TIHEN NOTES FROM 1924 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, January 1, 1924
page 3. Article about proposed widening from present width of 80 feet to 100 feet of East Douglas avenue between Grove and Hydraulic.

5. Article says a proposed franchise to Wichita Railroad and Light company for operation of buses on the city streets was discussed by city commission yesterday.

Thursday, January 3, 1924
page 5. Article confirms that the city commission and Wichita Railroad and Light company have begun negotiations relative to a new franchise for the company permitting operation of motor buses on streets not now served with street car lines. ¶ It is the plan to allow the traction company to take over the entire bus system in Wichita. This will mean the breaking up of the presently privately-owned system. Forty buses now operate in Wichita.

Friday, January 4, 1924
page 4. A man struck and killed by Arkansas Valley Interurban passenger car No. 2.

8. Article reporting dedication yesterday of Wichita’s labor temple, the first in Kansas, at 417 East English. The temple houses 18 separate local unions and the Plaindealer, official labor newspaper.

Saturday, January 5, 1924
page 5. City manager says there will be no bus franchise, but the city may pass an ordinance designating certain streets on which buses may run.

Thursday, January 10, 1924
page 12. Photograph of new building of the Houston-Clark Lumber Company at 1101 East 1st.
Friday, January 11, 1924
Page 3.

3. The city is preparing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of the south half of Ackerman island, which is owned by the Arkansas Valley Improvement Company.

8. James L. “Bunny” Mead of Chicago, bicycle manufacturer, was in Wichita yesterday to transfer seven lots on East Douglas avenue valued at between $250,000 and $500,000 to the First National Bank in Wichita to be held in trust for the Mead children, James, Myron, Theodore, Agnes and Beatrice.

18. Bids will be taken this week by the Sedgwick county commission for the razing of the old Sedgwick county jail. It is expected that work of tearing down the structure will commence within ten days.

Sunday, January 13, 1924
Page 3.


Gravure section

Photographs of four Wichita homes designed by Lorentz Schmidt and Company.

Monday, January 14, 1924
Page 5.

5. Article reporting the Union National Bank plans to build a 12 to 15-story building on their present site at Douglas and Lawrence avenues within the next two years.

Thursday, January 17, 1924
Page 5.

5. Julius Lucht, librarian for past eight years, submitted his resignation to the Wichita library board at the annual meeting January 10, when they refused to accept his request for an increase in salary from $2800 to $3200, with a promise of $3600 in 1925.

Saturday, January 19, 1924
Page 5.

5. The new $150,000 additions to the Masonic Home are now 90 percent completed.

New Mennonite church in 17th block on Woodland Avenue is nearing completion and will be dedicated February 17. With only 20 members in the congregation, $10,000 has been raised for the new church.

Sunday, January 20, 1924
Page 7.

7. The library board refused to accept the resignation of Julius Lucht, city librarian, and voted to retain him during 1924 at salary of $3200.
Tuesday, January 22, 1924
page 8. The old Cone building at northeast corner of William and Market will be remodeled for $50,000 and occupied by the Steel Hardware Company. Drawing of building. Walls of old building will be torn down and only foundations used. Will be 75 feet on Market by 140 feet, two stories, with foundations for three more stories.

Wednesday, January 23, 1924
page 5. The Hockaday Auto Supply Company was incorporated in Topeka yesterday with capital of $95,000, and will move from its Douglas avenue location to a new building at Topeka and William about May 15.

Monday, January 28, 1924
page 8. Article about items left on the street cars of Wichita Railroad and Light company by its 45,000 daily riders (16,000,000 yearly).

Tuesday, January 29, 1924
page 5. There are 15,984 pupils enrolled for second semester at Wichita’s 33 schools, not including approximately 1000 in kindergartens.

Wednesday, January 30, 1924
page 5. The Wichita Osteopathic association yesterday voted to raise $30,000 for the purpose of bringing the Southwest Osteopathic sanitarium from Blackwell, Oklahoma to Wichita. Plan is to build a new four story $125,000 hospital with 76 beds.

Thursday, January 31, 1924
page 1. Ben F. McLean, mayor of Wichita and former president of the Fidelity State bank of Wichita, was selected yesterday to head the new Fourth National Bank of Wichita, formed from a combination of the old Fourth National Bank and the Fidelity State Bank. New bank will have capital of a million dollars.

Sunday, February 3, 1924
page 10. New Inglewood apartment building, 211-217 North Emporia, is opening today. Photograph. Cost nearly $200,000, has two units each 28 feet by 140 feet, with 12 five room apartments in each wing. ¶ The apartments were originally to be named the Hollywood apartments, but unsavory events in the California city made this name unpopular. It will cost $32 to have the name Hollywood on the nameplates cut away and $62 to have new nameplates placed.
Gravure section
   Photographs of Victor and Marcellus Murdock.

Wednesday, February 6, 1924
page 5. Article about rumors the Missouri Pacific will soon establish direct passenger service from Wichita to St. Louis, a much-talked-of-but-never-established service.

Thursday, February 7, 1924
page 5. Article reports president of Wichita Union Terminal Railway Company as saying plans have been completed and money appropriated to build the train sheds at Union Station. ¶ However the local superintendent of the Wichita Union Terminal Railway company said that four sets of plans are under consideration and he has no word yet of their approval.

Friday, February 8, 1924
page 1. Photographs of ice flows in Big Arkansas river and torn away south end of Seneca street bridge which occurred Wednesday when struck by sandboats which had torn loose from their moorings. Also damage to Arkansas Valley Interurban bridge.

3. Plans prepared for landscaping of the grounds around new Wichita High School include construction of a street car loop, running down Grove to English street.

5. Missouri Pacific budget for Wichita this year calls for a new $65,000 bridge across the Arkansas river, a new turn table at the 25th street shops to cost $37,000, and an addition of 2000 feet of track on tracks 1 and 2 in the 21st Street yards at cost of $12,000.

Sunday, February 10, 1924
page 5. George Theis, Jr. reported yesterday that the Arkansas Valley Interurban is suffering greatly from motor travel and bus travel. During 1920 the Arkansas Valley Interurban carried 1,000,000 passengers, and in 1923 ticket sales fell to 600,000. At the same time there has been no appreciable reduction in operating costs, and taxes have increased from $10,000 annually when the road was constructed to $30,000 for 1923. Since 80 percent of the revenue of the Arkansas Valley Interurban is derived from passenger traffic, the situation is acute. It now appears as though the Salina extension is unfeasible.

11. The Wichita Kennel Club was organized Friday. Details

12. Wichita’s Gamewell fire alarm system, recently installed at a cost of over $50,000, operated as a unit for the first time last night.

Monday, February 11, 1924
page
5. The old frame pawn shop of Herman Wolkow at 606 East Douglas, there for 30 years, has been torn down in preparation for building of a new two story brick building on the site for the Fralick Barber Supply company, 25 by 140 feet, to be ready about April 1.

A man was struck yesterday by a South Lawrence avenue bus in the 19th block on South Lawrence avenue.

Saturday, February 16, 1924

Site for the big water tower for College Hill was moved several blocks north yesterday when the Water Company purchased a site at Belmont and Murdock Avenues. The plot purchased is 100 by 140 feet.

E. B. Smith, Wichita postman on the West Side for 37 years, will retire June 1. (Father of Edgar B. Smith.)

Sunday, February 17, 1924

February 22 will be the official opening of Sedgwick County’s new quarter million dollar jail.

Opening night of the four day dedication services of Wichita’s new million dollar high school building will be February 20.

Tuesday, February 19, 1924

Park Board’s plans for improvements this year include construction of swimming pool in Woodland park, treat with asphaltic oil the road from Woodman bridge along the river to Murdock bridge, constructed necessary road in Oak park, construct parking area at municipal swimming pool and roads from Nims and Central to the pool, pave and gutter road from Murdock entrance of Sim park to intersection with asphalt road near northwest corner of the park, and pave and gutter the road from Griffenstein bridge to Murdock bridge.

Wednesday, February 20, 1924

Standard Oil station at River Boulevard and Riverside avenue was held up yesterday.

Thursday, February 21, 1924

Wichita’s new million dollar high school was officially presented to the city last evening. Details.

Friday, February 22, 1924
8. Wichita Railroad and Light company will install a wye at Main and Douglas, costing $5000, as soon as weather conditions permit, according to Howard Patten, superintendent. When this is done it is likely that Orient Shops cars will be re-routed. ¶ In addition a wye will be placed at Pattie and Douglas. ¶ Whether one-man Birney cars will be placed on Main street to replace the two-man cars will be known within the next 30 days.

Saturday, February 23, 1924

5. Reminiscence of early Wichita -- the town pump was on East William street at a spot which is now the entrance to the Coronado hotel.

Sunday, February 24, 1924

4. A new enterprise, the bus line of D. E. Sauder between Wichita and Wellington, although but a few months old, is very popular. The Wellington-Wichita Motor line operates two large Reo buses, with three or four round trips daily, and a fare of 75 cents. Time for the 30 mile distance is one hour 15 minutes. Leaving stations in Wichita are the Lassen Hotel, Lawrence and Douglas avenues, and the Princess Pharmacy, 209 South Lawrence.

9. Orient locomotive No. 154 has been rebuilt in the Wichita shops. Details.

1B. Photograph of new Wichita High School. History of its construction.

Thursday, February 28, 1924

7. Park board and city commission decided yesterday to omit most park improvements this year in order to allow more funds to carry out flood prevention measures.

Friday, February 29, 1924

5. Reminiscence of early Wichita says Henry Schweiter’s steam motor line ran from Douglas and Emporia south to Kellogg, east on Kellogg to Hydraulic, southeast on Broadway to within one block of Hillside, south to Levy street, and then west to Eldredge park, which was in plainer language, a beer garden.

Saturday, March 1, 1924

3. The new telephone directories, to be distributed today by 215 Boy Scouts, who will receive one and a half cents for each book delivered and an additional half cent for each old directory returned, will be in a new style, used by the Bell company in the largest cities, of having three full columns of names on each page instead of the previous two columns with an advertisement in the center of each page.

Sunday, March 2, 1924

page
10. Article says the *Eagle* on October 6, 1881 announced that if Wichita wanted a telephone system there would be need for the cooperation of 25 subscribers. ¶ Sixty names were listed on the first Wichita telephone directory, which was printed on a single sheet of paper in one column. ¶ Now there are 22,000 subscribers.

11. Article about Julius Luling, owner of the Luling City Laundry, whose new plant at 1736-42 East Douglas will hold its formal opening Wednesday, March 5. Photograph and details.

20. Article reports Maurice B. Hodge and Edgar B. Smith, who have been connected with the Homer T. Harden studio, will open a studio of their own at 110½ East Douglas; specializing in commercial photography. Mr. Smith has been engaged in photography for nine years and Mr. Hodge for eight years. Photograph of both men.

6A. It costs Wichita an average of $73.51 a year for each pupil in the city schools, or a total of $1,267,395 this year, compared with $323,867 in 1913-14, when there were about half as many pupils. ¶ Total salaries of 515 teachers this year are $980,000. Heads of departments of high school draw average $2340, elementary teachers $1200 to $1800, intermediate teachers $1320 to $1896, elementary principals $1440 to $1968, and intermediate principals $1800 to $2496.

**Sunday, March 2, 1924**

*page*

RotoGravure

Photographs of interior of Walker Brothers Dry Goods Company.

**Tuesday, March 4, 1924**

*page*

5. Reminiscences of early Wichita -- when motormen on Wichita street cars carried their change in sealed envelopes. White envelopes contained two nickels and blue ones three nickels and a dime. The fare boxes were in the front of the car, and passengers were expected to walk up and deposit their fare before taking their seats.

**Wednesday, March 5, 1924**

*page*

5. Meeting yesterday decided to sell a $150,000 bond issue to refinance the debts of Wichita hospital and keep it open as a general hospital. Details.

**Friday, March 7, 1924**

*page*

7. Photograph of Sedgwick County’s new quarter million dollar jail.

**Sunday, March 9, 1924**

*page*

2. Drawing of proposed seven story theater and hotel building planned for northeast corner
8. Because of bus competition, the Arkansas Valley Interurban will try a lower fare schedule for a period of six months beginning about March 22 and will add two new trains daily. More stops are also scheduled, with express trains making all wayside stops between Valley Center and Wichita, thus extending the schedule for Wichita-Hutchinson trip to one hour 50 minutes from one hour 45 minutes. Details.

9. Last week carpenters mounted the old scaffolds in the auditorium of Garfield university, now Friends, left when work ceased in the late 1880s, and started work on completion of the new chapel. It is hoped to have it completed by commencement time.

15. List and locations of Wichita’s 32 social agencies.

The Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company’s 22nd anniversary sale starts Monday. Firm was established here in 1902 in the old Ross building with 50 foot frontage on North Main, directly north of the building now occupied, which was obtained by the company later after the Innes Dry Goods Company moved to its present location.

22. Photograph of excavation for Elks club building north of the Wichita club on Market.

Sunday, March 9, 1924

Page RotoGravure

Advertisement with photograph of new Downing mortuary at 327 North Lawrence.

Tuesday, March 11, 1924

Page

3. City commission yesterday approved estimate of $6032 on construction of a temporary bridge across Big Arkansas river at Seneca. Wrecking of the damaged old bridge will start at once, and the new one should be ready for traffic in 30 days.

City manager announced yesterday that Waco avenue residents between 8th and 9th streets have dedicated the rear of their lots, facing the river, to the city for use in a boulevard construction plan. Sand boats will be put to work at once in the river there, clearing the sand out and filling in low sections.

12. Half interest in the Hotel Broadview operating company was purchased yesterday by Charles E. Gillen of St. Louis from George H. Siedhoff for $75,000. The lease of the operating company covers 21 years with a rental of nearly $1,400,000 for the entire period. The hotel has 240 rooms.

Wednesday, March 12, 1924

Page

5. Contracts let for two more miles of concrete and asphalt street paving in Wichita. No
Thursday, March 13, 1924
5. Approximately $40,000 will be spent on remodeling Garfield hall at Friends university this spring and summer.

Friday, March 14, 1924

Sunday, March 16, 1924
2. Pavement at intersection of Main and Douglas will be torn up this week for installation of the Wichita Railroad and Light company’s new trackage connection at that point. The connection will make it possible for eastbound cars to turn north on Main Street, circle the Market Street loop and return westward. The project will cost about $5000. ¶ After its completion, work of extending the East Douglas avenue line from Roosevelt to East Street will be started.

4. Flood prevention plans for this spring and summer include widening of the drainage canal from its present 50 feet at the top and 30 feet at the bottom to 100 feet at the top and 70 feet at the bottom. ¶ All the present bridges over the canal will be taken out and replaced by new concrete bridges, street level and street width.

5. Three story building on northwest corner of 1st and Water, 29 feet by 140 feet, has been purchased by Roland-Speh Leather company, which occupies it, from John Greby, Wichita contractor, who erected the building in 1884. ¶ Two story building 40 by 50 feet at southeast corner of 1st and Water has been purchased by McKenzie Carriage and Auto Body works from Newton Garst, who recently moved his laundry from that building to his new building at Wichita and Murdock.

Monday, March 17, 1924
6. Article reports on new Arkansas Valley Interurban schedule which goes into effect Wednesday, March 19. Details.

Wednesday, March 19, 1924
7. Wichita businessmen have decided to study the proposal for converting Fairmount college into a municipal university. Details.
5. Another article about the trial of lower rates by the Arkansas Valley Interurban.

**Sunday, March 23, 1924**  
8B. Photograph of Wichita Children’s Home with article and details.

**Sunday, March 23, 1924**  
RotoGravure  
List and photographs of Wichita auto dealers and locations.

**Tuesday, March 25, 1924**  
3. City commission yesterday offered George Theis $42,500 for the portion of Ackerman Island south of 2nd street. If he does not accept, condemnation proceedings will be started.

**Wednesday, March 26, 1924**  
5. George Theis, Jr., president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company, announced last evening that he would accept the city’s offer of $42,000 for the portion of the Ackerman Island south of 2nd street.

**Friday, March 28, 1924**  
1. The Orient Railroad was sold yesterday on the courthouse steps to Clifford Histed, Kansas City attorney, for three million dollars to satisfy a government lien of $2,764,000. Mr. Histed announced it was a preliminary step towards the reorganization of the Orient Railroad, the plan for which will be announced shortly. Mr. Histed placed the bid for English and other bondholders of the road.

2. Landscape engineer suggests that 150 foot loading dock be built in Douglas avenue on either side of street car tracks in front of new high school rather than building spur track south on Grove and onto the high school grounds.

5. Reminiscence says Theodore Roosevelt once spoke from a City Hall balcony and the crowd in William street had to make way for the fire department answering a call.

**Saturday, March 29, 1924**  
6. Drawing of F. W. “Woody” Hockaday’s new building at Topeka and William, which will officially open Monday. Details.

**Sunday, March 30, 1924**
5. Wesley hospital annual reports. Capacity is 112 and it is nearly full, so it will be necessary soon to build proposed East wing. Details.

Monday, March 31, 1924

5. The temporary bridge across the Big Arkansas at Seneca street will be completed within two weeks.

Reverend Hubert C. Herring yesterday submitted his resignation as pastor of United Congregational church effective June 1.

6. Midian Shrine Temple’s club house in Riverside will have to be sold if funds are to be obtained for a new down-town Temple. It is valued at $15,000. The club was purchased by the Shrine about ten years ago following the failure of the Riverside club. Details.

Tuesday, April 1, 1924

5. “The Sunflower Special,” through Missouri Pacific train between Wichita and St. Louis, will make its maiden trip on May 4.

Thursday, April 3, 1924

5. Article says city manager, Earl C. Elliott, advocates a unified transportation system in Wichita, with buses being operated by Wichita Railroad and Light company with an interchange transfer policy. He stated that the present local bus service, with half a dozen competing lines, now following a uniform policy, is far from satisfactory. ¶ The report to the city commission of the earnings of the Wichita Railroad and Light company for 1923 showed a marked decrease over the previous year. ¶ 1923 report included:

- Valuation of $2,211,473, increase of $320,000 over 1922
- Taxes $75,000, compared to $60,500 in 1922
- Gross earnings of $714,702 compared to $776,530 in 1922
- Net earnings 5.9 percent of valuation in 1923 after $39,000 deduction for depreciation
- Net earnings 7.2 percent of valuation in 1922 after $34,000 deduction for depreciation.

Friday, April 4, 1924

5. Article says Wichita Bus Owners association to meet with city commission next week to discuss Wichita’s transportation problem. ¶ Article mentions the North Lawrence avenue bus line.

Details regarding new Missouri Pacific train between Wichita and St. Louis beginning May 4. Will be made up of baggage car, one coach with smoking compartment, one chair car, one 12-section drawing room sleeper, and a diner between Wichita and Ft. Scott. Leaves
Wichita at 5:30 p.m. and arrives St. Louis at 7:30 a.m. Westbound leaves St. Louis at 7:30 p.m. and arrives Wichita at 9:55 a.m.

Sunday, April 6, 1924

The auxiliary channel for the Little Arkansas river between 13th street and Bitting will be completed before the end of the month. It runs through property formerly owned by J. W. Pierpont and will be dredged as soon as two houses occupying the property purchased by the city can be moved, which must be done within 20 days. One is a large frame house at 605 West 13th and the other a cottage on Fisher boulevard. Condemnation proceedings have been started against a third house west of Bitting and north of the river. The dredging of the new channel is to eliminate the heavy flow of water around the narrow bend from 13th street to Bitting Avenue, where during the spring floods last year water overflowed into the Riverside district. The new channel will change the present levee into an island, which will be beautified by the park department. It will double the carrying capacity of the stream at the narrow point.

Monday, April 7, 1924

Work starts today on two story brick building at 126-28 North St. Francis, 50 by 140 feet, cost approximately $30,000 being built by Benjamin T. Harrison. He also built another two story brick 50 by 140 foot building at 130-32 North St. Francis, and the latter has been leased for ten years by the C. A. Tanner and Company book store.

Tuesday, April 8, 1924

Thousands visited the city parks Sunday. Many used the six tennis courts which have just been completed in South Riverside park. A parking area is being constructed now at the municipal beach to provide plenty of space this summer.

8. Owners of all 12 Wichita bus lines met last night and offered to continue five cent service under private ownership for the next five years.

Wednesday, April 9, 1924

Replica of “zero milestone” (photograph) placed in front of Hockaday Auto supply yesterday. Four feet high and 30 inches square at the base.


Thursday, April 10, 1924

Maude English Deam, secretary of the Pioneer Society, says of the origin of the name of William street, that her father, the late N.A. English, wanted to name it “Griffenstein” as a monument to the “Father of Wichita,” but Mr. Griffenstein himself vetoed that as too
cumbersome a name. When Mr. English insisted, they compromised on Mr. Griffenstein’s first name, “William.”

An important cross-town thoroughfare was opened to traffic yesterday with the completion of the one block connection from West 1st street to the west end of the 2nd street bridge.

Work on the temporary bridge across the Big Arkansas river at Seneca street will be completed within a week. There has been no traffic there since the old bridge was partially destroyed by high water and ice jams early in February.

Dredging on an auxiliary channel for the Little Arkansas river, from 13th street to the Bitting avenue bridge, as a flood prevention measure, is progressing rapidly. It is being cut through a four acre site purchased from J. W. Pierpoint for $6500 and means the doom of the old 12th street swimming hole.

Friday, April 11, 1924
3. New improved street signs will be placed at every corner in the city within the next 30 days. Details.

Sunday, April 13, 1924

Tuesday, April 15, 1924
3. Final negotiations concluding the sale of portions of Ackerman Island to the city for $42,500 will be completed today.

Wednesday, April 16, 1924
5. The Stockyards State bank and the North End State bank were merged yesterday at a meeting, effective today. The new bank will be named “The Industrial State bank” and will do business in the building at 21st and Lawrence owned and occupied by the Stockyards State bank. The latter was chartered on April 10, 1907 and the North End State bank was chartered on December 5, 1917.

Thursday, April 17, 1924
1. More details in testimony at the trial of J. N. Richardson, president of American State bank.

5. Wichita Water company employes are laying approximately 1000 feet of pipe a day in the
West Side residence sections, and when completed, 1687 houses will have been supplied with city water. ¶ In the past, hundreds of residents of the West Side have been without city water, and the use of surface water drawn with hand pumps has resulted in numerous cases of typhoid fever, it is said.

Friday, April 18, 1924

Wichita Railroad and Light company is surveying local transportation conditions to determine whether or not the company could take over and operate the independent bus lines at a profit. ¶ In the meantime the company is spending approximately $12,000 on adding spurs and connecting curves to its lines. Repairs are being made at Main and Douglas to facilitate use of the downtown loop by West Douglas avenue lines. ¶ When this is completed, a connecting curve from Pattie avenue onto East Douglas will be built, completing the wye at that intersection. After this, the College Hill line is to be extended from Roosevelt to Belmont.

Saturday, April 19, 1924


Three new buses have been added to the Kellogg street bus line.

Sunday, April 20, 1924

Dredging of the auxiliary channel in the Little Arkansas river between 13th street and Bitting avenue was started about a week ago and will be completed within a week. The channel is being dredged through a four acre site purchased by the city from J. W. Pierpont for $6500. Two houses on the property have been moved.

Woodland park at 20th street and Little Arkansas river will be extensively developed this summer, including building a modern bath house and swimming pool.

Photograph of Steffen Ice and Ice Cream company, 1st street and Santa Fe. Article gives some history of company.

Article announcing formal opening of Shirkmere apartments on April 22. Drawing and details. Nine story building with 105 two and three room apartments. Cost $1,000,000.

Monday, April 21, 1924

Traffic across Big Arkansas river at Seneca street will be resumed tomorrow on a temporary bridge completed since a portion of the old bridge was washed out by ice floes in February.

Saturday, April 26, 1924
Advertisement announcing formal opening of Hockaday’s today.

Sunday, April 27, 1924

Article says First Church of Christ, Scientist, 828 North Lawrence, will be dedicated today, now that it is free of debt. The building was completed in 1917, but it is the custom of the church not to dedicate a structure until it is free of debt. Article gives history of this church in Wichita.

Article reporting on the opening of new Hockaday building yesterday.

Tuesday, April 29, 1924

Park Villa, which was damaged by flood last June, will be reopened on May 1. Shrubbery killed by the flood has been replanted, and the villa has been remodeled and refinished inside.

Thursday, May 1, 1924

The West theater will open July 1 at 901 West Douglas. The building, now occupied by the West Side Racket store, will be remodeled for $10,000.

Saturday, May 3, 1924

Registrations of autos in first quarter of past three years.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Autos</th>
<th>Trucks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1922</td>
<td>12,786</td>
<td>1513</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1923</td>
<td>15,815</td>
<td>1903</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1924</td>
<td>17,712</td>
<td>2504</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Saturday, May 3, 1924

Special section on firms and individuals doing business in Wichita for past 25 years. Descriptions and photographs.

Sunday, May 4, 1924

Article says Senator Ben F. Hegler intends to introduce a bill at next session of the legislature which will enable Wichita to establish a municipal university.

Monday, May 5, 1924

Santa Fe Railroad is spending over one million dollars to re-track the entire Middle
division with new steel rails. The work has been completed from Kansas City to the north yards at Wichita. Laying the new track through Wichita to Harry street will start today. It will then be carried on in the direction of Wellington. There are 15 extra gangs of 55 men each at work.

**Wednesday, May 7, 1924**

20. Photograph of Sunflower Special train in Missouri Pacific depot, after arrival on its maiden trip Monday.

**Thursday, May 8, 1924**

Southwestern osteopathic association has bought the site on southwest corner of Douglas and Rutan for $30,000 for a new hospital. Includes the ground between Douglas and Oakland and extending west 200 feet from Rutan. Sale includes the Walker home, which will be used as a temporary hospital.

**Friday, May 9, 1924**

Standard Oil Company advertisement lists their service stations, including one at 1002 Riverside.

**Saturday, May 10, 1924**

Missouri Pacific Railroad has abandoned plans to build a new bridge across Arkansas River in Wichita this year owing to imperative need for improvements elsewhere on the system. Would have cost $68,000.

**Sunday, May 11, 1924**

Hamilton hotel has been thoroughly remodeled.

Photograph of the Walker home at Douglas and Rutan southwest corner, which has been purchased as site for new osteopathic hospital.

**Tuesday, May 13, 1924**

Repair work started yesterday on the 13th street bridge over the Little Arkansas river, which is to be lengthened 90 feet in connection with the city’s $750,000 flood prevention program, which includes widening the river at that point. The bridges at Bitting avenue and 11th street will also be lengthened in connection with the program.

**Thursday, May 15, 1924**

The Wichita Bus Owners’ association announced yesterday they would install a universal
transfer system during the coming week, with transfers to be issued for one cent additional to the five cent fare. ¶ The city managers consolidation plan, suggested six weeks ago, of having the Wichita Railroad and Light company purchase the equipment owned by the independent bus operators is being blocked at present because the Wichita Railroad and Light company has not completed a survey to see if the buses can be operated at a profit, and because the bus operators are making money and are opposed to the consolidation. ¶ A number of buses owned by association members have already been re-painted a standard color, and beginning Monday morning all bus drives employed by association members will be attired in uniform. Thus they are trying to meet the requirements of the city in an effort to beat the consolidation plan.

Report charter was applied for at Topeka yesterday to form the Kansas Public Service Company, which will be the operating concern for the Studebaker interests of Chicago (Illinois Traction Company) in Kansas. Details.

Friday, May 16, 1924

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the $25,000 Crestview country club building at 21st and Oliver at 9:00 p.m. yesterday. ¶ The club will be rebuilt at once.

Widening Douglas avenue between Hydraulic and Grove by 20 feet will cost approximately $150,000 and leave the avenue just 12 feet narrower than in the downtown district. Plans call for condemnation of a 20 foot strip on the south side of the avenue. The appraisal committee will complete its work in two weeks.

Saturday, May 17, 1924

Crestview Country Club directors decided yesterday to build a new $30,000 brick club house to replace the one razed by fire two days ago. It is hoped to complete the new structure before August 1st.

Sunday, May 18, 1924

The Mexican Catholic church, “Our Lady of Guadalupe,” at 926 South St. Francis, will be dedicated today by Bishop Schwertner.

The new residential area grocery store of the Dunn Mercantile Company at 13th and Waco was opened Friday. Photograph.

The 13th street bridge over Little river will be re-opened to traffic Wednesday with its new 90 foot extension on the west end. When this is finished, a 30 foot extension will be added to the west end of the 11th street bridge.

C. A. Comley and M. N. Neff purchased 125 feet of ground near corner of Laura and Waterman yesterday and intend to erect buildings for lumber yards there. They have been
associates the past nine years and own the yard at Udall, Kansas, but Mr. Comley says this yard is not associated with the many yards owned by his father.

Tuesday, May 20, 1924

7. Photograph of unusual new Derby filling station at Douglas and Pattie.

Friday, May 23, 1924

2. Work of extending the street car line east on Douglas from Roosevelt to Belmont began Thursday morning, according to Howard M. Patten, manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company here. The pavement is being cut for the steel ties on which 80 pound rails will be laid. The work will cost between $12,000 and $15,000 and take six weeks or two months to complete. The extension will necessitate one extra car being placed on the line. It is likely that new one-man cars will replace the old two-man cars on the stockyards run in the near future.

15. The transfers promised by the Wichita Bus Owners association were put into use yesterday. They sell for one cent and are good on any bus line except those parallel to the one it was issued on. Four colors of transfer slips are being used, one for each section of the city. Lines operating north, east, south and west each have a different color transfer, which will prevent reverse riding on a transfer ticket.

Sunday, May 25, 1924

20. Article reports death Wednesday of Mrs. Eva G. Shields, 901 Spaulding, who together with her husband Jack Shields, now deceased, came to Wichita 44 years ago purchased property in West Riverside, then cornfields, and planned the residential lots and development of this land (i.e., they may have bought it after the boom??).

Sunday, May 25, 1924

RotoGravure

Photograph of audience in interior of Wichita Theater.

Photograph of Park Villa -- damaged by flood last year but now reaching its former perfection again.

Wednesday, May 28, 1924

2. Four hundred forty graduates at Wichita High School commencement exercises today.


Thursday, May 29, 1924
The state tax commission has lowered the assessed valuation of the Wichita Railroad and Light company from $2,211,473 to $2,065,432.

Four hundred eight Wichita High School seniors received diplomas last evening. Details.

Friday, May 30, 1924

Article reports laying of corner stone yesterday for the new Elks home on North Market. Details.

Saturday, May 31, 1924

E. B. Smith, 335 South Exposition, has retired as a mail carrier after 37 years service. (Father of Edgar B. Smith.)

Sunday, June 1, 1924

Celebration to be held June 11 marking the opening of the hard surfaced road between Wichita and Augusta.

Photograph of new 21 passenger Reo bus on North St. Francis-East 13th-Fairmount line, owned by Ben Chewning. More than 43 buses are now operating on the 12 lines in Wichita.

Monday, June 2, 1924

Article summarizing status of the city managers proposal for merger of buses in Wichita into the Wichita Railroad and Light company. No definite action as yet. Article says the Kellogg street bus line has been completely re-equipped during the past month.

After being located in the Sedgwick building for 35 years, the Western Union Telegraph Company moved Saturday night and Sunday to its new location at 1st and Topeka.

Thursday, June 5, 1924

Commencement exercises of Fairmount college held yesterday with 51 graduates receiving B.A.s. The class of 1904 had only seven graduates.

Friday, June 6, 1924

Widening of the Little River this year and removal of the islands in the river between 9th and 11th streets and dredging it in places has made it more ideally suited for canoeing this year than ever before.
Sunday, June 8, 1924

5. The Central States Amusement Company, which has operated the Orpheum theater since September 1922, has sold its lease to the Orpheum Building company, which will operate the theater. High class vaudeville will continue to be shown.

13. Drawing of Crestview County club’s new club house. Eberson and Weaver, Orpheum building, are architects. Bids to be received this week and work will start the following week. To cost $30,000. Details.

Monday, June 9, 1924

10. Photograph of new Western Union building at 1st and Topeka, 60 by 140 feet, with exterior trim of terra cotta. Architect was Arthur Frederick McAdams, of Kansas City.

Tuesday, June 10, 1924

5. Train sheds have been promised to Wichita again, following a meeting of the members of the Wichita Union Terminal Railway Association Saturday at Springfield, Missouri. No definite details yet.

Work will start today on the hut for the pioneer camp in Hyde Park, on the Little Arkansas river. The hut is being financed by the Lions club.

Thursday, June 12, 1924

5. Article says paved roads now extend in four directions from Wichita -- north 14 miles to the county line, and a graveled road extends the remaining 14 miles into Newton, east to Augusta (recently completed), south to point nine miles south of Wellington, and west 20 miles and then a graveled road through Kingman and Pratt counties to Pratt.

7. City manager said yesterday that unless the Wichita Bus Owners’ association and the Wichita Railroad and Light company get together on a consolidation plan in the next 30 days, the city will enact ordinance regulating the buses operated by the association of independent owners. Details.

Friday, June 13, 1924

5. The Rounds and Porter Lumber Company has purchased more than five acres of land in the second block on North Waco from the Wichita Railroad and Light company for a reported $60,000. It is bounded on the north by 2nd street, on the east by Waco, on the west by the Arkansas river, and on the south by the John Engstrom tract. One condition is that the city permit steam engines to cross Waco avenue on a switch track. The company plans to build a new warehouse 200 by 400 feet, with a two story office building.
facing on Waco, where the tract has a 267 foot frontage. ¶ The street railway company has leased a portion of the tract from Mr. Rounds to be used as a concentration point for buses if they become practical in the city. The Rounds and Porter company will utilize about two acres, leaving more than three acres for other industrial firms.

Free motion pictures will be shown every evening in Central Riverside park beginning Monday.

**Saturday, June 14, 1924**

6. A row will be aired at the city commission meeting Monday over which direction the wye should turn at Belmont on the extension of the College Hill street car line. Residents on South Belmont protested to the city commission that the wye should turn north instead of south, whereupon the street railway company stopped work on the extension. Details.

**Sunday, June 15, 1924**

3. Westminster Presbyterian Church, at Market and Harry, will be dedicated today. The congregation is from the old Lincoln Street Presbyterian church, which was founded in 1886.

5. Approximately 1200 new street signs have been erected in the residential sections of the city during the past two months. The street names are lettered in white on a black background, and the signs are of a new improved type which gives the names of both intersecting streets on either side of the sign post. ¶ Another type of sign is being tried in the business district and has black lettering on a yellow background.

1B. Article about Scott Winne claims he has been seen in Montevideo, Uruguay. Details. Says he absconded from Wichita in 1908 with an estimated $300,000.

**Sunday, June 15, 1924**

RotoGravure

Photograph of A. W. Bitting residence, 1157 North Topeka.

**Wednesday, June 18, 1924**

10. Reverend J. Henry Hornung, of Cleveland, will likely succeed Reverend Hubert C. Herring, resigned, as pastor of the United Congregational Church. Details.

**Thursday, June 19, 1924**

5. Steel for the 300,000 gallon water tank at Murdock and Belmont arrived yesterday, and work of erecting the new tank will be started at once.
Saturday, June 21, 1924

Contract for new club house for Crestview Country club was let yesterday to Ellis and Singleton, contractors. Total cost will be $43,171. To be ready for occupancy by October 1. Details.

Sunday, June 22, 1924

Article says A. A. Hyde will assist financing a new building for the Water street branch (colored) of the YMCA. Details.

Wichita's newest hospital, the Southwest Osteopathic sanitarium and hospital, received its first patient last week. It was moved to Wichita from Blackwell, Oklahoma and is in temporary quarters at Rutan and Douglas until a modern hospital can be built. Details.

Monday, June 23, 1924

Grace United Presbyterian church and College Hill United Presbyterian church were merged yesterday. They will use the Grace church, 124 North Cleveland, and final services in the College Hill church at 1st and Green, built in 1906, will be held next Sunday.

A. A. Hyde offered $5000 towards the new negro YMCA building provided the negroes raise $7500 among their own race and $12,500 is raised among the white citizens of Wichita. Details.

Photograph of Salvation Army Outpost No. 3, at 2049 North Lawrence, which was dedicated yesterday.

Tuesday, June 24, 1924

City commission yesterday yielded to powerful public demand and voted a bond issue of $15,000 for the purchase and equipment of a tract of land between 13th and 14th streets, Jeanette avenue and the Little Arkansas river, to be used as a tourist camp under direction of the park board.

Finding from a city ordinance that the location of street railway switches and wyes are up to the discretion of the street car company, the city commission yesterday agreed to take no action whatever in regard to the proposed wye at Belmont and Douglas.

Thursday, June 26, 1924

Forty-six teams are used daily by the City Ice and Delivery Company. An average of 300 tons of ice are delivered daily.
5. City manager Elliott announced yesterday he is recommending to the city commission an ordinance governing the local bus transportation system. Details.

8. The Mother Lee Home of Redeeming Love, 30 room building at 1021 South St. Francis, is being placed on the market for sale for $10,000. It has been a haven for more than 3000 unfortunate girl mothers since 1895. Sixty girls were cared for in 1923 and 38 babies born. The manager would like to find a new location with larger grounds, permitting gardening and outdoor activities.

Friday, June 27, 1924

7. Photograph of the cabin erected by the Lions club on the Little Arkansas river seven miles northwest of Wichita on a 20 acre tract purchased by A. A. Hyde for the boys of Wichita. The cabin was completed yesterday.

Sunday, June 29, 1924

2. The Andrews drug store No. 2, 9th and Emporia, has been purchased by Klon Randle and will be known as the Randle Drug Company. Mr. Randle has been manager of the store for the past four years.

9. Advertisement with schedule of the “Interurban Coach,” bus service between Wellington and Wichita with six trips daily in each direction, operated by Sauder Motor and Truck Company of Wellington. Coach leaves from Lassen Hotel and from Douglas and Lawrence.

Sunday, June 29, 1924

RotoGravure

Photograph of Park Villa.

Thursday, July 3, 1924

5. Men have been working several days on the 13th street tract for the tourist camp clearing away underbrush and weeds, and the new camp is expected to open on August 1.

Friday, July 4, 1924

6. The maiden trip of the new motor bus service between Wichita and Hutchinson will be made this morning with the big Fageol Safety bus, “Miss Texas.” The two hour trip will go over the Cannonball road west to Garden Plain, then north through Darlow to Hutchinson, a distance of 62 miles.

Saturday, July 5, 1924
10. An auto collided with a Central avenue bus yesterday at the canal.

Sunday, July 6, 1924

page

RotoGravure

Photographs of a number of Wichita homes 30 years ago from “Souvenir of Wichita,” printed in 1895.

Monday, July 7, 1924

page

5. Dr. J. Henry Hornung, of Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted the call of the United Congregational church in Wichita, and will preach his first sermon here on September 7.

Friday, July 11, 1924

page

1. Howard Schroeder, Wichita real estate dealer, yesterday purchased the three story brick building at northwest corner of English and Main for $45,000. The building, formerly occupied by Kansas Gas and Electric Company, has a 65 foot frontage on Main street and was built after the boom by F. W. Whitlock. The north 25 feet was sold by Peter Lazarus, president of the United Millinery Company, to the Wichita Trunk Company about a year ago. The rest of the building sold by Mr. Lazarus, 40 by 142 feet, is occupied by Charles A. Baker, plumber, and a cleaning and pressing establishment on the ground floor, while the Colvin Chiropractic college has the upper floors.

Saturday, July 12, 1924

page

5. H. D. Gaines yesterday announced plans to begin construction immediately of three two-story brick apartment houses on a 173 foot frontage in the 2500 block of East Douglas. Each will contain eight five-room apartments, and the first is to be completed by September 1.

Note says Southwestern Bell Telephone company is displaying the 1881 Wichita telephone directory in its window. There were 60 names printed on a single sheet of paper. There were no numbers, and persons using the phones asked for the desired parties by name.

Monday, July 14, 1924

page

1. Death notice of Charles G. Cohn, who died yesterday at daughter’s home in Kansas City at age 70. President of the Cohn-Hinkel Dry Goods Company (Boston Store). Came to Wichita in 1886. Survivors include one son, Sylvester H. Cohn, of Wichita, and a daughter in Kansas City, Mrs. Ira Gottlieb.

5. Right of way street recently designated by city commission, including Lawrence, Douglas, East Central, East Kellogg, and East 1st will be marked with heavy white line at all intersections and the word “stop” painted in large letters just inside the line. Motorists
who run over the lines without stopping will be dealt with severely.

Tuesday, July 15, 1924

5. Hearing has been set for July 24 in Sedgwick County District Court on an injunction suit filed by J. T. Nuttle, representing a number of property owners, to prevent the Wichita Railroad and Light company from locating a wye at Belmont and Douglas. Until the suit is heard the street railway company must mark time on plans for the extension of its line on East Douglas.

Wednesday, July 16, 1924

5. Article about plans for construction of the York Rite Temple building. Estimated cost is $450,000. Bids to be submitted in three weeks. Details.

Thursday, July 17, 1924

2. Article reports city manager Elliott is considering the installation of an electric traffic signal system in the business district of Wichita. Details.

3. City planning commission has recommended to city commission that the interurban buses operating between Wichita and surrounding towns and cities should have a downtown depot. More than 20 bus lines will be affected if such an ordinance is passed.

5. Board of park commissioners have decided to pave Murdock from Nims to Amidon with asphalt macadam. This section of boulevard is a park thoroughfare, and the city ordinance relating to paving do not apply to it.

Friday, July 18, 1924

5. Note says Wichita Railroad and Light company is considering a bus line as an extension to the West Riverside street car line.

7. J. T. Nuttle filed an amended petition in district court yesterday against the proposed street car wye at Belmont and Douglas, charging “that said material to be used in the wye by the street car company is old, worn, and noisy and that the switches and frogs of said wye are operated by springs and the operation is accompanied by loud and vexatious noise and clanking.” He also pointed out that with the track laid on South Belmont there would not be room enough to park an automobile in front of his home.

Saturday, July 19, 1924

1. Photograph of Barney, Wichita’s only police department horse, and his master, Tom Childreth, traffic sergeant.
5. The section of Wichita’s recent new traffic ordinance providing for parallel parking on downtown streets was rescinded by the city commission yesterday after much protest, and diagonal parking will be reinstated today.

Sunday, July 20, 1924

3. Plans for the three story brick hospital to be constructed by the Southwestern Osteopathic association at Douglas and Rutan are nearly complete.

6A. Photograph of the Noll Brick and Tile Company at Wichita Heights, about six miles north with article describing the company.

Monday, July 21, 1924

2. The West Side theater, 901 West Douglas, will be opened August 15 under management of H. Gundy. The building is being remodeled at a cost of $12,000 and will seat 500 persons.

Sunday, July 27, 1924

2. Article says several locations are being considered for a union bus depot for Wichita. There are 30 buses operating on the interurban bus lines out of Wichita and each of these vehicles makes an average of three trips a day, or a total of 90 buses arriving and departing from the city. These buses operate on 15 different routes in all directions. Buses leave Wichita on regular schedules for Arkansas City, Blackwell, Caldwell, Pratt, Hutchinson, Salina, Eureka, Augusta, Eldorado, Winfield, Wellington, Clearwater, Cheney, Kingman, Valley Center, Sedgwick, Newton and intervening points.

5. Six new buses each valued at more than $5000 have been placed in operation in Wichita during the past week. One is on the Central avenue line, two on 2nd street, one on Kellogg street, and two on South Lawrence. Another one is now being built for Kellogg street, making all of the equipment on that line modern buses.

8. Article says a tribal lodge of the Wichita Indians will be built in Riverside park some time this fall. The offer was made to Mayor Frank Dunn by Dennis Warden, president of the Indian Nation association. Details.

Work was resumed on the Elks building on North Market Friday after several weeks delay awaiting materials.

Sunday, July 27, 1924

RotoGravure

Photograph of caravan of five Reo motor buses furnished by the Wichita Bus Owners Association for the Wichita Chamber of Commerce trade trip to Arkansas City on June 26.
Photograph of buses and travelers in front of Osage Hotel at Arkansas City.

**Friday, August 1, 1924**

11. Article about the new Model Clothing Company, which opens tomorrow at 115 East Douglas (immediately east of Caldwell-Murdock building). Drawing -- McClellan’s is to the east, and ground floor of Caldwell-Murdock occupied by Field’s Millinery on east side and Dockum Drug on West Side.

**Saturday, August 2, 1924**

2. Freshman class at Friends university this year will be limited to 150, and the entire enrollment at Fairmount college will be held down to 437, which was the 1923-24 enrollment. Building facilities and limited number of instructors is the reason for limitation.

**Sunday, August 3, 1924**

1. Article says the new State Reserve Bank of Wichita is to open August 25 as a reorganization from the failed American State Bank. Details.

2. Paving of the one and a fourth mile gap in North Lawrence avenue pavement, beginning a half mile north of 37th street, will be started tomorrow, and the project should be completed in 60 days, finishing the North Lawrence avenue pavement to the county line.

**Sunday, August 3, 1924**

RotoGravure

Photograph of Dr. Walter S. Priest, pastor Central Christian.

**Monday, August 4, 1924**

5. Fire starting in a box car destroyed a 150 foot section of the Orient Railroad bridge yesterday. Details.

6. Precinct map with polling places listed.

**Thursday, August 7, 1924**

1. The bond issue of $140,000 to build a new bridge over the Arkansas river at Seneca street carried in Tuesday’s election by 8359 to 3254.

**Friday, August 8, 1924**

3. Auto licenses sold in Sedgwick county this year total 20,447, an increase of 1084 over the
19,363 a year ago. Truck licenses number 2884, up 539 from 2345 a year ago.

5. Plans for the new Seneca street bridge are being prepared by Paul L. Brockway, city engineer.

Saturday, August 9, 1924

2. Final vote on the Seneca street bridge bond issue was 11,525 for and 4661 against.

5. A new telephone directory will be issued August 30 listing 23,000 patrons compared with 21,995 in the book issued February 1 this year.

Sunday, August 10, 1924

1. Contract for new York Rite Masonic Temple at Market and William was let yesterday to Campbell and Price Construction Company of Oklahoma City for approximately $500,000. Details. Architect is Harry Weaver, of Wichita.

2. The jingling registers on the Wichita street cars are being discarded, and 80 of them are to be removed from the cars by order of H. W. Patten, superintendent. They are useless with the present system of fare collecting and were installed years ago when the fare box was unknown and they were the only check the company had on the number of passengers. After the fare box system of collecting fares was installed, the registers were used to check against the cash.

3. A hearing is to be held tomorrow in the wage controversy between the Arkansas Valley Interurban and its union trainmen. The previous contract which expired last December called for 44 cents to 50 cents an hour, and the company is proposing a ten percent wage reduction to take effect August 15.

5. Wichita inter-city bus owners have formed the Inter-City Motor Bus association of Wichita. Details. One of their first problems will be the establishment of a “union station” for motor buses. At the present the interurban buses depart from the city’s leading hotels.

8. City manager Elliott is recommending lengthening of the Griffenstein and Woodman bridges, building of a new bridge over the Little Arkansas at Murdock and over the canal on Douglas, and 15 other new bridges across the canal at Harry, Broadway, Kellogg, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Central, Murdock, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, and 18th streets.

Tuesday, August 12, 1924

12. The remnants of the old Seneca street bridge have been removed in preparation for construction of the new bridge.

Wednesday, August 13, 1924
8. Stock and assets of the Wichita Wholesale Grocery Company, oldest concern of its nature in the city, were sold yesterday to the Jett and Wood Mercantile Company for approximately $50,000.

9. The Amidon avenue paving project is underway.

Employes of the Wichita Flour Mills Company held a tenth anniversary party last evening with a chicken dinner at the Wolf and Parrott cafeteria followed by a dance at the mill.

Friday, August 15, 1924

2. The absolute maximum number of freshmen to be admitted at Fairmount college this year is 220, with a limit of 200 preferred. This means that a number of applicants will be rejected.

5. Note refers to “the old street car loading docks they’re tearing up on Douglas avenue.”

9. The Arkansas Valley Interurban’s request for ten percent wage reduction for trainmen, said due to the company’s books showing a loss since 1922, was reduced to a three cent per hour wage cut by the Kansas court of industrial relations Wednesday. Trainmen will receive 41 cents to 47 cents an hour compared to the old scale of 44 cents to 50 cents. Carpenters will receive 57 cents as before.

Saturday, August 16, 1924

5. A. W. Townsley, superintendent of transportation for the Rock Island Railroad at Chicago, said yesterday at a conference here that the increase in the number of motor buses has reduced railroad passenger traffic for short distance trips 40 percent in the past year and 80 percent in the past three years, making necessary the widespread operation of gasoline cars by the railroads. Gasoline cars have been tried on railroads in the eastern and western states, but are just making their debut to the middle west. The Rock Island now has seven gasoline cars in operation in Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas.

Excavation will start Monday for the York Rite Temple building.

Sunday, August 17, 1924

RotoGravure

Photograph of the Coombs Mercantile Company building.

Monday, August 18, 1924

3. Brief history of weather bureau in Wichita. It was established here July 1, 1888, then operated by the signal service of the United States Army, with Sergeant F. L. Johnson of
the signal corps as the first observer here. He was relieved in 1902 by George T. Todd, who was later relieved by Richard Sullivan, who remained until early 1913 when Hal P. Hardin took over. A few months later in 1913, the present government meteorologist, S. P. Peterson, took charge. The station is now atop the Beacon building.

**Wednesday, August 20, 1924**

2. The 30 year lease and furnishings of the 100 room McClellan hotel were sold yesterday to Howard W. Simpson, Madison, Wisconsin, by Richard Gray and John Rigby for $75,000.

3. The city planning commission has been requested by city manager Elliott to make a survey of the local bus situation for the city commission. Details.

**Friday, August 22, 1924**

2. The West theater, 901 West Douglas, will open this evening.

5. George Theis threatens that the Arkansas Valley Interurban will open a bus line in competition unless the Inter City Bus Association withdraws buses from highways parallel to its lines.

**Saturday, August 23, 1924**

5. Money is being raised by the Kansas Holiness Association for a permanent tabernacle, 122 by 150 feet, frame, to be erected in Beulah park. A 50 year lease has been obtained on the grounds.

The new College Hill water tower on Murdock avenue will be completed within a week.

**Sunday, August 24, 1924**

5. Library hall, in the basement of the north wing of the city library, was finished yesterday and is now open to art displays and non-sectarian gatherings. It has a seating capacity of 150. The new periodical reading room in the upper north wing will be opened about September 15.

7. The central lodge of the new Camp Bide-a-Wee, eight miles north on the Arkansas avenue road, is almost completed. Photograph.

12A. New State Reserve Bank opens tomorrow, successor to the American State bank, which failed June 18, 1923.

**Monday, August 25, 1924**
5. The new Wichita Tourist park at west end of 13th street bridge over Little Arkansas river will open soon after September 1. The buildings are nearing completion. Details.

12. Article gives history of Munger house as described by grand-daughter of D. S. Munger’s daughter. Details.

Tuesday, August 26, 1924
page
2. Article reports problems in re-financing Wichita hospital. Details.

Sunday, August 31, 1924
page
8. Thirty Wichita Indians will be brought here two weeks from today to begin work on one of their tribal lodges. Details. They are coming from their present home at Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Wednesday, September 3, 1924
page
5. City commission yesterday voted to appropriate $50,000 for purchase and development of 13-acre tract between Douglas and English as College Hill park.

Thursday, September 4, 1924
page

Sunday, September 7, 1924
page
5. Paving of the one and one-quarter mile gap on North Lawrence road will be completed about October 1st.

Monday, September 8, 1924
page
5. Total maximum enrollment of Wichita schools by year:
   1912-13  9000  1918-19  13,826
   1913-14  9636  1919-20  14,147
   1914-15  10,347  1920-21  15,086
   1915-16  11,110  1921-22  16,020
   1916-17  11,924  1922-23  16,510
   1917-18  12,912  1923-24  17,000
Tuesday, September 9, 1924
page 1. Photograph of Dr. Fabrique in rocking chair -- today is 55th anniversary of his arrival in Wichita.

Wednesday, September 10, 1924
page 2. The park board yesterday suggested that the proposed Wichita Indian lodge be erected on the small island in the Little Arkansas river just south of the 13th street bridge. After discussion it was agreed that the site of the original Wichita Indian village here was in the loop of the Little River between 9th and 12th streets, in the wooded area of the North Riverside addition, but this site is now covered with modern dwellings, so the other site was suggested.

Contract let yesterday for two story brick building, McCullough building. 25 by 85 feet, in third block on North Market.

5. Article reports death of R. C. Israel yesterday at age 69. Came here in 1876. Survivors include one son, Robert E. Israel, and two daughters, Mrs. Dafil Carter of Wichita, and Miss Bessie Mae Israel.

New tourist camp to be dedicated Monday, September 22.

Friday, September 12, 1924
page 5. Extra cars have been put on the North Riverside stub trolley line, which connects with the West Riverside line at Franklin avenue, to handle the early morning and school rushes. This is temporary, but the permanent improvement being planned will provide faster service all during the day.

Saturday, September 13, 1924
page 5. Meadowlark Golf club will start erection of a $3500 club house on Monday, to be one story, 30 by 50 feet, of shingle construction with ten foot porch on south and east. The club has a membership of 232.

Monday, September 15, 1924
page 2. Two new seven room school buildings -- at Maple and Meridian, and at Levy and Ida -- will probably be ready for occupancy by first of the year. Lorentz Schmidt is architect.

5. Article reports Wichita Railroad and Light company is considering operating buses as feeders to its street car lines in the near future.
Tuesday, September 16, 1924

3. Bids will be taken in October for paving of North Hillside from end of paving north to 21st street with concrete, 20 feet wide. This summer the county has surfaced the road on Hillside north to 21st street. East 21st street was given a clay and sand surface in the spring.

6. A deal was closed yesterday whereby the Central avenue and Kellogg street bus lines were purchased by an agent of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. It is understood the two lines will be operated under the train system, with transfers being issued for use on either system.

Wednesday, September 17, 1924

5. The Wintergarden dance hall re-opens tonight.

Thursday, September 18, 1924

2. Crestview’s new club house, costing $55,000 complete with furnishings, is nearly finished. Photograph. Details.

7. Midian Shrine has decided not to erect a new temple at 1st and St. Francis. ¶ Article also mentions that the boat house at Shrine club in Riverside was torn down several weeks ago.

Sunday, September 21, 1924

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company since last Monday has been operating the Kellogg street and Central avenue bus lines, and Howard Patten, superintendent, announced that negotiations are pending for other bus lines. ¶ The bus fare is five cents as compared to the six cent street car fare, but transfer to a street car line may be obtained by payment of another one cent. ¶ Seven practically new buses were secured with the purchase of the two lines. Several of the older type bus are still being operated but will be replaced by new vehicles within the next 30 days.

5B. The new water tower on College Hill, at Belmont and Murdock, holding 350,000 gallons of water, and erected at a cost of $40,000, will probably be put into service the first of the week. Photograph.

Tuesday, September 23, 1924

5. Hal A. Sidles, who operates a bus line on Lawrence avenue, was authorized by the city commission yesterday to extend his service to the Riverside district after presentation of petitions for the service signed by about 500 residents. The route will be extended from South Lawrence avenue west on 1st street, north on Waco, west on 9th street, west on Lewellen, west on 11th street to Perry, thence looping north to 13th street, east to
Woodrow, back to 11th street and then returning over the same route.

Contracts let by school board yesterday for construction of the Levy street and Meridian street school buses. To be finished soon after first of the year.

Saturday, September 27, 1924

A one story frame building, the last of the once famous Eldredge park at southeast limits of Wichita, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Eldredge park was a popular resort and picnic ground in the late 80s. It was reached by Henry Schweiter’s steam railroad, which ran south on Emporia to Kellogg, east on Kellogg to Hydraulic, then southeast on Broadway to within a block of Hillside, where it doubled back westward to the large grove in which the amusement resort was situated. Aside from its picnic facilities the park had a dance hall, a theater, a beer garden, rides and concessions. The buildings have gradually fallen away and disappeared until only one was left standing, the one which was burned. It has been used as a dwelling.

Sunday, September 28, 1924

A male cub was born Thursday to Lady, lioness at the Riverside park zoo. The father, King, is also there.

Monday, September 29, 1924

Wichita’s new tourist camp has been open for about three days.

Wednesday, October 1, 1924

Construction started Monday on the first of the new drainage canal bridges, the one at Kellogg.

Thursday, October 2, 1924

The county commissioners have agreed to pay $2.50 a day for the care of all county patients in local hospitals instead of $1.00, which has been paid previously.

Friday, October 3, 1924

The Wichita Railroad and Light company has purchased six new 25 passenger Mack buses each costing more than $7000. They will start arriving today and will be put in operation on the Central avenue and Kellogg street lines, making it possible to inaugurate a nine minute schedule on these lines. The Wichita Railroad and Light company now owns 17-passenger buses. When the new machines go into service, two of the old 21 passenger Reo buses will be withdrawn, leaving 15 first class buses in operation.
7. New Stockyards Petroleum company service station at 701 East 21st street will open tomorrow. Photograph.

Sunday, October 5, 1924

5. The Southwestern Osteopathic association has abandoned plans to buy the Wichita hospital and have purchased the old Rutan corner at Douglas and Rutan opposite their present hospital and will build there a new $125,000 hospital, Dr. H. C. Wallace, superintendent, announced yesterday. The new hospital will be four stories, 108 by 40 feet, of brick and stucco, with capacity of 75 beds. Room for an additional wing will be left on the west. ¶ The lots were purchased from W. R. Parker for $30,000. The 12-room stucco residence which now occupies the corner will be moved 50 feet to the west and will be used as the nurses home. Work on the new building will begin in the next 60 days.

15. Work will start tomorrow on a three story brick apartment house at 424 North Topeka costing approximately $65,000 and having 18 apartments. To be named the Nokomis apartment house after the name of the town in Illinois where Claude Neil, the Wichita builder, was born.

5A. Article about Kansas Humane society giving some history of the organization.

1B. Advertisement for big Air Show to be held next Friday and Saturday at the California Section.

Wednesday, October 8, 1924

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company plans on building a new garage and repair shop for its buses at cost of $60,000 in the near future according to C. A. Wait of Chicago, assistant to the president of Chicago Power and Light Company of which the local utility is a part. Clement Studebaker, Jr., is president of the Chicago organization. Location of the garage will be selected later.

Friday, October 10, 1924

15. Photograph of crowd in William street watching World Series result. Shows back half of Federal building including the newer one story addition on west.

Saturday, October 11, 1924

2. Sixty thousand dollars worth of new buses were ordered yesterday for routes under jurisdiction of the Wichita Bus Owners association and will be in operation here by November 1. They will be used on Water street, Harry, 9th, 13th, and North Market street routes. Two new buses have recently been put on the South Lawrence avenue and the Maple street lines. The new equipment is all of the street car type, seating 21
passengers. ¶ The Central avenue and Kellogg street lines are now owned and operated by the street railway company.

**Sunday, October 12, 1924**

9. The Smith-McKay Studebaker agency was sold to William F. Floto of Tulsa, formerly a partner in the Sells-Floto circus, yesterday. Located at 226 South Lawrence.

**Tuesday, October 14, 1924**

5. Contracts let yesterday for 30 blocks of new paving -- includes Hillside from 17th to 21st and Central from Broadview to East street.

7. Construction on the new Seneca street bridge will start this week.

**Friday, October 17, 1924**

page 20. Old photograph of downtown looking east along Douglas (shows victory arch in place) -- taken May 1919.

**Saturday, October 18, 1924**

page 5. Work on the new Seneca street bridge began yesterday. To cost approximately $105,000. ¶ Building of Kellogg street canal bridge has started and the old Central avenue canal bridge is being torn down to make way for the new one.

**Sunday, October 19, 1924**

page 2. Construction of the new Elks home on North Market is nearly complete and interior finishing is under way.

5. Work on the new $100,000 Salvation Army Rescue and Maternity home to be built on a nine acre site at end of 11th street adjacent to Sim park, will be started in the next 30 days. It will replace the one now situated at 1103 North St. Francis, which is the old Wesley Hospital building. Details.

**Tuesday, October 21, 1924**

page 5. The second three of the six new buses recently purchased by the Wichita Railroad and Light company will be put into service this week and three of the old ones will be withdrawn. The company is now operating 15 buses on the Kellogg street and Central avenue lines.

Will G. Price started work yesterday on a one story addition at 313-15 South Topeka, 50 by 140 feet, adjacent to his main garage building.
8. The Short and Mooney bus line between Wichita and Augusta was purchased yesterday by J. A. Combs, former owner of the Kellogg street line and the Valley Center line. Two new 18-passenger Dodge buses have been ordered and service will be given on a two hour schedule. The fare will be reduced to 50 cents each way.

11. The new Crestview club house is to be opened this evening. Photograph. Details.

Thursday, October 23, 1924

2. Passenger revenue on the Orient Railroad has declined from $507,795 in 1920 to $244,092 in 1923 and is continuing to decline.

The two story building 100 by 140 feet at William and St. Francis for the Johnson Auto Supply company is well under way. Cost $85,000.


Friday, October 24, 1924

4. Photograph of new service station at Waco and Douglas, opposite the Broadview hotel, to be opened tomorrow.

8. Allen W. Hinkel yesterday purchased the half interest in the Boston store from the trustees of the Charles G. Cohn estate for $260,000 and is now the sole owner. It will now be known as the Allen W. Hinkel Dry Goods Company.

13. Wichita’s two new $50,000 school buildings, at 1002 East Levy Street and 301 South Meridian, will be completed in time for the start of the second semester. They are being built exactly alike from the same set of plans, and are two story, 63 by 105 feet, brick and stucco with tile roofs.

Discussion of flood control program for widening the Little river to 250 feet from 13th street to its mouth, costing nearly $150,000.

Sunday, October 26, 1924

12A. Photograph of Wible Ice Company plant, 1004 South Hydraulic. The company moved to Wichita from Beaver City, Oklahoma in spring of 1921. Capacity then was five tons per day and has since been increased to 50 tons per day.

Sunday, October 26, 1924

RotoGravure

Photograph of Simpson Motor Company building, 300-302 South Main, seller of “re-manufactured Fords.”
Monday, October 27, 1924

7. Article says a petition protesting the widening of the Little river will be presented to the city commission tonight by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, 1106 Larimer.

Tuesday, October 28, 1924

5. The old North Market street fire station location at 230 North Market, including a 25 foot lot, was sold by the city yesterday to Stein Brothers furriers for $14,000. The old building was partially destroyed by fire about two years ago. It will be removed and a $25,000 two story concrete and stucco building constructed for Stein Brothers. The property was bought in 1885 for about $450 and the building was built the following year according to Fire Chief Al Brownewell, who was a member of the volunteer fire department before the regular department was organized.

Wednesday, October 29, 1924

5. J. A. Combs has just received his two new 18-passenger Dodge buses and will start his Wichita to Augusta bus line today.

Friday, October 31, 1924

2. Dedication of the new YWCA camp eight miles north on Arkansas avenue is to be held Sunday.

Sunday, November 2, 1924

RotoGravure

Aerial photograph of portion of downtown Wichita taken from Martin bomber during the recent air show.

Tuesday, November 4, 1924

3. Contract let yesterday by city commission for lengthening of the Central avenue dam across the Little River for $22,420 as a part of widening the river above the dam. This will allow 25 percent more water to flow and reduce the probabilities of flooding in the future.

Thursday, November 6, 1924

1. Article reports death of W. O. Van Arsdale at age 65. Survived by wife May, two sons, J. H. and Leon B., and a daughter, Louise.

In election Tuesday the bond issue for new bridge across Little Arkansas at Murdock carried by 13,452 to 8675, and the new bridge across canal at Douglas carried by 12,690 to 8840. Murdock bridge $95,000 and canal bridge $60,000.
3. The Noll Brick and Tile Company is now producing 40,000 brick daily. Its capacity is 100,000 daily with the addition of a new steam shovel today.

Saturday, November 8, 1924
page 8. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement gives change in routing of Kellogg and Central avenue buses starting tomorrow. Details.

Sunday, November 9, 1924
page 2. Article describes plans for new Murdock street bridge including viewing bays built out from eight foot sidewalks.

7. It is proposed to establish a central bus depot and ticket office at 226 East 1st street. The Derby Oil station will be moved back a few yards and a canopy large enough to shelter three buses will be erected.

Sunday, November 9, 1924
page RotoGravure Panoramic photograph of downtown from Beacon building.

Thursday, November 13, 1924
page 5. The North End park and swimming pool which has been promised for three years will be a reality before the swimming season next spring according to Alfred MacDonald, director of parks. The site on the Little River at 21st street was acquired by the city three years ago, but construction has been delayed due to conflicts with the city flood prevention campaign.

Friday, November 14, 1924
page 2. Drawing of the proposed Southwestern Osteopathic sanitarium to be erected at northwest corner of Douglas and Rutan at cost of $100,000. S. S. Voight of Wichita is the architect.

Sunday, November 16, 1924
page 11. A new bus line from Wichita to Arkansas City will start tomorrow with four new 27 passenger buses making three trips daily. Operated by P. H. and T. A. Kennedy. Buses will leave from Broadview and Lassen hotels.

Tuesday, November 18, 1924
page 5. Action for condemnation of a 21 acre park site on College Hill will be taken immediately, following city commission’s appropriation of $55,000 for its purchase yesterday. ¶ The
land is owned by more than 50 persons. It has been valued at $2619 an acre.

Thursday, November 20, 1924


Friday, November 21, 1924

Page 2. A new idea on relieving the parking congestion was initiated yesterday when Allen W. Hinkel announced that his customers will be given free parking at the Forum garage. Persons making purchases at the store will be given tickets at the main floor transfer desk, which may be used to obtain their cars.

Saturday, November 22, 1924

Page 14. W. H. Gaines has sold his lease on the Hotel Eaton to N. M. Brown, of Topeka, for approximately $30,000.

Sunday, November 23, 1924

Page 3. The Kansas Power and Light Company has placed one million dollars in seven percent cumulative preferred stock on the market. This means the Wichita Railroad and Light company, which is affiliated with the above, will soon build a $60,000 garage to house its buses. The company now has 11 buses in operation, and its program calls for 30 to 40 to be used eventually. The common stock of the Kansas Power and Light Company is owned by the Kansas Public Service Company, a subsidiary of the Studebaker utility group.

5. The 18th street bridge will be closed tomorrow because of its unsafe condition, to await the action of the city commission on repairs.

17. Map of the area to be condemned for College Hill park.

Work will resume Tuesday on raising $3000 to build the proposed Wichita Indian grass lodge.

Monday, November 24, 1924

Page 5. A bill providing the necessary authorization by law for converting Fairmount College into a municipal university will be presented to the legislature in January. Details.

Thursday, November 27, 1924

Page 13. Article says Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company is expected to start operation of motor bus lines soon.
The Kansas Stage Line Company, Wichita, was among four motor bus lines given a charter at Topeka yesterday. Capital is $50,000.

**Sunday, November 30, 1924**

5. Colonel S. B. Amidon announced that he intends inserting a clause in his will to perpetuate his annual Christmas dinner. This year is the 22nd annual dinner and he is planning to feed 2500 persons in the Scottish Rite Temple, 1st and Topeka. Two hundred turkeys have been ordered and will be carved by 22 Dold meat cutters.

**Monday, December 1, 1924**

5. M. W. Levy has returned for his first visit to Wichita in nearly 20 years. He is now a millionaire stock broker in New York. During the depression after the boom he lost heavily in the collapse of the Wichita National Bank.

**Tuesday, December 2, 1924**

5. Article reports city commission is again considering moving the street car tracks over the Arkansas river at Douglas to the center of the Douglas avenue bridge. Details.

Note mentions that the old M. W. Levy home is still standing at 1st and Topeka.

**Thursday, December 4, 1924**

4. Several bus lines, including those now operated by the Greenleaf, Sauder, Gurley, and Kennedy Brothers interests, will be purchased by the new Arkansas Valley Transportation Company, a subsidiary of the Arkansas Valley Interurban, to supplement its present electric system.

5. Article reports laying of cornerstone of York Rite Masonic Temple building yesterday. Details.

16. Work on the new bus depot at 1st and Lawrence will start as soon as transactions for the site are completed, it was decided yesterday at a meeting of the Inter City Bus association.

**Sunday, December 7, 1924**

8A. Advertisement for sale of Kansas Power and Light Company seven percent cumulative preferred stock. Information can be obtained at the office of Wichita Railroad and Light company, 111 South Main.

6B. Article says the first private automobile garage in Wichita was built by Frank B. Callender at 1223 South Lawrence in 1902 (February). He received the second steam automobile in Wichita, a Milwaukee steamer, in March 1902. He says A. S. Parks had the first
steamer in Wichita, a Locomobile, and O. K. Spencer and Dean Gordon owned the first gasoline autos, which were one cylinder Oldsmobiles.

Sunday, December 7, 1924
page
RotoGravure
Photograph of interior of new home of the Steel Hardware Company at Market and William.

Thursday, December 11, 1924
page
2. A 15-ton road excavating machine fell through the South Lawrence avenue bridge yesterday. Photograph.

Monday, December 15, 1924
page
5. The Wichita Country Club is considering the purchase of an additional 61 acre tract adjoining their golf course on the north and extending to 13th street for expansion of their golf course. The present site covers 83 acres, and purchase of the adjoining tract would increase this to 144 acres.

Tuesday, December 16, 1924
page
5. School board yesterday postponed decision on proposed purchase of tract across Little River from municipal swimming pool for a new high school. Among other sites offered was a 12 acre tract of the old race tract at 1st and Vine. Details.

Wednesday, December 17, 1924
page
2. Article reports Dr. Andrew H. Fabrique was guest of honor at Sedgwick County Medical Society meeting last evening. Details.

Thursday, December 18, 1924
page
1. Wichita Country Club members yesterday authorized the purchase of a 59.8 acre tract adjoining the golf grounds on the north and extending to 13th street to establish a new and modern golf course. The land will cost slightly over $22,000, an average of $368 an acre. Details.

Saturday, December 20, 1924
page
5. The Orient Railroad will have spent over $1,000,000 in Wichita this year. There are 514 Orient employees living in Wichita, with wages of $840,000 per year, and purchase of materials will exceed $150,000.
Sunday, December 21, 1924

Wednesday, December 24, 1924
page 5. The pavement on Hillside between 17th and 21st was completed yesterday and will be opened today.

Sunday, December 28, 1924
page 2. Article reports Arkansas Valley Transportation Company plans to build a bus garage and depot just north of the Arkansas Valley Interurban freight depot with 50 foot frontage on Waco and 147 foot depth. ¶ Two new Fageol buses will be operated by the company. They will be routed between Wichita and Hutchinson on the same schedule as those of the old Wichita Safety Coach Company, four buses running daily, leaving Wichita 7:30 and 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.