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 1944 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle Sunday, January 2, 1944 page

1. Official announcement yesterday stated that the Boeing Airplane Company's Wichita plant delivered 74 percent more B-29 super bombers to the army air forces than the number delivered in November.

## Friday, January 7, 1944 page

5. The federal census bureau estimated Wichita's population on March 1, 1943 at 189,995, an increase of 46,684 or 32.6 percent from that of April 1, 1940.

# Tuesday, January 11, 1944 page

5. City commission placed on first reading yesterday an ordinance amending the franchise of the Emergency Transportation Company to permit that company to charge a 15 cent one-way fare to all passengers riding from within the city to the Boeing plant. The fare authorized under the present franchise is ten cents a trip. The Boeing Company's recent change from a three shift to a two shift daily schedule causes the big buses on the Boeing run to operate one-third of the trips without a pay load, making the new fare necessary. ¶ The city's traffic engineer also commended the commission for recent action in ordering rails installed in the front of buses to insure more adequate visibility for bus drivers. The rails now have been installed in all buses operated by the Wichita and Emergency Transportation Companies.

### Wednesday, January 12, 1944 page

3. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer, Mrs. Sophia Knoblauch, 84, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. H. McCall, 524 South Seneca. Born in East St. Louis, Illinois September 9, 1860, and came to Wichita in 1873 with her parents. Married the late Ed Knoblauch, early day hotel operator, in 1879. Survived by her daughter, Mrs. McCall, and a son, Leo Knoblauch, of Waco, Texas, two sisters in Wichita (named), two grandchildren, and three greatgrandchildren. Photo.

5. Board of directors of First National Bank yesterday elected Frank L. Carson, for many years president of the bank, as chairman of the board to succeed the late C. Q. Chandler. Charles J. Chandler, son of C. Q. Chandler, was elected president to succeed Carson. Photo.

## Monday, February 7, 1944 page

5. Starting today, Cessna Aircraft Company will be served by another bus line operated by Defense Transportation Company. Hourly service will be given, with the buses leaving from Broadway and Douglas. They will go south on Broadway to Pawnee, east on Pawnee to Planeview, through the Planeview project, and thence east to the Cessna plant. The new bus line will supplant a fleet of cars formerly operated by the aircraft company and will save a considerable amount of tires and gasoline. ¶ Emergency Transportation, Inc. will continue to serve Cessna at shift changes.

# Wednesday, February 9, 1944 page

5. Construction work is expected to start March 1 on a new bridge across the Big Arkansas river on 21st Street. Some materials salvaged from the old bridge that washed out in the spring of 1942 will be used. The new structure will be 550 feet long and 24 feet wide. Details.

# Saturday, February 12, 1944 page

10. Fairmount Church will dedicate its new manse tomorrow. It is a gift of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and is located at 1430 Fairmount. The Browns came to Wichita and purchased this property on Fairmount in 1907. They continued their residence there during the remainder of their lives. Dr. Brown died in 1940 and Mrs. Brown in 1942. ¶ Details. The house has been thoroughly modernized and redecorated.

### Monday, February 14, 1944 page

1. Twenty-five passengers on a North Topeka bus of the Wichita Transportation Company were injured about 2:00 p.m. yesterday when the bus was struck by a northbound Santa Fe passenger train at 17th Street and the Santa Fe tracks. The bus was going east on 17th Street. Driver was Helen Jane Hicks, age 20, of 1103 North Topeka. There were 35 persons on the bus. Further details. Photo -- shows Twin Coach bus, but number not visible.

### Monday, February 21, 1944 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Anna Mary McConnell, 58, of 246 North Martinson, mother of the three McConnell brothers who enlisted in the army air corps at the same time. The sons are Lieutenant Fred J. McConnell, Lieutenant Edwin M. McConnell and Lieutenant Thomas McConnell, who was killed in action last July. ¶ Born in Jonesbury,

Tennessee December 16, 1885. Two other sons survive, Wyman L. and Dwight, both of Los Angeles, as well as four daughters (named). Photo.

## Sunday, February 27, 1944 page

5. Report of death Saturday of local pioneer farmer, George L. Blood, 86, at his home, 1614 South Broadway. Came to Kansas in May 1871 and settled on a farm seven miles south on Broadway. His son Emmett now resides on the farm. Survived by wife, two daughters in Wichita (named), and the son, Emmett and one brother, Everett Blood, 1247 South Water, and seven grandchildren.

## Tuesday, February 29, 1944 page

7. City commission approved the addition of 35 more taxicabs to the number now operating in the city, contingent on the approval of the Office of Defense Transportation. Twenty-five of the additional cabs would be operated by the Checker Cab Company and ten by the Wichita Cab Company.

### Friday, March 3, 1944 page

5. The war production board in Washington has granted priorities for construction of a \$200,000 nurses home adjoining the new St. Joseph Hospital. It will be a two story brick structure and house 105 student nurses as well as laboratories, offices, a library and other school facilities. Details.

### Sunday, March 5, 1944 page

14. Report of sudden death Friday of Herbert M. Steinbuchel, vice-president of Ransom Davidson Investment Company, at his home.

# Sunday, March 12, 1944 page

7. Photo of First Mennonite Brethren Church at 1702 West 2nd (frame building) where all-day services are being held today.

### Monday, March 13, 1944 page

- 5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Grace Culp, 55, wife of Wichita florist Ralph Culp, at her home at 901 Woodrow after a long illness. Born July 3, 1888 at Fair Haven, Vermont. Survived by husband, her mother, Mrs. E. E. Whitlock, of Wichita, one sister in Kansas City (named), and one brother, Bert Whitlock, of San Francisco. Burial at Old Mission.
- 10. Associated Press dispatch from New York dated March 12 said the record was broken today by the arrival of four trans-Atlantic flying boats at LaGuardia field carrying 150 local

and overseas passengers as well as a record 19,830 pounds of mail and cargo weighing 23,676 pounds.

# Tuesday, March 14, 1944 page

5. Report at some length of discussion yesterday by the city commission of the taxicab situation in Wichita and the need for more cabs. Details. No decision.

## Thursday, March 16, 1944 page

5. Ad for a new bus service to southeastern Kansas by Southern Kansas Lines -- from Wichita to Independence. Gives schedule. Photo.

## Thursday, March 30, 1944 page

7. Report of death Tuesday night of Isaac (Ike) Goldsmith, prominent Wichita business man and head of Goldsmith Book and Stationery Company. Came to Wichita in 1893. Started in business on North Main, then moved to 122 East Douglas, where the store remained until moved to present location at 116 South Topeka in 1920. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Speer, of New York, and Mrs. Fred Arst, of Wichita, and by one sister, Mrs. Theresa Gerson, Houston, Texas, and five grandchildren.

## Saturday, April 1, 1944 page

5. Voters of the South Hillside school district voted in a special election yesterday to approve the issuing of \$175,000 worth of bonds to build a new school house at 2137 South Hillside. Details.

### Sunday, April 2, 1944

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5. Report of death yesterday of James C. Hartman, 65, well known Wichita business man and builder and operator of the Uptown and Nomar theaters for several years and formerly manager of Crawford theater. Survived by one daughter and five sons (named). Obituary.

# Wednesday, April 5, 1944 page

5. Contract let yesterday for a one story addition above the X-ray department at Wesley Hospital, to cost \$15,666.

### Thursday, April 6, 1944 page

5. Building permit issued yesterday to the Fundamental Baptist church for a one story brick building 80 by 40 feet, to cost \$17,000. Work will be started in the next few days.

### Tuesday, April 11, 1944

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5. City commission yesterday elected Herman Beuttel as mayor of Wichita. Details.

### Tuesday, April 18, 1944 page

5. Photo of Lockheed Constellation plane in Transcontinental & Western Air markings at Washington National Airport after 6 hour 58 minute flight from Burbank, California.

# Thursday, April 20, 1944 page

5. Article about establishment about 30 days ago of an airport for light planes with lease for same signed last night. The new airport is located exactly four miles north of the Beech corner on property owned by Fred D. Wilson, Wichita banker, and will be known as Wilson field. It is a half mile square and will be under management of the Civil Air Patrol.

### Friday, April 21, 1944

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16. Fire last night badly damaged the two story building of the Ponca Tent and Awning Company at 611 East Central. Details.

### Sunday, April 23, 1944

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1. Report of major flood in North Wichita yesterday. Photo of Wellington Place and 21st Street under water. Stockyards and North Side industrial district flooded. Details. Photo on page four of city bus in water near Waco and 18th Street. (Twin Coach.)

## Monday, April 24, 1944 page

1. More details about Wichita flood, with photo taken at 5:00 p.m. yesterday showing flooding around John Marshall Intermediate School. Flooding yesterday included North Riverside around Park Villa and West River Boulevard at Faulkner and Buffum. Water was lapping against the floor of the 11th Street bridge. Yesterday afternoon the interurban bridge over Little River at 20th Street crumbled into the river and was swept away. Details.

### Tuesday, April 25, 1944 page

- 1. Both the Big and Little Arkansas rivers have started to fall gradually from their crest early yesterday afternoon. Details. Photo of flood waters in 700 block of North Main. Article says water from Little River reached as far south as 3rd Street on both Water and Market Streets.
- 3. The War Transportation committee recommended to city commission yesterday a resolution providing a maximum of 125 taxicabs for service in Wichita. At present there are 96 taxis operating in Wichita. Details.

4. Photo showing some wood beams which washed out from the interurban bridge near 20th Street and then yesterday reached the corner of 18th and Waco, where they are tied up.

## Wednesday, April 26, 1944 page

- 1. Photo of South Hydraulic Avenue bridge over Big Arkansas river, damaged by the flood. Several articles about the flood with some photos including one of high water under 18th Street bridge on page 3.
- 4. Article about flood damage to parks: Says water about four feet deep surrounds Park Villa for about 30 acres. Says the old Arkansas Valley Interurban bridge at 20th Street, which was swept away by the flood, was to be converted into a foot bridge until this occurred.

### Thursday, April 27, 1944 page

- 1. The bridge over the Big Arkansas river at Derby, 375 feet long, collapsed into the flood waters yesterday afternoon.
- 5. Article gives details of Boeing financial report for 1943.

## Friday, April 28, 1944 page

5. The Wichita Transportation Company put nine new buses into service on city and defense plant routes yesterday according to John Ebinger, company official. Five more buses will be put into service today and another bus is en route, making a total of 15 new 40 passengers buses for Wichita. ¶ Bus construction was frozen 18 months ago, and these buses are some of the first new buses to come off assembly lines of the General Motors plant. They have 165 horse power motors and employ hydramatic clutches. A part of the construction includes prewar aluminum and steel handrails.

## Sunday, April 30, 1944 page

9. The downtown division of the University of Wichita, remodeled since it was damaged by fire, will re-open this week. (351 North Topeka.)

### Monday, May 1, 1944

page

5. Rainfall in Wichita in April set an all time record of 12.29 inches since the weather bureau was established here in 1888.

### Friday, May 5, 1944

page

5. National aviation writers are in Wichita today to tour the Boeing plant and be introduced to the new B-29 bomber. Details.

### Monday, May 8, 1944

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5. Photo showing in distance the Arkansas Valley Interurban bridge at 20th Street when it was partly collapsed during the recent flood.

### **Tuesday, May 9, 1944**

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5. New taxicab ordinance placed on first reading by city commission yesterday. Details.

### Sunday, May 14, 1944

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- Fund campaign will start today to raise the final one-third of the approximate \$300,000 5. needed to build the planned new Central Christian church at southwest corner of Central and Market. Drawing. Details.
- 26. Photo of three story building at northeast corner of St. Francis and William, which is to be sold at public auction Monday, May 29 to satisfy tax lien.

### Monday, May 15, 1944

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Article reports former Eagle photographer, W. Eugene Smith, has returned to United 3. States after six months photographing the air war in the Pacific.

### **Saturday, May 20, 1944** page

5. Building permit issued yesterday for one-story theater building at 900 George Washington Boulevard, to be erected for the Fox Midwest theaters and cost \$34,000. To be 58 by 150 feet. Construction has started.

### **Thursday, May 25, 1944**

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5. Well known Wichita business man and public figure, John L. Powell, was honored at a dinner last night at the Allis Hotel by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce on his 85th birthday. Details. Biography. Photo. Came to Wichita in 1887.

### Friday, May 26, 1944

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9. The new building of the Woodland Methodist church at 15th and Payne will be formally dedicated Sunday. Constructed of Silverdale limestone. Architects were Overend and Boucher, Details,

### Saturday, May 27, 1944

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5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Bessie S. Shirk, 66, wife of Oscar S. Shirk. Born June 5, 1877 in Arcola, Illinois. To Wichita in 1893 and married Oscar S. Shirk in March 1899. Survived by husband and a daughter, Mrs. Louise Gossard, 359 North Bluff. Photo.

## Sunday, June 4, 1944 page

Drawing of proposed religious educational building to be added to First Methodist church south of the main building. Fund campaign to raise \$90,000 will start today.

### Friday, June 9, 1944 page

5. Construction started yesterday on the new two story brick \$165,000 nurses home for the Sisters of St. Joseph hospital at 3400 Grand Avenue. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details. ¶ The new hospital building itself is expected to be completed within the next week or two.

# Sunday, June 11, 1944 page

5. C. E. Hawthorne, operator of the Southern Kansas Lines buses, was granted permanent Office of Defense Transportation approval for inter-city bus service between Severy and Wichita, it was announced yesterday. Hawthorne now expects to move to Wichita within a short time to establish his main office and residence here. ¶ The state corporation commission granted Hawthorne permission to establish the Severy to Wichita link in his lines on December 8, 1943. In January the Office of Defense Transportation refused a permit, but after reviewing the evidence, it granted a 90 day trial permit on March 13, and traffic over the route has justified approval of the permanent operating permit. ¶ Hawthorne's lines are operating from the Eaton Hotel with 21 and 24 passenger buses. Schedule given.

# Tuesday, June 13, 1944 page

5. City commission decided yesterday to discontinue ornamental lights on bridges in the Riverside district as a wartime economy measure. Riverside residents had requested that the lights on the 11th Street bridge damaged by the recent flood be repaired. However it costs the city \$180 a year to operate these lights, and there is sufficient lighting at either end of the bridge which can be operated for \$25 a year.

## Friday, June 16, 1944 page

1. Associated Press dispatch dated June 15 reports attack by United States B-29 bombers on Japanese homeland from bases in China. Photo of B-29 with Culver Cadet alongside on page 7 (probably first photo of B-29 in a Wichita newspaper).

# Wednesday, June 21, 1944 page

5. Final papers will be signed this week for the liquidation of the Wichita Terminal Elevator Company and the sale of its physical assets to the Ross-Zimmerman interests. The deal has been arranged by Lon H. Powell, president of the Wichita Terminal Elevator Company, who was designated by the stockholders as liquidating agent. The sale will include the 2,000,000 bushel terminal elevator at Wichita and country elevators at Seward, Cunningham, Leoti, and Marienthal, Kansas. ¶ The Wichita Terminal Elevator Company was organized here by Mr. Powell 25 years ago after he had been in the grain business here for 12 years, and before that in Eldorado for ten years. ¶ G. M. Ross and Paul Ross of American Flours, Inc., of Newton, were in Wichita yesterday to close the deal. They represented the Ross-Zimmerman interests: G. M. Ross and Carl Ross, Ottawa, Kansas; Paul Ross, L. F. Zimmerman, and T. T. Zimmerman, Whitewater, Kansas; J. D. Zimmerman and Floyd W. Ross, Sterling, Kansas. These men will form a new company, the Wichita Terminal Elevator, Inc., to take over the Wichita firm. ¶ These interests now operate American Flours, Inc., Newton, the Whitewater Flour Mills Company, Whitewater, Kansas, and the Ross Milling Company, Ottawa, Kansas. The addition of the Wichita firm will give these interests approximately 4,365,000 bushel storage capacity. ¶ Details. Photo of Paul Ross and G. M. Ross.

### Monday, June 26, 1944

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10. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

## Saturday, July 1, 1944 page

3. Braniff ad says the Army Air Forces and the Civil Aeronautics Board have allocated additional aircraft to Braniff Airways, making possible improved air service for Wichita effective today. New schedules listed -- show three flights each way daily.

### Sunday, July 2, 1944 page

17. The Claude Neon Federal Company, 1420 East Douglas, was sold yesterday to George R. Vandenberg, who has been sales manager for Southwestern Electrical Company. The Claude Neon Company was founded in 1928 by Glen W. Rose and since his death in 1939 has been operated by his widow, who later became Mrs. Donald Gordon. Photo of building.

Captain Charles A. Thompson, 37 year old American Export Airlines pilot, yesterday set a new record for a commercially scheduled flight from Foynes, Eire, to New York, by covering the 3075 miles in 18 hours and 16 minutes flying time. The old record of 18 hours and 43 minutes was established on June 24-25 by Captain Charles F. Blair, Jr. of the same airline.

## Tuesday, July 18, 1944 page

5. The new 21st Street bridge across the Big Arkansas river is nearing completion and should be open by August 1st. Details.

## Sunday, July 23, 1944 page

1. Captain Edward A. Stewart of American Export Airlines yesterday set a new record for a trans-Atlantic flight from Foynes, Eire to New York of 17 hours 57 minutes in one of the company's "Flying Ace" airliners. The previous record of 18 hours 16 minutes was set July 1 by Captain Charles A. Thompson, also of American Export.

## Monday, July 24, 1944 page

5. A change in the loop route of the Hilltop Manor bus line became effective yesterday, the Wichita Transportation Company announced. The buses now are going west on Bayley to Pershing; south on Pershing to Harry; west on Harry to Terrace Drive; north on Terrace Drive to Bayley; east on Bayley to Oliver. "Victory Stop" signs have been established at the designated stopping points.

## Tuesday, July 25, 1944 page

5. Report of death yesterday at age 92 of Charles Payne, widely known Wichita naturalist and propagator of wild life, at his residence in the Shirkmere apartments, where he spent the later years of his life. ¶ Born in Campbell County, Kentucky June 14, 1852. Came to Wichita in 1888, making his home for many years on South Sycamore, where the area known for years as Payne's pasture, existed. It is now the site of Lawrence stadium. ¶ He married Miss Elizabeth Jane Jackson, who survives, at Denver in 1919. Other survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Miriam B. Hudson, Windsor, Missouri; Mrs. Lois Payne Young, Hollywood, California; and Mrs. H. Nelson Gilbert, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Four grandsons and four granddaughters named, including one in Wichita (Mrs. H. Otis Garth). Further biography. Photo.

# Thursday, July 27, 1944 page

7. County commission yesterday decided to erect a temporary two lane wood bridge across the Big Arkansas river at Derby to replace the old bridge which was swept away during the April flood. Details.

## Friday, July 28, 1944 page

5. Five Sedgwick County bridges swept away by the April floods will be replaced by August 1st. Details. Includes 21st Street bridge across Arkansas and Hydraulic Avenue bridge over the Arkansas river.

# Saturday, July 29, 1944 page

5. The 10,000th Kaydet primary trainer was delivered to the armed forces by Boeing yesterday. Details. Photo alongside B-29.

# Sunday, July 30, 1944 page

72nd Anniversary Edition of the Eagle.

- 10. Eighth anniversary ad of Continental Grills, with photos of grills at four locations: Number 1, 3125 East Central, Number 2, 3012 East Douglas, Number 3, 608 North Broadway, and Number 4, 1716 East Douglas. Photos of employes.
- 4-A. Full page article with history of early days of the Eagle. Details. Drawing of Colonel Marshall Murdock.

### Thursday, August 3, 1944

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8. Zoning map of Wichita.

## Tuesday, August 15, 1944 page

3. The University airport, at 2501 North Hillside, formerly the Swallow field, held a formal opening yesterday. The airport is under the direction of Eddie E. Ottaway and Jack P. Thomas. The University airport has 1000 acres and now has eight level runways, each of which is half a mile or more long.

## Thursday, August 17, 1944 page

3. Report of death yesterday of Lester M. Crawford, 99, widely known theater operator in Wichita and Midwest. Came to Kansas from Alaska, Ohio in November 1885. Survived by wife, two daughters and one son (named). Detailed biography.

### Sunday, August 20, 1944

page

8. Photo of Glad Tidings Assembly of God church at 14th and St. Francis.

### Wednesday, August 23, 1944

page

5. Details of will of the late L. M. Crawford.

## Tuesday, August 29, 1944 page

5. Official school census showed population of the city of Planeview on June 30, 1944 to be 17,053. Breakdown:

White Male Female Colored Male Female

Over 21 years of age	8397	4050	4347	497	226	271
5 to 21 years of age	5043	2470	2573	349	153	196
Under 5 years of age	<u>2599</u>	1377	1222	<u>168</u>	97	71
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## Saturday, September 2, 1944 page

3. Report of death yesterday of August Achenbach, 76, of Hardtner, Kansas, son of pioneer railroad builder Jacob Achenbach, now deceased. Their 115 miles of railroad in the Oklahoma panhandle has been sold since his father's death. Biography. Survived by wife, Nell, three daughters and two step-sons (named), one brother in Hot Springs, Arkansas (named), four grandchildren and one great grand-daughter (named).

The Wichita Transportation Company yesterday announced a new routing on the East Central line effective next Tuesday. The East Central line will then go north on Terrace Drive to 12th Street, east on 12th Street to Oliver, thence south on Oliver the present route.

### Sunday, September 3, 1944 page

1. Cities Service Gas Company is moving most of its offices to Wichita from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, which will mean an addition to the city of 100 families. Long article with details.

# Sunday, September 10, 1944 page

- 2. The new St. Joseph's Hospital will open for public inspection Monday, September 11 and will begin admitting patients on September 14. Work on the hospital began in May 1944 and now is nearly completed. It is a 135 bed structure.
- 7. A fund campaign will open today to raise \$25,000 for a new building for the Fairmount Community Congregational church at 16th and Fairmount. Plan is to erect the new church on the site of the present building which was erected in 1910. First a two story educational building will be built on the grounds just west of the present church. Then the present building will be razed to make room for a new house of worship. Details.

## Wednesday, September 13, 1944 page

5. Brief note regarding death of Tom Moore Deal, prominent Wichita business man, Monday night, in Long Beach, California.

## Sunday, September 17, 1944 page

5. Report of death yesterday in Topeka of C. M. Morrison, 66, traffic manager of the Arkansas Valley Interurban for 20 years (and before that, superintendent of Wichita

Railroad and Light Company). He had resided in Topeka the past four years. Survived by wife, Gladys, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Schwalzie, of the home, and Mrs. Sam Haden, of New Jersey, and one son, Lieutenant Sam Morrison, in the South Pacific. Burial to be in Topeka.

## Wednesday, September 20, 1944 page

- 5. Report of death on July 16 in Davenport, Iowa of Julius Lucht, former head librarian of the Wichita public library, at age 70. He was librarian here from 1915 until 1925. After leaving Wichita he served until 1942 as librarian at the Free library in Newton, Massachusetts. Because of failing health he then made his home with a brother in Davenport, Iowa.
- 8. The Sedgwick County Medical Service yesterday announced the selection of H. Martin Baker as executive secretary to succeed Oliver E. Ebel, who now heads the State Medical Society at Topeka. Mr. Baker has taught in the Wichita public schools for nine years at Roosevelt Intermediate and North High School. He and his wife have a daughter, age nine. Photo.

### Saturday, September 23, 1944 page

- 5. G. S. Armstrong, president of the Armstrong Creamery, located at 907 East 1st for the past ten years, announced yesterday that his company will build a new building at 2020 East Douglas costing over \$50,000. Building is expected to be completed by January 1st. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details.
- 10. Details of the will of Minnie Ola Harrison, who died September 8, and was the wife of W. B. Harrison, prominent Wichita banker. Principal heir is her son, Albert Luling, of Wichita. She and husband signed a pre-marital contract at Houston, Texas April 14, 1937, each renouncing interests in the property of the other.

# Sunday, September 24, 1944 page

- 2. Report of purchase by the Butts Motor of five lots on East Douglas in 1500 block and at corner of Douglas and Minneapolis. Details, and photo of the present building of the Butts Buick Company on East Douglas.
- 5. Report of death yesterday at Wilmington, Delaware of George A. Hyde, youngest son of the late A. A. Hyde, at age about 54. He left Wichita seven years ago. Was secretary-treasurer of the Mentholatum Company when in Wichita. The company has general offices at Wilmington, Delaware. Its plant is at Buffalo, New York. Wichita survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Houston Barclay, 424 North Bluff, and Mrs. Ruth Hyde Ratliff, 1145 Stanley. Photo.

#### Monday, September 25, 1944

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5. Further obituary of George Alan Hyde. He resided at Newark, New Jersey. Survived by wife, Helen, a daughter, Elizabeth, and four sons, George, Jr., John, Arthur, and Steven, all of the home. Also by three sisters (Mrs. Mary Lewis, of Bermuda, in addition to the two named yesterday), and four brothers, E. K., Charles, and Paul H. Hyde, all of Buffalo, New York, and Alex Hyde, of San Francisco. Burial to be at Maple Grove.

## Wednesday, September 27, 1944 page

5. The former Central Christian Church building at 254 North Market, damaged by fire several months ago, is to be repaired and remodeled into offices for use by the Mid-Western Procurement Offices, of Omaha, at estimated cost of \$20,000. Building permit was obtained yesterday by George W. Hyle, 3023 East Douglas, owner of the building.

### Sunday, October 1, 1944

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23. The new chapel of the Holy Cross Lutheran church, at Dellrose and Murdock, is to be dedicated today. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details. Photo.

### Monday, October 2, 1944

page

2. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

## Sunday, October 8, 1944 page

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Full page announcement of completion of the new St. Joseph's Hospital and Nurses Training Center, with photo. One hundred thirty-five beds. Cost \$450,000. Architects: Overend and Boucher. Details.

# Tuesday, October 10, 1944 page

3. City commission yesterday discussed request for extension of Osage-South Seneca bus line four blocks and of the West 2nd Street bus line five blocks north on St. Paul to Elm. No decision made. Details.

### Saturday, October 21, 1944 page

5. Building permit issued yesterday to B. Mead, of Chicago, for a new store front on his building at 125 North Market, to cost \$2000.

# Sunday, October 22, 1944 page

5. Report of death yesterday of J. J. Jones, "father" of the automobile industry at Wichita, in a Halstead hospital following a heart attack on Friday. ¶ Born in Centerville, Ohio and resided at 2809 East Douglas. In 1907 he was named Ford agency head here, and from

1914 to 1920 he headed the Jones Motor Car Company, which built some 3000 Jones Six cars before fire destroyed some of the buildings in 1920. He was also a strong supporter of the pioneer air industry in Wichita and laid out landing fields in 1917, 1918, and 1919, and helped finance several of the Wichita pioneers in aviation. ¶ Survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Shell Jones, three daughters, one step-daughter, three grandchildren, one brother and one sister (all named). Burial to be in Maple Grove. Photo.

16. Article announcing purchase by Lee J. Hobbs, of the Hobbs Chevrolet Company, of the two story J. Arch Butts building at 1525 East Douglas for approximately \$125,000. The building was erected by Butts in 1930 and used by him until leased to the United States employment service, the present occupants. The Butts Motor Company has purchased other property on East Douglas for its use. Details. Photo.

## Tuesday, October 24, 1944 page

5. The city's war transportation committee recommended to the city commission last night that because of the shortage of tires, the requested extensions of the Osage-South Seneca and West 2nd Street bus lines not be granted.

### Friday, October 27, 1944 page

1. Article reports on the war record of the cruiser *U.S.S. Wichita*. Details.

### Sunday, November 5, 1944 page

- 7. Wilson field, Civil Air Patrol airport for the Wichita group, is to be formally dedicated this afternoon. It is the first in a series of private flying fields in this area to be developed during the past six months. Details.
- 13. Article says the entire wing assembly for the army's new Douglas A-26 Invader attack bomber is being made in Wichita by Beech Aircraft. Other assemblies are being made by Cessna Aircraft. Details.

## Tuesday, November 7, 1944 page

5. City commission yesterday approved contract for repairs to the Central Avenue dam at cost of approximately \$35,000. A considerable portion of the dam was washed out in the May 22 flood. Martin K. Eby Construction Company will do the repair work.

### Wednesday, November 8, 1944 page

1. Report of result of national election. Roosevelt re-elected. Details.

# Wednesday, November 15, 1944 page

5. Building permit issued for \$25,000 addition to the north side of the present building of the Southwest Cracker Company, 205 South Wichita. Details.

## Sunday, November 19, 1944 page

11. Article about the 25th anniversary of the De Coursey Cream Company's service in Wichita. The company, which had operated in Leavenworth for many years, bought out the Burch-Bell dairy here in November 1919 and established its business in Wichita. Details.

## Sunday, November 26, 1944 page

5. A Defense Transportation Corporation bus bound for Planeview slipped in mud to avoid hitting a car making a left turn at Pawnee Road and Victoria yesterday afternoon and overturned in a ditch, but its 40 passengers were uninjured. Details.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Anna Leahy Clinton, 63, at her home at 924 Gilman, of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dave D. Leahy, pioneer Wichitans. Born in Morris County, Missouri November 13, 1881. Came to Wichita from Wellington in 1889. Married to Sylvester Clinton in Fredonia in 1919. Mr. Clinton died in 1926. Some years ago she was assistant city librarian for ten years. Survived by one son, Ensign Thomas F. Clinton, San Francisco, California, one grandson, a brother, David D. Leahy, Jr., Pratt, Kansas, and a sister, Miss Nellie Leahy, of the home.

Several offices of the Midwestern district of the air technical service command have moved into the remodeled three story building at 2nd and Market Streets, which was formerly the Central Christian Church before being damaged by fire.

The First Evangelical and Reformed Church, 209 East Kellogg, will celebrate its 60th anniversary Thursday, November 30. The church was founded November 30, 1884 by the late Reverend Isaac G. Brown. Details.

## Friday, December 1, 1944 page

5. Braniff Airways and Transcontinental & Western Air will today make the inaugural flights of regularly scheduled airline service from Wichita to Topeka en route to Kansas City. Transcontinental & Western Air will operate two flights daily to Topeka in each direction and Braniff one daily. Details. Schedules given.

## Sunday, December 10, 1944 page

5. Board of education yesterday elected Dr. Wade C. Fowler, superintendent of schools at Jefferson City, Missouri, as the new superintendent of the Wichita schools effective August 1, 1945, succeeding Dr. L. B. Wheat, who resigned. Biography. Photo.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Katie Bausch, 68, mother of the famous Bausch brothers, athletes. Born in Putland, Iowa, March 9, 1876. Came to Wichita with her husband, Peter, and family from Garden Plain in 1921. Survived by husband, six sons, Nick of Colwich, Leo, 243 Martinson, Charles, 223 North Hydraulic, Lieutenant James, Norman, Oklahoma, Frank, 1810 Jackson, and Lawrence, 517 South Water, and two daughters, Mrs. Otto Orth, 411 North Clifton, and Mrs. Hy Robertson, Denver, Colorado, and by three brothers (named) and 12 grandchildren. Two of the sons, James and Frank, known as Jim and Pete, were widely known for years as athletes, Jim in track and Pete in football. Burial to be in Calvary cemetery. Photo.

### Wednesday, December 13, 1944 page

1. The 1945 Kansas automobile license plates will go on sale January 2. There will be one tag with black numerals on a white background.

# Tuesday, December 19, 1944 page

5. City commission yesterday awarded contract for repairing Douglas Avenue from Main to St. Francis.

Bus patrons in the North Riverside area yesterday complained that many of the Wichita Transportation Company drivers fail to turn into the North Riverside section as the route calls for and instead just travel on Waco. City manager Russell McClure was instructed to meet with officials of the Wichita Transportation Company regarding this.

## Wednesday, December 20, 1944 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Henry J. Peltzer, 55, prominent Andale resident and former Sedgwick County commissioner. Moved to this county in 1891 as a boy. Survived by wife and several children. Photo. (Six sons and three daughters named December 21 on page 12.) Wife's name Teresa. Mr. Peltzer born in Effingham, Kansas June 8, 1889.

## Friday, December 22, 1944 page

The first of Transcontinental & Western Air's improved Stratoliners was returned to the airline this week by Boeing and at the same time the fifth and last of the fleet was flown to Boeing's Seattle plant to undergo major reconversion before entering commercial service. The first will undergo official tests as required by the Civil Aeronautics Agency while the other four are being worked on at Boeing. They are scheduled to return to Transcontinental & Western Air's Kansas City base at regular intervals during the next few weeks. ¶ The chief improvements are new Flying Fortress wings, more powerful engines, landing gears, and a new horizontal stabilizer and elevator assembly. With take off rating of 4800 horse power, the passenger capacity will be increased to 38.

### Wednesday, December 27, 1944

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5. Report of death yesterday of Williston Jacob Stevens, 76, prominent Wichita business man, in his home at the Hillcrest Apartments. Born in Quincy, Illinois October 10, 1868. Came to Wichita in 1902. Organized the Stevens-Scott Grain Company from which he retired in 1916. Was first president of the Wichita Board of Trade. With his son, Clifford, he owned the Ross Seed Company. Survived by his wife and two sons, Clifford B., of 14 Lakeside, Eastborough, and Williston L., of Tulsa.

# Sunday, December 31, 1944 page

7. Full page ad announcing new location of Lee J. Hobbs Chevrolet Company at 1525 East Douglas. Photo.