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 1948 WICHITA EAGLE

#### Wichita Eagle Thursday, January 1, 1948 page

5. Article about building boom in Wichita in 1946 and 1947, surpassing all previous years.

Building permits issued: 1946 \$13,956,182

1947 \$16,461,601

Previous highs were: 1929 \$8,651,582

1942 \$7,626,267 (mostly war construction).

# Friday, January 2, 1948 page

1. Photos showing planes stranded at Wichita municipal airport yesterday by snowstorm. One photo shows one Transcontinental & Western Air's Constellation, two DC-4s (one is Braniff plane -- other?), and two DC-3s.

## Saturday, January 3, 1948 page

- 2. Photo of group of YMCA boys in front of chartered Wichita Transportation Company bus. Number not visible.
- 5. Stone Propeller and Manufacturing Company of 701 East Gilbert was incorporated yesterday by the office of the Kansas secretary of state in Topeka. Authorized capitalization is \$7500, and Stanley J. Moss is named resident agent in Wichita.

Braniff International Airways announced a record number of 890,254,431 passenger miles flown in 1947 without injury to any passenger or crew member. This compares with the previous record of approximately 212,000,000 passenger miles flown in 1946.

#### Sunday, January 4, 1948 page

2. Ground has been broken for the new Wesley Methodist Church at 21st and Jackson, being erected at a cost of \$110,000. Buff brick and Silverdale stone are being used. Sanctuary

will seat 300. The church replaces the frame edifice which was erected 30 years ago. Ted Mason is the architect. Drawing.

#### Tuesday, January 6, 1948 page

3. Large ad announcing the return of the Rock Island Lines from Trusteeship to private control and management, with a new corporate name:

Yesterday: The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.

Today: The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company.

- J. D. Farrington is president. Directors listed.
- 4. Report of Board of Education meeting yesterday with plans presented for remodeling, repairs, additions, etc. to school buildings. Details.
- 5. Report of Cessna Aircraft Company's annual sales meeting here yesterday. New Model 170 was introduced. Details.

## Wednesday, January 7, 1948 page

5. A new traffic control system known as "centralized traffic control" and costing \$1,000,000 is being on all Santa Fe single track lines between Chicago and California. The section between Wichita and Newton will be completed this week and the extension from Wichita to Mulvane is to be completed by March. Details.

The Rock Island Railroad has inaugurated a new 45 hour schedule between Chicago and Los Angeles. The new train is known as the Golden State.

11. Ad announces completion of the expansion and remodeling of Brick's Mens Wear, 127 West Douglas. Grand opening being held today. Drawing.

## Tuesday, January 13, 1948 page

5. Construction of the new Boulevard shopping center at southwest intersection of Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard will get under way about mid-April, according to O. L. Jacques, developer of the project. Details.

# Friday, January 16, 1948 page

5. 1947 was the busiest year in history of Wichita municipal airport. There were 183,027 takeoffs and landings. At the end of the year 150 private planes were based at the airport. Because of shortage of hangar space, the city obtained a lease to use the flight hangar at the Boeing Number 2 plant just across Oliver from the airport.

Building permit issued yesterday to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for \$65,000 brick garage at 623 East Elm, at the southwest corner of Elm and Santa Fe, to house the

company's trucks. To be one story, 137 by 153 feet. Telephone Company will lease the building from the Beck-Kansas Company of Dallas.

9. Santa Fe Skyway, Inc., air freight subsidiary of the Santa Fe Railway, will abandon its operations in the immediate future, it was announced yesterday, because of the Civil Aeronautics Board's denial of exemptions granted to other air cargo carriers and its obviously unfriendly attitude toward the Santa Fe and other surface carriers. The company was organized in May 1946 and has operated a fleet of seven air freighters more than two million miles with a perfect safety record.

#### Monday, January 19, 1948

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5. Fund campaign for new \$1,000,000 YMCA to be opened today. Details.

# Saturday, January 24, 1948 page

5. The Checker Cab, Inc. company was sold yesterday afternoon to Forrest E. Rogers, of Wichita, according to an announcement made by the Wichita Transportation Company. Rogers said he represented George Green, Rex Bulleigh, and himself. Price estimated at about \$70,000. The sale included the fleet of 32 taxicabs, garage facilities at Topeka and William, and offices at 209 North Broadway. Further details.

#### Sunday, January 25, 1948

page

16. Ad announcing re-opening of the remodeled and redecorated State Theater, 417 East Douglas. Photo of exterior.

#### Friday, January 30, 1948

page 5.

Building permit issued yesterday to wreck the buildings at 211 East Douglas, occupied by Lerner's Shops, and at 215 East Douglas, occupied by Grayson's, which are to be included in the site of the new Woolworth's store building.

#### Saturday, January 31, 1948

page 1.

Report of death last night of Orville Wright in Dayton, Ohio at age 76. Biography and photo.

#### Sunday, February 1, 1948

page

4B. Ad for Valentine Manufacturing Company's sandwich shop buildings. Photo. Company located at 317 East 18th Street. Ad says company has been designers and manufacturers of portable steel sandwich shops since 1934.

#### Tuesday, February 10, 1948

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5. A new firm, Airport Cars, Inc., was incorporated at Topeka yesterday. The firm provides transportation between points in Wichita and the municipal airport. Authorized capital is \$20,000. Incorporators listed. The owners were successful bidders January 30 on a contract to provide the service and began operations at midnight January 31. Limousines were purchased from Transcontinental & Western Air, and when the company signed the contract with the park board it announced that additional equipment would be purchased and that a corporation would be formed.

#### Thursday, February 12, 1948 page

5. The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday gave final approval to the merger of ten bus companies in this and adjoining regions into the newly formed Trans-Continental Bus System, Inc., of Dallas. The merger includes the Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company, of Wichita, Continental Bus System, of Dallas, and Dixie Motor Coach Corporation, of Dallas. Details.

## Friday, February 13, 1948 page

1. Photo shows four Planeview housing units purchased by Hutchinson men being moved by truck down Main Street in Hutchinson to their new sites.

## Saturday, February 14, 1948 page

5. M. P. Jones, Wichita's finance director since February 1, 1943, will succeed Russell E. McClure as city manager of Wichita on March 1. Mr. McClure resigned to accept a similar position in Dayton, Ohio. Details.

## Sunday, February 15, 1948 page

3. Article about proposal for the city to take over George Washington Boulevard from the county. Details. Photo of intersection of George Washington and Hillside.

## Tuesday, February 17, 1948 page

5. Board of education yesterday discussed overcrowding in schools and proposals for two new elementary schools. Details.

#### Wednesday, February 18, 1948 page

2. Ad for article about Wichita in February 21, 1948 issue of *Saturday Evening Post*. Photo of Douglas Avenue.

# Saturday, February 21, 1948 page

12. Large ad for Wichita's "First Indian Arcade Building" at 217 North Broadway, which opens today and has 14 individual shops. Photos. Owner is Mrs. Sophia Bratcher Hall.

#### Monday, February 23, 1948 page

3. Article about large new wind tunnel at University of Wichita which is nearing completion. Details. Photos.

## Thursday, February 26, 1948 page

- 1. Title to the Boeing Plant 2 was transferred yesterday from the war assets administration to the United States army air force. The property, including 14 buildings, and 185 acres of land, originally cost the government \$17,811,000. Details.
- 5. Report of death of Alfred George Mueller, 82, Wichita undertaker for 50 years before he retired ten years ago, yesterday at San Pedro, California, where he moved after retirement. Born September 27, 1865 in Williamsville, New York and came to Wichita from New Haven, Connecticut in 1888 and started an undertaking business here with his brother Ed, at 112 North Topeka. Later moved to North Main and North Market before building the Mueller mortuary at 314 North Broadway. Survived by wife, Grace Della, two sons, Harrison Reed Mueller, United States navy, and Marshall Alfred Mueller, Wilimington, California, and three daughters (all named, all living in California), a brother, Ed Mueller, 1916 South Main in Wichita, and two sisters, one in Michigan and Mrs. June Wentz, of 118 East 14th, in Wichita. Photo.
- 8. Building permits issued yesterday for new Wesley Methodist church at 423 West 21st for \$110,000, and new St. George Orthodox church at 208 South Walnut for \$63,000.

## Friday, February 27, 1948 page

- 3. Building permits issued yesterday for razing of the present F. W. Woolworth store building at 205-209 East Douglas beginning March 8, followed by start of construction of the new F. W. Woolworth building on the same site, including 205-215 East Douglas. The new store is to be completed early next year. In the meantime the Woolworth store will be in a temporary location at 119 North Main.
- 5. Kansas highway commission yesterday approved Wichita's plan for a truck by-pass for U.S. Highway 81 through the city, via Washington Street from Pawnee to Murdock. Details.

A new 150 foot chimney is being built at the Kansas Gas and Electric plant to accommodate the new turbine at the plant. The present chimney is 200 feet high.

## Sunday, February 29, 1948 page

- 13. M. E. Moore, of Dallas, Texas, was elected president of the newly organized Transcontinental Bus System at a meeting of the board of directors at Dallas yesterday. He formerly was head of Continental Trailways, which recently was merged with the Dixie Motorcoach and the Santa Fe Trail Transportation system, of Wichita, to form the new company. Other officers named.
- Valentine Manufacturing, Inc. ad for its portable steel sandwich shops, with drawing. Company located at 317 East 18th Street.

#### Tuesday, March 2, 1948 page

5. Contract let yesterday by board of education for a six room addition to Gardiner elementary school, at cost of \$135,766. Forsblom and Parks are architects. Details.

# Thursday, March 4, 1948 page

5. The Missouri Pacific Sunflower between Wichita and St. Louis has received some new equipment, and a shorter eastbound schedule is now in effect. The train has a new allroom sleeping car with 14 roomettes and four bedrooms, and a grill-coach. From St. Louis, full dining-lounge service is available to Pleasant Hill and grill service is offered into Wichita. Eastbound the grill service is provided from Wichita to Pleasant Hill, and breakfast is served prior to arrival at St. Louis. ¶ With the new schedule the Sunflower will leave Wichita at 7:45 p.m. daily and arrive in St. Louis at 8:05 a.m. The westbound schedule is unchanged, leaving St. Louis at 5:40 p.m. and arriving in Wichita at 7:15 a.m.

Women taxi drivers, hired during the manpower shortage, were terminated by Wichita taxi companies Tuesday night. Less than half a dozen women drivers were still employed then by the Vet's Cab company. ¶ The Vet's Cab company took over the Checker Cab Company last January. At that time 16 women drivers were on the Checker payroll.

## Saturday, March 6, 1948 page

- 3. The new Cessna 170 has been approved by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and is in production. Deliveries will commence this month and a total of over 350 are slated for delivery by July 1. Price is \$5,475 F.A.F. Details. Photo.
- 5. Report of annual dinner meeting of the Wichita Historical Museum Association last night at the Shirkmere ballroom. The new charter for the group gives its present name, Wichita Historical Museum Association, Inc. Talk by Miss Rea Woodman related her being taken by Indians as a baby and then ransomed by her father near Haysville site for 50 cents. Details. Photo includes Rea Woodman.

# Sunday, March 7, 1948 page

15. The George Innes Company will soon install escalators, believed to be the first in Kansas. Work will begin April 1 and be completed about September 1. Details.

## Friday, March 12, 1948 page

- 1. Report of a serious fire on fourth floor of the Eagle building yesterday noon. Quickly controlled by fire department. Details. Photo.
- 4. Building permit issued yesterday for \$100,000 building for Conway Springs Bottling Company at 214 North Waco. Permit for the foundation was obtained several months ago and work was started in October but was delayed in the winter by weather. To be completed by July. Will be 240 by 140 feet. One and two story building. Architects are Overend and Boucher.

Building permit issued yesterday to Butts Buick, Inc., 1520 East Douglas, for remodeling at cost of \$78,000, to include a 24 by 135 foot one story brick addition on the west of the present building.

# Saturday, March 13, 1948 page

5. Two new pumper fire trucks purchased for the Wichita fire department passed all tests yesterday and will be placed in service at Number 1 station at once. They were ordered seven months ago and arrived Monday and brought to 24 the number of pumper trucks in use here. The other 22 have been in use from one to 22 years. Cost of the two pumpers was \$26,753.90. They were built by the American-La France Company, of Elmira, New York and have a capacity of 750 gallons a minute.

# Tuesday, March 16, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday of veteran Santa Fe engineer, Earnest Lincoln Gray, 86, who has lived at 1230 West 35th Street since his retirement on June 1, 1927. ¶ Born in Boston, Massachusetts April 10, 1861. Came to Kansas from Massachusetts in 1879 and in 1880 went to work for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. He is said to have taken the company's first engine over the regular Wichita-Englewood run in 1895. Survived by two nieces and one nephew (named). Burial to be in Maple Grove cemetery.

## Thursday, March 18, 1948 page

5. Article about paving projects planned in Wichita this year. Includes one-half mile of 40 foot pavement on McLean from Wheeler to Lincoln, widening George Washington Boulevard from 26 to 44 feet from Kansas to Madison, widening Maple from 20 to 40 feet on the three miles from Meridian to Sheridan, one mile of 40 foot pavement on 17th from Hydraulic to Hillside. Total of 145 paving jobs planned this year compared with 115 last year.

#### Friday, March 19, 1948

page

26. Santa Fe ad announcing inauguration of new Texas Chief streamliner effective Sunday, April 4. Schedule shown.

#### Monday, March 22, 1948

page

5. Report of death yesterday of Barney Wolfe, early day Wichita stock show producer and actor, at age 84. Biography. Photo.

A new \$240,000 addition to St. James Episcopal Church was announced yesterday. Ground to be broken on April 4. The addition will consist of a parish house and guild hall and was first proposed in 1940. Details. Architects are Schmidt-McVay-Peddie. Drawing.

#### Friday, March 26, 1948 page

11. Street name signs have been erected the entire length of 1st and 2nd Streets. There are 150 of the signs, made of steel in Wichita. Motorists can see them from all directions. ¶ Four traffic islands are under construction -- two at Washington and Douglas and two at Mead and Douglas. The work will be completed in two weeks.

# Sunday, March 28, 1948 page

- 1. Boeing announced yesterday that it expects to hire 1000 additional workers in the next 30 days and to reactivate a portion of Plant Number 2 for modernizing of B-29s, etc. No new aircraft will be produced. Details.
- 2. The Wichita Water Company has more than doubled its pumping facilities the past year and has spent more than \$1,000,000 on improvements to meet the increased demand. ¶ Peak rate of pumpage last year was September 3, 1947 when it reached a rate of 49.3 million gallons per day. Peak rate in 1946 was 45 million gallons per day on August 8. ¶ Total pumpage:

1947 7,285,623,000 gallons 1946 6,668,766,000 gallons 1945 6,399,660,000 gallons.

#### **Monday, March 29, 1948**

page

8. Full page Boeing ad for 1000 skilled employees with aerial photo of Boeing plants during B-29 production.

# Friday, April 2, 1948 page

1. The United States air force announced yesterday that it has ordered 27 additional Boeing Stratofreighters, bringing to 40 the number of this giant cargo plane it has on hand or on order. The ships are called the YC-97A by the air force. Assembly is at Seattle, but tail assemblies, outer wing panels and some other parts are made in the Wichita Plant 1 and shipped to Seattle.

#### Saturday, April 3, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Dr. E. J. Nodurfth, 56, prominent Wichita physician and surgeon, at his home at 1844 Wellington Place. Had practiced in Wichita since 1919. Born in Cherrydale, Kansas December 27, 1891. Married Miss Lucile Byrd at Kansas City, Kansas on June 4, 1915. Survived by wife, one son, Martin, of the home, and one daughter, Mrs. Willa Dean Krueger, of Mecerdes (sic), Texas. Photo.

# Sunday, April 4, 1948 page

- 2. The bridge over the Little Arkansas river at 29th Street is expected to be opened by June 1st in spite of shortage of steel. Details.
- 5. Seibel Helicopter, Inc. was granted a charter of incorporation yesterday with capital of \$150,000, to develop the revolutionary low-cost helicopter designed by Wichita aircraft engineer Charles M. Seibel, 27, who has been working for Boeing but resigned his job there Friday to devote full time to his invention. He plans to begin at once to build at Wilson Field here the prototype of a two place helicopter designed to sell for \$6-8000. Other incorporators listed. Details. Photo of Seibel.
- 11. Aerial photo of Davis Manufacturing, Inc. plant at 1521 South McLean Boulevard, with recent expansion. Article with details.
- 12. Building permit issued for new Helzberg Diamond Shop, to be erected at 219 East Douglas at cost of \$75,000. To be two stories, 25 by 120 feet, of brick. The old store building on the site is to be razed.
- 21. Aerial photo of Westlink Golf Course, the site chosen for establishment of the new Rolling Hills Country Club. Ad for membership.

# Tuesday, April 6, 1948 page

14. School board yesterday let contract for a two room addition to Woodland grade school for \$41,866. Overend and Boucher are architects.

# Thursday, April 15, 1948 page

4. First Baptist Church will start work on a new \$400,000 sanctuary building on North Broadway between the present church and the First Baptist educational building. Architects are Glen Thomas and A. B. Harris. Will seat 1900 persons. Details. Drawing.

## Tuesday, April 20, 1948 page

5. Park board yesterday let contract for two additional steel hangars for \$21,700, to hold ten planes each and to be built approximately 2000 feet northeast of the administration building. Details.

## Wednesday, April 21, 1948 page

- 3. Richard E. (Dick) Bird, former congressman from Kansas and an attorney here for nearly 40 years is here with his wife and sister for a two month visit with his son Richard E. Bird, Jr., and wife, in Eastborough. He retired ten years ago and now lives in Long Beach, California. Photo.
- 5. The United States air force formally accepted accountability for Boeing plant 2 yesterday, taking the plant from the United States army engineers, who previously had accepted it from the war assets administration. Details.

## Thursday, April 22, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday in Portland, Oregon of Dr. Henry Coffin Fellow, former resident of Kansas for 58 years and Friends University professor beginning in 1899. Born in Henry County, Indiana October 24, 1856. Wife, Melissa, died in April 1940. Had no children. Further biography. Photo.

## Thursday, April 29, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Henry Schweiter, 72, oldest son of Wichita pioneers, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schweiter, after a long illness with cancer of the stomach. Resided at 1509 South Topeka. ¶ Born in Wichita January 27, 1876. As a young man he farmed 160 acres south of Wichita where MacArthur Road crosses Highway 81. Married Miss Carrie Heinrich October 6, 1896 (or 98?). Survived by his wife, one brother, Will Schweiter, 1253 South Hillside, one sister, Mrs. William Luttgen, 1312 South Hydraulic, three nephews (named -- including Otis Schweiter, 1402 South Hydraulic, and eight nieces (named). Burial to be in Old Mission mausoleum.

## Tuesday, May 4, 1948 page

5. Board of education yesterday voted to purchase the Jefferson elementary school from the federal works agency for \$65,000. Details.

#### Wednesday, May 5, 1948

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5. Wichita Country Club members voted yesterday to build a new club with all facilities on the 160 acres owned by the club on East 13th Street approximately two miles east of the city limits. Details.

#### Friday, May 7, 1948

page

1. Boeing's Wichita plant is now employing 3000 workers, 1300 of whom have been hired since the work of opening Plant 2 started a month ago. Present plans call for a steady expansion of this number to 6 to 7000 workers by August 1. Thirty five B-29s and five B-50s have already flown to Wichita to be worked on. Details. Photo.

#### Saturday, May 8, 1948

page

5. The Commodore hotel, built by retired Major General Patrick J. Hurley, then of Tulsa and now living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, was sold yesterday to Joe M. Meyers, Tulsa realty investor. Details.

#### **Sunday, May 9, 1948**

page

20. The newest Kroger store in Wichita, at Hillside and Douglas, will open for business tomorrow morning. Photo.

## Friday, May 14, 1948 page

5. Announcement has been made of the sale of the Sally Murdock home, 236 North Crestway, to Charles S. Ritchie, former mayor of Wichita. The Ritchies plan to sell their home at 319 North Dellrose and move to the Crestway residence in August. Mrs. Murdock will move to her home at 3347 Victor Place, now occupied by H. M. Van Auken, general manager of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

#### Sunday, May 16, 1948

page

- 3. Photo of Henry's new store at Broadway and William under construction. Work started last week on the second floor.
- 15. Ceremonies yesterday marked the official transfer of the Westlinks golf course from private ownership to the more than 200 members of the Rolling Hills county club. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Angle were the former owners. Details.
- 18. Ad with photo of the Consolver Brothers Sports Center on Harry Street between Hillside and Oliver, which is now open, with 18 hole miniature golf course, driving range, etc.

## Sunday, May 23, 1948 page

8B. Ad offering Hamilton Hotel at Main and English for sale. Ninety-five rooms. One hundred foot frontage. Will sell building, business and furnishings together or separately. Photo.

## Tuesday, May 25, 1948 page

3. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ad says the size of the exchange at Douglas and Oliver has been doubled and the five story addition to the building at 154 North Broadway is nearing completion. In 1944 there were 44,000 telephones in Wichita and today there are more than 65,000.

## Friday, May 28, 1948 page

24. Article about inaugural runs of the new highway post office route between Wichita and Belleville, to be made the night of June 7-8. Details. Photo -- shows White Motor Company photo of highway Post Office.

## Sunday, May 30, 1948 page

3. Summer schedules on city buses of the Wichita Transportation Company become effective today, A. J. Cleary, vice-president, announced yesterday. At the request of Boeing, all Airport-Boeing buses will go directly to the docks at Boeing Plant II beginning Monday. Previously these buses had their terminus at the Veterans' administration building (i.e., Plant II office building).

The "Hockaday corner" at Topeka and William has been purchased by E. H. Adair, Wichita oil operator from Moscelyn Daisy Condit, Chicago, Illinois. Photo showing building when it had only one story.

7. Photo of two Boeing Stratocruisers on ramp at Wichita's Boeing Plant II.

### Thursday, June 3, 1948 page

7. Johnny Dotson's Blue Moon night club on South Oliver across from the municipal airport, has been entirely redecorated and has a refinished floor for the opening of its eighth summer season Friday night. Photo.

## Friday, June 4, 1948 page

5. Article about plans of First Methodist church to build a new north wing and chapel starting in early July. Details.

# Saturday, June 5, 1948 page

2. The first regular Braniff International Airways flight to South America left Dallas yesterday afternoon bound for Guayaquil, Ecuador. Eventually service will be extended to Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. The plane was a Douglas DC-6. Details.

## Sunday, June 6, 1948 page

- 5. Report of annual picnic of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum yesterday. Lists names of those who attended. Details. One photo shows A. A. Sayles, of 1035 North Emporia.
- Photo of new highway post office bus which begins service Monday between Wichita and Belleville. Article with details. Followup report June 8 on page 2.

#### Tuesday, June 8, 1948 page

5. Board of education let contracts yesterday for new five room elementary school at Green and Osie for \$49,396. Reports on other projects for additions and remodeling. Details.

## Thursday, June 10, 1948 page

16. Report of wedding Sunday of Keith Behymer to Miss Norma Jean Smith, daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Smith. Details.

# Thursday, June 17, 1948 page

3. Ten more new buses were put into service yesterday by the Wichita Transportation Company, according to A. J. Cleary, vice-president. They were put into service in the Riverside-Topeka, Osage-Schweiter, and West 2nd-Pattie lines. They are part of a million dollar modernization program, and company officials said that now all bus lines have new buses in the day and night periods. Some older buses still are used during the rush hours. Photo -- all Twin Coaches -- numbers not visible -- one is painted white.

#### Friday, June 18, 1948

page

11. Ad announcing that the new 1949 Ford goes on display today.

# Sunday, June 20, 1948 page

- 1. Construction of a \$1,567,823 children's village to house the Institute of Logopedics, will get underway immediately, Dr. Martin F. Palmer, founder and director, announced yesterday. To be located on a 40 acre tract just north of 21st Street at Grove. Plans drawn by George Metz, architect. Details.
- 20. Construction will start tomorrow on Lincoln Heights Village shopping center at Douglas and Oliver, a new and modern type center which will house 14 varied stores and service

and is being built by Walter Morris and Son Company at a cost of \$100,000. A spacious hard surface court in front of the L-shaped building will provide parking for up to 150 cars. Details. Forsblom and Parks are the architects. Drawing.

#### Saturday, June 26, 1948 page

5. Opening of the Tower theater at Central and Oliver has been set for July 16 according to an announcement yesterday by Herman H. Hunt, of Cincinnati, Ohio, president of the Tower Theater, Inc. Ready for operation since last October, the theater had been subject to litigation brought by George S. Laham, lessee, and Seth Wright, lessor. Recent settlement of this litigation made possible the definite July 16 opening date.

## Tuesday, June 29, 1948 page

3. Board of education yesterday let contracts for a four room addition to Hyde elementary school for \$102,762. Details. ¶ The proposed new elementary school to be between 18th and 19th, Poplar and Grove, was named W. H. Isely school, in honor of the first president of Fairmount college. (Editor's note: W. H. Isely was the first dean of Fairmount College; Nathan Morrison was the first president.)

#### Sunday, July 11, 1948

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- 21. Ad for English Austin car, sold by Shidler Cycle Company, 935 North Broadway.
- 6B. Ad offering apartment house at corner of Waco and Murdock for sale. Photo.

# Tuesday, July 13, 1948 page

- 1. Report of death early this morning of William Fred Floto, 65, Wichita business and theatrical man for the last 24 years. Born in Chicago June 3, 1885. Came to Wichita from Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1924. Survived by his wife, Mary. No children. Biography. Photo.
- 7. The new Tower Theater will open its doors at 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 16. Details.

#### Wednesday, July 14, 1948 page

5. The interior of the Civil War monument in front of the Sedgwick County courthouse was opened yesterday for the first time in more than 25 years. The key to the monument had been lost many years ago but was discovered yesterday in a locked cabinet by Rube Woods, county custodian. Details.

# Thursday, July 15, 1948 page

1. A serve thunderstorm last night was accompanied by winds up to 100 mile per hour causing considerable damage including blowing down the large vertical sign on top of the Allis hotel. Details.

#### Friday, July 16, 1948 page

17. Full page ad announcing opening this evening of the new Tower Theater at Central and Oliver. Photo. Followup at July 17 on page 12.

## Saturday, July 17, 1948 page

5. The Wichita Country Club has purchased a 15 acre nursery tract including all planting, at 2127 North Broadway, from the Wichita Nurseries, owned by Albert L. Schell. The country club will use the planting in developing its new location two miles east of Oliver on 13th Street. The tract itself is located eight miles north of 21st on Broadway. Details.

## Monday, July 19, 1948 page

5. Article about reunion of former Wichita trolley workers, their first since the strike 13 years ago, yesterday afternoon at Minisa Park. List of those attending (including C. R. Lewis and Jim Lawhorn).

# Wednesday, July 21, 1948 page

5. The library board yesterday announced the appointment of Ford A. Rockwell, assistant librarian of the Hartford, Connecticut public library, to the post of chief administrative officer of the Wichita public library. Rockwell, 40, is a graduate of the Syracuse university school of library science. His salary was set at \$5,500 a year. He plans to start work here on August 23. Further biography. Photo.

## Thursday, July 22, 1948 page

2. Building permit issued yesterday for a four room addition at Hyde elementary school, to cost \$86,795.

#### **Sunday, July 25, 1948**

#### page

Special 76th anniversary edition of the Eagle with special articles, etc.

4. List of value of building permits issued yearly in Wichita since 1921: (number of permits is included).

1921	\$7,403,657	1930	\$6,276,230	1939	\$2,872,139
1922	5,937,514	1931	2,340,208	1940	3,074,527
1923	6,511,949	1932	1,185,008	1941	6,239,658

1924	4,293,153	1933	350,902	1942	7,626,267
1925	5,042,417	1934	686,905	1943	4,648,121
1926	5,184,105	1935	1,251,181	1944	2,326,658
1927	5,843,942	1936	2,356,583	1945	3,036,571
1928	7,974,221	1937	2,306,162	1946	13,956,162
1929	8,651,582	1938	3,175,574	1947	16,447,393

For the first six months of 1948, the total building permits issued is \$9,721,116. Some previous years available 1900 \$ 243,250

1910 4,272,401 1920 3,806,503

- 5. A. L. Lyman, 1241 Woodrow, reached the age of 95 yesterday. A family party will be held at his home today. He came to Kansas in 1872 and has lived in and around Wichita most of his life. Has a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Chenoweth. Photo.
- 22. Ads with photos of Wichita theaters, including Roxy, State, Victory, Southern, Dunbar, Crawford, Tower, Fox theaters (small), West, Civic, and 81, 54, and Airport Drive-Ins.
- 5C. Ad with photo of Zoglmann Studebaker agency at 319 South Broadway.
- 10A. Photo of new apartment buildings under construction on Stackman Drive by Max Steinbuchel. To be known as Riviera Plaza, cost \$125,000, to be completed in December.
- 12A. Small photo of Pepsi Cola building now being erected at 2nd and McLean Boulevard.
- 14A. Dick Price Motors expects to occupy its new \$280,000 building now under construction, in October.

The Price Auto Service Company plans to erect a new building this fall, 100 by 140 feet, to replace the original building destroyed by fire August 6, 1947. Details.

- Full page ad of Valentine Manufacturing Company, which recently moved its offices into larger quarters at 307 North Main. Includes photos and drawings of several of the company's all-steel portable sandwich shops, popular since 1934. Includes photo of Arthur H. Valentine, president of the company.
- 12B. Photo of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building at 1st and Broadway with five story addition under construction and completed exterior.

- 13B. Photo of addition of George Innes store at William and Market under construction, with exterior completed.
- 14B. Photo of Henry's new store under construction.

The Midland Valley Railroad has constructed two automobile loading docks to provide patrons with better service. They were installed about eight months ago.

#### Tuesday, July 27, 1948 page

1. Article reports that the new Boeing B-50C bomber is to be built in the Wichita Plant Number 2. Details.

#### Sunday, August 1, 1948 page

3. Report of visit of well known *Life* photographer and former Wichitan, W. Eugene Smith, in Wichita yesterday en route back to New York from a *Life* picture story assignment. Details. Photo.

# Friday, August 6, 1948 page

12. Report of death yesterday of George Wesley Smith, 91, Sedgwick County pioneer, at home of his grand-daughter in Los Angeles, California. Born in Champagne (sic) County, Illinois January 13, 1857 and came to Wichita with his parents in 1869. Returned to Illinois a few years later and came back to Wichita in 1880 and settled on a farm five miles west of the city. Further biography.

#### Saturday, August 7, 1948

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5. Ground was broken last evening for the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in third block of North Broadway just north of present sanctuary. Details.

#### Monday, August 9, 1948 page

5. Ground-breaking ceremony was held yesterday for the new East Central Assembly of God church at Central and Spruce. To cost \$20,000. Details.

## Saturday, August 14, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Mac Van Fleet Short, 51, aeronautical engineer and former Wichitan, of a heart attack at Burbank, California, where he was vice-president of the Lockheed Aircraft company. He helped organize the Stearman Aircraft Company in 1927. ¶ Born in Wichita December 25, 1896, the son of Richard H. and Jessie McBride Short. Entered the army air corps in 1917. Graduated from Kansas State in 1922 and took masters degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1926. Married Mae B. Siefkin

in Wichita September 6, 1924. Survived by wife, a son, Richard, and a daughter Mary, of Glendale, and another daughter, Mrs. Sally Schenk, Richmond, California. Further biography. Photo.

# Monday, August 23, 1948 page

5. Report of death Saturday of Laura Edith Wagner, former Wichita teacher, in a hospital in Hutchinson after a long illness. Came to Wichita from Ellsworth, Kansas and taught for 19 years at Riverside school and for six years at Sunnyside. Returned to Ellsworth last year.

## Saturday, August 28, 1948 page

5. Ground breaking ceremonies will be held tomorrow for the new Zion Methodist Church to be erected at Bayley and Lulu. Details.

#### Sunday, August 29, 1948 page

- 5. J. P. Weigand and Sons ad stating that the \$200,000 home at 345 North Belmont (old Harry Lassen home) is being offered for sale at one third its cost. Photo.
- 3B. Article about the granite marker at 12th and Jackson marking the site of the first school building in Wichita, a sod-house built originally by soldiers stationed in Wichita and used as a school building by William Finn in the winter of 1869. Says 14 pupils studied in the "dug out" shack, for a tuition fee of one dollar a month. The school closed after four months. A year later, in 1870, the first public school in Wichita was built at 3rd and Emporia, on the present site of Central Intermediate School.
- 5B. About 550 grade school children will be taken by bus this semester from overcrowded schools to less crowded ones. Details. They will be carried by Wichita Transportation Company buses at an estimated cost of \$7000 to the board of education.
- 9B. Photo of the first new school building since the end of the war, the new Adams school at 9th and Oliver, under construction.

## Friday, September 3, 1948 page

1.,5. Report of death Thursday night of Bert C. Wells, city manager of Wichita from 1927 to 1939, at Hertzler Hospital in Halstead at age 68. He had been ill about two years since suffering a stroke in July 1946. He had retired in 1939 to a farm eight miles east of Wichita. ¶ Born at Sherman, Indiana July 19, 1880 and as a youth came to Sedgwick County with his parents in the late 1890s. Married the former Sara Shoemaker at Indianapolis August 7, 1904. Graduated from Friends University and attended Haverford College in Philadelphia. Taught school at Wichita three years and then was city engineer here from 1907 until 1917. Then became city manager of Eldorado until 1921 and city

manager of Atchison 1921 to 1927 before returning here as Wichita's second city manager. ¶ Survived by wife, two daughters, and four grandchildren (named). Photo.

#### Saturday, September 4, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Howard E. Case, 51, prominent Wichita lumberman, president of the Davidson-Case Lumber Company, after an illness of two and one-half years. Born in Wichita April 17, 1897 and resided at 1145 North Broadway. Survived by his wife, Alice H. Case, a son, Howard Case, Jr., 730 Woodrow, a grand-daughter, and two sisters (named). Photo.

## Sunday, September 5, 1948 page

5. Boeing's new YL-15 "Scout" liaison plane made its first flight yesterday afternoon at Wichita municipal airport, piloted by Douglas Heimburger, Boeing project pilot. The first of the YL-15s differs little in appearance from their prototype, the XL-15, two of which have been in the air undergoing tests since early summer. ¶ Ten of the YL-15s are on order, and the other nine will come off the assembly line rapidly. Photo.

# Friday, September 10, 1948 page

8. A committee of the Highland Cemetery Improvement Association announced yesterday that petitions are being circulated for presentation to the city commission, asking the city to help finance the cost of cleaning Highland Cemetery at 9th and Hillside. The women also are soliciting funds for the job in addition to working at the cemetery themselves. They provide their own tools for weed cutting and other work at the cemetery. "Weeds are so high you can't see some of the tombstones," one member of the committee asserted. Further details.

# Sunday, September 12, 1948 page

- 1. J. Earl Schaefer, Boeing vice-president and general manager here, announced yesterday that when the B-47 production starts, it will be produced at the Wichita plant. Details.
- 8. The new Wesley hospital maternity wing will be opened Tuesday. Details. Architects were Lorentz, Schmidt, McVay and Peddie. Full page ad with photos on page 12A.

## Saturday, September 18, 1948 page

8. Ad announcing opening today of the second "Takhoma Burger" stand at 2400 East Kellogg. The first one is at 706 Maple. Photos.

# Sunday, September 19, 1948 page

Full page ad with articles on page 2C through 12C announcing that KFH is inaugurating Wichita's first FM radio station -- KFH FM -- at 1:00 p.m. today on frequency of 100.3 with 10,600 watts radiated power. Details. Ads. Photos. ¶ Followup article September 20 on page 1.

#### Monday, September 20, 1948 page

12. Report of death yesterday of Frederick Carl Speh, 82, of 817 Wiley, pioneer Wichita leather company executive. Born in Mont Joy, Pennsylvania July 28, 1866 and moved to Wichita from St. Louis in about 1908. Says he founded the Roland Spek Leather Company here and remained as president until he retired in April 1947 because of ill health. Survived by wife, Estelle, and a sister in Mexico, Missouri (named). Photo.

#### Tuesday, September 21, 1948 page

 The last auction sale of the Wichita Horse and Mule Commission Company will be held tomorrow, it was announced by Eric Team, manager of the company and owner of the C.
B. Team Mule Company. The two firms have been active in the horse and mule business here for 30 years. Details.

## Friday, September 24, 1948 page

5. A new eight story Innes building will formally opened to the public Monday, October 4. The first escalators in Kansas, in the Innes store, will also be in operation on that date. Details.

# Tuesday, September 28, 1948 page

4. Board of education yesterday let contracts for a four room addition to Longfellow elementary school for \$94,856.

# Saturday, October 2, 1948 page

5. Kansas highway commission yesterday approved contracts for four lane paving of 0.72 mile of the new Highway 54 through Wichita on Kellogg. The section covered is from Hillside to the drainage canal. Pavement 63 feet wide will carry four 12 foot lanes of traffic, with two parking lanes along the sides.

#### Sunday, October 3, 1948 page

- 1. Article about opening of new Market Street building of the Innes store tomorrow. Details.
- 5. City commission is expected to approve extension of the trial period of the South Main bus route change at its meeting Tuesday morning. The commission on June 22 approved a 90 day trial on the route. Involved is the line from Main and Harry west to Palisade, south

to Skinner, east to Water, south to Kinkaid, east to Broadway, north to Skinner, west to Main, and back downtown.

#### Tuesday, October 5, 1948 page

- 1. Report on opening of the new Innes store building yesterday. Details.
- 5. The Mooney Aircraft Company, 6301 East Harry, now has five demonstration planes in operation in the hands of owner-dealers in various parts of the United States, Al W. Mooney, president and designer of the M-18 said yesterday. The single place monoplane is now fully licensed for commercial use by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Details.

# Friday, October 8, 1948 page

5. Report of death of George C. Christopher, 90, yesterday of 402 North Clifton, founder and president of the George C. Christopher and Son Company at Ohio and Blaine. ¶ Born in Jerseyville, Illinois August 2, 1858 and came to Chase, Kansas as a young man. Married his wife, Carrie A., there in 1884. They moved to Wichita on August 12, 1902, and his wife died in 1941. He entered the steel fabrication business here in 1905 and in 1909 founded his own company with his son, Frank L. Christopher, 332 North Pershing. Further biography. Photo.

# Saturday, October 9, 1948 page

9. Members of the Highland Cemetery Improvement Association will be at the cemetery Saturday afternoon to show interested persons the improvements that have been accomplished. Article gives list of donors.

## Sunday, October 17, 1948 page

4. Since 1939, out-of-the-way rooms in the Forum have housed a large and growing collection of historical relics. ¶ Officers of the Wichita Historical Museum Association announced yesterday that the organization is underwriting Miss Rea Woodman's historical sketch book, "Wichitana: 1877 - 1897" and that book sale receipts will go into the building fund for construction of a historical museum building. Details.

# Monday, October 18, 1948 page

5. Report of a flying exhibition of the Seibel helicopter at Wilson field yesterday afternoon. Details. Photo.

## Tuesday, October 19, 1948 page

1. Board of education yesterday let contracts for construction of the new 17 room W. H. Isley elementary school for total of \$386,931. Details.

#### Friday, October 22, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lassen, 78, of the Hillcrest apartments, widow of Henry Lassen. Had been a resident of Wichita for 42 years. Born April 25, 1870 in La Porte, Indiana and came to Wichita in 1906. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. A. Coley, Hillcrest apartments and Mrs R. Ward Magill, 4421 East 2nd, four sisters (named), 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Burial to be in Old Mission mausoleum. Further biography. Photo.

### Saturday, October 23, 1948 page

5. Contracts totaling more than \$71,000 let yesterday for an addition to O. K. school, 1600 North West Street, including four classrooms and an auditorium-gymnasium.

#### Tuesday, October 26, 1948

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5. Construction will begin today on the \$275,000 College Hill Methodist church educational building at the northeast corner of 1st and Erie. Details.

## Friday, October 29, 1948 page

1. The United States Air Force has released funds to start production of the new B-47 bomber. Details.

#### Sunday, October 31, 1948

page

- 1. Announcement made yesterday that Beech Aircraft Company has received a United States Navy contract for modification and overhaul of 457 military twin-engine Beechcrafts at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000. Details.
- 2. The Arkansas Avenue grade school at 33rd Street and Arkansas Avenue is facing financial problems. Details. Photo.
- 14. Ward and precinct map of Wichita with list of voting places.

#### Wednesday, November 3, 1948

page

1. Report of results of national and local elections yesterday, with details. Continued November 4, page 1. Kansas voted repeal of its constitutional ban against liquor.

#### Friday, November 5, 1948

page

20. Ad announces open house this evening for the remodeled Kroger store at 1st and Main which has been converted into Wichita's first completely self-service high speed supermarket. Photo.

#### Sunday, November 7, 1948 page

- 2. The Civil Aeronautics Administration, which awarded an Approved Type Certificate for the Boeing Stratocruiser on September 3, has now been certified for a gross weight of 142,500 pounds, Boeing announced yesterday. The ship is now ready for release to commercial airlines for use on commercially operated schedules. Details.
- 7. The new Henry's store at Broadway and William will be opened November 15. Details.
- 21. Article gives some history of early schools in Wichita. Says Miss Jessie Hunter taught 25 students in a Presbyterian church building at corner of Wichita and 3rd Streets in 1871. ¶ Says the first high school here was organized in 1874 by Professor B. C. Ward on North Emporia and had 48 pupils. There were four graduates in the 1879 graduating class.

## Thursday, November 11, 1948 page

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Henrietta S. Widdows, 76, one of the oldest native born Wichitans. She was born in Wichita October 18, 1872 and was the eldest daughter of the first couple married in Wichita and one of the first children born on the original townsite. Her mother, Hannah Lewellen, was the eldest daughter of the city's first storekeeper, Doc Lewellen. Her father, Sergeant John Ward, was a member of the United States infantry and was sent to this community in 1868, with a detachment of soldiers to protect the group of settlers from Indian raids. The couple was married September 7, 1868. ¶ Mrs. Widdows husband, Robert, died March 4, 1934. At the time of her death, Mrs. Widdows was living with her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Mason, at 1410 North Lorraine. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mason, and Mrs. J. E. Meefer, Jr., of 1520 North Grove, one son, LeRoy Widdows, of Sharon, Kansas, a sister in Omaha (named), 11 grand children and three great grand-children. Burial to be in Highland Cemetery. Photo.

### Friday, November 12, 1948 page

5. Contract has been let to Martin K. Eby for construction of the new Veterans administration regional office building for \$791,000. Work will start early in December, with the building ready for occupancy in August 1949. Details.

## Sunday, November 14, 1948 page

- 1. Articles about grand opening of the Henry's new store at Broadway and William tomorrow evening, with history of Henry's, etc.
- 19. Dedication of the new Central Christian church is to be held Sunday, November 21. Details.

# Monday, November 15, 1948 page

5. Cornerstone was laid yesterday afternoon for the chapel building of the East Heights Methodist church. Details.

#### Tuesday, November 16, 1948 page

- 4. The new Adams grade school at 9th and Oliver is scheduled to be opened on or about December 1. At that time the old four room Adams school across the street, built in 1924 at what was then the distant outskirts of the city, will be closed. Architects for the new school were Hibbs and Robinson. The old Adams building and its two acre site will be taken over by the Holy Cross Lutheran church, to which it was sold more than a year ago by the board of education. Details.
- 5. Report of opening of the new Henry's store last evening. Details. Interior photos.

# Saturday, November 20, 1948 page

5. An amusement park is planned by the Ottaway Amusement Company of Wichita in the vicinity of Hillside and George Washington Boulevard, it was revealed yesterday. The amusement company, operator of Joyland on East Central, plans the park in a 13 acre tract and includes the "biggest roller coaster in Kansas" in its plans. L. A., Herbert J., and Harold I. Ottaway head the Ottaway Amusement Company. Details.

# Sunday, November 21, 1948 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Elizabeth D. "Mother" Hughes, 92, widely known in church and maternity hospital circles. Born in Birmingham, England March 23, 1856. Came to United States at age three, and to Wichita in 1906. Biography. Photo.

# Monday, November 22, 1948 page

2. Report of dedication of new Central Christian church yesterday. Details.

# Tuesday, November 23, 1948 page

5. Article reviews Beech Aircraft Corporation annual report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1948. Net sales were \$24,141,120 compared to \$26,211,411 in 1947. Net income was \$2,213,626, compared with a net loss in 1947. The four place Bonanza has been very successful, with around 1900 sold since the first one was delivered in February 1947. Details.

#### Wednesday, November 24, 1948 page

5. The Wichita division of Boeing Airplane company yesterday received its letter of contract from the United States Air Force covering the B-47 Stratojet bomber production program. Details.

#### Sunday, November 28, 1948

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C1-C8. Special section announcing formal opening tomorrow of the new sales and service building of the Butts Buick Company, 1520 East Douglas. Architects Glen H. Thomas and A. B. Harris. Details. Photos.

#### Monday, November 29, 1948

page 16.

Kansas' second highway post office route will be dedicated today. The new route is between Wichita and Coffeyville, with intermediate stops. Details. Followup article November 30 on page 2.

## Wednesday, December 1, 1948 page

2. The Wichita Transportation Company's white bus is serving now to promote the sale of Christmas seals for the Wichita Tuberculosis association's annual fund raising campaign. Photo shows right side of bus with slogan (Twin Coach -- number not visible).

City commission yesterday took first steps in the \$446,000 building program approved by the voters November 2. Projects include a new jail at the prison farm, 701 West Harry, to cost \$190,000, and two new fire stations and a firefighter training tower at a cost of \$255,000. ¶ The new fire station will include a new one in the neighborhood of 13th and Grove to serve the newly developed northeast section, and another near Elizabeth and Douglas to replace the old one on Seneca near Douglas. The training tower will be at 16th and Arkansas. Architects for the three fire department projects were selected: they are Forsblom and Parks, Hibbs and Robinson, and Robert Morris. Architect chosen for the new prison farm jail is W. I. Fisher and Company.

## Thursday, December 2, 1948 page

9. Large Continental Air Lines ad announcing the inauguration of Convair service on December 15. Details.

#### Friday, December 3, 1948

page

25. Ad for Drive In Market's 19th anniversary sale with photo (at Central and Broadway).

#### Sunday, December 5, 1948

page

- 21. Ad announcing the opening tomorrow of the new Dick Price Motors at Waterman and Market. Drawing. Article with details.
- 26. Photo showing Lincoln Heights Village shopping center under construction at Douglas and Oliver. Article with details. Architects are Forsblom and Parks.

11A. Ad announces opening tomorrow, December 6, of Wichita's newest and most modern school, the new Adams grade school at 9th and Oliver. Photo. Architects are Hibbs and Robinson.

# Tuesday, December 7, 1948 page

- 5. Excavation began yesterday for the three story brick Veterans' Administration building adjoining the hospital at 5500 East Kellogg. Details.
- 11. Full page ad announcing grand opening today of the El Charro Cafe, across Kellogg from the Veterans Hospital. Photo.

## Wednesday, December 8, 1948 page

2. Continental Air Lines will have two of its new fleet of five 40 passenger Convair passenger liners on public display at the Wichita municipal airport today from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Details. Followup article with photo December 9 on page five. One plane was visited by an estimated 2500 people and more than 400 guests were taken on 12 flights by the second plane. Number of the planes not visible.

# Sunday, December 12, 1948 page

- 2. Article with details of Cessna Aircraft Company's annual report for fiscal year ending September 30, 1948. Total sales were \$14,295,221, and increase of more than three million dollars over 1947. Net profit was \$552, 898, a slight increase over last year. An average of 1514 persons were employed by Cessna during the year.
- 5. Article about new Beechcraft two place military trainer, the Model 45 Mentor, which made its first flight here December 2. Details. Photo.

## Monday, December 13, 1948 page

8. Report of dedication yesterday afternoon of the new North Wichita Friends church at 22nd and Jackson. The congregation moved to the present location, formerly the Wesley Methodist church, last September from their church at 21st and Park Place. Details.

## Wednesday, December 15, 1948 page

8. The first scheduled flights of Continental Air Lines' new 40 passenger Convair liners through Wichita are being made today. The first eastbound flight from Denver will arrive at 12:36 p.m. and the first westbound flight will arrive here at 4:47 p.m. from Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Details.

# Sunday, December 19, 1948 page

- 5. Photo of shopping crowds at Broadway and Douglas yesterday shows what may be Twin Coach 30-R bus in background.
- 10. Reminiscences by Sylvester A. Long about the Wright brothers, whom he knew as neighbors many years ago in Dayton. Details ("Wichitan Was Wright Brothers Neighbor").
- 18. Article reports that the new book by Wichita pioneer Miss H. Rea Woodman, "Wichitana -- 1877-1897," is now on the shelves of local booksellers. Details.

#### Tuesday, December 28, 1948 page

5. Building permit issued yesterday for the new W. H. Isley elementary school, to cost \$288,000, at 2500 East 18th Street. Construction to start January 10 and take eight or nine months.

# Friday, December 31, 1948 page

5. Building permits in Wichita through Thursday had set a new record of \$22,496,894 for the year, compared with the previous record totals of \$16,447,393 in 1947 and \$13,956,162 in 1946. Details.