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 1934 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Wednesday, January 3, 1934
page 5.
Contract let for paving the diagonal road to the airport, 3.21 miles at cost of $99,513. Details.

Saturday, January 6, 1934
page 2.
Article reports public works administration grant of $16,000 and loan of $50,000 announced yesterday will allow completion of the airport administration building. The building at present is entirely enclosed with the windows in place. Steps for the main entrance remain to be built as well as the covered area leading to the taxi strips and completion of the interior of the building.

Sunday, January 7, 1934
page 1.
Article reports death yesterday of Wichita artist, John Noble, in New York from paraldehyde poisoning at age 59. Obituary.

5. Wages were paid to 4974 Civil Works Administration workers in Wichita in the past week.

12. Announcement made yesterday that the R. D. McKay Motor Company, 310 South Water, has been appointed Chrysler and Plymouth dealer in Wichita.

13. Photograph of administration building at municipal airport, exterior largely complete but interior not yet finished.

Tuesday, January 9, 1934
page 2.
City commission voted yesterday to permit Wichita Transportation Company to make three month trial of substituting bus service for street car service west of the Arkansas river. It is also planned to substitute buses for street cars on the Pattie and Cleveland lines. ¶ During this time no poles, lines or tracks will be removed.
3. Civil Works Administration program in the Wichita parks includes new curbs along the wooded roads of Oak Park, remodeling of Park Villa, and construction of a new building to house the toilet facilities now in Park Villa. Details.

Sunday, January 14, 1934
page 20. R. D. McKay Motor Company will move soon to new and larger quarters at 1214-20 East Douglas.

Monday, January 15, 1934
page 2. Aerial photographs of airport administration building and of new highway 81 overpass north of Wichita.

Thursday, January 18, 1934
page 5. Clyde V. Cessna was named president and general-manager of the Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday by a new board of directors elected at the annual stockholders’ meeting. Plans were laid for a resumption of activity in the Cessna company affairs. The company will be refinanced so to take care of such obligations as are outstanding. A new commercial model is in prospect this summer if business conditions continue to improve. The Cessna factory northeast of the municipal airport already is an active spot in the Wichita aviation industry, with sections leased to the Beech Aircraft Company and the Straughan Aircraft Company. Details.

Sunday, January 21, 1934
page 3. Photograph of Stearman’s new model 70 trainer.

9. Photograph of Wesley hospital.

Monday, January 22, 1934
page 8. Photograph of new home of Wichita Waster Paper Company, 123 South Rock Island.

Tuesday, January 23, 1934
page 2. Transcontinental & Western Air yesterday selected the 700 horsepower Wright Cyclone engines for its new fleet of 41 Douglas transport planes being built at a cost of $3,500,000.

5. Widening of Broadway is to start in February. Details.

Thursday, January 25, 1934
page 2. Duane Wallace (sic), son of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Wallace of Norwich, and a graduate of
the University of Wichita class of 1933, has received an appointment to the flying cadet corps of the army. Photograph. He majored in aeronautical engineering at college and is now employed at the Travel Air factory.

Sunday, January 28, 1934
page 5.

William M. Jardine, former secretary of agriculture and minister to Egypt, yesterday announced his acceptance of an offer to become president of the University of Wichita.


7. Photograph of a crowd in the Wichita theater.

Tuesday, January 30, 1934
page 3.

City commissioners yesterday gave final approval to Wichita Transportation Company’s plan to substitute buses for street cars on the Orient Shops and University lines west of the river and on the Pattie avenue line east of the river. It is a three month trial, but most observers think it will be permanent.

Contract let yesterday by city commission for construction of a bridge across Little river at 18th street for $15,210. It is to be a pile bridge with steel girders, a concrete deck, and a 30 foot roadway with five foot sidewalk on one side.

5. Article lists year of construction of Wichita schools:

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Thursday, February 1, 1934
page 3.
Article about George Choteau, said to be the first man appointed to be a mail carrier in Wichita, in 1886, when Colonel Marsh Murdock was postmaster and the post office was at 224 North Main. Later it was moved to the Garfield building. He is now 75. Photograph.

5.
Plans are now being drawn for a new sports stadium to be built on Payne’s pasture if Civil Works Administration funds become available. Details.

Saturday, February 3, 1934
page 5.

Sunday, February 4, 1934
page 21.
Article by Arch O’Bryant describes the importance of the livery stable in early towns.

Thursday, February 8, 1934
page 2.
Article describes plans for new athletic field to be built on Payne’s pasture, as drawn by engineer Godfrey Hartwell. Details. Cost to be about $60,000, paid by Civil Works Administration funds. To be of concrete stands with wooden seats. Twenty-three rows of seats, with total seating capacity of 6432. Temporary stands can be added along east side if necessary. Distance from home plate to eight foot fence to be 336 feet to left field foul line, 320 feet to right field foul line, and 360 feet to center field.
Friday, February 9, 1934
page
5. Vermillion Harris, died yesterday, age 56. Son of Kos Harris.

Saturday, February 10, 1934
page
1. Article reports government has canceled all air mail contracts effective February 19, and mail is to be flown by the army. Details.

13. Article gives details of bus route changes effective Sunday, February 11, including abandonment of Pattie avenue-Orient shops street car line and of the Friends university car line and the Cleveland avenue car line. Details. Kellogg and Harry street bus routes also changed.

Sunday, February 11, 1934
page
4. Article with some history and photograph of Hillside Christian church. Church organized February 12, 1922, basement finished September 2, 1923, and present building completed and dedicated November 26, 1926.

5. Fifteen street car motormen qualified yesterday for state chauffeur’s licenses to allow them to drive buses for the Wichita Transportation Company on the discontinued street car lines. Names listed.

12. J. Arch Butts and his son John Butts have taken over the Buick agency at 1520 East Douglas, across the street from his original organization at 1525 East Douglas.


21. Article about W. O. Mendenhall’s term as president of Friends University since he came there in August 1918. Enrollment in 1919 was 130, 175 in 1920, 202 in 1921, 244 in 1922, 360 in 1923, 410 in 1924, 477 in 1925, and 585 in 1926. In 1927 a limit was placed on the enrollment, and for several years the school had a waiting list. Details.

Monday, February 12, 1934
page
3. New Transcontinental & Western Air Douglas airliner arrived in Wichita yesterday carrying officials of the line and made several demonstration flights. On third flight the landing gear folded on landing, bending the propeller tips. Photograph -- plane is DC-2 “City of Los Angeles.”

Tuesday, February 13, 1934
page
2. Map of air mail lines to be taken over by the government.
Wednesday, February 14, 1934

5. Contract let yesterday for completion of the municipal airport administration building for $35,130, plus plumbing and electrical contracts for about $10,000. To be completed in 125 working days.

Friday, February 16, 1934

5. Note says Ackerman island project is about 80 percent done and Civil Works Administration employment will be reduced about ten percent each week from the full quota of 5000 heretofore.

Saturday, February 17, 1934

14. Article about Roosevelt’s cancellation of air mail contracts as illustration of his dramatic and personal way of doing things.

Sunday, February 18, 1934

2. Joe B. Riddle, secretary to Senator George McGill, is to become Wichita postmaster March 18, succeeding Bruce Griffith. Riddle served as postmaster here previously under President Wilson.

18. Service Supreme Grocers of Wichita have taken over the warehouse at 231-33 South St. Francis formerly owned by the old Dunn Mercantile Company. Details and photograph.

Sunday, February 18, 1934

page
Special Section
1-20-A. Automobile Show Week section, with announcements of new cars including Airflow Chrysler.

Tuesday, February 20, 1934

2. The old Federal building at Market and William is to be re-opened this week to house offices of the Civil Works Administration, the CWS, and the federal transient service. Only the basement and first two floors are to be occupied.

5. The entire United Air Lines system carried 8546 passengers during January, an increase of 70 percent over January 1933.

Wednesday, February 21, 1934

5. Transcontinental & Western Air will continue one transcontinental flight daily in each direction through Wichita despite loss of the air mail contract.
Thursday, February 22, 1934
page
5. Civil Works Administration workmen will start tearing down the street car bridge across the Big Arkansas river at Douglas avenue tomorrow. Details.

Friday, February 23, 1934
page
5. The reorganization of the Merchants Reserve State bank of Wichita, closed for nearly a year, has been approved by the state bank commissioner, and the bank will re-open for business March 1 at corner of Emporia and Douglas under the name of the Kansas State Bank of Wichita. Details. The old bank closed February 27, 1933.

Saturday, February 24, 1934
page
5. The United Air lines Boeings are maintaining the same schedule through Wichita as before the trouble with the air mail contracts.

Wednesday, February 28, 1934
page
2. Photograph of first of the new 225 horsepower utility model of Beechcraft biplane, which made its first flight yesterday and reached speed of 178 miles per hour.

Thursday, March 1, 1934
page
3. William M. Jardine becomes president of University of Wichita today.

5. The Kansas State Bank opens its doors today at Emporia and Douglas. Details.

Saturday, March 3, 1934
page
5. Article about the rough, muddy, unpaved roads on the University of Wichita campus.

The Wichita police department will open its new police station for business next Friday.

Experiment being tried in cutting out the traffic signal bells at several outlying traffic lights. If successful, they may be cut out at downtown intersections.

Sunday, March 4, 1934
page
3. Photograph of new police station.

5. Ground will be broken tomorrow for the new athletic field at Payne’s pasture. Details.
5. A new Cessna commercial plane, the C-34 model, will be brought out this spring. Construction on the first plane, powered with a 145 horsepower Warner motor, will start within two weeks.

6. Photograph of the Wichita Mattress Company at Indianapolis and Santa Fe.

Tuesday, March 6, 1934

5. Ground was broken yesterday for new athletic field at Payne’s pasture.

Friday, March 9, 1934

5. Word received yesterday that the public works administration has granted $23,900 for Wichita’s new art museum. Details.

Saturday, March 10, 1934

3. Drawing of Wichita’s planned new art museum, the first unit of which is to be started in about 30 days.

Sunday, March 11, 1934

8. Article giving history of Rorabaugh’s. It was started in the early spring of 1902 by A. O. Rorabaugh and W. B. Buck, who took over the stock and business of Cash Henderson, and opened their store in the Ross building, 119 North Main. Subsequently Mr. Buck’s sons J. W., and W. P. Buck, became active in the business in 1909 and 1914 respectively.

19. Photograph of crowd in Arcadia theater.

3-A. Aerial photograph of University of Wichita buildings.

Saturday, March 17, 1934

5. The Beech Aircraft Company yesterday leased from the Curtiss-Wright Corporation the Travel Air factory and hangar on East Central and will move into the larger quarters within a few weeks. The Beech company will need more room than is available at the Cessna factory on East Pawnee where they share the building with the Cessna and the Straughan Aircraft companies. The Travel Air factory has been idle except for one wing since it was closed down by the Curtiss-Wright corporation three years ago.

Sunday, March 18, 1934

26. Photograph of Plymouth cars in front of Wichita police department. Eight new ones have been sold to the department.
Monday, March 19, 1934
1. Article reports oil strike yesterday eight miles southwest of Wichita. Details. It’s north of Schulte (map March 20 on page 3).

5. Charles S. Lawrence named president of Sedgwick County Pioneer Society to succeed John P. Davidson.

Wednesday, March 21, 1934
5. Paving on the diagonal road to the airport will start today. Building of two small bridges will precede actual laying of the slab.

12. Small United Air Lines advertisement. Fare $12 to Kansas City, $37 to Chicago, and $84.95 to New York.

Saturday, March 24, 1934
5. Construction of the new bridge over the Little Arkansas river on 21st street was started yesterday. The old bridge has been condemned and its piling will be pulled. The new bridge will be 400 feet long with ten 40 foot spans resting on wood pile, with framework of steel I beams and a redwood laminated flooring. Width will be 24 feet.

16. City commission is considering a plan to use metal stop signs placed in the parking instead of rubber flap stop signs for through streets in Wichita.

Sunday, March 25, 1934
3. Three bronze disc bench marks have been placed in Wichita the past two days by a member of the United States coast and geodetic survey. The official Wichita benchmark has been placed on the west bank of the Big Arkansas river just north of the Douglas avenue bridge in a cut limestone base implanted in the ground. Another benchmark is in the granite slab on the steps at the west entrance of the federal building at 3rd and Main. The third disc has been placed at the intersection of the Midland Valley and the old Orient Railroad tracks on the west bank of the river.

Monday, March 26, 1934
2. Photograph of the start of Wichita’s new athletic stadium at Payne’s pasture -- under construction by Civil Works Administration workers. First unit will seat approximately 3600.

5. City planning commission recommends a series of low dams in the Big Arkansas river to keep it filled with water in the city, rather than one big dam toward the south limits.
8. Photograph of Tupelo, Mississippi girls basketball team in front of Frisco locomotive No. 1100 at union station.

**Thursday, March 29, 1934**

6. Floor plan of Wichita’s new police station and jail.

**Friday, March 30, 1934**

5. In an administrative change, the CWA (Civil Works Administration) relief workers will be switched over on Monday to the FERA (Federal Emergency Relief Administration).

8. Friends University board of trustees yesterday definitely rejected any merger with the University of Wichita and are planning a fund drive to make the school permanently independent. Details.

9. A crushed stone road has been constructed along the west bank of the Arkansas river from Seneca to Maple, and eventually a paved roadway will be built along this route. Workmen today will be placing ornamental concrete light posts along the west bank of the river also between Seneca and Maple.

**Sunday, April 1, 1934**

4. Joe Riddle succeeded Colonel Bruce Griffith as Wichita postmaster today.

**Monday, April 2, 1934**

5. Yesterday was second anniversary of the inauguration of United Air Lines’ Overnight Flier, passenger service from Chicago to Texas via Wichita. Passenger planes on this route have flown over 2,000,000 miles and completed 95 percent of schedules.

**Thursday, April 5, 1934**

2. Completion of the airport administration building is expected to start April 16.

3. Walter Beech is planning to move back to the Travel Air plant in about two weeks. Clyde V. Cessna soon will be located again in the original Cessna plant for construction of new planes.

**Saturday, April 7, 1934**

2. Wichita’s United States customs port of entry, established in October 1930, has been closed by executive order of President Roosevelt on March 7 and effective 30 days after that date.
Sunday, April 8, 1934

1. Philip G. Johnson, president of United Aircraft and Transport corporation, has proposed immediate reorganization of the company and separation of air lines from manufacturing subsidiaries so that United Air Lines system will be in a position to bid for air mail contracts. Details.

Sunday, April 8, 1934

Special Section

1-12-A. Special section for Builders of Wichita pageant with early Wichita photographs including first jail, now at 12th and Main, and special articles. Pageant to be tomorrow evening at Forum.

Monday, April 9, 1934

5. Shop work has started on the new model Cessna commercial plane to be brought out this summer.

Tuesday, April 10, 1934

3. City commission yesterday laid aside plans to extend Waterman street east across the canal and through the grounds of Wichita high school East. Details.

Report of “Builders of Wichita” pageant last night.

5. Schuyler Crawford elected mayor last night.

Wednesday, April 11, 1934

5. Dr. David M. Edwards has accepted presidency of Friends University as successor to Dr. W. O. Mendenhall, who resigned some time ago to become president of Whittier college in California. Details.

Thursday, April 12, 1934

2. Article reports bad dust storms in Wichita yesterday.

Friday, April 13, 1934

5. Work is to start Monday on completion of airport administration building. Details.

Sunday, April 15, 1934

5. The Central avenue crossing of the Union Terminal Railroad tracks was reopened
yesterday after replacement of the bumpy brick interspacing of the tracks with modern asphalt paving. The street has been closed for more than two weeks while the repairs were made.

6. The Wichita Cab company, which started with seven cabs on November 26, 1933, now after six months has 33 cabs.

25. Article about Civil Works Administration improvements in Wichita parks with photographs. Includes widening and stone curbing of the drive through Oak Park, formerly a narrow drive.

Saturday, April 21, 1934
page 5. Contract let yesterday for construction of the Sara Blair Case memorial building at First Presbyterian church. Excavation to start today. Glen Thomas is architect. Details.

Saturday, April 28, 1934
page 1. United Air Lines officials said yesterday that service on the Chicago to Dallas run would be discontinued unless the post-office department accepted its bid for the air mail contract over that route. The United bid was 39½ cents per plane mile for 35 cubic feet whereas Braniff Airways, Inc. submitted a figure of 22½ cents.

Sunday, April 29, 1934
page 13. Article about the cafeterias in Wichita high schools and intermediate schools. They feed approximately 7500 on school days. Details. Meal cost about 15-20 cents.

Monday, April 30, 1934
page 5. New Interurban shops have been constructed and the Arkansas Valley Interurban has moved into its new quarters. Workmen are busy tearing down the old shops which stand on ground which soon will be river bed as a part of the Ackerman island project. The Ackerman island project will last most of the summer.

The Missouri Pacific crew is busy now building a new steel bridge across the Arkansas river north of the Douglas avenue bridge.

Wednesday, May 2, 1934
page 5. Article about a trial flight of the new Transcontinental & Western Air Northrop Delta plane Monday night. It is soon to be put into service. Capacity of eight passengers.

Friday, May 4, 1934
page
1. Fifteen temporary air mail contracts were awarded yesterday including the Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc. bid for the air mail route from Newark to Los Angeles. No decision yet on the Chicago to Dallas route.

Saturday, May 5, 1934
2. Post-office department yesterday approved the low bid of the 22½ cents per airplane mile by Braniff Airways, Inc., of Oklahoma City, for the air mail route from Chicago to Dallas.

Wednesday, May 9, 1934

Friday, May 11, 1934
7. First flight of new model 17-J Beechcraft was made yesterday. Powered by 690 horsepower Wright Cyclone giving top speed of 240-250 miles per hour. Photograph. Flight was at the Beechcraft company field on East Central.

Saturday, May 12, 1934
11. Edward Tihen, nine year old pupil in Miss Belle Jane Rackley’s fifth grade room at Riverside school, addressed the sixth graders of Longfellow school yesterday on Vienna.

Sunday, May 13, 1934
5. Transcontinental & Western Air resumes its coast-to-coast air mail service through Wichita at midnight tonight. The line is also restoring its daily “Sky Chief” flight, only one flight a day, the “Comet,” having been operated during the cancellation of the air mail contracts. ¶ For the present the flights will be operated with 12 passenger tri-motored Fords, until the new Douglas air liners are delivered and placed in service in about six or eight weeks.

10. United Air Lines will make its final flights tonight on the Kansas City to Dallas portion of the Chicago to Dallas route. The route is being abandoned because of failure to obtain the new air mail contract. Details.

19. Campaign to start tomorrow for $10,000 building fund for the Wichita Home for the Aged. New permanent home is to be built on a ten acre tract at Kincaid and South Broadway, to replace the present rented house at 1041 North Waco which can accommodate only 12 elderly women.

Monday, May 14, 1934
5. The first Transcontinental & Western Air westbound mail plane to resume the air mail
service landed here at 11:30 p.m. yesterday.

United Air Lines will abandon its Wichita base today, the north and south bound flights early this morning being the last flown though here by the line’s familiar twin-engined Boeings.

Thursday, May 17, 1934
page
5. Stearman Aircraft company has received a contract for 41 planes to be built for the United States Navy.

Friday, May 18, 1934
page
3. The first Braniff Airways air mail plane operating the new Chicago to Dallas air mail contract arrived at the Wichita municipal airport at 12:55 a.m. today en route from Dallas to Chicago. The south bound plane was due here at 3:20 a.m. For the present only mail will be carried, but later on, passenger and express service is expected.

Tuesday, May 22, 1934
page
5. KFH has finally won its fight to obtain full time on the air. The appeal of station WOQ in Kansas City, which has had two-sevenths of the time of the same wavelength, was not accepted by the United States Supreme Court for hearing, thus ending the station’s three year battle to obtain full time on the air. Details.

Wednesday, May 23, 1934
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9. Photograph of the Straughan Ford-engined biplane, recently licensed by the Department of Commerce, and now being placed on the market by the Straughan Aircraft corporation of Wichita. Price is $990 freight on board Wichita. Details.

Thursday, May 24, 1934
page
8. Plans announced yesterday for reorganization of the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation. Three new corporations are to be formed: the United Air Lines Transport Corporation; United Aircraft, to include the eastern manufacturing units including Chance-Vought, Hamilton Standard, and Sikorsky; and the Boeing Airplane Company will become the Boeing Aircraft Company and take over the present Boeing concern and the Stearman Aircraft company. A stockholders meeting on June 20 will consider the plan.

Friday, May 25, 1934
page
5. Plans for a new bridge over the Little river at 11th to replace the present flimsy and narrow structure will be presented to the city commission by city manager Bert Wells soon. Details.
Tuesday, June 5, 1934
page 3. Article reports concert by Kathleen Kersting at Forum last night.

Wednesday, June 6, 1934
page 5. Two hundred acres of wheat was cut Monday and Tuesday on the Will Schweiter farm, corner of Hillside and Harry. Photographs on June 7, page 2.

Thursday, June 7, 1934
page 12. Photograph of one of the new Santa Fe Trail system motor coaches now in service from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Sunday, June 10, 1934
page 1-A. Photographs of East and North and Cathedral high schools.

Wednesday, June 13, 1934
page 8. Photograph of new 18th street bridge nearing completion.

Thursday, June 14, 1934
page 5. The lengthened 2nd street bridge over Big Arkansas river was opened to traffic yesterday. The former west channel is gone and the west bridge has been surrounded by dirt up to the floor.

Saturday, June 16, 1934
page 8. Photograph of the improved and enlarged Ladd’s Market, 2323 East Central, which holds its formal opening today.

Sunday, June 17, 1934
page 13. Small photograph of the Steel Hardware Company store at William and Market.

Monday, June 18, 1934
page 1. Aerial photograph of the completed railroad overpass north of Wichita, which was opened last week.

Tuesday, June 19, 1934
page 3. The three mile diagonal airport boulevard from intersection of Lincoln and Poplar will be
open for traffic in about 30 days.

6. Resolution for construction of a bridge over Little river at 11th street was placed on first reading by city commission yesterday.

Saturday, June 23, 1934

1. Photographs of Service Supreme grocers including C. A. Dine and C. B. Sapp, at 1037 Porter.

Sunday, June 24, 1934


24. Photograph of Steel Hardware Company, William and Market.

Article about increased travel on Southern Kansas Stage Lines says the Santa Fe Trail System is controlled by Southern Kansas Stage Lines.

Monday, June 25, 1934

1. Article reports Jack Russell, 19, killed yesterday in glider crash at Travel Air field on East Central.

Tuesday, June 26, 1934

2. Workmen yesterday were pouring concrete on the third floor of the Sara Blair Case memorial building of First Presbyterian church.

Sunday, July 1, 1934


Article about water pumping at Wichita. Record month was July 1930 with 448,000,000 gallons. Record day, in that month, was 21,000,000 gallons.

3. Aerial photograph of ponds at northwest corner of municipal airport. Surrounding fields empty.

23. Article about the first graduate class of Wichita High School. Details.

Monday, July 2, 1934

1. Article reports death yesterday of former Senator Chester I. Long in Washington, D.C.,
at age 73. Photograph and obituary.

2. Photograph of new athletic stadium at Sycamore and Maple under construction.

**Tuesday, July 3, 1934**

2. List of teachers by schools for coming year.

3. Article says new athletic stadium will probably be named after Robert E. Lawrence, Wichita pioneer.

**Saturday, July 7, 1934**

7. The new 18th street bridge is to be opened July 15. Work on the new bridge at 11th street will not start until September.

**Monday, July 9, 1934**

2. Aerial photograph of municipal airport buildings from west.

3. Photograph of miniature train at Sandy Beach.

**Tuesday, July 10, 1934**

2. City commissioners yesterday named the new athletic plant at Sycamore and Maple in honor of Wichita pioneer Robert Lawrence.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1934**

1. Article reports death yesterday of Wichita pioneer A. W. Bitting at age 88. Photograph and obituary.

**Friday, July 13, 1934**

1. Article reports death of Otto Schweiter yesterday at age 52.

**Sunday, July 15, 1934**


10. Chevrolet Motor Company has re-opened its zone office in Wichita after an absence of two years. Located at 300 West Murdock. Photograph.

**Tuesday, July 17, 1934**
3. Transcontinental & Western Air will inaugurate a new round trip flight between New York and Kansas City tomorrow using its new 14 passenger Douglas airliners. The transcontinental flights will continue to be flown with Ford trimotors.

Article says Santa Fe Trail bus system has just received six new 31 passenger coaches from General Motors corporation for use between Chicago and California beginning July 18 on “The Century Express,” a twin run to the famous “Santa Fe Trail Limited.” Photograph.

Sunday, July 22, 1934
page 3. The new 18th street bridge will be opened and dedicated tomorrow. It has been named Ferrell bridge by city commission in honor of Lloyd Ferrell, who homesteaded much of the land in the area.

5. Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds are now available to add another section to the Lawrence stadium, which will add 700 seats to the present 3600, just completed, giving a total of 4300. Work will start at once.

13. Hypatia club has purchased the former J. H. Butts residence at 1215 North Lawrence from the owner, S. M. Swope. Photograph.

19. Photograph of front of Southwestern Osteopathic Sanitarium.


Monday, July 23, 1934
page 3. Photograph of new Ferrell bridge, at 18th street, to be dedicated this evening.

Tuesday, July 24, 1934
page 2. Photograph of new stadium at Lawrence field.

3. Article reports opening and dedication of new Ferrell bridge over Little river at 18th street last evening. Says Lloyd Ferrell bought the land south of 17th and west of the river and platted it into the fourth addition. He built the first bridge across the Little river at 17th street at his own expense as he developed the area. The flood of 1904 swept out the bridge, and a new one was then built at 18th street with George Bradford the contractor.

5. Engineering work has started on a new two place cabin monoplane to be brought out this fall by the Swallow Aircraft Company it was announced yesterday by Edwin Christopher, president.

Thursday, July 26, 1934
The city yesterday applied with Federal Emergency Relief Administration for $12,000 to be spent for labor in construction of a bridge across the Little river at 11th street. The city’s share would be about $25,000, making a total cost of about $37,000. Plans drawn call for a concrete bridge, making it more expensive than the one just completed at 18th street.

Friday, July 27, 1934

Article reports death yesterday of Almon E. Dodge, 88, Wichita pioneer who with two brothers homesteaded 160 acres each in what is now West Wichita. Details. Dodge avenue, on the West Side, is named in honor of Mr. Dodge.

Sunday, July 29, 1934

On August 1st, Transcontinental & Western Air will inaugurate the first overnight coast-to-coast passenger service using its new 200 miles per hour Douglas planes. West bound flight will stop only at Chicago, Kansas City, and Albuquerque, with east bound flight also stopping at Pittsburgh.

Sunday, July 29, 1934

Special section for Eagle’s 62nd anniversary. Article with history of the Eagle.

Photographs in Wichita parks. Includes one of boat house.

Photograph of Sedgwick County courthouse.

Cardinal Stage Lines advertisement.

Article with history of Forum. Photograph includes Arcadia.

Article by Hortense Balderston Campbell about the early military post in Wichita.

Article by David Leahy giving recollections about Colonel Marsh Murdock.

Photographs of Wichita churches.

Article says report by Wichita Chamber of Commerce says Wichita is in danger of losing its mass transportation system unless something is done to put the ten cent taxicabs on a basis of equality with the street cars and buses. Details. ¶ Says gross revenue of Wichita Transportation Company has fallen off from $681,904 in 1931 to $368,645 in 1933. Last year the company reported a deficit of $107,590. There are six taxicab companies with approximately 175 cabs, in addition to the Yellow Cab company, which operates metered
cabs on a higher fare basis.

Photograph of Friends University.

10-C. Article gives history of telephone company in Wichita. Began on October 6, 1881 as the Merchants Telephone and Telegraph Company of Kansas and Missouri. First exchange was at 130 North Market. Details.

6-D. Photographs of Wichita hospitals.

7-D. Photograph of Lawrence stadium under construction.

8-D. Photographs of Wichita educational buildings.

Monday, July 30, 1934

3. On Wednesday the Southern Kansas Stage Lines and the Cardinal Stage Lines effect mergers placing both firms practically under one management. The Santa Fe Trail system is placed in the position of being the largest single system under one management in the country. (Details are unclear.)

Tuesday, July 31, 1934

3. City commissioners yesterday called for bids on repaving of Douglas from Waco to the Midland Valley tracks. The street car tracks will be ripped up.

Saturday, August 4, 1934

6. Article reports dedication of the new Lawrence Athletic field last evening. Details.

Tuesday, August 7, 1934

2. City commissioners yesterday approved estimate of $24,914 for new bridge over Little river at 11th street and set August 20 as date for opening bids. ¶ Contract was let for repaving Douglas from Waco to Midland Valley tracks.

3. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

Wednesday, August 8, 1934

1. Proposed new ordinance for control and regulation of taxicabs in Wichita was defeated by voters yesterday by about 12,492 against to 8407 for.

Thursday, August 9, 1934

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2. City commissioners yesterday voted to levy 11 mills on assessed valuation of $110,780,000 for 1935, up from 10.82 mills in 1934. The board of education levy has been set at 15.38 mills and board of regents of Wichita University at 1.75 mills. County and state have yet to set their levies.

Friday, August 10, 1934

1. Editorial saying the street car has been outmoded in cities the size of Wichita. There should be a reorganization of the transportation system and the over-capitalized street car company of the old days should be wiped off the books and its place taken by a bus system capitalized at a reasonable figure which will permit buses to operate at a five cent fare.

3. Completion of the first of the new C-34 Cessna commercial planes was announced yesterday by Clyde Cessna. First flight will be today or Saturday. Details.

Saturday, August 11, 1934

5. First flight of new Cessna C-34 was made yesterday.

7. Photograph of Teed’s Food Market, Hydraulic and Kellogg.

Sunday, August 12, 1934

15. Transcontinental & Western Air will place its new high speed Douglas transports on its transcontinental route between New York and Los Angeles next Wednesday, August 15, replacing the present trimotor Ford equipment. Details.

Tuesday, August 14, 1934

2. General offices of the White Castle system are now being moved from Wichita to Columbus, Ohio. Details.

Thursday, August 16, 1934

3. First flight of new Transcontinental & Western Air Douglas airliner through Wichita is to arrive at 7:07 a.m. today traveling east.

Friday, August 17, 1934

3. Article reports first arrival in Wichita yesterday of Transcontinental & Western Air’s new twin motored Douglas airliners. Details.

Sunday, August 19, 1934

5. A new Transcontinental & Western Air airliner now being delivered from the Douglas
factory will be christened “City of Wichita” at a ceremony at municipal airport, probably next Sunday.

Tuesday, August 21, 1934
page 2. City commission opened bids yesterday on building new 11th Street bridge. All were over the estimate of $21,928, so the city manager was ordered to build the bridge. Contract for driving the piling was let to Central Construction company for $4500.

Sunday, August 26, 1934
page 2. Transcontinental & Western Air airliner “City of Wichita” is to be christened today at municipal airport.

24. Advertisement with photograph of Van’s Barbecue Stand, newly opened, at 2111 East Central.

Monday, August 27, 1934
page 1. Photograph of christening yesterday of Transcontinental & Western Air plane “City of Wichita.” Article with details.

Tuesday, August 28, 1934
page 3. McLean boulevard, from Maple to West Central, will be opened to traffic this week when the Douglas avenue bridge re-paving is completed. It will be oiled from Maple to Seneca, and the section from Seneca to West Central has been sanded.

Friday, August 31, 1934
page 5. The 11th Street bridge was closed yesterday morning for the start of work on replacing the old rickety pile structure with a new concrete bridge.

Saturday, September 1, 1934
page 3. Taxi strip approximately 400 by 200 feet near the airport administration building is to be built immediately. Contract let yesterday for the concrete taxi strip for $7728.

Sunday, September 2, 1934
page 3. Article reports death yesterday of Miss Julia Steinbuchel, 84, of well known Wichita pioneer family. Brothers Max, Herman, Leopold and Carl are dead, as is sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Steinbuchel Gorges. One sister, Miss Johanna Steinbuchel, and one brother, Louis, survive. Family came to United States from Cologne, Germany in late 1877 and arrived in Wichita January 1, 1878. For the next 20 years they lived on a farm west of
Wichita, moving permanently to the city in 1898.

Friday, September 7, 1934
page 3.

The city is developing McLean park, just north of Douglas and immediately west of the river. It will have two illuminated fountains.

Saturday, September 8, 1934
page 5.

Total mill levy for 1935 in Wichita will be 37 mills, including schools 15.3875, city 11.00, county 6.8025, state 2.06, and Wichita University 1.75.

Sunday, September 9, 1934
page 23.

Advertisement for Santa Fe Trail System says there are six buses to Hutchinson daily: 7:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:20 p.m., and 1:00 a.m., with fare 95 cents. Seven buses to Salina with fare $2.00.

Tuesday, September 11, 1934
page 3.

Morris Chuzy has signed a lease on a store location at 135 North Broadway and will move there in a few days from his present grocery store location at 122 South Broadway.

Thursday, September 13, 1934
page 2.

Contract for new art museum, a Public Works Administration project, was let yesterday by park commissioners to Hahner and Foreman Construction Company. General contract is $54,709, plus plumbing and heating of $8200 and electrical of $2149. The government grant will be about $20,000, and the board of park commission has $58,000. The wings will not be built at this time. Work will start in about three weeks.

Sunday, September 16, 1934
page 5.

Article reports negotiations under way for a group of local investors to purchase complete control of the Wichita Transportation Company, now understood to be in the original holding company, the North American Light and Power Company. Details.

Ground will be broken tomorrow for the first unit of the new Phyllis Wheatley home for colored children, to cost $10,000, house 60 children, and to be located at 9th and Mathewson. The home was organized here in 1920 and a few years later obtained quarters at 808 East 13th, but the old building recently was condemned by the city building inspector. To be ready for occupancy by January 1.

15. Drawing of new art museum.
Monday, September 17, 1934

The Straughan Aircraft Corporation, of Wichita, was sold over the weekend to Mark Kleedon, president of Black Gold Refining Company of Oklahoma City. The company will be moved to Oklahoma City. It has been in receivership for several weeks. When the company last summer obtained a license for its plane from the department of commerce, it moved from the old Cessna plant, where it’s development work was carried on for almost three years, to the old Yellow Air Cab factory. Details.

Concrete has been poured on two new sections to Lawrence stadium, and workmen are now constructing the third. Seating capacity at time of the Kansas amateur baseball tournament in August was 3600. The three new sections contain 700 seats each, giving the stadium a total capacity of 5700.

Federal Emergency Relief Administration workers have torn the old 11th street bridge down. Construction of the new bridge will start in a week or so.

About 100 Federal Emergency Relief Administration workers are now engaged on Ackerman island, mainly in construction of curb and gutter along the drives.

Tuesday, September 18, 1934

Article saying that in the reorganization of the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation, the Stearman Aircraft company is to be a subsidiary of the Boeing Airplane company of Seattle, but will retain its name and build its own line of planes. Details.

Thursday, September 20, 1934

Contract let yesterday by Southern Kansas Stage Lines company for erection of a modern bus station at corner of Broadway and William for approximately $20,000. Work will start immediately after buildings on the site are razed. New terminal to be completed by December 3. To be two stories, 25 by 120 feet, in center of area 140 by 140 feet, giving room for buses on both sides of the structure.

Friday, September 21, 1934

Article reports sudden death yesterday of Charles S. Lawrence, 55, city commissioner and former mayor. Obituary. Survivors include sons Ewing and Robert E., and daughter, Louise.

Saturday, September 22, 1934

Photograph of Gillenwater Coffee company, 249 West Douglas.
Sunday, September 23, 1934
page 26.
Photograph of Allen Godnett’s new tire service store at 1st and St. Francis.

Tuesday, September 25, 1934
page 5.
City commission yesterday agreed to purchase additional right-of-way to make 80 foot width required by state highway commission, which will then pave East Kellogg from Crest Way (sic) to the Veterans’ hospital.

City commission yesterday approved the contract signed between the board of park commissioners and the Wichita Art association for the operation of the art museum.

Friday, September 28, 1934
page 3.
City manager Bert Wells estimates cost of first class job of repaving streets of Wichita if street railway tracks are taken up would be $225,000. There are 33 track miles of street railway in Wichita.

8.
Photograph of old house of boom days formerly located at 2nd and Wichita, moved yesterday to temporary location at Central and Broadway to be publicly renovated to create interest in modernizing homes. Better photograph of same house September 30, page 20, said to be former residence of Colonel Toler.

Wednesday, October 3, 1934
page 2.
Article reports death yesterday of Joseph Ackerman, 94, at 1443 North Lawrence where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Sproat. Came to Wichita in 1886 and operated a packing plant for four years until it was wiped out by a disastrous fire. At this time he bought the island in the Big Arkansas river north of Douglas, which still bears his name. Planned a new packing plant there, but 1891 depression prevented him from launching it.

Thursday, October 4, 1934
page 5.
Excavation started yesterday for the new Art Museum at Pine and River Boulevard.

Sunday, October 7, 1934
page 22.
Photograph of lighthouse service station at 1st and Water, which is now the D. A. Winters station No. 4.

Friday, October 12, 1934
page 1.
The Sheets block at southeast corner of Market and Douglas was sold yesterday to the Midco Building and Investment Company (directors listed) of Wichita for $150,000 by the
estate of William Liggett, of California, who bought it from W. R. Tucker and O. C. Daisy on August 2, 1902 for $50,000. Building has 50 foot frontage on Douglas and 120 feet on Market.

Sunday, October 14, 1934
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1. Article reports banquet at Lassen hotel last night in honor of Lewis W. Clapp’s many years of civic leadership. Details.

Monday, October 15, 1934
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5. The concrete taxi apron in front of the new administration building at municipal airport was finished last week. Photograph of the building behind it.

Wednesday, October 17, 1934
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3. Photograph of 11th Street bridge under construction. Driving of piles largely completed and a coffer dam is to be installed next.

Photograph of new Wichita Home for the Aged, nearing completion at Kinkaid and South Broadway.

5. Article gives the eulogy for L. W. Clapp given by David D. Leahy at recent banquet in Mr. Clapp’s honor.

Friday, October 19, 1934
page
3. Two Transcontinental & Western Air Douglas airliners and one Eastern Air Lines Douglas en route from Los Angeles and New York were at Wichita airport at same time yesterday along with a Transcontinental & Western Air eastbound Northrop mail plane.

Tuesday, October 23, 1934
page
2. The W-W Feed Grinder corporation has vacated its old quarters on West 2nd street in favor of a new location at 311-15-19 South Wichita in order to be located where it could more easily be located by the farm trade.

Friday, October 26, 1934
page
5. Article reports discussion yesterday between city officials and Wichita Transportation Company about the proposal to discontinue street cars and substitute buses on all lines. No decisions reached. Details. Question of cost of removal of tracks and repaving of streets is a stumbling block. City officials were taken for ride on a new type of General Motors bus being considered for Wichita.
Sunday, October 28, 1934

Tuesday, October 30, 1934
page 5. City commission yesterday appointed committee of Bert Wells, city manager, P. L. Brockway, city engineer, and Vincent Hiebsch, city attorney, to confer with Wichita Transportation Company on proposal to change Wichita’s transportation system to all bus system.

7. New type 20 passenger Mack bus was demonstrated yesterday to Wichita Transportation company and to city officials. Details.

Friday, November 2, 1934
page 5. Article reports annual meeting of stockholders of Stearman Aircraft company. J. E. Schaefer was re-elected president. Details.

Friday, November 9, 1934
page 5. Article about plans for two memorial columns for McLean memorial park in honor of policemen and firemen who have lost their lives in line of duty. Details. (These plans differ from the memorial actually built.)

Sunday, November 11, 1934
page 6-A. Photograph of old Root and Schermerhorn livery stable in first block of South Market in 1901.

Tuesday, November 13, 1934
page 3. Article says new method of casting sections 12 by 15 feet in size and then erecting them as sides for the city’s new material and equipment building just south of 2nd street on what was once part Ackerman island and part bed of the river is being used. Building to be 60 by 200 feet. Details.

Sunday, November 18, 1934
page 2. Announced yesterday that the extensive properties of the Otto Weiss Milling Company here have been purchased by the Ralston Purina Company of St. Louis. The site runs 617 feet north of 13th street east of the union terminal tracks. Details. Photograph.

3. Photograph of new art museum in early stage of construction.
Tuesday, November 20, 1934
page 5. Proposed franchise ordinance which provides for scrapping the street car system in favor of buses and a fare of five cents, providing 25 cents worth of tokens are purchased, was placed on first reading by city commission yesterday. Details.

Thursday, November 22, 1934
page 2. Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds for construction of 1500 bleacher seats and for a roof over two more sections of Lawrence stadium were approved yesterday. The portable bleacher seats will rest directly in front of the grandstand, giving a total capacity of 8500, including 4000 seats under roof.

Sunday, November 25, 1934
page 3. The Arotex company, manufacturer of business uniforms, is moving from its location at 573 West Douglas to larger quarters at 201 North Waco. Company is headed by F. Russell Jump and closed the lease last week.

Tuesday, November 27, 1934
page 3. Long article about discussion of new Wichita Transportation Company franchise in city commission yesterday. Details.

Sunday, December 2, 1934
page 5. A through city highway on the banks of the canal is being considered as a public works relief project here during the winter.

14. A second Ford agency will be added in Wichita. The new company, Ferguson-Olander Company, is owned by C. E. Olander and W H. Ferguson, who have been doing business in Oklahoma City for eight years. The company will be temporarily located at 1329 East Douglas, former location for Stretch and Strain, Nash dealers.

20. Photograph of KFH broadcasting station on East Central.

Tuesday, December 4, 1934
page 3. City commissioners yesterday voted to change the name of Beal to 11th street, which is the first step to get streets in Riverside to conform with names on the east side of the river.

5. The new building of the Wichita Home for the Aged was occupied yesterday, with residents being moved from the old home at 1040 North Waco.

Friday, December 7, 1934
2. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines company will move into its new depot at corner of William and Broadway next Wednesday and will be ready for buses at midnight that night, D. E. Sauder, president, announced yesterday. The following Saturday offices of the company will be moved from 2nd and Main to the remodeled building at 419 West 2nd.

Ordinance now before city commission will rationalize a number of Wichita street names. The portion of 13th street west of Little River, now known as Parker, is proposed to be named Minisa Way. Beal will be changed to 11th. Carey will become 17th. The street south of Little River from Wiley to Litchfield will be called West River Boulevard. The west bank of the Little River from Briggs to Parker will be known as North River Boulevard. Other changes listed.

5. Article about further discussion by city commission yesterday of proposed new franchise for Wichita Transportation Company. Details. City demanded that five new buses be put into service immediately (five new buses have been ordered), 15 more within six months, and 20 more within a year, making total of 40.

Sunday, December 9, 1934

1. Article reports death of Wichita pioneer and property owner Henry Schnitzler yesterday, age 69. Survivors include two sons, Henry, Jr. and F. W., and a daughter, Mrs. Albertina Powell.

3. Buildings of the old Stearman Aircraft plant, directly north of the Bridgeport Machine Company, were purchased yesterday by the Rotary Farm Equipment Company, a new Wichita corporation, William C. Edwards, Jr., president, which will build combines there. The two larger buildings are 80 by 254 feet and 60 by 245 feet, with total floor space of 56,000 square feet. Photograph.

4. Piers for the new 11th street bridge have all been poured except for a couple in the middle of the river.

14. Advertisement says the new Ferguson-Olander Ford dealership is now open.

Sunday, December 9, 1934

Special section

1-5-B. Special section about opening of the new Santa Fe Trail System bus depot at William and Broadway next Wednesday. Details and photograph. Says 114 passenger buses arrive and depart daily at the Wichita Union Bus station. New office building, 419 West 2nd, also to be opened.

3-B. Photograph of bus.
5-B. Article with history of Southern Kansas Stage Lines.

Sunday, December 9, 1934
page Rotogravure
Missouri Pacific freight locomotive 1908 coming into Wichita yards (photograph).

Monday, December 10, 1934
page 5. When materials arrive, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration project will pave McLean Boulevard from Seneca to Maple with asphalt.

Tuesday, December 11, 1934
page 2. More discussion by city commission yesterday of proposed new Wichita Transportation Company franchise. Details.

Wednesday, December 12, 1934
page 2. Formal opening of new bus depot at William and Broadway is to be held today, but first schedules to arrive and depart will be at midnight. Details.

Thursday, December 13, 1934
page 3. Article reports formal opening of new Santa Fe Trail System bus depot yesterday. Details.

Sunday, December 16, 1934
page 1. Article reports death yesterday of L. W. Clapp at age 76. Photograph and obituary. Came to Wichita in 1886. Survived by two sons, Robert and Marc, and two daughters, Mrs. Winn Holmes and Mrs. Willbert Millison.

Tuesday, December 18, 1934
page 3. City commissioners yesterday placed on first reading a resolution calling for construction of a new concrete bridge to replace the old bridge over Little river at Bitting.

Saturday, December 22, 1934
page 2. Article reports another discussion by city commission yesterday of proposed new franchise for Wichita Transportation Company. Details.

   City commission yesterday passed the ordinance changing the names of a number of streets, except that they did not change the name of Parker and Stanley to Minisa Way.
Sunday, December 23, 1934

18. Photograph of one of the new buses which will be placed in operation Christmas morning on the East Kellogg and West Douglas line (Yellow Coach, probably 21 passenger, number not visible).

Sunday, December 30, 1934

19. Article by David D. Leahy with reminiscences about Carry Nation.