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 1936 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Wednesday, January 1, 1936
page
5. License tags sold in Sedgwick County in 1935 set a new record, with 36,706 cars and 5,853 trucks. Also 55 motorcycles.

Thursday, January 2, 1936
page
1. O. F. Sullivan yesterday announced plans to build a new theater on West Side at Osage and Douglas at cost of about $60,000. Seating capacity 1,000. Construction to start in February. To be named the Civic theater. Details.

Saturday, January 4, 1936
page
5. Overhead traffic signals are to be replaced immediately with the new corner signals at three intersections, Hillside and Douglas, Central and Broadway, and Seneca and Douglas.

6. Beginning January 20, buses of the Wichita Transportation Company, will cross the intersection to load on the far side in the downtown area.

Sunday, January 5, 1936
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5. Since first of the year the TWA crews have been re-designated as Captain and First Officer instead of pilot and co-pilot.

Tuesday, January 7, 1936
page
5. The old American State Bank building at southwest corner of Topeka and Douglas was sold yesterday to Lon H. Powell by trustees of the Merchants State Bank and the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company for approximately $75,000. Building was erected in 1889 and has 75 feet frontage on Douglas and 125 feet on Topeka. It adjoins the Gill building on the east, owned by the I. W. Gill estate. Photo.
6. The new murals were set in place last night on the walls at either end of the lobby of the post office. They were painted as a Public Works Administration project by Harold Lockwood, Kansas artist.

12. Officials of Wichita Transportation Company yesterday asked the city to transfer the franchise from the present company, known as the Sedgwick Loan and Investment Company, to the Wichita Transportation Corporation, a firm that will be chartered today. The firm will have a capital of $150,000 and will issue $300,000 in five percent bonds. The city commission voted to accept the transfer.

Friday, January 10, 1936
3. Petitions are being circulated for re-paving of Main from Douglas to Murdock. Streetcar tracks are now coming up on Douglas, but they will probably not be removed on Main until a decision is reached on the paving matter.

Saturday, January 11, 1936
5. State highway committee plans to build a new wider bridge across the canal on North Broadway between 24th and 25th. Details.

Sunday, January 12, 1936
17. Article about development of flying in Wichita. Describes the first air show here in May 1911 with planes exhibited in a canvas enclosure at Walnut Grove. Four famous fliers of the day, James J. “Jimmy” Ward, C. C. Whitmer, Eugene Ely, and R. C. St. Henry were here under management of the Curtiss Exhibition Company, headed by Glenn Curtiss. Their planes were Curtiss pusher biplanes powered by 50 horse power engines. The broadside advertising the event stated that “boxes for 1,000 automobiles and space for 2,000 buggies, carriages, and wagons will be provided.”

Tuesday, January 14, 1936
3. City committee yesterday authorized the state highway department to widen and pave Broadway from Kellogg to Harry this spring, which will complete the work of widening Highway 81 through Wichita.

Wednesday, January 15, 1936
3. All buses of Wichita Transportation Company will begin loading and unloading at far corner after crossing the intersection in downtown area tomorrow. The change was originally set for January 20 but has been moved up, as the painting has been completed.

Thursday, January 16, 1936
5. Contract has been let for paving the remaining three blocks of the diagonal road to the airport lying at the edge of the city limits between Lincoln and Ash.

**Saturday, January 18, 1936**

3. Article reports death yesterday of Wichita pioneer Frank W. Oliver, 80, of the old Oliver and Imboden City Roller Mills. Obituary and photo.

5. Article reports death yesterday of Otto Weiss, 81, pioneer Wichita miller and nephew of William Griffenstein. Obituary and photo.

**Sunday, January 19, 1936**

15. Photos of several Wichita schools including Riverside and Lowell.

22. Graph showing value of building permits issued in Wichita yearly from 1921 to 1935.

1A-12A. Special automobile show section.

**Sunday, January 26, 1936**

3. The city’s new market building at Central and Wabash is under construction and will be enclosed within ten days. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by April 1. Details.

2-A. Article about the speech science department at University of Wichita headed by Dr. Martin Palmer. Details.

**Sunday, February 2, 1936**

3. First test flights past week on new Model C Swallow monoplane, first of a new line of Swallows to be brought out in 1936. Details.

6. Ad with photo of Morris Plan office at 114 South Broadway.

26. Photo of the Ben Franklin store, which is replacing the Allen Book Store at 925 West Douglas. Owned and operated by A. S. Allen, who founded the firm 28 years ago and has been at the same location for the past 21 years and is a member of the Ben Franklin store cooperative buying plan. The new store will open February 21.

**Wednesday, February 5, 1936**

5. Western States Grocery Company, now at 119 North Mead, is scheduled to move into its new quarters in the old Harwi building, 800 East 1st, as soon as an addition and remodeling is completed. A one story brick addition is being built at cost of $4,500.
Thursday, February 6, 1936

2. Howard Hughes flew through Wichita yesterday and refused all interviews and photos. Photo of plane.

Friday, February 7, 1936

3. The plane flown through Wichita Wednesday by Howard Hughes was the Douglas transport “Old 300,” the first of the Douglas liners delivered to TWA and then used as TWA’s “flying laboratory.” Hughes has bought the plane from TWA. The interior is fitted with extra tanks for long distance flights. TWA engineers finished their experiments with the plane two months ago and it was retired, according to local TWA officials.

Saturday, February 8, 1936

2. It cost $1,599,600 to operate the government of Sedgwick County during 1935. Details. Forty two thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars was for sheriff’s office.

Sunday, February 9, 1936

3. Ad with photo of Harris, Burns and Company, insurance, at 139 North Main.

Tuesday, February 11, 1936

2. O. J. Watson was elected president of board of park commissioner yesterday to succeed Walter A. Vincent, who resigned because his new house is just outside the city limits.

Sunday, February 16, 1936

3. Wichita Transportation Company will place in service today on College Hill line its latest new equipment, a 31 passenger Twin Coach costing $10,000 and weighing 9,000 pounds.

16. Photo of new home of International Harvester Truck service station at 17th and Broadway, just opening. Article with details.


Monday, February 17, 1936

3. Photo of new 31 passenger Twin Coach bus put into operation yesterday on College Hill line. Number appears to be 901 (401). Driver is E. T. Morckton. Lettering on bus is “The Wichita Transportation Corporation.”

Tuesday, February 18, 1936
2. Petition granted yesterday by city commission for repaving of Main street from Douglas to Murdock. Ordinance to be drawn up.

Friday, February 21, 1936


Sunday, February 23, 1936

32. Article reports opening of W. T. Grant store yesterday.

2-A. Photo of Western Implement Company at Lewis and Wichita.

2-B. Tuesday will be the first anniversary of the five cents bus fare in Wichita. The 46 buses bought last year were named in honor of Wichita pioneers by the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society (names are listed). Mayor Frank Nighswonger was honored this week by the naming of Wichita’s newest city bus for him. It arrived in Wichita last week and is now on the College Hill line and will bear the name “Nighswonger”. A. J. Cleary, vice-president of the bus company, said it was only proper that this bus should be named in honor of Mayor Nighswonger as he has been so active in making possible Wichita’s new bus system.

4-B. A. J. Cleary yesterday announced completion of nine consecutive years of operation by street cars and buses in Wichita without a single fatal accident. During this time 109,401,754 people have been carried over 36,347,941 miles.

Thursday, February 27, 1936

7. Photo of crowds at farm equipment show on Tractor Row.

Saturday, February 29, 1936

3. Ad with photo of United Sash and Door Company building and of the company’s original building when founded in 1886 by A. S. Parks.


Sunday, March 1, 1936

3. Article reports lecture in Wichita yesterday by Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Tuesday, March 3, 1936

5. Building permit issued yesterday for construction of a one story building at 148-50-52
North Broadway for $7,000.

**Wednesday, March 4, 1936**


**Friday, March 6, 1936**

3. Work of tearing up the old street car tracks should be completed in a month or a little more according to city manager Bert Wells. Only 4½ miles more of track remains to be uprooted. Originally there were 33 miles of track, and since a year ago 28 miles of it have been torn up and the streets resurfaced. Men are now working on north and south Main and a crew is working on East Douglas.

**Sunday, March 8, 1936**

3. Lassen Hotel is starting $300,000 modernization program immediately. Includes a new coffee shop along south side of hotel facing Market Street, with seating capacity of 250. New marquees to be installed on 1st and Market Street entrances. Details. Photo.

5. Starting tomorrow, destination signs will be placed on the sides of buses of the Wichita Transportation Company. They will be placed in the side windows.

6. The new corner pedestal traffic signals at Hillside and Douglas were installed the past week and placed in service on Friday. The new type signals are also being installed at Central and Broadway and at Seneca and Douglas.

16. Work will start this spring on the third unit of Old Mission Mausoleum. Article with details, and drawing.

21. The King Brothers Mortuary was established here last week after having purchased the former Mueller Mortuary on North Broadway. Photo. Article on page 23 says A. G. Mueller, age 70, is leaving this week to live in the Los Angeles area.

**Monday, March 9, 1936**

5. The Santa Fe Trail system with headquarters in Wichita will be included in the formation of the National Trailway system, an association of five separate bus company’s which will coordinate schedules, ticketing, etc. The other company’s included are the Burlington Transportation Company, the Missouri Pacific Transportation Company, Frank Martz Coach Company, and the Safeway Lines. Headquarters of the new company will be Chicago. Details.
Wednesday, March 11, 1936
5. Article gives details of Work Projects Administration improvement projects to be carried out this summer at Wichita municipal airport, including evening of rough areas, curbing and guttering of parking areas, paving of drive to administration building, etc.

Friday, March 13, 1936
1. Article reports death yesterday of pioneer Wichita judge W. P. Campbell, age 91.

Saturday, March 14, 1936
1. Article reports death yesterday of A. O. Rorabaugh, age 72. Obituary and photo.

Sunday, March 15, 1936
6. Omrah Aley was reelected president of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday.

9. Effective today all Braniff Airways passenger flights will be flown with twin motored Lockheed Electra planes and the previous single engined equipment used on some flights between Kansas City and Chicago and on connecting flights in Texas will be replaced by the Electras.

2-B. Aerial photo of North End flour mills, etc.

Tuesday, March 17, 1936
5. Erection of a stone monument in McLean park at west end of the Douglas avenue bridge to mark the northern terminus of the old Chisholm trail was proposed to city commission yesterday by the local encampment of Spanish-American war veterans.

City commission yesterday granted petition for paving of Douglas ave. from Oliver to Pinecrest with asphalt.

Friday, March 27, 1936
5. TWA will open a new downtown office on April 1 at 208 South Broadway, in the Allis Hotel building. The office will also handle tickets and reservation for Braniff Airways in downtown Wichita. ¶At present TWA uses space in the Postal Telegraph office at 114 North Market for a downtown office.

Saturday, March 28, 1936
5. Article about progress on municipal airport Work Projects Administration projects. Leveling of the East West runway is about two-thirds complete. The unpaved road
connecting the administration building with George Washington blvd. is guttered, and concrete will be poured next week. Curbing and grading is progressing on the longer stretch of curving road leading northwest from the administration building to Oliver street.

**Sunday, March 29, 1936**

- Photo of the Elie flower shop and greenhouse, 2214 East 13th.
- Photo of Ferguson-Olander Ford agency, 1214 East Douglas.
- Article says all Wichita city buses have been equipped with governors to ensure lawful and safe speeds.

**Tuesday, March 31, 1936**

- City commission yesterday passed ordinance providing for exchange of land parcels in former Ackerman island area between the city, state, and Arkansas Valley Interurban. Details.

**Wednesday, April 1, 1936**

- Contract let yesterday by state highway department for the widening and paving of Broadway from Kellogg to Harry. Contract also let for bridge at 27th and Broadway.

**Friday, April 3, 1936**

- Wichita’s new produce market on East Central will be ready for occupancy April 15.

**Saturday, April 4, 1936**

- The new St. Mary’s American Syrian Orthodox church, Maple and Martinson, will be formally opened and consecrated tomorrow. Details.
- Photo (small) of Meadow Gold dairy (Wichita Creamery Company).

**Sunday, April 5, 1936**

- Photo of new St. Mary’s American Syrian Orthodox church, which will be consecrated today.
- The new truck thoroughfare on Washington, intended to route trucks off Broadway, will be put into operation next week. Details.
- Photo of the new Wichita produce market in 11th block of East Central.
20. Article about Jesse Chisholm and the Chisholm trail.

Sunday, April 12, 1936
page 2.

Ad with photo of Carl Graham Paint and Wall Paper Company, Broadway and 2nd.

Ad for E. F. Weaver’s Nursery, 5718 West Maple.

3. Photo of new Knights of Columbus clubhouse, 626 North Broadway, which will be dedicated Sunday, April 19.

5. Braniff Airways will add daylight north and south bound air passenger flights through Wichita beginning Wednesday, April 15. The previous Braniff flights have all stopped here during the night. Details. Lockheed Electras will be used.

7. Pan American Puerto Rican Clipper struck launch on takeoff at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad yesterday.

1-A. Map of Sedgwick County roads.

Wednesday, April 15, 1936
page 5.

Employment at the Beech Aircraft Company is up 40 percent since the first of the year and the plant is running two full shifts. A new catalog is being prepared for the press. The new twin engined Beechcraft, which has aroused considerable interest in the aviation world, will not be ready for announcement in the spring catalog. The first of the new models is nearing completion but will not be offered until it is fully tested.

Thursday, April 16, 1936
page 3.

The new Braniff daylight flights, “The Centennial Flyer,” were welcomed to Wichita on their first flights yesterday. Details.

Friday, April 17, 1936
page 5.

The National Trailways system, in operation only since April 1, is already being expanded. Details.

Sunday, April 19, 1936
page 2.

The new Knights of Columbus clubhouse at Elm and Broadway is to be dedicated today. Bishop Tihen to be honored.

7. The Innes Tea Room has been air conditioned.
10. Photo of the new Kellogg Brothers Feed and Seed Company’s new hatchery at 3715 West 13th Street.

21. Small photo of an early day Wichita Chamber of Commerce booster train.

Monday, April 20, 1936

2. Article reports dedication of Knights of Columbus club house yesterday with high honor paid to Bishop J. Henry Tihen. Details.

Thursday, April 23, 1936

7. Photo of box cars being unloaded at Missouri Pacific automobile unloading dock.

Friday, April 24, 1936

2. Santa Fe Railway directors at annual meeting in Topeka yesterday approved the company’s purchase of a controlling interest in the Southern Kansas Stage Lines for approximately $644,000. The sale was made several months ago and now must have the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Sunday, April 26, 1936

5. The Wichita Eagle’s radio station, KFH, will soon be operating on its increased daytime power of 5000 watts, an increase from the present 1000. Details.

7. Article reports formal opening tomorrow of the new quarters of Hart’s Cut-Rate Drug Store at 112 North Broadway. Store formerly has been at 128 North Broadway.

10-A. Article about operation of the north and south Junction Lowers of the Wichita Union Terminal Railway company. Details and photos.

Tuesday, April 28, 1936

2. The new city produce market will be opened on May 1.

Friday, May 1, 1936

3. Wichita’s new wholesale produce market, 1101 East Central, will open its doors today. Details.

7. Article reports William H. Smith, 52, grain dealer and former president of Wichita board of trade, died yesterday of self-inflicted bullet wound.

Saturday, May 2, 1936
Bids were opened yesterday for sale by the city of 2,000 tons of scrap iron reclaimed from the 33 miles of street car tracks recently removed from the city streets. The top bid of $7.05 a ton, submitted by George T. Cook and Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, was accepted. The old rails, which are stacked in piles in different parts of the city, will be loaded at the rate of three or four cars a day for shipment to Kansas City. Since each car holds a limit of about 50 tons, the entire consignment will total more than 40 cars. The sale of the rails will net the city approximately $15,000. Two cars are now being loaded on a Frisco siding two on a Santa Fe siding, one on the Missouri Pacific, and one in the Arkansas Valley Interurban yards. The total weight of rails removed from the streets is estimated at 3,000 tons. Approximately 600 tons were sold to a junk firm last fall. The remainder will be sent by the Kansas City firm to steel mills in the East, where they will be remelted and recast, probably into rails. Since the rails were removed by labor paid for by Work Projects Administration relief funds, the revenue from sale of them is almost clear profit to the city.

Sunday, May 3, 1936
A drive being paved now is in North Riverside near Park Villa going West to the 11th Street bridge. This drive will open to the public about June 10. Photo. A new restroom in Central Riverside, located immediately, west of the zoo, will be open in three weeks.

Friday, May 8, 1936
Article reports revision of Santa Fe schedules effective Sunday with inauguration of new Trains, No. 1 and No. 2, “The Scout,” through Wichita. Details.

Saturday, May 9, 1936
The final link of pavement of the diagonal road to the Wichita municipal airport, about a quarter mile from the end of George Washington Blvd. to the administration building, will be opened tomorrow. Two or three other blocks just inside the city were paved this spring.

Sunday, May 10, 1936
The new Santa Fe “Super Chief,” scheduled from Chicago to Los Angeles in 39 hours 45 minutes, cutting 14 hours off the fastest previous schedule, makes its first trip Tuesday, May 12.

Wednesday, May 13, 1936
A bronze memorial tablet was placed yesterday in concrete on the north curb in the center of the 100 block of East Douglas on the 50th anniversary of the first Salvation Army street meeting in Wichita held on that spot May 12, 1886. Details.
5. Article reports luncheon held yesterday to commemorate 10th anniversary of first air mail service to Wichita. Details.

Sunday, May 17, 1936
page 2.
The new superstructure building of the Immanuel Lutheran church at Market and Indianapolis is to be built with Silverdale limestone. The first unit was dedicated ten years ago on May 15, 1926, and the contract for the superstructure was signed on the same date this year. To be completed in about four months.

21. Two new paved roads in Wichita parks will be opened today, a strip along north bank of Little river from Nims to Gilman, and a portion of the river road in North Riverside near Park Villa and extending to Forest ave., giving a paved road from Park Villa to the 11th Street along the north bank of the river.

23. Article about area of small homes -- semirural -- where over 100 homes have been built in past three years. Lies between Central and 13th just west of Big Arkansas river. Aerial photo.

Thursday, May 21, 1936
page 2.
Article reports fire yesterday at Weaver Nursery, 5718 West Maple. Details.

Sunday, May 24, 1936
page 18.
Metropolitan School of Music has been moved into old house at 804 North Topeka. Photo.

19. Photo of new auditorium and student union building at University of Wichita, which is under construction, with exterior nearly complete but interior yet unfinished.

1-A. Article about Henry C. Fellows and his museum at Friends University.

Sunday, May 31, 1936
page 1.
Article reports spectacular fire yesterday in McLellan Store at 121 East Douglas. Photo and several on page 16.

Monday, June 1, 1936
page 3.
Photo of McLellan Store after fire.

Tuesday, June 2, 1936
page 2.
Article reports death yesterday of Miss Elizabeth Sprague, professor emeritus of art at
University of Wichita, age 70+. Obituary and photo.

5. Photo of wheat from a 40 acre field on south side of 9th Street between Piatt and Grove.

**Wednesday, June 3, 1936**

10. Walker Brothers store has been completely air-conditioned.

**Sunday, June 7, 1936**

1. Article reports annual picnic of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County, at the Forum yesterday. Details and photos on page 14.

20. Article about development of Sim Park by the park board. Details. Says first improvements were made in 1920 when an asphalt driveway was constructed around the west end of the park skirting the river. A year or so later work was started on the golf course -- at first with only six holes developed, the nine, and finally 18. Another remarkable feat was reclamation of a large section of east bank of Arkansas river which was washed away in the 1923 flood for one and a quarter miles from the 13th Street bridge to the east edge of the park. Old car frames and bodies were used as framework for rebuilding the washed out bank.

26. Woolf Brothers is installing an air conditioning system, to be completed in three weeks.

**Thursday, June 11, 1936**


**Saturday, June 13, 1936**

2. Photo shows crowd under marquee of Miller theater.


20. Photo shows a Braniff Electra.

7-B. Article about the murals in lobby of Wichita federal building. Photos. The one on east wall depicts early days in development of postal service and is by Ward Lockwood, of Taos, New Mexico, a native Kansan. The one on Wichita wall “The Transformation” -- depicts a Kansas farm scene and is by Richard Haines, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Tuesday, June 16, 1936**

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8. Aerial photo of Wichita Country Club golf course layout.

Sunday, June 21, 1936

7. Table gives price of wagon wheat in Wichita in June and July yearly from 1929 to 1936. Lowest in 1931 and 1932 at about 26 to 34 cents.

16. Formal opening to be held tomorrow at new quarters of the Grit Printing Company, which recently moved to 741-45 South Emporia from its old quarters in the former Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building at 223-25 North Market. Drawing and details. Had been on North Market since 1922.

Monday, June 22, 1936

5. Attendance at municipal pool yesterday of 3,401 set a record for the past five years, being the largest single day’s attendance since 1931.

The new rest room in Central Riverside park was opened yesterday. This facility was provided by remodeling the stone building immediately west of the zoo. It was needed, as the old rest room east of the zoo was antedated and the plumbing obsolete.

Wednesday, June 24, 1936

3. The number of transients in Wichita has decreased to such an extent that the dormitory of the Family Welfare Association, generally known as the Sedgwick House, will be closed July 15. It was opened almost a quarter of a century ago.

Thursday, July 2, 1936

3. A fire lane has been put in operation on 3rd street from Waco to St. Francis. Details.

5. The old post office building at Market and William will be sold by the United States Treasury department as it is of no further use to the government.

Sunday, July 5, 1936


Monday, July 6, 1936

2. The Work Projects Administration improvement projects at municipal airport are nearing completion. An extension of the main taxi strip 300 feet out towards the field will be opened this week. The main taxi strip in front of the administration building has been widened 75 feet to 200 feet and lengthened 70 feet. The new east and west runway has been smoothed and graded this spring and is growing up Bermuda grass sod. Work still
to do includes filling in with pavement of a space between the apron of the main hangar and the taxi strip by the administration building.

Tuesday, July 7, 1936

2. Article lists teacher assignments for coming year by schools.

Thursday, July 9, 1936

1-A. Ad for morning, evening, and Sunday *Eagle* for one year for $8.83.

Sunday, July 12, 1936

19. Article about railroad activities in Wichita with several photos. Details. Fourteen hundred twenty-three railroad employes in Wichita.

Wednesday, July 15, 1936

7. Photo of Newton’s first railroad depot in 1872.

Sunday, July 19, 1936

5. New all time record high temperature of 112.3 degrees Fahrenheit set yesterday.

Monday, July 20, 1936

5. Photo of alligator in Riverside park zoo.

Wednesday, July 22, 1936

1. Post office department has refused the request of TWA to purchase the air mail contracts of Braniff Airways. Details.

Sunday, July 26, 1936

2. Photo of the new store shelter building in Linwood Park recently completed as a Work Projects Administration project. Built of Silverdale limestone from Cowley county.

21. Article says the airlines put on 485 passenger and took off 423 passenger in first half of 1935, whereas in first half of 1936 they put on 917 passenger while 1,092 got off here. ¶In first half of 1936 25,394 pounds of air mail was put on and 32,884 put on. In first half of 1935, 13,005 pounds was put on and 14,811 pounds taken off.

7-A. Photo of a new banquet room at Wolf’s cafeteria.
3-C. Article about Wichita’s transportation with many photos including street car in 1900, College Hill Burney car No. 273, jitney bus, bus garage, 21 passenger West Douglas Yellow Coach No. 522, and 31 and 23 passenger Twin Coach buses. ¶Says last of the street car rails were removed April 8, 1936. ¶Says there are now 47 new buses in operation here and ten more are being built at cost of $75,000. The older buses are brought into service only in emergencies and during rush periods. ¶An average of 32,500 tokens are taken in daily. The buses travel 7,450 miles each day, consuming 1,250 gallons of gasoline. Total route miles is 48. There are 231,000 tokens out. Annual payroll for the Wichita Transportation company is approximately $150,000, and taxes paid by the company last year were $24,376. The company publishes a monthly house organ, “Transco News.” The “As-U-Go-News” is a miniature newspaper published for the riders. ¶Headquarters for the company are at 142 North Broadway. Howard Wheeler is president, R. C. Clevenger secretary-treasurer, Robert C. Foulston, counselor, and Gordon Henry, superintendent of shops. A. J. Cleary is vice-president and general manager.

5-C. Photos of Wichita aircraft factories.

8-C. Photos in Wichita parks.

11-C. Photos of Wichita churches.

6-G. Photo of Kansas Gas & Electric service building on East Central. Article gives history of Kansas Gas & Electric. Company was organized on December 12, 1909 by the American Power and Light Company. The Edison Light and Power Company and the Union Gas Company, operating in Wichita, were then purchased. The Edison company then has a capacity of 1,650 Kilowatts. In 1910 the Home Light, Heat and Power Company of Pittsburg was taken over, adding 650 Kilowatts electric power capacity. Total output then was 6,559,352 Kilowatt hours. In 1911 the Newton Light and Power Company plant at Newton was added. The following year the present transmission line system was started and the Independence and Cherryvale electric systems were purchased, giving system a capacity at end of 1912 of 11,450 Kilowatts and output that year of 16,769,175 Kilowatt Hours. In 1915 Arkansas City and Eldorado were brought into the network. There was another expansion program in 1917. The great steel tower line 107 miles long connecting the central and southeastern systems was started in 1922 and completed in 1923, running from Wichita to the company’s power plant ten miles east of Parsons. By the end of 1923 the system capacity was 39,830 Kilowatts, and output that year was 144,477,200 Kilowatt hours. ¶At present the company is remodeling its central office quarters in the Sedgwick building at 1st and Market. The top three stories of the building have been razed and the structure reduced to two stories, eliminating space not used by the company itself and formerly rented to outside tenants. At present the executive force occupies the Sedgwick annex on Market while the Sedgwick building proper is being improved and remodeled.

8-G. Photo of police department and city hall.

9-G. The reference staff of city library under direction of Mrs. Hortense Campbell, 547 North
Pershing, are completing bound volumes of historical material about the Wichita Municipal University and its predecessor, Fairmount College.

10-G. Photos of Wichita packing houses.

Monday, July 27, 1936

page 2. Large table giving budget of city of Wichita.

Wednesday, July 29, 1936

page 5. Steaman Aircraft company has received a contract for 50 primary training planes for United States Army at a cost of $329,659, thought to be the largest single contract ever received for Wichita built planes. They are PT-13 models, similar to the 26 plus four spares ordered last fall and now being delivered.

Thursday, July 30, 1936

page 3. First asphalt in the resurfacing of North Main from Murdock to Douglas was put down yesterday in the seventh block. The project will be completed within four weeks. The old concrete base is not being removed, only the old asphalt. North Main Street was first paved in 1890 and was resurfaced in 1912 according to city records. The concrete base is the original.

5. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. William Innes, widow of Colonel William Innes, who died in 1911. He was a pioneer Wichita dry goods merchant association with the firm of Innes and Ross. While visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Rutan, here in 1880, she met Colonel Innes, and they were then married in 1881 in Iowa City and spent their early years in that city.

Sunday, August 2, 1936

page 13. Photo shows eight Wichita bus drivers at bus depot yesterday preparing to leave for Kent, Ohio to drive back the new city buses purchased by the Wichita Transportation corp., arriving here Wednesday.

20. Article reports the former tourist camp at 13th and Little river has been used this summer as a children’s tuberculosis health camp, sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association. Details.

Tuesday, August 4, 1936

page 3. Wichita ward and precinct map.

5. TWA yesterday announced the immediate expenditure of $2,500,000 for new equipment
and improvements including $1,950,000 for a fleet of new larger 23 passenger Douglas transports, to be on the line inside of six months, and $350,000 in improvements to the present fleet of 14 passenger Douglas planes, chiefly engine improvements to increase the horsepower.

Wednesday, August 5, 1936

1. Sale of the old post office building at William and Market to the Midco Building and Investment Company of Wichita was announced in Washington yesterday. L. M. Miller is president and H. B. Wheeler, vice-president of the Wichita company. The old building will be demolished immediately and replaced by a modern business building for a major tenant, whose identity was not announced. Photo of old post office building on page 5.

Saturday, August 8, 1936

3. KFH increased its daytime power to 5,000 watts approximately one week ago. Details.

5. The first block of South Wichita, which is now paved with brick, will be torn up and repaved with concrete as an emergency measure, so as to complete it before opening of the Kansas Diamond Jubilee exposition on October 7. Details.

Sunday, August 9, 1936

16. Photo of new Shell service station at 1st and Hillside.

5. Interview with Sedgwick County pioneer, Mrs. Emma Fry, of Sedgwick, about the great grasshopper invasion of 1874, which she says arrived on August 8 that year. Details.

17. Photo of night game crowd at Lawrence stadium.

Thursday, August 13, 1936

5. New all time heat record of 113.9° was set yesterday.

Sunday, August 16, 1936


Tuesday, August 18, 1936

5. Approximately 700 are employed in the aviation industry in Wichita, with annual payroll of about $750,000.

Sunday, August 23, 1936
19. Photo of a new unit which has been added to the Derby refinery in north Wichita. Article with details.

21. Photos of TWA DC-2s being serviced at municipal airport.

**Monday, August 24, 1936**


**Wednesday, August 26, 1936**

5. McLean Boulevard is to be curbed and guttered from Maple to Lincoln as a Work Projects Administration project.

**Thursday, August 27, 1936**

3. Photo of a short pile bridge over branch of Chisholm creek at 21st Street. Railing was burned yesterday.

**Friday, August 28, 1936**

5. Sedgwick county relief administration was notified yesterday that it must vacate its offices in the old post office building within 30 days.

**Saturday, August 29, 1936**

1. Article reports death yesterday of Sidney D. Long, of *Wichita Eagle*, at 63.

**Tuesday, September 1, 1936**

5. August 1936 was the hottest month in Wichita history, with mean temperature of 88.8 degrees and new all time recorded of 113.9 degrees on August 12. There were 22 days with temperature of 100 or above. The previous hottest month was July 1934 with mean temperature of 88.2. Rainfall in eight months since January 1 is only 6.13 inches, compared with normal of 22.09.

**Saturday, September 5, 1936**

5. The Wichita University gymnasium is to be enlarged as a Work Projects Administration project, adding 35 feet at both ends and enlarging the balconies to provide seating for 1200 -1500 persons.

8. Photo of new Safeway store at 21st and Market, which opened yesterday.
Sunday, September 6, 1936

12. Bus service will be improved effective Tuesday, with 62 buses in operation compared to 48 now. Details given. College Hill line will have four minutes service during rush hours.

13. Photo of new home of Wichita Country Day School in a residence building at 10th and Jefferson.


Sunday, September 13, 1936

8. The new unit of the Luling’s City Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 1736 East Douglas, will be opened to the public on Tuesday. The first unit of the present plant was opened in 1924 and had a frontage of 90 feet on Douglas and 150 feet on Kansas. The new addition gives a Douglas ave. frontage of 150 feet.

3-A. Article about the Santa Fe shops in Wichita, with photos including one of roundhouse north of city. The company now employs 539 in Wichita. Details.

Monday, September 14, 1936

3. Work will start Wednesday on enlarging of Wichita University gymnasium by 18 feet on each end so as to enlarge basketball court to regulation size and permit seating of 1,200.

5. County commissioner Herman A. Hill died Saturday following a stroke, at age 69. Photo and obituary.

Tuesday, September 15, 1936

2. Photo of new auditorium and commons building at University of Wichita, which is to be opened in October.

3. TWA schedules are being speeded up slightly effective today, owing to engine improvements giving an increased power output.

Thursday, September 17, 1936

2. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. Jennie May Balderston, 77, widow of former Wichita lawyer Jacob Balderston. She came to Wichita in 1883 from Illinois.

Saturday, September 19, 1936

2. Wichita’s newest radio station, KANS, will start broadcasting at 6:30 a.m. today from its 183 foot radio tower on top of Lassen hotel. Details.
Sunday, September 20, 1936  
Page 25. Article about Civic theater, now under construction in 700 block on West Douglas. Details.

5-A. Photo showing Washington Street passing under Kellogg viaduct.

Monday, September 21, 1936  
Page 5. Article about the Robert E. Israel family, Wichita real estate dealers.

Friday, September 25, 1936  
Page 5. Permit taken out yesterday for remodeling at cost of $3,000 the large home at 3401 East 2nd formerly built by the late Senator Chester I. Long and now owned by Wichita Eugene Stanley. The big house is to be completely modernized.

Sunday, September 27, 1936  

Tuesday, September 29, 1936  
Page 5. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. Samuel B. Amidon, 76, widow of Col. Samuel B. Amidon, at her home in San Diego, where she had lived since 1928. Her husband died May 9, 1925.

Article about revival of a plan to build a 1,500 acre park with 600 acre lake three miles north of Viola, about 20 miles west of Wichita. Details.

Thursday, October 1, 1936  
Page 2. Enrollment at University of Wichita has reached 1,301, compared with 1,265 at the same week last year and former record of 1,292 during fall semester of 1931-32.

Sunday, October 4, 1936  
Page Special Kansas Diamond Jubilee edition  
5. Will of Mrs. Alice Amidon, widow of Sam Amidon, sets aside $30,000 in trust, the income of which is to continue providing the annual Amidon Christmas dinner. Details.

17. Photo of Dockum Drug store at Douglas and Broadway.

24. Aerial photo of Hillcrest apartments from the west.
31. Photo of west Water Company pumping station.

2-B. Article by Arch O’Bryant about early mapping of this area.

10-A. Map of Cities Service Gas Company pipelines and article about company and gas supply here.

3-C. Photos of ten Wichita pioneers and business leaders.

5-C. Photo of Lassen hotel.

6-C. Wichita Water Company ad with statistics. Annual pumpage in 1917, 1,420,582 gallons, and in 1936, 3,660,300. Daily pumping capacity 18,375,000 gallons in 1917 and 45,680,000 in 1936.

Tuesday, October 6, 1936

5. City commission yesterday appointed a committee to study the proposed flood control project for diverting water from the Big and Little Arkansas rivers into the Big Slough, west of Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, October 7, 1936


12. Photo shows part of Catholic church at St. Mark’s.

16. Photo of entrance to Diamond Jubilee exposition.

Friday, October 9, 1936

1. Photo of Martin M-130 clipper on water from astern.

Sunday, October 11, 1936


21. Article about Wichita fire chief’s first automobile, a 1912 model Mitchell, which was recently junked. Photo and details.

32. Article about reunion yesterday of early Wichita and Kansas pioneers, with list of names and dates they came to Kansas.

Monday, October 12, 1936
5. Article reports death yesterday of Carl A. Rose, 77, said to be Wichita’s first florist. Photo and obituary.

Aerial photo of crowd at municipal airport yesterday for air show. Shows newly enlarged taxi strip.

**Tuesday, October 13, 1936**

1. President Franklin Roosevelt to speak at Lawrence stadium today.

**Wednesday, October 14, 1936**

5. TWA will inaugurate new air freight service next Monday between New York and Chicago on freight only flights with capacity of 3,500 pounds (probably Ford trimotors?)

**Friday, October 16, 1936**

5. The University of Wichita’s new $191,000 auditorium and commons building was formally accepted by the board of regents yesterday. Details. Architect Glen Thomas Building still being furnished.

**Sunday, October 18, 1936**

5. The Sedgwick County relief administration will be completely moved into its new location at 300 South Broadway from the old post office building by tomorrow.

1-B. Article about Wichita Rotary Club’s silver anniversary with list of presidents.

**Sunday, October 18, 1936**

Magazine section announcing opening of new Civic theater on Wednesday, October 21. Details and drawing.

**Monday, October 19, 1936**

2. Drawing of Henrion gymnasium at University of Wichita as it will look when Public Works Administration project of enlargement is completed.

Photo of 39 inch alligator killed in Little river yesterday.

**Wednesday, October 21, 1936**

5. Article reports death of Dr. S. S. Noble, 73, Wichita dentist since 1887. Wife, Lula, died in 1917. Survived by son, Max, and daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Ewan.
Six grant ocean clippers are to be built by Boeing Aircraft Company at Seattle according to J. E. Schaefer of Stearman Aircraft. Details. Engineering work is well advanced.

Friday, October 23, 1936
page
3. Registration at University of Wichita has reached 1,345, including 1,051 from Wichita.

Sunday, October 25, 1936
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17. Annual official enrollment of University of Wichita, taken on October 15 each year, has been:

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Friday, October 30, 1936
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3. Ad with photo of Eagle block in late 1870s.

5. Building permit issued yesterday for new building for Coleman Company, at 253 North Mead, adjacent to the terminal tracks. To be one story, 90 by 132 feet, and cost $45,000.

Saturday, October 31, 1936
page
5. The Army has ordered 30 more Stearman training planes, bringing the total ordered by then to 110.

Sunday, November 1, 1936
page
19. Article about the Wichita Terminal Railroad Association. Details. Aerial photo of north
end flour mills, etc.

20. Aerial photo of municipal airport terminal area showing recent Work Projects Administration projects there.

**Saturday, November 7, 1936**

**page**

5. Article reports new sales of Cessna C-34 and says the Cessna plant is building four to six planes a month.

**Sunday, November 8, 1936**

**page**

23. Aerial photo of Wichita Union Stockyards (1927 by Edgar B. Smith)

3-A. Article about early Wichita schools with photos including one of Presbyterian church used as second school house in 1870.

**Monday, November 9, 1936**

**page**

5. Article about proposed merger of Santa Fe Trail Stages, Inc. with three other bus lines in the Southwest to form a new Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company. Details.

**Thursday, November 12, 1936**

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12. TWA announced purchased of 41 new 1,205 horsepower motors to be used in the 13 new Douglas airliner’s to be delivered in February.

**Sunday, November 22, 1936**

**page**

5. The College Hill bus line, which now runs to Oliver, will be extended three blocks to Battin starting tomorrow. Service will be five minutes during rush hours and ten minutes the rest of the day.

31. The McLellan Stores will have the grand reopening of their Wichita store on Wednesday, November 25 (rebuilt after fire).

**Wednesday, November 25, 1936**

**page**

6. Photo of newly rebuilt McLellan store, which opens today.

8. Ad with photo of Rainbow Lunch, 4724 East Central (at Oliver), which holds grand opening today.

**Saturday, November 28, 1936**

**page**
5. Work started yesterday on razing of the old post office building at William and Market and will be completed within 30 days. A crew of between 40 and 60 men will be employed. The store from the building will be stored for the time being.

Sunday, November 29, 1936

6. A. J. Cleary returned yesterday from Kent, Ohio and Pontiac, Michigan where he negotiated for more buses for Wichita but found the plants too far behind in orders to give early delivery. However one new bus was promised for delivery next month, a 32 passenger (sic) Twin Coach like the large buses now on the College Hill line. Four more buses will be delivered in the early spring and four more in the late spring.

Monday, November 30, 1936

1. Article reports death yesterday of Henry Wallenstein at age 80. Photo and obituary.

Tuesday, December 1, 1936

2. In Sedgwick County 38,571 auto tags were issued in 1936 compared to 36,706 in 1935. Truck tags were 6,220 compared to 5,853 in 1935.

Thursday, December 3, 1936

2. Contract has been let for wrecking buildings at 229 to 239 South Topeka and construction there of a two story building for the Carl Evans Motor Company at cost of $43,500. To have frontage of 125 feet and depth of 140 feet.

Saturday, December 5, 1936

3. Announced yesterday that Army has ordered 30 more Stearman training planes in addition to the 50 ordered some time ago on which delivery is to start in January. Cost will be $146,720.

Sunday, December 6, 1936

16. Ad with photo of Dagne Business University building, 117 South St. Francis.

23. Drawing of new $43,500 building to be constructed at northwest corner of Topeka and English for the Evans Motor Company, now at 235 South Broadway. Overend and Boucher are architects. To be ready for occupancy about March 1. Work started Tuesday on tearing down old structures on the site.


Sunday, December 6, 1936
Rotogravure

Southern Kansas Stage Lines truck ad with map and photos of trucks.

Photo of bridge at Mt. Carmel Academy.

Photo of W. T. Grant Company store.

Braniff ad with photo of Lockheed Electra.

Photo of new bus used by Santa Fe Trail System.

Photos of Wichita Water Company pumping station in 1906 and 1936.

Photo showing Griffenstein bridge.

Photo of Kersting Hotel building, 320 North Market.

Photo of Hotel Lassen.

Monday, December 7, 1936

Wichita will buy ten new corner type traffic signals this week. Article lists locations they are to be installed at.

Wednesday, December 9, 1936

Photo of building in second block on North Broadway just north of Mosbacher’s Motor Company, which has been acquired by Mosbacher’s for their used car display.

Thursday, December 10, 1936

Old post-office building is being torn down. Interior fixture have been removed in past few days, and yesterday workmen started tearing down the walls on southwest corner of the building. Photo of start of exterior razing.

Friday, December 11, 1936

Photo of old post-office being razed.

Sunday, December 13, 1936

Photo of old post-office being razed.

Friday, December 18, 1936
Sunday, December 20, 1936


Photo shows the old rain funnel of the weather bureau on roof of old post-office building, about to be torn down.

Photo of old post-office being razed.

Sunday, December 27, 1936

Article reports activity in Wichita aircraft plants during past year. Stearman is increasing employment from about 400 to 500. Cessna built over 50 planes in 1936.

Article about early days in Wichita high school by Mollie Wilson, who was admitted there in October 1884. Details. In 1884-85 the class included about 40 students and occupied southwest room on second floor of old high school building on North Emporia, plus a laboratory room also on second floor.

Tuesday, December 29, 1936

Article reports memorial services by B’nai B’rith for the late Henry Wallenstein. Details.

Wednesday, December 30, 1936

Photo of new C-37 Cessna plane, successor to the C-34, which has been undergoing final tests the past week. It is similar to the C-34, but with detail improvements. Photo shows plane X-17070.

Thursday, December 31, 1936

Photo of men tearing down tower part of old post-office building yesterday.