipment of the Riverside line.

Friday, August 22, 1919  
5. The Memorial arch at Lawrence and Douglas avenues should be moved to the entrance
of either Riverside or Sim park, city officials believe.

Saturday, August 23, 1919
5. Ordinance creating a park board for Wichita was passed by the city commission Friday.

A Wichitian in St. Louis sent a telegram to Mayor Clapp yesterday saying that trucks for Wichita’s ten new street cars, Numbers 256 to 265 inclusive, have been delayed in East St. Louis as of Wednesday, but should be mounted on the cars for shipment in ten days.

Wichitans generally have expressed themselves in favor of removal of the Memorial Arch from the intersection of Lawrence and Douglas, saying that it has served its purposed and now presents a danger caused by traffic congestion which outweighs any sentiment in the matter.

Monday, August 25, 1919
5. Superintendent Lewis announces that beginning this morning service on the West Riverside line will be discontinued from Litchfield avenue to the club house at the end of the line until the paving is completed at that point.

Tuesday, August 26, 1919
5. A distributor has been appointed for Mid-Continent tires in Washington and Oregon and has placed an initial order for one car load, approximately 1400 tires.

Wednesday, August 27, 1919
3. Advertisement for Wichita Railroad and Light company says that until further notice West Riverside cars will run from Gilman street around the loop on Market and North Riverside cars will run through to South Emporia every twelve minutes. This on account of paving on the West Riverside line.

5. The new Hamilton intermediate school will open this September.

A fountain donated to the city of Wichita in 1912, with separate drinking appurtenances for birds, dogs and horses, which has been at the intersection of St. Francis avenue and William street is being removed to Riverside park, where it can better serve the birds, dogs, and horses. ¶ The street intersection at St. Francis and William is being repaved, and while the pavement was torn up, Street Commissioner James Murry decided to move the fountain to Riverside park. ¶ Attempts were made to remove the fountain several years ago, but so bitter a fight was stirred up over the suggestion that officials did not remove it, but the city health board shut off the water, claiming the place contributed to the spreading of disease.
Friday, August 29, 1919
5. Article about lack of train sheds at Union Station. “In most cities trains pull under sheds so that passengers may not be exposed to the elements, but at the Union station there is no covering for those leaving or entering trains.

Saturday, August 30, 1919
2. School starts September 9, but the new Hamilton intermediate will not be finished before September 15, so pupils there will register at the Lincoln school building.

Work has started on making connections from the present Arkansas Valley Interurban line north of Wichita to the site of the first of the new bridges, across the Little Arkansas at 20th street. Workmen are stringing wires, setting up poles, and laying track. The track will soon be in shape to move materials to 20th street so that work can begin on the bridge. While work is being done on this bridge, more workmen will then be laying the track from 20th street to the site of the Seneca street bridge. Immediately after the first bridge is completed, work will start on the Seneca street structure.

Sunday, August 31, 1919
1. Drawing of new eleven story building to be built for Kansas National Bank at corner of Main and Douglas. Article gives details. Site is 93 by 95 feet. Architects are firm of Richards, McCarty and Bulford of Columbus, Ohio.

C. City engineer P. L. Brockway says the Memorial arch at Lawrence and Douglas was built as a temporary structure, of frame work and a plaster preparation, and for this reason it would be almost impossible to remove it to another site.

Monday, September 1, 1919
5. The remodeled Regent theater will reopen today.

Wednesday, September 3, 1919
5. Contract awarded yesterday for the new Mark Twain intermediate school. Building contract was $159,984 with completion by August 15, 1920. Plumbing and heating contract was $41,500 and electrical contract $4500.

Monday, September 8, 1919
5. Robert B. Campbell, secretary of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company, was offered the position of city manager by the city commission Saturday night, but it is doubtful he will accept. Photograph.
Tuesday, September 9, 1919
3. Wesley hospital to launch $150,000 fund raising campaign beginning October 20 to provide further completion and equipment of the new hospital.

6. The new wheat show theater being completed this week on the second floor of the new Exposition building is being named “Arcadia.”

Thursday, September 11, 1919
5. Additions to the Campbell bakery, 601 North Emporia, under construction for several months, are now completed. The addition is 60 by 140 feet and two stories high. Capacity is now 250,000 pounds of bread per week.

Friday, September 12, 1919
5. New addition to Kansas Gas and Electric’s plant on West 3rd street is almost completed. It will be the largest power house in Kansas. During the past two years its capacity has been increased 133%. The plant already has the largest smokestack in the state.

Ten street cars, recently completed in shops in St. Louis, are on their way to Wichita and should arrive some time today.

Thursday, September 18, 1919
5. The next issue of Hotel Monthly, Chicago, will contain a feature article describing the new Hotel Lassen.

Saturday, September 20, 1919
5. Ten street cars arrived in Wichita this week and were immediately pressed into service. They have not yet been definitely assigned to any line, but definite schedules will be arranged as soon as repairs are completed on some of the old cars.

Arkansas Valley Interurban car No. 9 left the tracks at 9th and Main yesterday. Both trucks were torn loose and it required the services of Mary Ann, the local repair car, to enable them to reach their station.

Sunday, September 21, 1919
page B11. Advertisement for Mid Continent tires with drawing of plant.

Monday, September 22, 1919
5. Announcement that Wichita will be location of the Salvation Army Rescue Home for Girls
if sufficient funds can be raised here.

6. Photograph of South Lawrence Church of Christ.

Saturday, September 27, 1919

1. Report on President Wilson’s illness causing inability to address crowd in Wichita yesterday.

Sunday, September 28, 1919

Special Edition for Fall Wheat Show. Many special articles. Many special photographs include:

2. Calvary Baptist Church -- Water and Elm.

3. Wichita Hospital.

5. Cathedral High School under construction.

7. Lassen Hotel -- shows street car loop 1st street and Market.

12. Salvation Army Soldiers’ and Sailors’ club (old Frisco depot).


16. Cudahy Packing company.


22. Horace Mann school.

25. Kansas Sanitarium.

36. Wichita theaters.

39. Campbell Bread Company

41. Downtown view.

Tuesday, September 30, 1919

3. Photograph of crowd and front of Union station waiting for President Wilson’s arrival last Friday.

Thursday, October 2, 1919
5. A six story building is to be built on South Market street in first block across from the Post Office. Lots have frontage of 75 feet and are 135 feet deep. Building is to be temporary quarters for Kansas National Bank while its new building at Main and Douglas is being constructed. To cost $300,000 to $400,000.

9. The following changes in street car schedules go into effect immediately: ¶ College Hill cars go around the loop with five minute schedule in the evening and six minute during the day. ¶ Topeka and University cars run together with six minute service. ¶ Fairmount and North Riverside cars run together with fifteen minute service. ¶ Cleveland cars alternate with Mt. Carmel and Osage cars. Cleveland cars give eight minute service morning and evening, and Mt. Carmel and Osage cars give a six minute service at mid-day and after 8:00 p.m. ¶ Cleveland cars give ten minute service at mid-day and after 8:00 p.m., while Mt. Carmel and Osage cars give a 20 minute service morning and evening.

Saturday, October 4, 1919
12. Eleven thousand and thirty-nine auto licenses have been issued in Sedgwick county.

Sunday, October 5, 1919
5. Patrons of the stockyards jitney busses are enjoying a new Reo bus, dark green in color, and instead of sitting around the sides of the bus, passenger sit by twos on seats facing the front, the same as in a street car.

Mr. Clapp is acting temporarily as city manager until a new one can be selected following resignation of Louis Ash.

Wednesday, October 8, 1919
5. The Red Star Mill and Elevator company will double its present 2000 barrels capacity at a cost of $850,000. New 2000 barrels mill will be located on entire block of land north of 18th street between Emporia and Topeka avenues. The present wheat storage capacity is 1,200,000 bushels. ¶ When completed it will be the largest milling plant in this section of the country.

Thursday, October 9, 1919
5. Repairs on South Lawrence avenue bridge will be made this fall at cost of $6000, including an asphalt floor to be laid on the planks at a cost of $4000.

Sunday, October 12, 1919
5. The University congregation of Quakers will build a new $75,000 church at northwest corner of Glenn and Mentor.
Monday, October 13, 1919
page 5.
Work on the new Arkansas Valley Interurban terminal at Waco and Douglas will begin in the next few days. It will have a floor space of 20,000 square feet per floor.

Tuesday, October 14, 1919
page 5.
A fleet of nine motor trucks will arrive in Wichita today from the Hebb Motor company to be used by the Patriot Motor Express company, recently organized in Wichita and Kansas City to operate interurban freight and express lines between principal cities of Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Plans are under way to map out several routes radiating from Wichita. A central warehouse will be constructed in Wichita in the near future.

Wednesday, October 15, 1919
page 5.
State board of agriculture census reports Wichita’s population as 64,296, increase of 1892 over last year. The Wichita Board of Commerce thinks these figures are too low. Other cities: Kansas City -- 96,453 and Topeka -- 46,741.

Sunday, October 19, 1919
page 5.
A new home for the City Steam Laundry, costing approximately $70,000, is being planned by Julius Luling, proprietor of the laundry now located at 1st and Emporia. He has purchased lots at the northwest corner of Kansas and Douglas avenues and intends to start construction early next year.

Architects from Arnold and Company of Chicago are drawing plans for the new Arkansas Valley Interurban terminal. Excavation has begun and the foundation is being made. Further work will await the arrival of the blue prints from Chicago.

The Jones Motor company turned out fifteen cars in six days last week.

Tuesday, October 21, 1919
page 5.
J. Hudson McKnight has offered to withdraw his appeal against condemnation appraisal of $127,000 for his property if school board will pay him $175,000 for it.

Wednesday, October 22, 1919
page 2.
Board of commerce is proposing to city commission paving of the 1300 foot gap between end of South Lawrence avenue paving in the city and the new paved South Lawrence road highway. Two miles of the South Lawrence brick highway will be completed this fall. The entire twelve mile highway is expected to be completed by next July.

Sunday, October 26, 1919
Another relic of the boom days is being torn down. This is the Cottage hotel building, a two story frame structure at 1st street and North Topeka. It was originally constructed and operated as a hotel, but in the early ‘90s was purchased by Mrs. M. A. Cook and converted into a boarding house which she operated until 1909. During this time it was known as the Cook boarding house. For the past six years it has been operated again as the Cottage hotel.

Wednesday, October 29, 1919

Conductors on Wichita street cars have been advised by the board of health to watch for violations of the spitting ordinance.

Thursday, October 30, 1919

Article reporting origin of names of Millwood street and of Fern avenue on the West Side.

Sunday, November 2, 1919

The Regent theater building, 117 North Market street, was badly damaged by fire yesterday.

“Eaglehurst,” the old home of Colonel and Mrs. M. M. Murdock at Murdock and St. Francis avenues, has been sold by the Victoria Murdock Estate to Louis H. Henderson. Includes 105 feet of frontage on St. Francis and the fourteen room house. “Eaglehurst” as first built was added to many times. In the 90s Colonel Murdock built an addition to the west, and the front entrance was then changed from Murdock to St. Francis avenue. About twelve years ago a third addition was built to the east of the old part.

Photograph of students cars parked in front of the high school building. Photograph shows part of old high school building alongside. From 30 to 50 cars are being driven to school each day by students.

Animals of Wichita’s zoo have gone into winter hibernation. The buffalo, deer and elk are all at Linwood park.

Monday, November 3, 1919

Dr. Walter Scott Priest celebrated ten years as pastor of Central Church of Christ, Market and 2nd streets, yesterday. Long article.

Tuesday, November 4, 1919

The board of education yesterday agreed to accept a compromise offer of $150,000 for
purchase of the McKnight tract.

Wednesday, November 5, 1919
page
2. Building permit issued for addition to Riverside school, 1015 Porter avenue, Vanderburg and Sons contractors, for $27,000. Also for addition to Sunnyside school.

5. Article reporting that an attempt will be made to increase the street car fare in Wichita.

Thursday, November 6, 1919
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3. Contract for Woodland school was let Monday.

5. Four room frame house at 119 East William street, just west of Eagle building, built in 1878, was removed this week by Henry Brazier to some lots near his home on Palisade avenue. It was built by Robert William and has since had many tenants, the last being a “near beer” emporium.

Friday, November 7, 1919
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5. The Eagle is installing six new linotype machines. They will produce a new seven point body type.

Sunday, November 9, 1919
page
B1. Ross Brothers’ Seed company moved last week from 309 East Douglas, where it had been located for 27 years, one block east to 409 East Douglas. The company was started 39 years ago by J. M. and Alfred Ross. The widow of J. M. Ross, Mrs. Mary Ross, retains a majority of the stock in the firm.

Tuesday, November 11, 1919
page
5. Excavation for the new Wheeler, Kelly and Hagny building will start today. Just how many stories the building will have has not yet been definitely decided.

Wednesday, November 12, 1919
page
4. “Trolleyology” -- an editorial letter to Mr. A. M. Patten regarding Wichita’s street car system.

5. The dirt from the excavation of the Wheeler, Kelly and Hagny building on South Market street will be used by the Arkansas Valley Interurban to fill in the low ground on the site for the new terminal building. No work will be begun on the new terminal until the site has been raised to the level of the street.
Thursday, November 13, 1919


5. Plans are being made to lower the Missouri Pacific tracks about sixteen inches on the Kiowa branch from Maple street to Douglas avenue. At present the track level does not conform to paving improvements of the area.

Saturday, November 15, 1919


6. Title to the much discussed J. Hudson McKnight tract of land, 68 acres east of the canal, passed to the board of education yesterday at a total cost of $150,250.

Sunday, November 16, 1919

13. Article about eight day campaign to be launched for $300,000 in additional funds for new Wesley hospital, to finish and furnish the present building, build heating plant and laundry building, etc.


C13. Article reporting that Wichita painter, John Noble, has returned to U.S. after eighteen years and taken a house in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Monday, November 17, 1919


Tuesday, November 18, 1919

5. Residents of Riverside last night raised more than $1400 toward a fund for building a Boy Scout hut on Riverside Drive on a site adjoining the Shrine club on the north, which Midian Shrine donated for that purpose. Further discussion of the project in the article. Building to cost $2000 to $2500.

Wednesday, November 19, 1919

5. The historic Palace block, at 1022 West Douglas avenue, was sold yesterday by Charles S. Lawrence to Joel R. Tucker for approximately $20,000. It was planned originally as a hotel at northeast corner of Seneca and Douglas, and work was begun in spring of 1887. Before the building was completed the boom bubble bursted and the splendid three story brick building 50 by 100 feet remained vacant for some years, later gradually filling up with stores on the lower floor and apartments on the second and third floors. ¶ The
building was built by Robert Lawrence, a relative of the recent owner.

The Arkansas Valley Interurban is considering the purchase of Wonderland Park Island from A. E. Nuttle as a right of way for the interurban. New surveys are being made of both the north and the south ends of the island.

Owners have petitioned the city commission for paving 13th street from Waco to Bitting with brick.

Thursday, November 20, 1919

4. Another Trolleyology editorial letter. Article refers to Car No. 196 on Fairmount line.

16. Article reporting the Bemis Brothers Bag company will build a $500,000 plant in Wichita on a tract of ground recently purchased of 130 by 300 feet bounded by 2nd street on the south, Rock Island on the west and Mosley on the east.

Sunday, November 23, 1919

5. The Liberty Motor Bus Company runs a line from Main and Douglas to Cleveland and 12th.

The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company has increased its capital to enable it to increase its output of tubes and casings two and a half times from the present daily output of 200 casings and 500 tubes to 500 casings and 1000 tubes a day. A stock dividend of 20% was declared to the stockholders of record November 8.


C6. Drawing of new Washington school, being built at cost of $175,000, with 24 class rooms. Lorentz Schmidt, architect.

Tuesday, November 25, 1919

5. Article noting that the following sign adorns the dance hall in Andale: “No shimmying, tickle-toe, or Wichita Wiggle allowed on this floor.”

Building permits issued yesterday for new $160,000 Mark Twain school at Seneca street and Texas avenue, a $74,000 school at Waco and Central (Emerson), and a $25,000 school at 15th street and Salina (Woodland).

For the past week South Main street cars have been running backwards due to paving work being done from the thirteenth block on South Main to the ferry. At present the car tracks have been taken up from the thirteenth block and it is not expected they will be
relaid for several weeks. The South Main cars now carry passengers to Bailey (sic) street. As there is no way to turn the cars here, the return trip to Douglas is made by backing in. The South Main buses, however, still make the entire trip by running on Water street after the thirteenth block on Main.

**Thursday, November 27, 1919**

**Page 5.** City raises objections to Arkansas Valley Interurban using north bank of the river for its entrance into the city.

**Saturday, November 29, 1919**

**Page 5.** Sylvester Forrester, wealthy oil man, who resides in the old Oak Davidson mansion in West Riverside, is considering donation of a sum of money to improve the banks of the Little Arkansas river near his home. He conferred with P. L Brockway yesterday concerning the straightening out of the River boulevard at Buffum avenue.

**Sunday, November 30, 1919**

**Page 5.** Article about cost of operating the Forum. In 1918 receipts were $2652 and expenses $6630, leaving deficit of $3978. Plans are under consideration for making it self-supporting in the future.

**Tuesday, December 2, 1919**

**Page 3.** L. L. Pryor has purchased the 25 room Cadillac Hotel, owner of Emporia and Douglas avenues, from M. Laupheimer.

5. Three hundred thousand dollars united hospital fund drive for Wesley and Wichita hospitals opens this evening.


**Wednesday, December 3, 1919**

**Page 2.** Park board yesterday authorized issuance of $150,000 in bonds for improvement of Sim park and connecting boulevards. They are authorized to issue this amount of bonds each year and expect to issue a further $150,000 after first of the year, making a total of $300,000 available for park improvements.

**Sunday, December 7, 1919**

**Page 2.** The Western Lithograph company of Wichita yesterday obtained a 50 year lease on the Fuller property at northeast corner of 1st street and Lawrence avenue and plans to build
a new three story building on the 140 by 150 foot site. The lease was obtained from Mrs. Finlay Ross and Charles Fuller, present owners.

Tuesday, December 9, 1919
page 5. Announcement made yesterday that the Kansas National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce will merge after the first of the year and form the Kansas National Bank of Commerce. The merged bank will use the present National Bank of Commerce quarters until the new bank skyscraper at Main and Douglas is completed.

Thursday, December 11, 1919
page 5. Advertisement saying Wichita theaters are complying with fuel regulations due to coal miners’ strike. Includes Wichita, Star, Princess, Marple, Palace, Holland and Novelty theaters.

Monday, December 15, 1919
page 5. Article reporting death yesterday of Mrs. Chester I. Long, age 59, at their home, 3401 East 2nd street.

Wednesday, December 17, 1919
page 5. The fine skating on the Little river attracted 2000 or more skaters Sunday afternoon. The river near the Murdock avenue bridge is the popular section for the skaters.

Friday, December 19, 1919
page 5. Announcement made yesterday that the new bank formed by consolidation of the Kansas National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce is to be named the “First National Bank in Wichita, Kansas.”

Sunday, December 21, 1919
page C19. Article gives list of animals and fowl now owned by the city’s park zoo.

Monday, December 22, 1919
page 5. A compromise has been reached between the city and the Arkansas Valley Interurban relative to the company’s new right-of-way into Wichita. The company will be permitted
to build a pile bridge over the Arkansas river east of the Seneca street wagon bridge if it will agree to replace the bridge with a concrete bridge when new crossings proposed by the city are built. ¶ The electric line will be built along the River boulevard as planned provided the company does not construct switch tracks nor make any plans for down-town rail yards.

Tuesday, December 23, 1919

page 1. The National Bank of Commerce building at southwest corner of Main and Douglas was bought yesterday by oil men Professor Edmund Stanley, W. H. Stanley, and W. R. (Tex) Jones reportedly for $125,000, with possession to be given within a year, after the new bank building at northwest corner is completed. ¶ The three story cut stone building was erected in 1903 for $35,000, with 25 foot frontage on Douglas avenue. It replaced a two story brick structure used by the old State National Bank, which went out of business in 1893. The National Bank of Commerce has always been located there, having opened for business in 1896.

5. W. M. G. Howse, president of Johnston and Larimer Dry Goods company, has purchased a factory site at southeast corner of 2nd street and St. Francis extending 150 feet on St. Francis and the full block on 2nd. The site, including the pro-cathedral, was purchased from Bishop John J. Hennessy.

Thursday, December 25, 1919

page 5. The Cadillac Annex hotel was sold this week by m. Laupheimer to H. T. Quigley and will probably be re-named the “Bowers,” the hotel’s old title.

Saturday, December 27, 1919

page 5. Article reporting the Western Lithograph and Office Supply company will start erection of a seven story office building at northeast corner of 1st street and Lawrence avenue March 1st if an arrangement can be made with owners of a filling station now occupying part of the property.

Wednesday, December 31, 1919

page 2. The Golden Rule Refining company yesterday bought the Interurban property at the northeast corner of 1st and Water streets for $42,000. The property is 125 by 140 feet, consisting of the two story brick office building, the passenger and freight station, and the car shops. ¶ The refining company expects to get possession July 1 after the Interurban moves to its new location at Douglas and Waco. They plan to build a new filing station and add another story to the present office building on the property.

Thursday, January 1, 1920

page
10. List of events in Wichita during 1919.

Friday, January 2, 1920

5. List of new salaries of all city employes effective January 1.

Includes:
- Chief of police: $3000
- Fire chief: $3000
- City Engineer: $3600
- City Attorney: $4000
- City Physician: $3000.

Wichita business men are signing a petition to be presented to the city commission asking that the victory arch at Douglas and Lawrence avenues be removed. It is said to obstruct and endanger traffic and that it has already accomplished its purpose.