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 1931 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle Thursday, January 1, 1931 page

5. In past two years, Wichita Transportation Company has carried 34,000,000 fares, 18,000,000 in 1929 and 16,000,000 in 1930 without a single fatal accident, according to A. J. Cleary, executive vice-president.

Kansas public service commission yesterday granted permission to Missouri Pacific Railroad to substitute mixed passenger and freight trains for the motor passenger cars now used between Wichita and Hardtner. The company says the motor car has been running at a heavy loss for some months. Date not yet set for the change.

Friday, January 2, 1931 page

5. Between 600 and 700 rabbits were killed in Clark County yesterday for the Salvation Army's food depot in Wichita, established to see that no one goes hungry in Wichita this winter.

Saturday, January 3, 1931 page

5. Park board figures for 1930 show air transport planes through Wichita carried 3592 arriving passengers, 4324 departing passengers, and 7279 through passengers, a total of 15,195. Transport planes made 3193 landing and 3193 departures. More than 1500 transient planes visited the municipal airport. Details.

Sunday, January 4, 1931 page

- 3. Work was completed yesterday on installation of signs on all loading platforms and the viaduct loading station by the Wichita Transportation company showing a complete list of cars and buses which may be taken at that point. The signs are on the head walls of the loading platforms.
- 5A. Old house at 318 North Waco (photograph), where Dr. Robert A. Millikan once lived

(Noble prize winner).

Sunday, January 4, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photographs of winter scenes in Wichita parks.

Monday, January 5, 1931

page

1. Article reports death of pioneer lumberman, Howard E. Case, yesterday at his home, 1145 North Lawrence, at age 68. Obituary and photograph. Survived by one son, Howard, Jr., and three daughters including Mrs. Morris Neff and Mrs. Thor Jager, and Mrs. William Brookman.

Tuesday, January 6, 1931 page

2. Article reports death of Mrs. Charles Lawrence, the first principal of Wichita High School. Came here from New York in 1878 to teach. Was first principal when high school located where Central Intermediate now is and was teaching there when the old school burned down. Photograph.

Saturday, January 10, 1931 page

- 5. Department of commerce figures show that Wichita plants produced 309 out of the total of 1400 new planes built in the United States in the first nine months of 1930.
- 9. County commissioners yesterday voted final approval of the proposed diagonal road to the airport and mapped out a route.

Sunday, January 11, 1931 page

- 1. Bishop J. Henry Tihen of Denver, formerly of Wichita, announced his resignation last night because of illness.
- 2. Map shows route of planned new diagonal road to airport.

This spring Wichita division of Missouri Pacific Railroad will lay new 90 pound rails replacing 85 pound rails on 20 miles between Tonovay and Reece and between Summit and Rosalia on the line to Yates Center at cost of \$175,000. Ninety pound rails will replace 75 pound steel for 12½ miles between Maize and Colwich (?) at cost of \$75,000, and six miles of 75 pound steel will replace 65 pound steel between Alameda and Kingman at cost of \$45,000.

12. Controlling interest in the K-T Oil corporation of Wichita has been sold by its president, J. T. Nuttle, to the Eldorado Refining Company.

1-A. Advertisement announces formal opening of new J. Arch Butts Packard building, 1513-31 East Douglas, on January 14. Articles with details and photographs on pages 2-A through 4-A.

Monday, January 12, 1931 page

2. Article about the Blue Streak Motor company in Wichita with photograph of its motors -- the fifth is nearing completion.

Saturday, January 17, 1931 page

5. Wichita's newest airplane manufacturer is the Roydon Aircraft company, incorporated several months ago, but which only recently started turning out finished products. At present it is building gliders, but it plans to produce a light powered airplane. ¶ The company purchased the factory at 3400 North Lawrence at one time occupied by the Swift Aircraft Company, and three and a half acres of land. Materials and equipment have been purchased from two Wichita factories which have gone out of business, the Sullivan Aircraft and Ace Aircraft companies.

Sunday, January 18, 1931 page

2. Article reports death of Frank C. Wood, 72, Wichita pioneer and president of the Jett and Wood Mercantile company, yesterday. Photograph and obituary.

Sunday, January 18, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photograph of sign on top of Allis Hotel.

Tuesday, January 20, 1931 page

- 2. Transcontinental and Western Air yesterday inaugurated air express service on its line through Wichita. Previously only passengers were carried. Details.
- 3. Photograph of Harve H. Motter.

Wednesday, January 21, 1931 page

5. Article says Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance company is negotiating for purchase of radio station KFKB in Milford, Kansas from Dr. J. R. Brinkley.

Thursday, January 22, 1931 page

2. Financial report of Wichita Transportation Company September 4-December 31, 1930:

Gross earnings	\$274,135
Expenses and taxes	213,135 (?)
Earnings before deprecation deducted	60,716
Depreciation	34,015
Railway rate base valuation	1,963,989
Bus rate base valuation	311,631
Total rate base valuation	\$2,275,620

5. A. J. Christman yesterday leased the Reo building at 2nd and Lawrence to the Carl Graham Paint and Wallpaper Company for a period of years.

Report of annual meeting yesterday of Cessna stockholders.

Friday, January 23, 1931 page

2. Report of officers elected yesterday by Cessna directors.

Saturday, January 24, 1931 page

5. Starting tomorrow, Western Air Service, the Salina company which operates passenger plane service between Omaha and Oklahoma City via Wichita, will inaugurate a connecting stub line service from Blackwell to Tulsa with single engined planes. ¶ It has also been learned that United States Airways, Inc., a Kansas City firm which has been running a daily passenger service from Kansas City to Tulsa via Salina and Wichita, will eliminate Wichita and Tulsa from its schedule. It will continue its run from Kansas City to Denver, which appears to have a better chance of landing a mail contract.

Sunday, January 25, 1931

page

1. Photograph of framework of new federal building -- steel skeleton nearly complete.

Sunday, January 25, 1931

page

Magazine

6. Article with reminiscences of early Wichita around 1871 by J. H. Andrews. Part two of article continued on February 1, 1931, Magazine page 2.

Tuesday, January 27, 1931 page

5. City commissioners yesterday authorized Wichita Transportation Company to make changes in bus service as follows:

9th street line service cut to 6:30-9:00 a.m. and 4:30-7:00 p.m.

East Douglas stub service from Hillside east cut to same hours.

Bridgeport stub will be discontinued north of 27th street and will operate to 27th street 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Line on Arkansas will be extended to 27th.

The changes are effective Monday.

Wednesday, January 28, 1931 page

- 1. H. J. Hagny, former publisher of the *Beacon* died yesterday. A brother, Given Hagny, died July 8, 1930. Obituary.
- 4. The Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company of Wichita purchased radio station KFKB at Milford from Dr. J. R. Brinkley last week for \$95,000.
- 5. Report of stockholders meeting of the Buckley Aircraft Company yesterday. William B. Stout re-elected chairman and Roy B. Buckley re-elected president. Details.

Friday, January 30, 1931 page

8. Formal opening of Jack Beatty Motor Corporation, Buick dealer's new home at 1520 East Douglas will be held tomorrow. Photograph.

Saturday, January 31, 1931

page

7. Article reports meeting yesterday proposing establishment of Goodwill Industries branch in Wichita. Details.

Sunday, February 1, 1931 page

3. Photograph shows start of stone laying at base of steel framework of new federal building.

Western Air Service will today add a new single engine Stinson service between Wichita and Tulsa via Blackwell and Ponca City. Company has moved its maintenance headquarters from Oklahoma City to Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, February 4, 1931 page

5. Twentieth Century Club voted yesterday to erect a \$50,000 auditorium building at the east end of the club's property at Lawrence and Elm. Details. Says club was organized in 1899.

Thursday, February 5, 1931

page

7. University of Wichita alumni yesterday began a campaign for funds to build a campanile as a memorial to Fairmount college, to be located on the site of old Fairmount hall.

Saturday, February 7, 1931 page

13. The new Garfield ready-to-wear store at 314 East Douglas will be formally opened today.

Sunday, February 8, 1931

page

- 1. Article reports visit of Admiral Richard E. Byrd to Wichita yesterday. Details.
- 3. A new traffic signal is now in operation at Seneca and Douglas. It is the third to be placed outside the downtown area, the others being at Lawrence and Central and at Hillside and Douglas. There is also some agitation to have signals installed at Hydraulic and Douglas and at 21st and Lawrence.
- 5. The Kansas supreme court yesterday upheld the right of the Wichison Gas company to sell gas to domestic users in Wichita in competition with Wichita Gas company. Details.

Sunday, February 8, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photograph from above of L train turning corner in Loop.

Wednesday, February 11, 1931 page

4. Photographs of the new Phillips gasoline pipeline terminal which has been under construction on 29th street near Hillside.

Friday, February 13, 1931

page

1. Article reports death yesterday of George T. Cubbon, 74, former Wichita chief of police. Photograph.

Sunday, February 15, 1931

page

- 3. A group met yesterday to organize a Civic Music Association in Wichita. Details.
- 3-A. A. J. Cleary complains about the old custom dating back to mule car days of requiring the street railway company to pay for and maintain the paving between its tracks. Says the Wichita Transportation Company has about \$1,000,000 tied up in paving.

Sunday, February 15, 1931

Rotogravure

Aerial photographs of North High School, Masonic home, stock yards, flour mills, University of Wichita, and downtown.

Monday, February 16, 1931 page

5. Mexican government has ordered 29 Swallow training planes.

Tuesday, February 17, 1931 page

- 6. County commissioners yesterday voted to name the new diagonal road to the airport the George Washington highway.
- 7. Photograph of new administration building at airport, with exterior nearly completed.

Thursday, February 19, 1931 page

3. Article reports the dedication yesterday of the new \$400,000 addition to the Kansas Masonic Home. Details.

Official date for moving the fire department from the old Central station to the two new stations has been set for March 5.

Friday, February 20, 1931 page

- 5. Alfred MacDonald, director of parks, yesterday outlined plan for beautification of the new diagonal road to the airport with trees to be planted in a staggered effect 60 to 100 feet apart. Details.
- 11. Arkansas Valley Interurban is opposing application of W. A. Vincent, who recently purchased the bus line from Newton to Salina from C. B. Marks, to extend the line from Newton to Wichita.

Saturday, February 21, 1931 page

1. Federal Radio commission yesterday approved the sale to the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance company of radio station KFKB, formerly owned by Dr. John R. Brinkley.

Sunday, February 22, 1931 page

- 2. Photograph of new Kansas Gas and Electric service building on East Central, to be occupied early next month.
- 5. Article says Braniff Air lines will start a daily passenger service tomorrow between Kansas City and Chicago.

10. Photograph of Forum and Arcadia with exposition gateway in front at corner of William and Water.

Saturday, February 28, 1931 page

1. Article reports John H. "Jack" Turner, president of J. H. Turner Coal and Material company and local aviation enthusiast, age 53, committed suicide with gun yesterday in his Hillcrest Homes apartment. Article about his aviation interests on page 2.

Sunday, March 1, 1931

page

- Photograph of new YPT-9 primary training plane completed by Stearman Aircraft for 3. United States Army and to be delivered tomorrow.
- 19. Rorabaugh Dry Goods company will open its new store tomorrow at Lawrence and Douglas in the Smyth building. Details.

Sunday, March 1, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Drawing of proposed memorial campanile for University of Wichita.

Tuesday, March 3, 1931 page

- 3. Board of education yesterday decided to build the new intermediate school on the lots just north of 2nd street and east of Oliver.
- 6. Article reports opening yesterday of the new Rorabaugh store at Lawrence and Douglas. No disposal of the old site has yet been announced, but the lease is for sale.

Thursday, March 5, 1931

page

5. The fire department will move out of Central station today to the two new stations. Details. Says Central station opened May 1, 1907 and first piece of motor equipment was placed in Central station in 1910. The department was completely motorized in 1918.

Sunday, March 8, 1931

- 2. John P. Davidson was re-elected president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer society yesterday. Details.
- 5. Enrollment of University of Wichita this year is 2250, an increase of 195 over one year ago and 795 over three years ago. It is 1110 in college of liberal arts, 493 in business administration, 302 in education, and 215 in fine arts.

- 2-A. Advertisement with photograph of D. A. Winters Service station at 2nd and Emporia.
- 12-A. Report says more than \$60,000 has been spent by Wichita Transportation Company in past six months on rehabilitation of equipment -- includes \$24,258 spent on cars and \$36,703 on buses. The work consists of repainting the vehicles in an attractive color scheme adopted by the company, a combination of tan, cream, and dark green shades; reupholstering seats; and reconditioning motors. The company hopes to have every line equipped by summer with cars and buses which look good and are in good condition.

Tuesday, March 10, 1931 page

5. Article says Transcontinental & Western Air expects to inaugurate its 24 hour coast-to-coast air mail service around April 1, as soon as the airway lighting system is completed.

Friday, March 13, 1931 page

1. General Motors entered into part control of Transcontinental and Western Air today, when three representatives (and four alternates) of General Aviation Corporation, a General Motors subsidiary, were elected to the board of Transcontinental and Western Air. The General Aviation Corporation also recently bought a substantial interest in Western Air Express.

Saturday, March 14, 1931 page

- 12. Advertisement for Wonder-cut Bread (Continental Baking Company).
- 20. Advertisement with photograph of the Buckley "Witchcraft" all-metal low wing monoplane (499W).

Sunday, March 15, 1931 page

- 6. During the past six months, from 40 to 50,000 persons have ridden Wichita buses and street cars daily, the average being about 44,000. Of these 16,000 ride between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. and another 16,000 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. In other words about 70 percent of all riding is during the 3½ hours of peak time, with the other 30 percent spread over the remaining 14½ hours of the day. To meet the peak demand it is necessary to use 16 extra buses and 16 extra street cars, known as "trippers." At \$10,000 cost of a street car and \$7000 of a bus, this means nearly \$300,000 worth of equipment used only about 3½ hours a day.
- 8. Map of new Mount Vernon golf course, which is planned to be opened this summer on a tract of land between Levy and Franklin road, straddling George Washington boulevard east of Hillside.
- 10. Formal opening to the public of Wichita's two new fire stations is to be held March 12.

Details. Photographs on page 11.

Monday, March 16, 1931

page

1. Article reports Walter Beach (sic) is back in Wichita for a few days' visit. Reports favorable outlook for Travel Air.

Friday, March 20, 1931

page

1. Wichita has been recommended and approved by President Hoover as the site for a new 150 bed veterans' hospital. Details.

Saturday, March 21, 1931

page

5. Miss Flora C. Clough, professor of English literature at Fairmount and University of Wichita for 35 years, is to retire. She came to Wichita in 1896 in the second year of Fairmount College. Details and photograph.

Sunday, March 22, 1931

- **page**22. Drawing of pro
- Drawing of proposed new Montgomery Ward store, to be built on present site of the Brosius building at Topeka and Douglas. Work was to have started last fall but was delayed by delay in agreement with holders of unexpired leases in the old building. Now to be built this summer.
- 2-A. Photograph (group) of employees of Fox theaters in Wichita.

Sunday, March 22, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photograph of Arkansas river from Broadview hotel, of Burton nurses home, and of Commodore and first Presbyterian church from court house.

Monday, March 23, 1931

page

2. Photograph of new Stearman Cloudboy training plane.

Wednesday, March 25, 1931

- 3. Dedication of the big clock installed in the tower of Friends University administration building as gift of the 1931 senior class, is to be held tomorrow. It cost \$1800 and was made by the E. Howard clock company and bought through Ray W. Gumm, local jeweler. It is electrically driven and strikes the hours on a huge bell given by Mrs. Paul S. Lyman.
- 5. Kansas Gas and Electric will start moving into its new service building on East Central

tomorrow. Details.

Thursday, March 26, 1931

page

- 3. Photograph of Green Gables, a former notorious road house west of the city, now vacant and its operators sentenced to jail for violation of prohibition laws.
- 5. The Wichita Exchange club has ordered 100 directional arrows to be posted to direct traffic to municipal airport.

Friday, March 27, 1931

page

2. Photograph shows building at northeast corner of Market and William.

Wednesday, April 1, 1931

page

1. Report of plane crash yesterday near Bazaar of tri-motored Transcontinental and Western Air plane killing eight including Knute Rockne. Details and photographs.

Friday, April 3, 1931

page

5-A. Photograph of new home of the Holmes Company store at 117 North Market. It is in the Schnitzler building, which has been remodeled. Formal opening is tonight. Building was built by Fritz Schnitzler in 1885.

Tuesday, April 7, 1931

page

- 1. Drawing of new intermediate school to be erected at 3rd and Oliver this year. Ed Forsblom is architect.
- 3. Photograph of a plane of United States Airways, Inc.

Wednesday, April 8, 1931

page

- 1. Dr. T. W. Weaver was re-elected to school board yesterday.
- 3. The Wichita Country Day School is being moved to a new location at 1030 South Hillside.

Thursday, April 9, 1931

page

5. Article reports death of John Hoenscheidt, 82, publisher of the former *Wichita Herald*, a German language newspaper, which was discontinued in 1920.

Sunday, April 12, 1931

- 1. Report says Transcontinental and Western Air on April 20 will start operating a 24 hour coast-to-coast air mail and express service through Wichita, using six new Northrop monoplanes. At first no passengers will be carried, but later each plane will be able to carry eight passengers. Details.
- 2-A. Announcement made today of change in the location of the Wichita Country Day school from the George Hyde farm on the Little Arkansas north of Wichita to the R. J. Paul property at 1030 South Hillside. Details.

Tuesday, April 14, 1931 page

5. City commissioners yesterday elected Frank Nighswonger mayor for the second time.

Wednesday, April 15, 1931

page

3. Photograph of new federal building with about two thirds of exterior stone completed.

Thursday, April 16, 1931

page

1. Photograph of wreckage from Knute Rockne crash being hauled by truck to the Kamen Iron Metal Company, 618 East Murdock, which has purchased it from the insurance company for scrap.

Saturday, April 18, 1931 page

6. A modern all-metal White Castle will be opened within the next week at northwest corner of 1st and Lawrence, it was announced by A. J. King, Wichita plant manager for the White Castle system.

Sunday, April 19, 1931

page

- 2. Article about the beginnings of Riverside addition 50 years ago. Details.
- 3. Photograph of new Steffen Ice and Ice Cream company plant, nearing completion on East Central.

Sunday, April 19, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photograph of Truman and Newman Wadlow, of Wadlow Brothers Flying Service.

Tuesday, April 21, 1931

page

5. The new Transcontinental and Western Airlines 24 hour airmail service all-metal plane made its initial stop in Wichita last evening. Details. The plane is a Northrop.

12. City commissioners voted yesterday to discontinue use of the lower floor of the Forum for garage purposes so as not to compete with private business. The present tenants were given 90 days in which to vacate.

Wednesday, April 22, 1931 page

11. Petition filed yesterday for appointment of receiver for the Nomar theater. Details.

Sunday, April 26, 1931 page

- 4. Article relates the destruction by fire on April 28, 1881 of the *Eagle*'s first home, previously at 3rd and Main. Details.
- 5. Article reports death early last week of C. W. Terry, age about 80, pioneer Wichita architect, at his home in Alhambra, California, where he had moved about ten years ago. Among other buildings he designed the Boston store and the Barnes building.
- 9. New Oldsmobile dealer, Miner-Granlund Motor Company, is holding formal opening today at 1600 East Douglas, the former Lincoln dealer location.
- 2-A. Article says Wichita Transportation Company fares are lower than those of other cities in this area:

	<u>Bus</u>	Street Car	<u>Tokens</u>	
Wichita	7 cents	7 cents	15 for \$1.00	
Tulsa	10 cents	8 cents	3 for 25 cents	
Oklahoma City	8 cents	8 cents	2 for 15 cents	
St. Joseph	10 cents	10 cents	3 for 25 cents	
Denver	10 cents	10 cents	3 for 25 cents	
Kansas City	10 cents	10 cents	3 for 25 cents	
Topeka	8 cents	8 cents	2 for 15 cents	

Despite this, the company shows a big decrease in patronage over the first four months last year and a tremendous decrease in patronage over the first four months of the previous year.

Monday, April 27, 1931 page

5. Bishop Tihen will return to Wichita to make his residence at St. Francis hospital. He has always been interested in St. Francis hospital and it was he who persuaded the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother to establish their community in Wichita 42 years ago when he was a young priest.

Tuesday, April 28, 1931 page

- 3. Starting May 1 the Western Air Services Corporation planes will carry express on its planes between Sioux City and Oklahoma City and Tulsa through Wichita.
- 5. City commissioners yesterday approved action of the park board in starting the acquisition of 24 acres of land south of Franklin between Lawrence avenue and the Big Arkansas river for a park, which is to be named after Herman Hill. Details.

Wednesday, April 29, 1931 page

4. Article about consideration of a new women's dormitory for Wichita University to replace Holyoke cottage, a former private residence with a tall steeple that became a women's dormitory of Fairmount college in 1897, and Holyoke hall, an annex built in 1917.

Saturday, May 2, 1931

page

6. Article reports inauguration of air express service by planes of Western Air Service Corporation yesterday. Details.

Sunday, May 3, 1931

page

- 2. Photograph of bridge over Little Arkansas river at 29th street with sign setting load limit at two tons.
- 3. Drawing of new Tower of Music under construction at College Hill Memorial Lawns cemetery, 17th and Oliver. Article with details.
- 6. Article gives some history of Mt. Carmel academy.
- 30. Photograph of progress on new federal building.
- 3-B. The call letters of the radio station purchased by the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance company were changed from KFKB to KFBI on May 1.

Tuesday, May 5, 1931

page

- 2. Drawing of new auditorium addition to be erected this summer by the Twentieth Century Club at the east end of the club's building at Lawrence and Elm. Will seat 550 persons. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend.
- 5, Board of education yesterday voted to name the new intermediate school after Charles Robinson, first governor of territorial Kansas.

Wednesday, May 6, 1931

page

4. Photograph of Southwest Cracker Company building, 205 South Wichita.

Sunday, May 10, 1931

page

- 2-A.. Newly published photograph of Colonel Marshall Murdock.
- 8-A. Article about K. K. Shaul, general manager of the Travel Air division of Curtiss-Wright.

Saturday, May 16, 1931

page

11. Photograph of new home of Wichita Country Day School on South Hillside.

Sunday, May 17, 1931

page

- 4. The new Kansas Gas and Electric service building on East Central was formally opened to the public yesterday. Photograph.
- 8-A. Painting by C. A. Seward of earliest Wichita buildings (North Waco).

Sunday, May 17, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photograph of Friends University tower shows the new clock presented by Senior Class.

Thursday, May 21, 1931

page

5. Homer T. Harden was yesterday elected recorder of Midian temple. Photograph.

Sunday, May 24, 1931

page

- 3. Advertisement of Wichita Transportation Company with dim photograph of bus.
 - Advertisement announces opening of the "Red Apple" dining place at 3425 North Lawrence. Photograph.
- 5. Article about activities at the Santa Fe-Orient shops says 224 are employed there now compared with 201 on same date two years ago. Details.
- 8-A. Article says Wichita Transportation Company is building five new buses in its own shops at cost of about \$7,500 each. Ten men are employed on this under Superintendent of shops, E. M. Smith. The first has just been completed. Photograph (bus number 315).

Friday, May 29, 1931

3. Photograph of John Rigby, president of the Rigby-Gray Hotel company, owner and operator of the Hotel Lassen.

Monday, June 1, 1931

page

1. United Aviation and Transport Corporation yesterday announced consolidation of the company's four air lines, including National Air Transport, Boeing Air Transport, Pacific Air Transport, and Varney Air Lines. These lines fly 120 planes a total of 32,300 miles daily over 6110 miles of improved airways and carry 60 percent of the nation's airmail.

Saturday, June 6, 1931

page

5. The Buckley Aircraft company's "Wichcraft" all-metal plane yesterday was granted an approved type certificate by the Department of Commerce. Buckley factory is on East Central.

Sunday, June 7, 1931

page

- 1. Report of annual meeting yesterday of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County, at the Forum. Details. Six hundred attended.
- 5. The Wichita Air Transport company inaugurated service between Wichita and Kansas City yesterday. Cessna monoplanes will be used.
- 8-A. Article about the Bixler Brothers airplane, built at Hutchinson in 1911. Photograph.

Monday, June 8, 1931

page

- 5. Photograph of new federal building, with exterior nearly complete.
- 10. Article reports inaugural trip yesterday of Missouri Pacific's crack new train, "The Southern Scenic," between Memphis and Colorado via Wichita.

Tuesday, June 9, 1931

page

1. Work on the new Montgomery Ward store at Douglas and Topeka will be started today. Details. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. Drawing on page 12.

Wednesday, June 10, 1931

page

4. Photograph of the Brosius building at Topeka and Douglas, which is to be razed to make way for the new Montgomery Ward building. Adjoining the Brosius building is the historic Richland block, half of which is also to be torn down. It was built in 1887 and formerly housed the Barnes and Newcomb Music company.

Thursday, June 11, 1931 page

- 3. Workmen worked rapidly yesterday tearing down the old Brosius building, and it is expected to be entirely razed by Sunday.
- 5. Wichita Transportation Company yesterday made application to discontinue the McCormick stub, a service recently inaugurated. It is said to carry an average of less than one passenger per mile and is losing money. The company says its franchise allows it to discontinue service on a line when less than one and a half passengers are carried per mile.

Saturday, June 13, 1931

page

6. Some motorists are now using the Waterman street subway despite the fact that all the paving is not completed.

Sunday, June 14, 1931

page

- 3. Photograph yesterday shows large part of Brosius building already razed. Street car in foreground with white and black painted front.
- 4. Article gives some history of Waterman street subway project, which is nearly completed. Photograph.
- 8-A. Article about a Wichita violin maker, Rev. A. B. Kirk. Photograph.

Monday, June 15, 1931

page

6. Advertisement announces that the business of the Peoples State Bank of Wichita has been purchased by the Merchants Reserve State Bank, of Wichita, and moved to its location at 500 East Douglas.

Wednesday, June 17, 1931

page

3. Article reports death yesterday of pioneer Wichita jeweler, Edward Vail yesterday at age 77. Photograph.

Friday, June 19, 1931

- 1. American Airways has ordered seven planes from Stearman at cost of \$126,000.
- 3. George H. Siedhoff, receiver for the Braley School of Flying, will sell it at auction tomorrow. The sale includes a half section of land at 6400 East Franklin road.
- 5. The McCormick avenue stub bus line running from the end of the University car line down to McCormick has been ordered discontinued at midnight tomorrow after approval was

granted yesterday by city commission.

Sunday, June 21, 1931

page

- 21. Wichita's newest outdoor recreation center, Sandy Beach Lake, will be officially opened this Tuesday by N.B. Stauffer, who purchased the site some weeks ago.
- 8-A. Photograph of Green Gables, as it is today. Was former road house west of city.

Tuesday, June 23, 1931

page

5. C. E. Stevenson, head of the Stevenson news stands of Oklahoma City, yesterday leased space at 125 North Market where he will install a news stand. The building is owned by "Bunny" Mead, of Chicago.

Wednesday, June 24, 1931

page

- 3. Article reports formal opening of Sandy Beach swimming resort, yesterday. Located on Seneca six miles south of the city.
- 5. Excavation for the new Montgomery Ward building is nearly complete and initial footings were poured Monday.
- 6. Article reports re-opening today of the remodeled Shanklin Mercantile Company store at 1601 East Douglas. Photograph.

Thursday, June 25, 1931

page

3. Article reports arrival on visit from St. Louis yesterday of Walter Beech (sic), president of Curtiss-Wright Airplane company.

Friday, June 26, 1931

page

2. Walter Beech says Travel Air will operate with a skeleton force until conditions change and people resume buying airplanes.

Sunday, June 28, 1931

page

2-A. Article with photographs of interior and exterior of former Green Gables nightclub and speakeasy west of Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, July 1, 1931

page

2. Price for wagon wheat in Wichita dropped to 36 cents per bushel yesterday.

3. Southern Kansas Stage Lines has purchased the Bishard bus line operating out of Ft. Scott to Mulberry, Pittsburg, and Joplin.

Thursday, July 2, 1931 page

5. Howard W. Patten, manager of Wichita Transportation Company and formerly superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, has resigned to take a high position in Salina with a gas line which is a subsidiary of the Illinois Power and Light Company, former owner of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. He came to Wichita in 1920 as head of the traction system. Previously he had been cashier of the Topeka Railway company 1904 to 1910 and superintendent there from 1910 to 1914. In 1914 and 1915 he was general superintendent of the Oscaloosa Traction and Light Company, from 1915 to 1920 was general superintendent of the Topeka Railway Company. Photograph.

Sunday, July 5, 1931 page

- 2. Article about progress of new Montgomery Ward building. Work of razing the old structures on the site started on June 10, and the contract calls for completion September 16. A new floor will be poured about every four days.
- 4. Photograph of damage to municipal airport hangar asphalt shingle roof in windstorm yesterday.
- 6. Street car schedules are to be speeded up by a change in routing as soon as approved by city commission. The College Hill-Stock Yards line was already changed on June 14, so this will not be changed.

The new combinations will be: Former combinations were:

Cleveland with West Riverside Cleveland with South Main

Riverside with South Emporia South Emporia with South Main

Pattie with University Pattie with Waco

Waco with Topeka University with Topeka

Fairmount with Orient Shops

(unchanged)

College Hill with Stock Yards

(unchanged)

Running time will be reduced on many lines.

Former New time Former time New time

time

Fairmount	32 min.	26 min.	Pattie	15 min.	12½min.
Orient	16	14	University	14	11½
Cleveland	17	14	Waco	16	141/2
Riverside	16	141/2	Topeka	16	14
South Emporia	14	11	College Hill	16½	16½
South Main	14	121/2	Stock Yards	171/2	171/2

2-A. Article about shifts in downtown building over the years with aerial photograph of downtown from southeast.

Monday, July 6, 1931

page

- 1. Photograph of new federal building -- exterior completed but windows not in. Article about progress on page 5.
- 5. Photograph of construction of new Montgomery Ward store. Shows stores across street on Douglas.

Tuesday, July 7, 1931 page

- 2. City commissioners yesterday let contract for new sewage disposal plant -- total cost to be about \$650,000. Details.
- 3. Photograph of new Stearman mail plane for American Airways, Inc.
- 5. Lloyd Stearman yesterday resigned as consulting engineer and technical adviser for the Stearman Aircraft division of United Aircraft and Transport Company. He will leave soon for the West Coast. Article gives his work history.

Contract let yesterday for the new Charles Robinson intermediate school. Details.

7. Article lists school teacher assignments coming year by school.

Wednesday, July 8, 1931 page

4. Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad announced yesterday that all locomotives on its lines south and west of Kansas City are to be converted immediately to oil burners, a total of 231 locomotives.

Saturday, July 11, 1931 page

8. Photograph of new unit of United Stores company which opens today at 1800 North Lawrence.

Sunday, July 12, 1931

page

- 5. Missouri Pacific Railroad put new 1900 class freight engines in use last week between Wichita and Ft. Scott, the heaviest ever used on the Wichita division.
- 3-B. The Allis hotel ballroom has been newly equipped with an air conditioning system similar to that in use in the Kit Kat Coffee Shop.

Monday, July 13, 1931

page

1. Photograph of marquee of Kansas theater, which remained open yesterday in spite of newly re-imposed ban on Sunday movies.

Tuesday, July 14, 1931

page

6. Photograph of new front being installed in Dockum drug store No. 3 on northeast corner of Douglas and Topeka.

Wednesday, July 15, 1931

page

- 5. Advertisement shows Transcontinental and Western Air schedules and fares from Wichita, \$94 to New York, \$106 to Los Angeles, \$14 to Kansas City and \$29 to St. Louis.
- 12. Table showing new air mail schedule on Transcontinental and Western Air effective July 20 from New York to Los Angeles via Wichita.

Saturday, July 18, 1931 page

5. The new bridge across the Arkansas river on South Lawrence is to be named the John Mack bridge in honor of the late John Mack, Newton editor and highway commissioner for this district at the time the bridge was started. Bridge is to be dedicated Wednesday evening.

Walter L. Hutcherson, 36, secretary of the Water street branch of the YMCA for a number of years, died yesterday in a Tulsa hospital following an intestinal operation a few days ago. He came to Wichita in 1921 from Buxton, Iowa and had moved to Tulsa last fall to become secretary of the Greenwood branch of the YMCA.

Sunday, July 19, 1931

page

2. Photograph of new Montgomery Ward building with framework essentially complete but no brick up.

The sixth Travel Air Mystery S will make first flight today.

Patronage at the municipal tourist camp has been the poorest in history this year, and the camp will therefore probably not open next year. Private camps located on the highways are taking most of the business, and the municipal camp in running a deficit this year.

- 3. Photograph showing both old and new bridges over big Arkansas river on South Lawrence avenue. Article says work started January 30, 1930 on the new 800 foot long bridge. The roadway is 30 feet wide with five foot sidewalk on each side. Total cost of bridge, paving, and right-of-way is \$191,000. Cost was \$9000 for right-of-way, \$26,000 for pavement, and \$156,000 for bridge proper.
- 6. Photograph of *Eagle* model home at 430 South Dellrose.
- 10. Wichita's new street car routing and schedules go into effect today (see July 5, page 6). Details.
- 14. Article about the Hostess Room at the new Steffen plant.

Monday, July 20, 1931 page

1. Photograph of newest Mystery-S plane, for Italian government, which made first flight yesterday. Article with details on page 5.

Tuesday, July 21, 1931 page

2. City commission yesterday voted to name the new Central avenue bridge for Frederick P. Stackman, father of Mrs. Rene Gouldner. He died 34 years ago at age 46 but had already amassed considerable holdings in Wichita real estate. Mrs. Gouldner was then but a child and remembers that the Little river was just a small creek, and the cattle feeding ground was on the site of the municipal pool. The Stackman farm of 130 acres in Riverside purchased by her father in 1882 was then "out in the country." Mr. Stackman moved to Wichita in 1873 from Topeka. Details.

Wednesday, July 22, 1931 page

7. Advertisement with photograph of Greenway and Rau dry goods store, 118 North Main.

Thursday, July 23, 1931 page

3. Article reports Monsignor Godfrey Birenbach, of Colwich, was elevated to rank of domestic prelate yesterday. Sermon was preached by Bishop Tihen. Details and photograph. Monsignor Birenbach born in Cologne, Germany June 25, 1875. Ordained at Louvain in June 1900 and came to Wichita later that year and was appointed assistant to Father Tihen, rector of old pro-Cathedral. Held four subsequent pastorates, the last at

Colwich beginning February 15, 1923.

5. Article reports dedication and opening of the new John Mack bridge last evening. Details.

Friday, July 24, 1931 page

2. Article reports United Aircraft and Transport Company has announced that Stearman Aircraft company will consolidate with Northrop Aircraft Corporation of Burbank, California, another United Aircraft division, and will take over all its assets and engineering personnel, which will be transferred to Wichita in September.

Sunday, July 26, 1931 page

- 2. Announcement made yesterday by Walter P. Innes, Jr., president of Stearman Aircraft company, that the new Northrop Beta all-metal monoplane will be built this winter by Stearman here in Wichita. The Northrop Alpha will be built and serviced by the Boeing Aircraft Company of Seattle, another United Aircraft division. Photograph of Northrop Beta on page 12.
- 13. Stevenson's news stand will hold its formal opening tomorrow at 125 North Market.

Tuesday, July 28, 1931 page

5. Article reports death yesterday of Miss Cynthia W. Cleaveland, age 78, a teacher in the Wichita public schools for more than 40 years. Obituary.

Wednesday, July 29, 1931 page

- 2. Article about the new Stevenson's news stand, 125 North Market, which opened Monday.
- 5. Semi-annual report to city commission by Wichita Transportation Company says income first half of 1931 was \$372,112 compared with \$454,515 for same period last year, a decrease of \$82,403. Expenses including taxes, maintenance, and payroll totaled \$287,591. ¶Buses traveled 994,113 miles during this period, with depreciation calculated at two cents per mile. Valuation of the bus depot is \$311,631. ¶ Street railway depreciation is figured at two percent of the base railway valuation of \$1,963,989. ¶ Total calculated depreciation of buses and street cars is \$39,522. Subtracted from gross profit of \$82,403, this leaves net profit of \$44,999, which is \$46,026 less than the allowable net profit of \$91,025, calculated on basis of eight percent of the total valuation, for six months.

Saturday, August 1, 1931 page

7. Article about controversy over ownership of old Wichita and Western Railroad right-ofway through West Wichita. Says the Santa Fe has ripped up the tracks from Seneca west and apparently abandoned the ground. The tracks are still intact from Seneca east but will probably be abandoned, since the Santa Fe has agreed to take the bridge out over Big river.

Sunday, August 2, 1931 page

- 13. Photograph of framework of new Montgomery Ward building -- ready to start brick laying.
- 3-A. Photograph of municipal tourist park at 13th and Little river, now abandoned for that purpose and to be used this month as a health camp for underweight children. Article with details.

Advertisement shows University of Wichita budget for July 1, 1931-June 30, 1932. Total is \$371,516.

Sunday, August 2, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photograph of new John Mack bridge showing two spans of old bridge. ¶ Several photographs of 1904 flood in Wichita -- one on Douglas east of Topeka. One small one on Bitting avenue near river, shows houses of E. B. Kaux (spelling?) and Frank Fisher.

Monday, August 3, 1931 page

3. Photograph of framework for Twentieth Century Club's new auditorium addition, under construction.

Tuesday, August 4, 1931 page

3. Forum garage, opened in 1918, passed out of existence last night on orders of city commission. Opened December 21, 1918. Operated by O. E. Cooley under contract with the city.

Thursday, August 6, 1931 page

- 2. Orient Shops, which have been on a five day week since June 1930, were yesterday placed on a four day week.
- 7. Will G. Price yesterday purchased from Charles Parrott the old Bissantz property on northeast corner of William and Emporia on which stands the first apartment house built in Wichita, an old-fashioned two story affair with 50 foot frontage on Emporia, built in latter part of the 19th century.

Friday, August 7, 1931

page

2. Dr. T. Walker Weaver was elected president of board of education yesterday. He graduated from Wichita High School 23 years ago.

Saturday, August 8, 1931 page

- 2. On stretches of the Missouri Pacific Railroad between Wichita and Hutchinson, the longest being 12 and six miles and the total 20 miles, work started the middle of the week on relaying of the old 70 pound rails with 90 pound steel. Probably completed this fall.
- 3. Crawford theater re-opens today with talking pictures. Admission prices ten cents and 20 cents. Capacity is 1200, completely redecorated.

Sunday, August 9, 1931 page

- 5. The pioneer Old No. 1 Wright well, which discovered oil in Sedgwick County on August 8, 1928, was plugged on August 3. It began to dwindle rapidly about a year and a half ago and recently has made only five or six barrels daily with some 600 barrels of water. This with the drop in the oil market caused the well to be plugged, as have the numbers 2, 3, and 4 Wright wells on the same discovery place. ¶ No. 1 Wright was drilled by the Marland (now Continental), Gypsy, and Bu-Vi-Bar companies on the farm of Mrs. A. C. Wright, of Valley Center. Her son, A. P. Wright, lives on the home place. ¶ About 12,500,000 barrels of oil have been taken from the pool, which at one time had 118 producing wells. This is now down to about 65, making 5500 barrels daily.
- 11. The Central Commercial College moved into its new home, 117½-121½ East Douglas, with formal opening August 3.

Thursday, August 13, 1931 page

8. Wichita Goodwill Industries, Inc, organized last winter, is now getting into full operation at 331 North Market. Details.

Friday, August 14, 1931 page

3. Article says current costs of pavement in Wichita are about \$1.43 a square yard for concrete pavement and about \$2.25 for asphalt pavement over a concrete base.

Sunday, August 16, 1931

- 7. Advertisement with photograph of Suburban Rest, 4720 North Arkansas.
- 13. Article gives history of founding of Garfield University here 44 years ago by Dr. W. B. Hendryx. Details.

- 22. Photographs of interior of Central Commercial College, 117½ East Douglas.
- 2-A. Article about whist players of early day Wichita.
- 8-A. Article about Safety school conducted by Wichita Transportation Company for its employees. ¶ There has not been a fatal accident involving a Wichita Transportation company bus or street car since October 11, 1927 -- nearly four years. In the period up to August 5, 1931 a total of 61,071,109 passengers were carried without a fatality. ¶ Article describes the training courses given new employees, lasting three weeks, and then followed by the Safety school course given in the employee's club room at the rear of the main offices of the company. Company has 278 employees.

Wednesday, August 19, 1931 page

- 2. The Goldsmith Book and Stationery company is putting in a new front in its store at 116 South Topeka where it has been located since 1920.
- 3. The new Colonial cafe opens its doors today at 116 North Market.
- 5. The McKnight Memorial fountain is to be unveiled on September 14. Details.

Thursday, August 20, 1931 page

3. The old Lee Hays home at 204 South Water is being wrecked. It was built in 1884, a two story brick facing on Water, and recently has been used as a rooming house. It was sold by Mrs. Hays two or three months ago to the Standard Oil Company, which owns a filling station adjoining on the north at corner of William and Water and will enlarge its facilities with the additional space.

Saturday, August 22, 1931 page

5. Plans have been completed for a new concrete bridge over the Little river at 13th street and will be submitted to the city commission for approval. ¶ Says new bridge is urgent because other bridges in the area are in poor condition. The "11th street bridge has fallen through a couple of times recently and sits on rotten piles."

Sunday, August 23, 1931 page

- 7. Announcement made that J. Arch Butts will take over the Cadillac-LaSalle agency in his building at 1525 East Douglas. He will continue his Reo agency in his building at 205 North Lawrence. Photograph on page 8 of the East Douglas building with Cadillac and Nash sign. He will also sell Nash cars.
- 22. Advertisement with photograph of Wadlow Brothers Flying Service Company hangar at Travel Air Airport (old Central Air Lines hangar).

8-A. Article by Dick Long with reminiscences of H. W. Ruble of old Populist days of 1890s and reasons for it.

Tuesday, August 25, 1931

page5. Furnishings of the Pennsylvania hotel, Douglas and Water, will be sold by auction

tomorrow. Mrs. Alice Read, owner of the hotel, is closing out her business.

Thursday, August 27, 1931

page

10. Photograph of interior of new Colonial restaurant, 116 North Market.

Friday, August 28, 1931

page

2. Photograph of new Montgomery Ward building with exterior completed. Now working on interior.

Sunday, August 30, 1931

page

- 8. Diagram of new Brae Burn golf course on East Central which opens to the public today and supercedes the old East Law-n course.
- 2-A. Article describes an air trip from Los Angeles to Wichita. Details.

Monday, August 31, 1931

page

1. Photograph of McKnight Memorial fountain, which is to be dedicated September 14.

Wednesday, September 2, 1931

page

2. Photograph of new Montgomery Ward building -- scaffolding is now down.

Thursday, September 3, 1931 page

6. Article reports Steffen's are getting settled in their new plant. Interior photographs. Some history: Nick Steffen operated a bakery in third block on North Main early in 1880s and 1882 began to manufacture ice cream, selling it in his shop and a year later starting to wholesale it under the name of "Steffen's." In 1898 William Bretch joined him and the two took over the Citizens Ice Cream and Cold Storage company. Mr. Steffen then sold his bakery and they built an ice cream plant at 623 East 1st, changing the name to the Steffen-Bretch Ice and Ice Cream Company. In 1902 C. M. Beachy, of Newton, joined the Company. Full page advertisement on page 7.

Saturday, September 5, 1931

- 2. Wichita Transportation Company has applied to city commission for permission to revise schedules effecting three bus lines. The East Central and South Lawrence buses are hereafter to be operated together and the Riverside bus will be looped in the downtown area. At present the South Lawrence and Riverside lines are operated together and the East Central line is looped in the downtown district. ¶ The change will improve service on the South Lawrence route from the present ten minutes in rush hours and 15 minutes during the day to eight minutes during rush hours and 12 minutes during the day.
- 5. It was announced yesterday that the Northrop Alpha mail plane will be built exclusively by the Stearman Aircraft company here. Details.

Sunday, September 6, 1931 page

8. Advertisement says all day green fees for 18 hole Brae Burn golf course on East Central just east of Travel Air Airport are 25 cents.

Tuesday, September 8, 1931 page

- 1. Map shows tentatively selected location for new Veterans hospital on East Kellogg east of Oliver. Forty-eight acres purchased from Emil Elder and E. W. Pyle. Article with details on page 12.
- 5. Article reports death yesterday of Edmondson Taylor Battin, age 79, first city manager of Wichita in 1917 for about two months until a permanent one was selected. Obituary.

Friday, September 11, 1931 page

4. Photograph of Northrop Alpha plane which arrived here yesterday for use by Stearman Aircraft as a demonstration ship. The plane is to be built and serviced here. Transcontinental and Western Air uses 12 as mail planes.

Sunday, September 13, 1931 page

- 3. Advertisement with photograph of J. H. Turner Coal and Material Company, 600 West Douglas.
- 5. Bishop J. Henry Tihen returned to Wichita yesterday to make this city his home after his retirement at age 70. Details. Photograph.
- 6. & 7. Large aerial photograph of downtown Wichita from southeast.
- 9. The new bus schedule affecting three lines will go into effect tomorrow. The Riverside and South Lawrence lines have been separated, with Riverside looping in the downtown district. The South Lawrence and East Central lines have been joined.

Friday, September 18, 1931 page

7. Red Star Milling company is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Article with details. Company organized in 1905. In October 1913 the Watson mill was purchased and with added capacity was converted into Red Star mill "B." In July 1921 Red Star mill "C" was finished. Photographs of mill "A" in 1905-08 and of mills "C" and "A" today.

Saturday, September 19, 1931 page

3. Article reports dedication yesterday of the McKnight Memorial fountain at East High School. Details with report of address by Victor Murdock reviewing the McKnight history.

The "boy with the boot" statue, which stood in a fountain in Riverside park for years, is to be seen for the first time in several years at the Wichita Garden club flower show at the Forum. ¶ Patched and repaired with wood and cement as well as it could be after being knocked to pieces by a wild automobile, the boy once more holds up an old boot to watch the water trickle out of it into a lily pond, which forms the centerpiece at the display. ¶ It has been laid away in a store room for some time. "Originally it was a gift to the city of a very well known woman here, Mrs. L. E. Carter." (sic)

6. New Safeway store No. 9 opens today at 2703 East Central. Photograph.

Sunday, September 20, 1931 page

5. Two new passenger airlines between Wichita and Kansas City will begin operations this week. The first will be the Missouri-Kansas airlines which opens service today with a Travel Air monoplane carrying the pilot and five passengers. ¶ The Skyways, Inc. line, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, will start service Wednesday with a tri-motor Ford and will make a daily round-trip between Wichita and Kansas City with a flag stop at Topeka. Details.

Monday, September 21, 1931 page

3. The Missouri-Kansas Airline will start operations between Wichita and Kansas City today instead of yesterday as originally planned. Details. Line has two Travel Air planes.

Thursday, September 24, 1931 page

5. Country estate of Walter P. Skaer, two and a half miles east of city on 13th, was sold yesterday to Fred C. Koch for \$60,000.

The new air passenger service of Skyways, Inc. between Wichita and Kansas City via Topeka, was inaugurated yesterday. A tri-motored Ford is being used. Details.

The state charter board yesterday granted a charter to the Blue Streak Motors Company,

of Wichita.

Saturday, September 26, 1931

page

13. Advertisement with photograph of "community center" building at 13th and North Lawrence. Service Drug company is at corner. Other stores named.

Sunday, September 27, 1931 page

- 2-A. Article about Jacob Achenbach, pioneer of Hardtner and railroad builder. Says Hardtner was organized in 1886 and named for Dr. Hardtner. Mr. Achenbach and Mr. Blackstock, a son-in-law of Dr. Hardtner, tried to get the Missouri Pacific to extend its road from Kiowa to Hardtner, but it refused, so in 1909 they obtained a charter to build it themselves, calling it the Kiowa, Hardtner and Pacific. It was finished in June 1910 and then leased to the Missouri Pacific for 20 years. Later he was instrumental in building the Beaver, Meade, and Englewood Railroad (details).
- 8-A. Article about an old book, "Wichitans in Cartoon" from the pages of the *Eagle*.

Sunday, September 27, 1931

page

Section B and C: Special Southwest Development Number with articles about Wichita institutions and businesses. Includes article about Wichita Transportation Company on page 7-B.

- 1-C. Aerial photograph of downtown.
- 10-C. Aerial photograph of Travel Air plant (and Buckley (?) across road).

Tuesday, September 29, 1931

page

- 3. Photograph of Wichita attorney, Richard E. Bird.
- 5. City commissioners yesterday let contract for new concrete bridge over Little river on 13th street.

Friday, October 2, 1931

page

5. The new Stackman bridge over Little river on Central was opened to traffic last evening. Cost was about \$75,000.

Saturday, October 3, 1931

page

5. Effective today the Missouri-Kansas airlines will double its passenger service between Wichita and Oklahoma City via Ponca City. The company also operates a line from Wichita to Kansas City.

Sunday, October 4, 1931 page

- 4. Lloyd Stearman announced yesterday he will leave Wichita next week to become a partner with Walter Varney and Robert Gross in the newly organized Stearman-Varney Aircraft Company at Alameda, California. Details.
- 4. Advertisement with photograph of new Kansas Gas and Electric service building on East Central.

Sunday, October 4, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photograph of bird's eye view panorama of Wichita in 1886, owned by G. W. (Wes) Fletcher, 1306 South Elizabeth. Aerial photograph taken last week showing same area.

Tuesday, October 6, 1931

page

8. Photograph of Johnson Furniture Company 203-05 North Main.

Thursday, October 8, 1931

page

10. Enrollment of regular students at University of Wichita this year is 1292, including 1037 residents and 255 non-residents. Seven hundred forty-four are men and 548 women. By school: graduate school 32, liberal arts 523, business administration 370, education 285, and fine arts 82. ¶ There are also about 950 downtown students.

Saturday, October 10, 1931

page

- 1. Article reports death early today of Wichita pioneer Kos Harris at his home, 801 North Emporia.
- 3. Article about a miniature railroad operating nightly on Mathewson's pasture at corner of Cleveland and Central.

Sunday, October 11, 1931

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- 3. Article reports formal dedication and opening last evening of the new concrete bridge over the Cowskin at Waco-Wego, 12 miles south of Wichita on Lawrence, built at cost of \$15,000. Photograph.
- 2-A. Article about museum at Friends University being built up by Dr. Henry Coffin Fellow, curator, and Mark Reeves, associate curator. Details.
- 8-A. Article by David D. Leahy with reminiscences of the early bar and courts in Wichita.

Sunday, October 11, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Photographs of early Wichita from files of Carlson and Bulla's photograph shop, formerly Homer T. Harden's.

Advertisement for Southern Kansas Stage Lines with dim photograph of a bus.

Tuesday, October 13, 1931

page

5. Report of funeral of Kos Harris yesterday at his home.

Thursday, October 15, 1931

page

- 3. The first Northrop Beta all-metal sport plane arrived here yesterday for tests and use as a demonstration plane by Stearman Aircraft company. It is the second of the Beta model to be built, some 15 of the Alpha model having been built and in service on Transcontinental and Western Air mail routes.
- 5. Article reports will of Kos Harris. Estate estimated at \$155,700. Survived by one son, Vermillion, and two daughters, Coral Frazier and Nourma Harris, both of Wichita. Wife died ten years ago.

Sunday, October 18, 1931 page

- 8. Greenway and Rau Dry Goods store opens tomorrow in its new quarters at 125 East Douglas. It has been on North Main for 22 years, eight years at 126 North Main, and since then at 118 North Main. Details on page 9. Photograph on page 12.
- 17. Article reports tributes to Kos Harris at Wichita Bar Association. Details.
- 29. W. G. Miller, chief engineer of the Wichita Transportation Company, has been appointed to the position of transportation superintendent, replacing the late E. G. Keil. Details and photograph.
- 4-A. Photograph of the new roadside salesroom of the Weaver Nursery, located four miles west on the Cannonball highway.

Wednesday, October 21, 1931

page

2. A new park department greenhouse is to be built at Linwood park to replace the present worn-out one. Details.

Sunday, October 25, 1931

2-A. Photograph of crowd in west stands of Wichita University football stadium.

A. J. Cleary warns of dangers from Halloween practice of jerking trolleys from the wire while street cars are in motion. Details.

Monday, October 26, 1931 page

5. Article reports a linkup between Transcontinental and Western Air and Greyhound Bus Lines. Details.

Tuesday, October 27, 1931 page

5. In response to protest, city commission is revising the route of South Lawrence-East Central bus so that it will run south from Central on Market to William, thence east to Lawrence and south to Kinkaid. North Main street merchants had objected to its routing clear though the downtown area on Lawrence.

Saturday, October 31, 1931 page

- 3. Advertisement with photograph of new Standard Oil station at Lorraine and Douglas.
- 18. Advertisement with photograph of Dockum's drug store No. 3 at 400 East Douglas (corner of Topeka), which is being reopened today after remodeling.

Sunday, November 1, 1931 page

- 5. Edward Schafer, Wichita capitalist, having purchased a half interest in the Hauser-Garrison wholesale building at 704-06 East Douglas in September from J. C. Fisher, yesterday purchased the other half interest in the building making him sole owner. He purchased it as an investment. Estimated value of the building is \$150,000.
- 2-A. Article about Truman G. Reed, principal of East High School.

Sunday, November 1, 1931

page

Rotogravure

Small photograph of Mrs. Hoover christening the Pan-American Airways plane "American Clipper."

Monday, November 2, 1931 page

1. Article reports fire last night badly damaged the Commerce Mills, 300 South Commerce. Details. ¶ On December 8, 1925, the same building, then the Imperial Mills, was badly damaged by fire. ¶ Company is owned by Ed M. Kelly, president, and Arthur J. Kelly, secretary. The mills had been rebuilt after the disastrous fire of 1925.

Saturday, November 7, 1931 page

5. Work has started toward construction of the new 13th street bridge over Little river, which is proposed to have four ornamental end pieces at the corners costing about \$500 each and designed by Glen Thomas, architect of North High School, to harmonize with the architectural features of the school. ¶ A foot bridge will be constructed and the old bridge will be closed to traffic in a short time.

Sunday, November 8, 1931 page

- 4-A. Photograph of a Wichita street car painted white and decorated for the Community Chest drive. Number not visible, but it's a double-ended car (i.e., with rear door). Article says painting of a Community Chest Car is an annual feature.
- 8-A. Article by David Leahy recalling the "romance of Wichita real estate." Details.

Tuesday, November 10, 1931 page

5. Article reports more controversy in city commission meeting last night over proposed change in routing of East Central-South Lawrence bus through downtown on Market instead of Lawrence. Details. East Central line ends at Pershing and South Lawrence line at Kinkaid.

Thursday, November 12, 1931 page

- 2. A four engined Fokker F-32 plane of Transcontinental and Western Air stopped here last night on its way from Los Angeles to Kansas City, where it is to be put in service on the central Transcontinental and Western Air division between St. Louis and Albuquerque, but not necessarily stopping at Wichita. The ship was piloted by Jack Frye, vice-president in charge of operations of the air line.
- 5. Article reports death yesterday of Joseph Kamenesky, 67, Wichita resident for nearly 40 years and owner of iron foundry business here. Survivors include two brothers, Sam of Wichita and Hyman of Sugar Creek, Missouri, and four daughters, Mrs. Rose Berkowitz, and Miss Jean Kamenesky, of Wichita, Mrs. Minnie Stein of Chicago, and Mrs. Lillian Finklestein (sic) of Cleveland, Ohio.

Saturday, November 14, 1931 page

5. Building permit taken out for new tire sales building to be built by Standard Oil Company adjacent to its service station at William and Water on the site of the old Lee Hays residence, which was recently razed.

Sunday, November 15, 1931 page

8. Article summarizing history of the Boston store, now Allen W. Hinkel company, which is holding 45th anniversary sale.

Tuesday, November 17, 1931 page

2. Map of Santa Fe Railroad construction in west Texas and Oklahoma and east New Mexico. The Felt, Oklahoma, to Farley, New Mexico sector of the Colmar cutoff was completed Sunday.

Sunday, November 22, 1931 page

17. Photograph of new Twentieth Century Club auditorium building addition, to be formally opened tomorrow. Details.

Sunday, November 22, 1931

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Rotogravure

Aerial photograph of Allis Hotel from west.

Tuesday, November 24, 1931 page

2. City commissioners voted to leave the present route of the East Central-South Lawrence bus line on Lawrence unchanged. Details.

City commissioners yesterday accepted appraisers report in condemnation proceedings to acquire 24 acres of the Kinkaid tract, located on west side of South Lawrence adjacent to Big Arkansas river, from Roy W. Kincaid for use as a park. The appraisers awarded him \$14,149.

Sunday, November 29, 1931 page

- 7. The approximately 50 buses operating in Wichita have been fitted since last summer with rear-end exhaust pipes which were devised by A. J. Cleary to carry the fumes out above the buses.
- 21. Article describes the importance of the Wichita *Eagle* in the opening of Oklahoma for settlement. Details.

Monday, November 30, 1931 page

1. Article reports death yesterday of Colonel E. E. Bleckley, age 70. Formerly city passenger agent of Missouri Pacific Railroad for 20 years, but since 1912 has been with Fourth National Bank. Obituary.

Saturday, December 5, 1931

page

6. A charity post-season football game is to be played today between University of Wichita and Kansas Aggies at the Wichita University stadium. (Kansas State won 20-6.)

Sunday, December 6, 1931

page

14. New passenger liner "Manhattan" was launched yesterday at Camden, New Jersey.

Sunday, December 6, 1931

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Rotogravure

Snow scenes in Wichita parks.

Tuesday, December 8, 1931

page

5. The bridge over Arkansas river on South Hydraulic has been thoroughly repaired the past few weeks and will be re-opened to traffic the first of next week.

Saturday, December 12, 1931 page

- 3. Government confirmed yesterday that it is arranging to purchase a site on Kellogg east of Oliver for construction of a new Veterans' hospital.
- 6. Article reports formal opening today of the new quarters of the Bell's Market and Grocery at 13th and St. Francis, in location formerly occupied by the Dunn Mercantile company. The grocery and market were formerly located across the street at 525 East 13th, but outgrew this space. Details. Photograph on page 7.

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- 3. Map showing planned location of new Wichita Veterans' hospital.
- 14. Article gives details of progress on new federal building -- to be occupied in February.
- 23. Article by L. W. Mayberry, superintendent, on advances in the Wichita school system in past 20 years. Details.

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3. Planes of Western Air Service corporation, of Salina, ceased operation after their flights yesterday between Tulsa and Sioux City via Wichita, Lincoln and Omaha, until such time as a mail contract can be obtained. ¶ The three tri-motored Stinsons used will be stored in the municipal hangar here. ¶ Article also says that Skyways, Inc. recently suspended its service between Wichita and Kansas City.

Saturday, December 19, 1931 page

- 1. Federal radio commission has granted permission for KFH to become a full time station effective January. At present it is on five-sevenths of the time with the other two-sevenths allotted to WOQ in Kansas City.
- 5. Because of fog at the municipal airport, pilot Jack Frye yesterday afternoon landed a single motored Transcontinental and Western Air mail plane on the golf course at Sim Park. It was left at the park last night.

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5. After having been plugged last August 3, the No. 1 Wright well south of Valley Center was yesterday having its pipe removed and will soon be officially listed as "D and A," which means "dry and abandoned."

The Hydraulic avenue bridge over Big Arkansas river was reopened to traffic yesterday after being close one month for repairs.

- 3-A. Article by David D. Leahy about Farmer Doolittle.
- 4-A. Article by David Leahy about Victor Murdock as a young reporter.

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Photograph of football game at Wichita University stadium.

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2. The annual Amidon Christmas dinner will be held at the Elks club Christmas day. Four to five thousand expected. One ton of turkeys, 20 bushels of potatoes, and three barrels of cranberries ordered.

Friday, December 25, 1931 page

5. Article reports Arkansas Valley Interurban is fighting applications of two bus companies to extend service into Wichita from the north. Details.

Wishbone Villa, on East Central, has been placed in hands of the Rock Island Lumber Company. Details.

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18. Article gives history of first Methodist Episcopal church in Wichita.

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Rotogravure

Photographs of business leaders in Wichita.

Monday, December 28, 1931

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1. Transcontinental and Western Air will speed up its coast-to-coast air mail service on January 1. Details.

Wednesday, December 30, 1931

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3. Advertisement gives Transcontinental and Western Air schedules and fares through Wichita: To Kansas City -- \$14, to New York -- \$85, to Los Angeles -- \$91.

Thursday, December 31, 1931 page

- 3. Transcontinental and Western Air officials announced the transfer of the eastern division headquarters to Kansas City from Columbus, Ohio. They will be consolidated tomorrow with those of the western division.
- 9. Buses and street cars will be held downtown tonight until all midnight matinees are over about 2:00 a.m. and will then make a final trip to their various destinations. This service is a regular New Year's feature of the Transportation Company.