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

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1928 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, January 1, 1928
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4.  Article asks -- “where is Scott E. Winne.” The mystery is still unsolved after 17 years. Details.

Article reports organization yesterday of the new Lark Aircraft Company. Details. A factory building at 217 East Lincoln has been leased to start production.

5.  Article reports Colonel A. H. Webb of Missouri Pacific Railroad, has been placed on retirement. He will be 77 January 3rd. Photograph.

3-A.  Article describes new Chevrolet models.

6-A.  Advertisement announcing the F. W. Edler School of Dancing No. 2, for colored pupils only, will open January 3 at 615 North Main.

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Magazine
2.  Article by Victor Murdock about Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bitting. Photograph.

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5.  Contract let yesterday for remodeling and new elevators for the interior of Smyth building at Lawrence and Douglas at cost of approximately $100,000. To be completed in six weeks. Sanger Brothers, Inc. will establish a department store there.

Thursday, January 5, 1928
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2.  Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. L. W. (Carrie) Clapp at age 65. Married September 22, 1882 and moved to Wichita in 1886. Survivors include two sons, Marc C. and Robert D. W. Clapp, and two daughters, Mrs. Sydney Holmes and Mrs. Carolyn
Millison.

3. Article says National Air Transport will start night flying over its Chicago-Wichita-Dallas air mail route on February 1.

8. Advertisement announcing the new Dodge Brothers Victory Six automobile. Four door sedan $1095, Freight on Board, Detroit. Details.

10. Formal opening of the main building of the Wichita sanitarium, 3200 West Douglas (former Kansas sanitarium building) will be held today. The main building has been closed for some time for remodeling. The institution is operated by the Central union conference of the Seventh Day Adventists with headquarters at Lincoln.

Friday, January 6, 1928

4. Article says board of regents of University of Wichita are undertaking to buy all land north of the university to 21st street between Hillside and Wellesley. The university now owns about 60 percent of this property.

Saturday, January 7, 1928

1. Drawing of the new emblem of “Wichita the Air Capital” adopted by the publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

5. Article says the Missouri Pacific’s new $36,000 coach yard at 25th street is scheduled to go into service today.

Sunday, January 8, 1928

2. Kansas state supreme court handed down decision yesterday that it is legal for the city to establish a municipal airport on park land.

3. The new cafeteria being built for the University of Wichita is nearing completion and will be opened on January 20.

Tuesday, January 10, 1928

5. Orr’s Book Store advertisement announces that it is moving to its new location at 116-118 North Topeka, formerly occupied by the Johnston Press.

Wednesday, January 11, 1928

5. Article reports death yesterday of J. W. Skaer, 76, wealthy Wichita oil man.

Robert B. Campbell, Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad president, announced yesterday
that $15,000 is being spent for improvement of the passenger service. Six rebuilt passenger cars will be in service shortly. All the cars have been repainted. They were formerly of the “Pullman green” color but are being repainted with the lower portion in “flaming red” and the upper portion an ivory color to improve their visibility. ¶ Freight traffic last year showed an increase, and the drop in passenger traffic was less than for several years. Some 25,000 ties were replaced.

Thursday, January 12, 1928

4. Work started yesterday on tearing out the island in the Big river just below the Maple street bridge. The removed part will be piled on top of the rubbish which has been dumped for years on the west bank of the river.

5. A. O. Rorabaugh announced yesterday that his corporation will not consider further the building site at southwest corner of Main and Douglas.

Friday, January 13, 1928

3. Article reports plan being considered by City Manager Wells to convert the Central fire station into a city jail and police station. Details.

5. Article reports change in National Air Transport air mail plane schedule and night flights, effective February 1. Details.

Saturday, January 14, 1928

3. Advertisement with photograph of new home of the Mid-Continent Engraving Company, two stories, at 1205 South St. Francis.

5. Missouri Pacific switch engine No. 408, in Wichita, has run continuously for 172 hours.

Sunday, January 15, 1928

5. The Whippoorwill cabin biplane, designed by Charles Laird of the Laird Aircraft Company, is rapidly nearing completion at the factory on West 1st street.

Sunday, January 15, 1928

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4. Article about Wichita’s Board of Trade. Photograph.

Sunday, January 15, 1928

Rotogravure

Photograph of Busch’s shoe-shaped delivery car.
Tuesday, January 17, 1928
page 5.
Report on plans for new high school to board of education by Architect Glen Thomas last night. Estimated cost will be $750,000 to $850,000. Details.

Wednesday, January 18, 1928
page 5.
Construction of the first Swift biplane is well under way at the Swift Airplane Company’s factory on North Lawrence avenue.

Friday, January 20, 1928
page 2.
Formal opening of Sears, Roebuck and Company store at 131 North Lawrence will be held today.

Friday, January 20, 1928
page 5.
The new $40,000 addition to Hamilton Intermediate school was dedicated last night. It was begun last August.

The new stained glass windows in St. Mary’s cathedral have now all been installed. They were imported from Munich, Bavaria, at a cost of $10,000.

Sunday, January 22, 1928
page 13.
Photograph of Missouri Pacific switch engine No. 408 which recently ran for a record 319 hours without stopping.

Sunday, January 22, 1928
Rotogravure
Photograph of Missouri Pacific “Sunflower” with engine No. 6439.

Monday, January 23, 1928
page 5.
City building permits have been granted and work is to be started immediately on the extension of the platform of the Missouri Pacific passenger station the full length of the block between Douglas and 1st street. This work will also include the laying of brick pavement on the railroad’s right-of-way between the two streets.

Tuesday, January 24, 1928
1. Article reports major fire last night in the four story building at 212 West Douglas occupied by Motor Equipment Company (on north side east of Missouri Pacific depot). Photograph and details. It is building just east of the five story building formerly occupied by the Universal Motor Company but now empty.

2. Ground is to be broken today for Wichita’s new theater, to be called “The Uptown,” at Hillside and Douglas.

3. Ernest F. Wolf has purchased the interest of his former partner, Charles O. Parrott, in the Wolf and Parrott cafeteria and bakery at 115 South Main. The Wolf cafeteria has been established since 1919 and the bakery department since 1900. A son, Arthur Wolf, will become a partner with his father in the business.

Thursday, January 26, 1928


Saturday, January 28, 1928

5. Swallow Airplane Company directors yesterday authorized two new factory buildings at cost of $25,000 to $30,000. One will be 50 by 150 feet and the other 30 by 60 feet. Details.

Sunday, January 29, 1928

3. Article about the new stained glass windows in St. Mary’s cathedral.

4. Article about history of St. John’s Episcopal church in Wichita.

Monday, January 30, 1928

2. Article says Frisco locomotives are being equipped with a melodious four note compressed air chime in place of the single note steam whistles previously used.

Wednesday, February 1, 1928

3. Article reports the first night air mail flights will come through Wichita tonight. Details.

5. Work is under way on the two new units of Swallow Airplane Company.

9. The Wichita high school enrollment yesterday passed 2800.

Thursday, February 2, 1928
1. Article reports arrival last night of first night air mail planes. Photograph and details.

2. Article about proposed new bridge across Arkansas river on South Lawrence.

   Work on the $40,000 parish house for Trinity Methodist Church at 405 South Martinson began in January and will probably be finished by April 15.

5. W. H. Bretch bought out his partners in the community building at Hillside and Douglas (Dockum building) yesterday and became sole owner for $87,500.

   Fairmount Congregational Church will be known in the future as Fairmount Community Church, it was decided last night. Details.

Friday, February 3, 1928

2. The Watkins Manufacturing Company, 200-210 North Waco, has received a contract to convert the large government stock of Rhone airplane engines into Quick motors. Details. The change is from a rotary type to a radial type motor.

5. Article about meeting of businessmen last night to make plans for building a skyscraper building at southwest corner of Main and Douglas. Details.

Saturday, February 4, 1928


Sunday, February 5, 1928

3. Photograph of newly completed Laird Whippoorwill plane. Article with details.

Thursday, February 9, 1928

2. Wichita Transportation Company advertisement urging higher street car fares. Says passenger auto registrations in Wichita have more than doubled since 1920, resulting in street cars in Wichita carrying approximately four million less passengers in 1927 than in 1920.

Friday, February 10, 1928

2. The ditching machinery of the Martin-Day Construction Company of Lincoln, Nebraska, working on drainage canal widening, is now at 17th street and has only to widen the canal from there to 21st street to complete the flood control program started late in 1924 except for a few minor details. Article gives details of the project. Total cost is close to
$1,250,000 including $54,000 on the Big river, $438,000 on the Little river, and $750,000
on the drainage canal. The widening project should be completed next month.

Sunday, February 12, 1928

3. Article about new city commissioner, Herman A. Hill.

Tuesday, February 14, 1928

7. The delayed opening of the new cafeteria at the University of Wichita will take place next
Monday.

Wednesday, February 15, 1928

3. The Cessna Aircraft Company has increased its work force to 20 men and the company
will produce one plane weekly starting within two weeks.

5. New $380,000 church school building for First Baptist church is under construction, with
completion expected in May.

Thursday, February 16, 1928

2. Article reports proposed park board budget for this year. Includes completion of the zoo
and bear den in Central Riverside and continuation of work started on Oak park and glades
at cost of $12,216 for rock work, curbs and planting. The department will also pave, curb
and gutter from Nims along the river to Buffum and will pave the road in North Riverside
from the Fountain to Forest avenue.

5. City commission yesterday recommended park board condemn 320 acres on East Central
for airport. Details.

Friday, February 17, 1928

5. Ted Braley yesterday announced organization of the Braley flying school. The opening
term starts in two weeks, with nearly 200 students already enrolled. He plans to lease
downtown offices for classrooms and to build a new hangar 100 feet square at the airport.
Details.

Sunday, February 19, 1928

7. The new Laird Whippoorwill plane made its first flight at the airport yesterday.
Photograph.

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Tuesday, February 21, 1928

The first Cessna monoplane to be sold from the local factory will leave today for Binghamton, New York, where the purchasers, E. A. Link and Richard L. Bennett, live.

10. The Orient shops will start construction of 15 new cabooses in about three weeks. They will be turned out at the rate of two a week and are of special Orient type, having passenger accommodations not ordinarily offered, with eight sleeping compartments.

11. Advertisement with photograph of an Innes delivery truck.

Wednesday, February 22, 1928


Two leopards recently purchased for the zoo will arrive here Friday. There are four baby lions at the zoo.

Thursday, February 23, 1928

9. Fred W. Dold announced his resignation from the Dold Packing Company yesterday. The company was founded at Buffalo, New York, by the late Jacob Dold and now has branches here and at Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska. After the death of Jacob Dold, Jr. about four years ago, outside financial interests acquired the Dold family stock, but Fred Dold remained as manager of the local branch.

Friday, February 24, 1928

3. Work started yesterday on remodeling of the interior of the city isolation hospital, located just southwest of the Harry street bridge, to provide better facilities for persons affected with communicable diseases. The recent epidemic of smallpox made the hospital a busy place.

Delegates of the Central Union conference of Seventh Day Adventists were informed yesterday that a plan has been worked out to reduce the indebtedness on the Wichita sanitarium by $45,000 this year. The denomination recently took the institution over from private ownership. It was then known as the Kansas sanitarium, but since the change in ownership the name has been changed to Wichita sanitarium and the building has been completely remodeled.

18. Drawing of the new West Side Christian Church, Glenn and Douglas, Ellis Charles, architect, which will be dedicated Sunday.

Saturday, February 25, 1928
5. Two leopards arrived yesterday from New York for the Riverside park zoo.

Sunday, February 26, 1928  
2. Seventeen Travel Air planes were delivered the past week.

20. Advertisement with small photograph of the Southwestern Serum Company building.

Sunday, February 26, 1928  
Magazine  
6. Article about sand dunes around Wichita.

Sunday, February 26, 1928  
Rotogravure  
Aerial photograph of packing houses by Edgar B. Smith.

Photograph of Betty Weaver.

Aerial photograph of Croydon airport, at London.

Monday, February 27, 1928  
2. Photograph of the West Wichita Church of Christ, 1825 West Douglas, which was dedicated yesterday. Details.

Tuesday, February 28, 1928  
6. Article reports new cafeteria at University of Wichita opened yesterday.

7. Advertisement with photograph of trucks of Bryan Southwest Transfer and Storage Company.

Wednesday, February 29, 1928  
3. Photograph of new cafeteria at University of Wichita. There is street car track in the unpaved street in front of it.

5. The Wichita airport now has an 8,000,000 candle power “ceiling light,” which is 5,000,000 candle power stronger than the airways beacon on the northeast corner of the airport. The new light was donated by the Booster Building company, a group of Wichita business men who have sponsored the development of airport facilities here.

Thursday, March 1, 1928
2. Article says Wichita companies marked 300 planes in 1927, one-fifth of all the commercial planes built in the United States, and in 1928 will manufacture more than 1000 planes, which is four times the number made in any other city.

Friday, March 2, 1928
4. Article reports that Wichita’s rubber flap stop signs are a success. They were placed in the streets by the city just a year ago. Five hundred were placed, and just eight of them have required replacement.

Sunday, March 4, 1928
7. Final work on the beautification program for Oak Park was begun yesterday under the direction of Alfred MacDonald. The 40 acre tract will be planted with grasses, shrubs, trees, and perennials. Park employees built a lagoon, bridge, and spring with rocky ledges last summer and improved the roadways. The plans for beautifying the park were designed by L. W. Clapp, president of the board of park commissioners, and are designed to exploit the natural appearance of the wooded tract without any artificial appearing work.

23. Article about the Meadow Lark Golf course with some history and details.

Sunday, March 4, 1928
Magazine
4. Article about personalities on Radio Station KFH.

6. Article by William Finn about Wichita’s first church.

Monday, March 5, 1928
10. Article about Craven’s dairy at 2203 South Waco with photograph of barn and cattle.

Tuesday, March 6, 1928
2. Article says city commission will discuss Wichita’s transportation situation next Monday and reviews recent history of same.

11. Article reports discussion of establishment of a school of aeronautics at the University of Wichita.

Thursday, March 8, 1928
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4. The 1928 city directory is now ready for delivery. The price is $18 per copy.

5. Board of Regents of University of Wichita yesterday selected as architects to draw plans: Schmidt, Boucher and Overend to draw plans for new $150,000 science building; Glenn Thomas to draw plans for new gymnasiun building with east end to serve as first unit of a stadium, at cost of $100,000; and Ed Forsblom to draw plans for new $50,000 heating plant. Sketches of a plan for landscaping the campus are expected to reach here this week from a Denver landscape firm.

Flood prevention work on the drainage canal will be completed tomorrow, at a cost of $766,000 including land acquired in 1926 for $246,353, $2100 for clearing the land, $130,000 spent for moving the dirt to widen the channel, and $353,967 for widening and lengthening 14 canal bridges, plus $33,771 for approaches to bridges.

Friday, March 9, 1928


6. Spines Clothing company is celebrating its 17th birthday.

Saturday, March 10, 1928

1. Article reports farewell concert of Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink at Forum last evening. Details.

5. Article reports recommendation that the city obtain the California section as a permanent airport was made yesterday at informal joint meeting of the Booster Building company, city commissioners, and park board. Details.

16. Harold Mooney, of Friends university, won second place at the oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Anti-Tobacco association of Kansas at Hillsboro yesterday with his address on “Cigarets and Women.” His prize was $25.

Sunday, March 11, 1928

4. The first regular through bus service from Wichita to Kansas City was started yesterday by the Wichita-Kansas City bus line, a Wichita owned concern of which E. D. Elrod is manager. A bus will operate daily each way, leaving both Wichita and Kansas City at 8:30 a.m. and arriving at 5:30 p.m. There will be a 45 minute stop for dinner at Emporia. Hudson sedans are being used and the fare is $5.50.

1-A Photograph of new Wichita Truck Line truck and trailer.
Sunday, March 11, 1928

2. Photograph of Dr. Fabrique.

5. Article about the Little Theater movement in Wichita.

Monday, March 12, 1928

2. Photograph of new education building of First Baptist church. Interior is still being finished, with completion expected about mid-May.

12. Article gives history of Cassell Transfer and Storage Company.

Tuesday, March 13, 1928

2. Article reports city commission’s discussion yesterday of Wichita Transportation Company’s proposal for 20 year franchise and increase of street car fares to level of present bus fares. ¶ Wichita Transportation Company stated that only one year remains for Howard Wheeler, R. C. Clevenger, R. B. Campbell and associates to finance the local transportation system, which they are taking over from the Illinois Power and Light Company. The franchise is necessary to consummate this financing. There are 20,000 shares in the system, and of these, 4000 would be held by Illinois Power and Light Company and 16,000 by the local capitalists. They must refinance the 16,000 shares by next March 1st to get the properties. Details. Campbell said 27 percent bus passengers pay the eight cent fare and 52 percent buy two tokens for 15 cents. Less than half of one percent buy five tokens for 35 cents, and the remainder buy 24 fares for $1.50.

5. Bids to opened April 13 on site for new post office.

Wednesday, March 14, 1928

5. The Board of Park Commissioners yesterday started proceedings to acquire the 150 acre tract comprising the airport of the Booster Building Company and the 640 acre tract known as the California section, six miles southeast of Main and Douglas. ¶ It is figured that the present airport is worth $45,000 and the California section is worth $100 an acre, or $64,000.

Thursday, March 15, 1928

4. The Uptown Theater is ready for the steel construction.

5. Work started yesterday on digging a new channel for a section of Chisholm creek in the North End to reduce flood hazards. Two sharp turns in the creek will be straightened by the new channel, which will extend from a point near 21st and Wabash to the canal. It will
necessitate the building of a new Frisco bridge. Project will cost approximately $2500.

**Friday, March 16, 1928**

5. The Missouri Pacific’s new automobile dock between 1st and 2nd streets is now in service, although not completed. Work is progressing on completion of the four team tracks and paved driveways alongside them, which will accommodate 35 freight cars.

**Saturday, March 17, 1928**

10. Two new double end sidings and freight loading docks are planned by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad, one at Sedgwick and the other at Burton. Work on the Sedgwick siding, which includes 1100 feet of track, will begin soon, as the Sedgwick city council has given permission for it. The company now has a single end siding at Sedgwick, which necessitates pulling in and backing out when two trains pass. The new siding will accommodate an 18 car train. Approximately $3000 will be spent on the improvements at each place. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has also purchased 10,000 new ties for spring requirements at a cost of approximately $10,000. These include 7500 creosoted ties and 2500 untreated white oak ties for use on curves.

**Sunday, March 18, 1928**

4. W. M. G. Howse plans to build a new home in the Eastborough addition on Mission road, just south of Douglas. Dr. George Weight has already built a $25,000 home there while the Alton H. Smith company has completed a $20,000 home at 4 St. James place. As soon as 30 homes have been built in the new addition it is planned to incorporate it as Eastborough village.

8. Advertisement with photographs of corner of Hillside and Douglas looking north and looking west.

10. Advertisement with photograph of Holmes mortuary, 111 South Seneca.

30. Advertisement with photograph of the Wichita Plumbers Supply Company building, which opens for business tomorrow (the five story warehouse building at 2nd and Rock Island).

**Monday, March 19, 1928**

5. The Travel Air company will start working a double shift at the factory today in order to boost production from the present eight to 12 planes a week to 15-20 planes a week. From 250 to 300 persons will be employed under this new schedule.

14. Photograph of the National Garage, 144 North Water.

**Tuesday, March 20, 1928**
Advertisement announces start of sale of Bond bread in Wichita today, made by General Baking Company, Smith Bakery, bakers of Smith’s Holsum bread.

Article reports application yesterday to incorporate the Central Building Company, which plans to build new office building at southwest corner of Main and Douglas. Details, Building to front 125 feet on Douglas and 120 feet on Main, and value of the ground is set at $500,000.

Santa Fe Railroad yesterday started building 2000 feet of heavy trackage along Wichita street to serve tractor row. A loading dock of 4000 square feet will also be constructed between English and Waterman streets on Wichita street -- it will be 40 feet by 100 feet in size.

Preliminary plans by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects for new science building at University of Wichita, to cost $150,000, were approved yesterday by Board of Regents. To be three story building in colonial style. Landscape plans for the campus were also presented. Details.

Article reports death yesterday of E. Tom Blodgett, former Wichita merchant and anti-saloon campaigner (in 1907), at Twin Falls, Montana. Obituary.

Swallow Airplane company will move into its new administration building, 66 by 33 feet, late this week.

O. W. Wilson, a police officer from California, arrived here yesterday to confer with city manager Bert Wells, relative to the position of chief of police. He’s 28. Details.

The Harvey House at Newton will be closed tomorrow preparatory to razing the building in order to build a new Santa Fe depot and Harvey House.

Power of station KFH will be increased to 1000 watts. Details.

Architect’s drawing of new Wichita high school (as built).

Advertisement with photograph of the Mid-West Battery Company building at southwest corner of 2nd and Water, newly opened.

Article reports plans for additions to St. Francis hospital including two new wings and a
fourth floor added to the present structure, total cost of $400,000.

Sunday, March 25, 1928
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Rotogravure
Photograph of Mrs. R. B. Campbell (small).

Wednesday, March 28, 1928
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3. “Talking picture” equipment, the only one of its kind in Kansas, is to be installed in the Uptown Theater, now under construction.

Thursday, March 29, 1928
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9. Map of landscape and roadway plans for University of Wichita campus.

Saturday, March 31, 1928
page
9. The first 6600 class locomotive ever to come into Wichita over the Missouri Pacific arrived yesterday on the Sunflower and returned to St. Louis with the same train last night. Use of this heavier engine was made possible by completion of the new bridge over the Marmaton river at Ft. Scott.

Sunday, April 1, 1928
page
1. Article reports opening of Sanger Brothers department store tomorrow in former Innes store building at Lawrence and Douglas. Details.

3. Article reports J. Earl Schaefer will assume his duties at Stearman Aircraft Company tomorrow after past four years as sales manager for E. J. Rodda Motor Company (Chrysler dealer).

11. Management of radio station KFH changes today from the J. O. Adams Music Company to the Hotel Lassen.

1-A. Photograph of Motor Equipment Company’s new home at 214-218 West Douglas (five story building). Previous location at 212 West Douglas was recently destroyed by fire.

Another article about Julius Earl Schaeffer, who joins Stearman Aircraft tomorrow. Photograph. Says his first flight to Wichita from Fort Sill was on June 2, 1919, and he landed then on race track on the West Side.

Sunday, April 1, 1928
page
Magazine
1. Aerial photograph of downtown Wichita from west to east.

6. Article about Wichita’s airport.

7. Photograph of Swallow air field.

10. Advertisement with photograph of the Kansas Oxy Acetylene Company from air (402 East 29th street?).

Monday, April 2, 1928

page 5. Note says people have recently made the discovery that during the past several months great changes have taken place in Oak park. Ornamental rocks have been utilized in building winding beds for streams and in edging several new lily ponds.

6. Article about opening of new Sanger store today. Drawing.

Tuesday, April 3, 1928

page 2. Article reports details of park commissioners plans for improvements this summer. Over $20,000 will be spent on Central Riverside with completion of the zoo and construction of a walk on the south side of Murdock boulevard from Buffum avenue to the Central entrance to Sime park. Oak park will be finished this summer -- landscaping and rock work will be completed. The road from Nims to Buffum along the river will be curbed, guttered and paved, and pavement will be laid in North Riverside park from the fountain to Forest avenue. College Hill park will be improved this summer. Work will start on improving Northeast parkway, an area of 15 acres north of Central between Rutan and Yale.

5. Article about progress by the committee chosen to select the design for the McKnight memorial fountain.

The Wichita Transportation Company presented a financial statement to the city commission yesterday showing gross earnings for 1927 (by street cars only) of $556,744 with expenses and taxes for the year of $455,212.

13. Board of education yesterday ordered architects plans drawn by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend for addition to Riverside school, and by Ed Forsblom for additions to Allison and Martinson schools.

Thursday, April 5, 1928

page 1. Photograph of new Blessed Sacrament school and chapel at Quentin and Douglas, where first services will be held on Easter Sunday, April 8.
Friday, April 6, 1928

5. J. P. Davidson was re-elected president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society for the fifth time Wednesday.

12. Photograph of a collapsed bridge near 21st and Hydraulic just north of widened part of the drainage canal, after it was torn loose by high water yesterday. It will be rebuilt immediately. (Bridge apparently on 21st street.)

Saturday, April 7, 1928

3. Photograph of Uptown Theater under construction with roof trusses in place.

Passenger offices of the Rock Island Railroad will be moved from their present location in Union station to the old Rock Island depot about May 1.

5. Five additional stories are to be added to the Brown building, starting immediately.

Sunday, April 8, 1928

5. The Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company plans to remodel its store on North Main at cost of $1000,000. Details.

13. Formal opening of the new Westlink golf course west of Wichita on the Cannonball will be held Sunday, April 15. Drawing of course layout.

3-A. Photograph of new delivery panel truck of D. A. Winters Tire Company.

Tuesday, April 10, 1928

5. After 13 ballots, the city commission yesterday elected Frank Dunn as mayor for the second time.

Plans for new high school accepted by Board of Education last evening. Bids to be submitted by May 15.

City commission yesterday placed on first reading a resolution to build a new $25,000 bridge over the Big Arkansas river on Harry street.

6. Advertisement reports new Wonder bread is being sold in Wichita starting today by Campbell Bakery.

Wednesday, April 11, 1928

5. Park commissioners are considering a plan to lease the present airport until a larger field
can be bought. Details.

Sunday, April 15, 1928
page 2.
Photograph of new Travel Air monoplane with Wright Whirlwind motor.

Monday, April 16, 1928
page 8.
Article about Hamilton Hotel, which has been under management of Edward E. Asmann for past eight years.

10.
Article reports delay in selection of design for McKnight Memorial Fountain. Details.

Tuesday, April 17, 1928
page 2.
Photograph of a Western Air Express trimotor plane which will visit Wichita in May. (Fokker plane).

5.
Plans for four room addition with auditorium for Riverside school were accepted by Board of Education yesterday as submitted by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects. Plans by Ed Forsblom for three room addition at northwest corner of Allison school and four room to Martinson school were also accepted.

Wednesday, April 18, 1928
page 5.
Article reports charter issued in Topeka yesterday to the Blue Bird Transportation Company of Wichita. The firm intends to operate bus lines between Wichita and Kansas City and from Wichita to Denver via Colorado Springs. The line has operated between here and Kansas City in an irregular way for some time.

Thursday, April 19, 1928
page 8.
The Wichita-Kansas City bus line owned by E. D. Elrod will continue to operate as usual. The line has maintained a daily schedule for the past six weeks, with two trips daily.

Friday, April 20, 1928
page 1.
City commissioners yesterday presented demands they will make before granting a 20 year franchise to the Wichita Transportation Company, including city control of the bus lines, now under the control of the public service commission of Kansas.

Saturday, April 21, 1928
page 6.
The second Laird Whippoorwill plane is expected to make its test flight today.
Tuesday, April 24, 1928
5. Wichita Transportation Company urges a quick answer from the city commission on the company’s proposed franchise, saying the answer is urgently needed if the purchase of the company from the Illinois Power and Light company is to be financed by the deadline next spring.

Park commission yesterday asked the city commission for its permission to lease the airport on East Central from the Booster Building company for $2200 a year. Details.

Wednesday, April 25, 1928
6. Moving of the Rock Island passenger office from the Union station to the old Rock Island passenger station will be completed by the first of next week.

Sunday, April 29, 1928
3. Article with list of Wichita high school graduates by year from 1879 until 1907.

5. A two story brick building 50 by 135 feet to house the Aubun auto agency is to be built at 1406-08 East Douglas within the next two months at cost of $25,000.

Monday, April 30, 1928
16. Drawing of positions of the various Wichita elementary schools in the May Day festival to be held tomorrow at Roosevelt field.

Tuesday, May 1, 1928
5. Article about plan to widen East Douglas from Grove to Hillside by taking 20 feet on south side of Douglas.

Wednesday, May 2, 1928
12. Article reports on May Day fete of Wichita public schools yesterday.

Sunday, May 6, 1928
5. Work is to start tomorrow on the addition of five stories to the Brown building at cost of $225,000. Siedhoff Construction Company is contractor. To be completed by fall.

Monday, May 7, 1928
5. Wichita fire department received a new $12,5000 Ahren Fox pumper at Central station yesterday. Same company built Wichita’s old steam pumper 26 years ago, last used one
year ago. Central station also has three year old Seagraves pumper.

The new Blessed Sacrament school and church was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Schwertner. Details.

Wednesday, May 9, 1928

Residents of Wichita street from 10th to 13th streets have petitioned the city commission to have the name of the three blocks in front of their homes changed to Fairview avenue. Details.

Thursday, May 10, 1928

Article gives details of the proposed addition to Henrion Memorial Gym at University of Wichita -- to be 126 by 92 feet and built east of the present gym.

Article reports reorganization of the Lark Airplane Company. Name is to be changed. Details.

Friday, May 11, 1928


New home of the Auto Inn garage, at 234-40 North Lawrence, will be opened today.

Sunday, May 13, 1928

Article reports on proposed sites for new post office.

Article lists Wichita high school graduates by year from 1908 to 1916.

Sunday, May 13, 1928

Article by Victor Murdock gives the history of lots at Market and William on which Federal Building is located.

Monday, May 14, 1928

Photograph of Gillenwater Coffee company building, 564 West Douglas.

Tuesday, May 15, 1928

L. E. Fisher of Chicago, vice-president of North American Light and Power company,
asked city commissioners yesterday to state whether or not there is any possibility of the Wichita Transportation Company getting a franchise to operate street cars and buses here. If not, he said his company will have to take back control of the Wichita transportation system, since the franchise is necessary for the local owners to raise the two million dollars needed to finance the purchase of the system.

6. Photograph of Conway Springs Bottling Company’s new plant at 214-18 North Waco, to be formally opened today. Company started five and a half years ago. Details. Other photograph on page 7.

9. City commissioners yesterday voted to change the name of Wichita street from 10th to 13th streets and from 17th to 21st streets to Fairview avenue. ¶ City commissioners yesterday awarded contract for rebuilding and widening the Harry street bridge over Big Arkansas river for $16,395.

Wednesday, May 16, 1928

3. Paving contract to be let in next two weeks; listed -- includes Pearce avenue from 10th to 11th streets.

10. Advertisement for Suburban Rest meal service, 4720 North Arkansas, with small photograph.

Friday, May 18, 1928

3. Article reports W. M. Moore named new president of Swallow Airplane Company after his purchase of the interest of J. H. Turner, president since last December. Details.

5. Article reports arrival of a new $22,500 Reuter pipe organ for the new Uptown theater.

9. Article reports visit here yesterday of tri-motor Fokker plane being delivered to Western Air Express in Los Angeles for service between there and San Francisco.

   Article reports the new Trans-Continental Air Transport, Inc., is planning coast to coast air-rail service. Details.

Sunday, May 20, 1928

8. New church school building of First Baptist Church is to be dedicated today. Photograph.

Tuesday, May 22, 1928

5. Article reports bids opened yesterday by Board of Education on new high school, but no contracts let. Details.
City commissioners voted yesterday to authorize a bond issue of $20,000 for first payment on purchase of the California section for a municipal airport. Total cost of the 640 acre tract will be $64,000.

10. Article reports death yesterday of Dr. Edmund Stanley, first president of Friends University, at age 81. Obituary.

18. Article lists Wichita high school graduates of 1917 through 1919.

Wednesday, May 23, 1928

1. Lindbergh has been appointed chairman of the technical committee of the Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., which was formed two weeks ago for the purpose of providing 48-hour air-rail transportation between New York and the Pacific coast.

4. Board of Park Commissioners yesterday voted to close the deal for purchase of the California section for a municipal airport as quickly as possible.

5. Contract was let Monday to Rokehr and Sons, of Lincoln, for construction of new high school at 13th and Rochester at cost of $676,438. Plumbing contract for $234,988 and electrical contract for $48,390 also let. To be completed by July 31, 1929.

Thursday, May 24, 1928

5. Article gives history of the California section. Original patents to the four quarter sections included were obtained January 1,1875 (names given). Known as California section because for many years it has been owned by people living in California. Ownership of the four quarters was consolidated by John M. Steele, who bought out the other owners. He sold the section to William W. Smith, who sold it to George Crittenden McCoy; while living in California he sold it to Mrs. Matilda C. Smith on April 15, 1889 for $1000. On July 10, 1926 she gave it to her daughters, Gemina Genevra (sic) and Rose Ophelia Smith, who live at Pacific Grove, California. ¶ The section has never been plowed. For 20 years it has been leased to J. H. Turner, a prominent aviation booster, and the club house he built on it is the only improvement ever placed on the section. He also cut hay off the land each year of his lease. ¶ The section has been used considerably as a landing field although never designated as such. The national air congress was held on it.

7. Incorporation of the Fred Dold and Sons Packing Company of Wichita is being completed this week. A new modern plant costing $250,000 is to be built by the company on the canal at 21st street, 100 by 185 feet.

13. Article lists Wichita high school class members of 1923 and 1924.

Friday, May 25, 1928

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3. Article says contract will be let Monday for widening of East Central from Chautauqua to Ash. This will complete the widening of East Central from Washington to Hillside. It is already widened from Hillside eastward.

5. Paving of Missouri Pacific’s new freight loading site will be completed this week. The large dock for loading of automobiles has been completed, and the 15 ton crane to be installed over one of the tracks will be here in the next few days.

24. Article lists Wichita high school class members of 1925 and 1926.

Sunday, May 27, 1928

5. University of Wichita board of regents yesterday filed condemnation proceedings to obtain remaining properties necessary to extend the campus from 17th street to 21st street between Hillside and Wellesley avenues.

8. Article says the Skaer estate will let contract tomorrow to add a fourth story to the Skaer hotel, increasing its capacity from 70 to 100 rooms. Details.

10. The new $40,000 auditorium of the Meridian Avenue Baptist church at Meridian and Grand avenues is to be dedicated today.


6-A. Photograph of the Braley School of Flying hangar.

Monday, May 28, 1928

2. Photograph of two story building at Douglas and Millwood being erected for general offices of the Skaggs Safeway Grocery Stores Company here.

Tuesday, May 29, 1928

5. Contract let yesterday to pave the alley between Waco and Wichita streets from 2nd to 3rd streets with brick.

8. Innes company is observing its 31st anniversary, having opened here in May 1897 in a 25 foot store on North Main.

Wednesday, May 30, 1928

1. Charles Lindbergh flew from New York to Wichita yesterday in his Ryan monoplane. Details.

3. Article about city’s wishes to obtain control of the river banks.
Merger of the Chrysler and Dodge interests under the Chrysler corporation name was announced in New York yesterday.

Article says Southwest Cracker Company is owned by Wichita citizens and employs 125 person with sales of about $750,000 annually. Crackers have been made in Wichita for 35 years by five different companies, according to Mr. D. K. Oxley, manager, with the present Southwest Cracker Company being 12 years old.

5. Article reports death yesterday at Noble, Oklahoma of Mrs. Christopher T. Pierce, 82, said to be mother of the first white child born in Wichita. She was sister of the late Mrs. William Griffenstein and came here in 1869 where her son was the first white child born here. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Burnett. Her father was a Pottawatomie chief and her mother a native of Germany, who had come to America with her parents. The Pierces lived at 10th and Jackson until moving to Oklahoma in 1895 at the opening of the Pottawatomie reservation. Mr. Pierce died four years ago. Three sons survive, all in Oklahoma.

7. R. B. Campbell, general manager, announced that extensive improvements on the Arkansas Valley Interurban are under way in the annual spring work done by the company. More than 12,000 new ties are being laid, all passenger cars are being renovated, and new sidings and freight docks built at Sedgwick and Halstead. The new ties are all in, and the last car to be renovated was turned out on Monday. The cars have been repainted red and cream and equipped with new bucket-type, double cushioned seats having an air cushion placed on top of the regular spring cushion. ¶ The siding just completed at Sedgwick is 1200 feet long and includes a new dock for loading of heavy machines.

Thursday, May 31, 1928

4. Photograph of northeast corner of 3rd and Main (showing a small hamburger stand, etc.), on which new Wichita post office may be built.

Friday, June 1, 1928


5. Contract let yesterday for new science hall at University of Wichita to Blaser and Vollmer Construction Company for $128,933. Heating and plumbing contract was $23,260 and electrical contract was $4390. Details.

Saturday, June 2, 1928

3. Report from Washington yesterday states that the site at 3rd between Main and Market will be the location of Wichita’s new post office and federal building. Article reviews the history of the site.
7. Article says permission granted yesterday by public service commission in Topeka to the Comet Motor Coach Lines (previously named Rainbow Stage Lines) to operate a bus line between Wichita and Kansas City.

Sunday, June 3, 1928

4. An eight apartment building is to be erected at Gilman and Franklin avenues in next 90 days by Fred C. Stackman at cost of $45,000.

5. Article reports annual meeting yesterday of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum, with short talk by Miss Rea Woodman. Details.

6. Full organization and plans of the Swift Aircraft company were announced yesterday. Details. Factory at 33rd and North Lawrence.


20. Small photograph of Miss Rea Woodman.

26. Reminiscences of early pioneer women, including Mrs. A. J. Crow, 660 Hiram, who came to Sedgwick County April 14, 1869 and settled at corner of Hydraulic and Franklin road, where her father bought a quarter section.

Sunday, June 3, 1928

Magazine
4. Article about battle between scouts and Indians near Peck in 1865.

Sunday, June 3, 1928

Rotogravure
Photograph on top deck of *Ile de France*.

Tuesday, June 5, 1928

5. Contract let yesterday to Armagast and Son for construction of addition to Riverside School, Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects, for $23,352 plus $3613 for plumbing and heating and $345 for electrical.

Wednesday, June 6, 1928

15. Ground breaking held yesterday for new science hall at University of Wichita. Photograph.

Friday, June 8, 1928
page 1. Article reports announcement yesterday that Southwestern Bell Telephone company will build a new building at 2nd and Topeka and spend $2,500,000 installing a new dial phone system in Wichita. Details. The northwest corner of 2nd and Topeka is the site of the original homestead of the late Hiram W. Lewis. The 100 foot frontage on Topeka was purchased by Southwestern Bell for about $50,000.

2. Article says National Air Transport plans to start passenger service between Chicago and New York within six or eight months and is increasing its capitalization by $1,000,000, with $500,00 of this used to buy a fleet of seven 12 to 14 passenger multimotored planes, and $500,000 to be used to buy 50,000 shares of Transcontinental Air Transport.

4. Photograph of slide at municipal beach pool.

5. Charter granted yesterday in Topeka to the new Fred Dold and Sons Packing Company, with capitalization of $250,000.

10. Photograph of a new Wichita built biplane, the United (Swallow?).

Saturday, June 9, 1928

3. Article reports rumors that directors of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad will consider offers by other railroads to purchase the road. One report was that the Santa Fe had offered $15,000,00 for the Orient.


5. Article about proposed addition of three floors of sleeping rooms to the Elks club building on North Market. Says the building was planned originally to be six story building instead of five, but the failure of the American State Bank tied up a considerable part of the lodge funds and led to cutting off the top floor, which would have had sleeping rooms.

Sunday, June 10, 1928

11. Map showing relation of the Santa Fe lines and Kansas City, Mexico and Orient line in the southwest.

3-A. Photographs of Dahl Chevrolet Company building at 300-316 South Topeka, occupied in July 1927, and their new second location at 1409 East Douglas. The company delivered 122 new cars and 115 used cars in May 1928.

Sunday, June 10, 1928

Magazine
3. Article about Ted Braley and his flying school. Photograph.

5. Article about the forthcoming smaller sized currency.

**Sunday, June 10, 1928**

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**Rotogravure**

Aerial photograph of Island Park. (Travel Air Scottiefoto)

**Monday, June 11, 1928**

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5. Fred B. Stanley, of California, has acquired full control of the McClellan Hotel building.

**Tuesday, June 12, 1928**

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5. Contract let yesterday for addition to Martinson school for $30,389 plus $11,495 heating and plumbing and $699 electrical, contract also let for addition to Allison intermediate for $14,977 plus $3100 for plumbing and $566 electrical.

**Wednesday, June 13, 1928**

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7. The Crane Company is formally opening its new branch office and show room at 1st and Santa Fe today.

**Thursday, June 14, 1928**

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5. The Siedhoff Construction Company is ready to pour concrete on the first of five stories to be added to the Brown building.

**Friday, June 15, 1928**

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1. Santa Fe Railroad filed application yesterday with Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to purchase control of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad. Details.

2. Article reports ground breaking ceremonies for the new high school building will be held Sunday.

5. Article reports death yesterday of Lloyd B. Ferrell at age 75. Obituary. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Leda Rex, of Wichita, and a son, Garland P. Ferrell, of Irvine, California. There are four grandsons including Lloyd B. Ferrell. Photograph.

7. Advertisement announces opening today of six Safeway stores. Locations given and photographs.

**Saturday, June 16, 1928**
Article about plans to build a second story on the middle section of the Forum, which was built in 1920.

Sunday, June 17, 1928
Article about plans for the new Fred Dold Packing company building to be erected by fall. Details.
Photograph of the newest Stearman plane.

Monday, June 18, 1928
Article reports Rev. Harrison Ray Anderson of First Presbyterian Church will accept a call to the larger Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.
Article reports on ground-breaking ceremony yesterday for the new high school. Details.

Tuesday, June 19, 1928
The United Aircraft Company, reorganizing from the Lark Aircraft Company, lost its first and only plane yesterday when it burned after a forced landing.

Wednesday, June 20, 1928
The Wichita Railroad and Light Company plans to remove its siding on North Hillside just off Douglas avenue and route street cars to pass on Douglas avenue so as to relieve traffic congestion on North Hillside. Fairmount cars will wait on College Hill cars on Douglas avenue.

Friday, June 22, 1928
Article says Uptown Theater is nearing completion. Details.

Saturday, June 23, 1928
Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. Emma Dodd, age 74, of 303 Circle Drive, pioneer here since 1884 when she came her with husband, Edward M. Dodd, contractor, who died in 1899. Survived by a son, Bert Stephens, by a previous marriage, with whom she has lived for some years.
Article reports crash of a National Air Transport Douglas transport mail plane near Lebo, 20 miles east of Emporia, early yesterday killing the pilot, Wayne Neville. Attributed to stormy weather.
Sunday, June 24, 1928  

1. Article reports the organization of General Mills, Inc., with the Red Star Milling Company of Wichita as one unit in the chain of milling and elevator industries. Details. ¶ The Red Star Milling company was organized here in March 1905 and began operation in September 1905. It acquired its “B” property in September 1914, taking over the Watson Milling Company, and its “C” mill was built in July 1921. The original mill had capacity of 450 barrels of flour per day, and now the company produces 4700 barrels per day, with storage capacity of 2,750,000 bushels. Officers listed.

4-A. Photograph of Linwood Dairy, 1011 East Harry, with trucks.

Sunday, June 24, 1928  

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4. Photograph of new Sedgwick County Boys’ Detention Home, now under construction on South Seneca street. Article gives details.

Monday, June 25, 1928  

2. Contracts for paving eight miles of the Cannonball highway just west of the Sedgwick County line are to be let July 14.

3. Advertisement says Wichita Trunk Company is closing its store at 125 East Douglas after this week and opening its larger store in its factory building, 233-35 South Main, next week.

Tuesday, June 26, 1928  

5. City commission is considering purchase of a block of Mathewson’s pasture for about $20,000 as a site for a city market and a fire station.

Wednesday, June 27, 1928  

5. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines filed application yesterday with Kansas public service commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity to transport passengers between Wichita and Kansas City.

Thursday, June 28, 1928  


Friday, June 29, 1928  

2. Photograph of Ford trimotor of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hutton, which landed here yesterday, the largest plane ever to land here.

5. The second Swift airplane is scheduled to make its first flight next week. The company is getting ready to move to its new location just west across the road from the new municipal field. There are now 15 on the payroll.

10. Photograph of “Old No. One,” the first Travel Airplane, which has returned to Wichita. (No. C-241 is on tail).

Saturday, June 30, 1928

2. Dockum store No. 7 at Lawrence and Harry, will be formally opened today. Details. Photograph on page 3.

Article says city commission is reluctant to spend $1500 to repair the south end of Sullivan’s dam, which washed out in recent high waters. Brief history of the dam’s purpose.

13. Advertisement for Wichita Bus and Air Terminal main depot and ticket office for Interstate Bus, at 138 North Lawrence.

Sunday, July 1, 1928


2. Article reports G. A. Stearns has purchased 320 acre tract 11 miles north of Wichita for $45,000 with plans to build a stable and race track there. Details. He is an oil operator.

3. Article reports the United Aircraft company, formerly the Lark company, will move its plant to Kansas City. Details.

32. List of planes which will arrive here tomorrow on the National Air Tour -- includes 4-AT Ford trimotor. Details.

Monday, July 2, 1928

1. National Air Tour planes will arrive in Wichita today. Details.

5. Wichita’s new propeller concern, the Supreme Propeller Company, will have the first sample of its product on display today at Hotel Broadview. Details. George Siedhoff heads the company. Factory is located at 1024 South Santa Fe. Company was formed about a month ago, and since then machinery has been installed to build 25 propellers a day. This production will start immediately.
Tuesday, July 3, 1928

1. Report of visit of National Air Tour planes in Wichita yesterday including Texaco company Ford tri-motor.

5. City commissioners yesterday approved a resolution to be passed by the park commission calling for purchase of the California section for $64,000. Commissioner A. J. Coombs urged the immediate opening of Broadway avenue to the California section. Proposals for new fire station and addition to the Forum annex to be voted on in August election.

Forms are in place for the ninth story of the Brown building and will pour the slab for the tenth floor Friday night. The addition is to be completed by October 15.

8. Building permit issued yesterday to Mrs. C. E. Skaer for three story apartment building 98 by 135 feet at 2722 East Douglas, cost $85,000.

Thursday, July 5, 1928

2. Admissions at municipal beach yesterday were 4013, not far below the all time mark of 4340.

5. Announcement made yesterday that Max M. Levand has purchased the Wichita Beacon from Henry J. Allen. Details.

The fifth Laird Whippoorwill will take to the air some time this week.

Friday, July 6, 1928

2. Photograph of Santa Fe switch engine No. 3126 in north Wichita yards with train.

Sunday, July 8, 1928

9. The Play More recreation center, 235 North Lawrence, will be opened to the public Wednesday. Includes 12 bowling alleys.

Wednesday, July 11, 1928

2. Article says city building bonds will be paid off August 1, but no one wants a celebration, as no city official is proud of the city hall. “The structure is regarded as a ‘palace of evil smells.’ Rats scamper through the structure. The loft is the abode of pigeons and bats. The jail is a disgrace to the community. Bugs crawl across the floor in such profusion as to strike joy to the hearts of the entomologists. Plumbing is antiquated and floods are frequent. Massive pillars which support the walls take up more room than do the offices themselves. So far out of date is Wichita’s municipal building that remodeling never can help the structure.” In view of the above facts, it is highly probable that the city
commission will pay off the debt in a quiet manner in about three weeks and forget the matter, at the same time hoping the populace also will forget it.

Saturday, July 14, 1928
2. Building permit issued yesterday for building at 13th and Bitting to house two stores. To front 44 feet on 13th.

Sunday, July 15, 1928
12. Photograph of addition to Brown building under construction with framework of ten floors in place and 11th to be started this week.

Advertisement by Southern Kansas Stage Lines announces they have purchased the Golden Eagle Lines between Ponca City, Blackwell, and Oklahoma City and beginning today will operate four services each way daily between Wichita and Oklahoma City. Schedule listed.

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3. Article with details about Wichita’s aircraft industry.

Tuesday, July 17, 1928
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1. Article reports opening of new Uptown Theater last evening. Details.

Wednesday, July 18, 1928
page
3. Article reports a plan for purchase of the old College Hill Congregational Church building at 155 North Clifton by the Second Church of Christ, Scientist. The building was erected in 1909 and since completion of the present United Congregational Church building in 1921 has been used for the Sunday school. The community house which stands next door is not included in the proposed sale.
4. The city has decided to repair Sullivan’s dam in order to maintain a continual flow of water through the drainage canal. Details.

Thursday, July 19, 1928
Missouri Pacific motor car No. 608 was derailed one mile north of Argonia yesterday by a broken axle.

Sunday, July 22, 1928

Article about origin of photograph of Wichita’s first church building -- said to be Episcopal church built of cottonwood logs and photographed by H. S. Shuster, of Burlingame.

Sunday, July 22, 1928

Article about the nightly arrival of the air mail planes in Wichita.

Sunday, July 22, 1928

Photographs of several Riverside homes including that of John H. Moore at 1043 Jefferson (old Griffenstein home).

Wednesday, July 25, 1928

Last concrete poured yesterday on the paving of Topeka from 18th to 21st, and the street will be opened soon.

Thursday, July 26, 1928

Article about Wichita’s booming aircraft industry, which now has 841 employees.

Friday, July 27, 1928

A 99-year lease was signed yesterday with the six property owners for rental of the southwest corner of Main and Douglas by the Central Building company. Yearly rental is $99,000. The property owners are W. H. Stanley, Tex Jones, the Edmund Stanley estate, Kos Harris, Dr. J. G. Dorsey, and L. W. Clapp.

Saturday, July 28, 1928

The Red Star Milling Company has now formally become a unit of General Mills, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

Sunday, July 29, 1928

The board of park commissioners plans to take over the East Central avenue airport on
August 1, if the city commission gives its sanction. Details.

Sunday, July 29, 1928

Photograph of Santa Fe Missionary leaving Wichita behind engine No. 3441 south bound south of union station. Some details of south side yards. (Rock Island freight yards)

Photograph of a parade in fourth, fifth, and sixth blocks of East Douglas showing buildings on north side of the street in these blocks.

Monday, July 30, 1928

Photograph of Cassell Transfer and Storage Company warehouse at 125 North Rock Island. Article about the company.

Tuesday, July 31, 1928

City commission yesterday authorized the board of park commissioners to take over the East Central avenue airport tomorrow, with $17,000 to be paid to the Booster Building Company for improvements, etc.

Contracts let yesterday for gymnasium-auditorium addition at University of Wichita for $54,778 plus heating and plumbing at $13,098. Contract also let for a heating plant for the entire school at cost of $13,522. Electrical contract for gymnasium addition let for $1745.

Sedgwick County commissioners yesterday let contract for the school to be erected adjacent to the boys’ detention home on South Seneca at cost of $11,479

Wednesday, August 1, 1928

Article says Transcontinental Air Transport proposes to start transcontinental plane-train service on August 15 using a Ford trimotor now in possession of National Air Transport, with which company Transcontinental Air Transport has an interlocking directorate.

Article reports the mortgage on Wichita’s city building will be paid off today. ¶ “A thing of beauty 40 years ago, the city hall now is simply an antiquated structure greatly lacking in facilities, overcrowded and impregnated with disagreeable odors which have won it the appropriate name of ‘the palace of evil smells.’ The building will not last for long. The city will be forced to build a modern structure soon, it is contended.”

Article reports the board of park commissioners will take over the East Central avenue airport today. W. J. Patterson named manager. Article reports new rules and regulations of operation of the airport.
United Congregational church yesterday voted to accept the proposed purchase of the old church building at 155 North Clifton by the Second Church of Christ, Scientist.

11. Site is being cleared on south side of 21st street just east of Topeka for the new F. W. Dold and Sons packing plant.

Thursday, August 2, 1928

2. The Stearman Aircraft company is leasing a second building at the Bridgeport Machine Company plant, just across the driveway to the east of the former “Y” building, which is now occupied by the company.

Friday, August 3, 1928

5. Article reports city commission’s proposal for a new franchise for the Wichita Transportation Company. Details.

Sunday, August 5, 1928

14. Map showing location of the California section and of a proposed “double road” leading out to the new airport.

26. Photograph of two story new boys’ detention home under construction on South Seneca, with exterior complete.

Sunday, August 5, 1928

Rotogravure

Photographs of Friends University, a building at Mr. Carmel, and the Kansas Masonic Home.

Monday, August 6, 1928

7. Article about old “sand brick,” made in Wichita in early days, and used in early buildings here. Pioneer brick makers included a man named Younger, who had a plant at 17th street and Little river in the early 1870s, and Jim Campbell, whose plant was near 13th street and Chisholm creek about at Cleveland avenue. ¶ Says the first five story structure in Wichita was the Morris building on west side of Main between 1st and 2nd. The old Hills and Kramer building at 1st and Main was one of the first brick buildings erected here.

Tuesday, August 7, 1928

1. Article reports Kansas Gas and Electric company yesterday purchased the Sedgwick building and Sedgwick annex for close to half a million dollars from Mrs. Mayme H. Hupp and James S. Barnes, former owners. Lots have frontage of 184 feet on Market and 140
feet on 1st street. Some history of building given. Says general offices of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad are in the building, taking considerable space on the fourth and fifth floors. ¶ Building was purchased 18 or 20 years ago by the late Jack Hupp, then of Pratt, but who later moved to Wichita, and James S. Barnes, of Pratt, for about $125,000. The building has been remodeled and modernized some since then. Photograph.

3. Board of education yesterday let contracts for sections B and C of the new high school (auditorium and gym) to complete the building. Contract for section A, the main part of the building, was let in May.

5. City commissioners announced yesterday that plan of reorganization of car and bus routes now being considered by the Wichita Transportation Company calls for abandonment of the Bitting Avenue stub line and of the Mt. Carmel line from Seneca westward and substitution of bus lines. The tracks on the two lines would be taken up.

J. W. Gurley has been authorized by Kansas public service commission to operate a bus line between Wichita and Joplin. ¶ Authorization was also given to the Independence-Wichita Transit company to operate passenger bus service between Wichita and Independence.

Thursday, August 9, 1928

1. Article reports new oil gusher well yesterday on Wright farm two miles south of Valley Center, flowing 1500 barrels per day. Map shows location.

3. City yesterday started filling in the old bed of Chisholm creek at 21st street to straighten the road where for years traffic has been forced to make a bend. Details.

6. Article reports auto driven into Missouri Pacific locomotive at 12th and Main last night -- striking the tender.

7. Article reports death yesterday at Waynesville, Ohio of Rev. Albert Waldron Yale, founder of Wichita’s first newspaper, the *Vidette*.

Friday, August 10, 1928

5. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. Ida Pearl Rombold, 29, wife of Dr. Charles Rombold, after an operation.

Saturday, August 11, 1928

2. At the election Tuesday the bond proposals for a new fire station and for addition to Forum annex were carried, but that for a city market place was defeated. Details.
11. Grading for the 1900 foot line connecting the Wichita Terminal Association tracks with the new Fred Dold Packing company site has been completed, and laying of track will be started within the next few days.

Sunday, August 12, 1928

5. Stearman Aircraft, now employing 90 men, is putting on a double shift to keep up with the demand for its planes.

6. Article says the Wright farm south of Valley Center, location of oil gusher, was sold for $8000 in 1887 in connection with the land boom promoted by the Wichita and Valley Center motor line railroad. Reminiscences of old timers that Lee Taylor, now of California, projected and built this railroad, which was locally known as the “shortest and noisest railroad on earth.”

31. Photograph of first tank cars of oil from new Wright gusher (six cars) being hauled into Wichita from the company’s loading rack at Urbandale by locomotive No. 601. First car went to Derby Refinery in Wichita and other to Marland refinery at Ponca City.

Monday, August 13, 1928

7. Article describes the Weaver Sand and Gravel Company, 1531 Woodrow, just outside the city limits.

Wednesday, August 15, 1928

1. Photograph of Dr. J. F. Gsell.

5. Contract for the new F. W. Dold packing plant is to be signed today. To be located on south side of 21st street just east of Topeka.

9. Work is nearly finished on the home for the Brothers of St. Mark just south of St. Mary’s cathedral, so as to be ready when they return to Cathedral high school. The building has been reconstructed, with finish of tan stucco.

Thursday, August 16, 1928


Friday, August 17, 1928

3. Photograph of Finlay Ross with bottle of oil from Wright well which he secured for the Pioneer Society’s museum at the court house.
5. The new rebuilt and widened Harry street bridge over the Big Arkansas river will be
opened to traffic Monday. It is 24 feet wide, six feet wider than the old bridge. A new
deck has been laid and most of the old piles replaced. Creosoted wood was used for the
first time in a bridge here.

Saturday, August 18, 1928
page 8.
Article reports arrival here of first “iceless” refrigerator car with mechanical refrigeration
equipment. Photograph. (Larger photograph in advertisement on page 9)

Sunday, August 19, 1928
page 6.
Wichita aircraft firms delivered 31 new planes during the week, including 15 Travel Air,
eight Swallow, four Stearman, two Cessna and one Swift.

12.
Advertisement with aerial photograph of Wichita Park Cemetery, including Swallow plant
across Hillside.

4-A.
Photograph of new home of the Auburn Wichita Motor Company at 1406-08 East
Douglas.

Sunday, August 19, 1928
page Rotogravure
Photographs of Church of Christ on South Lawrence avenue and Westminster Presbyterian
Church at Harry and Market. Photograph of entrance doorway of old Fairmount
building at University of Wichita.

Tuesday, August 21, 1928
page 2.
Contract let yesterday by city commission for addition to the Forum annex at cost of
$36,540. To be completed by October 15.

The three story Reo building at 2nd and Lawrence, built in 1919 by Schollenberger
brothers, who then had the Reo agency, was sold yesterday to A. J. Christman, Jr., head
of the Christman insurance agency, by Robert Campbell, president of the Guarantee Title
and Trust Company, for $140,000.

8.
The Lincoln Cafeteria, 122 ½ North Lawrence, opposite the Miller Theater, will open for

Wednesday, August 22, 1928
page 4.
Arkansas Valley Interurban has leased land near Valley Center to permit two large
industrial sidings near new oil field. Details.
5. The buildings at southwest corner of Main and Douglas will be torn down starting October 1 to clear the site for the new Central building.

7. Excavation has started for the two story, 46 apartment building being erected by Max Steinbuchel in 500 block of South Market, for nearly $120,000. To be completed in four months.

**Thursday, August 23, 1928**

5. Brick work has begun on the new science hall of the University of Wichita. The site for the new gymnasium annex is being cleared.

9. Article reports new $500,000 addition to St. Francis hospital to be built this fall beginning in October. Includes addition of another story to the present building, making four in all, with roof garden on top; also a new wing will be built to the south of the present building and a new addition to the north. The north wing will house the surgery and maternity departments as well as clinical and pathology laboratories.

**Saturday, August 25, 1928**

2. Building permits issued yesterday to Fred Stackman for $20,000 apartment house at 1207 Franklin.

**Sunday, August 26, 1928**

5. Owners of the California section agreed yesterday to sell it to the city for a price of $64,000, including $20,000 paid in advance, $15,000 on June 1, 1929, $15,000 on June 1, 1930, and $14,000 on June 1, 1931, with interest at six percent. Owners are G. Geneva Smith and Rosa O. Smith.


14. Photograph of addition to Brown building with top story being enclosed by bricklayers yesterday.

21. Article reports Southern Kansas Stage Lines will try operating an air passenger service between Wichita and Kansas City for 30 days beginning September 10, with fare of $17.95 per passenger. The stage lines company, with five new palace buses, is putting on a third Wichita to Kansas City bus.

1-A. Photograph of new home of Clark Peerless Motor Company at 220 South Topeka.

6-B. Short note on history of Mt. Carmel Academy.

10-B. Article about Southern Kansas Stage Lines with photograph of new bus recently put into
service, a White Model 54. ¶ The company has grown from three buses, when it was incorporated on November 24, 1924, to 42 buses and eight trucks now, covering 7500 miles daily.

11-B. Advertisement for Wible Ice and Cold Storage Company says its ice plant at 1004 South Hydraulic was built eight years ago.

14-B. Advertisement for Southern Kansas Stage Lines with photograph of bus.

Monday, August 27, 1928

3. Article about the Wright tract south of Valley Center where new oil well is located. (southwest quarter of 12-26-1W) ¶ J. L Hudson, who owns the northwest quarter of the same section says his father in 1887 sold the northeast quarter of 12-26-1W to “Fisher and Butler.” In the same year, 1887, he recalls vividly the steam railroad line, which he says was promoted by Lee Taylor. A neighbor of J. L Hudson, Mr. M. C. Porter, says his (?) daughter, now Mrs. Lena Jessup, used to make trips over the line to Wichita to attend Lewis academy. The route of the railroad line went directly past the Wright farm.

Tuesday, August 28, 1928

2. Article reports petition with 200 signatures was presented to city commission yesterday protesting the Wichita Transportation Company’s plan to discontinue the Mt. Carmel street car line and substitute buses. ¶ The city commission also will protest to public service commission the discontinuance of the East 13th street bus line.

Wednesday, August 29, 1928

5. Transactions being closed today for purchase of the new federal building site at 3rd street between Main and Market. Details. Buildings on site to be razed beginning October 1.

9. International Commerce Commission in Washington yesterday approved the purchase of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company. The order is effective in 30 days. Details.

Friday, August 31, 1928

2. Article about proposed bus line changes in Wichita. Details.

Saturday, September 1, 1928


3. Formal opening of the new Sedgwick County boys’ detention home on South Seneca to
be held today.

5. Dr. J. G. Dorsey is personally arranging the books in the library in his new home.

**Sunday, September 2, 1928**

10. Photograph of the new Quick aviation engine plant, located just west of the California section.

12. Photograph of new Sedgwick County boys’ detention home.

**Sunday, September 2, 1928**


**Monday, September 3, 1928**

3. Article gives history of buildings on southwest corner of Main and Douglas, where new Central building is soon to be built. Details.

**Tuesday, September 4, 1928**

2. Advertisement of Wichita Transportation Company urging re-routing of bus lines and giving reasons.

**Wednesday, September 5, 1928**

3. Clearing of the site of Wichita’s new federal building is under way and should be completed by the end of the month.

8. Sears, Roebuck and Company yesterday signed a ten year lease on the Dorsey and Schweiter buildings at corner of Douglas and Emporia, occupied for several years by the Coombs Mercantile Company. Buildings are three stories with 75 foot frontage on Douglas and 120 feet on Emporia. The corner building belongs to Dr. J. G. Dorsey and the inside 50 feet to the Henry Schweiter estate. New fronts will be put in for the new Sears store.

**Thursday, September 6, 1928**

5. Article says Mosley avenue is to be opened soon at south end by a diagonal street from 8th street to a connection with Washington street at Murdock. Details.

Article reports progress on new Fred Dold packing company building.
Friday, September 7, 1928

5. Article reports Stearman Aircraft Company plans to build a new brick hangar 75 by 130 feet at the new municipal airport.

17. Drawing of new Catholic school for Mexican children to be built soon at northeast corner of 9th block on South St. Francis in parish of Our Lady of Guadeloupe.

Saturday, September 8, 1928

2. George Siedhoff announced yesterday that the Broadview Hotel building company has obtained a lease on the ground just north of the hotel, owned by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company, and will build a 78 room addition to the hotel there.

Sunday, September 9, 1928

page 32. Photograph of three small houses on site of new post office, sold at auction for $962.

13-A. Article describes remodeling of Palace Theater, which reopens tomorrow with motion pictures.

Sunday, September 9, 1928

Rotogravure

Photographs of decorated canoes in the Eagle’s 1928 Water Pageant.

Monday, September 10, 1928

page 5. Mrs. Carl E. Kilby, of 139 North Lawrence, received word of the death of her brother, Robert J. Campbell, yesterday at Pullman, Washington. He was the son of George E. Campbell, pioneer of Wichita.

Tuesday, September 11, 1928

page 5. City commission yesterday bought site at northeast corner of 3rd and Wabash for $4000 as location of the new fire station.

8. Article reports Federal Radio Commission has changed the frequency of KFH from 1220 kilocycles to 1300 kilocycles, effective November 11.

Wednesday, September 12, 1928

page 2. The Uptown Theater was sold yesterday to local investors, Charles F. Smyth and company.
5. Article says joint meeting to be held next Monday between city commissioners and Kansas public service commissioners to discuss Wichita’s transportation system. Details.

Thursday, September 13, 1928

2. Obituary notice of Robert J. Campbell, with photograph. Born in Ohio in 1878. Came to Wichita when father was elected superintendent of schools here in 1884. Graduated from Wichita high school in 1898.

8. Article gives history of Dr. J. G. Dorsey’s property at southwest corner of Douglas and Emporia.

Friday, September 14, 1928

3. Building permits taken out by O. P. Shearer for 15 apartment building at 611-13 South Market and by Max Steinbuchel for apartment buildings at 521 North St. Francis and 928 North Lawrence.

4. Drawing of remodeled building of Second Church of Christ, Scientist at 1st and Hillside, formerly the building of the College Hill Congregational Church. Work will start this week and be finished by October 1st.

13. Note says the additions at Riverside and Allison schools are not yet completed, although the one at Martinson is now in use.

Saturday, September 15, 1928

5. The fall dancing season at the Wintergarden will open tonight.

10. The big two story frame house at 3211 East Douglas, just east of the Uptown Theater, has been removed to 3422 East English to make parking space for the theater.

Tuesday, September 18, 1928

3. Report of meeting yesterday of city commissioners with public service commissioners to discuss proposed abandonment of Mt. Carmel street car line, etc. Details. No decisions made.

5. A landmark in Wichita’s railroad history passed yesterday, when workmen started razing the small yellow structure of the Missouri Pacific on 1st street., which was originally the ticket office and depot for the Wichita and Colorado Railroad. When the Wichita and Colorado was acquired by the Gould interests for the Missouri Pacific, the little three room frame building was turned into an office for the division superintendent and his assistant, Mr. Webb. Since 1900 when the Missouri Pacific depot was completed, it has been used for various purposes, most recently as a yard office.
7. A new building to be occupied by a Skaggs Safeway store is nearing completion on the site of the old J. T. Dorsey homestead at corner of 3rd and Lawrence, north of the Derby apartments.

**Wednesday, September 19, 1928**

page 3.

It was announced yesterday that Transcontinental Air Transport has placed an order for ten Ford trimotor passenger planes at a cost of $650,000.

5.

Article giving provisions of will of Robert J. Campbell.

**Sunday, September 23, 1928**

page 4.

The third Swift airplane made its first flight yesterday from the Swift field just off 33rd street and North Lawrence.

5.

The National Air Transport Chicago to Wichita to Dallas air mail line is to be re-equipped with eight new Curtiss Falcon planes within 90 days, replacing the present Douglas mail planes. The new planes have more power with which to fight headwinds.

**Sunday, September 23, 1928**

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Rotogravure

Photographs of upper part of Wichita office building and of the old federal building.

Photographs of Labor Day parade included replica of old mule car No. 10.

**Monday, September 24, 1928**

page 2.

Photograph of early construction stage of new Wichita high school.

7.

Drawing of new gym addition at University of Wichita.

**Tuesday, September 25, 1928**

page 2.

Midland Valley Railroad yesterday objected to city commission’s proposed condemnation of land for the opening of Cherokee street north from Douglas to 1st street. Details.

5.

Wichita Transportation Company yesterday asked the city commission for an increase in the street car fares to eight cents for a single ride, or two tokens for 15 cents, or five tokens for 35 cents, or 24 for $1.50. ¶ The company claimed that it had lost $17,234 from January 1 to August 31 this year, when it should have earned $182,000 according to the ten percent allowed for earnings under the law. ¶ Street car service on the Bitting avenue stub was discontinued by the company a week ago. A petition from dozens of North Riverside residents was filed yesterday asking that it be re-instated.
Wednesday, September 26, 1928
2. The Wichita Motor Bus company applied to the Public Service Commission yesterday for permission to discontinue two lines (North Market and South Water street) and to reroute three other lines. Details.

Friday, September 28, 1928

Sunday, September 30, 1928
4. The new unit of the Stearman factory, giving 15,000 additional square feet of floor space, will be ready for occupancy tomorrow.

5. Workmen will this week begin tearing down an old landmark, the building at 128-30 North Market, formerly a part of the old City Hotel. The part to be torn down was erected in 1883 and three years later an addition was built to the south of it. The old City Hotel was built and for a long time was operated by Otto Kopplin. Later the Fritz Schnitzler family lived in the newer addition to the south of the building that is to be razed. Details.

4-B. Wolf’s cafeteria is celebrating its 30th anniversary this week. A tiny bake shop at 111 South Main, across the alley north from the present quarters, was purchased by Mr. Ernest Wolf in 1898. Details.

Tuesday, October 2, 1928
5. Article reports another discussion by commissioners yesterday of proposed franchise for Wichita Transportation Company. Details.

Friday, October 5, 1928
5. Article reports Transcontinental Air Transport officials will visit in Wichita in a few days to arrange for that company’s use of the airport here. Details.

7. Article reports the Swallow Airplane company has been re-chartered in Delaware. Details.

Saturday, October 6, 1928
15. Photograph of construction on Wichita’s new high school.

Sunday, October 7, 1928
13. The Spines Clothing company will move across the street tomorrow to its temporary quarters at 120-22 West Douglas.
15. Drawing of new fire station to be erected this fall at 3rd and Wabash.

1-B. Photograph of tearing down of old National Bank of Commerce building at Main and Douglas.

**Sunday, October 7, 1928**

**Magazine**

4. Article about Clyde Cessna with photograph.

9. History of Travel Air factory in Wichita by Walter Beach (sic).

**Sunday, October 7, 1928**

**Rotogravure**

Photograph of Cessna Model A monoplane.

Photograph of Dunn mercantile building at Kellogg and Hydraulic.

**Tuesday, October 9, 1928**

4. Photograph of new science hall at University of Wichita under construction, with roof being placed.

5. J. W. Gurley, of Wichita, was yesterday granted a certificate of convenience and necessity by the public service commission in Topeka to operate a bus service between Wichita and Joplin, to be known as the Wichita-Joplin Bus Company.

**Wednesday, October 10, 1928**

5. Article reports proposed hotel building to be erected on southeast corner of Lawrence and William. Details.

**Friday, October 12, 1928**

10. Article reports the new Knoll Aircraft corporation is being organized in Wichita to produce a plane designed by the German airplane engineer, Felix W. A. Knoll. Photograph.

**Saturday, October 13, 1928**

2. Travel Air broke its record by delivering 18 planes the past week. Details.

5. Article reports plans of Transcontinental Air Transport to start transcontinental air service next spring. Details.
Sunday, October 14, 1928

3. Article reports a Wichita to Tulsa air passenger service is to be inaugurated on October 22. Details.

16. An administration building for the city, to be located temporarily on the East Central avenue airport, will be completed during the coming week. The building is of metal, with an office and a garage.

Monday, October 15, 1928

3. Buses operated on Douglas avenue in the congested district yesterday for the first time in years, as the public service commission’s order to allow re-routing of 13th and Kellogg street lines went into effect. ¶ Service on the Mt. Carmel street car line was dropped, although the city commission has not given official consent. ¶ The 13th street line now starts at 17th street and Hillside and runs south to 13th, west to St. Francis, south to 2nd street, west to Emporia, south to Douglas, and west to St. Paul. ¶ The Kellogg street line now starts at Belmont and Kellogg and runs west to Ida, north to Douglas, west to Seneca, north to 1st street, west to Meridian, north to 2nd street, and west to St. Paul. ¶ The buses use the loading platforms on Douglas avenue.

Tuesday, October 16, 1928

7. The new second story addition to the center part of the Forum will be completed today.

8. Workmen yesterday began tearing down the Kos Harris and Dr. Dorsey buildings on the site of the new Central Building.

Wednesday, October 17, 1928

5. Article about proposed changes in bus lines, to be discussed in hearing of public service commission in Wichita today. Details.

Article says sale of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe will be completed Friday. Details.

Thursday, October 18, 1928

13. Article reports little opposition was expressed in hearing of public service commission yesterday to the proposed changes in bus service including dropping of the South Water and South Topeka avenue lines.

Work on the first Knoll airplane will begin today at the former Laird plant, 471 West 1st street. The Knoll company has taken a short term lease on the building.
Friday, October 19, 1928
9. Article says the Orient Railroad will become the property of the Santa Fe today.

Saturday, October 20, 1928
5. Article reports statement of finances of Wichita Railroad and Light Company to city commission yesterday. Fair value of company estimated at $2,833,000. ¶ During past 12 months the gross operating revenue from street cars here was $557,283, with net earnings after deducting operating expense, tax, and maintenance but not depreciation, was $135,183, whereas an eight percent return on their valuation, plus depreciation, should give earnings of $288,952. Details.

Sunday, October 21, 1928
3. Drawing of proposed new building for E. J. Rodda Motor Company in third block on South Lawrence (not built).

5. Article describes the first curb and gutter in Wichita, completed 50 years ago today, October 21, 1878, as an experiment on 600 feet Main street north of Douglas. Details.

7. An electric traffic signal has been installed at the corner of Central and Lawrence aves.

8. A 20 ton electric crane will be delivered to the Missouri Pacific here soon after November to be installed on the company’s property at 2nd street at cost of approximately $20,000.

The site for the new post office will be cleared by November 1.

Sunday, October 21, 1928
Rotogravure
Several photographs in downtown Wichita.

Wednesday, October 24, 1928
9. Article gives text of annual report of Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday, October 25, 1928
3. Article reports Santa Fe Railroad will build a new open dock 35 feet wide by 200 feet long in the third block on South St. Francis within the next 30 days at cost of $10,000.

5. Article says city thinks the valuation of Wichita Railroad and Light company by the company is too high, and will hire a firm soon to appraise the company’s property.
9. Photograph of new Travel Air monoplane.

Friday, October 26, 1928
4. Walter T. Varney, of San Francisco, yesterday ordered five more Stearman planes for his Varney Airways.

Saturday, October 27, 1928
9. Photograph of cottage on University of Wichita campus which has been remodeled into quarters for the journalism department and christened “The Brig.”

Sunday, October 28, 1928
3. The city yesterday ordered a new Ahrens-Fox pumper for $13,000 and an Ahrens-Fox service truck for $10,000 for the new fire station to be built at 3rd and Wabash.

11. Some of the tenants of the nearly completed Brown building addition will move in this week, and all of the interior work will be completed by November 15.

Excavation for the Central building started Wednesday.

Tuesday, October 30, 1928
5. City commission has retained Black and Veatch, engineers, to make an appraisal of the property of the Wichita Railroad and Light company.

The Mitchell air field is being built across Central avenue road from the beacon of National Air Transport.

Thursday, November 1, 1928
5. The last five and a half mile gap in completion of laying of 90 pound rails on the Missouri Pacific between Wichita and Ft. Scott will be closed in the next days when these miles between Durand and Ft. Scott will be laid with the heavy rail. ¶ Approximately 60 miles of the line from Wichita to Geneseo have been relaid with 90-pound rails. With 160 miles from Wichita to Ft. Scott, this gives over 200 miles of 90 pound rails in the Wichita division. The remainder of the 551 miles of track on the division is laid with 65 and 75 pound rails.

Friday, November 2, 1928
20. Photograph shows a Stearman mail plane of Varney Air Lines.

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Wednesday, November 7, 1928

Transcontinental Air Transport officials met with park board yesterday to indicate the facilities needed in Wichita for their new coast to coast air service. Details.

Thursday, November 8, 1928

Photograph of new Swallow training plane, to be sold for $1795 less motor (X-6174).

Friday, November 9, 1928

Map of air mail lines of the United States

Saturday, November 10, 1928

The first Orient passenger train to leave Union station in ten years will depart Monday carrying Santa Fe officials on an inspection trip over the Orient line.

The public service commission yesterday authorized the Wichita Motor Bus Company to discontinue the South Water street, South Topeka avenue, and North Market street lines.

Sunday, November 11, 1928

Oil painting of late Colonel S. B. Amidon was presented to the Elks club on North Market street yesterday by Mrs. Amidon. Details.

Park commissioners yesterday decided to erect an administration building near the northwest corner of the California section airport.

Tuesday, November 13, 1928

City commissioners yesterday gave the park board the authority to issue $46,000 in bonds for purpose of making improvements at the California section airport.
Wednesday, November 14, 1928

1. Article reports that a New York banking house has taken a 50 percent interest in the Travel Air Manufacturing company, perhaps leading to a merger with other aeronautical companies. Details.

2. Article says city commission has approved the estimate of $23,000 for widening and straightening the Little river at 21st street from Hood to Jeannette avenue, the last project of the flood control work on the Little river channel.

Thursday, November 15, 1928

5. E. V. Yingling, of Eldorado, has purchased the Dahl Chevrolet agency in Wichita.

Friday, November 16, 1928

1. Article reports ten story apartment building is to be erected on northwest corner of Lawrence and Elm, directly north of the First Presbyterian church. The site was formerly the homestead of J. H. Aley, a Wichita pioneer. Details.

3. The Dunn Mercantile Company stores of Wichita have been purchased by the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company of Cincinnati, Ohio for nearly one million dollars. Article gives history of the Dunn firm, which started in 1891 as Lehman and Dunn at 520 East Douglas. Mayor Frank Dunn was later joined in the business by his twin brothers, Harry and Horace Dunn, and Lehman left the business in 1894. There are now 24 Dunn in stores in Wichita.


Saturday, November 17, 1928

13. Photograph of C. M. Beachy.

Sunday, November 18, 1928

5. Advertisement announces opening of Air Service Corporation’s new School of Aviation in Wichita.

8. Drawing of proposed new 15 story apartment building to be built on southwest corner of 3rd and Lawrence (never built).

9-A. Southern Kansas Stage Lines advertisement with photograph of bus.
Magazine
9. Article about monument to little Hattie Waller in Maple Grove cemetery, with photograph.

Monday, November 19, 1928
page 2. Fokker tri-motor with 12 persons stopped in Wichita at East Central avenue airport yesterday. It is the first being delivered to Western Air Express for service on the Los Angeles to Salt Lake City run. Eight more will be delivered at about two week intervals. The planes cost $70,000 each.

Tuesday, November 20, 1928
page 2. Article describes progress on the first Knoll Aircraft company plane, expected to fly about middle of December.

5. Article says work on new Telephone Company building at 2nd and Topeka will be started soon.

9. Article says Western Air Express is planning a passenger transport air line from Kansas City to Los Angeles.

Thursday, November 22, 1928
page 5. Article reports discussion by David Leahy of origin of the city’s collection of photographs of former mayors. Details.

Excavation for the new Central building is about half done.

Friday, November 23, 1928
page 3. Paul Braniff, of Oklahoma City, who operates a passenger air line between Oklahoma City and Tulsa, yesterday purchased a new cabin monoplane from Travel Air for $13,500.

5. Article about hearing on demands of street car and bus operators for increased pay and better working conditions. ¶ Present scale is 43 to 45 cents an hour, making the average wage $4.13 a day. Decision on demands cannot be expected sooner than six weeks. Details.

12. Advertisement with photograph of the Boston store and corner of Main and Douglas (apparently old, early 1920s picture, with spires still on roof edges).

Saturday, November 24, 1928
page 8. Lease was signed yesterday for the building at 1107-09 West Douglas for a second Chevrolet agency to be established in Wichita by Lee J. Hobbs of Blackwell, Oklahoma.
Sunday, November 25, 1928

1. S. P. Wallingford Grain Company yesterday announced plans to build a new 1,250,000 bushel grain elevator on a ten acre tract between 29th and 33rd streets just east of Lawrence avenue. The head house and initial storage units are to be completed by May 1. Drawing on page 11.


Monday, November 26, 1928

5. Article with reminiscences of W. G. Taylor, visiting here, who lived in Wichita from 1869 to 1872. Details.

Article mentions Wichita advertisement appearing in Popular Aviation for December, pages 72-73, and also to appear in Aero Digest and Aviation.

Tuesday, November 27, 1928

1. Article reports re-capitalization of Stearman Aircraft company, to increase the capital to $600,000 and permit expansion plans. Details.

Thursday, November 29, 1928


Ground was broken yesterday for the new Knoll airplane factory, to be located on a 148 acre tract south of the Travel Air field. Details.

6. Photograph of new six place Cessna cabin monoplane (6446).

Saturday, December 1, 1928

11. Work on the new Commodore apartments at Lawrence and Elm, to be built by the Harley-Park interests of Tulsa, is expected to start next Monday.

Sunday, December 2, 1928

3. Contract let yesterday for new ice cream plant at Wichita street and Murdock for the Snyder Ice Cream Company, now located at 211 South Washington. Work will start tomorrow. To cost $50,000. Glen H. Thomas is architect. Details.
5. The Santa Fe is replacing the Orient Railroad passenger cars with Santa Fe equipment, and the first Santa Fe cars to run over the Orient as regular passenger train cars left Wichita yesterday en route to San Angelo, Texas, the southern terminus for steam traffic on the Orient line in the United States. The train consisted of a baggage car, a combination mail car and smoker, and a chair car, of the 70 foot type. Motor cars are used between San Angelo and the southern terminus of the line at Alpine.

7. Article reports opening of the new Sears, Roebuck store yesterday.

11. Drawing of the new $125,000 Nomar theater, to be built at 2041-43 North Market. Construction is to start this week. Details.

**Sunday, December 2, 1928**

**Magazine**

4. Article gives history of early Wichita homes around Elm and North Lawrence.

**Wednesday, December 5, 1928**

6. Building permit for $32,000 taken out yesterday for new Snyder Ice Cream Company plant at 301 West Murdock.

**Thursday, December 6, 1928**

5. Wichita now has more than 230 miles of water mains, an increase of 21 miles in the past three years. The company can supply a maximum of 34,300,000 gallons a day. The average daily consumption in 1927 was 6,620,000 gallons a day, with peak use on a day in August of 14,285,000 gallons. There are 1078 fire hydrants in the city.

6. The Wichita Transportation Company plans three changes in bus routes here in the near future. Details.

**Friday, December 7, 1928**

5. KFH announced plans to build a new, more powerful transmitter, located at a new site away from the Lassen Hotel. The towers and antenna now on top of the hotel building will be scrapped. A remote control studio will be maintained at the Lassen.

**Saturday, December 8, 1928**

4. Article about retirement of early day Rock Island conductor, W. H. “Billy” Thomas. He recalls on the opening day of the Cherokee strip he had a three engine train of 34 palace stock cars loaded with people headed for new homesites.

**Sunday, December 9, 1928**
Article reports the Kress store will be moved to temporary quarters at 142-44-46 North Lawrence soon after first of the year and the company’s two story building at Lawrence and Douglas razed to make way for their permanent new five story building to be erected on the same site. New building to be 73 by 140 feet. The corner 50 feet is owned by the McNamara estate and the west 23 feet by C. Draper of Wichita. The Kress company holds a lease for 49 more years.

Cornerstone for the new high school at 13th and Rochester is to be laid today. Details.

Drawing of new Central building at Main and Douglas, now under construction (shows six story building).

Sunday, December 9, 1928

Aerial photograph of Newton with old Arcade hotel and round house visible.

Night photograph of lights on North Lawrence avenue.

Monday, December 10, 1928

Article reports laying of cornerstone for new high school yesterday.

Tuesday, December 11, 1928

First class of Air Service, Inc., will start today at the ground school quarters, 200 North Waco.

Wednesday, December 12, 1928

The second F-10 Fokker trimotor en route to Los Angeles for Western Air Express service between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City stopped in Wichita last night.

Thursday, December 13, 1928

Article reports petition filed in federal court for appointment of a receiver for the Hartman Theater company, operator of the Uptown Theater.

Travel Air company yesterday let contract for construction of an additional $50,000 factory unit. The new unit is to be 75 by 275 feet and will be connected to Unit A by a two story structure 40 by 50 feet, just south of Unit A, the connecting building to be used as a parts room. The new addition will be known as Unit C.

The Wichita Flying School and the Wichita Air Service Provision Company were merged
at a meeting last night and a new concern formed, the Wichita Flying School and Service Company. Details.

Sunday, December 16, 1928
page 1-A. Hobbs Chevrolet Company will move from temporary quarters at 1107-09 West Douglas to 554 West Douglas tomorrow.

Sunday, December 16, 1928

Sunday, December 16, 1928
page Rotogravure Photographs of Wichita filling stations Including a Golden Rule station (at 11th and Bitting?).

Photograph of “Columbus,” the first Ford trimotor (sic) to be delivered to Transcontinental Air Transport.

Monday, December 17, 1928
page 5. Article reports KFH may become part of the Columbia network starting January 8. Details.

Tuesday, December 18, 1928
page 1. Photograph of oil derrick erected at Lawrence and Douglas for “Gusher Day” celebration today.

7. Article says the new Knoll biplane will make its first flight Saturday. Details.

Building permit issued yesterday for $34,000 theater in 2100 block on North Market, the Nomar theater, 50 by 140 feet. Cost will be $75,000 equipped.

Thursday, December 20, 1928
page 5. Article says opposition expected at hearing of Public Service Commission today to Wichita Transportation Company’s proposed change in routing of the 9th street bus. Details.

Friday, December 21, 1928
page 3. Sanger Brothers filed suit yesterday against Smyth family, owners of the building they
occupy, claiming their lease agreement does not require them to pay the school taxes on
the property. Details.

19. Article reports hearing yesterday on proposed changes in the 9th street, Bridgeport, and
South Lawrence-Riverside bus lines. Details.

Saturday, December 22, 1928
1. Article about recent marriage of 89 year old M. R. Diver, Wichita pioneer recently judged
incompetent, to his 67 year old housekeeper, Mrs. Ida Wilhite, at Hutchinson, with Mrs.
Laura Buckwalter as a witness to the wedding. Details.

Sunday, December 23, 1928
3. Contract to be let tomorrow for the Telephone Company’s new building at 2nd and
Topeka.

10-A. Article summarizes 1928 developments in Wichita’s aircraft companies. Details.

Sunday, December 23, 1928
Magazine
2. Article by Victor Murdock about the atmosphere of North Waco in early Wichita.

Tuesday, December 25, 1928
2. Photograph of first brick house in Wichita, at Market and Central, sold yesterday by Mrs.
L. D. Trotter to Arch P. Noramore, broker, for $20,000. House was built in 1874 by the
late Noah Hortle and sold in 1881 to Dr. E. B. Allen, from whom Mrs. Trotter bought it
in 1901.

13. Announcement made yesterday that a direct connection between the Missouri Pacific
Railroad and Arkansas Valley Interurban has been established for the mutual benefit of
both companies in serving Wichita’s oil field. Details.

Thursday, December 27, 1928
5. The government has leased an acre of land in the northeast corner of the Sedgwick
Company poor farm as a site for an airways radio communication station. Details.

6. Photograph of Western Air Express trimotor Fokker plane which stopped at Wichita last
night en route to the West coast.

8. Contract let yesterday for additional 1,500,000 bushels of storage capacity for the Red
Star mills, making a total capacity of 4,500,000 bushels.
Friday, December 28, 1928

9. Interview with Kos Harris about early Wichita homes, saying the one at Market and Central recently sold was not the first brick home. Details.

Saturday, December 29, 1928

5. The Braley School of Flying yesterday purchased a 310 acre tract north and east of the Travel Air factory to be used as a landing field for the Braley school and Braley Manufacturing Company. New buildings will also be located there. Land valued at $50,000. Details.

7. Missouri Pacific loaded 68,803 cars on Wichita division in first 11 months this year.

Sunday, December 30, 1928

3. Article reports plans for Braley school’s new buildings. Details.

5. Article reports four more stories probably will be added to Central building.

Monday, December 31, 1928

5. Article reports first flight of the new Knoll plane at the Travel Air field yesterday. Photograph on page 6. Details.