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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1923 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

#### Monday, January 1, 1923

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5. Alumni of Friends University decided at their meeting Friday to assume the responsibility of raising funds to finish the auditorium on the second floor of the building.
10. P. L. Brockway, city engineer, reports that public improvements in 1922 included eight miles of street paving and laying of 13 miles of drainage and sanitary sewer, compared with 11 miles of paving and nine miles of sewer laid in 1921. ¶ Other improvements included the Maple street bridge for \$125,809, and the Riverside fire station for \$14,000.

#### Sunday, January 7, 1923

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- C2-3. Articles about the new Woolf Brothers store and the history of lots and buildings on that corner. ¶ Work started August 5 on tearing down the old Greenfield building. This took eight days. The new building was ready for occupancy December 17. Cost \$175,000. ¶ The new store will open formally tomorrow evening.

#### Monday, January 8, 1923

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5. Park board will request bond issue of \$112,000 for improvements this year including \$35,000 for swimming pool in South Riverside park. ¶ Park drives to be surfaced are those built by the Park Board in 1921 and 1922. One is in Central Riverside park, another extends from Murdock avenue bridge to the Sim park entrance, and another from Murdock avenue on Wiley avenue to the Woodland Park (sic) bridge. Drives in North Riverside will also be surfaced and the swimming pool in Seneca park is to be completed. ¶ Last year bonds issued for park purposes totaled about \$94,000; first issue February 1st was for \$55,000 and second issue on October 1st for \$39,000, the latter used for purchase of Oak park.

#### Tuesday, January 9, 1923

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3. Board of education last night authorized a six room addition to L'Ouverture school at cost

of \$36,000.

### **Friday, January 12, 1923**

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9. Contract let yesterday for paving of North Lawrence avenue road from north city limits to Harvey county line, a distance of 12 miles. Bridges also to be built over Chisholm Creek and over Gooseberry Creek, one-half mile south of the Harvey county line. ¶ The six miles just north of the city limits will be paved with brick on a six inch concrete base. The other six miles will be wholly of concrete, seven inches thick. Total cost will be \$423,750, or approximately \$36,727 a mile, including the two bridges.

### **Sunday, January 14, 1923**

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3. Photograph of new service station at southeast corner of 2nd and Hydraulic, opened Friday by Derby Oil Company.
5. Acacia hotel at 115 South Topeka has been purchased from W. H. Gaines by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burke for \$20,000.

Contract for basement of Hillside avenue Church of Christ let yesterday. To be completed March 1, and congregation will then move in from its temporary quarters at College Hill school.

- 6A. Photograph of Board of Education repair shop, located on the Roosevelt tract back of the new Wichita High School and Roosevelt intermediate, completed last August.

### **Monday, January 15, 1923**

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8. It is expected the city commission will authorize park board's request for new swimming pool and other improvements at its meeting today. ¶ Improvements include completing construction of boulevards penetrating the Riverside parks. During 1919 and 1920 bases were poured for several blocks of pavement in this area, but surfacing has been delayed and will be finished this year.

### **Tuesday, January 16, 1923**

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3. County commission yesterday awarded contract on Section A of North Lawrence avenue road paving project, from city limits to seven miles north, to be paved with brick for \$216,826. The contract for Section B was also awarded, for paving with concrete at cost of \$205,176.
5. Article lists main Wichita creditors of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company and amounts owed them.

### **Wednesday, January 17, 1923**

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5. Excavation will begin today for a four family apartment at 3238 East Oakland, to cost approximately \$15,000.
8. Attorney for the Wichita Terminal Railroad Company said yesterday that construction of train sheds at Union Station is financially impossible at this time. The three lines using the station are paying \$135,000 annually on the \$2,300,000 worth of bonds issued to construct the terminal system. Provision was made for the sheds in the original plans, but the rise in cost of materials consumed the amount available in building the station and elevated tracks, and the train sheds could not be built.

**Thursday, January 18, 1923****page**

5. Replacements of rails on the Rock Island tracks from Wichita to Peabody will be completed within a week. Work started from the Cline yards in Wichita October 23. The present 80 pound rails are being replaced by 90 pound rails. Tracks from Caldwell to Wichita were replaced last year. Work probably will be continued as far as Herington.

**Friday, January 19, 1923****page**

3. Six new heavy duty Baldwin locomotives and two new switch engines are to be delivered here for service on the Wichita division of the Missouri Pacific before February 15, Superintendent A. H. Webb announced. The new locomotives will be of the 1400 class, for freight traffic and cost \$70,000 each. Stalls at the Wichita round house are to be enlarged for the engines. One switch engine will stay here and one will go to Durand (sic).

Work on the North Lawrence avenue road will start Monday.

**Saturday, January 20, 1923****page**

9. Advertisement with photograph of first block on North Lawrence.

**Sunday, January 21, 1923****page**

Rotogravure

Photograph of Wichita Shrine Club in Riverside.

**Monday, January 22, 1923****page**

3. Article reports L. W. Clapp, chairman of park board, favors acquisition of Ackerman Island by the city. Details.

**Wednesday, January 24, 1923****page**

2. Engineers report that Wichita could obtain a supply of soft water from the Equus beds covering approximately 900 square miles in portions of Sedgwick, Harvey, McPherson and

Reno counties for \$1,500,000. Details.

**Friday, January 26, 1923****page**

5. The Grant and Billingsley Wholesale Produce Company, 123 North Rock Island, is constructing a three story warehouse 79 by 139 feet at 125 North Rock Island at a cost of \$78,000. Excavation started Monday.

**Sunday, January 28, 1923****page**

5. Excavation started last week for a two story, 32 family apartment house, 134 by 141 feet in the fourth block on South Main, to cost \$110,000 when completed next September. It will be just north of the one now owned by Mr. Wenzel on northwest corner of Lewis and Main.
- 4B. Article about Dr. John R. Brinkley and his goat gland operations at Milford, Kansas. Details. Photograph of hospital.
- 5B. Article describes the new Radio apartments now nearing completion at 532 North Lawrence. Every one of the 12 apartments will be equipped with radio outfits.

**Sunday, January 28, 1923****page**

Rotogravure

Photograph of Colonel Sam Amidon.

**Monday, January 29, 1923****page**

5. Starting this morning Hal A. Sidles will operate a new bus line between Wichita and Anthony. Details. Leaves Anthony at 7:30 a.m. and returns from Wichita at 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 30, 1923****page**

7. Plans made by the alumni of Friends University call for dedication of the Friends University auditorium in connection with the 1924 commencement exercises. ¶ The huge auditorium, which has remained unused since the building was constructed, will be finished at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Glen Thomas, architect, is completing plans. The alumni association has received pledges of \$22,000 for a girl's dormitory, but will turn the funds over for the auditorium.

**Wednesday, January 31, 1923****page**

3. The Kansas Gas and Electric company has recently moved its offices from Main and English to 1st and Main.

**Friday, February 2, 1923****page**

2. Pedestrian struck yesterday by a North Topeka avenue bus in first block on South Lawrence.
  
7. Work has started on Wichita's first "all steel" building, the new Hotel McClellan at southwest corner of William and Lawrence. To be five stories with 100 rooms. Frontage of 50 feet on Lawrence and 149 feet on William. To cost \$200,000. Drawing.

**Saturday, February 3, 1923****page**

5. Additional nursing home space to be built by Wesley hospital.  
  
One story business building at 1210 East Douglas was started yesterday. To be 50 by 131 feet, cost \$15,000, and will be leased by J. S. Brown Motor company.

**Sunday, February 4, 1923****page**

- 3A. Article about the "spoonholder" seat on Fairmount campus.

**Tuesday, February 6, 1923****page**

1. Fire destroyed four story Getto building early yesterday morning at southwest corner of 2nd and Main, built by Peter Getto in 1887. Several fatalities. Photographs.  
  
Fire damaged rear part of Eaton hotel late last evening.
  
5. Eight new freight and switch engines which were to have been delivered to Wichita division of Missouri Pacific have been delayed indefinitely because of pressing needs on other divisions.

**Wednesday, February 7, 1923****page**

8. Article about damage from the fire at the Eaton Hotel on February 5.

**Friday, February 9, 1923****page**

5. Test flight of new seven passenger Laird air limousine yesterday was successful. Piloted by Walter Beech.

**Saturday, February 10, 1923****page**

3. First bricks from the new Noll Brick and Tile company plant have been secured by J. J. Jones, Wichita real estate man. The new plant, located six miles north of Douglas on Lawrence avenue, has turned out a total of 500,000 bricks to date.

**Sunday, February 11, 1923****page**

5. Pedestrian struck yesterday by a southbound East 2nd street bus at corner of Market and Douglas.
8. Fourteen lots in Payne Park addition, west of the Midland Valley station, were purchased Thursday by the Midland Valley for \$10,000. To be used as location for a water treating plant the railroad plans to build.

## Gravure section

Photograph of new Maple street bridge and Wichita skyline.

**Monday, February 12, 1923****page**

5. Motorman on street car No. 235 helped a blind man Saturday who wandered out into the street.

**Tuesday, February 13, 1923****page**

2. Estimates being prepared for 35 street paving projects (listed). Includes River boulevard from Buffum to Riverside, Bitting from 10th to 11th, Market from 20th to 21st, 11th street from Main to Waco, Carlos from 10th to 11th, Jackson from 11th to 12th, Lewellen and Jefferson from 9th to 10th, Jackson from 10th to 11th, and Harrison from Woodrow to Coolidge.
8. Photograph of new seven passenger Laird air limousine.

**Thursday, February 15, 1923****page**

2. Tilford Drug Company has just opened branch store in the Orpheum building.

**Saturday, February 17, 1923****page**

5. State law prohibits use of Douglas avenue bridge by street car company unless board of county commissioners approves.

**Sunday, February 18, 1923****page**

5. Excavation for the municipal swimming pool, to be located in South Riverside park, will begin this week.
- 1-A. Another article about air service between Wichita and Kansas City planned this summer by the Laird Airplane company using the Laird Limousine airplane (photograph). Details.

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## Rotogravure

Photographs in all four directions from Main and Douglas 30 years ago and today.

**Tuesday, February 20, 1923****page**

15. Article relates the story of the surreptitious removal of two sections of concrete railing from the Douglas avenue to allow access to stairs leading to the ball park. Details.

**Wednesday, February 21, 1923****page**

6. A 21st street and Arkansas avenue motor bus was held up near 21st street yesterday evening.

**Friday, February 23, 1923****page**

3. The new spring directory of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company will be distributed to patrons beginning March 1. The company has approximately 21,000 patrons in Wichita.
5. Beginning about March 1 the Missouri Pacific Railroad will take over operation of all the eating houses on their system, which now are managed by the Van Noy company.

**Saturday, February 24, 1923****page**

1. Fire completely gutted the three story building of the Western Newspaper Union at 525 East William street last evening. Details. The damaged building was erected in 1909 following a fire in its old building at 1st and Emporia in 1905.

**Monday, February 26, 1923****page**

5. Article reports death of Jerry, the last of Wichita's former fire horses, who was retired from the South Lawrence avenue fire station to Riverside park.

**Thursday, March 1, 1923****page**

1. First diagram of the new Meadowlark golf course southeast of the city.
5. Advertisement giving new Arkansas Valley Interurban schedule effective March 4.

**Wednesday, March 7, 1923****page**

5. Contract let for new Western Newspaper Union building at 525 East William. To be five stories, 50 by 140 feet, and cost \$200,000.

11. More than 72 million phone calls made last year in Wichita by approximately 80,000 users of the slightly over 20,000 phones in the city. Daily average is 200,000 local calls and 2000 long distance calls.

**Friday, March 9, 1923****page**

5. A new three story apartment building is to be built on northwest corner of 13th street and Emporia avenue at cost of \$150,000 by Thomas C. Naylor

**Tuesday, March 13, 1923****page**

5. Building committee of the York Rite Temple corporation decided yesterday to build a six story building, 75 by 140 feet, at southeast corner of Market and William. Cost estimated \$400,000 to \$600,000.

**Thursday, March 15, 1923****page**

5. New locomotives of the 1400 Class recently purchased by the Missouri Pacific Railroad will not be used on the Wichita division because of light tracks and grading work, it was announced yesterday by A. H. Webb, local superintendent. Instead six re-built engines of the 1200 class are being delivered to Wichita to be used on freight trains between Wichita and Durant.

**Sunday, March 18, 1923****page**

13. Drawing of proposed nine story family hotel to be built by Oscar S. Shirk on southeast corner of 2nd and Topeka in near future at cost of \$500,000. Architects are Eberson and Weaver, with offices in Orpheum building. Details.

**Wednesday, March 21, 1923****page**

5. The Missouri Pacific will not build a new bridge across the Arkansas river at Wichita this year, as the amount appropriated for it has been struck from the budget.
13. Alfred McDonald, director of parks, says it is planned to open up nine new holes at the Sim park golf course this season.
14. The Derby Oil Company is being reorganized as a New Jersey corporation. Details.

**Thursday, March 22, 1923****page**

5. An East 2nd street bus carrying about a dozen passengers turned over Tuesday evening at 2nd and Rock Island when one of the front wheels came off.

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6. A new \$30,000 building to house an automobile concern is being built at southwest corner of Lulu and Douglas. To be 79 by 120 feet.

**Sunday, March 25, 1923****page**

2. Drawing of three story apartment building, "The Adeline," at corner of 13th and Emporia. To be 90 by 116 feet and have 19 apartments of four or five rooms each. Work has started and occupancy is expected by September 1.

Wichita Railroad and Light company filed suit against the White Star Bus line for damages from a collision of a bus with College Hill street car in first block on North Market on February 13, 1923.

5. The old rotary cell from the old Sedgwick County jail is being given to the park board to house animals at the Wichita zoo.

**Sunday, March 25, 1923****page**

Rotogravure

Advertisement with photograph of Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company.

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5. New Riverside Christian church to be dedicated April 29.

**Thursday, March 29, 1923****page**

5. J. Ed Petrie plans to add one story to the building occupied by his clothing store at 112 West Douglas.

Sixty thousand Wichita made brick, buff in shade with rough face, are to cover the skeleton of Sedgwick County's new \$200,000 jail. They are being purchased from the Noll Brick and Tile company, which recently opened its plant north of Wichita.

**Friday, March 30, 1923****page**

11. Building commission yesterday selected Ebersson and Weaver, architects, to draw plans for the new York Rite Masonic Temple, 75 by 134 feet and six stories high, to be erected at Market and William streets.

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2. Production capacity of the Derby refinery is to be doubled.

11. Meadow Lark and Sim Park golf clubs may combine to hire the services of a professional. Details.

Formal opening of the new Meadow Lark golf course is to take place on April 8. The course is progressing rapidly, and the club is now planning a brick shelter house near No. 1 tee and a rapid extension of the course to 18 holes.

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- 5-B. Advertisement with photograph of Spines Clothing Company, 111 West Douglas.

### Monday, April 2, 1923

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10. Contract was awarded Saturday for the three story Kaufman building in second block on South Market.

### Thursday, April 5, 1923

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3. Annual report of Wichita Railroad and Light company:

Company's investment in Wichita	\$1,889,477.00	
1922 Receipts	\$776,530.76	
1922 Expenses	\$639,136.05	
1922 Earnings	\$137,394.71	= 7.272 percent of the company's investment in Wichita
The receipts included	cash fares	\$588,938
	ticket sales	\$182,719

W. B. Beverly yesterday took a long term lease on the Swope building, three story, brick, at southeast corner of Douglas and Washington, and will open a hotel on second and third floors.

5. The Southwest National bank will open its doors today at corner of Douglas and Topeka. It was formerly the Southwest State bank.

### Sunday, April 8, 1923

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5. Buildings have been removed from the tourist camp site in South Riverside park, so work will start Monday on Wichita's new \$35,000 municipal swimming pool. To be 275 by 200 feet.
8. Advertisement for bonds for building new Adeline apartments at 13th and Emporia.

Drawing.

Gravure section

Photograph of grandstand at Island Park.

### **Saturday, April 14, 1923**

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1. Drawing of proposed new eight story building at 1st and Topeka -- first two stories to be built now for Western Union and six added later.
  
- 11-18. Special section on opening of new, enlarged Fourth National Bank. Articles and drawing of building on page 17.

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4. Carl Graham Wallpaper and Paint company filed suit Friday for payment of \$4176 allegedly owed them for constructing an elaborate indoor fountain at the S. W. Forrester home, 1201 River Boulevard. The fountain was started August 20, 1920 and not completed until March 9, 1922.
  
- 1-A. Article reports dedication today of new First Methodist Church. Photograph. History of the church in Wichita. New church was started March 1917 and suspended during the war after the basement was built. Work on superstructure was resumed in September 1921 and corner stone laid October 31, 1921. Work was suspended again for a time and then resumed in July 1922 and carried to completion.

### **Tuesday, April 17, 1923**

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7. A. W. McClellan was granted building permit yesterday for erection of a hotel at 201 South Lawrence.
  
8. Wichita park department is going forward with plans for establishment of an 11 acre park on College Hill between Douglas and English east of Circle Drive. Condemnation proceedings will be started soon.

### **Wednesday, April 18, 1923**

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2. Contract awarded yesterday for building superstructure of new Missouri Pacific shops at 25th and Cleveland for \$20,000. The foundation and engine pits had already been built by the railroad company. To be a roundhouse with nine locomotive stalls.

### **Friday, April 20, 1923**

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5. Contract let yesterday to George Siedhoff Construction Company for construction of the Shirkmere apartment house at 2nd and Topeka by Oscar S. Shirk, owner of the Eaton

hotel. To be seven stories, of brick and Carthage stone, containing 105 apartments, and costing approximately \$450,000. Building to be 100 by 140 feet.

**Sunday, April 22, 1923****page**

- 21. Advertisement for Country Club Place addition with photograph showing open field with Wichita Country Club at right and a few houses in distance on Country Club Place.
- 1-A. Photograph of partly completed high school building. Article describes construction progress. There will be 87 class rooms in the building.
- 5-A. Article describes the Campbell Castle. Photograph. Details.
- 6-B. Photograph of back side of new high school building.

**Monday, April 23, 1923****page**

- 5. Article reports death Saturday of Mrs. Caroline Schweiter, wife of Henry Schweiter, at age 68. Survived by husband, four sons, Henry, Jr., John, Will, and Otto, and two daughters, Mrs. George McNeil, Wichita, and Mrs. William Luttgin of New York City.

**Tuesday, April 24, 1923****page**

- 5. Park board may close the old swimming hole at 12th street at 9:00 p.m. because the noise disturbs nearby residents.

**Friday, April 27, 1923****page**

- 5. The high school P.T.A. decided yesterday to undertake the raising of \$10,000 for a pipe organ for the new high school to be called the Jessie L. Clark organ, commemorating her 36 years of service to the music departments of Wichita schools.

**Sunday, April 29, 1923****page**

- 12. New Riverside Church of Christ to be dedicated today. Drawing. Don Schuler of Wichita, architect. Cost \$45,000. Details.
- 1-A. Park board has cleaned up banks of drainage canal between Douglas and 1st street. Photographs there and also north of 1st street where it has not been cleaned up.

**Monday, April 30, 1923****page**

- 5. Article reports on dedication of Riverside Church of Christ yesterday. Details. Wichita chapter of the Ku Klux Klan donated a large American flag and flagstaff.

**Tuesday, May 1, 1923****page**

1. Dr. John R. Brinkley is preparing to build a radio station at Milford. Photograph of his hospital.
2. Work of removing the factory of the Bridgeport Machine company from Marietta, Ohio to Wichita is progressing rapidly. Details.

**Wednesday, May 2, 1923****page**

3. The Motor Line third addition, a dream of boom days, was vacated by the city commission yesterday and all the lots, streets and alleys existing on paper only as platted by Henry Schweiter, ceased to exist. He still owns the farm of 80 acres on Hillside, Lincoln, and Zimmerly avenues which made 720 lots in the addition.

**Friday, May 4, 1923****page**

5. The new front and one story addition to J. W. Petrie's clothing store at 112 West Douglas is nearing completion.

**Sunday, May 6, 1923****page**

1. Photograph showing south side of East Douglas between Market and Lawrence.
5. Contract for two story addition to the Wesley hospital nurses home will be let the first of the week. To be frame structure joining the present structure on the north. To be 73 by 30 feet with two wings 23 by 15 feet each, and will increase capacity of the home from present 18 to 70 plus space for class rooms.
18. New three story apartment building at Douglas and Poplar to be built soon and completed by September 15. (Drawing.) To contain 54 three and five room apartments.
- 1A. Photographs in Riverside park area including the old Spanish cannon at entrance to the park, old Murdock bridge, and canoes in front of boat house.
- 2C. Photograph of elevated tracks and wholesale district including Union station entrances without train sheds and Jett and Wood Mercantile Company building, Morton-Simmons Hardware Company building, and Lehmann-Higginson Grocer Company building.
- 3C. Photograph of new high school under construction.

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Special Section for Trade Trip with other photographs and articles.

**Monday, May 7, 1923****page**

5. Excavation work for the new Western Union building at southeast corner of Topeka and 1st street is to start next week. To be three stories with foundation for eight stories, 60 feet by 140 feet, and cost \$150,000.
9. Photograph of Wichita Business College building.

**Tuesday, May 8, 1923****page**

5. Construction of a new cut stone rectory for the Cathedral will start by the first of June on the site between the Cathedral and Cathedral High School. To be two stories and cost \$90,000. Of Bedford stone. ¶ The old J. F. (sic) Mead home has served as a rectory for the past 30 years and will be torn down to make room.

**Thursday, May 10, 1923****page**

9. First of three new engines purchased by the Orient Railroad from the government last February was placed in service Tuesday. They are part of a lot which was to have been shipped to the government of Russia and were made to be used on the Russian five foot gauge. Since the purchase they have been in the shops in Wichita undergoing alterations to adopt them to service here.

**Sunday, May 13, 1923****page**

1. Photograph looking west on Douglas avenue from Lawrence.
15. Lee Taylor of Sawtelle, California, superintendent of Wichita's mule car line 30 years ago, is visiting in Wichita. ¶ In his day the mules drew the small passenger cars from 1st and Water streets along Water to 10th street, then east to Market, then north to 13th street, then east to St. Francis, and then north to 15th street. There their burden was taken by small steam cars which rolled to Fairmount on one line and out to the Burton Car Works on the other.
20. Article regarding suit in district court alleging fraud in distribution of bonds among creditors of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, which went into receivership last December 7.
- 1A. Photographs looking east and west along William street from top of city hall. Kaufman building and McClellan Hotel are under construction. After the Kaufman building is finished, work will start on the eight story York Rite Temple at Market and William. ¶ Article gives some of history of William street.
- 1A, 8A. Article on history of Griffenstein's first flour sack plat of Wichita as drawn by William Finn, county surveyor. History is told by Mr. Finn, who now lives at Sedgwick.

- 9A. Photograph of small claim house built for R. E. Lawrence in early days of Wichita on site of the present Masonic Home, and still in use as a chicken house by the Masonic Home.
- 10A. Photograph and article about the old George L. Pratt home, built in 1887 at 1313 North Emporia, and sold ten years later to M. C. Campbell, stockman, the present owner. Mr. Pratt was a lumberman. Article describes the house.

**Monday, May 14, 1923****page**

5. Wichita High School Alumni association plan to raise \$15,000 for a pipe organ in the new high school building as a memorial to Miss Jessie L. Clark, supervisor of music in Wichita schools for 35 years.

**Wednesday, May 16, 1923****page**

5. New track recently laid on the Wichita and Western between Kingman and Wichita has allowed a 25 minute reduction in running time between the two places. Train now leaves Wichita at 7:10 a.m. and arrives at Kingman at 8:40.
- 12-14. Photographs of interiors of three Dockum drug stores.

**Thursday, May 17, 1923****page**

1. Photograph of old home of the late Judge Sankey at Elm street and Lawrence avenue, now being remodeled for use of the Twentieth Century club.

**Sunday, May 20, 1923****page**

3. Article says construction of new Western Union building at 1st street and Topeka will start next month and is to be completed next December.
- 9A. Article and photograph on old J. R. Mead home on Central between Lawrence and Topeka, the first stone house in Wichita, built in 1872. On January 13, 1893 he sold the property known as Mead Reserve, to J. T. Ludlum, who sold it the same day to Bishop J. J. Hennessy. For the past 30 years it has been used as the rectory for the priests of the Catholic church and for the Xavierian Brothers, who teach in the Cathedral school. ¶ It is now being torn down to be replaced by a new \$90,000 two story stone rectory building, on which work will start about June 1. Article describes the home.
- 10A. Photograph of steel skeleton of McClellan Hotel building.

## Gravure section

Photograph of a drive in Sim park -- paved.

**Tuesday, May 22, 1923**

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9. Article says city commission plans to tear down the old pile Seneca street bridge, built in 1890, and submit to voters a proposed bond issue for \$160,000 to build a new bridge.

**Thursday, May 24, 1923****page**

5. County assessor reports a Wichita population of 86,171, an increase of 2969 since last year, and a Sedgwick county population of 106,911, an increase of 3427.
9. Contract let yesterday for cementing of the new municipal swimming pool in South Riverside park for \$18,500. Work will probably start by Monday. ¶ The excavation work is already completed and was done by the city. The pool will be 275 by 235 feet, with a sand beach 60 feet wide at the north.

**Friday, May 25, 1923****page**

5. Article reports the city manager considers the Murdock avenue bridge over Little river to be unsafe and intends to ask the city commission to approve a new structure to cost approximately \$100,000. The present bridge is always closed during high water and floods.

**Saturday, May 26, 1923****page**

16. Contract for new two story building, 45 by 92 feet, for the Wichita College of Music, at 351 North Topeka, will be let immediately and should be ready for occupancy by September 1.

**Sunday, May 27, 1923****page**

3. The new two story \$75,000 ballroom and convention hall addition to the Hotel Lassen is now underway and should be finished for occupancy by August 15. The ball room on second floor will be large enough to serve 1000 persons.

**Thursday, May 31, 1923****page**

5. Article reports expanded Missouri Pacific shops now under construction near 25th street will be ready for operation within 90 days. Fifty new Baldwin locomotives of the 1400 class are to be delivered to the Missouri Pacific by early fall, and 11 of them will be used on freight trains between Wichita and Durant. ¶ The Missouri Pacific depot is also being remodeled.

**Friday, June 1, 1923****page**

3. Contracts let yesterday for construction of four additional wings to the Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita at total cost of about \$150,000.



10. The Frisco Railroad has announced its intention of expanding its exchange track in North Wichita from its present eight car capacity to a 30 car capacity.

**Saturday, June 2, 1923****page**

5. Payne's pasture, the last close-in large tract of land in Wichita, is up for sale, and its owner, Charles Payne, will move to San Antonio. It is a tract of 20 acres bounded by Maple and Sycamore streets, Southwest boulevard, and Douglas avenue. Mr. Payne has owned the ground for 20 years, and his home at 308 South Sycamore will also be sold.

**Sunday, June 3, 1923****page**

5. Newton Garst and Son, owners of the Wichita Steam Laundry, 117-119 West 1st street, will begin work immediately on their new laundry building at 215 West Murdock. Building to be one story, 80 by 160 feet, cost \$25,000, and be ready in 90 days.

The McClellan Hotel, now under construction, has been leased for 30 years by Richard M. Gray and John Rigby.

Work has been started by the contractor on the basin for the new municipal swimming pool in South Riverside park.

22. New two story brick and stucco building at 327 North Lawrence to be occupied by the J. H. Downing Mortuary, a new concern, is to be started Monday and finished October 1. To cost \$45,000.

- 4B. Article giving some history of Friends University.

**Tuesday, June 5, 1923****page**

14. Board of education decided yesterday to tear down the old Wichita High School building in order that there may be additional playground for students of the school.

**Wednesday, June 6, 1923****page**

8. Photograph of Wichita's new "library on wheels," which is to be used for first time today.

The new buildings being erected by the Metz Lumber company, 3rd and Water streets, will be completed by July 1. The yard and offices at 401 North Main will be kept intact. Mr. Metz has been in the lumber business in Wichita for 21 years.

**Saturday, June 9, 1923****page**

1. Large flood is expected in Wichita tonight or Sunday.

**Sunday, June 10, 1923****page**

1. Articles and photographs regarding the flood. East Douglas is flooded as far east as Grove street. ¶ Article says 40 street cars were parked on College Hill all day Saturday.

## Gravure section

Shows photograph of engine of Wichita booster train, which is Santa Fe engine No. 1209.

**Monday, June 11, 1923****page**

1. More articles about the flood.
5. The bridge over the drainage canal at 3rd street went out in the flood and that at 2nd street was weakened and will need repairs. ¶ Sunday's high water in the Little Arkansas river damaged or weakened every bridge spanning it.

**Tuesday, June 12, 1923****page**

1. More articles and photographs of flood.
5. Article about damage to bridges in the flood.

Thirty street cars were moved from place of safety on the hill back into service yesterday morning.

**Wednesday, June 13, 1923****page**

1. Article reports death of Coler L. Sim yesterday at age 64. Came to Wichita in 1886 in real estate business. After collapse of the boom he was appointed receiver of the Davidson Investment company, which had gone into bankruptcy. The controlling interest in this company was owned by banks and individuals in Keene, New Hampshire, who formed the Keene Syndicate to protect themselves in the disposition of the company's assets. The latter were purchased by the new firm and Mr. Sim was appointed as their representative. ¶ Later Mr. Sim purchased the holdings of the Keene Syndicate, which included a large amount of Riverside property and the plot of ground which he donated to the city, known as Sim park.

**Thursday, June 14, 1923****page**

5. Foreclosure of two mortgages, aggregating \$700,000, and sale of the plant and all assets of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 13th street and Wabash, was ordered by the court yesterday.

**Saturday, June 16, 1923****page**

9. Article on death of William J. Babb yesterday, former mayor, age 76.

**Sunday, June 17, 1923****page**

1. Article about new Hoe printing press bought by the *Eagle* for \$100,000.
15. Dedication of new \$200,000 convent building at St. John's Institute on the West Side is to be June 24. Drawing of the building -- three stories, red brick, 232 by 148 feet. Designed by Lorentz Schmidt.
- 1A. Photograph of Knorr Mercantile Company -- 135-137 North Santa Fe. Article gives history of company.
- 5B. Article and photographs of the big 1904 flood in Wichita. Photograph shows a rowboat in front of Consistory building at 1st and Topeka (which had peaked roof on corner then).

**Wednesday, June 20, 1923****page**

1. Several articles about the collapse of the American State Bank in Wichita on Monday. Approximately \$640,000 of Board of Education money deposited there.

**Thursday, June 21, 1923****page**

8. Article about rebuilding of Arkansas Valley Interurban bridge across Dry Creek, near Walnut Grove, which was washed out by the recent flood.

**Saturday, June 23, 1923****page**

5. The Wichita Clearing House association will advance necessary money to the contractors to allow work to continue on the new high school following collapse of the bank with Board of Education funds.

**Sunday, June 24, 1923****page**

- 5B. Photographs of Little river from Griffenstein bridge before and during the recent flood.

**Friday, June 29, 1923****page**

5. The Bemis Brothers Bag company of St. Louis has purchased the main building and south 300 feet of the property of the defunct Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company for \$110,000 and will open a factory here.
16. Frisco to relay track between Fredonia and Ellsworth this year with heavier rail.

**Saturday, June 30, 1923**

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3. Pipe organ company formed in Wichita a few months ago went broke, but the only organ they manufactured (Belle Isle organ) has been purchased this week, by the First Unitarian church and will remain here. Is a \$10,000 instrument.

**Sunday, July 1, 1923****page**

5. Annual school census gives Wichita's population as 88,190, an increase of 4958 over the 83,232 last year.

Six new cars have been added to the fleet of the Baldwin Taxicab company, which now has 18 cabs in operation in Wichita. The new cabs are a brilliant red with white trimmings, and are known as the "red top cabs." The old checker cabs also will remain in service, being transformed into "red tops" gradually.

17. Article about Riverside park zoo with photograph of entrance to main building.

- B-9. Advertisement with photograph of Petrie's clothing store front.

**Sunday, July 1, 1923****page**

## Rotogravure

Photographs of the June flood in Wichita including Park Villa surrounded by water, street car bridge from Central to North Riverside, Central avenue dam, Griffenstein bridge, etc.

**Tuesday, July 3, 1923****page**

5. Petition presented to city commission yesterday to widen Douglas avenue from Hydraulic to Grove by 30 feet to prevent congestion at the new high school. It is now 50 feet wide.
8. Service is again normal on electric lines controlled by the Arkansas Valley Interurban company. A detour bridge has been constructed across the Dry Fork Creek between Wichita and Sedgwick, and the bridge across the Walnut river on the interurban line between Arkansas City and Winfield has been rebuilt. ¶ Mr. Theis says a new street car for city use in Arkansas city and a new car for the Winfield and Arkansas City interurban line will be installed Saturday, giving the company a complete line of new equipment. The company will dismantle its power plant at Hackney, Kansas and has arranged to secure power from the Kansas Gas and Electric company for the southern line.

**Thursday, July 5, 1923****page**

16. Advertisement with photograph of East Douglas avenue during flood.

**Saturday, July 7, 1923****page**

12. Formal opening of Helzberg's Diamond Shop, 102 East Douglas, is today.

**Sunday, July 8, 1923****page**

4. The Western Newspaper Union will start business in its new four story building at William and St. Francis tomorrow.
20. Photograph and description of the Will G. Price home in Riverside. Architect was Lorentz Schmidt.

**Sunday, July 8, 1923****page**

## Rotogravure

Photograph of Miss Pauline Houston with new car in front of the Houston home at 1111 North Lawrence.

**Tuesday, July 10, 1923****page**

1. Photograph of two story building at 115 South St. Francis, occupied by the 137th Infantry, national guard.
5. City commission has instructed the city manager to close the 12th Street "swimming hole" at which a drowning occurred last Saturday.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1923****page**

5. Henry Levitt, who for the past five years has been associated with his father, B. M. Levitt, in the clothing business at 610 East Douglas, has purchased the Palace Clothing company, 420-422 East Douglas from Joseph Fractman, who has operated it the past seven years, for \$35,000 and took charge yesterday.

**Thursday, July 12, 1923****page**

5. Article reports Wichita's new municipal swimming pool is tentatively scheduled to open on Sunday, July 22. Cost \$35,000. It is 272 feet long and 235 feet wide, covering one and one-half acres and containing 1,500,000 gallons of water.

Howard W. Patton (sic), general superintendent, reports the Wichita Railroad and Light company will spend nearly \$40,000 on improvements this year. ¶ The East Douglas avenue line is to be extended five blocks east to Belmont avenue at cost of \$15,000. ¶ A lateral from the Douglas avenue line south on Grove street and looping into the grounds of the new Wichita High School will cost \$12,000. ¶ A new curve at Main and Douglas from southwest to northwest corner (sic) will cost \$5000 and make it possible for west side cars to use the downtown loop in an emergency. Preliminary work has started on this item, which will require the use of 12 plain switch frogs and two involved frogs. ¶

Another new curve will be installed from Pattie avenue eastward on Douglas at cost of \$1200, completing a wye at that point so that cars may be turned in case of emergency without going to the end of the line. ¶ On North Main street, 1200 feet of line between 12th and 14th streets will be double tracked at cost of \$27,000, except for the crossing over the Missouri Pacific railway tracks, where the present single track line will remain. ¶ Other small items are budgeted at \$2000 in the 1923 budget.

12. A traffic survey is being made in Wichita by New York traffic experts for the Wichita Railroad and Light company and will be used as the basis for deciding on street car line extensions in 1924 and future years.

### **Sunday, July 15, 1923**

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- 3A. Article about the Sedgwick County poor farm, with photograph of the main building and woman's dormitory. At present there are 64 persons at the poor farm. Details.

### **Friday, July 20, 1923**

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2. Building permit issued to Rt. Rev. August J. Schwertner, 320 East Central, for new rectory, cost \$85,000.

### **Saturday, July 21, 1923**

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5. Article says the Wichita Hospital and Nurse Training Association admits its inability to pay its obligations and yesterday asked the district court for foreclosure of mortgages against its property and sale of same to pay debts. Its indebtedness totals \$65,857. Details.

### **Sunday, July 22, 1923**

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2. Article reports 25 men are surveying traffic counts in Wichita for the Wichita Railroad and Light company. Details.

Superintendent of Wichita hospital issues a correction to above article and says the hospital does not plan to close. Details.

3. All curb side filling stations will be closed tomorrow in accordance with a city ordinance prohibiting their operation.
5. Work on \$40,000 worth of improvements to the street car lines of the Wichita Railroad and Light company is being held up pending the arrival of steel and other materials. Steel rails, complicated frogs for the new curve at Main and Douglas, and other supplies have been delayed in shipment.
10. Long article about the Fresh Air Baby Camp in North Riverside park. It is usually open from around June 15 until September 15. The first camp was located in the yard at Wesley

Hospital in August 1918. In 1919 a new camp was built in North Riverside on land donated by the city. In 1921 the camp was burned the night before the opening for that season. The present camp was rebuilt that same summer. Photograph of beds in interior.

**Monday, July 23, 1923****page**

5. After a storm of protests over its proposed closing, the city commission has decided to leave the 12th street swimming hole open for the balance of the season.

**Wednesday, July 25, 1923****page**

5. Park board has decided to defer purchase of the 11 acre park tract on College Hill until early in 1924, as it wishes to issue no more bonds this year. A preliminary survey will be made this fall. Because the land's ownership is nested in about 20 persons, it is probable that it will be acquired by condemnation.

The Wichita Railroad and Light company carries 16 million passengers a year with a negligible percentage of accidents, according to Howard Patten, local manager. The company rings up approximately 35,000 fares every day, including transfers. In the off peak hours 44 street cars are in operation. At the peak, 60 cars are operated. One hundred seventy-five trainmen are employed, and total employes of the company are around 300. The annual payroll is in excess of \$350,000.

9. Advertisement for Fourth National Bank says building is air-cooled with temperature 74 degrees when it's 106 degrees on the street.

**Friday, July 27, 1923****page**

2. Sale of the buildings and property of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company, 13th and Wabash, to the Bemis Brothers Bag Company of St. Louis, was approved yesterday by Judge Sargent of the district court. Sales price is \$110,000, and the deed will be transferred in a few days.

**Sunday, July 29, 1923****page**

## Rotogravure

Photograph of Missouri Pacific locomotive No. 1227 ready to pull Midian Shrine special train to Washington, D.C.

**Monday, July 30, 1923****page**

5. Old North Hall at Friends university, boys dormitory for many years, will be razed starting today.

**Tuesday, July 31, 1923**

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5. The Cornell building at northeast corner of Market and William, two stories, 75 by 140 feet, was sold to the Wheeler-Kelly-Hagny company yesterday for \$150,000.

**Wednesday, August 1, 1923****page**

5. Wichita's new municipal swimming pool in South Riverside park will be opened this week. Total cost approximately \$35,000. The bath houses will not yet be complete, and further construction work on these will wait until fall. Article gives some details.

**Thursday, August 2, 1923****page**

5. Work on the new Western Union building at 1st and Topeka is to start within ten days. The site has been cleared.

**Friday, August 3, 1923****page**

7. New municipal swimming pool will open at 4:00 p.m. today.

**Sunday, August 5, 1923****page**

1. Photographs of opening of new municipal pool Saturday afternoon.
5. Twenty-five thousand post cards of Colonel Murdock's Memorial Drinking Fountain have been printed and are being distributed by the C. A. Tanner company.
- 3A. Article on the Salvation Army Rescue Home for Girls, at 1103 North St. Francis, which was opened in January 1920.

## Gravure section

Photographs of first block of North Main (with double truck street car in intersection), and East Douglas from Lawrence to Topeka.

**Wednesday, August 8, 1923****page**

5. Razing of the old Wichita High School building will start today.

**Thursday, August 9, 1923****page**

5. The Wichita Board of Realtors closed an option yesterday for purchase of a six acre tract just north of 13th street, west of the Little river bridge, for use as a tourist camp. It was purchased from I. D. Allison for \$5200. The camp will be put in shape for tourists by next summer. The option to purchase must be taken up within 30 days.

**Tuesday, August 14, 1923**



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3. Contract let for \$129,413 for the Riverside storm sewer extending from Bitting avenue westward to the Big Arkansas river, cutting through a portion of Sim park.

City commission took action yesterday to pave 11th street between Market and Main. This completes the paving of 11th street from Sim park to St. Francis avenue.

**Saturday, August 18, 1923****page**

5. Article reports the Board of Realtors has already raised more than \$5000 for purchase of the six acre site on West 13th to be used as a tourist camp. An additional \$15,000 is to be raised for equipping it.

**Sunday, August 19, 1923****page**

- 5A. Photographs of buildings in Halstead including one of Arkansas Valley Interurban station.

**Tuesday, August 21, 1923****page**

5. Work started yesterday on razing of the two story Davidson-Case brick office building on southeast corner of Market and William streets, erected in 1892. The site is to be used for the seven story York Rite Masonic temple, on which construction will start October 1.

**Wednesday, August 22, 1923****page**

5. The Midland Valley Railroad is building an engine turn table and a water treating plant on ground recently purchased for \$10,000 just west of its freight house in Wichita. The building cost is about \$30,000. The railroad is prospering from the oil fields which have been developed along its lines. The track is being rock ballasted between Wichita and Tulsa, and the track between Tulsa and Muskogee is to re-laid with heavier rails to accommodate three new heavy Mogul type engines which have been added to the freight service.

**Thursday, August 23, 1923****page**

5. Twenty-seven thousand eight hundred two persons, an average of about 1800 daily, have visited the new municipal swimming pool since its opening on August 4.

**Sunday, August 26, 1923****page**

2. Wesley hospital's new nurses' home has been completed and 64 nurses housed in the laundry room and elsewhere have moved in. It is a frame structure and cost \$15,000. The laundry room is now to be equipped for its original purpose.
5. Wichita Railroad and Light company says it cannot give a reduced fare for school children,

as the six cent fare is barely making a fair return on its Wichita investment as it is. Details.

13. Advertisement with photograph of Western Glass Company building, 243-45-47 North Water.

### **Sunday, August 26, 1923**

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#### Rotogravure

Photograph of Boston Store executives, including Charles G. Cohn and A. W. Hinkel.

### **Monday, August 27, 1923**

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1. Article describing progress and plans for the new Shirkmere apartments to be opened on New Year's Day. Architects are Eberson and Weaver, who also designed the Orpheum building and are preparing plans for the new York Rite Temple building.
6. Mr. L. M. Crawford moved to Wichita from Topeka recently and is supervising the construction of the new five story Crawford apartment house at Topeka and William.

### **Wednesday, August 29, 1923**

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5. A week from next Monday the Rotary club will initiate the new ball room of the Hotel Lassen, which is nearing completion.

Dedicatory services will be held this evening for the new Gipsy Smith tabernacle, 1st and Waco, where his month long revival is to be held.

7. Opening date for the new high school is to be October 8.

### **Thursday, August 30, 1923**

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1. Article reports dedication of the big Gipsy Smith tabernacle at 1st and Waco last evening. Details.

More than 1200 new residences have been built in Wichita since January 1.

### **Friday, August 31, 1923**

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11. First services will be held in the as yet incomplete Hillside Avenue Church of Christ this Sunday. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt.

### **Sunday, September 2, 1923**

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5. North Lawrence road is open for travel from the city limits to a point five miles north, where contractors are laying brick on a one mile stretch. Beyond this point the road is

open for three miles, and the last two miles will be opened within 30 days.

9. Estimated cost of the proposed Waterman street subway is at least \$150,000. Details.
11. Drawing of new York Rite Temple building at corner of Market and William. Work is to start by December 1st. Architects are Ebersson and Weaver, of Wichita. Details.

### **Sunday, September 2, 1923**

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Rotogravure

Photograph of Wichita's new Labor Temple (one story only).

Photograph of new municipal swimming pool.

### **Wednesday, September 5, 1923**

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1. A Wichita man, Dewey Kuehl, leaves the Lassen hotel today to inaugurate his planned bus service from Wichita to Los Angeles. He has just one bus, a Cunningham bus, and will carry nine passengers. The fare from Wichita to the coast is \$35 and the trip is to be made in seven days. He will return to Wichita on September 25 and the second trip to Los Angeles will depart on October 1.

### **Thursday, September 6, 1923**

#### **page**

3. Article reports departure yesterday of Dewey Kuehl's first bus to Los Angeles. Details.

### **Saturday, September 8, 1923**

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5. R. R. Moore of the Moore Heating and Plumbing company Thursday purchased the three story brick building, 50 by 140 feet, on southeast corner of 3rd and Main, from W. F. and G. W. McIntire, brothers, who built it about ten years ago, for \$65,000. The two upper stories are occupied by 16 apartments.
9. Photograph of De Molay parade on Douglas avenue from Broadview Hotel.

### **Sunday, September 9, 1923**

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5. The city commission will be asked tomorrow by Earl Elliott, city manager, to authorize safety zones at intersections where jitney buses stop. ¶ The Kellogg street bus is to run north on Grove street to accommodate high school pupils.

### **Monday, September 10, 1923**

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10. Photograph of new Crawford apartment house, nearing completion at Topeka and William (later to become the Rule building).

**Tuesday, September 11, 1923****page**

1. Three men killed when Frisco freight engine No. 521 blew up five miles northwest of Valley Center yesterday afternoon. (Later article says No. 529.)

**Wednesday, September 12, 1923****page**

5. City commission yesterday ordered clearing of the squatters from the west bank of the Arkansas river between Douglas and Harry.
7. Purchase of south half of Ackerman Island from the Arkansas Valley Interurban company was considered by city commission yesterday, but the city is unwilling to pay the price Mr. Theis is asking and may resort to condemnation, if negotiation fails. Details.

**Thursday, September 13, 1923****page**

5. Rehabilitation of the Winfield traction system and the interurban line between that city and Arkansas City will be completed by the first of the year, according to George Theis, Jr., president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban company, which controls the Winfield lines. ¶ Tracks are being relaid and new and rebuilt equipment is being installed at a cost of \$100,000. In consideration of this improvement, an increase in rates within the city from five to seven cents, and on the interurban line from 35 to 40 cents, has been allowed.

**Friday, September 14, 1923****page**

5. More details regarding the explosion of Frisco engine No. 529.
11. Sedgwick county is seeking payment from the city of Wichita of \$811 in back taxes on Oak Park, which was purchased last December by the city for \$39,000.

**Saturday, September 15, 1923****page**

7. Article reports the proposal of Wichita Railroad and Light company to build a street car loop on the board of education property near the new high school is meeting with opposition.

**Thursday, September 20, 1923****page**

2. Building permit issued to Julius Luling, owner of the City Steam Laundry, for construction of a new laundry at 1726 East Douglas. Building to be 100 by 140 feet and cost \$30,000.
3. City of Wichita obtained a temporary restraining order in district court yesterday to keep the county from advertising Oak Park for sale to satisfy \$890 in unpaid taxes on the property. The city purchased the park a year ago but did not know the taxes were in arrears at the time it made the purchase.

**Saturday, September 22, 1923****page**

3. Orient Railroad engine No. 401 was placed in service yesterday. It is the third of the big new engines purchased by the road as surplus from the government. They were originally built for use in Russia but were never shipped there.

**Sunday, September 23, 1923****page**

Special issue for fall wheat show. Photographs of Forum, Masonic Home, new high school, Red Star mill, Kansas Gas and Electric plant, Kansas Sanitarium, string of boats in river above Murdock, Wichita Club, Barnes Building, etc. and various special articles.

## Gravure section

Photograph of Wichita Children's Home.

**Tuesday, September 25, 1923****page**

16. Article says no corner stone found so far in the old high school building, now being torn down. However the building has undergone two additions, so it may have been taken out or covered with masonry. Records show the south portion of the building was constructed in 1884, and the north addition of two rooms and an assembly hall was built in 1886 at cost of \$5370.

**Thursday, September 27, 1923****page**

5. The stock holding of E. M. Laird in the Laird Airplane company, 29th and Hillside, was recently sold to J. M. Moellendick and wife, along with Laird's claim to patents on plans designed by him. Mr. Laird will enter business in Chicago. ¶ A 66 by 80 foot addition to the plant is to be built in the spring. The plant will be under the management of Walter Beech.

A committee of city officials is investigating the purchase of Ackerman Island by the city from George E. Theis, since the city canceled its last contract for purchase of the island. Price estimated it approximately \$50,000.

**Saturday, September 29, 1923****page**

1. North Wichita inundated by second flood this year. Crest expected to reach Wichita before midnight.

**Friday, October 5, 1923****page**

6. First story of Hillside Avenue Church of Christ will be dedicated next Sunday. Drawing.

**Sunday, October 7, 1923**

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22. Article gives real estate history of lots at southeast corner of Market and William streets, occupied until recently by the two story office building of the Davidson and Case Lumber company (photograph), and recently torn down as site for new York Rite Temple building.
- C9. Article reporting opening tomorrow of the new 32 room dormitory addition to Wesley hospital's Burton Nurses' home (photograph). Will give total accommodations for 60 student nurses. The sleeping porches of the original home have been converted into study halls.

## Gravure section

Photographs of the new high school and of Roosevelt Intermediate.

**Monday, October 8, 1923****page**

5. Classes will start today in the new Wichita High School. Enrollment of approximately 1900 is expected.

**Tuesday, October 9, 1923****page**

3. Formal opening of the Wesley Hospital Nurses Home, 3210 East Central, was held yesterday. It will accommodate 75 nurses. Details.
11. Contracts let yesterday for the new five story Elks home in second block on North Market. Siedhoff Construction company received the general contract for the building. Total cost about \$500,000. Excavation will start within 20 days, and completion will take about eight months. Details.

An improvised tourist camp at 13th and Jeannette was closed yesterday because of unsanitary conditions. The ground was purchased by a group of Wichita real estate men when the city refused to establish a tourist camp, but no attempt was made by them to improve it this year.

14. Article reports plans for a half million dollar project to improve drainage in the North End. Details.

**Wednesday, October 10, 1923****page**

2. Article about traffic around the new high school. Says school board members do not favor the building of a loop on high school property near the corner of Grove and Douglas by the Wichita Railroad and Light company.

**Thursday, October 11, 1923****page**

5. United Warehouse building at 2nd and Rock Island is now entirely owned by A. F. Jones,

president of the United Warehouse Company. Building constructed in 1913.

18. Photographs of crowds in front of Eagle building watching World Series. Shows Cone and Cornell building.

### **Friday, October 12, 1923**

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3. The Merchants Reserve State Bank and the Security State Bank will merge effective Monday and form the new Merchants State Bank, which will be located in the old Security State Bank building, northeast corner of Douglas and Emporia.
5. The deportation of the squatters from the west bank of the Arkansas river between Douglas and Harry has been quiet and orderly. Details.

### **Saturday, October 13, 1923**

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5. Workmen have started tearing down the mammoth Gipsy Smith tabernacle, and it will be gone in a few days. Lumber is being salvaged by the Engstrom Lumber Company, which built the structure for \$15,000, whereas it would have cost \$26,000 if they had not been given salvage privileges.

### **Thursday, October 18, 1923**

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3. The new Missouri Pacific Railroad shops will be opened October 30 with an employees' ball. Work on the new shops was started last winter, and they will afford more than twice the capacity available at the old shops located east of the new building.
5. The Wichita Lions club yesterday voted to build a cabin for boys on the south end of the old Busenbark place, six miles north of Wichita on the Little Arkansas river, provided the club can make proper negotiations with A. A. Hyde, owner of the property.

### **Friday, October 19, 1923**

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5. Article about S. P. Peterson, government meteorologist in Wichita for the past ten years. Weather bureau is on tenth floor of the Beacon building.

Work has been resumed on paving of North Lawrence road. One or two miles of brick remain to be laid, and this should be completed in three weeks. Seven miles of pavement at the north end of the project is already open for traffic.

### **Saturday, October 20, 1923**

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12. Charles H. Barron yesterday announced his purchase of all stock of the Peerless Theater Company, owner of the Kansas theater. The stock is valued at \$50,000.

**Monday, October 22, 1923****page**

9. Photographs of the new Western Newspaper Union building, 201 South St. Francis (also photograph page 16), the Grant-Billingsley warehouse, 143 North Rock Island, and the Dunn Mercantile Company, 221 South St. Francis.

**Tuesday, October 23, 1923****page**

2. Article reports average cost of lunch at the new high school cafeteria is 17 cents. Roast pork and dressing is eight cents and most other items five cents.
5. First street from Osage to the end of the 2nd street bridge is to be paved. The city planned to open this thoroughfare four years ago, but the Midland Valley Railroad obtained an injunction against it, saying that it wanted to build shops on the site. But the Midland Valley has now decided not to build its shops there and has withdrawn its objection to the new street.
7. City commission yesterday ordered the paving of Murdock from Wiley to the entrance of Sim park.

**Wednesday, October 24, 1923****page**

2. More than 300 persons attended the party opening the new Missouri Pacific car shops on East 25th street last evening. Details.
9. Half interest in the new McClellan hotel, now under construction, has been sold by A. M. McClellan hotel, now under construction, has been sold by A. M. McClellan to John T. Sever for a reported \$150,000. The hotel has been leased to the Rigby-Gray Hotel Company, owners of the Lassen, and is scheduled to be opened in December.

**Friday, October 26, 1923****page**

6. Drawing of the new McClellan Hotel.

**Sunday, October 28, 1923****page**

3. Drawing of the new Wenzel apartments, just completed at corner of Lewis and Main by John Wenzel. Includes a corner building completed earlier, and a new building just north of the corner building. Total cost more than \$200,000.

**Wednesday, October 31, 1923****page**

16. A new system of traffic regulation on Douglas avenue started yesterday, in which the signal from the traffic officer at Main and Douglas will be followed by the traffic officers at other intersections, so that traffic will move in one direction at a time through all the



directed sections of Douglas avenue. One blast of the whistle will signal the change from east-west traffic to north-south, and two blasts will signal the change from north-south traffic to east-west.

**Friday, November 2, 1923****page**

3. Old No. 601, the first electric locomotive in Kansas, in operation on the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad, has been busy the past few days. A shipment of eight cars of cattle was taken to Hutchinson on Tuesday and another shipment of five cars on Wednesday.
5. Only eight blocks of the 11 miles of paving on North Lawrence road remains to be completed. The road is open to 29th street and from 34th street to the county line. Six miles are paved with concrete and 4.8 miles with brick.
7. Dewey Kuehl returned to Wichita from Los Angeles with his bus yesterday evening after a successful nine day return trip. He left Wichita September 4 to test the feasibility of a bus line. The next trip to Los Angeles will leave on November 7.
12. The Pacific Hotel, 225-27 West Douglas, has been purchased by L. P. Mason of North Platte, Nebraska from J. P. Steelsmith. Redecorating and refurnishing has been started.

**Sunday, November 4, 1923****page**

3. The new apartment building at 321 East William owned by L. M. Crawford, is now called the Edgington apartments.
5. The buildings at the new Missouri Pacific shops at 25th street are nearing completion. The boilers have been set, but there has been some delay in shipment of the machinery.

**Monday, November 5, 1923****page**

3. Article describes the new Edgington Apartments, just completed, at 321 East William. Photograph. Architects were Squires and Ross, of Topeka, and owner is L. M. Crawford.

**Tuesday, November 6, 1923****page**

3. The Wichita Water company intends to build a 300,000 gallon storage tank at Belmont and Elm for the benefit of College Hill residents. It will be built on a tower 90 feet high.
11. Article reports consolidation of the main bus lines in Wichita in near consummation. Several large bus operators will unite in a corporation, giving through service and free transfers. Papers will be drawn shortly. ¶ Eight principal operators are behind the consolidation movement:

Ernest G. Goss      South Water street

Roy Bowlus	East Harry and South Topeka
J. F. Dunn	North Market
Carl Calhoon	North Market
John Flournoy	East 2nd
John Wells	East Central and North Emporia
Joe Mendenhall	West Side line
Hal A. Sidles	South Lawrence

At least 40 buses will be available to the corporation.

### **Wednesday, November 7, 1923**

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1. The McClellan Hotel was purchased yesterday by Fred B. Stanley, lawyer, and W. R. "Tex" Jones, oil man, from A. W. McClellan and John T. Sever for upwards of \$250,000.
2. Article reports strong objections of College Hill residents to the proposed water tank at Belmont and Elm. Details.
5. The K. O. B. Stage Line will start service Monday from Wichita to Dodge City daily using a Hudson and a Marmon, both seven passenger cars. The 164 mile trip will be made in eight hours. The car will leave from the Broadview hotel.

### **Thursday, November 8, 1923**

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5. Article says interest in a consolidated bus system for Wichita has apparently cooled off.

### **Friday, November 9, 1923**

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1. Article reports rumors that created a small run on the Fourth National Bank yesterday. Details.

### **Sunday, November 11, 1923**

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- 9A. Photograph shows bars around the bear pen at Riverside park zoo.

### **Monday, November 12, 1923**

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3. Advertisement with photograph of the Red Top cab fleet in front of the Broadview hotel. Shows two street car tracks turning north on Waco from Douglas.
7. Fares for the fleet of 12 Red Top cabs being placed in service today are 30 cents for first half mile and then ten cents for each additional third of a mile.

**Friday, November 16, 1923****page**

5. Photograph of the historic O. C. Daisy residence at 123 South Topeka, being torn down to make room for an automobile hospital to be erected on the site by Woody Hockaday. The house was built in 1882. Photograph also of O. C. Daisy, who is now 79.

**Sunday, November 18, 1923****page**

5. The North Lawrence avenue paving was completed yesterday (i.e., to the county line) at a cost of \$416,000. Paving in Sumner county from the Sedgwick county line to Wellington will be completed within a few weeks, making a distance of 49 miles of paving from the North Sedgwick county line to Wellington.

**Monday, November 19, 1923****page**

3. Walter Beech, manager of the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing company, says the company will probably move to some other city unless a good all-weather road from the end of the pavement on Hillside to the flying field is built this year.

**Tuesday, November 20, 1923****page**

5. Photograph of the first Methodist Episcopal church in Wichita, erected in 1870.

**Wednesday, November 21, 1923****page**

3. Directors of the Wichita Board of Commerce voted yesterday to abandon the Wheat Show for 1924 due to the series of reverses the attraction has met each year since it was started in 1911.

**Thursday, November 22, 1923****page**

5. The Coler Sim residence at 1303 North Lawrence, built 15 years ago, has been sold to J. H. Waite, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, for approximately \$20,000.

**Sunday, November 25, 1923****page**

1. Drawing of planned new Westminster Presbyterian church, formerly known as Lincoln Street church, to be built immediately at southeast corner of Market and Harry streets.
3. George Theis, Jr., for the Arkansas Valley Interurban company, has offered to sell the south half of Ackerman Island together with a 30 foot strip along the edge of the north end to the city for \$45,000 plus \$3000 for improvements and baseball park rental, or a total of \$48,000. Details and a review of the history of the relations between the Arkansas Valley Interurban company and the city.

11. Advertisement with map of central part of Wichita.
21. Article with photograph of Wichita's first church and congregation in 1870, with names of a number in the picture listed.
- 5-A. Advertisement announces opening of the new Wichita Laundry plant at 217-25 West Murdock. Photograph of plant and Garst Brothers.
- 8-A. Total enrollment in Wichita High School is 1654.

**Tuesday, November 27, 1923****page**

5. City commission yesterday refused to grant the Water Company permission to build a water tank at Belmont and Elm.
14. City commission yesterday rejected George Theis' offer to sell south half of Ackerman Island to the city for \$47,073, and ordered condemnation proceedings to acquire possession of the tract. The city had previously offered \$25,000 for the same land.

**Thursday, November 29, 1923****page**

12. List of scores of Fairmount-Friends football games from 1898 to 1922. Each school has won seven and three were tied. No game in 1889, 1905, 1907-1911, and 1918.

**Friday, November 30, 1923****page**

5. Article says Wichita city library loses thousands of books each year by theft.
14. Fairmount beat Friends 6-0 yesterday at Island Park. Photographs of game on page 15.

**Sunday, December 2, 1923****page**

- 5A. William T. Crosswhite is the new principal at Horace Mann, replacing Truman Reed, who was made principal at the new Central Intermediate.
- 6-A. Photographs of the new bridge to Scout Island, in the Big Arkansas river.

**Wednesday, December 5, 1923****page**

5. The Southwestern Serum Company has let contract for its new \$22,000 plant, two stories, 50 by 80 feet, at 821 East 21st. To be completed by March 1.

**Thursday, December 6, 1923****page**

3. Approximately 21,400 people paid admission to Wichita play houses yesterday, as follows:

Forum	6500 (matinee and evening)
Miller	2500
Palace	2500
Orpheum	2100
Princess	1700
Crawford	1100
Kansas	1100
Holland	1000
Marple	1000
Wichita	1000
Novelty	900

18. City planning report was received in Wichita yesterday from Harland Bartholomew, city planning engineer of St. Louis, and will be submitted to the city commission tomorrow. Details.
20. The new \$125,000 plant of the McCormick-Armstrong press, at East Douglas and Ellis, will be formally opened today. Details. Photograph on page 22.

### **Friday, December 7, 1923**

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5. The Missouri Pacific received four new freight locomotives in Wichita yesterday. They are of the 1400 class and cost approximately \$100,000 each. It will be necessary to construct a new turntable to accommodate them, at cost of \$37,600, and this work will start immediately.

### **Sunday, December 9, 1923**

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19. Article reports the New Swallow airplane, designed by Lloyd Stearman, made its first flight Friday. Details and photograph.
24. Photograph of Masonic Home.
- 1-A. Article about motor bus lines extending in four directions from Wichita, with map and details.

### **Friday, December 14, 1923**

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14. The Meridian speedway is being discontinued after an existence of more than two years, it is understood. The grandstand is being torn down. The speedway was built during the summer of 1921 by William and Buster Lassen on a quarter section of land south of the Orient shops. It is a mile and one-half dirt track, one of the best in the state, but apparently did not turn out to be a financial success. Details. The quarter section is said to be owned by J. C. McLoughlin.

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15. Drawing of new warehouse of W. A. Dye chili company, 120 North Mosley.

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11. Work started yesterday on the new Elks home on North Market.

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7. Attendance of Western League clubs last year listed Wichita third with 97,760.

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5. The new elevator in the Sedgwick County court house will be in operation by Christmas.

**Sunday, December 23, 1923****page**

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Photograph of the Wenzel Apartments – on South Main (?).

**Monday, December 24, 1923****page**

5. New machinery being installed at plant of the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing company, 27th street and North Hillside, preparatory to stating production of the new model recently designed and completed at the Wichita factory.

**Friday, December 28, 1923****page**

3. County commission yesterday received a check for \$948 from the Midland Valley Railroad representing dividend of six percent on 158 shares of preferred stock for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923. This is the second such dividend received, a similar one having been paid by the railroad a year ago. ¶ This preferred stock was issued by the company in return for money received from the sale of bonds voted by the county when the railroad was being financed in 1911.
7. Advertisement for new McClellan Hotel, opening December 31, 1923. One hundred rooms and 100 baths. Single room \$2.00 to \$2.50.

**Saturday, December 29, 1923**

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5. Cenpeka apartments at northwest corner of Central and Topeka were sold yesterday to Wallace C. Kemp by R. A. Morris for about \$65,000.

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8. Article about the new Swallow airplane, designed by Lloyd H. Stearman, designing engineer for the Swallow Airplane Company. It is in many ways superior to the old Laird Swallow planes.
  
10. Short article about the new McClellan Hotel, to be opened Monday. While under construction on November 6 the building was purchased by Fred B. Stanley, a local attorney, and W. R. Jones from A. W. McClellan and John T. Sever, who were the joint owners, for about \$250,000. The McClellan Hotel Company, John Rigby, president, will operate the hotel under a 30 year lease.

Gravure section

Advertisement and photograph of the new Downing Mortuary at 327 North Lawrence avenue.

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- 8., 9. Article about opening of new McClellan Hotel today. Drawing of building.