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 1945 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle Saturday, January 6, 1945 page

5. All time record for airmail dispatched from Wichita was set in 1944. A total of 457,390 pounds was dispatched compared with 375,794 pounds in 1943. In the month of December 1944, 37,519 pounds was dispatched on 490 flights compared with 35,673 pounds on 433 flights in December 1943. Post office air mail cancellations during December totaled 6,663,475.

Wednesday, January 10, 1945 page

12. Ad announcing the inauguration of the new Rock Island Twin Star Rocket from Minneapolis to Houston via Wichita, effective Sunday, January 14, 1945, Train number 507 southbound and 508 northbound. Gives schedule and some changes in other Rock Island trains.

Friday, January 12, 1945 page

- 2. Report of death yesterday of Mason C. Nevins, 76, well known Wichita builder and real estate man. Resided at 1555 Fairmount. Born in Hastings, Michigan May 14, 1868. Came to Wichita in early 1890s. Married the former Adeline Wilson, of Wichita, on May 5, 1903. Survived by wife, three daughters, Mrs. Noel Van Hayes, 1516 Fairmount, Mrs. Charles T. Whitney, 937 Buffum, and Mrs. Jack Grubb, Jr., New Orleans, and seven grandchildren. Photo.
- 5. Report of death of Charles Walter Jackson, 87, early day Wichita business man, yesterday in Kansas City, Missouri. Born in Moline, Illinois August 2, 1858. Married Anna Harriet Kuhn at Albany, Illinois in 1885. Came to Wichita in 1887. Organized the Western Biscuit Company in Wichita in 1905 (now the Southwest Cracker Company). Left here in 1908 to join the Loose Brothers Cracker and Candy Company in Kansas City, Missouri. Retired 20 years ago. ¶ Wife, Anna, died in 1914, and in 1915 he was married to Susanne Stout Martin. Survived by her son, Errol B. Jackson, Los Angeles, California, a daughter, Mrs. Hal M. Black, 3417 Country Club Place, and a sister in Oklahoma City. Photo.

Sunday, January 21, 1945 page

12. The Hershey Baking Company, 439-45 North Main, was sold yesterday by John A. Bowdish to Harvey G. Rodgers and associates. The company is valued at more than \$80,000. Details. Photo of building.

Wednesday, January 24, 1945 page

12. The Meldon Apartments, 519 South Broadway, a ten unit brick apartment, was bought by Frank E. Brodbeck as an investment from Etta P. Dorsey. Photo.

Saturday, January 27, 1945 page

Report of death yesterday of Charles Kleinheim, 84, retired Santa Fe engineer at his home at 532 North Market. Born in Paterson, New Jersey October 16, 1860 and had lived in Wichita past 51 years. Moved here from Mulvane. Started work for the Santa Fe Railroad in 1875 in the offices in Topeka. Later became a fireman on the first locomotive the company purchased for use as a "helper" locomotive to give trains an extra boost to top the Whitewater hill near Peabody. Later became engineer, and retired after 50 years and ten months when he stepped down from the cab of Number 46 on the Wichita and Western line when it pulled into the station Saturday morning, December 4, 1925, making its last run on all passenger service between Pratt and Wichita. That same evening, as Number 45, the engine and cars made the run west to Pratt, where the train was broken up for service on other lines. ¶ Was married to Mollie A. Jocobs in Wichita on October 1, 1903. Survived by his wife and two sons, Erwin Kleinheim, at home, and S. E. Kleinheim, Albuquerque, New Mexico. To be buried in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Sunday, January 28, 1945 page

5. Sale of Newberry Building at 112 East Douglas by H. F. Newberry, Wichita capitalist, who has owned the building and site since 1909, to the Douglas Building Company, Inc., headed by M. S. Levin, was announced yesterday. It was immediately leased to M. S. Levin and Ruth Lampe Levin, owners and operators of Fashion Furs, present occupants of the building. ¶ The Newberry Building is 24 feet by 130 feet, two stories, of brick, and is valued at \$80,000. ¶ Records for the property, lot 96 on Douglas Avenue in the original town, show it to be part of the 80 acres sold by Eli P. Waterman for \$2000 in 1870 to William Griffenstein, who platted it on March 25, 1870. On July 20, 1870, lot 96 and other property was sold to David Critzer for \$325. Critzer in September 1871 sold lot 96 to J. M. Steele and O. H. Smith for \$200. In 1872 Smith gave Steele a quit-claim deed for his half interest and Steele then sold a half interest to Maurice W. Levy for \$600. In December 1874, Steele and Levy sold the property to J. M. Allen and Whitney R. Tucker for \$1000. ¶ In 1884 Tucker sold his half interest to Allen for \$5000, and in 1891 Allen sold the property to Samuel Goldstein for \$15,250. Goldstein deeded the property to Eber Shearman in 1900 for \$15,500, and on March 2, 1909, Shearman sold the property to H. P. Newberry for \$40,000. Photo.

Monday, January 29, 1945 page

2. Article about the Boeing B-15, completed in 1937 as an experimental bomber, and still in active use flying from Air Transport Command field in Miami carrying cargo and passengers throughout the Caribbean and to South America. Details. Frontal photo. Nicknamed "Grandpappy."

Tuesday, January 30, 1945 page

5. Another landmark at the courthouse is due to go from lack of use and age. County commissioners are considering removing the outside steps leading to the second story on the north and south sides of the building. ¶ These steps are combination cast iron and concrete. Both sets of steps are near the danger point. The north steps have been roped off and declared dangerous by Rube Wood, building engineer. Few persons use the steps, as the majority go in the ground floor entrance and either use the elevator or inside steps. The original courthouse had second story steps on all four sides of the building. Years ago the east and west steps were taken down, the opening enclosed and made into offices and courtrooms. Commissioners plan to use the north and south entry ways on the second floor for offices.

Friday, February 2, 1945 page

- 1. Purchase of the York Rite building by the Radio Station KFH company was announced yesterday by John Rigby, president of the company. The building was sold by the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company to the broadcasting company, which takes immediate possession. The radio station's offices and studios have been located there for the past ten years. Details, with some history of KFH. Photo.
- 14. Continental Air Lines officials will be in Wichita February 10, for ceremonies honoring an improved service from Wichita to Denver. The air line will inaugurate the use of a 21 passenger DC-3 plane on the flight to replace the 14 passenger Lockheed Lodestars which have been used on the Continental line in the past.

Sunday, February 4, 1945 page

- 5. The one story business building and property at 135-147 North Broadway were sold yesterday for approximately \$250,000. Details. Photo.
- 20. The North Side Church of Christ, at 20th and Jackson, is to formally open and dedicate its new building today. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, February 7, 1945 page

5. Repairs to the Central Avenue dam necessitated by the spring flood of 1944 were completed yesterday at a cost of approximately \$40,000.

Saturday, February 10, 1945 page

2. Easing of the transportation situation in Wichita within the next 30 days was promised yesterday by officials of the Wichita Transportation Company at a special meeting of the city commission. ¶ The transportation company now has sufficient equipment and only lacks manpower to get the buses back on schedule, A. J. Cleary reported.

Sunday, February 11, 1945

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29. Ad with photo of two story house for sale at 1007 North Broadway.

Thursday, February 15, 1945 page

1. The 1000th Boeing B-29 and the 10346th and last Boeing Kaydet trainer produced in the Wichita plant were delivered to the army air forces at a ceremony at the Boeing plant yesterday. Details.

Monday, February 19, 1945 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Cyrus M. Beachy, 82, chairman of the board and general manager of Steffen Ice and Ice Cream Company, suddenly at his home, 3751 East Douglas. Born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania and came to Newton, Kansas when a young man and to Wichita from Newton in 1905. Survived by his wife, Anna, a grandson, Owen McEwen, a granddaughter, Ellen McEwen, and a niece, Mary Purdum. Further biography. Photo.

Thursday, February 22, 1945 page

5. Details of will of Cyrus M. Beachy reported. Estate valued in excess of \$100,000. Bulk left to his two grandchildren. His daughter, Bernice B. McEwen, has died since the will was drawn.

Sunday, February 25, 1945 page

Citizens, city officials, and Wichita Transportation officials all agree that the bus service in Wichita is unsatisfactory. At a recent meeting of the city commission some explanation of Wichita's transportation problems was given. ¶ In 1940 the company had 86 buses in operation, and they traveled 2,829,580 miles and carried 11,483,606 passengers. ¶ In 1944, the company had 126 buses in operation, and they traveled 3,997,491 miles and carried nearly 30 million passengers. ¶ Another problem is difficulty in getting repair parts. But the biggest headache has been to obtain adequate personnel. ¶ Last year the company hired 726 men and women. The average payroll during the period was 250. Four years ago the total number of people employed was 129 with 80 to 85 bus drivers. Now it requires 280 with 150 bus drivers. ¶ In 1940 it required only 21 people to keep the buses in repair. Now the old buses require 85 shop employes.

Tuesday, February 27, 1945 page

- 1. Report of death yesterday of John Madden, Sr., 89, long time Wichita attorney. Resided at 227 South Estelle. Born in Muncie, Indiana February 12, 1856. Moved with parents to Florence, Kansas in 1866. Came to Wichita from Parsons, Kansas in 1916. Married Mary Ellsworth June 22, 1878 in Kansas City, Missouri. She died about 20 years ago and he married the former Grace Maister in Kansas City in 1927. Survived by wife, a son, John Madden, Jr., attorney, of 357 North Fountain, two daughters, Mrs. Roy F. Bailey, Salina and Mrs. Nana Cooper, San Diego, California, two brothers (named), eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Further biography. To be buried in Old Mission Mausoleum. Photo.
- 5. City commission was informed last night by Wichita Transportation Company officials that all of their bus runs are now being made. This followed numerous complaints to the commission in December and January about the poor service being given. It was determined that manpower was the principal problem involved in the poor service.

Sunday, March 4, 1945 page

5. The five story O. J. Watson building at 321-25 West Douglas was sold yesterday to Will G. Price, Jr. and his brother, Richard H. Price for a price in excess of \$200,000. The announcement was made by the Wheeler Kelly Hagney Trust Company. The building has 69 foot frontage on Douglas and is 134 feet deep. It is now occupied by Aero Parts Manufacturing Company. Details.

Saturday, March 10, 1945 page

5. Transcontinental & Western Air yesterday reported record earnings of \$2,752,960 for the year 1944, a gain of 34 percent over 1943. Operating revenue totaled \$25,340,735, an increase of approximately 32 percent, resulting from the release of additional equipment by the army. The intercontinental division made an average of more than eight oceanic flights daily. The government returned to the company 13 DC-3 planes and five Stratoliners, which are now being remodeled as passenger planes.

Sunday, March 11, 1945 page

2. Ceremonies commemorating the 75th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church are to be held today. Details. Followup report March 12 on page 5.

Monday, March 12, 1945 page

5. Building permit issued Saturday to Coleman Lamp and Stove Company for a \$50,000 factory building to be erected at 213 Moore. To be 130 by 100 feet, one story brick. Architect is Lorenz Schmidt.

Building permit issued Saturday to Wichita Transportation Company for erection of an automatic cleaning room at 1044 North Wichita at cost of \$8500.

Tuesday, March 13, 1945 page

3. The Wichita Transportation Corporation's annual report submitted last night to the city commission showed that the franchise tax paid to the city for the last half of 1944 amounted to \$20,555.94.

Wednesday, March 14, 1945 page

3. Report of pageant last evening reviewing the history of First Presbyterian Church on occasion of the 75th anniversary celebration. Details.

The Aero Parts Manufacturing Company will close its plant April 15 upon completion of its present contracts. The company as approximately 2000 employees. The Curtiss-Wright Corporation of Buffalo, New York, has been taking the bulk of its production, largely the manufacture of aircraft assemblies.

Sunday, March 18, 1945 page

- 5. An extension to the present parking apron at the Boeing Airplane Company plant will be built at a cost of approximately \$350,000, it was announced yesterday. Funds have been approved by the defense plant corporation in Washington. The big paving project will adjoin the old apron on the south. When complete, it no longer will be necessary to park the big planes on runways and other parts of the surrounding ground.
- 12. L. C. Jackson, executive vice-president and general manager of the Furniture Mart, announced yesterday that the company had leased an additional 10,500 square feet of floor space on the east of their present location, extending to Emporia on Douglas from Dr. Walker Weaver and the Dorsey estate. Details. Photo.

The Comanche, one of five Stratoliners returned by the government to Transcontinental & Western Air, arrived at the municipal airport Saturday evening at 9:35 p.m. It is being flown to stations on the Transcontinental & Western Air's system to familiarize personnel with servicing, loading, and maintenance. ¶ Entirely reconditioned after having been flown nearly a million miles, the four engined plane is enlarged to a passenger capacity of 38. Daily scheduled flights between New York and Los Angeles will begin April 1. The other four will be placed in service soon afterwards. ¶ Crew members named. ¶ A bit of the fleet's part in the early days of the war can now be told. After being used for training of members of the ferrying command, General Montgomery had his back to the wall at Alexandria and was badly in need of ammunition. Day after day the five Stratoliners crossed and re-crossed the South Atlantic, taking in the necessary ammunition. ¶ One of the planes was called upon to bring General Doolittle back from China after his historic first raid on Tokyo. Another was trusted to carry the nation's foremost generals and

admirals to London for an important conference. Among those taken were Generals Marshall, Eisenhower, and Arnold and Admirals King and Towers. ¶ Madame Chiang Kai Shek, King Peter of Yugoslavia, and many other persons of note were guest passengers at the time the fleet was in government service.

31. Ad with photo of house for sale at 1003 Faulkner for \$7500.

Friday, March 30, 1945 page

1. Report of death yesterday at her home in Los Angeles of Pearl Jane Murdock, sister of Victor and Marcellus Murdock and part owner of the Eagle. Photo.

Wednesday, April 4, 1945

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1. Report of results of city election yesterday. C. S. Ritchie and Robert E. Israel elected to city commission. Details.

Thursday, April 5, 1945 page

5. Funeral services for Pearle Jane Murdock, sister of Victor and Marcellus Murdock and one of the owners of the Eagle, will be held at the Gill Mortuary at 2 p.m. Saturday. She died at her home in Los Angeles last Thursday. ¶ Pallbearers listed. Burial in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Friday, April 6, 1945 page

5. Ardon W. Weaver, 37, Junction City, son of the late J. W. Weaver and brother of Dr. T. Walker Weaver, died at Norton yesterday. He had been ill for several months. ¶ Survived by wife and two sons, Jim and Bill, at Junction City, his mother, Mrs. J. W. Weaver, who lives northwest of Wichita, and eight brothers and sisters, T. Walker, J. M., R. W., Lee, and Miss Letha Weaver, and Mrs. H. P. Lent, all of Wichita, Mrs. Helen Coufel, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Elsie Arnold, of Seattle.

Saturday, April 7, 1945 page

5. Contracts let yesterday for construction of two nose hangars and another building for Boeing Airplane Company on ground leased from the municipal airport. Buildings to cost \$86,400. ¶ Contract was also let for extension of the concrete parking apron in the same area, for \$186,500.

Lieutenant Donald Gill, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gill, graduate of North High School and Kansas University and member of Delta Upsilon fraternity at Kansas University, reported missing in action in Germany since March 20, service with 102nd division of 9th army.

Major Wayne C. Bartlett has been awarded bronze star medal for meritorious service in North Africa from November 11 to December 1, 1942. Details.

Monday, April 9, 1945 page

2. Report on the funeral services on Saturday for Pearl Jane Murdock. Details. In addition to a daughter, Mrs. Victoria Brown of Los Angeles, she is survived by a grandson, Britton Brown of the United States Marines, and a nephew, Marsh Murdock, of Wichita.

Tuesday, April 10, 1945 page

- 1. The Boeing plant in Seattle yesterday ceased production of the B-17 Flying Fortress after producing 6981 of them, and henceforth will build the B-29 Superfortress. Of the B-17s built in Seattle, 6802 were built since Pearl Harbor.
- 5. City commission yesterday elected Phil H. Manning as mayor of Wichita.

Wednesday, April 11, 1945 page

- 2. Report of death yesterday of W. H. "Bill" Lassen, 48, prominent Wichita oil man and son of the late Henry Lassen, in a automobile accident at 1:30 a.m. seven miles west of the city limits on U. S. highway 54. He was enroute to his home known as the Winkler estate, southwest of Goddard. Details. Had been in the oil business in Wichita since 1922, and a resident of Wichita since 1907. Survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth, three sons, Evan Glenn, 8, Buster Bill, 16, and Todd White, 17, and one daughter, Marylynn, 19, two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Comley, 433 North Crestway, and Mrs. R. Ward Magill, 4421 East 2nd, and one brother, J. T. McInnis, 3420 Elmwood Drive. ¶ Another son, Private Harry Lassen, 20, was killed in action in Germany last November 24.
- 5. Bids will be taken by the Civil Aeronautics Agency at Kansas City, Missouri on April 26 for the installation of an instrument landing system at the Wichita municipal airport. Details.

Friday, April 13, 1945 page

1. Report of death yesterday afternoon of President Franklin Roosevelt.

Tuesday, April 17, 1945 page

17. Report of heavy flooding in the North End including North Riverside and Woodland districts. Details. The 29th Street bridge was washed out about 8 p.m.. Water from North Riverside flowed down Jackson and Waco streets east of North High School to 11th Street.

Wednesday, April 18, 1945

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- 2. Report of death yesterday in Denver of Albert DeBenardi, Jr., 51, former Wichitan, and dramatic critic for the Denver Post, of a heart attack. Born in Warrensburg, Missouri, and was son of the late Albert DeBenardi, former official of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway.
- 5. Photo of the washed out 29th Street bridge over Little Arkansas River after Monday's flood.

Thursday, April 19, 1945 page

3. Report of death Tuesday night of Wichita pioneer, Mrs. Ella Fuller Ross, widow of former mayor Finlay Ross, at her home, 821 North Waco. Born in Atlanta, Illinois on August 13, 1862 and came to Wichita with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fuller, from Olathe, on the first train trip to Wichita. Married Finlay Ross on June 25, 1884, and their first home was at 1st and Topeka. Her family resided at 1st and Lawrence. ¶ Survived by two sons, Clayton I. Ross and Finlay F. Ross Jr., two daughters, Mrs George Haun and Mrs. Fred W. Little, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Tuesday, May 8, 1945 page

1. Announcement made that Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies yesterday. Details.

Thursday, May 10, 1945

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5. Report of opening of Lake Afton yesterday.

Sunday, May 13, 1945 page

- 1. First Methodist Church is holding its 75th anniversary celebration this evening. Drawings of proposed expansion of the church building (never built to these plans). Details.
- 16. The new Fox Boulevard theater at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard will open Thursday, May 17. Details. Photo of interior.

Monday, May 14, 1945

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5. Report of death yesterday of Dr. E. D. Ebright well known Wichita orthopedic surgeon. Survived by wife, Mrs. Zua Doughty Ebright, two sisters and three brothers (named). Obituary. Photo.

Thursday, May 17, 1945 page

2. Ad announcing the gala opening this evening of the new Fox Boulevard Theater at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard. Drawing.

Wednesday, May 23, 1945 page

7. Moving of the Sedgwick County tuberculosis hospital from the old county poor farm on south Oliver to the county hospital on west Douglas has been completed. Twenty patients were moved from the old quarters. Moving was made necessary by the sale of the old county poor farm to Carl Johnson, 201 North Parkwood Lane, last March. The new quarters are located on the grounds south of the county hospital in a building vacant for two years, which was the office of the county welfare department before it was moved to a more central location downtown. Details.

Saturday, May 26, 1945 page

5. A drastic cutback in aircraft production announced yesterday by the war department in Washington will cause some 3000 workers to be terminated immediately at the Beech Aircraft Corporation. Production at the Boeing-Wichita plant will not be affected. Details.

Sunday, June 3, 1945 page

4. Report of annual picnic yesterday of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum. Details. List of those who attended. Photos. Request for donation of early photos by John P. Davidson.

Thursday, June 7, 1945 page

5. City commission yesterday agreed to the proposal to build raised safety islands for pedestrians in the center of Douglas Avenue at intersections from Water to St. Francis inclusive.

Saturday, June 9, 1945 page

5. The Cessna Aircraft Company discontinued its second shift at the end of the shift last night and will revert to a five day work week in line with the cut-back in aircraft production announced in Washington since V-E day. The company is building parts for B-29s, A-26s, and C-82s. Details.

Tuesday, June 12, 1945 page

3. City commission yesterday heard protests from residents of the Millair addition over the request of the Wichita Transportation Corporation to discontinue service of 13th Street buses to that area. The company, which has been operating 93 trips a day to that area for

a 90 day trial period submitted figures showing they were operating the line at a loss. Matter was referred to the war transportation committee for consideration. Details.

Wednesday, June 13, 1945 page

5. Coleman stockholders yesterday approved changes in the capital stock of the company (details given) and also approved changing the company's name from Coleman Lamp and Stove Company to "the Coleman Company, Inc."

Thursday, June 14, 1945 page

- 3. An additional two or three thousand workers will be released within the next 60 days by Beech and Cessna aircraft plants at Wichita, the war manpower commission said in Topeka yesterday. ¶ Recently nearly 3000 workers had been relaesed because of a cutback in the expansion program for building the Douglas A-26 plane.
- 5. The engine of a P-38 training plane fell from the plane onto the ranch two and one-half miles west of Toronto, Kansas belonging to E. L. Stimpson, 1157 South Hydraulic, yesterday afternoon, striking a herd of cattle and killing seven of them. Mr. Stimpson is retired and his son, LeRoy, is now operating the ranch and called him to report the news. The plane, flying from Coffeyville army air base, made a crash landing in the Stimpson pasture. The pilot was injured but survived.

It will take at best another month to finish resurfacing Douglas Avenue in the downtown district.

Friday, June 15, 1945 page

5. Boeing-Wichita announced that it has built 1400 completed B-29s and spare parts equivalent to another 124 bombers, making the equivalent of a total of 1524 bombers. Including the Seattle-Renton facilities, Boeing has built a total of 2075 B-29s plus the equivalent of 149 additional planes in spare parts.

Sunday, June 17, 1945 page

- 5. St. John's Academy and Sacred Heart Junior College, both located at McCormick and Sheridan, have been combined and given the new name of "Sacred Heart College and Academy." ¶ St. John's Academy was established 43 years ago by four Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood who came here from Ruma, Illinois. Sacred Heart Junior College was organized in 1933 to provide education opportunities for graduates of the academy. Details.
- 8. Drawing of map of the army's Number one flood control project for Wichita.

Monday, June 18, 1945

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1. Article describes a proposed merger of the Beech and Cessna aircraft companies, which will be put to a vote of the stockholders. Details. One share of Beech stock would be issued for each three shares of outstanding Cessna stock.

Wednesday, June 20, 1945 page

5. The Wichita traffic commission recommended yesterday that the city commission pass an ordinance outlawing diagonal parking within the city limits. The affected areas would be Main Street from 9th to Lewis, Douglas from the overpass to Hydraulic, and two blocks near Wichita hospital. Only one complaint has been received since parallel parking was ordered on Douglas in the downtown district.

Sunday, June 24, 1945 page

- 2. Wichita's war housing center will close June 30, since the urgency for war housing has been relieved to the extent that regular real estate agencies can carry on the job. The agency has found homes for 19,128 families here since it was opened in 1941.
- 5. Production of 1946 Kansas license tags has started. They will come in pairs and will be one inch longer and one-half inch wider than the 1945 tags. They will have blue numerals on a yellow background.

Sunday, July 1, 1945 page

- 7. Beech Aircraft Corporation already is making plans for the coming period of transition. Production of commercial Model 18 twin-engine Beechcrafts will be resumed about October 1st if materials can be obtained.
- 8. A pictorial history book of early Wichita is just off the press. The book, "Wichita 1866-1883, Cradle Days of A Midwestern City" was edited by Dick Long, news editor of the Evening Eagle, and published by the McCormick-Armstrong Company of Wichita. ¶ The bulk of the limited edition was sold prior to publication, and will be delivered next week, but there are additional volumes for sale. ¶ Details.

Friday, July 6, 1945 page

5. The Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington yesterday awarded Transcontinental & Western Air a route from the United States to 20 foreign cities. Details.

Boeing Company announced yesterday it has received a contract for a limited number of YC-97 transport planes similar to the three C-97s already built as experimental ships, one which visited the Boeing plant here last week. The planes will be built at the parent plant in Seattle and are a military version of the company's postwar commercial transport to be known as the Stratocruiser.

Monday, July 9, 1945 page

- 1. Report of death yesterday of Victor Murdock, 74, editor-in-chief of The Wichita Eagle, after an illness of more than a year. Lived at 204 South Rutan. Born March 18, 1871 at Burlingame, Kansas and came to Wichita in 1872 with his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Marshall M. Murdock. Served in Congress for 12 years beginning in 1904. Married Mary Pearl Allen, daughter of E. T. Allen, in 1890. Mrs. Murdock died in 1940. ¶ Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harvey Delano, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Howard T. Fleeson, of Wichita, and by two grandchildren, Lieutenant Victor Delano with United States Navy, and Allen Fleeson, of Wichita. A brother, Marcellus Murdock also survives. A sister, Pearl Murdock, died recently in Los Angeles. Further biography. Photo. ¶ Burial in mausoleum at Old Mission cemetery. (July 12, page 1.)
- 5. First Lieutenant James Jabara, son of John Jabara, of 1904 Burns, was awarded the first oak leaf cluster to the distinguished flying cross recently for his achievements flying a P-51 Mustang in Europe. Details. Photo.

Sunday, July 15, 1945 page

10. Bus service to the Millair additions will be continued on a limited basis, A. J. Cleary announced last night. Beginning Monday the East 13th Street bus will go to the Millair section every half hour during the rush hours and every hour during mid-day and night. Buses going to Millair will go to 21st and Minneapolis, while the remaining buses on the line will turn back at 21st and Erie.

Tuesday, July 17, 1945 page

5. A definite proposal has been made by the state highway department for the postwar rerouting of Highway 54 through Wichita on Kellogg and the old Wichita and Western Railroad bed to a point across the Cowskin near Tyler. Details.

Saturday, July 21, 1945 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Paul L. Brockway, city planning engineer and employe of the city for 37 years until recent resignation because of failing health. Became assistant city engineer in 1908 under Bert C. Wells, then city engineer.

Sunday, July 22, 1945 page

3. Report of death of Mrs. Henry Ware Allen, 78, yesterday at her home, 121 North Roosevelt. She married Mr. Allen in Kansas City 55 years ago as the former Antoinette Marie Switzer, and they came to Wichita in 1907. Survived by husband, one son, four daughters, five grandchildren, and one brother.

Report of series of programs observing the 75th anniversary of the founding of Wichita. Details.

Saturday, July 28, 1945 page

1. Report of death yesterday of Fred W. Dold, 73, president and founder of the Fred Dold and Sons Packing Company. Frederick William Dold was the last of five sons of Jacob Dold, who developed a major packing company from a small slaughterhouse he founded in Buffalo, New York. Born in Buffalo, New York December 12, 1871. Came to Wichita in 1901 to rebuild his father's plant which had been destroyed by fire. Jacob Dold died in 1909. A brother George Dold, manager of the Wichita plant, died in 1901 and Fred came to Wichita to replace him. Another brother, Jacob C. (known as J. C.), had taken over the father's company after death of the father, and he died in 1924 at which time Fred was recalled from Wichita to become general manager of all the Dold interests. However he preferred Wichita and returned here to start his own company after the many heirs decided to dispose of the original Dold company. The Fred Dold and Sons Company opened on February 11, 1929. Married Lena Cox, Daughter of L. M. Cox, an early Wichita mayor. Survived by wife and a son, Frederick L. Dold, Jr., of Wichita. Another son, Richard C., died in 1926. Long biography. Photo.

Tuesday, July 31, 1945 page

5. Article with details of will of Victor Murdock. Entire estate left to his two daughters, Marcia Murdock Delano and Katherine Murdock Fleeson. Details.

Wednesday, August 1, 1945 page

3. Drawing of a proposed \$75,000 addition and ramp building for the municipal airport administration building. Architects are Glen H. Thomas and A. B. Harris. Details. This addition was never built.

Friday, August 3, 1945 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Maurice P. Barnes, 62, Wichita capitalist and property owner, and son of the late Oscar D. Barnes, who with his wife came to Wichita from Richland, Michigan, in 1879 and was builder of the former Barnes Building at southeast corner of Lawrence and Douglas. ¶ Maurice P. Barnes was born here at 407 North Lawrence, present site of the Victoria Apartments, which he built. In 1907 he and his father built the Michigan Building in second block of East Douglas. Married Gossye M. Hearst in 1908. His father died in 1921 and his mother four years ago. Survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Maurice Ikle, of the home, four cousins, a sister, and an aunt (all named). Long biography.

Article with some dates of Douglas Avenue paving in downtown area and details about changes in bus stops at present while re-paving is being carried out.

14. Article reports a proposal to county commission yesterday to microfilm records from the office of the clerk of the district court. Details.

Sunday, August 5, 1945 page

5. Beech Aircraft will suspend production a full week September 23-30 for a complete inventory, resulting from completion of the Beech A-26 wing contract. Details.

Tuesday, August 7, 1945 page

1. Report atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Details.

Photo of Rock Island Rocket locomotive which was derailed yesterday at the switch one-half mile south of Sedgwick when it sideswiped Santa Fe freight Number 31. The Rock Island was being re-routed to Wichita over the Santa Fe tracks owing to derailment of a freight on the Rock Island tracks. Article with details. Engine number not visible.

Thursday, August 9, 1945 page

7. Two Wichita cemeteries in theory will be sold at auction in the next Sedgwick County tax foreclosure sale to cut legal red tape in clearing the titles. This is an effort to clear the county treasurer's records of delinquent taxes assessed against the two cemeteries, and it was decided that a friendly suit would be filed to accomplish this. ¶ The cemeteries themselves will not be sold, but certain parcels were included in the delinquent listing. When Hillside and 9th Street were paved more than 30 years ago the city levied a special assessment against some Highland Cemetery property not contained in the cemetery's property tax exemption. With interest the total due reached more than \$9000. It therefore constitutes a lien and judgment clouding the title of the cemetery, and by obtaining a district court order as a formality the judgment is set aside and the tax written off the books and the title cleared. ¶ The second cemetery involved is Old Mission at 21st and Hillside.

Tuesday, August 14, 1945 page

5. Hopes of receiving at least ten new 36 passenger buses late in the year was expressed by A. J. Cleary, vice-president of Wichita Transportation Company. An immediate victory over Japan may make it possible for delivery of a much larger number, it was said. ¶ Buses are on order from the Twin Coach Company, Kent, Ohio. They are the latest in design, with several changes, both mechanical and for the convenience of the passengers. The principal change is that the motors are beneath the floors. ¶ Those on order would cost \$120,000, or \$12,000 each. ¶ There is much competition for the new buses, a limited number of which are being manufactured. Both the War Production Board and the Office of Defense Transportation must approve deliveries. ¶ Meanwhile service is expected to improve due to a new program of maintenance being installed at the shops under

supervision of J. E. Ebinger, general manager, and Gordon Henry, superintendent of maintenance, who have made arrangements for badly needed replacement parts.

Wednesday, August 15, 1945 page

- 1. V-J Day being celebrated today. Details.
- 5. Details of the will of the late Maurice P. Barnes, son of the late Oscar D. Barnes.

Friday, August 17, 1945 page

- 3. Report of the formal opening of the new quarters of the Armstrong Creamery Company at 2020 East Douglas last night. Details
- 5. Production of B-29s at Boeing-Wichita plant is to be cut back. The company will go ahead and complete its full quota of 100 B-29s for the month of August, but the schedule for September calls for a reduction to 60 deliveries; which may wind up scheduled deliveries of B-29s at Wichita under existing contracts. However some spare parts and assemblies may be produced here in connection with a continuing B-29 program at the Boeing-Seattle plant.

Saturday, August 18, 1945 page

5. The state board of agriculture has reported Wichita's 1945 population at 155, 968 and that of Sedgwick County as 203,398. Planeview has a population of 17,549.

Sunday, August 19, 1945 page

- 3. Article about layoffs of thousands of workers at Wichita aircraft plants. Boeing has terminated 5000 employes in the past two days. Cessna's war contracts have all been cancelled and 300 of the company's employes will be terminated Monday. Beech has terminated a large number of employes. ¶ The International Association of Machinists says approximately 10,000 workers have been terminated and another 7000 will be laid off by the first week of September.
- 17. Full page ad with photo of the new Armstrong Creamery Company building at 2020 East Douglas.
- 18. Article discusses Beech Aircraft Corporation's plans for the future. Details. The company will produce its standard biplane and twin-engine Beechcraft until the new postwar models are ready for production in about six months.

Wednesday, August 22, 1945 page

- 5. One hundred fifteen downtown retail merchants last night requested the city traffic commission to change parallel parking back to diagonal parking. The matter was referred to a committee. ¶John Ebinger, general manager of the Wichita Transportation Company, reported that accidents of buses with cars getting in and out of traffic have been greatly decreased by parallel parking. Buses now have 120 feet of boarding space at regular downtown loading points, where the space was 90 feet before the war.
- 8. First parts for repair of the Sedgwick County court house elevator were received yesterday from the factory. ¶ The courthouse house elevator has been in operation for several decades. Originally it only extended to the third floor. More than 20 years ago the track was extended to the top, or sixth, floor. ¶ When the elevator was condemned eight months ago the war production board allowed the purchase only of parts, not an entire new lift. These are the ones now arriving, and the lift is expected to be in operation within a week after all parts are received.

Sunday, August 26, 1945 page

- 15. Article summarizes at length the production by Boeing's Wichita plant. ¶ Includes total of 10,346 equivalent primary trainers, or 44 percent of all primary trainers, with 13 other plants combined producing the other 56 percent. ¶ A total of 1665 completed B-29s plus 125 equivalent B-29s in spare parts, making a total of 40 percent of the combined total of all four B-29 plants. ¶ Parts and assemblies for B-17s built at Boeing-Seattle. ¶ A total of 750 CG-4 gliders used in the invasion of Europe.
- 22. Full page Boeing ad with large photo of Boeing plant.

Special Wichita Magazine Section.

- 1. Aerial photo of downtown.
- 9. Wichita will have new modern buses as soon as they can be obtained, it was announced by A. J. Cleary, vice-president of the Wichita Transportation Company, and new taxi cabs will also be added to the fleet of Checker Cabs as soon as new cars become available. During the war the Wichita Transportation Company has been hard pressed because of the war boom with its tremendous increase in population. Last year the company transported nearly 30 million people compare to 11,483,608 passengers in the last peacetime year of 1940. ¶ One of the biggest headaches of the bus system today is the condition of the equipment. With inability to purchase enough new buses during the war and the added weight of thousands of extra passengers, the buses have been very difficult to maintain. Before the war it was almost unheard of to have a bus break down on the street, but it is now a common sight. The maintenance of the fleet of 126 buses and 50 taxi cabs is in the capable hands of Gordon Henry, superintendent of shops and equipment, who has been associated with the Wichita Transportation Company for the past 21 years. ¶ The Wichita Transportation Company and Checker Cab Company employ about 450 men and women. ¶ Costs have also advanced. Labor costs in 1944 were 103 percent more than in 1941. Material costs have increased by 198 percent and insurance costs have advanced by 239

percent. Taxes were 512 percent more in 1943 than 1941. Despite these increases the fare has remained the same -- a nickel with free transfer privileges. ¶ Cleary recently announced that several months ago the company had ordered ten new Twin Coaches at cost of \$12,000 each. More new equipment will be added later as it becomes available.

- 2. Photo of O. A. Sutton Corporation plant at 1812 West 2nd, which produces the Vornado fan. Article with details.
- 6. Article about expansion plans of Western Lithograph Company. Details.

Thursday, August 30, 1945 page

- 4. Report of death yesterday of John George Miltner, 86, of 542 South Washington, early day Wichita grain elevator operator. He with his father John B. Miltner, a brother, Henry F. Miltner and an uncle, Henry Kauffman, started one of the early grain elevators in Wichita at 1st and Santa Fe. ¶ Born in Warsaw, Illinois November 7, 1856 and came to Kansas from there 69 years ago. From 1901 until he retired in 1935 due to poor health, he was in the real estate business. ¶ Married Carrie L. Steinmeyer October 1, 1885 in Kansas City, Kansas and they moved to Wichita soon after. Survivors include his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Ella Perli, 601 Laura, and Miss Pearl Miltner, of the home address, a son, Carl Miltner, 610 South Washington, and two sisters and two brothers, (named -- all of Wichita).
- 5. Building permit issued yesterday for a church for the newly formed Airline Baptist congregation. The first unit located at 528 South Hydraulic will cost \$10,000 and will be of concrete block, later probably covered with brick.

Sunday, September 2, 1945 page

17. Ad by Kansas Coach Line, 237 West Douglas (Red Ball Garage) announcing new bus service to cities in southeast Kansas and Joplin -- leaving Wichita at 10:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Also to Hutchinson twice daily.

Monday, September 3, 1945 page

5. A fire in the second story of the old Hockaday building at 316 East William yesterday morning caused an estimated damage of \$2500. The building was owned for many years by Wichita pioneer O. C. Daisy and is now owned by his daughter, Mosoline Condt, of New York City. The fire started in an apartment on the second floor. The lower floor is occupied by the Shamrock Cafe in front and the Brooks Printing Company.

Wednesday, September 5, 1945 page

2. Boeing Airplane Company officials yesterday received a telephoned directive from the army air forces calling for immediate suspension of all B-29 manufacturing operations at

the Boeing-Wichita plants. The previous schedule called for delivery of 100 B-29s in August and 60 in September. The August schedule has been met and 45 of the 60 planes for September are completed.

Sunday, September 9, 1945 page

8. Change in city bus schedules effective Monday September 10, was announced yesterday by A. J. Cleary. The last city buses will leave Market and Douglas at 12:15 a.m. Previously all buses left the downtown area at 1:00 a.m. for the various parts of the city before going to the bus garage.

Monday, September 10, 1945 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Sarah H. Alexander, 89, mother of former district court judge J. E. Alexander, at 1806 South Market. Born in Louisiana, Missouri May 8, 1855. Married Thompson Alexander at Maryville, Missouri in 1874 and they came to Wichita in 1889. Husband was a livestock dealer. Moved to Harper County, Oklahoma in 1912 and later to Comanche County, Kansas until returning to Wichita about 12 years ago. Survived by five sons (named -- including J. E., 903 Wiley), two daughters and one sister (named).

Tuesday, September 11, 1945 page

5. Another Kansas Coach Line ad.

Thursday, September 13, 1945 page

5. Article with list of proposed building projects in Wichita to be started when materials and labor become available. Details.

Sunday, September 16, 1945 page

5. The old Central Christian Church building at 2nd and Market, now owned by Charles W. Corsant, has been leased by the government for the department of internal revenue. Two sections were moving into the new quarters yesterday. The building had been used until recently by the army air force of the 7th service command but was vacated soon after V-J day. The lease is for one year with an option for ten years.

Article with list of North High School students or former students killed in the war.

9. Complaint by J. E. Ebinger, general manager of Wichita Transportation Company, about people picking up passengers waiting for buses thereby reducing employment of bus drivers and adding to Wichita's unemployment problem.

31. Ad offering the Ark Valley Railway (former Arkansas Valley Interurban) building for sale. Photo. No price given.

Monday, September 17, 1945 page

5. The Spencer Auto Service, 1210 East Douglas, is planning to build a \$40,000 service building immediately north of its present building as soon as material is available.

Tuesday, September 18, 1945 page

5. Report of death yesterday of R. Wilson Park, 83, who has been in the monument business here for 60 years. Lived at 278 South Pershing. Born at Chatham, Ontario, Canada November 14, 1861. Came to Kingman, Kansas from Ontario in 1883 with his wife, Mrs. Angeline Oldershaw Park, at the urging of an older brother, William Park, who lived in Kingman. In 1885 he moved to Wichita. Was in business on North Main with Virgil P. Marsh until forming his present company at 1709-11 East Douglas in 1922. Survived by two daughters, three sons (all named), 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Photo.

Board of education yesterday approved the plan for a new High School for Wichita. No details.

Wednesday, September 19, 1945 page

5. Report of death Monday of Louis A. Callais, 76, farmer of the Haven community, at his home after a brief illness. Born at Landange, Lorraine, France on February 6, 1869 and came to this country at age of 18. Had been a resident of the Haven community the past 62 years. ¶ Survived by wife, Mary C., two daughters, Louise Alice May, Wichita, and Alice B. Wentz, Wellington, and a son, Eugene S. Callais, of Haven. Burial to be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Wednesday, September 26, 1945 page

1. Fire starting shortly after 11 p.m. last night destroyed the main hangar at Wichita municipal airport and 40 airplanes therein, with loss estimated at over \$500,000. Cause of fire undetermined. Details. Photos. (Later count actually 29 planes destroyed -- see September 27, page 3).

Thursday, September 27, 1945 page

5. Article reports on actions in Pacific in which cruiser *U.S.S. Wichita* was involved, including 67 days in the Okinawa battle. Details.

Friday, September 28, 1945 page

5. State board of agriculture reported Wichita population on March 1, 1945 at 155,968, a decline of 20,348 since 1944 reflecting the steady decline in aircraft employment during the last half of the year ending March 1. The decrease in population of Planeview during the years was about 2000. Riverside Township, which includes Planeview, had population of 19,269 compared with 21,252 in 1944. Sedgwick County showed a loss of 23,326 since 1944.

Tuesday, October 2, 1945 page

10. Report of will of Jesse F. Minnich, early Wichitan, who died September 9. Details.

Sunday, October 7, 1945 page

5. The name of the Salvation Army Home and Hospital in Wichita has been changed to the William Booth Memorial Hospital in line with the decision of the annual national meeting which decided to make the same change in name of other Salvation Army hospitals throughout the country. Details.

Sunday, October 14, 1945 page

- 2. Nutrena Mills, Inc., a leading commercial feed mill with a warehouse in Wichita, was sold to Cargill, Inc., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in Kansas City, Saturday.
- 5. Chamber of Commerce stated yesterday that Wichita airplane factories produced 25,865 planes for the armed forces during World War II. Details.

Wednesday, October 17, 1945 page

5. Report of death of W. F. Cochran, Sr, associated in the Cochran mortuary with his son, Fred Cochran, Jr., since 1932, yesterday at his home, 1411 North Broadway. Born at Owanaco, Illinois, near Tolarville, and came to Wichita in 1871 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cochran. Lived here a year, then moved to Topeka, where his father was in the hide trading business. Was married September 29, 1896 to Evalina Baker, daughter of a Franklin County pioneer family. In 1912 he brought his wife and son, Fred, Jr. to Wichita. From 1912 to 1932 worked as general manager and advertising manager for the Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company. In 1932 entered the mortuary business with his son. Survived by his wife and his son, W. Fred Cochran, Jr., 1417 North Broadway, and a grandson, W. F. Cochran, III. Photo. (Editor's note: The correct spelling of Owanaco is Owaneco.)

Sunday, October 21, 1945 page

2. Article about the new Culver Model "V," which is now being flight tested at the factory in Wichita. Has a tricycle landing gear in place of the conventional landing gear in the prewar model. Photo.

Monday, October 22, 1945 page

1. Report of death yesterday afternoon of noted Wichita pilot, Captain Fred McConnell, 26, when his low flying plane struck a high-tension power line one-half mile west of Garden Plain and crashed in a field. He was the second of the three flying McConnell brothers to die, and had survived 61 missions as a B-24 pilot in the South Pacific. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, October 24, 1945 page

5. Excavation started yesterday for a \$100,000 building for expansion of the Watkins, Inc. plant facilities at 721 West 2nd. The new unit will house offices, a display room, and an expansion of the firm's heavy hardware and industrial supply division. It is the second of two units for which plans were completed in 1942. The present West Side plant, housing the steel fabricating division, was occupied in June 1942. Details.

Friday, October 26, 1945 page

3. Ad announcing the new 1946 Ford. Drawing. Article and photo on page 11.

Monday, October 29, 1945 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Julius B. Ott, 58, a well known Sedgwick County farmer who resided with his family the past 33 years in his farm home at 13th and West Streets. Born in Battle Creek, Nebraska October 6, 1887. Moved to Amarillo, Texas, and then in 1912 to his present home. Married Miss Ellen Anderson in 1912. Survived by wife, two daughters, Miss Helen and Mrs. Charles Keller, and two sons, Charles Jr. and Kenneth. Biography. Photo.

Tuesday, October 30, 1945 page

5. Sale of the Perdew estate, north of Wichita on the Little Arkansas river, to William Levitt, Wichita jeweler, was reveled yesterday. The property includes 30 acres on both sides of the Little river, an 11 room brick and stone home of Normandy design, tenant house, special garage with quarters above, and tennis courts. The property was purchased 14 years ago by the late W. F. Perdew and developed over a period of years. Mrs. Perdew sold the property, as she plans to leave Wichita.

Sunday, November 11, 1945 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Laura Capps Conklin, 86, widow of P. J. Conklin, pioneer Wichita newspaper publisher-financier, at her home at 805 Spaulding. They came to Wichita in 1879 from Kingman, where Mr. Conklin had founded the Kingman Courier. Previously they resided at Winfield, where he founded the Winfield Courier. He was partner in the Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage and Trust Company for a number of years and later became an agent for the Davidson Trust Company. He died in 1921. ¶ When the family

first came to Wichita, they purchased the old Woodland home, 1901 North Waco, which was a log cabin, one of the first built in the city. It now is retained on the rear of the lot as one of the city's historical landmarks (this perhaps refers to the old Woodman home at 901 North Waco and is erroneous). ¶ Survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. N. Chapple, 446 North Fountain, Mrs. Carl Ginzel, 805 Spaulding, and Dorothy Conklin, same address, and two sons, Edward, of San Diego, California, and Stanley, of the home address, and three brothers (named -- none in Wichita). ¶ Further biography. Photo. ¶ Burial to be in Maple Grove cemetery.

Photo of a burning Santa Fe Trailways bus at Douglas and Topeka last evening.

Wednesday, November 14, 1945 page

- 1. Photo of the Honolulu Clipper, forced to land at sea 700 miles north of Honolulu (dated November 13). Passengers rescued by U.S.S. San Pablo, but salvage attempts failed and the Clipper was sunk by gunfire.
- 5. Through a transaction completed Saturday, Van Grant, former Detroit investment banker, and T. Bowring Woodbury, president of the Culver Aircraft Corporation, acquired full ownership of the Culver Company and its factory and field at 600 East 35th Street. Grant, who is chairman of the board of the company, gained controlling interest when he purchased stock held by Charles G. Yankey, Wichita attorney. He has been the largest individual stockholder since purchasing the interests of the Culver family of Ohio, the original owners. ¶ Woodbury, recently elected president, acquired a substantial interest in the company through purchase of the interests of Walter H. Beech. Yankey and Grant had operated the company here the past several years, with Yankey heading the company as president. ¶ During the war the Culver Company built radio-controlled ships, added 50,000 square feet of floor space to plant facilities, and laid a 1500 foot runway on the Culver field, six inches deep. ¶ Not quite a month ago the company announced its latest civilian model airplane, a two place low-wing monoplane with tricycle landing gear. ¶ Grant has resided in Tucson, Arizona since retiring from investment banking in Detroit, but recently purchased the T. M. Deal home, 400 North Belmont, and will move his family to Wichita in the near future.

Sunday, November 18, 1945 page

- 5. The Santa Fe Railway will move its passenger offices to the corner location of the Allis Hotel building today from its location at 314 Union National Bank building and will open for business at the new location tomorrow. Details.
- 28. Report of death Thursday of Frank Wadlow, brother of the flying twins, Newman and Truman Wadlow, in a traffic accident near Bakersfield, California. His home was in Oakland, California. Survived by his wife, the former Pauline Lipp, of Wichita, two daughters and one son, his mother, in Wichita, and five brothers, Newman, now in Tulsa,

Oklahoma, Truman, in Alexandria, Virginia, John and Clyde, in Wichita, and Cletus, in San Rafael, California, and one sister, Mrs. Dwight North, 2024 Fairview.

Tuesday, November 20, 1945 page

7. An increase in bus fare to points outside Wichita proper is being asked both by the Emergency Transportation, Inc., and the Defense Transportation company, city officials said yesterday. Petitions from both companies will be heard by the city commission this morning. ¶ During wartime each company charged ten cent fares to aircraft plants and intermediate points beyond the city limits. However city manager McClure says the franchise originally issued to each company provided for a 15 cent fare to these points after the war emergency. ¶ The commission will also be asked to hear a petition by the Wichita Transportation Corporation seeking an extension of the company's franchise. The current franchise extends to 1950.

Sunday, November 25, 1945 page

- 3. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Emma Alice Hill, 94, at her home, 3614 East 3rd. Born in St. Louis County, Missouri August 14, 1851 and moved to Wichita in 1879 with her husband, Harry L. Hill, who died in 1897. Survived by a son, Harry R. Hill, of Wichita, a daughter, Mrs. C. J. Neal, 3614 East 3rd, and one granddaughter. Burial to be at Maple Grove.
- 5. The cruiser *U.S.S. Wichita* arrived at San Francisco yesterday from Sasebo, Japan carrying as passengers 825 veterans of the Pacific war. Article gives some details about the war service of the ship.

Monday, November 26, 1945 page

8. The former German liner Europa docked at New York yesterday with 6200 returning veterans aboard after an uneventful six day trip from Southampton.

Tuesday, November 27, 1945 page

1. The aircraft carrier Lake Champlain arrived at Norfolk, Virginia yesterday with 5052 American troops after a record breaking crossing of the Atlantic at an average speed of 32.048 knots. The 3360 nautical mile crossing from Gibraltar to Norfolk took 4 days, 8 hours, and 51 minutes.

Wednesday, November 28, 1945 page

5. The court house elevator has been completely overhauled and will be back in service today. It has been out of service for over a year after being condemned last year as being unsafe.

Friday, November 30, 1945 page

5. The city will study all local transportation problems after a hearing scheduled for December 19. The Wichita Transportation Company is asking that its present franchise be extended beyond 1950 before it invests in a large volume of expensive equipment. ¶ It is generally agreed that the fare schedule should remain the same -- five cents. However the city will likely ask that the present ten cent fare to Schweiter addition be reduced to five cents. This affects only one bus line. A fare of ten cents is charged on the Airport bus, and an additional nickel is charged beyond St. Joseph's hospital. Details

Sunday, December 2, 1945 page

- 11. Article about the fleet of 36 Constellation airliners purchased by Transcontinental & Western Air at a cost of \$30 million. Transcontinental & Western Air will receive the first 12 of these planes to be delivered, after which other airlines will also receive them. The Transcontinental & Western Air Constellations will carry 51 passengers in domestic service and 47 passengers on international routes. They will have 2200 horse power Wright engines. Photo.
- 14. Article about the current special "Transportation Edition" of *Wichita Magazine*. ¶ Thirty passenger and two cargo planes arrive and depart daily. ¶ Rail service last year hauled 11 billion pounds of freight and 870,000 passengers from Wichita on 21,900 freight and 9490 passenger trains. ¶ One hundred twenty-two buses arrive and depart from Wichita daily. ¶ The Wichita Transportation Company, operating 126 buses, carried 30 million people last year, and the Defense Transportation Company, operating 14 buses, carried 3 million persons.

Tuesday, December 4, 1945 page

5. The new bridge across the Big Arkansas river at Derby is scheduled to be opened to traffic December 15. The steel and concrete bridge is 606 feet long and cost \$150,000.

Friday, December 7, 1945 page

The wooden ties from the old street car track are being removed from the pavement on 13th Street between Hillside and Fairmount. The rails were removed soon after the street cars ceased operation, but the wooden ties have remained under the pavement. They have since gradually disintegrated, leaving the pavement uneven and rough for driving. Therefore they are being dug up and removed and the pavement removed will be replaced with concrete.

Sunday, December 9, 1945 page

12. Beginning last Thursday the Beech Aircraft Corporation has delivered the first 12 post-war Model 18 twin engined executive transports to commercial purchasers, representing more

than a million dollars worth. ¶ Outwardly the postwar Model 18 differs little from its prewar predecessors. However the landing gear is redesigned to give a softer landing, the engine nacelles have been extended to the rear of the wings. Details. Photo.

Monday, December 10, 1945 page

2. Report of death yesterday of Julius L. Wolter, 81, retired contractor, and a resident of Wichita for 59 years. Born in Germany and came to United States 63 years ago. Moved to Wichita from Newton 59 years ago. Among Wichita building he constructed are St. Mary's cathedral, Penn Hotel, Motor Equipment, and Waco, Ingalls, Washington, and Dunbar schools. Survived by four daughters (named -- one in Wichita, Mrs. J. W. Dyer, 415 North Lorraine, at whose home Mr. Wolter died).

Wednesday, December 12, 1945 page

1. A B-29 yesterday set a new transcontinental speed record from Burbank, California to LaGuardia Field, New York, covering the 2464 miles in 5 hours, 31 minutes, and 44 seconds at an average speed of nearly 450 miles per hour.

Friday, December 14, 1945 page

5. City manager Russell McClure yesterday announced his approval of a proposal to the city commission by the Wichita Transportation Company for re-routing of three bus lines and the addition of another to give better service to four residential districts. ¶ Schweiter addition will be given 30 minute service with double service during peak hours. The line will be connected with the Osage route. The bus will operate east on Douglas to Washington, south on Lincoln, east on Schweiter Drive and Wilma to George Washington Avenue (sic), northwest to Lincoln, west to Washington, north to Douglas, west to Water, south to Lewis, and then to continue with the present Osage route. ¶ Airport-Boeing will be re-routed to continue east on Douglas to Hillside, south to Grand, east to Clifton, south to Harry, and continue over its current route. The service will be hourly. Fare within the city will be five cents, and outside the city 15 cents. ¶ Service to Beverly Manor will be provided by re-routing part of the East Kellogg line as follows: east as present to Beverly Drive, south to Gilbert, east to Marcilene Terrace, north to Kellogg, east to east gate of Veterans' hospital. Return over hospital drive to west entrance, then west on Kellogg over present route. ¶ Service is extended to 9th and Grove by alternate buses of the East 13th Street line, as follows: From present route at Cleveland and 9th, east to Grove, north to 13th, thence rejoin route of buses routed by Cleveland and 13th and continue to north terminus of present line. ¶ All fares within city will be five cents with the privilege of transfers.

Saturday, December 15, 1945 page

3. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Sarah E. Dietrick, 87, great granddaughter of early Wichita pioneer, D. S. Munger, and widow of Charles P. Dietrick. Born at Canton,

Missouri June 13, 1858 and had lived in Wichita the past 66 years. Residence was at 528 North Erie. Survived by two sons, H. C. Dietrick, of the home address, and J. A. Dietrick, of Winfield, and by three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Sunday, December 16, 1945 page

12. The last of the speedy 14 passenger Lockhead Lodestar airliners to be operated by Continental Air Lines will be retired from service today, Robert F. Six, president of the company, announced yesterday. The plane will be replaced by a 21 passenger Douglas luxury airliner. The Continental fleet will then be made up 100 percent of the larger Douglas planes. ¶ Continental began using the 21 passenger Douglas equipment December 22 of last year on its Denver to Kansas City route. Subsequently service was inaugurated with the larger planes on the Denver-Wichita-Tulsa route, and finally on the Denver-Albuquerque-El Paso-San Antonio routes. On the latter route both Lockhead and Douglas planes have been used for some months. ¶ The Lodestar airliner which goes out of service today has been flown over 14,000 hours, ar approximately 2,520,000 miles.

Article announces the retirement of well known Wichita contractor, O. W. Armagost, of Armagost and Moreland, at age 72, after 38 years of general contracting, of which 23 were spent in Wichita. Some buildings his company built included the Beech Aircraft Company expansion, Steffen Ice and Ice Cream Company, John Marshall school, the new Lincoln school, and Immanuel Lutheran church at 903 South Market. Further biography. Photo.

Thursday, December 20, 1945 page

6. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Sade Smit Arnold, 63, of 632 North Glendale, widow of pioneer Wichita auto dealer, M. L. Arnold, who died in 1941. She was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania March 8, 1882 and they moved to Wichita that year. ¶ Survived by two daughters, two sons, five grandchildren, a brother and a sister (children, brother and sister are named).

Sunday, December 23, 1945 page

1. Fire early this morning destroyed the south hangar and between 15 and 20 airplanes stored there at the Wilson airport, four miles north of the Beech Aircraft Corporation. Details. ¶ Later report December 24, page 5, says 11 planes were destroyed in the fire. Cause of the fire is unknown.

Tuesday, December 25, 1945 page

20. Report of death early yesterday morning of W. M. G. Howse, Wichita civic leader and former president of Johnston and Larimer Dry Goods Company. Photo.

Saturday, December 29, 1945

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5. Boeing is installing one million dollars worth of new equipment in Plant Number 1 and in February will employ about 2000 employes for production of parts for the Stratocruiser and revised B-29 parts.