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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1946 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Tuesday, January 1, 1946**

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5. Announcement made yesterday of sale of the Novelty Theater, 408 East Douglas, to George and Lee Sproule, of Hutchinson, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bull, who have operated it since 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Bull came to Wichita in 1917 from Tulsa and bought the old Holland Theater in the first block on East Douglas. In 1918 they purchased the Novelty, which had been built in about 1906. In 1927 they sold the Holland, which was abandoned as a theater for a business location. ¶ About five years ago the 360 seat Novelty was remodeled. It is long and rather narrow in structure, with standard seating. ¶ Mr. Bull is a native of what is now the Peck community and attended Friends University here. Mrs. Bull grew up at Tonkawa, Oklahoma, where they were married while Mr. Bull was in the furniture business there.

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5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Lesley Case Neff, 43, of 420 North Terrace Drive, wife of Morris N. Neff. Born in Wichita January 17, 1902, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Case. Survived by husband, a daughter, Miss Sally Neff, a son, Morris N. Neff, Jr., two sisters: Mrs. Thor Jager and Mrs. William Brookman, both of Wichita, and a brother, Howard E. Case, 1145 North Broadway. Photo.

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1. Report of crash yesterday afternoon of a new Culver Aircraft Company experimental plane just west of the Culver plant, killing Charles E. Price, 48, Culver's chief test pilot, and Howard R. Byrns, 33, chief of Culver's experimental department. Details.

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12. Stockholders of the Steffen Ice and Ice Cream Company voted yesterday to change the company's name to Steffen Dairy Foods Company, Inc. Owen McEwen was elected a director of the company. Details.

**Sunday, January 20, 1946****page**

25. Ad with photo of three story brick building at south east corner of Douglas and Washington, which is being offered for sale for \$55,000.

**Friday, January 25, 1946****page**

2. Drawing of the new sanctuary planned for construction by the Epworth Methodist Church, Lincoln and Green. Details.
7. The Dick Price Motors, Inc., of Wichita, was yesterday granted a Kansas charter in Topeka, to operate a \$100,000 automobile agency.

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5. Building permit issued yesterday for \$300,000 addition to St. Francis Hospital, to consist of a six story addition 47 by 100 feet to fill in between present buildings on 9th Street and for the addition of one story to the present four story building at the northwest section.

Second semester enrollment at the University of Wichita has reached 1515, the highest in its history. In 1941 the last peacetime enrollment was 1345.

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8. Improved bus service will be given on the Stock Yards -- East 13th line beginning tomorrow, vice-president A. J. Cleary announced yesterday. The interval between buses will be seven minutes during the morning and evening rush hours, ten minutes during the remainder of the day, and twelve minutes after 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 5, 1946****page**

1. Rock Island Rocket struck a loaded sand truck at the first grade crossing south and west of the South Broadway overpass yesterday afternoon, and was derailed and considerably damaged. Truck driver was killed. Details. Photo.

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11. Article about "Tuffy" screwdrivers, which are being manufactured in Wichita by the Swallow Airplane Company, Inc. on a schedule of 100,000 a month. The screwdriver was developed by Sam Bloomfield, president and general manager of Swallow. Photo of Bloomfield with Leland R. Wilson, vice-president and sales manager.

Ad with photo of the new location of the "Krystal Kitchen" hamburger stand at 1615 East Kellogg, with small photo of owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rankin, who operated previously the Valentine Lunch, 404 East Douglas.

28. Full page ad for \$25,000 fund drive for "Veterans Field" stadium, to be built at University of Wichita.

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5. Report of death yesterday of Miss Mary Lewis, 70, daughter of Wichita pioneers Colonel and Mrs. Hiram W. Lewis, at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. K. Purves, 248 North Quentin. Born in 1875 in Columbus, Mississippi, and came to Wichita as a small child. Survived, in addition, by another sister, Mrs. Kirke Mechem, of Topeka, and by five brothers, Hiram W. Lewis, 260 North Quentin, George S. Lewis, Chicago, Fred W. Lewis, Greensboro, North Carolina, Phil K. Lewis, Mesa, Arizona, and Alfred S. Lewis, Phoenix, Arizona.

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5. Report of death yesterday of Christian Hauser, 83, long time Wichita business man. Born April 6, 1863 at St. Louis, Missouri. Came to Wichita from Okeene, Oklahoma in 1902 and became an officer of the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company in 1910. Sold interest in that company in 1918 and became president of the Peoples State Bank and later president of the Citizens Finance Company. Retired about 15 years ago. Survived by wife, Bertha, six sons (four in Wichita) and two daughters (one in Wichita) -- all named.

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7. Full page ad announcing grand opening of Zongker Drug Company Number 2 store at 13th and Waco. Photo. The Number 1 store at Douglas and Seneca has been in business for the past nine years.

**Friday, February 15, 1946****page**

3. Workmen will today begin razing a South Wichita landmark, the three story frame flat top building at north west corner of Harry and Hydraulic, constructed in boom days (believed 1887 of 88). The old building is known to early residents of Wichita as "the asylum" -- for many years it was operated as a private sanitorium for mental patients by a Mrs. Madgett. ¶ It will be torn down to make room for a new brick building which will be used for a grocery store.
22. Ad announcing opening of the 33rd Street Grill, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Barkley, owners. Photo.

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3. Wichita Transportation Company ad complaining about increased operating costs. Says in the last peace time year of 1940 it cost 1.79 cents per mile for repairs on buses. Last

year it cost seven cents per mile -- an increase of 416 percent from \$50,170.77 to \$259,069.49.

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17. Ad with photo of old two story residence at 436 Riverview for sale for \$6500.

**Monday, February 25, 1946****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Mary Florence Jewett, 86, widow of the late Judge E. B. Jewett and a Wichita resident for 70 years, at her home, 817 North Broadway. Came to Wichita with relatives in 1875. Married Edward B. Jewett July 15, 1880. One son died in December 1900 at age 16. Judge Jewett died in 1922. Further biography. Photo.

**Friday, March 1, 1946****page**

5. Report on will of W. M. G. Howse, who died December 24, 1945. Details.

**Sunday, March 10, 1946****page**

3. Enrollment at the University of Wichita has reached 1692, and all-time high. Previous high was 1512 in the 1939-40 fall term.
5. Canvassing was started Friday by R. L. Polk and Company, for a new Wichita city directory, the first in three and one-half years.

**Thursday, March 14, 1946****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Charles H. Armstrong, 65, president of the McCormick-Armstrong Company. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana November 6, 1880. Moved with his family to Winfield, Kansas in 1885 and later to Tribune and Leoti, in western Kansas. Came to Wichita in 1908 and opened his printing business. In 1912 he entered into a partnership with the late A. G. McCormick. The company was in downtown Wichita for a number of years, but in 1923 built its present plant at 1501-11 East Douglas. Married Alice Johnson, a Wichita school teacher, in 1914. Survived by wife and two sons, Robert J. Armstrong, now in the navy, and Edward W. Armstrong, recently discharged from the army air forces. Further biography. Photo. Also has two grandchildren.

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14. U. S. Highway 81 will be widened from Kincaid Street to a point one and one-eighth mile south. Bidding will be closed April 2. The two blocks of South Broadway within the city limits will be widened from 30 to 46 feet and the entire mile section south of that will also be widened to 46 feet. The highway at this point consists of brick paving at present. The

improvement will involve laying asphalt over the brick and flanking of the central section with concrete slabs.

### **Sunday, March 17, 1946**

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1. Western Auto Supply Company has purchased a three acre tract adjoining the Rock Island tracks between Zimmerly and Boston and intends to build a large three story distribution center on the site at cost of \$250,000. Details. Drawing. Architect is Jack Hollabaugh.
  
7. The York Rite building, purchased early in 1945 by Radio station KFH Company, will henceforth be known as the KFH Building. ¶ John Rigby is president of the KFH Company, Marcellus M. Murdock is vice-president, and Mrs. Anna Scott Gray is secretary. Rigby and the late Richard M. Gray, then operators of the Lassen Hotel, operated the station in 1925 at 50 watts power after purchasing it from WEAH. In January 1926 the station went to 500 watts at 1220 kilocycles, and the present company was formed January 1, 1929 when The Wichita Eagle became associated with KFH. The ownership has been the same since that time. ¶ In October 1929 KFH became the CBS outlet in this area and broadcast programs on 1300 kilocycles at 1000 watts, sharing time with WIBW in Topeka. In December of that year the station went on a five-sevenths time sharing basis with WOQ in Kansas City, and the studios were maintained in the Wheeler-Kelly-Hagney Building annex. KFH was granted a full time permit on 1300 kilocycles in June 1933. In July 1935 the downtown studios were moved to the present location in the KFH building, and in July 1936 the station was granted a power increase to 5000 watts daytime and 1000 watts at nighttime. In September 1941 the Federal Communications Commission granted an increase to 5000 watts power output day and night. ¶ Further details.
  
11. Schedules of Santa Fe Chicago to Los Angeles passenger trains will be reduced effective June 2, and beginning at the same time the Chief will be regularly powered with Diesel locomotives. Details.

### **Tuesday, March 19, 1946**

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2. Report of death yesterday of Alden Newton Sullivan, 67, of 3030 North Arkansas, lifelong resident of Wichita and retired real estate dealer. Born in Wichita April 14, 1878. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Aldena Thompson, 3195 South Davidson, and three grandchildren, Robert, Alden, and Josephine Thompson. Photo.
  
5. Board of education last night selected the site for a new High School in West Wichita -- boarded by Dayton on the north, the Midland Valley Railroad on the east, the Santa Fe Railroad right of way on the south, and Osage on the west. Details.

### **Wednesday, March 20, 1946**

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2. American Airlines yesterday announced the purchase of eight Boeing Stratocruisers for service on its trans-Atlantic routes. Cost of each plane is approximately \$1,300,000, or a total of over ten million. The outboard wings, vertical fin, stabilizers and rudders of these planes will be built at Boeing's Wichita plant. Other orders for these planes include ten for Northwest Airlines, 20 for Pan American World Airways, and four for Sila, the Swedish International Airlines. Drawing.

**Thursday, March 21, 1946****page**

5. The park department plans to build three fire resistant hangars with space for 30 planes at the municipal airport to replace the large hangar destroyed by fire the night of September 25, 1945. Details.

**Friday, March 22, 1946****page**

1. Article describes details of the revolutionary Fuller house (formerly the Dymaxion dwelling machine) which were announced yesterday. Details. Photo.
5. Report of death yesterday in Muskogee, Oklahoma of former Wichitan, Mrs. Mary Allen, 70, whose parents came to Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, from Greencastle, Indiana in 1871 before the railroad was built. Her father later moved to Clearwater. Mrs. Allen was born in Wichita August 24, 1875 and in 1893 was married to Professor Joseph N. Allen, assistant superintendent of the Wichita High School. They moved to Muskogee in 1905, where Mr. Allen practiced law until his death in 1922. Survived by three children, Ronald Stewart Allen, Joseph N. Allen, and Marion S. Allen, all of Muskogee, a brother, Charles Stewart, 2805 West Douglas, a sister, Miss Anne W. Stewart, ten grandchildren and three first cousins in Wichita (named).

**Sunday, March 24, 1946****page**

5. Announcement of plans of Central Christian Church to proceed with construction of a new church building at Central and Market. Details. Lorentz Schmidt is architect.

**Tuesday, March 26, 1946****page**

5. Article about plans for new hangars at Wichita municipal airport. Details.

**Wednesday, March 27, 1946****page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday to Ferguson-Olander Company for new auto sales building at 1226-30 East Douglas to cost \$30,000.

**Thursday, March 28, 1946****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of well known Wichita clothier, Lon L. Kuhl, 64, of 917 South Holyoke, of a heart attack at his men's clothing store at 122 South Main. Came to Wichita in 1902 from Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, where he was born December 23, 1882. Further biography. Survived by wife, Leah, and one son, William V. Kuhl, 446 North Roosevelt. Photo.

Article gives details from Transcontinental & Western Air's annual report for 1945. At end of the year Transcontinental & Western Air had a fleet of 93 aircraft. Schedules were being operated with five Boeing Stratoliners and 48 Douglas DC-3s, with five additional DC-3s assigned to pilot training. Ten Constellations and eight Douglas DC-4s were being prepared for transcontinental and international service. Eight more Constellations have been delivered since the end of the year, and as of December 31, 17 DC-3s were in conversion to commercial standards. Operating revenues for 1945 were \$33,776,106.

**Friday, March 29, 1946****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of prominent Wichita oil man, Edward Charles Skaer, 76, of 247 North Yale. Born in Ashley, Illinois, December 19, 1869 and moved to Augusta with his parents in 1878. In Wichita since 1917. Formed Skaer Oil and Gas Company with brother, J. H. Skaer, and two cousins, J. W. and Clifford Skaer all deceased, with a Mr. Penley, and several others. Mrs. Skaer, the former Lucy Dodge, of Nebraska, died in the early 1930s. Survived by a daughter in Clearwater and five brothers (all named). Photo.

**Sunday, March 31, 1946****page**

8. The Yingling Aircraft, Inc., Wichita distributors for Cessna airplanes, received the first Model 140 on March 28, and it is now on display at the municipal airport. Details. Photo.

**Tuesday, April 2, 1946****page**

2. Report of board of education meeting yesterday with discussion of plans for additions to school sites, etc. Details. Teachers listed.

**Tuesday, April 9, 1946****page**

7. Construction of the new Grace Presbyterian Church at Bleckley Drive and East Douglas is expected to begin within the next six weeks. Estimated cost is \$145,000. For the past six years the congregation has been holding services in the Robinson school.

**Wednesday, April 10, 1946****page**

- 3 Ad announcing the opening today of a new and larger West Von Grill Number 2 at 839 West 13th Street. Photo. West Von Number 1 is at 715 West Douglas.

7. City commission bought 1600 parking meters on approval at its meeting yesterday. Eight hundred will be of the manual type and 800 of the automatic type for six month trial period. The Miller meter, of the manual type, costs \$75 each, while the Park-O-Meter, of the automatic type, costs \$59.50 each. They are expected to go into use around June 1.

**Friday, April 12, 1946****page**

5. The city of Wichita has 1,000,000 bricks to sell to the highest bidder in lots of 1000 or more. The bricks have mostly been removed from city pavement which has been replaced and are now stored in the city yards on West 2nd Street. Details.
10. Rock Island announces change in schedule of the Texas Rocket effective April 14, 1946. Says the Texas Rocket will discontinue operation via Oklahoma City, but through coaches will be operated to and from Oklahoma City in each direction.

**Sunday, April 14, 1946****page**

16. The Veterans Administration is now occupying the second and third floors of the office building at Boeing Plant Number 2, while the first floor is shared by the army air forces and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.
28. Photo of Santa Fe Trailways bus Number 456 chartered by High School students for trip to Lindsborg Messiah.

**Thursday, April 18, 1946****page**

5. The way was opened for operation into Wichita of this city's first postwar feeder airline yesterday when a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner at Washington recommended that Central Airlines, of Oklahoma City, be authorized to start the operation. Details.

**Sunday, April 21, 1946****page**

3. Rounds and Porter Lumber Company yesterday announced plans to construct a new three story \$250,000 office and warehouse building on the east side of the third block of North Waco covering an area involving 12 former residential properties. The area contains three acres. Drawing.
5. The Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company announced yesterday that it has purchased the five story Ancient Order of United Workers building at 202-212 North Market immediately north of the company's home office building. The building had been purchased previously by the Ancient Order of United Workers of Newton in 1938. Details. Photo.

**Monday, April 22, 1946****page**



5. Continental Airlines expects to add three more DC-3 airplanes to its fleet about June 1. There are eight of the same type ships on the company's line now. The planes were secured from the army and are being converted into passenger ships in the company's shops at Denver. Details.

#### **Thursday, April 25, 1946**

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2. Large Santa Fe ad announcing plans for improvements in the Santa Fe passenger service during 1946.
5. Article summarizing Boeing Airplane Company's annual report for 1945 and plans for the future. Details.

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5. Article summarizing Beech Aircraft Corporation's annual report to stockholders. Details.

#### **Sunday, April 28, 1946**

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2. Report of death of Mrs. Walter P. Innes, Sr., 64, of 320 North Terrace Drive, yesterday after an illness of several months. Before her marriage in 1900 she was Margaret Brown, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brown of Augusta, one of the pioneer families in this section of Kansas. Survived by her husband, a son, Walter P. Innes, Jr., 6 North Hampton Road, Eastborough, a daughter, Mrs. Lee Phillips, 330 North Terrace Drive, four grandchildren, Lee and Innes Phillips and Walter and William D. Innes, and a sister, Mrs. D. P. Woods, 145 South Creastway. Burial in Highland Mausoleum.

#### **Thursday, May 2, 1946**

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16. Ad announcing opening of new Kings-X Boulevard restaurant at 2406 East Lincoln, just north of the Boulevard Theater. Photo. ¶ Five other Kings-X eating houses are located at

Pattie	1229 East Douglas
Hillside	3159 East Douglas
Broadway	228 East 1st
Oliver	4806 East Kellogg
Maidrite	1805 East Douglas

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11. Photo of two story brick building at 1240 East Douglas which is being offered for sale.
14. Braniff Airways will put one of its fleet of new four engine DC-4 planes into service next Sunday between San Antonio, Dallas, Kansas City, and Chicago. This is the first of a group of five new four engine ships ordered by Braniff which are being prepared for

service by the Glenn L. Martin plant at Baltimore. They will carry 46 passengers and a crew of four and will supplement the fleet of DC-3 planes now in use on the Braniff system.

**Saturday, May 4, 1946****page**

1. The Santa Fe Railway Company announced yesterday the organization of Santa Fe Skyway, Inc. as an affiliated company for the purpose of engaging in contract air transportation, which for the time being will be confined to freight cargo. Surplus army planes of the Douglas C-47 type will be used in initial operations.

Wichita school teachers will be given a 25 percent salary increase next fall. Details.

2. Braniff Airways will resume flights into Ponca City, Oklahoma tomorrow. Details.

**Tuesday, May 7, 1946****page**

- 5.. The large frame residence and approximately two acres of wooded grounds at 204 South Rutan, home of Victor Murdock for many years prior to his death in 1945, has been sold by the Victor Murdock estate to Lindsey Morgan, who is with the geological department of Cities Service. Price was \$17,000.

**Thursday, May 9, 1946****page**

5. The new instrument landing system at the Wichita municipal airport was completed, checked, and flight tested yesterday and is available for service. Details.

**Saturday, May 11, 1946****page**

5. Announcement of resignation of Dr. W. A. Young as president of Friends University effective July 1. He has been president of the university since 1939. Details.

**Thursday, May 23, 1946****page**

5. Continental Air Lines will inaugurate one-stop service between Wichita and Denver, via Hutchinson, on June 1. Details.

**Friday, May 24, 1946****page**

5. Radio Station KANS was sold yesterday by Herb Hollister to O. L. Ted Taylor of the Taylor-Howe-Snowden radio group, of Texas, for more than \$400,000. Details.

**Thursday, May 30, 1946****page**

5. By Saturday the office of the Wichita Council of Churches will have completed its move into new offices in the Arkansas Valley Interurban building from its former location for the past nine years in the Ancient Order of United Workers building at 212 North Market, which was recently sold to the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company.

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5. The four story Palace Apartments at 308 South Market recently were sold to the Adair Oil Company by the Skaer estate for \$80,000. Photo.

**Sunday, June 2, 1946****page**

4. Report of annual picnic of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum yesterday. Names of those attending listed.
8. Air show to be held today at Ken-Mar airfield, 13th and Oliver. Details.

**Monday, June 3, 1946****page**

5. Three C-47 cargo planes have been added to Transcontinental & Western Air's fleet.

**Wednesday, June 5, 1946****page**

5. Report on meeting in Wichita yesterday to discuss the proposed change in routing of Highway 54 through Wichita from present Central Avenue route to Kellogg Avenue route. Details.

**Saturday, June 8, 1946****page**

5. The civilian production administration has approved Wesley Hospital's plans for a new \$500,000 addition to house maternity work, and work will start as soon as materials are available. The addition will be joined to the north wing of the hospital on the first and second floors. Lorenz Schmidt is architect.

**Sunday, June 9, 1946****page**

5. Henry Levitt has completed the purchase of the Union Bus Terminal corner at Broadway and William for the erection of a new building to house Henry's Clothing Company as soon as building restrictions are relaxed and material becomes available. The site with 100 foot frontage on Broadway and 140 feet on William was secured by Henry's on a 99 year lease from the Progressive Building Company, of which Walter P. Innes is trustee. Details. Drawing (not as finally built).
10. Article about architects H. G. Overend and C. F. Boucher, who designed proposed new store building for Henry's. Some biography. Photo.

**Thursday, June 13, 1946****page**

5. The Hunter Milling Company of Wellington yesterday announced the sale of its two Wellington flour mills to Ross-Zimmerman and associates, operators of milling and storage facilities in Wichita, Newton, Ottawa, and Whitewater. The sale price was \$800,000. Associated in the purchase are Paul Ross, manager of the Wichita Terminal Elevator, Inc., G. Murray Ross, manager of the American Flour, Inc., of Newton, Carl B. Ross, manager of the Ross Milling Company, Ottawa, and L. E. Zimmerman, manager of the Whitewater Flour Mill Company. Details.

**Sunday, June 16, 1946****page**

2. Braniff Airways increased its schedules the last of the week due to the delivery of a 46 passenger DC-4 which went into service between Chicago and Houston with stops at Kansas City and Dallas. This in turn frees several smaller ships to allow additional service on other routes. ¶ Three more of the four engine ships are to be delivered soon.

**Monday, June 17, 1946****page**

5. Cessna Aircraft Company, which began production in March of its new light two place personal planes, models 120 and 140, at a rate of four planes a day, announced over the week-end that it is a month ahead of schedule in production and is now up to a rate of 22 planes a day.

**Friday, June 21, 1946****page**

7. The Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood have recently purchased the spacious residence at 204 West 18th Street from W. E. Holmes, attorney, for use next fall as a Sacred Heart College residence for students. The building was planned by L. W. Clapp, father-in-law of Mr. Holmes, and was built in 1918. Photo.

**Sunday, June 23, 1946****page**

8. Three new 180 horse power buses built by the Twin Coach company of Kent, Ohio will be put into operation tomorrow. Only three of the buses have been delivered although 40 have been on order for 18 months. Photo of bus with drivers Thomas Secrest and G. R. McKinzie in front. Number not visible.

**Wednesday, June 26, 1946****page**

7. Braniff International Airways today announced the purchase of 12 Martin 303 planes, six Douglas DC-6 sleeper planes, and five additional Douglas DC-4 craft at a total cost of ten million dollars. The planes will be used on both domestic and international routes. Braniff recently was granted extensions into ten Central and South American countries. ¶ The 40 passenger Martin 303 planes will have pressurized cabins and are in addition to the fleet

of 18 Martin 202 sister planes for which Braniff already has placed orders. ¶ The DC-6 liners carry 52 passengers by day and 32 as sleeper planes. Details. Photo of DC-6.

**Thursday, June 27, 1946****page**

5. List of 397 Sedgwick County residents who died in the war.
10. Zoning district map of Wichita with new zoning ordinance.
11. Major street setback map of Wichita.

**Saturday, June 29, 1946****page**

3. H. F. Lehrer, for many years a resident of Wichita, is head of the newly chartered Kansas Central Bus line, which will start service from Wichita through intermediate points to Emporia on Monday. The first bus, driven by John Bryngelson, will leave Wichita early Monday morning for Valley Center. The buses of the new line will make the Eaton hotel their depot in Wichita. (Headline: "New Bus Line Will Start Operations.")

**Sunday, June 30, 1946****page**

5. Ad announcing the Kansas Central Lines bus service from Wichita to Emporia. Photo.

**Monday, July 1, 1946****page**

3. Wichita Transportation Company ad announcing that three of the 40 new buses on order are now in service. They are powered with 185 horse power under-floor motors. Ad says 12 more new buses have been promised by September. Photo -- Twin Coach -- number not visible.
5. Dr. Asa J. Ferry gave his farewell sermon yesterday after 12½ years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Details.

**Thursday, July 4, 1946****page**

3. Of the million used paving bricks the city of Wichita offered for sale a month ago, about 200,000 are left and the city would like to get rid of them in order to clean up the city yard on West 2nd Street. ¶ The bricks sell for \$13 a thousand in any quantity.

**Sunday, July 7, 1946****page**

2. A blue granite memorial to colored veterans of World War II is to be dedicated in McKinley Park this afternoon. It stands about eight feet high. Details. Ad with photo on page nine. Further report July 8, on page five.

5. The General Wheelbarrow Company has been purchased by a group of Wichita businessmen and the entire factory has been moved to Wichita from Cleveland, Ohio, where it has been located for many years. Production rate of new wheelbarrows is expected to exceed 500 per day. ¶ The company's product originated in 1890 as the Akron Wheelbarrow, and the name was changed to General Wheelbarrow in 1921. ¶ The company's new factory here is at 700 East 10th Street -- photo. Details.

**Monday, July 8, 1946****page**

5. Foundations are being poured for two new hangars east and north of the administration building at municipal airport. Each will house ten planes in individual stalls, is 280 by 30 feet, and costs \$15,000. Details.

**Wednesday, July 10, 1946****page**

5. Braniff International Airways will inaugurate four engined, 46 passenger Douglas DC-4 service into Wichita this evening. It will supplement other service operated here with DC-3 equipment. Details. ¶ The current Braniff fleet includes 20 DC-3s, three DC-4s, with two more now at the factory, and two C-47 all-cargo air freighters. The company has also recently ordered 12 Martin 303 planes, six Douglas DC-6 ships, and five more Douglas DC-4s.

**Thursday, July 11, 1946****page**

1. Six injured yesterday afternoon when a Wichita-Medicine Lodge bus with a broken axle collided with a car in the 600 block of South Seneca. The bus was owned by the Bickel Bus lines of Medicine Lodge and driven by Owen H. Carpenter, 50, of Medicine Lodge. Details. Photo.
5. Report of inaugural flights of four engined commercial air line transportation service into Wichita last evening by Braniff flights 50 and 43 operating 46 passenger Douglas DC-4 planes. Details.

**Sunday, July 14, 1946****page**

2. Jack Todd, general manager of radio station KANS, has resigned effective August 1st and will move to Boulder, Colorado, where he will be associated with Herb Hollister, founder of KANS, in the operation of KBOL, a new radio station in that city. He has been in Wichita since KANS began operating in 1936. KANS was sold recently to O. L. Ted Taylor, well known southwest radio executive. Archie Taylor, brother of the new owner and for many years manager of KREV in Weslaco, Texas, will be the new general manager of KANS. ¶ Details. Photo.
5. Effective Tuesday, Continental Air Lines will double its service on the Denver-Wichita-Tulsa-Oklahoma City route, flying two trips daily in each direction instead of one. Details.

All flights are with DC-3 equipment. ¶ Last week the company completed work on installation here of a new ticket office in the Lassen Hotel.

**Tuesday, July 16, 1946****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Kate English Smith, 71, widow of Alton H. Smith, real estate broker and investment banker, and daughter of Wichita pioneers, Mr. and Mrs N. A. English. Born in Wichita February 12, 1875. Attended Lewis Academy. Husband died September 18, 1940. ¶ Survived by two sisters and one brother (named -- none in Wichita), and a nephew, Tom Fuller, 937 Spaulding. Photo.

**Friday, July 26, 1946****page**

5. At midnight last night Boeing formally terminated its lease with the government on Plant II. The plant now becomes the responsibility of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Details. ¶ Boeing retains its own Plant I, which is now fully converted to peacetime work.

**Sunday, July 28, 1946****page**

12. Photos of construction in progress on the permanent seats of the new Veterans Field on campus of University of Wichita. At least 6000 permanent seats should be ready for the season football opener on September 26. Article with some details.
16. Article about board of education's discussion regarding need for new elementary schools or enlargement of some present facilities. Includes Adams, Gardiner, Longfellow, Woodland, and Hyde schools and need for new school in northeast district. Total cost estimated at \$819,570. Details.

**Monday, July 29, 1946****page**

5. The remaining 400 of the 1600 parking meters for downtown Wichita will be installed this week.

**Tuesday, July 30, 1946****page**

5. Workmen yesterday started pouring concrete on the \$100,000 widening and resurfacing project on East Central from Broadview to the city limits at Edgemoor. The street will be widened to 44 feet, with four 11 foot traffic lanes. The center lanes will be asphalt with a concrete slab put down by the state highway commission in 1919 as a base. The two outside lanes will be concrete. The work will be completed in about three weeks. ¶ Another project is the rebuilding of North Topeka from 2nd to Murdock at a cost of \$45,000. Old rotted street car line ties from under this section of Topeka will be removed. The first phase of the project, resurfacing and widening of Topeka north from Douglas to 1st, was completed several weeks ago. ¶ Another project authorized but not started will be the resurfacing of North Waco from Douglas to 2nd Street.

**Thursday, August 1, 1946****page**

3. The new Innes Record shop is opening today. The new department is being organized under the supervision of Fred Ketter, with Miss Margaret Motter as music consultant and Mrs. Helen Fairchild in charge of sales.

**Sunday, August 4, 1946****page**

5. The five story O. J. Watson building at 321 West Douglas has been purchased by the Kansas Casket Company it was announced yesterday. The building was owned by the Price Buildings, Inc., and price was in excess of \$150,000. Price Brothers Equipment Company will continue to occupy half of the space until middle of 1947 when their newly planned building will be completed. Details. Photo.
11. Photo of the new \$40,000 Beulah Church of the Nazarene at Greenwood Drive and Harry.
14. Kansas' biggest neon sign is going up north of Wichita for the new "81 Drive-in Theater." The Rich Sign Company has been awarded the contract. Details.

**Tuesday, August 6, 1946****page**

4. United Air Lines yesterday announced an order for a fleet of seven Boeing Stratocruisers, to cost \$11,000,000 and be delivered starting the fall of 1947. This is in addition to a fleet of 35 Douglas DC-6 (Mainliner 300) on which the company will begin to take delivery next month and a fleet of 25 DC-4 (Mainliner 230) planes which it has just placed in service. It also ordered a fleet of 50 new type twin engine 303s (Martin) for delivery next year. Details. ¶ Boeing's Wichita plant will build the outboard wings and wing tips, dorsal and vertical fins, stabilizers, and rudders for the Stratocruisers.

**Thursday, August 8, 1946****page**

5. The Aero Parts Manufacturing Company of Wichita has been sold to a New York syndicate. Details. Article suggests Aero Parts company was on verge of receivership.

**Friday, August 9, 1946****page**

5. R. L. Polk and Company, publishers, expect to be ready to distribute the new Wichita city directory -- the first since 1943 -- about November 1. War conditions prevented the issuance of the directory in 1944 and 1945.

**Sunday, August 11, 1946****page**

9. The Wichita city library has just obtained a microfilm reader, ordered in 1940, made by the Recordak Corporation, for projection of 16 and 35 millimeter films. Details.



**Wednesday, August 14, 1946****page**

3. Ad announcing first display of the new Kaiser and Frazer automobiles to the public today at Mid-West Motors, Inc., 519-535 West Douglas.

**Friday, August 16, 1946****page**

11. Article reporting on the opening of the new 81 Drive-In Theater, 6250 North Broadway, last night. details.

**Saturday, August 17, 1946****page**

3. Large ad gives details of expansion program planned by the Wichita Water Company.

**Sunday, August 18, 1946****page**

1. Eleven airplanes were damaged and the hangar lost its roof when the Arther airport southwest of the city was struck by a twister during a violent thunderstorm yesterday afternoon. The airport is located in the 2800 block of West Pawnee. Details.
13. Ad announces grand opening of Brown's Grill 545 North Hillside. R. "Dick" Brown is owner and operator. Photo.
14. Article says that Wichitans are being asked to suggest names for the new million dollar fleet of city buses, three of which are already in operation. The names selected will appear on the side of the new buses in gold leaf. With each name suggested, a 25 word reason must be given. No names of living persons may be submitted, but family names are acceptable. Those submitting winning entries will be given five dollars in cash. ¶ Coupon included for submission of names. ¶ The new buses will cost in excess of \$13,000 each.

**Sunday, August 25, 1946****page**

5. Building permits for the year in Wichita reached a total of \$8,688,098 yesterday, which exceeds the previous record for a full year set in 1929 with a total of \$8,651,582.
13. Some of Santa Fe Trailways three million dollar fleet of new air-conditioned buses are now arriving in Wichita and are immediately being placed in operation. The new buses are being driven overland from the factory in Philadelphia. The company has had 152 of the new \$20,000 buses on order for many months. Sixty of them will operate over routes in this area. The new buses have an under-floor 245 horse power Hall-Scott motor. Details. ¶ Photo of one of the new buses taken in Wellington's Diamond Jubilee parade last week.

**Monday, August 26, 1946****page**

5. Dr. W. M. Jardine, 67, president of the University of Wichita, is seriously ill in a Boulder, Colorado hospital, with an inflammation of the central nervous system. As his condition became critical over the week-end, a Wichita physician was flown to his bedside (this was Dr. Henry N. Tihen, flown in a Beechcraft B-17 biplane).

**Thursday, August 29, 1946****page**

9. Ad says Continental Air Lines has ordered a fleet of 15 new 40 passenger Convair 240 airliners. Should be in service by mid-1947.

**Friday, August 30, 1946****page**

1. Report of sudden death yesterday at Madison, Wisconsin of famous Kansas painter John Steuart Curry at age 48. Born and raised near Winchester, in Jefferson County (born at Dunavant, Kansas November 14, 1897). Further biography.
6. Santa Fe Railways announced that its Super Chief and El Capitan trains will leave Chicago and Los Angeles every other day instead of twice weekly, beginning September 29. The Super Chief will leave the two cities on even numbered days of the month and the El Capitan on odd numbered days.

**Saturday, August 31, 1946****page**

- 6-7. Enlarged and detailed zoning district maps of Wichita as provided in new ordinance.

**Sunday, September 1, 1946****page**

2. Construction will begin soon on the new \$125,000 wind tunnel at the University of Wichita. Contributions of \$75,000 from Beech Aircraft and \$25,000 from Cessna have made the project possible. Details. Drawing.

**Sunday, September 8, 1946****page**

2. The Kansas Masonic Home will celebrate its 50th anniversary today. Details. Photo.

**Tuesday, September 10, 1946****page**

2. Report of death yesterday of S. M. Stevens, 64, one of Wichita's early West Side Syrian merchants, who resided at 317 North Handley. Born in Inearad, Syria, and came from Syria to Wichita in 1896. He was one of Wichita's pioneer operators in the wholesale dry goods and grocery business and established his first store here in the fifth block on West Douglas in 1898. In 1922 he established his wholesale tobacco business, which he operated until his retirement a few years ago. ¶ His wife, Mrs. Maggie Shadid Stevens, died in 1921. Survived by six sons, Frank S., Colonel Eli S., Keeney S., John S., Nicholas S., and Arthur S. (all in Wichita except the army Colonel in Paris), two daughters, Mrs.

Albert Mike and Martha Stevens (both in Wichita), two sisters and one brother (named). Photo. Burial to be in Maple Grove.

5. Report of death Sunday of Norris J. Stone, 65, of 257 North Erie, owner and founder in 1927 of the Stone Propeller Manufacturing Company, 701 East Gilbert. Born in Manchester, England April 5, 1882 and came to Wichita from St. Louis in 1927. Was regarded as a pioneer in the airplane propeller field. ¶ Survived by wife, Ada, five sons, William, of New York, Sam, Peoria, Illinois, Henry, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Harry, of Los Angeles, and Jack, of St. Louis, and by three daughters, Mrs. Harry Edelman, Los Angeles, Mrs. Maurice Perom, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Dorothy Stone, of Houston, Texas, and by several grandchildren. Photo. Burial to be in Wichita Park cemetery.

### **Friday, September 13, 1946**

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4. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Arthur E. Hertzler, 76, of Halstead, famous Kansas surgeon. Biography.

The new South Hillside grade school at 2161 South Hillside is to be dedicated Sunday, September 15. Details. Photo.

5. Ralph S. Moore, president of Moore Grain, Inc., will take over active management on October 1 of the Soy-Rich Products, Inc., Wichita's soybean and oil-bearing vegetable processing plant located at 1425 North Mosley. Details.

### **Friday, September 20, 1946**

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5. Fred C. Koch, president of the Wood River Oil and Refining Company, Inc., of Wichita, has announced the purchase of the refinery and gathering system of the Rock Island Refining Company and the Rock Island Oil Company, of Duncan, Oklahoma. The plant will continue to operate under the name of Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Inc. The Rock Island refinery is at Beckett, Oklahoma, near Duncan. The Wood River Oil and Refining Company's plant is at Hartford, Illinois, a suburb of St. Louis. Their general offices are at 335 West Lewis, in Wichita. Further details.

Culver Aircraft company employees are receiving a ten cents per hour wage increase, half retroactive to July 29th and the second half to become effective on September 30. Total figure for the Culver plant now is reported to be more than 700.

### **Sunday, September 22, 1946**

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10. Report of dedication of Veterans' Field at University of Wichita yesterday with season's opening game with Tulsa University. Record crowd estimated at 9000. Tulsa won 33-13. Details.

### **Friday, September 27, 1946**

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5. Building permit issued to the O. A. Sutton Corporation, 1812 West 2nd Street, for a new warehouse to be built at their West Side plant at estimated cost of \$35,000. Erection has already begun. In addition to the warehouse, a new railroad siding will be built from the Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks which cross West 2nd Street nearby, with a loading dock fronting on the siding. ¶ The new building will be 91 by 197 feet. Architects are Forsblom and Parks. The Sutton Company, which builds the Vornado fan, now employs about 250 production workers, and has a backlog of about 20 million dollars in orders. Details.

**Sunday, September 29, 1946****page**

18. Photo of large group of apple pickers on Union Station platform ready to depart for work in Washington State on four special Santa Fe cars.

**Thursday, October 3, 1946****page**

5. Article about five tracts of land in various parts of the city being appraised for condemnation by the park board for new parks. Details. Includes the Schwartz tract of approximately 26 acres on West Side bounded by McLean, Athenian, Glenn, and 2nd Streets and used for several years by the park board under lease.

**Friday, October 4, 1946****page**

13. Cornerstone of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite church is to be laid Sunday afternoon, October 6. Building is of brick, veneered with Silverdale stone. Drawing.

**Thursday, October 10, 1946****page**

12. Ad with aerial photo of downtown Wichita -- date?

**Friday, October 11, 1946****page**

9. Work has started on wrecking two buildings at 308 and 316 South Broadway to make way for Wichita's new union bus depot, which is to be erected on the same site by Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company at an estimated cost of \$130,000. The new bus station will be just south of the company's office building at 300 South Broadway. Designer of the new structure is Hal Stearns and contractor is the A. W. Soderberg Construction Company.

**Friday, October 18, 1946****page**

8. Ad announces that Dick Price Motors, Inc., 325-327 South Topeka, has been appointed as the exclusive Lincoln-Mercury dealer in Wichita.

**Saturday, October 19, 1946**

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5. Excavation has started for the new post office substation to be erected just west of the southwest corner of the intersection of Hillside and Douglas, at 3117 East Douglas. To cost approximately \$25,000. It is hoped it will be completed by December 1. The present Hillside sub-station at 3214 East Douglas will then be abandoned.

**Sunday, October 27, 1946****page**

5. The first of the three new hangars being built at municipal airport will probably be ready for occupancy on November 1 and the second on December 1. Individual compartments will accommodate plans with wing spans not over 38 feet and length not over 28 feet. Rental will be \$25 per month per plane. Photo.

Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday announced orders for 19 more twin-engine Model 18 planes for the Brazilian government and for two Model 17 biplanes, one for India and one for Canada. Details.

**Thursday, October 31, 1946****page**

5. Report of death Monday of John L. Powell, 87, Wichitan for almost 60 years, civic leader, and mayor from 1919 to 1921. Born in Illinois and came to Wichita in February 1887. Active in banking and wholesale business until 1922. Was president of the board of education in 1894. Survived by wife, Clara, at the home in the Shirkmere, a granddaughter, Mrs. Marie Lorraine Powell, Elmhurst, Illinois, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. G. Gouldner Tritz, of the Shirkmere. Further biography. Burial at Maple Grove cemetery.

**Saturday, November 2, 1946****page**

3. Ad for the University Airport, 2501 N. Hillside (old Swallow field), with details of Stinson Voyager planes which will be sold there after November 5 for \$5270 F.A.F.

**Wednesday, November 13, 1946****page**

5. Wichita's park system has been enlarged by 40½ acres by authorization by the city commission for increase of bonds to pay for acquiring the needed land. The parcels are in various parts of the city -- details.

**Thursday, November 14, 1946****page**

8. Ad announcing grand opening tomorrow of Allen's 5¢ to \$1.00 store at 13th and Waco. Photo.

**Friday, November 15, 1946****page**

2. The liner America sailed from New York yesterday on her maiden voyage in the trans-Atlantic luxury trade after a seven month reconditioning job which cost eight million dollars.

**Tuesday, November 19, 1946****page**

1. Report of death yesterday evening of Bishop Christian H. Winkelmann at age 63 after an illness of five months. Born in St. Louis, Missouri September 12, 1883. Had been bishop of Wichita since 1940, with installation on March 5, 1940. Further biography. Photo.

**Thursday, November 21, 1946****page**

5. Report of death last evening of Finlay Ross, Jr., 246 North Market, on his 56th birthday. Was son of pioneer Wichita merchant and former mayor, Finlay Ross, Sr. Survived by a son, Major Finlay Ross III, of the army air corps, a brother, Clayton Ross, of the Hillcrest Apartments, and two sisters, Mrs. George Haun, 7 Hampton Road, Eastborough, and Mrs. Fred W. Little, 357 North Roosevelt. Further biography.

E. R. Vallance, of Wichita, formerly with the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway and Ark Valley Railroad, was elected president yesterday of the inactive Missouri and Arkansas Railway with 360 miles of track between Joplin, Missouri and Helena, Arkansas, which closed down in September due to an employees' strike and subsequently filed an application for abandonment. Details.

**Sunday, November 24, 1946****page**

5. Article about a memorial window in the chapel of the United States naval hospital at Corona, California which was dedicated on November 10 to Colonel Jane Murdock, national commander of the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps of America. She was sister of Marcellus and Victor Murdock and died in March 1945. Details.

**Wednesday, November 27, 1946****page**

3. New textbook, "Our Careers as Citizens," by Bliss Isley and W. M. Richards, Emporia superintendent of schools, has been adopted for the seventh grade in Kansas by the state board of education. Isley began his career as a newspaperman in Wichita in May 1907. Details.

**Sunday, December 1, 1946****page**

11. The 40th anniversary of John Stamps with the street car and bus company is being marked by the installation of a new token and information booth at Market and Douglas, where he is stationed to make change and give information for buses. Refers to John's many friends in Wichita. When street cars were taken off in 1935 he was stationed at Market and Douglas to sell change to bus operators. Says because of the exposure to all kinds of

weather, the Eagle in 1937 conducted a campaign to build a shelter house, but the project did not go through at that time. But now finally a brand new aluminum and stainless steel, electrically heated booth has been provided. Article suggests that the earlier attempt to install a booth was denied the necessary permission by city commission. ¶ Photo of John Stamps, J. E. Ebinger, general manager, and A. J. Cleary, vice-president, in front of booth.

**Tuesday, December 3, 1946****page**

2. The new 1348 page Wichita City Directory is now being delivered to subscribers by R. L. Polk and Company, of Kansas City. Details.

**Friday, December 6, 1946****page**

14. Article about national shortage of new public transportation vehicles. Wichita Transportation Company officials report that the company has been able to get delivery on only 15 new buses, although a total of 60 are on order.

**Monday, December 9, 1946****page**

5. The Cessna Aircraft Company assembly line will be closed down for five days starting today to allow installation of new machinery. The company now is employing 1800 persons at the Wichita plant and 200 at Hutchinson and is producing 16 airplanes per day.

**Thursday, December 12, 1946****page**

1. The Boeing Airplane Company's board of directors yesterday suspended the Model 417 local service transport project because of changed conditions and market uncertainties. The 417 project was in the engineering and preliminary tooling stage at the company's Wichita plant. Actual manufacture had not begun. Details.

Photo of a Transcontinental & Western Air Boeing Stratoliner after a belly landing yesterday at New York's LaGuardia airport when the landing gear locked in a partially retracted position after the plane's takeoff from Pittsburgh. No injuries. Photo shows some of right side windows and World Airline name.

**Monday, December 16, 1946****page**

5. After retooling and rearranging the Cessna production line last week, the Cessna factory will be back in full swing today turning out 30 planes a day. Total employment in the Wichita and Hutchinson plants is approximately 2000. ¶ Cessna is capitalizing on the potential market for a light two place plane. They retooled their factory for the personal plane and since March of this year have built and sold approximately 4000.

**Thursday, December 19, 1946****page**

2. Building permit for \$75,000 issued to Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company yesterday for remodeling its building at 1st and Market. A fifth floor will be added to the north wing of the company property, which formerly was the old Elks club, by replacing the old gymnasium with offices and studios. Overend and Boucher are the architects and Clarence E. Vollmer Construction Company has the contract.

**Monday, December 23, 1946****page**

2. Plans have been adopted by the Gloria Dei Lutheran church for a new church edifice at North River Boulevard and Briggs Avenue, it was announced yesterday. Construction is expected to begin early in 1947. The 150 members of the church have been meeting at Riverside school since the downtown branch of the University of Wichita at 3rd and Topeka burned about three years ago. The church was vacant from 1942 until September 1946. Details.

**Monday, December 30, 1946****page**

3. Santa Fe ad announcing that streamlined Diesel locomotives have been placed in operation on the Ranger between Fort Worth , Wichita, and Chicago. Train still leaves Wichita at 5:10 p.m. and arrives in Chicago at 9:00 a.m.