

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 1943 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, January 5, 1943

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5. Board of education meeting yesterday was informed that the six room addition to Woodland grade school was started on November 23 and should be finished about March 1st. ¶ The four room addition to Willard elementary school was started on December 10 and should be ready for occupancy on April 1 at a cost of \$23,200. ¶ Word was received yesterday that the government has approved a four room frame addition to the Thomas Jefferson school. ¶ Resignations of three city school teachers were accepted in order for them to enter some phase of war work. This included Charles Yoe, of North High School.

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3. Ad with photos of four Continental Grill buildings. New Number 4 unit is being opened at 1716 East Douglas.
5. Board of education yesterday chose Leonard B. Wheat, of Joliet, Illinois, to be Wichita's new superintendent of schools to succeed L. W. Mayberry, who is retiring. Details.
16. The new Victory bus stops of "skip-stop" system will go into effect on the West Douglas bus line tomorrow. The stops will be marked with the now familiar red, white, and blue markers. The new system already is effective in College Hill and East Kellogg bus lines, and the signs on the South Main line are nearly installed, and that will be the next line in which the system will become effective. Details.

A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Company, announced yesterday that the familiar city bus tokens will soon pass out of existence and be replaced by a straight five cent fare for adults and children over five years of age. Free transfers will continue to be given. Tokens will not be sold after midnight, Sunday, January 10, but will continue to be accepted on the bus system as long as any are outstanding.

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1. The army will dedicate its new air base between Winfield and Arkansas City on January 24 in the memory of Captain Donald R. Strother, of Winfield, Kansas, who was killed in the early days of the war in a battle over Java. Details.

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5. The newly completed east wing of the administration building at municipal airport was opened yesterday for occupancy by the midwestern procurement district of the United States army air forces. The \$50,000 project adds approximately 7800 square feet of floor space and conforms to the original plans for the building which were drawn up in the late 20s. Details.
10. Small photo of the new Sunnyside Baptist Church which is nearly completed at Morris and Estelle and is located next to the site of the old church. Is of brick.
21. Two more city bus lines will begin "Victory" stops tomorrow morning, A.J. Cleary announced yesterday. These are the East Central and South Main bus lines, on which the new red, white, and blue markers have been installed. Details -- list of stops.

Wednesday, January 20, 1943**page**

5. City traffic commission yesterday recommended to city commission that the number of passengers per bus should be limited, some safety device be installed to prevent passengers from crowding around the driver and obscuring his vision, and that loaders be assigned to loading zones in the business district during rush hours to insure orderly loading of passengers and to limit the number of passengers loaded in buses. ¶ About 20 buses are out of service owing to lack of drivers.

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3. Braniff ad showing wartime air service to Chicago effective January 20. Photo.

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9. The MacArthur Road bridge over the Big Arkansas river, after nearly a year of work, is nearly completed and probably will be opened to traffic next Monday morning. Cost nearly \$40,000. Followup February 1, page 5.

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5. Effective tomorrow, the monthly mileage permitted by the Office of Defense Transportation for operation of buses purchased in late 1941 and early 1942 will be increased by 50 percent. The new buses are those on Wichita streets which carry the letters "O.D.T." and identifying number. They have been restricted until now to 2000

miles a month, but this will be increased to a maximum of 3000 miles a month because of the steady increase in bus traffic. Details.

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5. City traffic commission yesterday recommended to city commission that a device be installed in front of city buses to prevent overloading with passengers to right of driver which obstructs his vision and causes danger. Details.

Sunday, February 7, 1943**page**

10. The North Topeka and Riverside bus lines will be added to the Victory stop system beginning tomorrow morning. Details -- with stops listed.

Sunday, February 21, 1943**page**

27. Article about one of the first woman bus drivers in Wichita, Neva McDonald. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, February 24, 1943**page**

5. Article about a meeting yesterday of city commission with regional assistant director of Office of Defense Transportation, from Kansas City, Missouri, regarding Wichita's big transportation problem. No specific facts or decisions given.

Friday, February 26, 1943**page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Frank M. Deam, 76, pioneer abstractor and real estate man, in Santa Monica, California, where he had lived for about a year. Born in Bluffton, Indiana in 1867 and came to Wichita about 1883. Was a member of the firm of the Deam Abstract Company. For many years his home was at 939 Nims. Survivors listed.
8. Legal publication: ward and precinct map of Wichita.

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11. Article describing in detail the weekly winding and maintenance of the clock in the tower of city hall. Details. ¶ "There's an interesting bit of early transportation history connected with the clock. Lying criss-crossed on a platform beneath both the clock and gong bell are several rails which used to be embedded in Wichita's streets when the old mule-drawn cars were in operation here. The rails were placed in their present position so they could catch the clock weights or the big bell in case their supports should break, thus preventing them from plunging through to the floors below."

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5. At request of the Office of Defense Transportation, tentative plans for reduction of Wichita Transportation Company bus service by ten percent in case of an emergency were submitted to the city commission yesterday. Details. No action.

Saturday, March 6, 1943**page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Miss Florence Francis Bitting, 1157 North Topeka, member of a prominent pioneer Wichita family. Born here in 1887, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bitting. Survived by a brother, Carl E. Bitting, of 1157 North Topeka, and a sister, Lucy. Two cousins named.

Sunday, March 7, 1943**page**

23. Full page ad of the Haldeman-Julius Publishing Company, Girard, Kansas, announcing cessation of publication of their "Little Blue Books" for the duration of the war, and listing titles of those still in stock, which will be sold for five cents until March 31, 1943.

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2. Santa Fe Trailways ad with drawing of their 117 passenger "Victory Liner" operating to and from a new "Mid-Western" city war plant. Photo.
8. Ad showing photo or drawing of four Kings-X locations in Wichita.
20. Article about official Boeing photographer in Wichita, Miss Laura Gilpin. Biography.

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5. Article describing major remodeling project at City Hall which got under way yesterday. Will remove a stairway and fill in additional floor space on second and third floors, etc. Details.

Sunday, March 21, 1943**page**

5. Charles M. Seibel, 22, East High School graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Seibel, 653 South Holyoke, has been appointed engineer in charge of helicopter flight testing for the Bell Aircraft Company at Buffalo, New York. He graduated from California Institute of Technology in June. Is married to the former Thelma Strickland, of Wichita. Photo.
6. The Boeing Airplane Company has added 500,000 square feet of floor space to its plant with the completion on schedule a few days ago of two new warehouses directly south of Plant 2 across MacArthur Road. Details.

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5. Way was cleared yesterday for construction of a new 150 bed, two story hospital by the Sisters of Saint Joseph when word was received that the Work Projects Board had approved a request for 155 tons of steel. It will be erected on a 19 acre tract at Clifton and Zimmerly and will be financed by a federal grant of \$360,000 to match the building fund raised by the sisters. Construction is expected to start around May 1st. Overend and Boucher are architects. Details.

Sunday, March 28, 1943**page**

5. Report of death yesterday of John Henry Skaer, 78, proprietor of the Skaer hotel here. Born in Ashley, Illinois October 16, 1864 and came to Kansas in 1878 with his family to a farm near Augusta. Went to Oklahoma during opening of the Cherokee Strip and returned to Augusta in 1912 after the death of this wife. Moved to Wichita in 1915 and with his brother J. W. Skaer, built the Skaer Hotel. Survived by a daughter in Augusta and six brothers (named). Photo.

Tuesday, March 30, 1943**page**

1. Report of results of city election yesterday (primary).

Sunday, April 4, 1943**page**

5. The six room addition to Woodland school was completed March 20 and will be dedicated April 9th. Details. Followup report April 10 on page 5.
12. Two old wooden boxes in the city auditor's vault have been opened and found to contain \$90,000 face value of old railroad stocks of two railroads which no longer exist: (1) 500 shares of \$100 a share stock of the Kansas Midland Railway Company, signed by C. R. Miller, president, and O. H. Bentley, secretary, dated December 1, 1887 and countersigned and registered February 27, 1888. (2) 400 shares of \$100 a share capital stock of the St. Louis, Fort Scott, and Wichita Railroad Company, Inc. dated August 1, 1883, and signed by Francis Tierman, president, and L. Campbell, secretary. ¶ Details. Photo.

Wednesday, April 7, 1943**page**

1. Report of results of city election yesterday. Moriarty, Coleman, and Manning elected to city commission. Details.
5. Cessna Aircraft company has leased the main hangar at the Hutchinson municipal airport for use as an overhaul base for Cessna "Bobcat" training planes. Details.

Tuesday, April 13, 1943**page**

5. City commission elected E. C. Moriarty as mayor of Wichita.

Thursday, April 15, 1943**page**

2. Report of death yesterday of Howard A. Smythe, 75, of 1339 North Broadway, an implement dealer here the past 40 years. Born in Daylstown, Wisconsin, and had lived here 58 years. Survived by wife, Hilda, two daughters and two sons (named), one brother in Wichita. Photo.

Sunday, April 18, 1943**page**

2. The original Boeing primary trainer delivered to the army on June 12, 1936 is still in service after more than 3400 hours of flight. It is at Santa Monica, California. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, April 20, 1943**page**

5. City commission yesterday approved the request of the board of park commissioners for a \$75,000 bond issue to finance the building of a west wing on the airport administration building, to be utilized by the expanding offices of the Midwestern Procurement District of the Army Air Forces. ¶ The recently added east wing of the building was started about nine months ago and completed four months ago.

Sunday, April 25, 1943**page**

8. Ad with photo of The Furniture Mart at 209-231 North Water.
10. The 7000th Boeing Kaydet trainer plane was delivered to the armed forces the past week. History of Stearman plane development. Photo.
22. Photo of new Cessna Loadmaster high wing, twin engine, wooden cargo plane.
32. The Office of Defense Transportation has granted approval for the first extension to a city bus line since the war began, A. J. Cleary announced yesterday. Beginning tomorrow, part of the East 13th Street buses will be extended from their present terminus at 21st and Hillside, west about one mile to Minnesota to serve the new Millair housing area, located on 21st between Hydraulic and Minnesota. Details.

Special Section regarding Wichita's many emergency war housing developments, which are to be dedicated today. Details and photos.

- 14-A. Article with biography of Walter Beech, and photo.

Tuesday, April 27, 1943**page**

3. Report of death yesterday of Frederick Thomas Hellar, 71, secretary-treasurer of the Davidson - Case Lumber Company, at his home, 3705 E. Douglas. Came to Wichita as a baby with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hellar, from Mt. Morris, Illinois. Survivors

include widow, Grace Hurley Hellar, five daughters (named) and a brother in Tacoma, Washington. Photo.

Tuesday, May 11, 1943

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5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Margaret Alice Bleckley, 76, widow of Elmer E. Bleckley. Residence was at 141 North Bluff. Born in Delaware, Ohio November 6, 1866. Came to Wichita with her parents in October 1885. Married Elmer E. Bleckley January 14, 1892. He died November 29, 1931. Son, Lieutenant Erwin E. Bleckley, was one of the first Wichita officers to be killed in World War I. Survived by one son, Clarence, of Topeka, one brother, one sister, two grandchildren and a niece (named). Further biography. Photo.

Wednesday, May 12, 1943

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12. A check will be made of passenger loads on Wichita city busses Wednesday, May 19 by approximately 300 volunteers, to determine how the equipment of the Wichita Transportation Company can be used to the best advantage. ¶ At the present time all equipment owned by the Wichita Transportation Company is in service with the exception of a few small buses, and it is expected that after the survey they will be put in operation during the rush hours. ¶ Although the population in Wichita has about doubled, there has been little additional equipment allowed the transportation company.

Sunday, May 16, 1943

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5. Board of park commission has let contract to A. W. Soderberg Company for construction of the new west wing of the airport administration building. Work will begin the first of next week. When this is completed, the building will conform with the original plans of architect Glen Thomas, who drew them up in 1929. ¶ Article gives history of the first air mail service to Wichita on May 12, 1926.
6. Photo of National Air Transport Travel Air plane Number 21, with superimposed bust of Walter Beech.

Monday, May 17, 1943

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5. County assessor reports Wichita's population at 184,115, an increase of 51,104 over the 133,011 last year. Assessor's population figures:
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| 1940 - | 109,201 |
| 1941 - | 114,634 |
| 1942 - | 133,011 |
| 1943 - | 184,115 |

Wednesday, May 26, 1943

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5. The new postal zone system was placed into effect here Monday. Wichita has been divided into 15 zones under the new system.

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9. Ad announcing new service by Defense Transportation Company, with buses stopping for passengers at any intersection on the routes to Beech and Boeing plants. Map. Fare ten cents. Photo. "10 large buses to serve you."
11. Photo of one of the converted school buses to be used on above routes. Article gives details and says the service is to start tomorrow. Article says 11 buses converted from school buses will be used. Additional buses will be placed in service as the need arises. E. H. Toombs is head of the company.

Sunday, June 6, 1943

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8. Report of the annual picnic of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society at the Forum yesterday. Details and list of those present.

Saturday, June 12, 1943

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5. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer, Mrs. Pauline E. Kimmerle, 1505 South Topeka. She would have been 91 next Tuesday and had lived in Wichita for 73 years. Born in Stockheim, Germany in 1852, came to United States in 1868 and to Wichita as a bride in 1870. Survived by eight nieces and nine nephews (named).

Thursday, June 24, 1943

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5. County assessor's report of Sedgwick County population:

	Sedgwick County	Wichita
1940	136,526	109,201
1941	142,861	114,634
1942	164,994	133,011
1943	218,619	184,115

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5. War priorities board has given approval for construction of a new chapel for the Woodland Methodist Church and the first unit of the Epworth Methodist Church. Details.

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13. Article about the Wilson miniature train operating at 1301 East Central. Designed and built by the former Max Wilson, a native of Wichita, and is now operated by Mrs. Edna May Wilson. Has a coal burning engine. Details.

Friday, July 2, 1943**page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Henry Kersting, 80, father of Wichita opera singer Kathleen Kersting, who is now in Germany. Born in Germany and came to United States as a boy. Came to Wichita from Enid, Oklahoma in 1909. Wife died in 1935. Survived by a daughter and a son, Fred, of Derby.

Sunday, July 4, 1943**page**

5. Article about Wichita's McConnell brothers, Fred J., Edwin M., and Thomas L., who have all been serving in the Army's 13th Air Force in the South Pacific. They are all co-pilots on bombers in the same squadron. Fred J., the oldest, is 25, and is married to the former Miss Mary Louise Klein, 841 Carter, whom he married in California July 12, 1942. Edwin M. is 22 and Thomas L. is 20. ¶ Their father, Fred N. McConnell, died last January three weeks after the boys received their aviation cadet wings in Phoenix, Arizona. The mother resides in Wichita on North Martinson. Further biography. Photos.

Monday, July 12, 1943**page**

12. Report of banquet at Allis Hotel ballroom yesterday honoring Walter Beech on the 29th anniversary of his first solo flight which was made in a Curtiss pusher biplane near Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 11, 1914. Details and some biography. His mother, Mrs. Cornelius Beech, was at the banquet in addition to his sisters, Miss Maude Beech and Mrs. Connie Peacock, and his brother, R. K. Beech. Details.

Wednesday, July 21, 1943**page**

5. Bridgeport Machine Company announced that effective August 1, 1943 it will discontinue the supply branch of its operation and confine its work to oil development. The corporate name will be changed from Bridgeport Machine Company to Bridgeport Oil Company, Inc., subject to approval of the stockholders. Details.

Sunday, July 25, 1943**page**

Special Issue commemorating 71st anniversary of the Eagle -- with articles, photos, etc.

23. Photos of four Continental Grill locations.

25. Aerial photo of Coleman plant.

- 4-A. Some reminiscences by J. Earl Schaefer about his first flight to Wichita in the spring of 1919 in a Curtiss Jenny, flying from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Details.

- 6-B. Ad with photo of low-wing Rawdon T-1 monoplane, the prototype of which was flown early in 1941. Manufactured by the Rawdon Brothers Aircraft Company, of Wichita. Some details.

Thursday, July 29, 1943**page**

5. The Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc. yesterday filed suit in United States District Court here against the government for \$522,129.57. The suit is an outgrowth of the government's requisitioning of the line a year ago. ¶ It says that on July 16, 1942 the Arkansas Valley Interurban was operating a line of railway approximately 60 miles long, between Wichita and Hutchinson, with a branch line from Van Arsdale to Newton and on that date President Roosevelt issued an executive order that "all rails, tracks, fastenings and other metallic material constituting the entire line of the Arkansas Valley Railway, Inc." be taken over by the government. Three small portions of the track seized by the government were re-allocated and resold in place to the Arkansas Valley Interurban; all the remainder of the rails and other metallic materials were removed and delivered over to the Metals Reserve Company, an agency of the United States, for war purposes. ¶ The Arkansas Valley Interurban subsequently presented its claim for "just compensation" to the War Production Board. On May 25 of the year the War Production Board made an award of compensation of \$109,101.78, of which \$54,784.78 was to go to the railway and \$54,317.02 was to go to Reno, Harvey, and Sedgwick counties to pay their respective tax liens. ¶ The company is not satisfied with this ruling and therefore has filed suit for the full amount (above).

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22. The Wichita Furniture Mart, located in the second block on North Water for about 35 years, is moving to the building at 425-27 East Douglas in order to lease its present quarters to "Defense Industries" for important war work. The lease is to be "for the duration." Details.

Saturday, August 14, 1943**page**

8. Photo of Douglas Avenue parade yesterday showing Twin Coach bus in background. Photo.

Saturday, August 21, 1943**page**

5. Short article reports Associated Press dispatch referring to mention in a recent issue of "Yank," an army weekly publication of a new Super-fortress, the B-29, which is being built and will have a greater bomb carrying capacity and longer range than any existing bomber. (First mention in Wichita paper??)

Monday, August 23, 1943**page**

3. Notice of change in bus schedules effective this morning. Buses for the Boeing plant and municipal airport will leave Market and Douglas on every half hour from 6:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. instead of the previous 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. schedule. Returning, they will leave Boeing from 7:05 a.m. to 1:10 a.m.¶ The city bus owl service which has left downtown at 12:15 a.m. and 1:10 a.m. will now leave at 12:10 a.m., 12:50 a.m. and the final run at 1:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 24, 1943

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5. City commission yesterday received a petition for franchising or licensing of independently owned buses which are operating between Wichita's residential districts and war plants. ¶ E. H. Toombs, representing the Defense Transportation Company, stated that the independent lines, operated by L. G. Bell, A. G. Ferguson, and S. A. Springstein, are operating under license from his company. ¶ Robert Foulston, counsel for the Wichita Transportation Company, said these buses are now duplicating several of the Wichita Transportation Company's routes although the Office of Defense Transportation regulations are suppose to prevent this. He said the Wichita Transportation Company is equipped with enough buses to handle all of Wichita's bus transportation, and that at present 18 buses are idle because of insufficient passengers to warrant their use. Asked about excess crowding of the buses in use, he replied that Office of Defense Transportation regulations call for maximum loading of buses during the war emergency. The average maximum loading capacity of Wichita buses is 90, though the present average bus loading is 58 persons. ¶ The matter was referred to the war transportation committee for recommendations.

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5. Wichita's population was reported by the United States census bureau to be 189,910 in March 1943 compared with 143,311 in April 1940 (this is for the metropolitan area, not just the city).

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3. Morrison Hall, formerly the library at the University of Wichita, is being remolded to meet the needs of the music, art, and journalism departments, which now occupy it since construction of the new library in 1939. Photo.

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2. Wichita's oldest Masonic Lodge, Number 99, has purchased the property at 155 North Main immediately south of the lodge's building on southwest corner of 1st and Main, as an investment. Article lists in detail the various owners of this property since the original government patent on it were granted to Eli P. Waterman in 1870.

10. Article about studies of Wichita now being carried out by Harland Bartholomew and Associates, city planning experts of Saint Louis. Map of city showing distribution of population. Details. ¶ Further details and maps on next five pages.

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14. O. B. Chandler, associate to the vice-president of the Wichita Transportation Company, said yesterday that beginning Tuesday, September 7, the south end of the present Emporia - Friends University bus line will be extended to the Pawnee Avenue addition, where the new housing project is located. Buses will go to Levy and Washington, then south on Washington to Pawnee, and east on Pawnee to Lulu. Buses will turn around at Pawnee and Lulu for the return trip. Every other bus on the line will run through to the housing project, giving 20 minute service during rush hours and 30 minute service during regular hours. The 12:10 a.m., 12:50 a.m., and 1:30 a.m. owl buses will all go through to the project. ¶ The route of the airport - Boeing bus has been changed. The buses will travel the present route to Harry and Oliver, then go south on Oliver to the Hamilton Road, east on Hamilton Road to George Washington Boulevard, southeast on George Washington Boulevard to the airport administration building, west to Oliver, south on Oliver to MacArthur Road to Boeing Plant Number 2, returning via the same route.

Saturday, September 11, 1943**page**

5. The state board of agriculture has reported Sedgwick County population for 1943 at 218,619, an increase of 53,625 over the 164,994 in 1942. ¶ Their March 1 figure for the city of Wichita was 184,115, an increase of 50,871 over the 133,244 on March 1, 1942.

County commission yesterday ordered immediate construction of a foot bridge on north side of 13th Street bridge over Big Arkansas river.

Sunday, September 12, 1943**page**

9. Full page ad by Haldeman-Julius Publishing Company, Girard, Kansas, offering remaining stock of Little Blue books for sale at five cents each until October 13, 1943.

Tuesday, September 14, 1943**page**

5. After approval by the Office of Defense Transportation, the city commission yesterday approved a new bus route of the Defense Transportation Company serving the Culver Aircraft Company plant at 600 East 35th Street, which previously had been served only by city bus lines operating only to 21st Street. ¶ E. F. Toombs of the Defense Transportation Company asked the city commission for approval of bus loading stations for the Culver plant route at Broadway and 1st and between Douglas and William on the eastside of Broadway. ¶ The company hopes to inaugurate the new service beginning next Friday.

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2. Report of marriage Sunday in First Methodist church of Private and Mrs. Ernest Crow. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Ems Sullivan and he is the son of Doctor and Mrs. H. E. Crow. Photo.
5. Carl E. Faulk, 34, bus driver of the Wichita Transportation Company for four years, was fatally injured yesterday when he was crushed between two buses at the loading platform of the Boeing Airplane Company.

Wednesday, September 22, 1943**page**

12. Report of death Monday of Thomas Noble, retired stockman, at his home, 1230 North Waco. Born in Shelby County, Illinois. Was a stock rancher in Alberta, Canada for 22 years. Retired to Wichita ten years ago. Survived by two sisters, Isobel and Mary Noble and two brothers, Robert Noble of 1230 North Waco and Joseph Noble of Canadian, Texas. Photo.

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5. Construction of extensions to runways and building of new loading strips at the Wichita Municipal airport, which began last May, is about 90 percent completed according to Alfred MacDonald, director of airports and parks. The project includes a parallel runway, which extends the full distance of the present area from north to south. The project also involved the purchase of 1160 acres of land, expanding the total airport area to 1800 acres. This added land becomes the property of the city of Wichita.

Sunday, October 3, 1943**page**

8. The Eunice Sterling chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has purchased the old Munger house, now located on Back Bay Boulevard, from the heirs of Doctor J. H. Fuller, and plans to restore it to its original appearance. Photo of the house as it appears today. Details.
23. Starting today the Rorabaugh-Buck department store will change its name. It will henceforth be known as Buck's, Inc. Details.

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5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Mueller, 77, widow of early day Wichita florist, Charles P. Mueller, at her home, 431 North Quentin. She married Mr. Mueller in Buffalo, New York and came to Wichita in 1883. Her husband died in 1932. Survived by one son, Colonel Harrie Mueller, and three daughters, Mrs. Laura Turner, Belton, Missouri, Mrs. Mildred Rittenoure, 3332 East Elm, and Mrs. Mary Esther Montgomery, at home; and 14 grandchildren.

12. City commission yesterday appointed committee to study the problem of preventing obstruction of view of bus drivers to the right by the present overcrowding of the buses. Details.

Friday, October 8, 1943**page**

5. Report of death yesterday of David D. Leahy, 85, noted Kansas journalist, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Clinton, 1135 North St. Francis. Came to this country at age 20 and arrived in Wichita in 1879. Further biography.

Monday, October 11, 1943**page**

3. An old landmark in the north part of the city, the A. W. Bitting residence at 1157 North Topeka, was sold this weekend by its owners, Carl and Lucy Bitting, to Charles and Tom Quick. The imposing three story brick residence was built in 1890. The Quicks plan to remodel it into a number of apartments.

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5. Article quotes Associated Press dispatch from Washington yesterday saying that a new super-bomber is being delivered to the Army air forces and will be in combat in 1944. It has been identified by the army weekly "Yank" in a recent article as the B-29. Details.

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2. Drawing of new Woodland Methodist Church, which is under construction at 15th and Payne. Cornerstone is to be laid Sunday afternoon. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Article with details on page five. Exterior walls of Silverdale limestone. To cost \$35,000. Further report October 25 on page 10.

Sunday, October 31, 1943**page**

9. Ad announcing new location of Stevenson's book store at 117 North Market. Photos. Holding open house today. Article with further details on page 30. The new location has about double the floor space of the previous location a few doors north on Market Street.

Wednesday, November 3, 1943**page**

5. Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company yesterday revealed plans to enlarge its facility in Wichita in the near future. A building permit for \$6000 for the foundation of the new building was obtained yesterday. The building will be erected in the near future and will cover the area of 24,000 square feet, between general office and the present garage building at 425 West 2nd Street and will extend 240 feet to the rear property line. Work on the foundation is to start immediately. Details.

Saturday, November 6, 1943**page**

5. Central Christian Church was damaged by fire early Friday morning, and services will be held at Central Intermediate School until material can be obtained for erection of a new church building at Central and Market.

5. Wichita Transportation Company officials yesterday announced a change in the routing of buses on the Stockyards -- 13th Street line. ¶ Effective Sunday November 7, 1943 the loop route on the East 13th buses terminating at 21st and Hillside will be changed as follows: From Hillside to 21st Street buses will go west on 21st to Erie, south and east on Erie and Stadium Drive to Hillside, thence over the regular route. Buses inbound from Millair addition will go east on 21st to Stadium Drive, over Stadium Drive to Hillside, and thence over the present route.

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- 5 Report of death yesterday of N. F. Farha, 64, 615½ West Douglas, well known Westside merchant. Born in Syria, came to United States to Bloomington, Illinois in 1895, then to Enid, Oklahoma in 1897 and to Wichita in 1898. Married Nabeha Bayouth here in 1906. Survived by widow, seven daughters, and three sons (all named). Further biography. Photo.

Tuesday, November 16, 1943**page**

5. City commission yesterday placed on first reading an ordinance calling for placing of a metal railing from the extreme right of the windshield to the drivers seat. No passengers will be permitted in front of this railing, thus preventing blocking of the drivers view to the right. Details.

Friday, November 19, 1943**page**

5. Fire yesterday morning damaged the downtown fine arts division of the University of Wichita, and two firemen were electrocuted when their ladder came too close to a nearby electric power line. Details.

Thursday, December 2, 1943**page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday for \$49,000 addition to Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company's bus garage facility, to be built at 419 West 2nd. The building will cover an area of 24,000 square feet. The new building will be used to repair and service buses, while the building now in use will be turned over to the truck repair department. Details.

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5. Board of Regents of University of Wichita yesterday decided to remodel and rebuild the building of the downtown division at 351 North Topeka, which was recently damaged by fire. Details.

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2. Report of death yesterday of James Lucas "Bunny" Mead, 80, at his home in Evanston, Illinois. Was son of Wichita pioneer, James R. Mead. Born in Towanda in 1863. Last visit to Wichita was about three weeks ago. Began manufacture of bicycles here in 1895 under the name of the Mead Cycle Company, now headquartered in Chicago under direction of his son, James E. Mead, of Evanston. Survived by stepmother, Mrs. Fern Mead Jordan, 5037 North Hydraulic, three sons, Myron of Hollywood, California, Theodore and James Mead, of Evanston, Illinois, two daughters, Mrs. Don Pierson, Berkeley, California, and Mrs. Jack Critchlow, Pasadena, California, and four sisters, Mrs. Schuyler Jones, Jr., of Wichita, Mrs. Roger Almond, of Topeka, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. I. B. Lee, Iowa City, Iowa. Further biography.
12. Full page Transcontinental & Western Air ad saying Transcontinental & Western Air recently completed its 1100th transatlantic crossing for the Army's Air Transport Command.

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5. Report of funeral services for James L. "Bunny" Mead held yesterday at Downing mortuary. Burial in the Mead vault at Maple Grove cemetery.
11. Ad giving change in Boeing shift times begging Monday December 13, and giving schedules of buses to the Boeing plant. ¶ Wichita Transportation Company's feeder buses start leaving outlying districts for downtown between 4:00 and 4:10 a.m. connection with Boeing buses at the downtown loading points of both Emergency Transportation, Inc., and the Defense Transportation Company. These downtown loading points are Seneca and Douglas, Market and Douglas, and Broadway and Douglas. The first bus leaves downtown at 4:30 a.m., arriving at Boeing at 5:00 a.m. ¶ Boeing first shift is from 5:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ¶ Boeing second shift is from 4:00 p.m. to 2:45 a.m. The final bus leaves Boeing at 3:00 a.m., arriving downtown at 3:30 a.m., with city buses waiting to carry the passengers from downtown terminals to outlying districts.

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5. City commission yesterday placed on first reading an ordinance to license and regulate privately owned buses used locally to transport war workers to the aircraft plants. Details.

Building permit for \$9000 issued yesterday to Coleman Company for remodeling of their three story structure on North St. Francis. The gymnasium is to be changed into offices

and a floor may be put in at balcony level for offices in the factory and wholesale department.

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7. Building permit issued yesterday to the Defense Transportation Company for changing some windows and partitions in its office building at 306 North Market for \$500.

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5. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Elmer Allen Bodenhamer, 73, at his home at 214 North Sedgwick. Was Westside eye-ear-nose-throat specialist for many years. Born in Danville, Indiana November 22, 1870. Survived by wife, Olla F. and a daughter, Miss Lucille E. Bodenhamer, of 1901 West Douglas. Photo.

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1. Report of death last evening of prominent Wichita banker, Charles Quarles Chandler, age 79. Was chairman of board of First National Bank and a resident of Wichita the past 38 years. Born August 18, 1864 at Rocheport, Missouri. At age 18 with help of his uncle he purchased an interest in a private bank at Elk City, Kansas. In 1888 he purchased a bank at Medicine Lodge, Kansas and moved there. In 1900, in association with his brother-in-law, the late E. E. Masterman, he purchased a controlling interest in the Kansas National Bank of Wichita and five years later moved to Wichita with his family. In 1920 with the late C. W. Carey, president of the National Bank of Commerce, he negotiated the merger of the Kansas National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce under the name First National Bank in Wichita. Survived by wife, Mrs. Alice T. Chandler, three daughters (named -- none in Wichita), four sons, Charles J. of Wichita, William W. of Lyons, George T., United States Army air force, and Anderson W., student of University of Wichita, and by ten grandchildren (named). Further biography. Photo.
3. The First United Brethren Church yesterday commemorated the 60th anniversary of the church in Wichita. It was organized here December 30, 1883. The first building was erected at corner of Washington and Prince streets with first service held there November 29, 1885. The present brick edifice at Hyde Park and Ellis was dedicated April 14, 1916. ¶ The first church at Washington and Prince Streets burned in May 1890 and was replaced with another building on the same lot dedicated October 19, 1890. ¶ Further history of the local church.
5. Article about Lieutenant Thomas J. Coleman, 24, co-pilot on a B-17 in the New Britain area of the South Pacific (later became Dr. Thomas J. Coleman). Is son of Mrs. T. J. Coleman of 1107 Larimer. Photo. Is brother of George T. Coleman, 1706 East 1st.

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19. Map of Wichita showing waste paper collection areas.

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5. Construction was started last Thursday on a two story \$44,000 annex building to Wesley Hospital, which will be used as a warehouse for supplies and living quarters for interns. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. It is expected to be completed in the next four months.

8. C. M. Fitzwilliam, Wichita oil man, will become acting postmaster of Wichita at the close of business today, succeeding J. B. Riddle, who is retiring at the age of 70.