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 1942 WICHITA EAGLE

#### Wichita Eagle Thursday, January 1, 1942 page

1. The former French luxury liner Normandie was yesterday given the name U.S.S. Lafayette.

# Saturday, January 3, 1942 page

14. The 20,067 ton Swedish liner Kungsholm has been purchased by the United States and was formally turned over yesterday. She was completed at Hamburg in 1928.

# Sunday, January 4, 1942 page

5. The personnel building at Boeing plant Number 2, a separate unit from the main factory standing at the edge of the field was completed yesterday, and the department will move in today. ¶ The hiring program for the new plant has been started and there were about 6800 on the payroll last week, an increase of about 1000 for the month and of 400 for the week just past. ¶ Construction on the main plant is making good progress and the warehouse is now roofed over.

# Monday, January 5, 1942 page

2. Photo of ice skaters on Little River yesterday at 13th street, near Oak Park.

# Wednesday, January 7, 1942 page

3. A collection of trade articles which were obtained from the Indians in this century many years ago by James R. Mead have been put on display in the Wichita public museum by his widow, Mrs. Fern Mead Jordan, 5037 North Hydraulic. Details. Says the collection at the museum also includes a life size statue (bronze) of Mead, which one of the sons had made for Mrs. Jordan soon after her husband's death. Museum is on 2nd floor of the Forum.

#### Saturday, January 10, 1942

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5. Presidential approval has been received for a federal grant of \$360,000 for the new Wichita hospital. Together with \$300,000 pledged by the Sisters of St. Joseph and \$124,000 pledged by Wichita citizens in the campaign last fall, this makes a total of \$784,000 now available for the hospital.

### Sunday, January 11, 1942 page

- 2. Construction on the new St. Joseph's Wichita hospital is expected to get under way in about three months. Details. It is to be built on a 19 acre tract on the old Magic Hill addition, which stands between Harry and Lincoln east of Hillside.
- 3. Ad for flights over Wichita in five place Waco for \$1.00.
- 5. The Boeing Wichita division is now hiring employes at the rate of about 150 a day. The number at work yesterday was 7588.
- 9. Automobile Brokers, Inc., the Studebaker dealership, Ben B. Belford, president, has moved from 1409 East Douglas and holds formal opening today at its new large quarters at 550 West Douglas (photo).

# Wednesday, January 14, 1942 page

5. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stanfield, Lassen hotel, have sold 140 acres of farm land a short distance southwest of Wichita on Highway 42, to the Aero Parts Manufacturing company of Wichita as site for a national defense plant. The company now has its main plant at 255 North Water, with heavy sub-contracts for airplane parts. The land is in southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 28, Range 1 west in Delano township and is bisected by diagonal highway 42, with about 90 acres on the north and 50 on the south. Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield are owners of the Western Machinery Company.

### Monday, January 19, 1942 page

1. Photo of fatal crash between auto and Twin Coach bus yesterday at Franklin and Litchfield (bus number not visible).

# Saturday, January 24, 1942 page

5. Building permit issued to Coleman Lamp and Stove company for a one story factory addition 140 feet long and 72 feet wide at 223-29 North Santa Fe, with total of 10,080 square feet of floor space. Lorentz Schmidt is architect and Hahner and Foreman contractor.

Ad says round trip bus fare to Kansas City is \$6.70.

#### Sunday, January 25, 1942 page

- 3. The Cessna employes club has leased the fourth floor gymnasium and the third floor ballroom of the former Elks club building at 212 North Market for club activities. Photo of gym.
- 29. Ad offering present Watkins, Inc. plant at 710 East 1st street for sale (aerial photo). Company is building a new larger plant on eight acre site on West 2nd street. The 1st street property fronts 215 feet on 1st street, 335 feet on west side of Moore Avenue, and 290 feet on east side of Moore.

#### Tuesday, January 27, 1942 page

2. Work has started on the new Watkins, Inc. plant at 721 West 2nd.

#### Thursday, February 5, 1942 page

5. Contract has been let for the \$139,309 Thomas Jefferson elementary school building at Orme and Pershing. With equipment the cost will be \$185,000, which is being received as a grant from the federal government made necessary by the location of Hilltop Manor, the government's 400 family defense village in that area. To be completed in 180 days and have 12 class rooms. Architects are Anset, Robinson, and Hibbs.

### Sunday, February 8, 1942

page

14. Photo of flood water at corner of Lawrence and Douglas on June 4, 1904.

#### Tuesday, February 10, 1942 page

5. Report on estate of Miss Agnes Conway, veteran school teacher, says she died December 13. Bulk of estate of \$12,000 left to friend and fellow-teacher, Althea McQuoid.

### Wednesday, February 11, 1942

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5. Ad says one way bus fare to Kansas City is \$3.70, to Chicago \$10.45, and to Los Angeles is \$24.20.

#### Saturday, February 14, 1942 page

- The first of the army's new four motored C-54 transports, originally designated as the DC-1. 4, was ready yesterday for its maiden flight.
- 5. By tomorrow evening the home for almost two decades of the Hockaday Auto Supply company at corner of William and Topeka will be vacant. The company is moving to a new location formerly occupied by the Valencia Oil company on East 2nd and will open

there for business Monday morning. The vacated property once was owned by the late O. C. Daisy and now is owned by his daughter Mrs. Mocelyn Daisy Condit, a resident of the Lassen hotel.

# Sunday, February 15, 1942 page

13-B. Street map of Wichita.

### Tuesday, February 17, 1942 page

5. City commission yesterday agreed to a request from the Sisters of St. Joseph that a 20 acre tract of land on which the new Wichita-St. Joseph's Hospital is to be built be brought into the city limits. The tract is bound by Hillside on the west, by Grand on the south, by Clifton on the east, and by Zimmerly on the north. The request was made to insure that the new project will have proper sewage and utilities and that the city will have proper authority over such a public project. City attorney was instructed to draw up the necessary ordnance.

# Wednesday, February 18, 1942 page

- 3. Effective yesterday the Ellis-Singleton Building became known as the Petroleum Building. The change in name was announced by Malcolm Hamilton, manger of the property management department of the Wheeler-Kelly-Hagney Company. Decision to change the name was made after the management was presented with a petition signed by more than 98 percent of the tenants. Details.
- 5. Driving of the pilings for the Big Arkansas River bridge which will carry Sedgwick County's east-west four lane highway from the Boeing plant to Meridian is expected to start this week. Appraisals are being made for condemnations for the four and one-half mile right-of-way of the new road. Details.

# Sunday, February 22, 1942 page

- 3. Photo of Wichita's new fire station Number 9 under construction at Kellogg and Dellrose. Photo taken yesterday. Cost of project is \$53,000.
- 11. Map of a large apartment house project to be built on the Mathewson's pasture site. Article with details. To be called Mathewson Manor and includes area between Cleveland and Pennsylvania and between 3rd and Central.

### Tuesday, February 24, 1942 page

5. Article about plans to widen Kellogg to four lanes from the east boundary of the Beech property to Broadway and also plans to relocate K-15. ¶ Plans are also complete for surfacing of Kellogg from east line of Beech property to the junction with U.S. 54 at

"Eleven Mile Corner." When the highway is completed, number 54 will be taken off East Central to relieve congestion at the Beech factory road. U.S. highway 54 would then go west to Water, north to Lewis, and west across the river to continue on Maple. Details.

## Wednesday, February 25, 1942 page

3. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Giselle Wallenstein, age 67, at her home, 129 South Belmont, after a long illness. Was the widow of Henry Wallenstein, Sr. and had lived in Wichita since 1903. Born in Vienna, Austria February 3, 1873. Parents brought her to Houston, Texas as a child. Survived by a sister, two nieces and a nephew (named -- none in Wichita). Photo.

# Thursday, February 26, 1942 page

5. Ground was broken yesterday for the new \$185,000 Thomas Jefferson elementary school to be built at Pershing and Orme. To be completed by August 7th. It is being built under a grant from the federal government under defense classification, as it is located for the principal use by the children at the Hilltop Manor and the 600 family defense village now in the stage of completion to the west of Hilltop Manor.

### Friday, February 27, 1942 page

5. Article about the West Street "pond" -- that area of West Street between Douglas and the Missouri Pacific tracks which becomes a virtual sheet of water in every rain -- is due to be relieved by a drainage system approved yesterday by the County Commission. Details.

# Sunday, March 1, 1942 page

5. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stimpson, 910 North Broadway, received word yesterday from their daughter, Mrs. Virginia Stimpson Davis, that her husband, Captain Mahlan S. Davis is seriously ill in the hospital at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Captain Davis, whose home is in Pennsylvania, is well known here, having visited Wichita many times since his marriage.

Photo of the Beechcraft AT-11 advanced trainer, one of several types being built here by the Beech Aircraft Corporation. Details.

# Monday, March 2, 1942 page

5. Ten new 27 passengers buses were delivered to the Wichita Transportation Company over the weekend and all will be in service by today on the Stock Yards -- East 13th and Friends University -- South Emporia lines. The new coaches have two sets of parallel seats in the front and rear, allowing considerable more standing room than others of the same capacity, but older model. They constitute first delivery of 26 new coaches ordered in 1941. Cleary said the remaining 16 would be in service before autumn. ¶ With 15 buses ordered in 1940 and delivered last year, the addition of these placed in service now and

those expected here in a few months runs total investment in new equipment to \$320,000. ¶ Of the 16 buses expected to be delivered before autumn, six will be 27 passenger coaches while the rest will be giant 36 passenger vehicles. ¶ Addition of the ten buses puts 110 now in operation on city streets. Four are held in reserve in case of breakdown. Orders for the 41 buses made in the last two years represents more coaches than the city had altogether in 1935, when the change over was made from street cars.

# Friday, March 6, 1942 page

5. The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's new \$500,000 office at Oliver and Douglas will go into service on April 1. Details. Photo.

### Sunday, March 8, 1942

page

12. Photo of old cannon in North Riverside Park near Park Villa.

Photo of new Kings-X hamburger stand at Kellogg and Oliver. Ad with photos of other Kings-X restaurant on page B-1.

# Friday, March 13, 1942 page

- 3. Photo of new bridge across Arkansas River under construction on road leading from Boeing plant to Meridian Street. The new route is to be named "MacArthur Road." Most of piling for the bridge is in, but not the superstructure. Bridge is to be 600 feet long, 30 feet wide, and have 15 ton capacity.
- 14. Photo of Harvey Brothers Clothing Store at 122 East Douglas.

# Saturday, March 21, 1942 page

3. The city traffic commission yesterday voted to recommend to the city commission that parking meters be installed in downtown Wichita for a trial period of six months. Details.

# Thursday, March 26, 1942 page

5. The building of the bankrupt Hayes Equipment Company at 624 East Gilbert was sold at auction Tuesday to A. J. Cleary, vice president of the Wichita Transportation Company, for \$31,000. The equipment firm went into receivership January 17. Cleary did not indicate what he planned to do with the building. Details.

# Friday, March 27, 1942 page

5. Robert B. Campbell, former head of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway for many years, has been appointed field representative for the Kansas State Industrial Development

Commission, effective immediately. He will seek to obtain prime war contracts and sub-contracts for Kansas plants. Details. Photo.

# Sunday, March 29, 1942 page

- 7. Photo of new fire station at Dellrose and Kellogg, the exterior of which is nearly complete although interior work remains to be done.
- 13. Map showing expansion of the Wichita city limits by 433 acres in the year 1942 and approvals of 126 acres more so far in 1942.

# Tuesday, March 31, 1942 page

5. City commission last night placed in first reading an ordinance granting a franchise to the newly formed Emergency Transportation, Inc. to permit mass transportation of defense workers to the aircraft plants outside the city limits. The new company has been chartered in Topeka with authorized capital of \$100,000 by the owners of the Wichita Transportation Company to solve the problem of driving outside the city limits. It visualizes the use of 25 large buses and also trains of the Santa Fe Railroad. Under the plan these buses would operate from a downtown terminal and carry workers to the plants at ten cents a trip. ¶ Incorporators of the new Emergency Transportation, Inc. are H. V. Wheeler, H. H. Heimple, A. J. Cleary, and Robert C. Foulston.

# Tuesday, April 7, 1942 page

3. Santa Fe Trailways is purchasing 150 feet of ground at Broadway and English including the Arnold Building, which it will remodel for office space. The 100 feet just south of the building will be used for parking and depot space. Cost over \$150,000. Details.

# Saturday, April 11, 1942 page

2. The Union Pacific Railroad's "City of Salina," described as the world's first streamlined train, is being scrapped in an Omaha junkyard. In service for eight years between Kansas City and Saline, the three car train is now too small to accommodate the traffic, so it is now being scrapped and will yield approximately 100,000 pounds of aluminum for the war effort.

### Sunday, April 12, 1942

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Special War Map Section

15. Wichita Transportation Corporation ad says 15 new buses were put into service last fall and ten more were received last week, and 16 large buses are on order. Photo of bus (apparently a new one --make?).

#### **Monday, April 13, 1942**

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5. Report of death Saturday at his home in Oakland, California, of former pioneer Wichita attorney, Rodolph Hatfield, at age 87. Born October 6, 1854 in Ohio and went with his parents as a child to Lincoln, Illinois. Moved to Trinidad, Colorado in 1878 and then to Wichita in 1879. Remained here until 1912 when he moved to Oakland. Retired from work there four years ago, Survived by his wife Allie, four sons and one daughter, five brothers and two sisters (all named). Further biography.

### Tuesday, April 14, 1942 page

5. O. F. Sullivan elected mayor by city commission yesterday.

City commission yesterday passed ordinance calling for purchase of the property of the Wichita Water Company subject to passage of necessary bonds at a special election in June. Details.

### Thursday, April 16, 1942

page

7. Rock Island Rocket ad. Photo.

# Saturday, April 18, 1942 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Daniel H. Holmes, 1209 North River Boulevard, wife of the manager of the S. G. Holmes and Sons Clothing store, after an illness of several months. Born in Willis Point, Texas and had lived here 25 years. Survived by husband and a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Brinton, of San Diego, California, one brother and two sisters (named -- none in Wichita). To be buried in McAlester, Oklahoma.

### **Sunday, April 19, 1942**

page

13. Bus company officials are discussing the idea of staggering working hours. Fifty percent of the Wichita Transportation Companies business comes between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bus riding has increased over 50 percent over the last year.

### Wednesday, April 22, 1942 page

5. Report of mass meeting at Valley Center last night to vigorously protest the plan to abandon the Arkansas Valley Railroad (formerly known as the Arkansas Valley Interurban). An Interstate Commerce Commission referee is to hold a hearing on the case at the Broadview Hotel in Wichita next Monday morning. Details.

### Friday, April 24, 1942

page

9. Article about on old brick house on corner of 13th and Jeannette built some 58 years ago by the Albert brothers, which has recently passed into the hands of its third owners and is

to be converted into apartments. ¶ The house was built of brick made by the Albert brothers, Charles, John and Morton, in a kiln that stood west of Burns and north of 13th. The house was bought from the builders 49 years ago by the late F. R. Smith, an orchardist, and passed from him to the possession of H. L. Gates, son-in-law of Mr. Smith. Mr. Gates has now sold it to Swope-Brady, Inc. Mr. Smith was the first to introduce Staymen Winesap apples to Sedgwick County and put out the first 500 acres in 1901. The orchard was five miles north and five miles west of Broadway and Central. Several of the houses were built of brick from the same kiln. Photo of houses.

# Saturday, April 25, 1942 page

5. The project planner for the Federal Public Housing authority announced here yesterday that he would recommend to Federal Housing Administration in Washington, D.C. the acquisition of seven-eighths of the section lying diagonally northwest of the municipal airport for the location of 4500 defense houses. This section is bounded on the south by the east and west road running along the north side of the airport, on the west by Hillside, on the north by Franklin Road, an the northeast by George Washington Boulevard, and on the east by Oliver. ¶ It is hoped to complete surveys by May 8 and receive bids for the 4500 housing units by the end of May. Contracts should then be let by June 15. Details.

# Sunday, April 26, 1942 page

5. Another article about the hearing to be held tomorrow on the proposed abandonment of the Arkansas Valley Railway. Details.

Report of the death last night of Monsignor Godfrey Birrenbach, of Colwich, at age 65. Born in Germany and was ordained there for the Wichita diocese on July 15, 1900. Was an active priest until his retirement in January 1941. Appointed pastor of Colwich December 5, 1923 and received the title of Right Reverend Monsignor on July 22, 1931. Survived by a sister, Johanna, and two brothers, William and Frank, all living in Germany, a niece and three nephews (named -- in United States). Further biography. Photo.

# Tuesday, April 28, 1942 page

5. Report of Interstate Commerce Commission hearing in Wichita on Arkansas Valley Railway abandonment. Report to be made to Interstate Commerce Commission in 60 days. Details.

### Sunday, May 3, 1942 page

7. 1942 map of city of Wichita.

# Wednesday, May 6, 1942 page

1. The 21st Street bridge over Big Arkansas River is near collapse from current floods. Details. Photo.

### Thursday, May 7, 1942

page

5. Photos of 21st Street bridge over Big Arkansas river before and after it was washed out by high water yesterday. Details.

### Sunday, May 10, 1942

page

8. Ad with photo of entrance of Southwestern Osteopathic Sanitarium and Hospital, 3244 East Douglas. Article and history on page 10.

### **Tuesday, May 12, 1942**

page

5. City commission yesterday approved Park Board's proposal to issue \$50,000 in bonds to build a 10,000 square foot wing as an addition to the administration building at municipal airport to house army air force procurement offices for this district. Details.

### Sunday, May 17, 1942

page

- 2. Photo of the twin-engine AT-15 Crewtrainer recently delivered by Boeing Wichita plant to the army air forces for tests. Details.
- 14. Ad give list of new Santa Fe Trailways bus timetables from Wichita beginning May 20.
- 1-10A. Photos of Wichita High School graduates for 1942.

### Monday, May 18, 1942

page

2. Report of death last night of Truman G. Reed, former Wichita High School East principal, at his home in Spokane, Washington at age 47 of heart trouble. He left Wichita in 1937 for Spokane to become principal of the High School there. Born in Iowa. Survived by his wife, Florence and a son Gervais (sic), age 15. Further biography. Photo.

#### Friday, May 22, 1942

page

16. Photo of Rorabaugh-Buck store.

### Wednesday, May 27, 1942

page

7. Report of death yesterday of Dr. John R. Brinkley, age 56, at San Antonio, from heart disease. Survived by wife, the former Minnie T. Jones, and one son, John R. Brinkley III, age 15. Biography.

## Thursday, May 28, 1942 page

5. County assessor reports Wichita's population to be 132,915, an increase of 18,281 over the 114,634 last year. Population of the six townships adjoining Wichita is 20,572 this year, a gain of 5,931 from 14,641 last year (figures given for each township).

### Friday, May 29, 1942

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3. Photo of North High School graduating class in the Forum. Shows Forum arch and stage.

### Sunday, May 31, 1942

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- 2. Effective tomorrow, Continental Air Lines will suspend service between Pueblo and Tulsa via Wichita owing to lack of aircraft. The company announced that it was turning over to the government practically all of its 14 passenger Lockheed Lodestar equipment. The suspension is expected to be temporary, and service will be resumed when equipment is released by the government.
- 6. Photos of Memorial Day parade on Douglas Avenue yesterday.
- 18. Photo of addition under construction at Riverside pumping plant of the Wichita Water Company. To be one and one-half story, brick, 35 by 65 feet.

# Tuesday, June 2, 1942 page

3. Ad announcing that the Lassen Hotel is now under Schimmel direction, with Walter Schimmel as managing director.

### Wednesday, June 3, 1942

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2. Contracts have been let for site for 500 defense housing units near Beech factory and 4500 units near Boeing factory, and ground work should begin in the next day or two. Details.

### **Sunday, June 7, 1942**

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5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. O. C. Emery, 85, wife of a pioneer newspaperman, at her home, 511 South Glenn. She and husband were married in Jewell County in 1882. Came to Wichita from Concordia in 1902. Husband has been a Wichita newspaperman for 40 years. Survived by husband, one son, Clare, of Hutchinson, two sisters and one brother (named). Obituary.

### Monday, June 22, 1942

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5. Report of death yesterday of James W. Weaver, 81, pioneer resident of the Maize community and father of Dr. T. Walker Weaver, at his home near Maize after a length

illness. Born May 25, 1861 in Illinois and went to the Maize area in 1876. Was a farmer. Survived by his wife Amanda, five sons, Dr. Weaver, Robert, and James, all of Wichita, Lee of Maize, and Ardon Weaver of Junction City, four daughters, Miss Doll Weaver of Maize, Mrs. Hugh Lent of Wichita, Mrs. Helen Confal, Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Elsie Arnold of Seattle. Also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Rhoda Parker, Kinsley, Kansas, Mrs. Maggie Clipper, Medford, Oklahoma, and Mrs. R. L. Anderson, Maize, and two brothers, A. L. Weaver, Pratt Kansas, and L. P. Weaver, Hugoton, Kansas. Photo. Burial at Maize.

# Tuesday, June 23, 1942 page

- 3. Continental Air Lines has been authorized to resume service on its Denver to Tulsa line via Wichita on July 1, with one round trip daily.
- 5. Water in the new Sedgwick County lake near Goddard is now within 12 inches of the spillway and covers 230 acres of the expected total of 240 acres. Details.

# Tuesday, July 7, 1942 page

5. City commission yesterday placed on first reading on ordinance granting a franchise to the Defense Transportation Company, a new concern which plans to operate buses to the war plants. Details. Company plans to put loading and unloading zones adjacent to city schools. Fare is to be 15 cents one way or 25 cents for round trip tickets purchased in books of 20.

## Thursday, July 16, 1942 page

5. Work has started on the widening of Oliver from the present 20 foot pavement to a 40 foot four lane highway from Kellogg to MacArthur Road. The city is laying one-half mile of highway, from Kellogg to Lincoln, with concrete pavement. The county is putting in the three and one-half miles south from Lincoln to MacArthur Road, but is using a bituminous wet surface. The whole length is receiving curb and gutter. Details.

# Saturday, July 18, 1942 page

5. Resumption of service between Wichita and Tulsa by Continental Air Lines has been delayed but it will definitely be resumed next Tuesday, July 21, it was announced yesterday. Details.

### Sunday, July 19, 1942 page

14. Drawing of the new administration building of the Boeing plant Number 2, which is nearing completion. Details.

#### Monday, July 20, 1942

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- 2. Legal publication of the proposed budget of the City of Wichita. Details.
- 8. Regular transportation service to Wichita's three major aircraft plants will be inaugurated at 6:25 a.m. today when the first bus of the Emergency Transportation, Inc. leaves Market and Douglas. Initially two buses will run to Beech, two to Boeing, and one to Cessna. Extra buses will be added as needed. ¶ The new buses are built to seat 41 passengers and to accommodate about 100 including standing room. They will operate on the express system, with stops only at regularly scheduled places. The fare will be ten cents cash each way, and regular city bus tokens will not be accepted. ¶ The regular city bus service will add a late run on all routes from Market and Douglas at 1:05 a.m. to give transportation home for workers on the late shift. The present 12:15 a.m. departure from downtown will be maintained as usual. ¶ The Defense Transportation buses will load on the east side of Market between Douglas and William and will have the name of the plant they go to on the front. ¶ Details of schedules, etc.

## Saturday, July 25, 1942 page

8. A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the new Emergency Transportation Company, announced yesterday that this company's huge new buses will be named in honor of aviation pioneers of Wichita. A partial list of the aviation pioneers whose names will be honored includes: Jake Moellendick, Walter Beech, Lloyd Stearman, Buck Weaver, Clyde Cessna, Matty Laird, Mac Short, Fred Hoyt, A. O. Payne, and Bill Burke. Other names will be chosen later. ¶ The names will appear on the buses in a few days.

# Sunday, July 26, 1942 page

This is special edition celebrating 70th anniversary of Eagle.

- 13. Ad with photo of entrance of S. G. Holmes and Sons clothing store, 309 East Douglas.
- 22. Photo of Transcontinental & Western Air's sleeper plane NC 17312 unloading passengers (but not definitely at Wichita).
- 29. Photo of Meadowlark Golf Course club house.
- 2-A. Photo of new addition to pumping station of Wichita Water Company, completed this month

### Thursday, July 30, 1942 page

2. Article describing new through-street traffic plan with speed limit increase to 30 miles per hour on through streets and restricted parking on some of the through streets. Details.

### Saturday, August 1, 1942 page

5. The Yellow Cab company will cease operations in Wichita this morning at 6:00 a.m. owing to the inability to get tires.

## Tuesday, August 4, 1942 page

5. Records filed yesterday with the register of deeds showed that the Boeing Aircraft Company has purchased an additional 45 acres directly across MacArthur Road south of Boeing's Number 2 plant from Mike Kennedy and his son, Charles W. Kennedy. The buyer of the land was the Defense Plant Corporation. It is to be used to add to the warehouse facilities of the Boeing Aircraft Company. Grading equipment is now on site and the Austin Company will build the new warehouse. A spur of the Santa Fe Railroad will be extended from the Connell station to the new warehouse at a cost of about \$50,000. The Santa Fe now has a spur extending from Connell station to Boeing plant Number 2.

### Wednesday, August 5, 1942

page

1. Wichita voters yesterday apparently defeated the proposal to issue \$6,127,000 in bonds in order to purchase the property of the Wichita Water Company. Details.

# Friday, August 21, 1942 page

5. Report of death Wednesday morning after a long illness, of Walter H. Mooney, 61, former claims agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and past potentate of the Midian Temple of the Shrine. Funeral this afternoon at Downing mortuary. Survivors not listed. Pallbearers listed.

### **Sunday, August 23, 1942**

page

11. Hyde Park Dairies tomorrow will introduce the paper milk bottle to Wichita grocery and milk consumers. Detail. The Hyde Park Dairies plant is at 1601 East 1st. Officers and directors of the company are listed, with photos.

### Wednesday, August 26, 1942

page

5. The city's one-half mile section of new 40 foot concrete pavement on Oliver from Kellogg to Lincoln was completed and opened yesterday.

## Sunday, August 30, 1942 page

5. The new four lane highway K-15 will be open to traffic next Wednesday morning and will relive a good share of traffic from Oliver and George Washington Boulevard. Under the new routing, K-15 traffic will travel west on MacArthur Road from southeast corner of

Boeing plant Number 2, then turn in a northwest direction on the new four lane highway which parallels the railroad tracks down to the intersection with Hydraulic. It then goes north to Kellogg, west to Broadway and then north again. The previous routing was from Oliver down George Washington Boulevard to Kellogg. Details.

### Tuesday, September 1, 1942 page

5. Wichita's new \$53,000 fire station, Engine house Number 9, at northeast corner of Dellrose and Kellogg, will go into service this morning. Details. Photo.

# Thursday, September 3, 1942 page

5. Building permit issued yesterday for construction of an east wing to the administration building at the municipal airport, and workmen have started work on the foundations. To be 63 by 63 feet, two stories high, and cost approximately \$50,000. Material will match that of the present building. Details.

# Sunday, September 6, 1942 page

3. Added bus service will be provided on all city bus lines beginning Tuesday morning with the start of school, A. J. Cleary announced yesterday. Practically every available bus will be put into service. The new schedules will be shown in the "As-U-Go-News" placed in "Take One" boxes on the city buses.

# Monday, September 7, 1942 page

5. Board of county commissioners yesterday announced purchase by the county of the Mentholatum Building on East Douglas for \$35,000 for use in housing the county welfare agency. Details.

# Wednesday, September 9, 1942 page

5. City commission on Monday gave Wichita Cab Company permission to operate one shift only, from 5:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Night service will be abandoned for the time being beginning Thursday. This is due to the inability to obtain tires. Details.

# Thursday, September 10, 1942 page

- 1. Report of major fire last Thursday on the U.S. Navy transport ship Wakefield, formerly the passenger liner Manhattan, at sea in the Atlantic. Sixteen hundred people aboard were rescued. Details. Photos.
- 5. Santa Fe Trailways will exhibit its new 117 passenger "Victory Liner," built at its shops in Wichita, to the public at the Union Bus depot this evening. The bus body is constructed mostly of wood. This is the first of a series being built to carry workers to war production

plants. It will operate between Kansas City ant the Sunflower Ordnance Works at Eudora. Photo.

### Friday, September 11, 1942 page

- 1. Report of plane crash Wednesday afternoon on volcanic peak 17 miles east of Flagstaff, Arizona which killed Alanson T. "Dutch" Rawdon, 28 of 637 South Green, director of the Rawdon Brothers Flying Service, and three other well known Wichita pilots connected with the Rawdon firm, Fred M. Wallingford, 32, Ersel E. Hurst, 28, and Frank Wirt, 33. Details. Rawdon and his brother, Eugene, established the Rawdon Flying Service at their own airport on East Central several years ago.
- 8. Photo of crowd inspecting the new Santa Fe Trailways "Victory Liner" last evening at the dedication ceremonies at the Union Bus Depot.

### Wednesday, September 16, 1942 page

5. Report on plan for "skip-stop" bus operation was presented to the city traffic commission yesterday by J. C. Carothers, superintendent of transportation of the Wichita Transportation Corporation. Plan is intended to conserve tires and gasoline. Details. Tentatively to go into effect within 60 days.

### Thursday, October 1, 1942 page

6. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

# Wednesday, October 7, 1942 page

3. New fire station Number 9 at Dellrose and Kellogg is to be dedicated this evening. Details.

## Friday, October 9, 1942 page

9. Article about an early Transcontinental & Western Air's DC-2, number 315, which was retired after eight years and two million miles but then put into war service on the aerial supply route to the Middle East, where it made a forced landing in French Equatorial Africa after one engine failed. Has been replaced and flown out. Details.

# Sunday, October 11, 1942 page

5. Article says three old Wichita cannons will be donated to the scrap metal drive by the city of Wichita in a ceremony at 3:00 p.m. today. The largest is in North Riverside Park near Park Villa and weighs 8440 pounds. It bears the inscription "SCL, Fort Pitt, Pa, 1865."

¶ The other two cannons are of brass and weigh approximately 1000 pounds each. One is inscribed "C. A. and Co., Boston, 1861, U.S. Arsenal, St. Louis," and the other bears

the inscription "C. A. and Co., Boston, 1842, U.S. Allegheny Arsenal." Details. ¶ Followup report October 12, page five with photo.

### Tuesday, October 13, 1942 page

5. City commission yesterday granted permission to the Metal Reserve Company, an agent of the War Production Board, to take up and salvage any remaining old street car tracks now in Wichita streets. It is estimated there are about one and one-half mile of rails still in Wichita streets, weighing perhaps 130 or 140 tons. They will be used for the war effort.

# Friday, October 16, 1942 page

7. The 4000 pound bronze bell in the steeple of the court house is pealing its last notes this week and will be taken down and sent to a smelter to be melted down for use in war munitions, the county commissioners announced yesterday. The bell was placed in the steeple in 1890 and was furnished by Edward Vail, early day jeweler. It was constructed by McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Maryland. Details.

# Sunday, October 25, 1942 page

- 1. Article reviews at length early aviation history in Wichita, beginning with the Roy Knabenshue airship at the Peerless Prophet Jubilee in October 1908.
- 8. Article with biography of J. E. Schaefer, general manager of the Wichita Boeing plant. Born here June 11, 1893 to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schaefer. His father was proprietor of the Old English Inn, which stood for any years at 115 North Topeka, where the Shrine club is now situated. The Old English Inn was destroyed by fire in 1913, and Earl Schaefer then moved with his parents to Houston. However he returned to Wichita to graduate with his high school class in 1914. Married Miss Catherine Rockwell four years later. Photo.
- 14. Article about Fred G. Bechtel, Riverside druggist for 21 years, and his hobby of collecting nickels. Many biographical details. Photo.

Special Section honoring Boeing Airplane Company for its Army-Navy "E" award. Details. Photo.

### Monday, October 26, 1942 page

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6. Completion of the new Boeing plant is being celebrated today. Details.

### Tuesday, November 3, 1942 page

2. City commission yesterday approved the plan to eliminate more than one-third of the present bus stops in Wichita as a war economy measure. The number of stops in the city will be cut from the present 1370, with an average distance of 414 feet between stops, to

806, with an average distance of 703 feet between stops. Is in the downtown area the eastbound stops at Wichita, Water, Topeka, and St. Francis will be cut out. ¶ City attorney was instructed to draw up the new amendments to ordinances to place the above into effect.

The dies used in building the first streamlined trains a decade ago were piled on the steel scrap heap yesterday by the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company of Chicago.

5. The board of education yesterday voted to move its headquarters from the York Rite Temple building to the top floor of Carleton school. This was necessitated by the federal government's recent requisitioning of space in the building for various federal agencies in Wichita.

### Tuesday, November 10, 1942 page

5. Report of presentation of the army-navy "E" award to Beech Aircraft Corporation. Details.

# Saturday, November 14, 1942 page

5. Beginning Monday morning, November 23, Wichita buses will leave the garage about 4:15 a.m. to depart from downtown with passengers at 4:30 a.m., under an order granted yesterday by the Office of Defense Transportation. This is about an hour earlier then the present schedule. The new service will be effective on all lines except the Hilltop Manor branch. The announcement was made by John Ebinger, assistant general manager, and J. C. Carothers, transportation superintendent of the Wichita Transportation Corporation. ¶ The present schedule of buses leaving downtown at 12:15 a.m. and 1:10 a.m. will be maintained. The last buses usually leave later than 1:10 because of having to wait for defense plant loads on the Emergency Transportation lines and then not get back into the barns until about 2:00 a.m., so this means that the buses will be operating nearly 22 hours each day.

# Sunday, November 15, 1942 page

5. Article about the building of gliders by Wichita aircraft companies since last spring, and saying that the factories are now returning to aircraft production. Details.

# Tuesday, November 17, 1942 page

3. Contract let yesterday by board of education for construction of a six room addition to Woodland grade school to Martin K. Eby for \$39,990. ¶ Plans accepted for a four room addition to Willard school.

# Tuesday, November 24, 1942 page

- 3. Report of arrival in Wichita yesterday of a British Royal Air Force Lancaster bomber on a good-will tour. Details. Photo.
- 5. Wichita Transportation Company yesterday began putting in place new "victory stop" signs at intersections where buses will stop under the new "skip-stop" program. They are painted in bright colors and made of fiber, as metal is not available.

### Sunday, November 29, 1942

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16. Article about Plainview (sic) and Beechwood defense housing projects now under construction. Plainview to have 4382 units and Beechwood 500 units. Details.

### Monday, November 30, 1942

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5. The new "skip-stop" bus system recently planned by the Wichita Transportation Company started this morning on the College Hill and Eastborough bus lines and will be extended to other lines as the necessary stop markers can be installed. Details.

# Tuesday, December 1, 1942 page

5. City commission yesterday discussed requested re-routing of the West 2nd Street bus line. Present route is west on Douglas to Seneca, then north to 2nd, and then west on 2nd. Proposed new routing would be north on Waco to 2nd and then west on 2nd. This would serve employes of Santa Fe Trails Transportation Company, Watkins, Inc., etc. No decision taken.

# Friday, December 4, 1942 page

3. Drawing of new chapel to be erected by Woodland Methodist Church near the corner of 15th and Payne. To be of Silverdale limestone. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Ground breaking ceremony to be held Sunday.

### Sunday, December 6, 1942 page

15. Ad with photo of Rorabaugh-Buck store and photos showing Twin Coach 23-R bus in street.

# Tuesday, December 8, 1942 page

5. Article stating that Office of Defense Transportation has been notified that buses carrying workers to war plants here are overcrowded and it will be necessary to consider increased gasoline rations to permit workers to get to the plants.

## Wednesday, December 9, 1942 page

3. Article listing streets in different areas of Wichita having the same or similar names.

# Thursday, December 10, 1942 page

5. The Sedgwick County welfare agency opened today in its new quarters at 1300 East Douglas, in the old Mentholatum building, after having moved from previous location at 300 South Broadway.

# Monday, December 14, 1942 page

3. Report of formal opening yesterday of University Methodist Church at 17th and Volutsia. Details. Photo (frame building).

### Tuesday, December 15, 1942 page

5. City commission yesterday voted in favor of a compromise route change for the West 2nd Street bus, namely north on Waco to 2nd, west on 2nd to Handley, south on Handley to Douglas, west on Douglas to Seneca, north on Seneca to 2nd, and then west. Details. Still must be approved by Office of Defense Transportation.

# Wednesday, December 16, 1942 page

5. Article about danger to public arising from overcrowding of buses, which frequently obstructs the driver's vision. Details.

County commissioners yesterday gave approval to Boeing's application to build an overpass across MacArthur Road from Plant Number 2 to the warehouse and bus station. Work is now under way on construction of the overpass.

# Wednesday, December 23, 1942 page

8. Legal publication of zoning ordinances and map of city of Wichita.

# Tuesday, December 29, 1942 page

5. City commission yesterday discussed the possibility of asking the Wichita Transportation Company to go to a straight five cent bus fare in all city bus lines for the duration of the war. Unofficially it was said that the Transportation Company officials had met with the commissioners and agreed to this proposal. The commission voted to ask the city attorney to draw up a resolution on the matter. ¶ This change would solve the token problem for the transportation company. Many bus drivers are out of bus tokens most of the time now, and the company is unable to replenish its supply because of the wartime metal shortage.

#### Wednesday, December 30, 1942

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5. The Wichita Transportation Company announced yesterday that it would begin immediately a program to train women to serve as bus drivers. Approximately 25 buses are now standing idle owing to the shortage of manpower available to the bus company. ¶ The city commission also adopted an emergency ordinance providing for the collection of a license tax from the bus company consisting of a two percent tax on gross receipts in place of the one percent graduated franchise now being paid. This is because of the company's increasing volume of business and its extensive use of public streets and

sidewalks. This new tax is retroactive to last January 1st.