Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas

## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1926 WICHITA EAGLE

## Wichita Eagle Sunday, January 3, 1926

page

- 8. Rounds and Porter Lumber company yesterday completed moving the contents of its warehouse on South Commerce street to its new building on Waco between 1st and 2nd. Offices in the new yards will not be completed for another month.
- 9. Photograph of skeleton of Union National building on December 16 -- 13 stories.

## Monday, January 4, 1926

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- 1. Article reports death yesterday of W. W. Pearce, age 82, who came to Wichita in the late '70s. He owned several valuable residence and business properties here and was president of the Pearce Dental Supply Company. One son, Ira, of St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 5. Work on the new Johnston-Larimer clothes manufacturing plant at 9th and Mosley will start immediately according to W. M. G. Howse, president. To cost approximately \$50,000.

#### Wednesday, January 6, 1926

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1. Fairmount college board of trustees announced yesterday that Wichita has until February 10th to take definite steps to convert the institution into a municipal university. If this is not done it will be moved to Topeka and merged with Washbum. Details.

#### Saturday, January 9, 1926

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3. The new Mt. Hope High School was occupied by the students Wednesday.

#### Sunday, January 10, 1926

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6. The Southwestern Osteopathic sanitarium at Rutan and Douglas is now nearing completion and will be formally opened January 30 and 31.

- 7. Advertisement says average number of employes of George Innes Company is 247 and salaries paid last year were \$278,595.
- 9. Article about plans for 215 acre Lynch tract one mile east of Oliver. Includes 75 acres north of Douglas and 140 acres between Douglas and Kellogg. Douglas avenue through the tract will form two driveways 600 feet apart, with residence sites between them. Details.

#### Sunday, January 10, 1926

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#### Rotogravure

Photographs from top of Red Star mill.

## Tuesday, January 12, 1926

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- 2. Work on construction of a hanger, 40 by 50 feet, at Travel Air, Inc. aviation field, will start today it was announced by chairman Cy Seymour of the hangar committee of the aviation commission of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. To cost \$2000 and be completed within two weeks. It will be located near Central Avenue road, at west end of the row of Travel Air hangars.
- 5. Dockum Drug Company has leased ground floor space in new Union National Bank building and will replace its present store No. 2 at 223 East Douglas with the new one there.
- 7. Stockholders of Orpheum building voted yesterday to sell the building to Brown-Crammer Company, bond brokers, for slightly over \$500,000. Through the transfer all liabilities are liquidated, and all first preferred stock with interest is payable on presentation at the Brown-Crammer office.

## Wednesday, January 13, 1926

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6. Work of widening the Little River from 13th to 21st street started yesterday, and contract was let for widening and moving back the bank in the bend from Forest to 11th street. It will be widened to a minimum width of 250 feet.

## Thursday, January 14, 1926

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3. Castle Court, a six family apartment just completed at 121 South Kansas, is unique in design. It was built by Sidney Mourning and J. F. Powell at a cost of \$27,500.

## Friday, January 15, 1926

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14. Report of annual meeting of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad in Wichita yesterday. Details.

#### Sunday, January 17, 1926

page

- 1. The Kozy Klosure Manufacturing plant, 600 East 35th street, a single story brick building 225 by 80 feet belonging to the Bridgeport Machine Company and a part of the old Burton Car company plant, later used by the Jones Motor Car company, burned to the ground yesterday evening. Building valued at \$40,000 and contents \$65,000. Cause of fire is not known. The company has been in the building for about two years and manufactures patented auto tops and curtains.
- 2. Contract let yesterday by W-W Feed Grinder Company, 214 South Wichita street, for a \$50,000 factory at 2nd and Waco. The company has frontage of 100 feet on 2nd street and 267 feet on Waco. Building to be one story.
- 5. Article gives annual report of City library for past year. Details.

## Monday, January 18, 1926

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5. The Grit Printing Company will soon erect an addition to its new home, the old Southwestern Bell Telephone company building in second block on North Market, at a cost of \$15,000. The addition will be in the form of an "L" extending 90 feet east and west on the south side of the present building and 50 feet north and south on the rear, of brick, one story high. The company is now moving from its former quarters at Lawrence avenue and William street.

## Wednesday, January 20, 1926

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5. Coca Cola Bottling works has awarded contract for new building at 1st and Mead, two stories, reinforced concrete, extending 150 feet on 1st street and 107 feet on Mead, to cost \$80,000 with additional \$80,000 for new machinery. Present plant of the company is at 215 South Washington. To be completed by September 1.

## Thursday, January 21, 1926

page

1. Article reports agreement yesterday on plan to consolidate the Southwest National Bank and the State Reserve Bank. Details.

## Saturday, January 23, 1926

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5. Article reports death of Arthur S. Parks, 69, president of the United Sash and Door company, yesterday. Obituary.

Article about motor passenger trains says the Frisco now has a motor train from Wichita to Ellsworth. The Santa Fe operates one from Eldorado to Florence. The Rock Island has none in this area.

#### Sunday, January 24, 1926

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- 1. Photograph of Union National Bank building. Walls bricked in through eight stories.
- Osteopathic sanitarium at Rutan and Douglas to be formally opened February 6 and 7. Total cost is \$200,000 including \$125,000 for building and grounds, \$40,000 for nurses home, and \$35,000 for equipment.
- 10. Advertisement reports the new Pontiac Six is here, presented by General Motors through its Oakland division.
- 28. Article describes plans for the new Dockum Drug store in Union National Bank building. Details.

#### Monday, January 25, 1926

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5. The Industrial State Bank, 21st and North Lawrence, was turned over to the state banking department yesterday and will not open for business this morning. The trouble is said to go back to the consolidation of the North End State bank and the Stockyards State bank. It has been impossible to effect a re-organization without closing the bank, but a re-organization committee has been appointed and it is thought the bank will re-open in a short time. Details.

## Wednesday, January 27, 1926

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5. Chamber of Commerce urges the voters of Wichita to accept the gift of Fairmount College and the establishment of a municipal university with Fairmount as a nucleus. Details.

#### Sunday, January 31, 1926

## page

6. Advertisement announces formal opening of Lahey and Martin's new mortuary building at 1401 East Douglas tomorrow, February 1.

## Sunday, January 31, 1926

## page

## Magazine

8. Article by Dick Long about J. W. Carr, Missouri Pacific station agent at Colwich for 40 years, with photograph of Colwich depot. Says he arrived in Colwich January 26, 1886 and opened the new station on February 15 that year.

## Monday, February 1, 1926

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3. Nearly all the exterior work on the new wing at Wesley Hospital has been completed, and it should be ready for occupancy March 15.

#### Wednesday, February 3, 1926

#### page

3. The Wichita to Winfield and Wellington bus line of the Arkansas Valley Transportation Company (Arkansas Valley Interurban) has been sold to the Southern Kansas Stage Lines subject to public service commission approval. The sale includes \$50,000 worth of equipment including six Fageol buses, two of them parlor cars. ¶ The Southern Kansas Stage Lines will operate the buses from the union bus depot but will make direct connections with Arkansas Valley Interurban trains at the Arkansas Valley Interurban depot. ¶ With the purchase the Southern Kansas Stage Lines will own 33 buses. Directors are A. E. Greenleaf, Dan Sauder, Robert Pike, J. W. Gurley, and J. W. Blood.

## Thursday, February 4, 1926

#### page

5. The old two story frame building of the M. A. McKenzie Carriage Works at 1st and Water, built in 1884, is being torn down. Details.

The Crawford theater was sold yesterday at sheriff's sale to the Amusement Syndicate company, of which Mr. Crawford is principal owner, for \$53,049 to satisfy a judgment of \$46,050 and costs in favor of the State Reserve Bank and L. M. Crawford. It has been in the hands of a receiver since last fall.

## Friday, February 5, 1926

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8. Photograph of new Southwestern Osteopathic Sanitarium and Hospital which will hold open house tomorrow and Sunday. Designed by S. S. Voigt, Wichita architect. Long article describes details.

## Saturday, February 6, 1926

page

- 5. Contractors are working full forces excavating the Little river banks between the Griffenstein bridge and 13th street. About 120 men and 80 teams are being employed. It is expected to complete the work by May 1.
- 7. Consolidation of the Merchants State bank and the Central State bank is being carried out this week. Details.

## Sunday, February 7, 1926

page

Rotogravure

Photograph of Salvation Army Rescue Home with snow.

Photograph of Woodman bridge with snow, showing light posts.

# Monday, February 8, 1926 page

- 3. Advertisement announces effective today the Central State Bank will be merged into the (surviving) Merchants State Bank, corner Douglas and Emporia.
- 5. Exterior brick work on first 12 stories of Union National Bank building is completed, and terra cotta work on the top two stories will start.

## Tuesday, February 9, 1926

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5. Advertisement gives new Arkansas Valley Interurban train schedule, effective Wednesday, February 10.

The new Methodist church at Mt. Hope was dedicated Sunday.

## Thursday, February 11, 1926

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5. Fairmount college board of trustees yesterday delayed action on the merger with Washburn until May 1 to give Wichita a chance to hold a special election and vote on establishment of a municipal university. Details.

## Saturday, February 13, 1926

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- 5. The Manhattan hotel may be padlocked if more liquor is found there. Seventeen pints were found in a raid Thursday night.
- 5. Surveyors arrived in Wichita yesterday to start work laying out train sheds at Union station, which are to be erected at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Two sheds will be built. The first will commence at the kiosk on top of the station at track one and run southward for 600 feet. The second, over tracks three and four, will commence at Douglas avenue and run south 600 feet. A row of pillars will run down the center of the platform and wings of the sheds will extend over two tracks. In this way, the two sheds will protect passengers of four trains. ¶ The Wichita Union Terminal Company voted in favor of the improvement about one month ago. It is thought work will start within 30 days.
- 7. Widening of the Little Arkansas river is continuing. Perhaps the most work is being done now northeast of Oak Park. The channel is being widened to 250 feet, and at that place for several hundred yards the stream was very narrow.

## Sunday, February 14, 1926 page

## Magazine

- 3. Article by Henry Roe Cloud about "Wichita's Name, Its Origin and Meaning."
- 4. Article by Dick Long about a man who knew "Rowdy Joe."

## Friday, February 19, 1926

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- 2. The main floor of the new Southwestern Osteopathic hospital was opened Wednesday, leaving only the basement to be opened at a future date. The fourth floor with 15 beds was opened first, and the third floor opened second on February 10. The hospital now has a total of 50 beds.
- 5. The Alton hotel at 612 East Douglas has changed hands. It has 50 rooms.

#### Sunday, February 21, 1926

#### page

#### Rotogravure

Drawing of the Coleman Lamp company as it will appear when the present building projects are completed.

#### Monday, February 22, 1926

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Article reports death yesterday of Edward Rhodes, 86, pioneer freighter who homesteaded the 160 acres between Douglas and Central and Grove and Hillside. He farmed the tract until 1881 and then sold it at a nominal price.

#### Thursday, February 25, 1926

page

2. Photograph of Union National Bank building -- exterior is completed except top two floors.

## Friday, February 26, 1926

#### page

2. Work on the new ten story apartment building at Rutan and Douglas will start in three weeks as soon as the old Walker home is wrecked. Another 100 feet of frontage on Douglas was purchased yesterday by Herman Hoffman promoter of the apartment building, from C. B. Fredericks for \$8000 as a site for a garage for the apartment residents. This makes a total of 243 foot frontage on Douglas and 240 feet on Rutan.

## Saturday, February 27, 1926

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1. Drawing of new ten story million dollar apartment building to be erected at Rutan and Douglas by Herman Hoffman. Building will have 100 apartments owned on a cooperative plan.

# Sunday, February 28, 1926

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## Magazine

6. Article gives history of Mt. Carmel academy.

#### Tuesday, March 2, 1926

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4. Advertisement with photograph of John Kirkwood, Inc.'s new Goodyear store at 231-37 North Lawrence -- one story.

Note says telephone service in Wichita started October 6, 1881. The first exchange was located at 130 North Market in an old business block known as the Temple building.

- 5. Article about progress on Union National Bank building. Steam and soft water are on and one elevator is in operation. Details.
- 6. Thin concrete slabs, to be made here, will form the roof of the Union Station train sheds instead of the conventional sheet iron. ¶ A shed will be erected in the Santa Fe yards south of the station and machinery installed there to make the slabs, after which they will be hauled to the station and placed in position. The process for making the slabs is patented. ¶ Work of building the sheds is expected to start next week.

## Wednesday, March 3, 1926

#### page

- 5. Frisco Railroad officials announced yesterday that a motor car would be substituted for steam trains Nos. 327 and 328, Wichita to Cherryvale, at once. The motor car is now in the Wichita yards, and will be the second installed by the Frisco out of Wichita. The first has been running for some time between Wichita and Ellsworth.
- 6. The train sheds to be constructed by the Wichita Union Terminal Railway company will be completed within three months and will cost approximately \$50,000. The contract has been awarded to W. A. Bechtel Company, of San Francisco, which has a patent on the concrete method of construction. Two will be built, one starting at Douglas avenue, running south 600 feet, sheltering tracks 2 and 3, and the other starting at the head house on platform 1 and running south 600 feet, sheltering tracks 1 and 6. ¶ There are 32 passenger trains daily over the terminal tracks.

## Thursday, March 4, 1926

## page

- 1. Photograph of the first air mail planes to land in Wichita, which were welcomed yesterday. The DH planes were testing the route.
- 9. Full page advertisement soliciting investment in the Elks club re-financing plan.

## Friday, March 5, 1926

page

4. Building permit issued yesterday for new Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company work clothes factory at 827 East 9th, to cost between \$50,000 and 75,000 and be finished by May 1.

5. Article says first unofficial letter to leave Wichita by air mail plane was taken from Wichita to Ft. Worth at 4:00 p.m. yesterday by the plane testing the new route.

#### Saturday, March 6, 1926

#### page

1. O. B. Shearer will start construction at once of a two story brick apartment building at 507 South Market, with 24 apartments and costing approximately \$55,000. ¶ Mr. Oliver Mourning is at present erecting a two story, 22 apartment building at 536 South Market.

## Sunday, March 7, 1926

page

- 1. District court will decide this week the value of the sand and gravel pit of John Ferriter at 19th street and Little river which is being condemned by the city for flood prevention purposes. It comprises some seven acres from which he has been selling approximately \$500 worth of sand and gravel monthly.
- 4. Eighty-seven plasterers were working on the Union National Bank building Friday.
- 7. Article lists names of 62 subscribers listed on Wichita's first telephone directory in 1881. Says the name of the original company was the Merchants Telephone and Telegraph Company of Missouri and Kansas.
- 16. Article says the Humane society now has supervision of the dog pound. Details.

## Sunday, March 7, 1926

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#### Rotogravure

Photograph of intersection of Douglas and Market shows street car tracks.

Photograph of a canoe on Little Arkansas river with boat house in background in the distance.

## Sunday, March 7, 1926

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## Magazine

- 4. Article about the plowing of a furrow in 1872 from the Ten Mile Post west of Wichita to the city.
- 8. Article by Arch O'Bryant about E. H. Shauffler, general manager of the Orient Railroad.

#### Monday, March 8, 1926

#### page

5. Article reports laying of corner stone of the new University Friends church at Glenn and University yesterday. Details.

#### Wednesday, March 10, 1926

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4. The Wichita municipal tourist camp will be opened today for the season. Details.

#### Thursday, March 11, 1926

## page

5. The Manhattan hotel lease and furnishings was sold yesterday to Mrs. C. Taylor by Mrs. J. L. Stiff, who has operated the place for some time, for \$10,000. A three year lease was given Mrs. Taylor on the upper floors of the building by L. S. Naftzger and Newt Edwards, owners. The hotel has 60 rooms.

## Friday, March 12, 1926

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8. The Frisco (?) placed a motor train on its first run from Wichita yesterday, replacing the stream train between here and Cherokee (probably means Cherryvale). It runs out of this city in the morning and returns late at night. ¶ Motor car service will be started on the Hardtner branch of the Missouri Pacific Sunday. A Sykes double-unit car with capacity of 48 passengers will be used. A trailer will be carried for baggage and mail. The first trip (trial) was made yesterday to Conway Springs, and a trip on the West branch will be made today. Schedule listed.

## Saturday, March 13, 1926

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3. The value of John Ferriter's seven acres of land at 19th and Little river, which he claimed was worth \$100,000, was fixed yesterday by a district court jury at \$8000. The land is between the river and Arkansas avenue.

## Sunday, March 14, 1926

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2. Superintendent Mayberry lists Wichita's needs for new school buildings in next ten years. Details.

## Monday, March 15, 1926

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5. More than 400 people examined the new motor train at the Missouri Pacific station yesterday, before it make its first trip at 4:30 p.m., to Hardtner.

## Tuesday, March 16, 1926

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5. West Douglas avenue is to be widened from Seneca to Exposition to the same width as the avenue east of Seneca. This means the curb on the north side will be moved back about ten feet doing away with the parking, giving more room in front of Wichita hospital between the curb and the street car track.

11. Plans for Alcott grade school by Glen Thomas, architect, were approved yesterday by board of education, and bids are to be opened April 5. To be erected at southwest corner of Murdock and Vassar and cost \$100,000.

#### Wednesday, March 17, 1926

#### page

1. Photograph of crowd in the Arcadia theater.

## Thursday, March 18, 1926

#### page

5. Western Electric is laying pneumatic tubes from its sub-stations in the Bitting building and in the Broker's Warehouse at 1st and Rock Island to its main office at 1st and Topeka. Details.

## Friday, March 19, 1926

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5. Price Auto Service has purchased additional 50 feet of ground south of its garage on Topeka, making total of 300 feet.

## Saturday, March 20, 1926

## page

5. It is thought Fred Dold will sever his connection with the Jacob Dold Packing Company, which was recently sold with controlling interest now owned by R. Andrews, of Buffalo, and will return here and make Wichita his permanent home.

## Sunday, March 21, 1926

## page

7. Article describes progress on Union National bank building. Details.

## Wednesday, March 24, 1926

## page

1. Article reports Interstate Commerce Commission has granted a \$2,500,000 federal loan to the Orient Railroad. It is expected the company will build a fine office building and passenger terminal on East Douglas.

## Thursday, March 25, 1926

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4. The Western Lithograph Company has moved from its old quarters at 125-29 North Emporia to its new building at 1st and Topeka.

## Friday, March 26, 1926

## page

4. Photograph shows five Travel Air planes ready for delivery to other parts of the country.

13. Reminiscence by Frank W. Schultz, former resident: "Wichita was a little town of three or four thousand back in 1882. I remember I used to ride in a rented hack out to the old fairgrounds, and as I rode along I would count the white stakes along the way which were used to mark out the lots in the new additions."

#### Saturday, March 27, 1926

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5. Contract let yesterday for remodeling of store fronts of the Reese and Aley buildings in second block of East Douglas. Details.

#### Sunday, March 28, 1926

#### page

- 6. Offices in Union National Bank building will be ready for tenants beginning April 1, and the Union National Bank quarters will be ready by May 15.
- 5A. Article reports publication of the first issue of "The Defenders," publication by "The Defenders," a state wide organization formed recently to combat "evolution in the schools and modernism in the pulpits." Gerald B. Winrod, 426 South Poplar, is executive secretary of the organization. Details.

#### Sunday, March 28, 1926

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Rotogravure

Advertisement with photograph of J. W. Metz Lumber Company.

#### Sunday, March 28, 1926

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#### Magazine

3. Article by Victor Murdock on "The Rise and Decline of Cornices in Wichita" with photographs.

#### Wednesday, March 31, 1926

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1. Kansas Gas and Electric let contract yesterday for a one million dollar project to change electric lines in the business district from poles to underground conduits. Details.

Article reports heavy snowstorm yesterday with eight and a half inches falling in the city.

#### Thursday, April 1, 1926

page

8. The blizzard has delayed for several days the moving of first tenants into Union National Bank building.

Saturday, April 3, 1926 page 5. Contract signed yesterday for delivery of 27 airplanes by Swallow Airplane company this year to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania buyers.

#### Sunday, April 4, 1926

#### page

- 14. Finishing work on new Union National Bank building is underway. Wednesday will be move-in day for the earliest tenants.
- 23. The eight Piggly-Wiggly stores in Wichita have been sold to the United Stores company of Kansas.

The second ten acre addition to Woodrow Court is to be opened and go on sale starting April 10.

#### Monday, April 5, 1926

#### page

1. Driver of East 2nd street bus held up yesterday at 2nd and Crest Way.

#### Tuesday, April 6, 1926

## page

- 5. New St. James Episcopal church to be dedicated May 30.
- 14. Missouri Pacific announces inauguration of a new through 12 section drawing room sleeper from Wichita to Denver beginning June 6. It is first through Pullman service over Missouri Pacific for three years.

#### Wednesday, April 7, 1926

#### page

13. An old Wichita landmark is being torn down -- the old two story frame building of Wichita carriage works, operated by A. M. McKenzie. Photograph.

#### Friday, April 9, 1926

#### page

- Advertisement for second unit of Woodrow Court addition, going on sale tomorrow. Map. Prices \$600 to \$1200 per building site.
- 11. Note says city library is open on Sunday for reading and reference only -- not for checking out of books.

## Saturday, April 10, 1926

#### page

3. The Wichita Fresh Air Baby camp is being moved from Riverside park, where it has been located past six years, to Wesley hospital. More to be made as soon as the new quarters are completed, probably in about two weeks. This will enable the work to continue all the year round, instead of only in the summer months. ¶ In summer of 1925, 52 babies

were cared for.  $\P$  Community Chest allows the camp \$1000 a year. Memberships and benefits raise additional funds.

#### Sunday, April 11, 1926

## page

- 2. Over \$10,000 will be spent on remodeling the Riverside boat house at Murdock and Little River. A pillared veranda will be placed on the north side, to be 15 x 100 feet. Work will start Monday and be completed by the middle of May. ¶ A car load of 24 steel boats costing \$2000 has arrived in Wichita for the boat house rental.
- 5. Western Lithograph and Office Supply Company began moving its store yesterday to its new three story building at 1 st and Topeka, completed recently.

#### Gravure section

Photographs of David D. Leahy, M. C. Campbell, and A. H. Webb (Missouri Pacific superintendent).

#### Wednesday, April 14, 1926

#### page

5. Several suites in Union National Bank building are now occupied. All work in the office portion of the building will be completed by May 1, and the new quarters of Union National bank finished by May 15.

#### Friday, April 16, 1926

## page

2. Work has started on construction of two new towers on St. John's Episcopal church at cost of \$6000. Funds for project were given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Magill. The main tower will rise 100 feet and the north spire 75 feet. This will complete the church. For 40 years the towers have stood at the level of the roof, and the members have always wanted to see the spires built, as originally planned for the church. They should be completed by May 30.

## Saturday, April 17, 1926

#### page

- 2. Men are working overtime so that the entire new Union National Bank building except for the banking rooms will be completed by May 1.
- 5. About two-thirds of the foundations for the piers for the train sheds at Union station are completed, and the crane has arrived for swinging the concrete slabs into place. They are being poured in the Santa Fe yards south of the station and will be brought to the top of the incline by flat car.

Wednesday, April 21, 1926 page 9. Total cost of the new Union National Bank Building will be approximately \$2,100,000, including \$550,000 for the ground.

## Thursday, April 22, 1926

#### page

13. Advertisement by Citizen's Committee urging "yes" vote Saturday for taking over Fairmount in a new Municipal University.

#### Friday, April 23, 1926

#### page

- 1. First Baptist church announces plans for erection of a new church auditorium and Sunday school building. Details.
- 11. Full page advertisement urging vote against new Municipal University.

## Sunday, April 25, 1926

## page

1. Wichita voters yesterday approved the plan to change Fairmount college to a Municipal University by a majority of 3875 out of 15,985 votes cast.

Photograph of new Union National Bank building -- outwardly completed.

- 5. The Bitting avenue bridge was closed yesterday so that it may be lengthened 100 feet because of the widening of the river in the flood control project. It will be closed about 30 days and will be about 400 feet long when completed.
- 12. Advertisement with map and complete time table of the Southern Kansas Stage Lines.
- 4A. Advertisement with photograph of three Republic buses owned and operated by Mr. Hal A. Sidles, proprietor of the Riverside and South Lawrence Avenue Bus Line.

## Tuesday, April 27, 1926

## page

5. Lewin's ready to wear fashion shop will occupy the store at 223 East Douglas being vacated by Dockum No. 2.

## Wednesday, April 28, 1926

## page

1. A new six story office building will be erected on the southwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas on the lease owned by the Brosius brothers, C. L. and F. C. Brosius. It will be constructed so that five stories may be added later. To have frontage of 50 feet on Douglas and 140 feet on Lawrence. Work is to start in June. The property is owned by the C. W. Brown estate heirs, represented by George Brown. Details.

## Friday, April 30, 1926

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2. The park board will probably recommend that work start this summer on improvements to College Hill park.

#### Sunday, May 2, 1926

## page

- 13. Civic committee of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce will appear before the city commission in the next few weeks and ask that the street car tracks across the Arkansas river be moved to the Douglas avenue bridge.
- 19. Cornerstone of Hillside Christian Church is to be laid today. Drawing. The church has been using the basement as a meeting place for some time.

Article about a film being completed entitled "The Old Home Town" and showing various Wichita firms and institutions. Details.

27. Advertisement with photograph of house at 953 Faulkner, offered for sale for \$8850.

#### Sunday, May 2, 1926

#### page

#### Magazine

6. Article about Bartlett's Arboretum at Belle Plaine.

#### Tuesday, May 4, 1926

page

1. Article reports stormy session of Board of Education last night which selected Board of Regents for new Municipal University. Details.

#### Wednesday, May 5, 1926

#### page

5. Application has been made by Wichita Railroad and Light Company for permission to start a stub bus line service from Meridian and McCormick east on McCormick to Hiram, then north on Hiram to Maple, where it will connect with University street cars, then west on Maple to Meridian and south on Meridian to the starting point.

#### Thursday, May 6, 1926

#### page

5. Trial flights over the new Chicago-Wichita-Dallas air mail route will start today in preparation for inauguration of the service next Wednesday. Details.

## Friday, May 7, 1926

## page

12. The new wing of Wesley Hospital was dedicated last night. Details.

Photograph of the Curtiss Carrier Pigeon plane which made first stop in Wichita yesterday on trial trip of the new Chicago-Wichita-Dallas air mail service of National Air Transport, Inc.

#### Saturday, May 8, 1926

## page

- 1. Article reports first official meeting of the board of regents of the Wichita Municipal University was held last night. Details.
- 5. Formal opening of the new Union National Bank building has been set for Saturday, May 29. Details.

Eleven new red white and blue air mail boxes will be placed in the downtown district today. Details.

#### Sunday, May 9, 1926

#### page

- 5. Article about plans for handling heavy traffic to ceremonies at the municipal landing field today inaugurating the Chicago to Dallas air mail service. Regular service starts May 12.
- 5A. Photograph of new 21 passenger Reo Palace Coach purchased by local bus operator Ben Chewning for excursions, charter, etc.

#### Sunday, May 9, 1926

#### page

Rotogravure

Photograph of Wichita skyline from Lassen Hotel.

## Monday, May 10, 1926

#### page 1.

Article reports flight of Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd over the North Pole. Details.

Article reports on dedication of the air mail plane "Miss Wichita" yesterday. Details and photograph.

#### **Tuesday, May 11, 1926**

page 5.

New negotiations were opened between the city of Wichita and the Wichita Street Railway company yesterday on the question of placing street car tracks on the Douglas avenue bridge over Arkansas river. The company states it would cost \$25,000 to \$30,000 to make the move. Details. Proposal is for company to pay city \$150 per month rental.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company will build a bus barn at the corner of 10th and Wichita streets in the near future. To be 125 by 200 feet. The property on which the

barns will stand was recently purchased. It lies just across the street from the street car barns.

#### Thursday, May 13, 1926

#### page

1. Article reports first regular air mail flights through Wichita yesterday with large crowd on hand. Details and photographs.

#### Friday, May 14, 1926

page

- 1. John D. Finlayson, president of Fairmount college, was elected head of the new Municipal University of Wichita last night. He will assume his new duties July 1.
- 4. The first unit of the new Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church at Market and Indianapolis will be dedicated next Sunday, March 16. It is the basement, in which services will be held until the main auditorium is built. ¶ The old church at 320 Ellis was dedicated March 5, 1911. It will be remodeled and used as the Immanuel Lutheran Christian day school.
- 7. Public unveiling of the statue, "The Hiker," now being erected in Riverside park by the local post of the United Spanish War Veterans, will be held on Memorial day.

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- 28. Article reports an old party wall agreement made by Reuben H. Roys, builder of the two story building at southwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas, in 1885 has caused a delay in starting new six story building on that corner. Details.
- 2-A. Photograph of three 15-passenger sedan-type Studebaker buses recently purchased by the Southern Kansas Stage Lines as additions to their fleet for use on the Wichita, Winfield, Arkansas City, and Blackwell lines.
- 3-A. Old pioneer describes route of the old Chisholm trail southwest of Wichita. Details.

## Wednesday, May 19, 1926

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5. The Wichita Vinegar Company, established 35 years ago, has been forced out of business by expansion of the soft drink carbonated beverage production. The company's machinery for manufacture of cider vinegar was sold yesterday and will be moved to Hutchinson. The name has been changed to the Wichita Bottling Company and it will continue bottling of soft drinks. The plant at 157 North Hydraulic will be remodeled for the new business.

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5. The old Henry Schweiter home, the first unit of which was constructed in 1874, at 1240 South Hydraulic, is being razed. Mr. Schweiter, who died recently vacated the old home in 1922 and moved into a residence just across the street.

#### Friday, May 22, 1926

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- 5. Wichita is planning to install nine new electric traffic signals in 1927 according to the proposed budget. Details.
- 7. Photograph of new Union station train sheds under construction.

Article describes remodeling work now being completed on the Missouri Pacific station.

## Saturday, May 23, 1926

page

- 7. Article reports plans for unveiling of "The Hiker" statue in Central Riverside park on Memorial day.
- 12. Article reports opening tomorrow of new Johnston-Larimer factory building at 9th and Mosley. Details and drawing. Will have capacity of 1800 pairs of overalls per day.
- 26. Advertisement with photograph of Union National Bank building.
- 32. Henry Lampl, attorney, has sold his home at 1131 River Boulevard and will erect a new home costing over \$15,000 on the 100 foot river frontage just west of it.
- 1-A. Photograph of bridge across Arkansas river north of Mt. Hope.

## Saturday, May 23, 1926

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## Rotogravure

Photograph of residence of Dan Boone, 1203 (sic) River Boulevard. Sam Cain, contractor. Building material by Metz Lumber Company.

## Thursday, May 27, 1926

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5. The Spanish war veteran's have decided to place their monument, "The Hiker," in the triangle at the corner of Nims and Murdock, facing west, it was announced yesterday. Workmen have poured the concrete base.

## Friday, May 28, 1926

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5. The W-W Grinder Company is moving from its present location, 214 South Wichita street, to its new factory at 419-25 West 2nd street. All new machinery will be installed during June. The new brick factory is 100 by 267 feet.

7. Special section reports on opening of Dockum's new store in Union National Bank building tomorrow. Details, history and photographs.

#### Saturday, May 29, 1926

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- 5. Free bus service will be given all day Monday from the Fairmount street car loop to College Hill Memorial Lawns cemetery.
- 8. Article reports formal opening of the new Jayanell overalls factory of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods Company at 9th and Mosley last night.
- 11. Special section reports formal opening of new Union National Bank building today. Details and photographs.

## Sunday, May 30, 1926

page

- 2. Advertisement with photograph of new Mack Parlor Car bus operated between Wichita and Anthony by the Seman's Transportation Company.
- 4. New St. James Episcopal church is to be opened and dedicated today. Details and drawing.
- 5. As a result of recent agitation it is considered a fairly safe bet around city hall that the street car tracks will not be placed on the West Douglas avenue bridge. The matter will probably die an inglorious death as it has in time gone by. Details.
- 24. Report of annual meeting of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday with reminiscences by early settlers.

#### Sunday, May 30, 1926

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Rotogravure

Photographs of tearing down of Barnes building and building of Union National Bank building.

Photograph of Western Glass Company building at 243-47 North Water.

#### Monday, May 31, 1926

page

- 2. Article with copies of items from *Eagle*'s of 1872.
- 5. Article reports dedication yesterday of St. James Episcopal church.

Tuesday, June 1, 1926 page 5. Article reports unveiling ceremonies yesterday of "The Hiker" statue in Riverside park. Details.

Union National Bank moved yesterday to their new quarters, where they will open at 9:00 a.m. today.

## Thursday, June 3, 1926

#### page

- 1. John Kirkwood, Inc., tire store at 235 North Lawrence was destroyed by fire yesterday. Details.
- 2. Graduation exercises for Wichita High School held last evening at the Forum. Four hundred twenty-six graduates. (Later report June 4 is 451, 196 boys and 255 girls.)
- 5. Eighty-two students received diplomas yesterday at the last graduating exercises of Fairmount College.
- 9. At Fairmount college annual banquet last night it was announced that the name of the college would be perpetuated and the college of liberal arts of the municipal university would be known as the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts.
- 13. Fairmount College was officially transferred to the City of Wichita at 4:00 p.m. yesterday and became Wichita municipal university.

## Friday, June 4, 1926

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1. Photograph of fire at John Kirkwood tire company -- shows buildings second block of North Lawrence, west side.

## Saturday, June 5, 1926

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1. Western Union building at 1st and Topeka was sold yesterday to George F. Bissantz, and Charles G. Lilly for \$200,000 by Roy T. Collins, of Kansas City, Missouri who built it in 1924. Drawing of the building as it would appear with proposed six more stories added to it.

## Sunday, June 6, 1926

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2. Sullivan's dam has been leased to Russ Borah and Ted L. Maddux, who will fix it up with picnic grounds, swings, a dancing pavilion, and improved swimming facilities.

## Monday, June 7, 1926

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3. Article reports proposal to use the old Frisco station as a headquarters for hiring of harvest hands by farmers.

#### Wednesday, June 9, 1926

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5. The three story brick building at southeast corner of Douglas and Emporia built 20 years ago by Robert Lawrence at cost of \$30,000 with lot then worth \$20,000, was sold yesterday by Harry Lawrence to a client of Wheeler Kelly Hagny Trust company for \$140,000. It is 50 by 140 feet and now occupied by the Lunger Café, Bowers Hotel, and several small stores.

#### Friday, June 11, 1926

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- 2. The Wichita Union station train sheds have just been completed at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Photograph.
- 5. Two hundred box cars are being built by the Orient shops at the rate of one and threequarters cars daily.
- 6. Photograph of the Riverside boat house, which has been remodeled to beautify the approach to the new bridge.

#### Saturday, June 12, 1926

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- 3. Crowds of people are flocking every night to the open air moving pictures at Riverside Park which opened their season on June 1.
- 5. The first commercial airplane of the monoplane type ever manufactured in Kansas will be ready for its initial flight the first of the week. It is being designed and built by Clyde Cessna in a special construction room on West Douglas avenue. Details.

Crestview's new swimming pool will be "dedicated" Sunday.

Article about completion of Wichita's new train sheds. The lights on them will be turned on for first time Monday night.

6. Fiske Hall, men's dormitory at Fairmount college since 1904, will be remodeled soon to house the business administration and commercial courses of the university.

#### Sunday, June 13, 1926

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- 11. Advertisement with photograph of North Main street 40 years ago.
- 3-A. Photograph of two new Reo cabs for the Red Top Taxicab Company.

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#### 3. Article by Victor Murdock on photography in Wichita.

#### Tuesday, June 15, 1926

page

- 1. The first cabin monoplane ever constructed between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains made its maiden flight at the Travel Air field on East Central yesterday evening. It was designed by Clyde Cessna and flown by him and Walter Beech. Photograph. Details.
- 5. Lights in the new train sheds will be turned on for the first time tonight.
- 9. Article reports approximately \$97,000 to be spent by the Park board for improvements this year. Includes \$10,200 for greenhouse in South Riverside park, improvements to the zoo, \$9500 for pavement of the road from Nims avenue to the Murdock bridge, etc.

The uncompleted new apartment building at 734 North Lawrence was sold yesterday for \$40,000.

#### Wednesday, June 16, 1926

page

- 1. The Knorr Mercantile Company yesterday purchased the Wichita Wholesale Grocery Company building at William and Santa Fe for \$75,000. The four story building will be remodeled for \$25,000 and will allow the Knorr firm to move its grocery and dry goods departments under the same roof. At present the grocery department is at 116-18 North Rock Island and the dry goods department at 702-04 East Douglas.
- 9. The Wichita Hospital nurses home, 313 North Seneca, was damaged by fire early yesterday morning.
- 16. Article reports large crowd at opening of Riverside boathouse last evening.

#### Thursday, June 17, 1926

page

1. Article reports the old Frisco depot has been sold to the Ramsey-Davis Mercantile company for \$75,000.

#### Sunday, June 20, 1926

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- 9. Advertisement reports formal opening of new home of Butternut Bread, at Main and Dewey, on Monday, June 21.
- 11. The Wichita Chamber of Commerce yesterday moved into larger quarters in the Arkansas Valley Interurban station building on West Douglas.

#### Sunday, June 20, 1926

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#### Magazine

6. Feature article about Clyde Cessna. Photograph.

#### Tuesday, June 22, 1926

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- 2. Laura Buckwalter, 1106 Larimer, sent word to the city commission yesterday that no trespassing on her land at 1014 and 1028 Jefferson by city weed cutters was desired. She stated that the city weed crew cut rye on her place last summer, which she had for chickens. No such action is to be tolerated this year she says, and weed cutters will be charged with trespassing.
- 3. A tabernacle costing \$5000 is being constructed in Beulah park by the Kansas Holiness association. It will be 120 by 120 feet. Work was started Saturday and it will be finished within a few weeks.
- 5. Article reports plan to build a 13-story hotel on northwest corner of Douglas and Mead. Details. Drawing.
- 16. A bus overturned yesterday at Murdock and St. Francis.

## Wednesday, June 23, 1926

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- 1. Photograph of Hillside Christian Church under construction.
- 5. Ground is to be broken July 1 for the new Hillcrest apartment building at Rutan and Douglas. Bids will be opened June 28. To cost approximately \$1,228,000 and contain 88 apartments from two to six rooms.

#### Thursday, June 24, 1926

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- 2. Photograph shows stone column being erected at Hillside Christian church. Church building to be completed by November 15 and dedicated November 27. The basement was constructed two years ago at cost of \$40,000, and main structure being completed this year at cost of \$110,000, making total of \$150,000.
- 11. Article about need for school board to move from fourth floor of city hall to obtain more room.

## Friday, June 25, 1926

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5. Drawing of one story brick "Fairmount Community Center" building to be erected on northwest corner of 13th and Hillside by W. M. G. Howse at cost of \$25,000. To front 60 feet on Hillside and 95 feet on 13th and house small businesses.

9. Final completion of the new train sheds at Union station including drainage system will be by tomorrow night.

#### Saturday, June 26, 1926

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5. County commissioners plan to let contract in August for an infirmary at the county poor farm to care for some of indigent patients now cared for in local hospitals, i.e., those with minor illnesses. ¶ The county now pays the hospitals \$2.75 a day for the first three weeks of a county patient's stay and \$10 a week thereafter.

#### Sunday, June 27, 1926

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#### Magazine

3. Photograph of workers in new Jayanell overall factory at 9th and Mosley with article about it.

#### Monday, June 28, 1926

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5. Fred Dold will arrive here Wednesday to take charge and become general manager of the Wichita and Omaha plants of the Jacob Dold Packing Company. He has been in Buffalo, New York for the past few months.

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Work is nearing completion on a new vinegar works being constructed at 3200 West Central by a group of Hutchinson business men. The vinegar equipment of the old Wichita Vinegar Works was sold recently to the Hutchinson company. The old Vinegar Works at 1st and Hydraulic was at that time succeeded by the Wichita Bottling Company, bottlers of soft drink carbonated beverages.

Article about the remodeling and redecorating of the Missouri Pacific station interior, which will be completed by next Saturday. Details. The old front stairway has been removed, leaving only one stairway at the rear.

The Midian Temple of the Shrine has purchased the former Elks club building at 115-17 North Topeka. The interior and exterior are being remodeled, and the Shrine expects to occupy the building by September 1 for a bargain cost around \$60,000. The deal was made between Austin Stone, former owner, and the Shrine trustees.

## Thursday, July 1, 1926

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5. Article reports death yesterday of pioneer Wichita contractor, S. G. Gribi, at age 82. Photograph. Born in Switzerland. Built many Wichita buildings including Missouri Pacific depot, first Bitting building, and several Wichita schoolhouses. Survivors include one son and two daughters.

6. Contract let yesterday to Siedhoff Construction Company for new six story building on southwest corner of Lawrence and Broadway to be named the Brown building in honor of Charles W. Brown, father of George Brown of this city. ¶ The present building on the site will be demolished starting tomorrow. Contract price is \$350,000 and total investment will be \$475,000. The Tilford Drug company will occupy the corner location on ground floor. Details.

#### Saturday, July 3, 1926

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6. Photograph shows all four "Carthalite" stone columns now in place on front of new Hillside Christian Church. The columns were cast in Kansas City.

School census indicates Wichita's population is now 94,500.

## Sunday, July 4, 1926

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5. Contract let yesterday for nine new concrete storage tanks for the Wichita Flours Mills Company at 17th and Santa Fe. Cost is approximately \$50,000, and the added capacity of 300,000 bushels will give the company a total capacity of over a million bushels. Work will start tomorrow and be completed in 60 days. The tanks will be more than 100 feet high.

Wrecking crew will start Tuesday to demolish the old building at southwest of Lawrence and Douglas to make way for the new Brown building.

- 6. East Lawn addition to be opened for building of restricted homes. Site is the four blocks between Pershing and Oliver and between 1st and 3rd streets and east side of Pershing from Douglas to 1st. Homes are to be two stories and cost at least \$7500.
- 10. Fiske Hall at Wichita university is to be remodeled and administrative offices of the university will be moved to first floor of this building.
- 11. Advertisement with drawing of new Brown building.
- 15. Photograph of new White Castle hamburger stand No. 8 at Douglas and Pattie, which was opened yesterday. Cost was \$3500.

#### Sunday, July 4, 1926

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## Magazine

2. Feature article on the Riverside boat house with photographs. Latter include opening of Riverside boat house on July 4, 1898, improved boat house in 1908, and larger boat house in 1914.

## Sunday, July 4, 1926

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Rotogravure

Several photographs of early Wichita scenes.

#### Monday, July 5, 1926

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- 3. Article says city commission to discuss proposed Waterman street railroad subway further tomorrow. Passengers and cars discussed.
- 5. The Riverside pharmacy, 1142 Bitting, has been purchased by Dennis E. Foreman, pharmacist.

This season's record of 3487 swimmers at municipal beach set yesterday.

## Saturday, July 10, 1926

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5. The Severlawn and Severdale apartment buildings at Lewis and Emporia, erected last year and completed in September, were leased by John Sever, Wichita contractor and owner, to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mercer for 20 years for \$255,000, to be paid over the 20 years. There are 48 apartments in the buildings.

## Sunday, July 11, 1926

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5A. Letter to *Eagle* from Kos Harris giving history of the J. P. Allen drug store in early Wichita.

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#### Magazine

Reminiscences by an early settler written by Dick Long -- describes farming and 6. appearance of land in early days. Says the early settlers did not think much of wheat -they planted corn. There were no trees in 1871 except a fringe on the banks of the rivers. Wichita was nothing more than a trading post when he first visited, and most of the stores and houses were built of willow trees, and appeared very temporary. The saloons were the most pretentious buildings. ¶ In 1872 he went (interview is with James Armour, age 96) to Newton to meet T. J. McReadie and a girl who was relative of a neighbor and coming to Kansas to live. As she was single she could only be admitted to the solitary decent hotel in town through the recommendation of some very prominent resident. She was admitted after a letter from the mayor was presented. Mr. Farmer, like all farmers of the period, did not bother with a hotel. They made their bed in a blanket on the hay of a livery stable where the team was "put up" for the night. Rowdy Joe was at Newton at that time, when Newton was the really wicked town of the state, but was forced out by indignant Masons after the killing of a deputy marshal named Holliday, who was a Freemason, and he emigrated to Wichita and built up another establishment on the west side of the Arkansas river.

#### Sunday, July 11, 1926

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#### Rotogravure

Group of photographs of early day Wichita.

## Monday, July 12, 1926

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1. Article reports drowning of Donald Mustoe, age 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Mustoe, 916 Waco, at the municipal pool yesterday afternoon. Hundreds were in the pool at the time, but his disappearance escaped notice. Survivors include two sisters, Helen, six, and Dorothy, nine, (now Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins).

## Tuesday, July 13, 1926

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3. Article says passenger service may start next week on the Chicago-Wichita-Dallas air mail route of National Air Transport, Inc. Details.

## Wednesday, July 14, 1926

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5. The Wichita theater building and ground was leased yesterday by L. S. Naftzger, owner, to the Peerless Amusement company for 20 years at an annual rental of \$10,000. The theater, at 308-10 East Douglas, was erected eight years ago. Mr.. Naftzger, president of the Southwest National Bank, purchased the 50 feet of ground in 1905 for \$3100.

## Thursday, July 15, 1926

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- 2. The Riverside Court addition, seven acres of land adjoining Woodrow Court on the west, was sold yesterday to R. J. McKee, well known Wichita property owner and builder, by the Cement Stone and Supply Company for \$11,000. There are 50 building sites in the addition, and Mr. McKee proposes to start construction of moderately priced bungalows soon, costing about \$5000 each.
- 7. The Kansas Children's Home and Service League was formed here July 1 through the merger of the Christian Service League of Wichita and the Kansas State Children's home. Details.
- 8. Article describes the Orient Railroad's plans to build a three story office building and passenger and freight station on East Douglas avenue. No definite action has yet been taken.
- 9. The new rendering house at the Dold Packing Company will be completed by September 1.

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 Photograph of new neighborhood store building under construction at Waco and 10th Street, being erected by L. R. Wentz, who has operated a grocery store on the corner for 15 years. It is one story brick, to cost approximately \$12,000.

## Saturday, July 17, 1926

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- 5. Article reports meeting last evening of city commission with A. M. and H. W. Patten of Wichita Railroad and Light company to discuss moving of the street car line to the Douglas avenue road bridge. No definite action was taken. ¶ Mr. Patten brought out the fact that the company was making no money and that Wichita had one of the lowest street car fares in the Middle West. ¶ He proposed that they would move to the bridge and place a single track across and maintain it and the pavement between the tracks and one foot on each side, provided no rent was charged and the city would refund money owed the company from over-assessment.
- 6. Fourteen hundred thirty-seven cars have registered at the Wichita tourist camp since March 1. ¶ During 1925, 4569 cars were registered, with the record being set in July with 1131 cars.
- 14. Photograph of beginning excavation for Hillcrest apartments.

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5. Comments by Marsh Murdock on recent airplane travel in Europe with his father, Marcellus.

## Sunday, July 18, 1926

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## Magazine

3. Article by Victor Murdock on the corn production in Kansas over the years. Maximum 273,000,000 bushels in 1889 and minimum 18,000,000 bushels in 1913.

## Tuesday, July 20, 1926

## page

1. City commission yesterday passed ordinance calling for the construction of the Waterman street. Details.

City commission yesterday voted to change the name of Water Street between 11th and 13th streets to Wellington Place.

5. Sidney Mourning will start work this week on a new 16-apartment building at 522 North Topeka, two stories, 36 by 96 feet.

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3. The Missouri Pacific Railroad plans to put a gasoline motor car in operation between Wichita and Coffeyville within the next 30 days. The motor train which formerly operated from Wichita to Hardtner will be used. It consists of two separate cars and will carry about 50 passengers. It has been out of commission the past two months for repairs of damage sustained when it sideswiped a switch engine. ¶ A small one car gasoline train installed on the Hardtner run after the accident will continue to operate.

#### Thursday, July 22, 1926

## page

- 5. The Missouri Pacific motor train from Wichita to Coffeyville surprised nearly everyone by making its first run yesterday.
- 7. Contract let by Butler county for paving the seven mile gap between Eldorado and Augusta for \$189,339. This will complete the paved road from Wichita to Eldorado.

## Friday, July 23, 1926

## page

- 1. Article reports proposal for ten story medical arts building on Fisher property at northeast corner of Water and William.
- 5. F. X. Busch sought injunction in court yesterday to prevent his brother A. J. from using the name Busch in his shoe repair shop. Said he and his brother used to be in business together, but he bought his brother's interest in the business, whereupon A. J. Busch established a shoe shop of his own.

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# Magazine

 Article about the Physicians and Surgeons Exchange, operated by Mrs. L. M. Sallee at 533 Pennsylvania.

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## Rotogravure

Photographs of several early Wichita buildings, including Eagle block, A. Hess Groceries, first Bitting Brothers store, first County Court House, and George Innes store.

Photograph of new apartment house at 1121 North Emporia.

## Monday, July 26, 1926

## page

1. Photograph of St. John's Episcopal church at 3rd and Topeka with recently completed towers and steeple, built largely through a donation last Christmas of \$7000 from Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Magill. The church also has a new roof of vari-colored slate.

#### Tuesday, July 27, 1926

## page

14. Article says the city of Wichitahas retained two engineering firms and an accounting firm to investigate the electric rates of the Kansas Gas and Electric company. Details.

## Wednesday, July 28, 1926

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- 1. Articles says the new ten story Medical Arts building, 60 by 142 feet, at Water and William, will be started within 90 days and finished by July 1927. Details.
- 5. Article says there are now five sand boats pumping near the Wichita water works.

#### Friday, July 30, 1926

## page

1. Drawing of new one story infirmary to be built on the county farm. Contract to be let August 4.

#### Saturday, July 31, 1926

## page

5. Building permit issued yesterday for Hillcrest apartments for \$605,000.

## Sunday, August 1, 1926

## page

- 1. Large tract of 74 acres between East street and Oliver and between Douglas and Kellogg was purchased yesterday by Walter Morris and Son from H. F. Knight, of St. Louis, for \$125,000. There are approximately 350 building sites in the tract, which will be platted in an original manner with curved drives radiating from three circles to be named in honor of Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Warren Harding. Sale of building sites will probably not be until spring, when gas, water, and sewer connections will be available. Mr. Knight, a former resident of Wichita, has owned the land since the early 90s.
- 7. Article reports nearly 50 airplanes will be in Wichita August 13 on the Ford Reliability Tour. Details.

#### Sunday, August 1, 1926

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#### Magazine

2. Article by Marcellus Murdock about has recent air travels in Europe.

## Wednesday, August 4, 1926

## page

1. Article reports death yesterday of Judge Henry C. Sluss, age 84, dean of the Sedgwick county bar. Obituary.

#### 5. Three boys found a porcupine in Oak Park yesterday.

#### Thursday, August 5, 1926

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5. A ten year lease was signed yesterday by Henry Levitt for a 25 foot frontage at 416 East Douglas, including a two story brick building 25 by 120 feet, which was recently remodeled. Mrs. D. Gerson is owner of the property. The consideration for the ten years is approximately \$42,000. ¶ Mr. Levitt has a clothing store at 420-22 East Douglas and bought the new lease as an investment.

Contract let yesterday for new infirmary at the county farm for \$17,600. To be completed by December 1 and will have two large and four small wards.

7. National Air Transport announced that air express service would start immediately on its mail planes. A rate of 50 cents a pound to points on the air line will be changed. Details.

County commission plans to let first contract for paving of the Maize road on September 2. The first contract will cover the five and half miles this side of Maize. The remaining four and a half miles into Wichita will be paved later.

## Sunday, August 8, 1926

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5. Article reports proposals to beautify the water tower on North Belmont. Details.

#### Monday, August 9, 1926

page

5. Driven by the scorching heat, throngs of Wichitans crowded Riverside park last night. Three extra and six regular street cars carried the crowds to the park, besides buses and other conveyances. Thirty-five hundred fifty-four persons visited the municipal beach pool, the record for this year.

#### Tuesday, August 10, 1926

page

5. The first golf club ever used in Wichita has been returned to the city. It was used by Professor C. P. Clark, now of Hanover, New Hampshire, who introduced the game to Wichita in 1897 when he came to Wichita from Massachusetts to become professor of Latin at Fairmount College. There were then a few courses in the East but none in the West, so he organized the first golf club west of the Mississippi (?) and the first course was laid out under his supervision. It was called the Braeburn club, and the course was at the end of 15th street in a field owned by Judge Babb, just north of the present Wichita Country Club. There were six holes. No attempt was made at construction of greens, and the cups were improvised from common tomato cans. Professor Clark left Wichita in 1907. He is visiting here now and will present the first club used here to the Wichita Country Club.

#### Wednesday, August 11, 1926

#### page

5. The first floor of the new Brown building will be poured today. Work of placing the footings was completed several days ago. The building is to be completed by December 1.

## Thursday, August 12, 1926

#### page

1. Photograph of Lloyd Stearman, who designed the plane being flown by Walter Beech on the Ford reliability tour.

Photograph of big Ford tri-motor plane purchased by National Air Transport for use on the Chicago-Wichita-Dallas mail route. It is expected on its first flight into Wichita next week.

- 2. The Shrine will spend \$50,000 to \$60,000 on remodeling of the new Midian Shrine temple at 115-117 North Topeka, including building a three story addition 40 by 50 feet, making the whole building 50 by 140 feet. Details.
- 8. Article says consideration being given to moving the Soldiers and Sailors' monument from court house grounds to Riverside park, but most of the old soldiers are against moving it.

## Friday, August 13, 1926

#### page

- 5. The Wichita Vinegar and Bottling Company, 1st and Hydraulic, has officially changed its name to the Ne-Hi Bottling Company.
- 8. Wichita hospital will rebuild and remodel its nurses home, recently badly damaged by fire. A two story dormitory will be erected to the southwest of the old structure in the angle between the house itself and the dormitory built on the north side some years ago. The third story will be removed from the old house and a new roof built. Total cost will exceed \$10,000.

## Saturday, August 14, 1926

## page

1. Article reports George Theis, Jr. was killed at 6:20 p.m. yesterday when struck by the propeller of a Travel Airplane piloted by Lloyd Stearman. Age was 64. Photograph.

Report on visit of the Ford reliability airplane tour to Wichita yesterday and today. Details. More than 5000 persons were at the airport to see the arrival of the planes.

7. Suit filed against John J. Flournoy, owner of the 2nd street bus line, by passenger for injury received in accident when the bus on April 14 turned east from Lawrence on 1st street.

## Sunday, August 15, 1926

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17. The huge new tabernacle of the Kansas State Holiness Association at Beulah park will be dedicated today. (Postponed because of rain.)

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## Magazine

3. Article by Victor Murdock reports on article by Judge Sluss which gives considerable biography of Eli (?) Waterman, Wichita pioneer. Details.

## Tuesday, August 17, 1926

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- 5. S. S. Voigt, Wichita architect, is drawing plans for remodeling of the Shrine club building at 115-17 North Topeka.
- 12. City manager Elliott yesterday recommended that Central avenue be widened from Washington to Hillside from 30 to 40 feet.

## Wednesday, August 18, 1926

## page

5. The new Alcott school building is being delayed by late arrival of Bedford stone, but four rooms should be ready for occupancy when school starts.

## Thursday, August 19, 1926

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7. Three Wichita men have purchased the 69 acre tract just north of Kellogg and east of Oliver for \$50,000 from Eschel Bronston, of New York, who bought it in 1902 for \$2800.

## Saturday, August 21, 1926

## page

5. Men are now pouring concrete on the third floor of the Brown building.

## Sunday, August 22, 1926

## page

1. Walter Beech was yesterday officially named winner of the second annual Ford reliability air tour.

Article says Travel Air will build a new factory building 50 by 200 feet on Turner avenue just west of the Midland Valley freight depot. Details. Capacity will be tripled from the present six to eight planes a month.

Tuesday, August 24, 1926 page

5. Contract let yesterday to Siedhoff Construction Company for remodeling of Shrine Club building at 115-17 North Topeka for approximately \$55,000. Work will start today. The old front will be torn down and a new one substituted. Work to be completed in 90 days. Details.

Park board asked city commission for dirt from widening of the canal for use in Central Riverside and Sim parks, where the soil is so sandy it is difficulty to get any turf to grow. Mr. Clapp stated that the area now constituting North Riverside park was the place where all of the sand for building in Wichita prior to 1892 was taken. As a result the only loam there is that which has formed since from rotting leaves and other sources. He said the area near the baby camp was low because of the immense amount of sand hauled, and after removal of one shovelful of dirt, pure sand will be found. The same condition exists near the birdhouse in Central Riverside park, because that section was once a huge bar where the river threw sand.

12. City commission yesterday discussed the opening of Hydraulic from 9th to 13th street. Some said the old creek bed on North Hydraulic near 10th Street should be filled and others favored a bridge. Details.

## Thursday, August 26, 1926

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5. Article reports on will of George Theis, Jr. Twenty thousand dollars to be shared by approximately 90 Arkansas Valley Interurban employes with company at least one year. Another \$10,000 to be shared by seven Arkansas Valley Interurban department heads including R. B. Campbell and Elmer Vallance. One hundred thousand dollars to be given to Wichita Children's Home if name is changed to "The George Theis, Jr. Orphans' Home."

## Friday, August 27, 1926

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- 4. Advertisement with photograph of new building of John Kirkwood, Inc., Goodyear tire dealer, 231-37 North Lawrence, built since old building destroyed by fire.
- 5. Article says H. E. Beck and Associates, of St. Louis, have applied to Kansas public service commission for certificates of convenience and necessity to operate six new bus lines in Wichita, to serve South Market, East 1st, East 3rd, and South Wichita streets, the West Side, and the Northwest district. Ten minute service would be given on all lines and Fageol buses seating 25 to 29 passengers used. The buses cost \$10,000 each. An effort would be made to secure higher fares, due to superior service. Details.

## Sunday, August 29, 1926

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25. Article reports opening yesterday of Helzberg's diamond shop at Main and Douglas (in Schweiter Building). Photograph.

## Wednesday, September 1, 1926

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4. Article reports Miss Irene Tihen is the new instructor in physical education for women at the University of Wichita. She graduated from University of Kansas in 1920 and then taught two years at the University of North Dakota. She then returned to Kansas and last year taught history and government at Wichita High School. Photograph.

#### Thursday, September 2, 1926

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5. Route for proposed new bus line on East 1st street has been changed to go south on Grove to Waterman from 1st and then east. Details.

## Friday, September 3, 1926

#### page

- 2. Photograph of new factory of W-W Feed Grinder Company at 419-25 West 2nd, which was recently completed and is now occupied. It is 100 by 267 feet.
- 11. Contract let yesterday for paving with concrete of five and a half miles of road from the railroad track at Maize east to the Meridian road for \$103,790. The low bid for brick pavement of the road was \$169,139. ¶ The remaining four and a half miles to Wichita will be paved in the near future. The pavement is to join the Arkansas avenue pavement at 29th street.

## Saturday, September 4, 1926

## page

- Drawing of new facade of the Midian Shrine temple building at 115-17 North Topeka, S.
  S. Voigt, architect. Article with details.
- 2. Article says city is to complete purchase today of 7.15 acres at intersection of Sim Park Drive and River Boulevard as site for a municipal art museum. The site is being sold by Mrs. Marie Steinbuchel, administratrix for the Stackman estate, for \$16,500. ¶ Mrs. Bertha Stackman Gouldner, another of the Stackman estate heirs, said the estate would sell any part of the remaining 21 acres in the tract to the school board for a school site, at approximately the same price. Details.

## Sunday, September 5, 1926

## page

- 1. Map of site of new art museum.
- 2. Article discusses conflict between the Wichison Gas Company and the Doherty interests (Cities Services Gas Company). Details.
- 9. Advertisement of the Wichita College of Music, at 3rd and Topeka, says "we own this building." "In Wichita 20 years."
## Sunday, September 5, 1926

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## Magazine

6. Article by Dick Long about the cattle driving days and the hotels of early Wichita. Details and photographs of Tremont House, Empire House, and Occidental.

## Wednesday, September 8, 1926

## page

3. Financial statement of Wichita Board of Education showed the cost of operation of schools from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926 was \$1,762,864, or \$94.11 per pupil for an enrollment of 18,731.

Article says Otto L. Fischer is to be head of the piano department of the college of fine arts of the University of Wichita. Biography and photograph. Came to Wichita in 1911.

## Thursday, September 9, 1926

## page

2. The school board voted yesterday to move its headquarters to the fourth floor of the York Rite Temple building.

## Sunday, September 12, 1926

## page

5. The new \$85,000 First Nazarene church at Kellogg and Lulu will be dedicated Sunday, September 19.

## Sunday, September 12, 1926

## page

## Rotogravure

Advertisement with photograph of Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company building, 117-27 North Main.

## Monday, September 13, 1926

## page

5. National Air Transport has officially opened its express service on the Chicago-Wichita-Dallas air mail line. A flat rate of 39 cents a pound is charged for carriage of express between any two cities on the line.

The Bridle and Saddle club of Wichita is laying out a 12 mile bridle path from its club house on East Central. Details. The club now has 40 horses in its stables.

## Tuesday, September 14, 1926

## page

5. The Hotel Brokerage Company, 524 Union National Bank building, operated by S. C. Adair, last week purchased the Stock Yards hotel, 531 East 21st street, and yesterday took

over its operation. The hotel building has been recently rebuilt. A large dining room is operated in connection with it.

Elizabeth A. Mahan will build a brick eight family apartment house at 405 North Emporia at once. To be 26 by 137 feet and cost \$10,000.

## Wednesday, September 15, 1926

## page

- 2. Article about Thurlow Lieurance, who arrived here last week to take up his position as dean of the school of music at Wichita University. Details.
- 5. The Santa Fe Railroad will move to take its Mexican laborers from discarded tie houses and old box cars for the first time in Wichita. It will build a \$10,000 ten family apartment house at 1224-26-28 South Mead, at once, to house laborers of the railroad here. To be 34 by 126 feet, of brick.
- 9. Enrolment at the University of Wichita is 526.

## Thursday, September 16, 1926

## page

- 3. Drawing of neighborhood stone building to be constructed on southeast corner of Bluff and Kellogg by John S. Giwosky beginning October 1st. Glen Thomas, architect.
- 6. The Midian Shire Nobles decided yesterday to close the Riverside club house on River Boulevard on completion of the downtown club building at 115-17 North Topeka. No action was taken on disposition of the river property, which is very valuable.

## Friday, September 17, 1926

## page

3. Photograph of new University Friends church, Glenn and University avenues, which is to be dedicated October 3.

## Saturday, September 18, 1926

## page

5. The Tilford Drug company has given up its option on the corner store in the new Brown building. ¶ The sixth floor ceiling was poured yesterday, this being the floor of the seventh when additional stories are added.

The Arkansas Valley Interurban has announced a round trip fare of \$1.75 to Hutchinson during the Kansas State Fair, September 18 to 25.

## Sunday, September 19, 1926

## page

3. Photograph shows placement of boilers in basement of the Hillcrest Apartments. Footings have been placed and basement walls poured. 5. Article says a petition of 75 residents has been sent to the Kansas public service commission asking that the street car company be compelled to place better cars in service on the Fairmount line.

## Thursday, September 23, 1926

## page

- 3. Article says Lincoln street is to be opened from Hydraulic to Hillside and a new bridge built across the canal.
- 5. Article says the United States Department of Commerce will soon advertise for bids for lighting the air mail route between Wichita and Dallas for night flying. Big revolving lights 55 feet high will be installed ten miles apart. Details.

## Saturday, September 25, 1926

## page

5. Travel Air Plane Manufacturing company is considering the site for its new \$30,000 factory. Sites near the center of the city are under consideration as well as that of putting the new factory at the flying field with the assembling plant. The factory if now located at 537 West Douglas. Details.

## Sunday, September 26, 1926

## page

- 5. Article lists dates of first light frost and first killing frost in Wichita each year from 1888 to 1925.
- 22. Photograph of Alpha Gamma Gamma fraternity house at Wichita University at 1310 North Hillside and the Pi Alpha Pi house, 1531 North Holyoke.

## Sunday, September 26, 1926

## page

## Magazine

6. Article by Dick Long about Bruce Moore, Wichita sculptor.

## Thursday, September 30, 1926

## page

- 1. Map shows traffic flow on major streets in Wichita.
- 6. Walter H. Mooney, Missouri Pacific Railroad official here, has been appointed assistant superintendent of safety for the entire Missouri Pacific system with headquarters in St. Louis. He will make his home in that city, where his duties begin on October 1.

## Sunday, October 3, 1926

## page

1. Article reports Lloyd Stearman will resign from Travel Air the last of the week and go to California to go into the airplane manufacturing business there.

E. F. Weaver, of Weaver Gardens, has traded his five blocks of property in Woodrow Court addition, including his home at 1502 Woodrow, valued at \$140,000, for the 240 acre Meeker farm, owned by O. A. Hunt, wealthy Osage Indian.

- 5. The big ten passenger tri-motor Ford plane, which is soon to be used on the National Air Transport Chicago-Wichita-Dallas air mail route, was given its first test flight the past week.
- 7. Traffic patrolmen of the Wichita police department likely will blossom forth in khaki uniforms next spring. The regulation uniform of blue will still be worn by patrolmen and other members of the department. ¶ Regulation blue has been used by the Wichita police department for a long time.

## Sunday, October 3, 1926

## page

## Rotogravure

Photograph of the old toll bridge at Douglas avenue.

## Tuesday, October 5, 1926

## page

- 5. The two story brick building on southwest corner of Lulu and Douglas, erected three years ago, and occupied by the Nash-Stretch automobile agency, was purchased yesterday by Charles Yankey, Wichita attorney, from E. W. Singleton and Harry K. Ellis for \$55,000.
- 7. Article itemizes costs of Wichita's flood prevention program. Includes \$321,040 on Little River projects and \$780,744 on Drainage Canal projects. Details. Included \$24,671 for extending Central avenue dam.
- 11. City commission yesterday voted to spend \$176,000 for widening and improving of the drainage canal. Details.

## Wednesday, October 6, 1926

## page

5. The Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company has been reorganized and in about a month will have practically a tripled capacity. The factory manager will be Kirk Kirkpatrick, who succeeds C. L. Laird.

## Thursday, October 7, 1926

## page

5. Approximately 4500 autos have registered at the Wichita tourist camp this year.

## Sunday, October 10, 1926

## page

1. Construction of additional wheat storage capacity of approximately 1,500,000 bushels will be started immediately by the Red Star Milling Company at its Mill "C" plant, 19th

and North Topeka. Bids will be received early in November. ¶ The company has at present 1,350,000, bushel storage capacity in Wichita and an additional 250,000 bushels at its country elevators, so the new unit will double its capacity. The new unit will consist of 78 concrete storage tanks, all 100 feet high.

- 2. The Brosius Investment company announces the opening of the McKnight tract, between Wichita High School and Hydraulic and between English and Kellogg as a restricted residential district. Lots range from \$450 to \$850 and are from 50 by 125 feet to 80 by 150 feet in size.
- 4. Advertisement with map of proposed bus lines in Wichita for which Horace W. Beck and Associates have applied to the Public Service Commission for permission to operate, using new Fageol Safety Coaches.
- 5. The new University Friends church at Glenn and University is to be dedicated today. Details. The church was organized in the fall of 1899.

The entire front of the College Hill Drug Company, 3054 East Douglas, has been remodeled by the owner, A. G. King, at cost of \$2500. Details.

23. Advertisement with photograph of the Fageol Safety Coach being proposed for use on new bus lines in Wichita by Horace W. Beck.

## Monday, October 11, 1926

page

- 5. Billie Naramore, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch P. Naramore, died yesterday at his parents' home, 810 Carter. He leaves a sister Mary and a brother John.
- 6. Drawing of Masonic monument to be erected in Maple Grove cemetery. Details. To be completed by February.

## Wednesday, October 13, 1926

page

3. Brick work on the new six story Brown building has been completed to the sill line of the fifth floor and will be completed next week. The structure will be completed by December 1.

## Thursday, October 14, 1926

page

5. Lincoln Heights addition, between Douglas and Kellogg and Crest Way and Oliver, will be placed on the market December 1. Forty acres of the total 73 acres will be placed on the market at this time. There will be 250 building sites in the addition, selling for \$750 to \$2750 each. All are restricted. Details.

## Friday, October 15, 1926

## page

2. Article about bus line situation in Wichita says Wichita Railroad and Light company has filed application with Public Service Commission of Kansas asking revocation of licenses of independent bus operators in Wichita, giving the company a monopoly of the city's transportation system. ¶ At present the street car company is operating two bus lines in addition to its trolley system. Seven other bus lines are now being operated independently, although the owners of these lines are banded together under the title of the Wichita Bus Owners' association. ¶ Attorney for the independent bus lines said: since granting of the permits in May 1925, more than \$75,000 worth of new equipment has been placed in commission, making more than \$150,000 worth placed in service in the past three years. Details.

## Saturday, October 16, 1926

## page

8. Photograph of the new Wichita Vinegar and Cider Works building on West Central.

## Sunday, October 17, 1926

page

- 1. Photograph of Brown building under construction -- brick work being done on fifth story.
- 15. Photograph of new home of S. A. Long Electric company, three stories, at 146 North Market.

## Tuesday, October 19, 1926

page

14. L. W. Clapp, president of park board, proposed to city commission yesterday the preservation of the trees along the Chisholm creek bed south of Douglas paralleling Waterman street from Hydraulic to the High School shops. Details.

## Thursday, October 21, 1926

## page

5. Article says contract let yesterday for new Medical Arts building at William and Water streets. Details.

## Friday, October 22, 1926

page

1. Drawing of proposed ten story Medical Arts building at William and Water.

## Sunday, October 24, 1926

page

Photograph of two new Reo buses -- delivered past week to Ben Chewning, Wichita bus operator, and to the Southern Kansas Stage Lines. Another Reo bus was delivered to J. C. Calhoun the first of the week for his bus line, which is the North Market street line.
¶ The new buses are called the "Model W Pay Enter Street Car Type Safety buses." Mr. Chewning now operates a fleet of nine Reo buses.

## Sunday, October 24, 1926

## page

#### Magazine

3. Reminiscences by Dr. Fabrique of election days in early Wichita.

## Sunday, October 24, 1926

## page

Rotogravure

Photograph of Orient Railroad track at South Glenn street.

## Wednesday, October 27, 1926

## page

8. Advertisement with drawings of buildings on first and second blocks of South Topeka.

## Thursday, October 28, 1926

## page

- 10. Article announces plans to spend approximately \$100,000 for remodeling and rearrangement of the interior of the Allen W. Hinkel department store beginning soon after first of the year. Details.
- 11. Robert B. Campbell was elected president and general manager of the Arkansas Valley Interurban company at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday, succeeding the late George Theis, Jr. ¶ He says the company will continue its policy of soliciting freight business. A few years ago only ten percent of the company business was in hauling freight, and now this has increased to 40 percent.
- 14. Judge Paul J. Wall, Wichita attorney, has purchased the lot and building (three story) at southeast corner of Douglas and Emporia (501 and 503 East Douglas), for \$150,000. The purchase was made in June by the Wheeler Kelly Hagny Trust Company for Mr. Wall, but the name of the purchaser was not released until now. Building is occupied by the Bowers hotel and Lunger's café.

## Friday, October 29, 1926

## page

5. Ben F. Copley, city commissioner, has bought control of the Sayers dairy, 132 North Walnut, yesterday for \$90,000. It was established ten years ago by A. T. Sayers, who will remain as active manager.

Dockum Drug store No. 4 will be established at southwest corner of 21st and North Lawrence, 2147 North Lawrence. Details.

## Saturday, October 30, 1926

## page

3. Contractor says the new Alcott school will be completed in about two weeks and ready for use early in December.

5. Article reports probable location of a new retail department store building on northeast corner of Lawrence and William on site 150 by 140 feet. Article says a 99 year lease was purchased this year on the middle 50 feet. The north 50 feet is owned by Fred Bissantz. The corner building and the one just north were erected in 1887 by W. P. Stem. The Bissantz building was erected later. All are three stories. The corner building was occupied by the Grit Printery for years, before it moved this year to its new home in second block of North Market.

## Sunday, October 31, 1926

## page

5. Article reports A. H. Webb, superintendent of Wichita division of Missouri Pacific Railroad during past 32 years, has been promoted to assistant to the Vice President and general manager of the road. Article gives biographical sketch -- came to Wichita November 1886 as assistant to Superintendent Russell Harding, and succeeded him in 1894 when Mr. Harding was transferred to St. Louis.

Special section on Wichita industries and institutions. Details -- some photographs.

- 3-B. Photograph of Wichita High School under construction, without tower.
- 7-B. Advertisement with photograph of entrance to Kansas Sanitarium.

## Sunday, October 31, 1926

## page

## Magazine

3. Article with photograph of Union Station and viaduct when just new, with Rock Island tracks still crossing Douglas in foreground.

## Tuesday, November 2, 1926

## page

5. City commission yesterday let contract for widening of the drainage canal for \$118,202. Details.

School board yesterday voted to purchase the three acre Shrine club site between Woodrow and River Boulevard for \$35,000 as a site for a new intermediate school. Details.

Wichita's historical museum at the municipal university should have two rooms filled with historical mementos by the end of the week according to Judge David D. Leahy, president of the organization.

## Friday, November 5, 1926

## page

3. The big ten passenger Ford tri-motor plane was delivered to National Air Transport, Inc., in Chicago the first of this week. After a few days it will make visits to the cities along the line between Chicago and Dallas.

## Sunday, November 7, 1926

## page

- 3. Article says K. C. Parkhurst, traffic manager of the Derby Oil company, has invented a "street flapper," i.e., a flap type stop sign for use at stop streets. He has had one placed in position as a trial at 3rd street and Lawrence avenue. Details.
- 5. National Air Transport is to station a spare plane in Wichita for use on its air mail route in case of need.
- 6. Photograph of Hillcrest Apartments under construction -- framework up four stories. Work will start on fifth floor framework this week.

## Sunday, November 7, 1926

## page

## Rotogravure

Photographs of Wichita sky line from Union National Bank building.

## Monday, November 8, 1926

## page

5. Some of the old timers will miss the barefoot boy fountain that stood in North Riverside park and wonder what became of it. It is in the shop, undergoing repairs, and will be on its pedestal when the park season opens next spring.

## Tuesday, November 9, 1926

## page

- 1. The American Railway Express company will soon open the first daily "air express" service in the United States on the air mail route of National Air Transport and on connections from Chicago to New York. Contracts were signed yesterday. Full operation is expected by April 15. Details.
- 5. Article describes a plan for expansion of the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company. Details.

## Thursday, November 11, 1926

## page

3. Advertisement of Wichita Railroad and Light company pointing out that it pays for street paving between its tracks and for one foot on either side, whereas bus competitors pay nothing toward upkeep of pavement.

## Saturday, November 13, 1926

## page

1. Photographs of National Air Transport Ford tri-motor plane which made its first visit to Wichita yesterday on a trial flight. Details on page five.

## Sunday, November 14, 1926

#### page

- 1. Announcement of new \$700,000 building for George Innes Company to be erected at Lawrence and William. Drawing and details.
- 16. Aerial photograph of downtown Wichita by Edgar B. Smith showing location of new Innes store (#1002) with Brown building under construction.
- 4-A. Map of roadways in Sim Park.

## Tuesday, November 16, 1926

## page

1. Article gives the history of real estate values of site of new Innes store at Lawrence and William. Details.

## Saturday, November 20, 1926

## page

- 5. Article says the air mail route through Wichita will be lighted within a month from Wichita to Dallas. Details.
- 16. Alexander W. McClellan filed suit yesterday asking return to him of the McClellan hotel and \$48,000 by persons he claims defrauded him. Details.

## Sunday, November 21, 1926

## page

## Magazine

- 2. Article about Edgar B. Smith, aerial photographer, with photograph of Wichita University campus from air.
- 4. Photograph of corner of Lawrence and William now and drawing of new Innes building to be constructed there.
- 5. Article says Wichita's last livery stable, the Star Livery and Riding Academy, 447-51 North Water, faces extinction.

## Tuesday, November 23, 1926

## page

5. Article says D. A. Winters plans construction of a tire store at southeast corner of Emporia and 2nd. Details.

## Thursday, November 25, 1926

## page

8. Article says the Wichita independent bus lines were purchased yesterday by the Wichita street railway company in the midst of a hearing before the state public service commission on the Wichita bus service. The independents are said to have received \$150,000 for their lines, including equipment, which consists of 52 buses. No date for

taking over the lines was announced. ¶ A drastic increase in bus and street car fares has also been applied for. The present five cent bus fare and six cent street car fare would be increased to eight cents, or two tokens for 15 cents or five tokens for 35 cents, with universal transfer privileges. Details.

## Friday, November 26, 1926

## page

3. Article says the street car company will take over the recently purchased independent bus lines on January 3. Hearings on the proposed fare increase will be held next Monday.

## Saturday, November 27, 1926

## page

- 2. Excavation will start Monday for the new \$30,000 D. A. Winters tire store at southeast corner of 2nd and Emporia.
- 3. The proposed new Medical Arts building at William and Water streets is being rechartered due to an error in the original charter. Details.
- 5. The park department is starting a 38 by 48 foot addition to the bird house in Central Riverside park to house an aquarium. To cost \$6500. Details.

## Sunday, November 28, 1926

## page

## Magazine

2. Article by Victor Murdock about early day sights in Wichita which have disappeared. Photograph of Lawrence and Douglas in 1877 with windmill and of shortcut paths through early Wichita.

## Sunday, November 28, 1926

## page

## Rotogravure

Photograph of 1927 model Swallow plane.

## Monday, November 29, 1926

## page

- 1. Photograph of Hillcrest Apartments under construction -- sixth floor framework being built.
- 5. Article reports dedication of new Hillside avenue Christian church at English and Hillside yesterday. Details.

# Tuesday, November 30, 1926 page

- 3. Article reports on hearing yesterday on proposed increase in Wichita bus and street car fares. Details. Lawyers from Illinois Power and Light Company here for Wichita Railroad and Light company. City is to audit books of the companies.
- 5. New down town Shrine club remodeling at 117 North Topeka is delayed, but building will be ready by February 1.

## Wednesday, December 1, 1926

## page

5. Appraisal of all bus equipment of both the independent bus owners and the street car company for the City of Wichita will start today. Details.

## Thursday, December 2, 1926

## page

2. John W. McClure and J. A. Combs, of Eldorado, owners of the DeLuxe Transportation Company, today sold this bus line to the Southern Kansas Stage Lines.

## Friday, December 3, 1926

## page

- 2. Gasoline motor car service over the Missouri Pacific from Wichita to Coffeyville has proved unsatisfactory and will be discontinued Sunday and replaced by the old steam train. ¶ A two car motor train has been in operation over this route for several months. Because of the steep grades west and south of Wichita the train was often unable to make the complete trip under its own power. Nearly 50 percent of the time the steam train has been making this run, while the motor train was kept in the shop for repairs necessitated by the steep grades.
- 5. A new exclusive, restricted residential section is being developed a mile east of the end of the pavement on East Douglas avenue by the Alton H. Smith Realty Company. The tract extends three-fourths mile north from Kellogg towards Central and is half a mile wide. At present the north 40 acres opening from the end of the Douglas is being laid out with winding streets and landscaped under the direction of F. Donald Gordon, landscape architect. ¶ The new section of Eastborough will be an exclusive restricted village of homes. The smallest lots will be 150 by 175 feet, and every house must cost at least \$10,000 and on some streets at least \$25,000. Details.
- 13. Six acres of land from the municipal landing field will be sold to Travel Air, Inc., along with the new building which is being planned and erected by the Booster Building Company, whose members own the air field. The new brick building will be approximately 75 by 275 feet. Details.

Saturday, December 4, 1926 page

5. Thirty thousand dollars worth of stock will be put on the market at once by the Booster Building Company to finance the new factory building for Travel Air at the municipal landing field.

## Sunday, December 5, 1926

## page

- 1. Report on hearing by Public Service Commission in Topeka yesterday on Wichita bus fares. Counsel for city of Wichita maintain adequate return would be made by six cent bus fare rather than the higher fare being asked. They say revenues from Wichita Railroad and Light company buses on Kellogg and Central in year ended October 31, 1926 were \$88,919, with expenses including depreciation being \$76,599. Mr. Pattensaid the street railway company paid \$80,000 for the Kellogg and Central bus lines. Details.
- 5. Twenty-one bus drivers employed by Wichita Railroad and Light company are seeking a wage increase. At present they receive only 40 cents an hour, while the street car motormen employed by the same company are being paid 55 cents an hour.

## Sunday, December 5, 1926

## page

## Magazine

4. Article about Wichita's early street railway company developed by Colonel Hartzell. Photographs.

## Tuesday, December 7, 1926

## page

3.

The public service commission in Topeka yesterday decided in favor of allowing an increase in Wichita bus fares. ¶ The new bus fares are eight cents, or two tickets for 15 cents, or five tickets for 35 cents or 24 tickets for \$1.50. Transfers from buses to all street cars will be issued at no extra charge. ¶ Street car fares remain at six cents, plus an added two cent charge for transfer from street car to bus.

Howard Patten, local street railway manager, says the company will ask for an increase in street car fares to match the new bus fare. ¶ An order will be placed for 15 new buses of latest type costing approximately \$8000 each. ¶ The street car company will take over the recently purchased independent bus lines on December 9, at which time the new fares will go into effect. The buses will operate over the present routes for a time. ¶ The company will use the Forum garage for its buses until it can erect its new bus barn at 10th and Wichita on ground purchased by the company a year ago. It will be one story, approximately 135 by 200 feet. When the old buses are replaced, the company will have 40 in service, but the new garage will accommodate 70 buses. There will be a repair department, although the company will not rebuild the buses as it does the street cars, since too many improvements are being made in motors and chassis. The present bus is good for 200,000 miles, or four years, and the garage will keep the machines in repair. ¶ Wages of independent bus drivers will be increased five and eight cents an hour to bring them up to the wages now paid street railway bus drivers. The company will not require them to purchase uniforms for the first month or so.

#### Wednesday, December 8, 1926

## page

- 1. Article reports death yesterday of Senator William B. McKinley, of Illinois, from prostate cancer at age 70. Photograph. ¶ He was known here as president of the Illinois Traction system, formerly owners of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. The traction system was taken over a few months ago by the Studebaker interests, under the merger name of North American Light and Power company, but Senator McKinley remained on the board of directors of the new organization.
- 3. Contractors expect to start work today on the widening of the drainage canal. The huge ditcher will proceed along the east bank of the canal from Kellogg to Central first. ¶ Plans for the new canal bridge at Douglas avenue are being drawn now by the city engineer, and the contract for construction will probably be let in January. Traffic will the be diverted over a temporary wooden bridge until the new bridge is completed.
- 5. The increase in bus fare is delayed until Friday, December 10, as tickets could not be printed by December 9.

## Thursday, December 9, 1926

## page

- 5. A children's hospital and orthopedic ward will be established in a few months on a sixth floor to be added to the east wing of Wesley hospital at a cost of about \$40,000. It will be built by gifts from C. Q. Chandler and T. M. Deal. ¶Last June the fifth floor solarium of the east wing was changed to a children's ward, with the baby camp room placed here, but there was room for only 30 patients.
- Article reports new schedules on Arkansas Valley Interurban, effective Sunday, December
   12. There will be11 trains each way daily (change is to basic one and a half hours interval in departures) i.e., from one hour 20 minutes interval.

## Friday, December 10, 1926

## page

- 5. Inauguration of new bus fares is delayed to Saturday or first of next week. The strip tickets, which will be used initially untilmetal tokens can be struck, have not arrived from the print shop. ¶ Mr. Patten said an order for 15 new buses would be placed at once to replace the small "cracker-box" type. Details.
- 13. Advertisement with drawing of Hillcrest apartments.
- 17. The 80 ton ditcher started work yesterday on widening of the drainage canal.

## Saturday, December 11, 1926

## page

- 5. Article says building at 223 South Main, opposite the library, is being remodeled, and workmen found a sign on a wall from an old theater formerly located there saying: "Chairs in Auditorium, ten cents; Reserved Seats, 25 cents."
- 8. Advertisement with photograph of Dunn's new No. 20 store at Central and Waco (now Lettuce).

#### Sunday, December 12, 1926

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11. Work on installing the lighting beacons on the airway route from Wichita to Dallas will start this week. Details.

## Monday, December 13, 1926

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- 3. The Wichita Railroad and Light company announced yesterday that the new eight centbus fare in Wichita will go into effect tomorrow.
- 5. Article reports First Baptist church plans to build a new unit to its building at 2nd and Lawrence soon. Details.

## Tuesday, December 14, 1926

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- 2. City commission yesterday asked city attorney to take steps to try and obtain a repeal of the eight cent bus fare in Wichita. Details.
- 5. City commission yesterday instructed city engineer to prepare plans and estimates for a bridge across the canal at Lincoln.

City commission yesterday voted \$10,500 in park bonds to pay for purchase of the wooded tract along old Chisholm creek through the McKnight tract east of Hydraulic.

8. Wichita Railroad and Light company has against delayed the inauguration of the new eight cent bus fare, this time until Thursday.

## Thursday, December 16, 1926

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- 4. Contract awarded to Siedhoff Construction Company for new \$100,000 Marland building at Lewis and Wichita.
- 5. New eight cent bus fare goes into effect today. Two rides are sold for 15 cents, five rides of 35 cents, and 24 tickets for \$1.50.
- 13. Drawing of planned new Travel Air factory, Glen H. Thomas, architect. To be 45 by 245 feet. Construction to be started in immediate future.

## Saturday, December 18, 1926

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5. The first monoplane built by Travel Air, Inc., made its trial flight yesterday afternoon. Details.

# Saturday, December 18, 1926

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4. Article with recollections of the old Douglas avenue house. Drawing.

## Saturday, December 18, 1926

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Photograph of Knorr Mercantile Company building at William and Santa Fe.

## Tuesday, December 21, 1926

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5. Article about the new cabin monoplane built by Travel Air in 69 days. Details.

The Hillcrest Apartments building is now up nine stories of the framework, and work has started on the exterior brick and stone. It is expected to be opened May 1.

- 8. The Wichita Motor bus Company, capitalized at \$150,000, received a charter yesterday in Topeka. It is made up of the seven independent bus lines recently taken over by the Wichita Railroad and Light company and the two lines already owned by the street car company. ¶ The granting of the charter makes two separate corporations in charge of local transportation.
- 10. The Cudahy plant in Wichita has 850 people on its payroll.

## Thursday, December 23, 1926

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9. Article says the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company has purchased the Orient Railroad right-of-way northeast from Eldorado towards Emporia.

## Saturday, December 25, 1926

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11. Work on \$100,000 in improvements on the Allen W. Hinkel department store will start next Monday.

## Sunday, December 26, 1926

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## Magazine

4. Article by Victor Murdock describes pedestrian ways at downtown corners. Photograph of Bitting building corner.

## Thursday, December 30, 1926

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7. The construction gang is at work installing the beacon lights on the air route from Wichita south. Details.

## Friday, December 31, 1926

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- 8. Advertisement with photograph of Dunn Mercantile Company's new store No.21 at 13th and Hillside.
- 14. Swallow Airplane company has advance orders for 60 planes to be built in 1927.

The Orient shops in Wichita the past year built 450 box cars, stock cars, coal cars, and cabooses.