

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 1939 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, January 1, 1939

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3. Building permits issued in Wichita in 1938 totaled \$3,175,304.

Allis Hotel advertisement says 11 floors of the hotel were air conditioned during 1938.

Saturday, January 7, 1939

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5. Today's run is the last run of the Missouri Pacific "Sunflower" past Wichita to Hutchinson. Beginning tomorrow it will terminate at Wichita.

Sunday, January 8, 1939

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5. Transcontinental & Western Air has ordered three additional Douglas Sky Club planes for delivery this spring. This will increase its total fleet to 36 planes, including DC-3s and DC-2s.

Saturday, January 14, 1939

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7. Building permit issued yesterday to Harold Gibbons and Leo L. Gottschick, of Joplin, Missouri, for a new theater at 607-09 East Douglas, to cost \$15,000. Will have frontage of 50 feet on Douglas and seat 600. Ground is to be broken today. C. Bates Manning, of Joplin, is architect.

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20. Photograph of the new fourth Kings-X unit at 1621 North Broadway.

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2. Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company is holding a four day open house starting today at its new home office building at 1st and Market. Photograph. The company began

business May 1, 1911 in the Beacon Building and remained there until it moved to the present building on November 19, 1938.

Friday, January 20, 1939**page**

2. Article about dinner given yesterday by Wichita Chamber of Commerce for executives of Santa Fe Trails Transportation Company. Gives highlights of history of the company.

Sunday, January 22, 1939**page**

1. Article reports loss of Imperial Airways "Cavalier" flying boat between New York and Bermuda.
- 2-A. Article by Arch O'Bryant about drawings of Wichita from old issues of *Harper's Weekly*.

Thursday, January 26, 1939**page**

9. Table gives semi-annual financial report of Wichita Board of Education.

Saturday, January 28, 1939**page**

3. Note reports death yesterday of Homer T. Harden, 56, Midian Shrine temple recorder for years, and former photographer.
5. Federal Judge Hopkins yesterday determined the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company to be "hopelessly insolvent," and ordered its property to be sold at public auction for not less than \$75,000. Details. Auction to be held March 27.

Sunday, January 29, 1939**page**

3. Article about Sidney Toler, formerly of Wichita, actor playing "Charlie Chan" in the movies, and son of former Wichita pioneer Hooper G. Toler, who died in 1905. Details.

Tuesday, January 31, 1939**page**

5. City commission yesterday appropriated \$1500 to buy silver service for heavy cruiser, *U.S.S. Wichita*, which is to be commissioned February 15.

Saturday, February 4, 1939**page**

10. The yearbook edition of the *Wichita Magazine*, with picture of *U.S.S. Wichita* on cover, was released for sale today by the Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, February 5, 1939**page**

- 7-A. Small photograph of new Sears-Roebuck building at William and Market, with exterior complete.

Thursday, February 9, 1939**page**

1. Article about bank robbery yesterday at Kansas State Bank, 500 East Douglas, with \$9115 taken. Details.

Friday, February 10, 1939**page**

5. Article reports eight single-engined Beechcraft planes have been ordered by the war department at Washington.

Wednesday, February 15, 1939**page**

5. The Army's contract for Beechcraft biplanes is for ten planes, rather than eight as previously announced.

Friday, February 17, 1939**page**

5. Article reports commissioning yesterday of *USS Wichita* at Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Thursday, February 23, 1939**page**

1. New Boeing clipper took off from San Francisco's Treasure Island yesterday on trial flight to China (Macao). A second Boeing, super-Clipper No. 17 was in Galveston en route to the east coast and will be christened the "Yankee Clipper" next week.
2. The new Sears, Roebuck and Company store at Market and William opens for business this morning. Photograph.

Sunday, February 26, 1939**page**

14. Article summarizes history of aviation in Wichita. Details.
28. Small photographs of the three Continental Grills.

Tuesday, February 28, 1939**page**

5. City commission yesterday let contracts for drilling of 25 permanent wells for Wichita's new soft water system at cost of \$127,764. Details. To range in depth from 99 to 274 feet and have daily capacity of 30,000,000 gallons.

City commission yesterday ordered resolution drawn up widening 21st street from Broadway to Arkansas to 45 feet. It is now 40 feet from Broadway to Market and 30 feet

from Market to Arkansas.

Thursday, March 2, 1939**page**

2. Report of death of Harry E. "Doc" Turner, 62, former street car motorman on Riverside line for many years. Niece: Miss Minnie Turner, 2212 East Douglas.

Friday, March 3, 1939**page**

5. Suit filed yesterday by creditors asking the court to order the sale of the Commodore hotel to satisfy creditors. Details.

Saturday, March 4, 1939**page**

1. The "Yankee Clipper" was christened yesterday at Washington, D. C., by Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt.
10. Photograph of Drive-In Market. Shows old clock tower on Court House.

Sunday, March 5, 1939**page**

2. Announcement made yesterday that "Prairie Improvement Company" of Wichita has leased the lot just west of the Eagle building from the Victoria Murdock estate and will erect there a new theater, the "Sandra," to be operated by Mr. and Mrs. Truman C. Slothower, who own and operate the State and Southern theaters in Wichita. Building to be 70 feet wide by 110 feet deep and cost about \$50,000 and will require razing of the Klondike Café. Seating capacity to be 700. Architect is Lorentz Schimdt. Drawing.
25. Photograph of the new residence on Wichita University campus for the university president, which is nearly completed (exterior is complete).

Tuesday, March 7, 1939**page**

5. The Transcontinental & Western Air ticket office was moved into larger quarters on the north side of the Allis Hotel entrance yesterday from its old location on the south side of the hotel entrance.

Sunday, March 12, 1939**page**

7. Drawing of new library building for Wichita University, now under construction. Ed Forsblom, architect.
11. Photograph of new front and sign recently installed on the Crawford theater.

Wednesday, March 15, 1939

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5. The new twin-engined Stearman attack bomber was flown to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio yesterday.

John E. McKeen, 76, retired street car conductor died yesterday at his home, 1410 Ida. He had worked on the street cars when they were still drawn by mules. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Becker, 1407 South Emporia, and Mrs. F. D. Mickey, Route 1, and two sons, John E., Jr., of Kansas City, and Jed, of Detroit.

12. The new Boeing Clipper 18 returned to San Francisco yesterday after its "shake-down" trip to Hongkong. Clipper 19 will leave San Francisco tomorrow to cross the Pacific carrying only mail and express.

Thursday, March 16, 1939**page**

3. The silver service for the *USS Wichita* will be received here within 30 days. Contract was awarded by city commission to Cleon Whitney, local jeweler. The service will include 66 pieces and cost approximately \$3000. Details.

Sunday, March 19, 1939**page**

2. John P. Davidson was elected president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer society yesterday at its annual meeting at the Allis Hotel, succeeding Omrah Aley, who has served in that capacity for several years. Photograph. The society's big annual reunion will be held June 3 at the Forum.
8. Photograph of entrance of Spines Clothing store.

Tuesday, March 21, 1939**page**

5. City commission yesterday appropriated \$3000 for the silver service for the *USS Wichita*. Details. Total cost is \$3257.90, but the balance will be contributed by Wichita firms or groups.

Wednesday, March 22, 1939**page**

5. Refinancing plan for Commodore hotel completed. Details.

Friday, March 24, 1939**page**

5. Amos Grable, 73, 1608 Jackson, Wichita street car motorman for 42 years, died yesterday. Started work on street cars in February 1892, when part of them were still mule drawn. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. John Wilburn of Wichita, Mrs. Harry Angle, of Eldorado, and Mrs. Lester Davis of Salt Lake City, and five sons, Ralph, 116 West 12th in Wichita, Frank and Virgil of Alhambra, California, Walter of Los Angeles, and Perry,

of San Diego.

Sunday, March 26, 1939**page**

6. Photograph of the new Stearman twin-engined attack bomber.
17. Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company property is to be sold on the auction block tomorrow. Details.

Monday, March 27, 1939**page**

1. Braniff DC-2 crashed at Oklahoma City yesterday. Eight killed.

The Yankee Clipper left Baltimore yesterday on its first trans-Atlantic flight to Lisbon, Marseilles, Southampton, and Foynes, Ireland.
5. Cessna's new twin-engined low-wing plane made its first flight yesterday. Details. It is to be known as the Cessna T-50. Photograph.

Tuesday, March 28, 1939**page**

3. The defunct Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company failed to bring out a bidder when it went on the auction block yesterday. Next step will be application for a certificate of abandonment from the Interstate Commerce Commission. Details.

Wednesday, March 29, 1939**page**

1. First passenger carrying flight of the new Boeing Clipper to China will leave San Francisco tomorrow carrying 34 persons, including 12 crew and 22 passengers, on its first leg to Honolulu. It is the California Clipper. Its sister ship, the Honolulu Clipper, is now in the Orient and will carry passengers for the first time on its return flight from Hongkong.

The un-christened Pan American Boeing Clipper No. 20 will carry 50 passengers and a crew of 14 tomorrow on a trip from Baltimore to Bermuda.

Thursday, March 30, 1939**page**

7. California Clipper left San Francisco for Honolulu yesterday with 25 passengers and crew of 11, and Pan American Clipper No. 20 carried 38 passengers and crew of 15 to Bermuda from Baltimore.

Friday, March 31, 1939**page**

5. The first of Wichita's permanent soft water wells in the equus beds will be completed by the first of next week. Details. One hundred one feet deep, and five miles west and three

miles north of Sedgwick.

Saturday, April 1, 1939**page**

6. Photograph of "White House" service station at 1st and Topeka, which celebrates its first anniversary today.
- 3-A. Photograph of Dillon store at 900 West Douglas (and building it's in).

Tuesday, April 4, 1939**page**

2. Board of education decided yesterday to offer for sale various odd lots of land throughout the city which it now appears will not be needed for school purposes. This includes the old "Shrine club" site on the Little River, once held for an intermediate school.
3. Both the Santa Fe and Rock Island will run special trains to Houston April 30 for presentation of silver service ceremonies on May 1. Round trip fare will be \$12.85.

Wednesday, April 5, 1939**page**

1. "Slate" candidates, including T. W. Weaver, defeated yesterday in election of city commissioners. Details.

Thursday, April 6, 1939**page**

1. Yankee Clipper reached Southampton April 4 at end of its first trans-Atlantic flight. Photograph.
5. Thirty-six hour test of first permanent well for Wichita's new water supply from equus bed was started April 4 and will be completed this morning. Flow was averaging 1600 gallons per minute, or approximately two and a quarter million gallons a day. The 25 permanent wells will develop a potential daily capacity for 30 million gallons, although the present peak consumption of the city is only 20 million gallons.

Tuesday, April 11, 1939**page**

1. City commission yesterday elected Frank Coleman as mayor, succeeding Elmer Corn.

Bert C. Wells resigned yesterday as city manager.

Sunday, April 16, 1939**page**

2. Photograph of *USS Wichita*.

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5. Sam P. Wallingford, president of Wallingford Grain Company, yesterday announced plans to increase the storage capacity of the Public Terminal Elevator company, 3311 North Emporia by 400,000 bushels to 1,500,000 bushels. Work will start tomorrow and will be completed in time for the this year's wheat crop. Just one year ago the elevator's capacity was increased by 400,000 bushels.

Tuesday, April 25, 1939**page**

3. Building permit issued yesterday to Rorabaugh-Buck Dry Goods company to build a water tank on the roof of the Smythe building for a sprinkler system, at estimated cost of \$2800.

Monday, April 28, 1939**page**

12. A new 60 foot flag pole was raised at Lawrence stadium yesterday. Details.

Tuesday, April 29, 1939**page**

3. Approximately 600 persons left Wichita yesterday on a special 13 car Santa Fe train for Houston to attend ceremonies of presentation of the silver service to the *U.S.S. Wichita*. Details.
5. Civil Aeronautics Authority at Washington yesterday granted Continental Airlines permission to operate the new air mail and passenger route between Wichita and Pueblo. Service will start soon after June 1, using Lockheed 12-A planes carrying six passengers, to fly one round trip daily. Details.

Wednesday, April 30, 1939**page**

5. Pouring of the six inch concrete slab for the new runway at municipal airport is to begin by May 10. Five hundred seventy men employed on the project are now laying out the grade for the slab after placing 8300 feet of concrete storm sewers for drainage purposes.

Monday, May 1, 1939**page**

1. Article reports presentation of silver service to *USS Wichita* at Houston yesterday. Details and photographs on page 2.

Tuesday, May 2, 1939**page**

12. Report of death April 30 of Dr. Walter H. Rollins, 70, former president of Fairmount College from 1914 to 1922, in White Plains, New York.

Sunday, May 7, 1939**page**

16. Photographs of men working on drainage and grading for runway project at municipal airport.

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- 3., 5. Photograph of new wing of Veterans' Administration Hospital under construction. Article with details on page 4 -- to be completed approximately August 15 and will increase capacity to 250 beds.

Sunday, May 14, 1939**page**

25. Photograph of new theater at 607 East Douglas, which is nearing completion. To be opened around June 1. Capacity is 672. Name to be selected through a contest.

Wednesday, May 17, 1939**page**

3. Photographs of North High's annual water carnival yesterday.

Thursday, May 18, 1939**page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday for new nurses' home for Wesley Hospital at estimated cost of \$79,000. To be four story and contain 39 bedrooms. Ground was broken for the project last week.

Sunday, May 21, 1939**page**

1. Yankee Clipper left New York (Port Washington) yesterday on first regularly scheduled flight to Europe (via Azores), carrying mail but no passengers. To go to Lisbon, Marseilles, and then Southampton before returning.
5. Expect work to start in June on new county lake southwest of Goddard.
11. Advertisement announces formal opening of Polar Bear No. 2 frozen custard store at Kellogg and Hydraulic. Photograph.

Friday, May 26, 1939**page**

16. The exhibits of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society, on view for many years on the second floor of the court house, were moved yesterday to the new museum quarters in the Forum.

Saturday, May 27, 1939**page**

3. Photograph of new concrete bleachers with capacity of 500 seats, which have been erected

opposite the diving boards at the municipal pool.

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11. Photograph of interior of new theater at 607 East Douglas, which is opening today. Article with details.
15. Photograph of new location of the Buschow Motor Company, Studebaker dealer, at 235 North Emporia.
16. Article reports opening today of the new West Urn grill at 715 West Douglas, owned by C. E. Yingling.
- 2-A. Advertisement for Rickman Bottling Company, 853 East 9th, with photograph (old Jayanell factory building). Article with details page 3-A.

Sunday, June 4, 1939**page**

15. Droll's English Grill celebrating seventh anniversary this week. Photograph of entrance.
17. Article says 100,000 are expected to use Wichita municipal beach pool this summer. ¶ The pool was opened on August 4, 1923, and attendance the five weeks of operation that summer was 47,761. The attendance in 1924, first full summer of operation was 91,400. The peak attendance was reached in 1929 with 114,807. It then declined during the depression, but increased to 80,415 in 1934, a hot summer, and to 86,303 in 1936. Last year the attendance was 63,653.

Tuesday, June 6, 1939**page**

3. First concrete is to be poured today at the north end of the new runway at municipal airport. Expected to be completed by August 15. To be 3500 by 150 feet and from six to eight inches in thickness. About 500 men working on two shifts. Photograph with details.

Friday, June 9, 1939**page**

1. Top of the KFH radio tower on East Central was blown over in windstorm last evening. Photograph.
2. Table of airmail poundage dispatched from Wichita monthly for first five months of 1939 compared with 1938.

Wednesday, June 14, 1939**page**

2. Continental Airlines will start test flights on the new Wichita to Pueblo route June 20 and

passenger service about July 1.

5. The old American State Bank building at southwest corner of Douglas and Topeka is to be torn down and replaced by a modern two story store and office building. Building permit issued yesterday. New building to front 25 feet on Douglas and 120 feet on Topeka. Glen Thomas, architect. Cost of project \$24,900.

Friday, June 16, 1939

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5. Air mail service from Wichita to Pueblo will start June 23.

Saturday, June 17, 1939

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5. Permit issued yesterday to Montgomery-Ward for installation of a cooling tower for its air conditioning system at cost of \$8500.

Sunday, June 18, 1939

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1. Atlantic Clipper left Port Washington, New York yesterday on "preview" flight to Marseilles with 30 persons aboard. Eighteen officials and newspapermen and crew of 12.
5. Continental Airlines will station nine men at Wichita, including four pilots, station manager, radio operator, two mechanics, and traffic representative. Run will be flown with either ten passenger Lockheed 10-E or six passenger Lockheed 12-A planes, depending on size of the load. Details.

Wednesday, June 21, 1939

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5. Continental Airlines' first proving flight on new Wichita to Pueblo route will leave Wichita at 7:20 a.m. today. Details. The plane arrived in Wichita yesterday evening.

Thursday, June 22, 1939

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5. Article reporting Continental's first proving flight to Pueblo yesterday. First air mail service will be tomorrow.

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2. Continental to carry first air mail on its Wichita to Pueblo flight today.

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2. No agreement reached by county commissioners of Sedgwick, Harvey, and Reno counties yesterday on back taxes owed by Arkansas Valley Interurban. The back tax owed the three counties totals more than \$190,000.

Continental Airlines will inaugurate passenger service on its new Wichita to Pueblo route on Thursday, July 6. First air mail flight yesterday carried 117 pounds from Wichita and brought in 140 pounds from Colorado last night.

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6. Photograph of Continental's first air mail flight from Wichita to Pueblo shows plane to be Lockheed 12.

26. Photograph of Adele apartments, 904 North Topeka, which have been sold by the estate of the builder, Judson Smalley, to Gustave Hamel.

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5. On Saturday Transcontinental & Western Air will inaugurate on extra daily flight just to move traffic between Wichita to Kansas City, bringing the total number of daily scheduled flights at Wichita municipal airport to 12, the highest number in local history. ¶ The new Transcontinental & Western Air flight will be called the Kansas Chief and leaves Kansas City at 8:45 a.m., arriving here at 10:01. It leaves Wichita at 12:45 p.m. on the return trip, arriving Kansas City at 1:55. A Douglas DC-2 will make the daily round trip.

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5. Assessors figures show following numbers in Sedgwick County:

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Horses	6390	5283
Mules	1341	1142
Cattle	31,558	34,081
Hogs		8519
Sheep	18,400	14,466
Goats	378	338
Chicke ns	17,961 dozen	19,869 dozen
Tractor s		2157

12. Article reports departure yesterday from Port Washington, New York, of the first scheduled passenger trans-Atlantic flight, by the Dixie Clipper, carrying 22 passengers and crew of 11.

Saturday, July 1, 1939**page**

2. Advertisement for Continental Airlines' new air service from Wichita to Pueblo starting today. Also goes onto to Denver. Leave Wichita 7:15 a.m. and arrive Denver 9:50 a.m. Leave Denver at 2:40 p.m. and arrive Wichita 7:05 p.m. Fare to Denver is \$26.35 one way and \$44.80 round trip.

Sunday, July 2, 1939**page**

2. Photograph of the Union Hotel, 359 East 21st street, a Wichita landmark for 40 or 50 years, which was recently sold to the McLaren Lumber Company, which is erecting a material yard on a portion of the site.

Tuesday, July 4, 1939**page**

5. City commission yesterday approved plan to obtain right-of-way by condemnation, for the 48 inch pipeline from the equus beds to the city limits. Permanent right-of-way will be 25 feet in width. Details.

Wednesday, July 5, 1939**page**

2. Photograph of sail boat race on Santa Fe lake yesterday.

Thursday, July 6, 1939**page**

3. Welcoming ceremony sponsored by Chamber of Commerce to commemorate the new Continental Airlines service to Wichita is to be held tonight at the municipal airport.
8. Bank deposits:

First National	\$26,860,000
Fourth National	\$24,498,000
Union National	\$3,984,000
Southwest National	\$2,507,000
Kansas State	\$1,119,000
Stock Yards National	\$1,153,000

Friday, July 7, 1939**page**

5. Report of celebration at municipal airport last night in honor of Continental's new service on morning 43 route, Wichita to Pueblo. ¶ The crowd saw a rare sight at about 7:30 p.m., when five transport planes were on the field at one time. This included the regular

Transcontinental & Western Air, Braniff, and Continental flights, the special Transcontinental & Western Air flight bringing guests down from Kansas City, and Continental's special section.

Saturday, July 8, 1939**page**

1. The Yankee Clipper will depart from Port Washington, New York, today on the first scheduled passenger flight over the northern trans-Atlantic route to Southampton.

Sunday, July 9, 1939**page**

8. Full page advertisement tribute to Walter Beech, with photographs of Beech planes and Beech factory.

Tuesday, July 11, 1939**page**

2. Article says county commissioner Frank Isbell yesterday suggested removing both the north and south stone stairways on the exterior of the courthouse and convert the space at the north and south ends of the hall on second floor to office space. Details.
5. Testimonial dinner to be held today in honor of 25th anniversary of Walter Beech's first solo flight. Details.

Wednesday, July 12, 1939**page**

5. A definite offer regarding tax settlement was made to county commissioners yesterday by John R. Cox, of La Salle, Illinois, a prospective purchaser of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company. Details. It is suggested that he intends to place diesel engines in operation on the railroad.

Monday, July 17, 1939**page**

6. Wichita use-district map.

Sunday, July 23, 1939**page**

9. The new \$70,000 Sandra theater will be opened today. Details with photograph.
11. Night photograph of Lawrence stadium.
15. Photograph of parking lot at municipal airport full of cars watching arrival of three airliners between 7:15 and 7:35 p.m.

Monday, July 24, 1939**page**

2. Photograph of crowd in front of Sandra theater at its opening yesterday. Article with details.
6. Table gives Wichita city budget for current year and proposed budget for next year. List of city bond issues on page 7.

Tuesday, July 25, 1939**page**

3. Report on city commission discussion yesterday on renewal of the water franchise.
5. School board yesterday set levy for current school year – July 1 through June 30, 1940 – at 14.94 mills, up from 14.50 mills last year.

Wednesday, July 26, 1939**page**

5. First tour to be held today through new library at University of Wichita, which is rapidly nearing completion.

Friday, July 28, 1939**page**

5. Twenty-four of the 25 equus beds wells for Wichita's new soft water supply have shown a combined daily capacity of 60,480,000 gallons. The 25th well is being drilled now.

Sunday, July 30, 1939**page**

Special anniversary issue of *Eagle*

6. Aerial photograph of municipal pool and South Riverside park.
32. Aerial photograph of Murdock bridge and boat house.
- 4-A. Map of Wichita Transportation Company bus routes. Small bus photographs include 31 passenger Twin coach (College Hill -- No. ?), 25 passenger Yellow Coach (East Central -- No. 739), and 23 passenger Twin coach (West Riverside -- No. ?). Articles give history and details about Wichita bus system. The company has 76 buses in operation, costing \$5000 to \$10,000 each. Says the old mule cars had seats for 12 people.
- 6-A. Photographs of Wichita Water Company pumping station. Article with history of water system.
- 8-A. Aerial photograph of Kansas Gas and Electric plant -- shows oil tanks.
- 12-A. Aerial photograph of municipal airport -- first concrete runway under construction.
- 13-A. Copy of early history of Wichita written by Colonel Marsh Murdock in April 1876.

- 3-B. Article describing Santa Fe Trail bus system.
- 7-B. Article with small photograph of Bridgeport plant.
- 9-C. Aerial photograph of Sandy Beach.
- 10-C. Map of Wichita and surrounding area in 1882.
- 12-D. Photograph of Landrum market.

Monday, July 31, 1939**page**

- 3. At Port Washington, New York, the Yankee Clipper left for Southampton yesterday with a record passenger list of 30 and crew of 12, and the Bermuda Clipper arrived from Bermuda with 24 passengers and crew of seven.

Tuesday, August 1, 1939**page**

- 3. Article reports discussion at city commission yesterday about possible fate of Arkansas Valley Interurban.

Building permit issued yesterday to L. W. Mayberry for \$11,000 brick veneer house at 1014 Shady Way.

Wednesday, August 2, 1939**page**

- 5. Sedgwick County commissioners yesterday approved contract for purchase of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway by John Cox, of Illinois. Details.

Thursday, August 3, 1939**page**

- 5. Continental Airlines has filed application with the Civil Aeronautics Authority to extend the Pueblo to Wichita air route to Tulsa. Hearing is to be held October 18.

Saturday, August 5, 1939**page**

- 3. City commission yesterday adopted budget calling for expenditure of approximately \$2,500,000 in 1940, for a tax levy of 10.85 mills.

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- 5. Building permit issued yesterday to Hotel Lassen to remove and replace the terra cotta cornice at estimated cost of \$4000.

Twenty-fifth well in the equus beds has completed its test, giving total daily capacity of

63,187,200 gallons from all 25 wells.

Friday, August 11, 1939**page**

3. War department yesterday announced contract for purchase of \$688,888 worth of Stearman trainers, with option on \$2,000,000 more.

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5. A movement to abolish the Sedgwick County poor farm is to be discussed by county commission. Details.

Tuesday, August 15, 1939**page**

1. The California Clipper will leave San Francisco August 22 on the first survey flight over the 8000 mile airway to New Zealand.

Sunday, August 20, 1939**page**

1. Dr. David M. Edwards, president of Friends University, 67, was killed in auto accident yesterday near Danville, Illinois. Photograph.

Wednesday, August 23, 1939**page**

1. California Clipper left San Francisco yesterday on first regular passenger flight to New Zealand.

Sunday, August 27, 1939**page**

1. Sears, Roebuck plans 35 by 147 foot addition to north side of its building at Market and William, giving a 90 foot frontage on Market. Drawing.

Friday, September 1, 1939**page**

5. Braniff Airways will put in service four new Douglas DC-3 airliners about November 15 on its Chicago to Dallas route, via Wichita.

Sunday, September 3, 1939**page**

5. A plan for sale and reopening for operation of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company was approved yesterday by Judge Richard Hopkins in federal court here. John Cox, of La Salle, Illinois, is purchaser. The Arkansas Valley Interurban will be sold for \$75,000 plus payment of 1938 taxes to Sedgwick, Harvey, and Reno counties, the latter to be paid in two installments. Cox will then pay current taxes for each year the road operates, and for each year of current tax received, the counties will cancel one year of

delinquent tax. Six years will thus be required to cancel all delinquent taxes. Details.

12. Photograph of new John Marshall intermediate school, which has been completed. Glen Thomas, architect. Larger photograph on page 15.

Wednesday, September 6, 1939

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3. Plans for Wichita's new water filtration plant were presented to city commission yesterday. Details.

City commission yesterday adopted resolution for resurfacing of Douglas avenue from elevated tracks to Hillside and for widening it from Hydraulic to Hillside.

Saturday, September 9, 1939

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5. A new record of 6851 pounds of outgoing airmail from Wichita was set in August this year.

Note reports death yesterday of A. P. Sayres (sic), former Wichita dairyman, at San Antonio, Texas. Survived by wife, Ruth, a son, Leonard, and a daughter, Glennis, all of San Antonio.

8. Small photograph of Drive-In Market.
14. Santa Fe has placed in service for the first time two Diesel switch engines in Wichita. Photograph of one of them, No. 2359, built in La Grange, Illinois.

Sunday, September 10, 1939

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9. Photograph of newly completed general office building of Beech Aircraft Corporation at the plant on East Central.

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1. Warehouse building of Atherton Transfer and Storage Company at 115 North Rock Island was nearly destroyed by fire last night.
5. Continental Airlines yesterday inaugurated its new 11 passenger Lockheed super-Electra plane on its Wichita to Pueblo route. The company will continue to use its six passenger planes on the route when traffic is light.

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5. Enrollment at North High School is 1927 and at East High School is 2651.

Thursday, September 21, 1939**page**

5. Final signature yesterday on army air corps' contract for \$3,000,000 worth of Stearman trainers, the largest ever signed by any Wichita plane manufacturer. Employment, now about 600, will be increased to about 1000.

Saturday, September 23, 1939**page**

5. War department's announcement yesterday of above contract said it was for \$2,843,405 and was for some 400 primary training planes.

A new airline record of 588 passengers originating in Wichita was set in August.

Sunday, September 24, 1939**page**

11. Advertisement says bus fare to New York is \$21.40.
13. Article reports publication tomorrow of the book "Blazing the Way West," by Bliss Isely. Photograph with details.

Tuesday, September 26, 1939**page**

5. City commission yesterday authorized park board to purchase the Stearman hangar at municipal airport for \$21,000.

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5. Bids were received yesterday by city commission for pipe line for city's new soft water system. Details.

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28. George Droll has sold his restaurant in the Miller Theater building to Miss Anna Garvey and has leased the English type building at Central and Hillside, owned by the Dunn Investment Company. After remodeling he will open a new Droll's English Grill at that location.

Tuesday, October 3, 1939**page**

1. Article reports death of Bishop August Schwertner yesterday at his home, 345 North Belmont, at age 68.
5. Contract for the new filtration plant for Wichita's new soft water system was let by city commission yesterday for \$415,050, including \$345,050 for the building and \$70,000 for equipment. If the entire project is completed by May 18, 1940, the Public Works

Administration will pay 45 percent of the cost.

The new John Marshall intermediate school was formally accepted by the Board of Education yesterday. Constructed at a cost of almost \$300,000, which was shared by the federal government.

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5. The Public Works Administration yesterday approved the city commission's decision to award the contract for 48 inch pipe line from the equus beds to the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, of Birmingham, Alabama, for \$1,087,591, with W. B. Carter, Wichita contractor, to the lay the line for \$233,050.

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5. Radio station KFBI will be moved from Abilene to Wichita about Christmas time. Exact site of the new transmitting station and antenna has not yet been determined. Station operates on 1050 kilocycles with power of 5000 watts.

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7. Article reports installation of Wichita's first bell chimes, 12 large bells, in the belfry of Immanuel Lutheran church at South Market and Indianapolis. The bells were cast at foundry of Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, England, and were donated by Mrs. A. C. Kreitzer on the church's 30th anniversary. Details.
11. Photographs of Wichita packing companies.

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5. Report of death of Mrs. Lulu Carey Dowden, daughter of Wichita pioneer and former mayor, John B. Carey.

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5. Transcontinental & Western Air has completed a deal to purchase Marquette Airlines, which operates a 564 mile route between St. Louis, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Detroit. It is subject to approval by the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

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5. The H. E. Salzberg Company, of New York, means business and has money ready to meet the requirements for taking over the Arkansas Valley Interurban. The contract is being signed by commissioners of the three counties concerned. It is virtually the same as that previously offered to John Cox, of Illinois, who now is reported out of the picture.

Details.

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5. Record enrollment of 1508 reported by Wichita University. Includes 1203 residents and 305 non-residents. Enrollment in previous years: 569 in 1926 (first year of the municipal school), 1148 in 1934, 1276 in 1935, 1345 in 1936, 1295 in 1937, and 1411 in 1938 – all are as of October 15 and exclude the downtown and extension divisions and include only those actually enrolled on the campus.
7. The recently completed new wing at the Veterans' hospital here will be opened tomorrow, adding 66 beds and bringing total capacity to 250.
25. Photograph of S. D. Shaw Company, barber and beauty supplies, 333 North Main, which celebrates 40th anniversary this year. Article with details.

Tuesday, October 17, 1939**page**

5. Transcontinental & Western Air has announced an order for five Boeing Stratoliners, to be delivered between February and April, at cost of about \$350,000 each.

Saturday, October 21, 1939**page**

6. Photograph of new J. S. Dillon Super Market, at Kellogg and Hydraulic, which opens today. Article with details.

Thursday, October 26, 1939**page**

3. City commission yesterday approved a new three million gallon supplemental reservoir, to cost \$75,000, and to be located next to the new filtration plant. Details.

City commission yesterday approved the widening and resurfacing of Douglas from Santa Fe to Hillside at cost of about \$175,000.
5. United Sash and Door Company, 214 North St. Francis, was given building permit yesterday to construct a brick and steel frame tire station at 200 North St. Francis at cost of \$3500, to be occupied by General Tires.

Friday, October 27, 1939**page**

5. Photograph of David D. Leahy, who is 81 today.

Sunday, October 29, 1939**page**

5. Work is to start this week on laying of the 48 inch pipe line from equus beds to city.

Excavation started Friday for the new filtration plant on the Stackman tract on north side of Sim park drive immediately east of Sim park and west of the art museum. The new 3,000,000 gallon reservoir will be at the east end of the newly acquired tract, immediately west of the art museum.

15. Article gives history of the Wichita club, chartered originally in 1889 as the Coronado club, with rooms then on the fifth floor of the Sedgwick building, which now has only two stories, the three top floors having been removed. Later the club moved to the old Levy home at northwest corner of 1st and Topeka, and later to the second and third floors of the National Bank of Commerce building at southwest corner of Main and Douglas. Just after turn of century the Coronado club changed its name to the Wichita Commercial club, and then in 1912 secured an amended charter with the name of Wichita club. ¶ Photograph of Colonel A. H. Webb, now 88, who was one of the original 25 members of the club.
29. Photograph of F and E Wholesale Grocer Company warehouses in first block on North Santa Fe.

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14. Advertisement with photographs of exterior and interior of Civic theater.

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10. County engineer's office yesterday received 352 large photographs made from a recent government aerial survey of Sedgwick County. The photographs become the property of the county and will be kept on file permanently.

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5. A new high record of 7445 pounds of air mail was dispatched from Wichita in October. Eleven hundred forty pouches were sent out on 280 flights, compared with 598 pouches on 222 flights in October 1938.

Sunday, November 5, 1939

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11. Dim aerial photograph of central part of Wichita and Arkansas river from high altitude taken from new Stearman attack bomber.

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5. First pipe was laid yesterday near Sim park on the new 48 inch water line to the equus beds.

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5. Resurfacing of Douglas from Hydraulic to Hillside will be delayed until spring because of cold weather, but work of widening the street five feet on either side will go ahead during the winter months.

Thursday, November 9, 1939**page**

6. The new addition of the Sears, Roebuck store at William and Market opens today. The former 55 foot frontage on Market has been increased to 90 feet. Photograph.

Friday, November 10, 1939**page**

2. Article reports the golden jubilee of the founding of St. Francis hospital.
3. The new Wichita university library was formally dedicated last night. Details. Constructed at cost of \$165,459, of which the Public Works Administration paid 45 percent, or \$75,456. The total includes \$43,300 for equipment.

Tuesday, November 14, 1939**page**

5. Braniff's new Douglas DC-3 "Super B-liners" will go into service through Wichita on December 17. Four of them are to be delivered to Braniff early in December.

Thursday, November 16, 1939**page**

5. Southwest Federal Savings and Loan association yesterday purchased the property at 128-130 North Market. After modernization it will be occupied by the company for its own offices.

Sunday, November 19, 1939**page**

- 1-A. Article gives history of St. Francis hospital's 50 years of service. Says transfer of the hospital from the Sisters of Mercy to the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother was made December 11, 1889. Hospital building was rented from H. O. Burleigh at first for \$50 a month, later reduced to \$40 a month. On January 6, 1893 the Sisters borrowed money and purchased the building from Mr. Burleigh. Photographs in 1898 and 1902.

Tuesday, November 21, 1939**page**

6. Salvation Army was yesterday issued building permit for a building at 2022 North Broadway, one story, 38 foot front on Broadway and 60 feet deep, to cost \$6000.

Tuesday, November 28, 1939**page**

5. The Santa Fe's diesel streamliner from Chicago and Kansas City, which now terminates

in Wichita, will be extended after December 10 to Oklahoma City, where it will connect south to Dallas and Ft. Worth on trains 15 and 16.

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16. Photograph of Manning's Food Market, 500 South Market, owned by Phil Manning and celebrating its seventh anniversary this week.

Sunday, December 3, 1939**page**

30. Photograph of newly remodeled front of the Downing mortuary, 327 North Broadway.

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3. Santa Fe advertisement announcing extension of Santa Fe streamliner to Oklahoma City beginning Sunday, December 19, with overnight service between Wichita and Ft. Worth and Dallas via connecting train.
5. Table gives monthly airmail poundage sent from Wichita for first 11 months of 1939 and 1938. Total for 11 months is 62,713 pounds in 1939 compared with 44,187 in 1938.

Sunday, December 10, 1939**page**

18. Article says the Orpheum Theater building has recently been purchased by the Fox Theaters. Photograph.
27. Full page advertisement announces opening today of the new Droll's English Grill at Central and Hillside. Drawing and on page 6, photograph of interior.

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3. New final assembly area addition to Stearman plant is progressing rapidly and will be ready for occupancy by January 1. To be 126 by 205 feet of unobstructed floor space.

Saturday, December 16, 1939**page**

1. Article reports death of Sam J. Houston, 74, pioneer Wichita lumberman, at his home, 1111 North Broadway. Photograph and obituary.

Sunday, December 17, 1939**page**

15. Photograph of Dockum store in Union National Bank building and of Pestinger Typewriter Company, 105 South Main (in Central building).

Monday, December 18, 1939

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5. Lockheed's newest plane, the 17 place Lodestar, stopped briefly at Wichita yesterday.

Sunday, December 24, 1939**page**

13. Article reports article about Chisholm trail in January issue of *Country Gentleman* magazine. Photograph of University avenue in early days.
15. Photograph of modernized quarters of the Hobbs Chevrolet Company at 535 West Douglas.

Monday, December 25, 1939**page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Colonel A. H. Webb, 89, long time Missouri Pacific Railroad official. Photograph and obituary.

Thursday, December 28, 1939**page**

5. Car collided with Arkansas Valley Interurban freight train at 29th street crossing yesterday.

Friday, December 29, 1939**page**

3. First of Braniff's new 21 passenger Super B-Liner's will land at Wichita this evening on trial trip. To go into service first of the year.
5. Ground breaking for new Sedgwick County lake to be held today.

Sunday, December 31, 1939**page**

9. Article with history of Coleman Lamp Company.
14. Chronology of Wichita events of 1939.
17. Total airmail sent from Wichita in 1939 was 70,783 pounds compared with 49,072 pounds. Table gives figures by month.