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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1949 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Saturday, January 1, 1949**

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5. Report of death Thursday night at her home in Piedmont, California of former Wichitan, Mrs. Anna Scott Gray, widow of Richard M. Gray, who with John Rigby, now of Beverly Hills, California, formerly of the Rigby-Gray Hotel Company, which managed the Lassen hotel. The Grays came to Wichita in 1919 from Chicago. Mr. Gray died in 1924. No children survive. Biography. Photo.

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2. Maiden flight of the Seibel helicopter model S-4 was made early this week with pilot Johnny Gibbs at the controls, Charles Seibel, president of the company reveled yesterday evening. It came less then three months after the first public flight of Seibel model S-3, a single-seat craft developed solely for experimental purposes. ¶ The S-4 is designed for commercial use and can carry a pilot and a payload of approximately 350 pounds. It was built to sell for \$10,000. Details.

**Monday, January 10, 1949**

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5. The Cessna 170, a new four place all-metal plane, was unveiled in Wichita yesterday. Details.

**Thursday, January 13, 1949**

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5. W. B. Harrison resigned Tuesday as chairman of the board of the Union National Bank but will remain as a director of the bank. Until 18 months ago he was president of the bank. Details.

**Tuesday, January 18, 1949**

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5. Article about the crash landing yesterday of the Beech twin-quad experimental transport plane on a farm about two miles northeast of Wichita. One was killed and three injured. Details (main report of the accident is probably in yesterday's Evening Eagle).

Purchase of sites for the two new Wichita fire stations was announced yesterday by city officials. They are at the southeast corner of 17th and Grove and at the southeast corner of Martinson and Douglas. Details.

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5. Article reports submission of resignation yesterday by Dr. William Jardine as president of Wichita University. Details.

### **Thursday, January 20, 1949**

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5. Alfred MacDonald, who retired as director of parks, January 1, has declined the proposal by City Commissioner W. C. Salome, Jr. that the Wichita municipal airport be renamed for him. Details.

### **Sunday, January 23, 1949**

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4. Del Phillips, 328 North Vine, and Don Lowrey, 505 North Lorraine, have formed the Del-don Advertising Company with the plan of placing benches at bus stops and using the back of the bench for the messages of advertisers.
5. The Ottaway Amusement Company of Wichita yesterday announced plans for a 40 acre amusement park at 2801 South Hillside, to be opened about May 15. The company is headed by L. A. Ottaway and his sons, Herbert J. and Harold I. Ottaway. Long article with details. Name of the park has not yet been selected. The land was purchased from G. A. Edminster, 2803 South Hillside.

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3. Photo of children sledding yesterday on the small hill at Central and Seneca.

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5. Boeing Airplane Company today delivered the first Stratocruiser to Pan American World Airways at Portland, Oregon after flight from Seattle.

Report of death yesterday at Long Beach, California of Stephen G. Skinner, former Wichita Eagle employe, at age 79. Spent most of his youth and life in Wichita and vicinity but has lived at Long Beach the past 28 years. Was a linotype machinist for the Eagle and on the Long Beach Press-Telegram until he retired four years ago. ¶ Survived by wife, Hattie, five sons and two daughters (named -- only one daughter is in Wichita).

**Thursday, February 3, 1949****page**

2. The Petroleum Club of Wichita was chartered at Topeka yesterday. Details.

**Friday, February 4, 1949****page**

2. Transcontinental & Western Air ad announcing new popular-price Sky Coach service. Details.

**Friday, February 11, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Alfred MacDonald, 57, retired director of city parks and former city manager from 1939 to 1941. To be buried in Old Mission mausoleum (main obituary probably in yesterday's Evening Eagle).

**Thursday, February 17, 1949****page**

3. Article about the ordinance adopted by city commission in December calling for one-way alleys in the downtown district, which will now be enforced. One way alleys listed. Map.

**Friday, February 18, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Eunice Scott Pratt, age 80, of the Hillcrest apartments, and widow of the late George Pratt, early day Wichita lumberman, whose lumber business was located on the present site of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at 1st and Broadway. ¶ Born December 9, 1868 in Burlington, Iowa, and came to Wichita in 1890. Survived by a son, Frederick N., 128 North Oliver, two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Jackson, Jr., of Philadelphia and Mrs. George M. Brown, 309 South Clifton, and four grand children and 12 great grand-children.
7. Pan American World Airways took delivery of its second 75 passenger Boeing Stratocruiser yesterday at Portland, Oregon, where it was flown from Seattle. The new airplane, "Clipper Trade Wind," was delivered just 17 days after the first one, "Clipper America."

**Saturday, February 19, 1949****page**

5. Schools of engineering and music were created at the University of Wichita Monday by the board of regents. Details.

**Sunday, February 20, 1949****page**

11. Article describing the new 17 room W. H. Isely grade school to be built at 18th and Poplar at the cost of \$350,000. Architects are the firm of Lorentz Schmidt, McVay and Peddie. Details. Drawing.

**Tuesday, February 22, 1949****page**

4. City planning commission yesterday recommended that the old Wichita and Western right-of-way of United States highway 54 from the river southwesterly to the city limits be designated as Brockway Boulevard in honor of the late P. L. Brockway, former city engineer. ¶ The commission also recommended that Highway K-15 be designated as Southeast Boulevard and Highway K-42 as Southwest Boulevard within the city limits. Details.

**Sunday, February 27, 1949****page**

9. The new educational wing of the Immanuel Baptist Church, 1400 South Broadway, will be dedicated today. Cost \$135,000. Details -- some history of the church. Photo.

Special Section reporting on Wichita's city government. Details.

**Wednesday, March 2, 1949****page**

5. City traffic commission yesterday approved in principle the establishment of truck loading zones to relieve downtown parking and traffic congestion. Details.

**Thursday, March 10, 1949****page**

5. Article reports city commission is very apt to give one way streets a trial in Wichita this year. Details.

**Friday, March 11, 1949****page**

7. The Rock Island Railroad will replace the Texas Rocket with another Rocket train connecting Wichita with Kansas City and Oklahoma City, beginning this Sunday, it was announced yesterday. It will leave from Wichita southbound at 11:40 a.m. and northbound at 6:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 15, 1949****page**

4. Report of death of William Thomas Griffenstein, 73, Sunday at his home in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was the son of Wichita pioneer, William Griffenstein. ¶ Born October 17, 1876 in the family home on South Water, near the present site of the Forum. Entered the shirt manufacturing business here. About 30 years ago he went to Tulsa and founded the Tulsa Shirt Company, which he operated until about two years ago, when he retired and moved to Shawnee. ¶ Survived by his wife, Rose, three nephews and three nieces (named -- only one in Wichita, Mrs. Osie A. Thuma, 614 North Lorraine). Burial to be at Highland cemetery beside his father and mother, Catherine. Photo.

**Wednesday, March 16, 1949**

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5. Voting commissioner in Wichita has 2000 candles on hand because they are required for voting booths under Kansas law. Details.

**Sunday, March 20, 1949****page**

2. Widening of Kellogg (US-54) from Hillside to the canal will begin Monday. This third stretch of the big project within the city limits is to be completed in August. Details.
4. The city has an option to purchase the Wichita Country Club as a park site for \$1000 per acre. Details. This is considered to be a bargain price for the 146 acres, but the necessary funds must be approved by the voters. Option expires July 1.
5. Ken Stowell, local realtor, has purchased the old Dollinger homestead and land surrounding it southwest of the Veteran's hospital, from Mrs. Maud Dollinger and plans to subdivide the tract into lots and have it annexed by the city as a residential area. ¶ The property is bounded by Kellogg on the north, Deavola street on the East, Gilbert avenue on the south, and by Mission Heights on the west.
8. The Fidelity Realty Company, headed by Homer C. Bastian, has purchased the two story brick building, 25 by 140 feet, at 139 North Main from the Harris-Burns Company and will remodel the building for its new quarters. Cost was about \$40,000. Details. Photo building.
14. Ad noting the third anniversary of Brown's Grill, 545 North Hillside, across from Wesley Hospital. Photo.
28. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

**Wednesday, March 23, 1949****page**

1. Report of results of city primary election yesterday.

**Sunday, March 27, 1949****page**

13. Article announces opening tomorrow of Stein's clothing store at 420 East Douglas. Details. Photo.

**Wednesday, March 30, 1949****page**

5. Wichita's new amusement park at 2801 South Hillside will be opened Memorial Day by the Ottaway Amusement Company. The company is a Wichita concern of L. A. Ottaway and his sons Herb and Harold. It was founded 15 years ago. Details.

**Sunday, April 3, 1949**

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3. Article about the expanded W. W. Virture, Inc. retail store which opens tomorrow at 118-120 North Main in the four story building previously occupied by Newt Edwards. Details. Photo.
12. Article about city's buses and taxicabs. Says Wichita Transportation Company's red and white buses operate over 84½ miles of bus routes compared to 38 miles of routes ten years ago. Wichita's buses travel total of 11,000 miles in one day. A million dollar fleet of new buses has been added since the war. Nearly 100 buses are in operation. More than one million dollars was spent by company in Wichita in 1948 for labor and supplies alone. Nearly 70,000 Wichitans use bus transportation daily. Fare is two tokens for 15 cents. ¶ Wichita's three cab companies operate 128 vehicles. Details. They are the Wichita Cab Company, the Vet and Checker cabs, the latter two having merged but still operating with their separate names and markings.
22. Ad with photo of Ollie Moses East End Department Store at 1225 East Douglas.
23. Aerial photo of downtown area from southeast.
26. Ad with photo of El Charro Cafe, 5325 East Kellogg.
29. Article about Veterans field stadium at University of Wichita. Seating capacity about 15,000. Details.
- 8-9B. Two page map of Wichita by L. K. White, city engineer.
- 12C. Ad with photos of Orr's downtown store at 118-120 North Topeka and College Hill store at 2220-2226 East Douglas.
- 13C. Ad for the Arcade Building, 217 North Broadway, with photo.
- 2D. Ad with photos of Kroger stores in Wichita.
- 1F. Large aerial photo of downtown area from southeast.
- 15F. Small photo of Wichita Clinic.

**Monday, April 4, 1949****page**

5. Report of open house at the new Red Cross building, 321 North Topeka. Details.

**Wednesday, April 6, 1949****page**

1. Report of results of city election yesterday. Floyd Amsden and Russell Jump elected to city commission. Details.

Wichita voters yesterday approved sale of bonds to purchase the Wichita Country Club property for a park site by 12164 for to 11545 against. Proposition to issue \$5,500,000 in bonds for a new civic auditorium was defeated by 16990 against to 6656 for.

### **Thursday, April 7, 1949**

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5. Report of death yesterday of Edward M. Kelly, pioneer grain man, who with his two sons owned and operated the Commerce Mills and the City Coal Company. Born November 15, 1871 in Joliet, Illinois, moved to Corwin, Kansas after his marriage in 1896, and to Wichita in 1906. Was partner in Imperial Flour Mill Company until 1925 when he took over Commerce Mills. Survived by wife, Harriett, two sons, Arthur J. and Eugene E., both of Wichita, and a daughter, Mrs. George Powers, 30 Park Avenue, Eastborough.

### **Tuesday, April 12, 1949**

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5. A. J. Cleary, vice-president of the Wichita Transportation Company, said yesterday that rising costs of operation may soon force the company to ask the city commission for an increase in bus fares. The present minimum for the company's 65,000 daily rides is 15 for one dollar. ¶ A recent congressional bill, if passed, would increase the cost of running Wichita's 110 busses by about \$125,000 a year. This bill before congress would compel the company to place its drivers on a 40 hour week, Cleary said. They now work 48 hours a week. ¶ State laws also pending would also increase the price of gasoline and the fee for license tags and would cost the company \$23-24,000 a year for the tag fee increase and \$21,845 for the increase in gasoline tax based on the company's 1948 consumption of 1,092,225 gallons. ¶ Wages have also increased. The company's drivers and mechanics were given an "across the board" pay raise of ten cents an hour on January 16. ¶ If the city commission should grant a request for higher fares, it would be the second such change in 14 years. The present rates were adopted on November 26, 1946. They are ten cents for a single ride, two tokens for 15 cents if purchased on the bus, and 15 for a dollar when purchased at the token sales stations. School children may ride for a nickel on school days between 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ¶ The previous rate schedule, approved on January 21, 1935 called for seven cents for a single ride and five tokens for 25 cents.

### **Thursday, April 14, 1949**

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2. Report of death yesterday of Max Boge, founder of Boge Iron and Metal Company, 800 South St. Francis. Born in Russia on July 4, 1886, and came to United States in 1908. Moved to Wichita from Hutchinson, Kansas in 1927. Survived by wife, Madelyn, four daughters (named), two sons, Abe and Harry, both of Wichita, and eight grandchildren. Photo. Burial in Highland cemetery.

### **Friday, April 15, 1949**

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2. Razing of the old First Methodist Church, erected 65 years ago, will begin within a few days. It is immediately south of the present church at 330 North Broadway. ¶ The structure about to be torn down is the third to occupy the ground. Its beginning was in May 1870 when a group of Wichitans met in a livery stable at 3rd and Main to organize the church. The first church was dedicated late in 1872. By 1878 it was too small and was moved to the rear of the lot and an addition built facing Lawrence Avenue. This church was destroyed by fire in 1884 and replaced at once by a new church, whose cornerstone bears the year 1884. It was dedicated May 10, 1885. It was supplanted by the present church to the north, dedicated April 22, 1923, after which the old building served as an educational unit. ¶ Dismantling of the interior already has been completed. The historic old bell once placed in the church tower has been stored. The tower was removed sometime ago from the older church. ¶ Erection of a north wing of the church began Wednesday and will provide a new educational unit. On completion a south wing will be built on the site of the old church. Photo.
5. Report of death yesterday of Walter Joseph Parrott, 73, manager of the Brown Building, Inc. Born March 26, 1876 at Evansville, Indiana and resident of Wichita for 62 years. Survived by wife, Addie, at home (205 North Pinecrest), a sister, Miss Effie Parrott, and three brothers, Albert H., 1217 North River Boulevard, George R., 1609 East 3rd, and John M. Parrott, 2040 North Waco. Photo. Burial in Maple Grove cemetery.
18. Article about Wichita's small airports, used for various purposes. Names them. Details.

**Sunday, April 17, 1949****page**

5. Beech Aircraft corporation has been awarded a million dollar contract by the Great American Farm Implement corporation, Chicago, for manufacture of several thousand corn harvesters. Details. Photo.
- 10B. Map of proposed Wichita-Valley Center flood control project. Article with details. Estimated cost \$13,000,000. Construction may start by September.

**Monday, April 18, 1949****page**

7. Article by Rea Woodman reporting that the old Lewis Academy building on North Market is now being demolished. Some history and reminiscences ("Passing Of Lewis Academy Recalls Days of Big Boom").

**Tuesday, April 19, 1949****page**

2. Ad with photo of Wichita's new Hudson dealership, Claude Wilson, Inc., 1500 East Douglas.



1A-14A. Special Section for 25th anniversary of Associated Grocers food stores in Wichita. Article with photos about the individual stores including photos on page 3A of Carl Bell, Earl Rush and Frank Larcher. ¶ Article with photos on 9A of Chester Dine and Clare B. Sapp, owners of the Riverside Market, now located at 1902 Parker.

**Saturday, April 23, 1949****page**

5. Mrs. Edwin N. Perry, 1233 Woodrow, is in Louisville, Kentucky hospital for injuries sustained in auto accident Thursday. Photo.

**Sunday, April 24, 1949****page**

2. Transcontinental & Western Air will inaugurate its first regular Constellation service through Wichita today with flight 92 at 6:10 p.m. Details.

**Monday, April 25, 1949****page**

5. Report of arrival of the first regularly scheduled Transcontinental & Western Air Constellation flight in Wichita yesterday at 6:27 p.m. The 51 passenger plane was the "Star of Arabia," operating Flight 92 eastbound for Kansas City, Chicago, and New York, and had originated in San Francisco, with stops at Los Angeles and Phoenix before reaching Wichita. Seventeen passengers boarded the plane at Wichita. The Captain was Foy D. Wade, a former Wichitan, who learned to fly here with the Swallow Airplane Company, and First Officer was Dale Milburn, a former Kansan. Details. Photo.

**Friday, April 29, 1949****page**

5. Article says a new city-county hospital seems assured, since the state legislature last month authorized a two year extension of the one-mill levy for a county hospital. Details.

A substantial portion of the stock in the Mulvane State Bank has been purchased by Frank L. Carson, Jr. and his father, Frank L. Carson, chairman of the board, of the First National Bank in Wichita, from Mrs. M. R. Hough, widow of the late Claude F. Hough, Sr., who managed the Mulvane bank for more than 40 years. Details.

**Sunday, May 1, 1949****page**

1D-4D. Special Section announcing formal opening of the new Pepsi Cola plant at McLean Boulevard and West 2nd Street tomorrow. Articles and photos.

**Monday, May 2, 1949****page**

5. Two Wichita landmarks at northwest corner of Topeka and William are now being razed. One is the two story white-stuccoed angular Hockaday building, which was previously the site of the O. C. Daisy home. With it is going the two story structure on the Topeka-

Broadway alley which was a part of the improvements erected by O. C. Daisy on his pioneer homestead. The property was bought about a year from the Daisy estate by E. H. Adair, Wichita oil man. Details.

Ground-breaking ceremony was held yesterday afternoon for the new First Church of the Brethren at Jefferson and 10th Streets. Architect is Ted Mason. Photo.

**Tuesday, May 3, 1949****page**

5. School board yesterday let contracts for construction of a new gymnasium wing at Hamilton Intermediate school with 156 by 100 foot gymnasium and classrooms on second floor, to cost \$257,212. It also ordered identical plans for the Horace Mann and Allison Intermediate schools.
8. Kansas Professional Photographers' Association yesterday presented to F. A. Wesley, of Wichita, a certificate commemorating his achievement of 50 years as a commercial photographer.

**Friday, May 6, 1949****page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday for 26 unit \$175,000 apartment building at 1736-1748 North Hillside.

**Friday, May 13, 1949****page**

4. The Kansas Geological Society's new one story brick building, 55 by 90 feet, at northeast corner of Emporia and Murdock, will be formally opened on May 27. Details.
5. Construction of the new fire station at southwest corner of 17th and Grove will begin Wednesday. Details.  
  
The May issue of American City magazine will carry an article describing the publication of Wichita annual municipal reports in Sunday newspaper supplements beginning with the 1947 report published early in 1948.
16. Ad with photo of the Grapevine Inn, 840 North West Street, announcing celebration of its 23rd anniversary.

**Thursday, May 19, 1949****page**

3. First of the new series of C-97A Stratofreighters for the United States Air Force is in final assembly at the Boeing Seattle plant. Photo.

**Friday, May 20, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Frank Gates Orr, 75, of 150 North Pershing, a leading merchant in Wichita for 50 years. He was the founder and owner of the F. G. Orr Book and Stationery Company, 118-20 North Topeka, and Orr's College Hill Book Store, 2220-26 East Douglas. Born in Richland Center, Wisconsin August 4, 1873 and was brought to Conway Springs, Kansas at age two. Moved to Wichita in 1899, became associated with the Tanner Book store, and then went into business for himself in 1907. The first Orr store was at 520 East Douglas. Later he was in the third block on East Douglas and the first block on North Broadway before moving to the present location. The College Hill store was opened in 1926. Survived by his wife, Sarah Ethel, a son, Leslie M. Orr, 293 North Holyoke, a daughter, Mrs. William V. Hirth, 157 South Pinecrest, two brothers (named), and four grand-children.

**Saturday, May 21, 1949****page**

3. A new board of directors for the Highland Cemetery Association was elected Friday night at the annual meeting of cemetery lot owners, at the city building. Elected were W. Arthur Sternberg, Howard Darling, Mrs. Mabel Criner, John P. Davidson, and Mrs. Gertrude Munn. Officers will be elected at the next meeting. John P. Davidson, retiring president, has served on the board since 1935, and discussed the criticism of the cemetery's unkempt condition, explaining that there is insufficient income for proper maintenance. Details.

**Sunday, May 22, 1949****page**

3. A new model of the all-metal two place Cessna 140 was announced yesterday by the company. ¶ Article gives details of the new features. Photo.

**Tuesday, May 24, 1949****page**

8. The newly formed Petroleum Club of Wichita, with nearly 300 members, will hold the grand opening of its club rooms Thursday in the Lassen Hotel in what was formerly the grill and grill annex. Details.

**Friday, May 27, 1949****page**

17. Formal opening of the new \$40,000 home of the Kansas Geological Society at 508 East Murdock is being held today. Details. Photo. Followup article May 28 on page 2.

**Sunday, May 29, 1949****page**

2. A new firm has been organized in Wichita, Standard Products, Inc., 650 East Gilbert, for handling of airplane parts and accessories, and will begin operations June 1. ¶ The firm will then take over the supply of aircraft equipment now owned by the aviation division of the S. A. Long Company, Inc., 232 North Market, wholesale distributors. This business was a war-born activity of the S. A. Long company. Details.

5. The Model S-4 Seibel helicopter is now undergoing certification tests by the Civil Aeronautics Administration at Wilson field, northeast of Wichita. Details. Photo.
22. Kansas Blue Print Company map of Wichita.

**Friday, June 3, 1949****page**

5. Article about hope of new feeder airline, the Central Airline Company, of Oklahoma City, to start service before long including route from Oklahoma City to Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, June 5, 1949****page**

2. Report of the annual Sedgwick County Pioneer Society picnic at the Forum yesterday. Details.

Thomas P. Bashaw, formerly in Chicago, has been appointed as program director of KFH and KFH-FM. Biography. Photo.

5. The bus stop in the east side of Market south of Douglas has been eliminated and replaced with four parking meters, the city traffic engineer reported yesterday. At the same time 40 feet were added to the bus loading zone on the south side of Douglas just east of Market to accommodate buses that formerly stopped on Market. Two parking meters were removed to extend this zone.
10. Ground was broken yesterday for a new two story building, 80 by 140 feet, at Friends University to house the home economics department, a food processing plant and cafeteria, and a bookstore. To cost \$150,000 and be completed in the fall.

**Monday, June 6, 1949****page**

3. Report of dedication yesterday of the new St. George Orthodox Church at Walnut and Texas. Details.
5. Report of three church ceremonies yesterday:
  - (1) Ground breaking for new 9th Street Church of God, at 9th and Mathewson.
  - (2) Cornerstone laying for new sanctuary of the Zion Methodist Church, 1248 Lulu.
  - (3) Dedication of the West Side Church of God, at Glenn and McCormick.

**Thursday, June 9, 1949****page**

5. Article about plans for minor remodeling of third floor of city building late this year. Details.
7. Graph showing breakdown of city of Wichita expenditures during 1948. The city government spent total of \$4,639,737. Revenue totaled \$5,108,538.

**Sunday, June 12, 1949****page**

15. Formal opening of Wichita's new amusement park, Joyland Hillside, 2801 South Hillside, is to be held this afternoon. Details. Photo of roller coaster. Ad on page 3C. Followup article June 13 on page 2.

**Monday, June 13, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of William Arthur Sternberg, 67, of 3126 Somerset Drive. Born in Wichita December 18, 1881. Survived by wife, Aileen and a brother, Harold Sternberg, of Kansas City, Missouri.

**Tuesday, June 14, 1949****page**

5. Board of education yesterday let contracts for a temporary seven room school building on South Washington, south of Manor Road, for approximately \$65,000. ¶ Approval also given for modernization of the electrical lighting systems at Martinson, Emerson, McCormick, Park, Riverside, Waco, and Washington grade schools, for \$53,788. ¶ Measures were started for submitting over \$4,000,000 in school bonds to the voters for a major building program. Details.

Report of death early today of Russ Prater, 40, prominent Wichita real estate developer, on a plane crash near the 54 Drive In Theater on East Kellogg. Details.

**Friday, June 17, 1949****page**

1. One of the two XB-47 bombers now in existence made its first visit to Wichita yesterday after a flight from Moses Lake Air Force base, Washington. Photo.

**Saturday, June 18, 1949****page**

5. Board of regents yesterday named Harry F. Corbin, 32 year old associate professor of political science, as president of the University of Wichita by a five to four vote. Salary set at \$7500 and he and family will occupy university-furnished home. Details. Photo.

**Tuesday, June 21, 1949****page**

1. Report of typhoon which struck the Ashiya air force base on northern Kyushu with winds of up to 92 miles per hour.

**Thursday, June 23, 1949****page**

8. Ad for remodeling sale of Laughlin Furniture Company, 1134 East Douglas, with photo of building -- which is the Huber Block.

13. The first of ten Boeing Stratocruisers for Northwest Airlines was delivered yesterday at the Boeing Airplane Company plant in Seattle.

**Friday, June 24, 1949****page**

4. The 11th Boeing Stratocruiser to be delivered to Pan American World Airways since January 31 was delivered at Seattle yesterday. It is the "Clipper Seven Seas."
5. Continental Bus drivers yesterday were granted a wage increase from 6 cents a mile to 6.35 cents a mile, thus averting a strike set for July 1. Three hundred sixty drivers are affected, and the agreement is retroactive to April 1. The newer rate covers drivers in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska, and Colorado.

**Sunday, June 26, 1949****page**

5. United States District Court yesterday appointed a trustee for the Davis Manufacturing, Inc., to give it an opportunity for reorganization in lieu of a formal declaration of bankruptcy. Details.

**Saturday, July 2, 1949****page**

2. Starting today the Wichita Transportation Company will provide a regular shuttle bus to Joyland Park connecting from South Emporia line at Pawnee and Ellis. The bus will operate weekday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon and evenings. Details.

**Sunday, July 3, 1949****page**

11. The motor launch "Julia Ann," familiar to Wichitans, has been completely rebuilt after an accident last winter when it was carried over the dam in an ice jam, and is ready for service again at the Riverside Boat Company, at Murdock and Waco. ¶ The "Julia Ann" was built 20 years ago by the late Mrs. R. C. Israel and named after her and her grand-daughter, Ann. It was constructed here in Wichita from plans and material purchased from a large eastern boat company. ¶ Photo of the launch being lifted to the river from Murdock bridge.

**Wednesday, July 6, 1949****page**

2. Report of death Sunday of former Wichitan, George W. Israel, 82, at his home in Los Angeles, California. He was the youngest of the five Israel brothers and two sisters who came to Wichita with their parents from their native Griggsville, Illinois in the early 70s. The Israel home was at the corner of Waco and 2nd on property which was kept in the Israel family until recently. ¶ He operated a photography studio here for many years before moving to Los Angeles 25 years ago where he entered real estate business and later returned to photography. Retired three years ago because of poor health. ¶ Survived by his wife, Lenora, two sons, Charles, of Palo Alto, California, and Berry, of Los Angeles,

and two daughters, Miss Mary Elizabeth Israel and Margaret Israel, of Los Angeles. There is one brother living, Henry Israel, of Los Angeles, and a sister, Mrs Sarah Hollinger, of San Mateo, California. Four nieces and nephews are living in Wichita (named).

5. Building permit issued for the Murdock Avenue Medical Center, one story, 87 by 57 feet, to house four physicians, a dentist and a drug store, and to cost \$37,000.

### **Friday, July 8, 1949**

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3. The newly completed Salvation Army temple at 1620 South Mosley will be dedicated Sunday afternoon. Details.
5. Article about the new cafeteria and home economics building at Friends University, which will be started immediately. Details.

### **Sunday, July 10, 1949**

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5. Thomas Hopkins post Number 4 of the American Legion has undertaken the project of improving, cleaning and landscaping the Highland cemetery. There are 479 veterans graves among the several thousand in the cemetery. Details.

Special Section announcing the formal opening of Lincoln Heights Village shopping center at Douglas and Oliver tomorrow. Articles with details and photos. ¶ In 1927 Walter Morris and Son bought the 80 acres which constitutes Lincoln Heights from the millionaire St. Louis investment family, the Knights, for \$110,000. (The Knights are said to have financed the Lindbergh flight -- perhaps partly with this \$110,000). ¶ The 80 acres were not then known as Lincoln Heights. They got the name from Walter Morris, an ardent disciple of Abraham Lincoln. The area, from Douglas to Kellogg and from Crestway to Oliver was named the Lincoln Heights addition. ¶ Walter Morris, now 90, came to Wichita from Washington Court House, Ohio, 60 years ago. He arrived during the real estate "boom" and stayed through the "bust." Photo of Walter and Will Morris. ¶ Architects -- Ed Forsblom and Wendell B. Parks.

### **Monday, July 11, 1949**

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12. Photo of store building at Jeannette and Parker (West 13th Street) under construction.

### **Tuesday, July 12, 1949**

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5. Beech Aircraft corporation yesterday announced construction and testing of a new twin-engine Bonanza model which is scheduled for production in 1950. It is designated the Model 50 Beechcraft and has a conventional vertical fin instead of the unique "V" tail. Price will be approximately \$30,000. Drawing.
11. Report of opening ceremonies of Lincoln Heights Village yesterday. Details. Photo.

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5. Dr. Walter Horace Upton yesterday resigned as executive secretary of the Wichita Council of Churches effective October 31, to become pastor of Plymouth Congregational church effective November 1, succeeding Dr. J. Henry Hornung, who will retire October 31 because of his health. Biography. Photo.

City commission yesterday tentatively rejected the plans drawn three years ago for remodeling the third floor of the city building. Details.

**Friday, July 15, 1949****page**

5. Report of visit to Wichita yesterday of old Ford Trimotor on a tour of cities on Transcontinental & Western Air's lines. The plane is named "City of Los Angeles" and was delivered to Transcontinental & Western Air in July 1929. Photo.

**Sunday, July 17, 1949****page**

5. Announcement made yesterday that the main north-south runway at Wichita municipal airport is to be lengthened to 10,000 feet with United States Air Force improvement and rehabilitation funds, to bring it up to the requirements for testing the new B-47 Stratojet. The present runway is 7100 feet long. Cost of the improvements will be \$1,135,000. Details.

**Monday, July 18, 1949****page**

5. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Gloria Dei Augustana Lutheran church at North River Boulevard and Briggs Avenue. The new structure is the educational portion of the building and is mainly of Silverdale stone. Work on it was begun in the fall of 1948. The main sanctuary will be three times larger and is yet to be built. The 150 members of the congregation have been meeting in Irving School at 16th and Market for the past two years.

**Friday, July 22, 1949****page**

12. Wichita's newest outdoor theater, the 42 Sky-Vue Drive-In, on West Street at the intersection of state highway K-42, (Pawnee Road), will open this evening at 7:00 p.m. Details. Photo.

**Sunday, July 24, 1949****page**

5. Wichita city budget submitted. Summary of city budget and population in recent years:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Population</u>
1944	\$4,770,999	176,315
1945	4,264,068	155,968



1946	4,209,498	153,411
1947	4,548,542	160,041
1948	4,643,338	170,751
1949	5,623,402	185,134
1950	6,127,835	200,000 (estimated)

**Monday, July 25, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Roy Minnich, age 65, of 1337 South Broadway, a Wichita hotel operator. Born in Wichita April 13, 1884. Started as a bell boy at the Carey Hotel. From 1922 to 1942 was owner and operator of the old Jefferson Hotel, and from 1942 to 1945 he supervised the Jefferson hotel and operated the Minnich Hotel, which is now the Renfro Hotel, 612 East Douglas. Details. Photo.

**Friday, July 29, 1949****page**

5. Highway 54 traffic will continue its routing on Hillside between Kellogg and Central until the widening of Kellogg is completed to Washington. It has now been widened west all the way to the canal, but Grove will not be used to connect Kellogg with Central because of the High School and the dip at 3rd Street.

**Saturday, July 30, 1949****page**

3. School board yesterday let contracts totaling \$243,043 for the construction of a gymnasium addition to the Allison Intermediate School. Architects are Hibbs and Robinson. This completes the third of similar additions started at Hamilton and Horace Mann Intermediate Schools.

**Sunday, July 31, 1949****page**

3. A modern five story parking garage will be built at the corner of Broadway and English by D. R. Lauck, president of the D. R. Lauck Oil Company, and leased and managed by John H. Knightly. To cost \$500,000 and provide parking for more than 500 cars. Building will be 150 feet square. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Scheduled for completion by December 1. Drawing.
- 6-B. Ad offering the five story former O. J. Watson building at 321 West Douglas for sale. Photo.

**Thursday, August 4, 1949****page**

9. Building permit obtained yesterday to raze the 65 year old, 37 unit apartment building at 234 South Emporia. Work will start today. The structure was built in 1884 and will be removed to make more parking room for the Yingling Chevrolet Company, owners of the property. Families moved from the apartment during July.

**Friday, August 5, 1949****page**

5. The Santa Fe Railway company has approved the installation of crossing gates and flashing red lights at the intersection of 21st Street and the Santa Fe tracks.

**Sunday, August 7, 1949****page**

3. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Frances R. Bretch, 70, at her home in the Hillcrest apartments. She was the wife of William H. Bretch, a founder of the Steffen-Bretch Ice Cream Company and later associated with the investment firm of Shirk, Bretch, and Gossard here for several years. ¶ She was born June 2, 1879 in Indiana and came to Kansas when a child. Had lived in Wichita the past 60 years. She and Mr. Bretch were married August 14, 1898. Survived by husband and two sisters (named -- Kansas City, Missouri and Houston, Texas) and two nieces. Burial in Old Mission mausoleum.

**Thursday, August 11, 1949****page**

5. The Civil Aeronautics Board at Washington yesterday authorized Continental Air Lines to consolidate three air mail routes in the west and eliminate some previously mandatory stops. This will allow Continental to operate non-stop flights between Wichita and Denver, without a stop at Hutchinson which is now obligatory.

**Friday, August 12, 1949****page**

22. Boeing Airplane Company delivered its 20th Stratocruiser at Seattle yesterday. It was the fourth ship for Northwest Airlines. Thirteen have been delivered to Pan American World Airways, two to American Overseas Airlines, and one to the air force. The first one was delivered January 6. Orders for 36 more are on hand for United Air Lines, British Overseas Airways Corporation, and other buyers.

**Sunday, August 14, 1949****page**

- 15, 27. Announcement of grand opening tomorrow of the new Price Auto Service building, 301-27 South Topeka. Drawing.

**Wednesday, August 17, 1949****page**

5. Officials of Wichita Transportation Company formally notified city commissioners yesterday that the company would ask for an increase in bus fare in the near future. "Rising costs of operation have made it impossible for the company to continue to operate in the black, and we have exhausted all other ways of keeping our operation financially sound," company officials stated. ¶ In a brief presentation, company officials pointed out that in August 1946 when the first raise in 20 years became effective, a new bus cost \$11,465. Today the same bus costs \$25,442. ¶ Also, in 1946 wages for mechanics and bus drivers was 80 cents an hour; today it is \$1.20 and \$1.25 and hour. ¶ Commissioners

were also reminded that the company paid \$149,471 in taxes in 1946, whereas last year they paid \$199,339 and this year will pay even more.

**Thursday, August 18, 1949****page**

5. Report of death Wednesday night of Joseph B. Riddle, 75, retired Wichita postmaster. He was postmaster here from 1929 until his retirement in 1944. Born December 27, 1874 in Illinois and came to Wichita in 1903 from Butler County, Kansas. Survived by one son in Florida and one daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Jorgenson, Mt. Hope, Kansas, and three grandchildren. Obituary. Photo.

**Saturday, August 20, 1949****page**

5. Wichita fire department yesterday opened bids and ordered two new fire trucks. One is a 750 gallon bronze pumper truck from the Mack International Motor Truck Company, to cost \$13,683 and to be placed at fire station Number 10 at 17th and Grove. The second is a 100 foot metal aerial service truck to be purchased from the American La France Foamite Corporation at a cost of \$32,382. It is to be placed at Fire station Number 2 at Topeka and Lewis.

**Sunday, August 21, 1949****page**

10. Ad announcing the opening today of the English Village Motor Lodge, located one-quarter mile east of city limits on Highway 54. Architect is Ted Mason. Photo. Article on page 12.
11. Charles M. Seibel, head of the Seibel Helicopter Company Inc., says the company hopes to be producing its two place S-4 model early in 1950. The ship was recently featured on the cover of the July 1949 issue of "American Helicopter" magazine. It is estimated that testing for its Civil Aeronautics Administration certificate will be completed in two or three months. Photo.

**Monday, August 22, 1949****page**

3. Large ad opposing the imminent 19 mile "Big Ditch" flood control project. Details. Ad paid for largely by farm implement dealers.
5. Article report picnic of former Wichita street car men yesterday afternoon at Minisa Park. Technically the men are still on "strike" after 14 years. Ninety-seven "strikers" and their families were on hand for the event. Gene Crow, 336 South Minnesota, a conductor and inspector from 1903 to 1935, was in charge of the meeting. Dim photo shows Dr. H. C. Holmes, 1407 University, conductor from 1901 to 1930, Gene Crow, H. C. Hudson, 5238 Armstrong, 1899-1905, and James A. Lawhorn, 315 Ridgewood, 1905-1916 ("Street Car Men at Picnic Recall Old Days").

**Friday, August 26, 1949****page**

5. Final plans for the cleanup work at Highland cemetery next Saturday were made at a meeting of volunteers from cooperating veterans' associations Thursday night. More than 200 volunteer workers are expected to participate. Details.

**Sunday, August 28, 1949****page**

28. Article with details of the Wichita school budget. The largest budget in history, totaling \$8,201,154, has been adopted for the 1949-50 fiscal year. Of this, \$5,934,301 will come from the tax levy and \$2,266,853 from the unexpended balance in the bond building fund. ¶ Breakdown of expenses is given.

**Friday, September 2, 1949****page**

8. Report of death yesterday of Charles H. Dosien, 91, pioneer resident of Bentley. Born January 12, 1858 in Germany and came to the United States with his brother at age eight. Married Miss Leah Reinke at Sterling, Illinois in 1882, and the couple came to Bentley more than 50 years ago, settling on a farm southeast of there. ¶ Survived by his wife, Leah, three daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Schlink, of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Edith Smith, of Bentley, and Mrs. Mabel Wiles, of Sedgwick, and by two sons, Clarence, of Valley Center, and Raymond, of Bentley, 19 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren. Burial to be at Pleasant Valley cemetery.

**Tuesday, September 6, 1949****page**

1. Well known pilot Bill Odom was killed today when his Mustang fighter plane crashed during the Thompson Trophy race at the Cleveland national air races. Details. He was well known in Wichita for his record breaking light plane flights in a Beechcraft Bonanza earlier this year.

**Wednesday, September 7, 1949****page**

5. City commission yesterday approved an \$82,050 bond issue for city park improvements. These include work at the Swartz field baseball grounds at cost of \$25,000, to include enlarging the bleachers, grading, improved drainage, and installing lights, completion of the new light installation at Lawrence stadium for \$10,000, a new shelter building at Fairmount park, and other projects (listed).

**Thursday, September 15, 1949****page**

3. Article about the recent reactivation and reorganization of the Wichita Cemetery Company to manage and maintain the cemetery. Howard Darling has been acting president of the company since July. Other officers and directors named. By-laws have been changed. Says first burials in the cemetery are thought to have been made about 1869. Details.

**Friday, September 16, 1949****page**

5. Contract let for a new composition roof on the city building at cost of \$5185. The roof will be the city building's first in 18 years.

**Sunday, September 18, 1949****page**

8. An independent audit supports claims of the Wichita Transportation Company that it is operating at a loss, company officials said yesterday. A formal request for an increase in fares will be made September 22. ¶ The company is asking an increase to eight and one-third cents when tokens are purchased, i.e. a new rate of three tokens for 25 cents. The present rate is two tokens for 15 cents, and 65 percent of the riders use the tokens. The five cent fare for students would be continued.

**Monday, September 19, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Charles Edward Lahey, a long time Wichita funeral director, at his home at 206 North Bluff after a long illness. Born at Dodge City, Kansas and came to Wichita in 1906 from Arkansas City, Kansas. Organized City Undertaking Company in 1913, a predecessor of the Lahey mortuary. Survived by his wife, Marie, three daughters and two sons (named), two brothers and two sisters (named), and six grandchildren. Photo.

**Tuesday, September 20, 1949****page**

5. School board yesterday decided to submit school bond issue of \$3,113,000 to Wichita voters at election November 8. Details.

**Sunday, September 25, 1949****page**

25. Aerial photo of new Institute of Logopedics buildings.
27. Ads with photos of State theater, Victory theater, with drawing of the new Crest Theater now under construction at Douglas and Glendale.
- 20C. Ad with aerial photo of Derby Oil Company refining in Wichita.

Special Historical Section for today's special Kansas Industrial Progress Edition. A number of historic first pages reproduced.

- 1-D. Reproduction of first page of Eagle in 1872.
- 2-D. Full page giving details of history of Eagle.
- 5-D. Reproduction of first page of Daily Eagle, May 20, 1884.

- 26-D. Aerial photo of downtown Wichita (taken 1948 -- new Market Street Innes building under construction).

**Thursday, September 29, 1949****page**

20. Photo of front of the new section of the J. C. Penney store, 132 North Broadway, which opens today, just to the north of the older part of the store. Details.

**Sunday, October 2, 1949****page**

5. List of projects included in the \$3,113,000 school building bond election scheduled for November 8. Includes remodeling of gymnasium at Horace Mann, Hamilton, and Allison intermediates for \$100,000 each. Details.

Board of education officials have inspected the new W. H. Isley elementary school, and it will be opened tomorrow.

**Monday, October 3, 1949****page**

5. Article with history of the Odd Fellows lodge in Wichita. Wichita lodge 93 was instituted June 24, 1872 in the old frame school at 3rd and Emporia where Central Intermediate school now stands. The first regular meeting was in the old Eagle hall at Main and Douglas. Details.

**Sunday, October 9, 1949****page**

5. City commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday on the Wichita Transportation Company's request for permission to increase fares. The company will be asked for a report on possible route changes in the next year or two. Already pending before the commission is a request for the company to make two changes in the East Central and Hilltop Manor routings.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Bertha Johanna Kuechenmeister, 85, of 928 Carter. A native of Hamburg, Germany, she and her husband, the late Ferdinand Kuechenmeister, came to Wichita 63 years ago. In 1900 they established a greenhouse in Riverside. She continued to operate it after her husband's death until her recent illness. ¶ Survived by three sons, W. L., of 2608 South Seneca, E. L., of 928 Carter, and Otto, of Wilmington, North Carolina.

**Wednesday, October 12, 1949****page**

3. The third and final turbo-generator at the expanded Kansas Gas and Electric Ripley plant will be dedicated Friday. It is a 30,000 kilowatt unit which increases the total capacity of the Ripley plant to 90,000 kilowatts. Details.

**Thursday, October 13, 1949****page**

5. The second Boeing XB-47 Stratojet arrived in Wichita yesterday from Washington state in two hours and 39 minutes and is to be assigned to the Stratojet program at the Boeing Wichita plant. Details.

British Overseas Airways corporation yesterday took delivery at Seattle on its first Boeing Stratocruiser of a fleet of ten it has ordered.

**Sunday, October 16, 1949****page**

8. A new style Continental Trailways bus the "Continental," with elevated observation type rear section, will be on display in Wichita on Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The coaches are built in Philadelphia by American Car and Foundry Company. Continental has ordered a number of the new coaches. Dim photo.
29. The new Minneha rural school, built at a cost of \$175,000 by the Minneha school district Number 134 east of Wichita, will go into use tomorrow morning. It is located on Webb road, one-quarter mile north of the former school at 6500 East Central. Architect: Glen Thomas. Photo.

**Monday, October 17, 1949****page**

5. Report of open house yesterday at Kansas Gas and Electric's newly expanded Ripley plant. Details.

**Tuesday, October 18, 1949****page**

3. Continental Trailways ad announcing that their new bus, "The Continental," will be on display today from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in front of the Fourth National Bank. Drawing.

**Wednesday, October 19, 1949****page**

5. Article reports an old Wichita landmark, the three story brick and limestone residence at 3800 East Douglas formerly occupied by bishops of the Wichita Roman Catholic diocese, is being razed. Wrecking crews started work last week. House thought to have been erected in 1886. A number of factual errors in this article. Photo.

**Sunday, October 23, 1949****page**

2. The shopping center on the southeast corner of 10th and Waco has been purchased by Charles G. Stephen, Wichita property owner and investor, from the Wentz Estate heirs. It consists of a plot 100 by 140 feet, containing five storerooms, and a five room bungalow and a triplex. Photo.

5. Beech Aircraft Corporation announced yesterday it has received an approximately \$3,000,000 contract for overhaul of an additional 100 military twin-engine Beechcrafts for the Navy. It is similar to previous overhaul contracts received in 1947 covering 210 planes and in the fall of 1948 covering 457 more planes. This makes a total of 767 planes covered by these contracts. The plans were originally built by Beechcraft late in the war.

Records kept by County Clerk Otis Schweiter show that the big red brick mansion at 3800 East Douglas which is now being torn down to make way for the new Blessed Sacrament church was erected by Ben W. Aldrich, an early mayor of Wichita. Aldrich built the house in the early 1880s. At that time it was a country estate, dominating the many acres between Roosevelt and downtown Wichita. Aldrich was one of the first druggists in Wichita, operating a pharmacy at 110 East Douglas for many years. He died here in 1907. ¶ In 1885 Aldrich sold his home to C. W. Myers, records show. Myers kept it until May 1, 1890, when it was sold to F. E. Hunt, who in turn sold it to James Garibaldi. Garibaldi lived in the big house until December 31, 1900 when the property was sold to Bishop John J. Hennessey, who lived there until 1920 and was succeeded by Bishop Schwertner, who lived there until 1934. It then served as a residence for the Sisters of St. Joseph until they moved recently.

### **Monday, October 24, 1949**

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4. Cornerstone was laid for the nearly completed St. Patrick's church at 2009 Arkansas. Details.

### **Wednesday, October 26, 1949**

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3. Photo of cab of first Missouri Pacific train to leave Wichita yesterday after 47 day strike shows it to be Number 1427, a freight train carrying empty box cars to a cement plant at Iola, Kansas. Crew included Bill McConnohie, conductor; Barney Lambdin, engineer; and Perry Ward, fireman.

### **Sunday, October 30, 1949**

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5. Central Airlines, Inc., will inaugurate its new feeder line service from Oklahoma City to Wichita via Enid, Ponca City, and Arkansas City-Winfield, tomorrow arriving here at 2:30 p.m. Tomorrow's flight will not carry paying passengers or mail, but regular service twice daily in each direction will start Tuesday. Details. ¶ The line is operated by a fleet of Beechcraft Bonanzas, eight of which have been delivered, while three more are on order.

The Seibel Helicopter company is moving its equipment from Wilson Field to its new factory home at 5613 North Broadway, where the S-4 will be produced commercially. Photo of the Seibel S-4.

### **Tuesday, November 1, 1949**

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3. Wichita's new fire station Number 10 at 17th and Grove will be opened at 8:00 a.m. today. Details. Photo.
7. Report of first arrival yesterday of Central Airlines' plane from Oklahoma City to Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, November 6, 1949****page**

5. Work will start immediately on a new \$400,000 clubhouse for the Wichita Country Club, two miles east of Oliver on 13th Street. Previous contracts have been made for the laying of the new golf course at a cost of \$150,000 and for construction of a swimming pool to cost \$50,000. The new club is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 1, 1950. Architects for the clubhouse are Sharpe and Simon, of Kansas City, Missouri. Details.
12. Photo of the new seven room South elementary school in the 2700 block of South Washington, which is nearing completion and expected to be opened by Thanksgiving. Article with details. Forsblom and Parks are architects.
13. Photo of the new W. H. Isley elementary school at 18th and Green.
14. Article about \$3,113,000 school bond issue to be voted on Tuesday. Details of planned new schools and additions to present schools. Includes a new wing for North High School, to cost \$240,000.

**Tuesday, November 8, 1949****page**

4. Sale of the 105 unit Commodore apartment hotel at 222 East Elm by Joe Meyer, of Tulsa, to R. A. Vanier, of Fort Worth, Texas, was announced yesterday. The hotel was purchased by Meyer in June 1948.

**Wednesday, November 9, 1949****page**

2. Report of death yesterday of Arch E. McVicar, 82, of 1104 Coolidge, a long time Wichita business man. Born in Ontario, Canada and came to this country with his parents in 1870. Moved to a farm near Sullivan's dam in 1882. Was in the drug business here for many years and then register of deeds for 14 years before retiring in 1947. Survived by wife, Stella, two sons and a brother (named).
5. The Wichita school bond referendum in the amount of \$3,113,000 was passed by the voters yesterday by 9451 for to 3080 against. Details.

**Friday, November 11, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Harry D. Cottman, 77, of 140 North Broadview, twice mayor of Wichita. Born October 24, 1872 in Paris, Illinois and accompanied his father to Wichita as a youth. Survived by wife, Anna and a nephew and niece (named). Biography. Photo.

**Sunday, November 13, 1949****page**

15. Photo of new Veterans Administration regional office building adjacent to Veterans Administration hospital, which was dedicated on Monday, November 7.

**Monday, November 14, 1949****page**

4. Old time golfers informed the city yesterday that they would like to make a historical landmark of the last remaining green of Wichita's first golf course. The green is in Fairmount park south of 16th and east of Yale and is about to be covered over with earth from the erection of a shelter just a short distance away. Bliss Isley, publicity director for the Chamber of Commerce, says data show that the golf course was laid out in what is now Fairmount park in 1897 by Clifford P. Clark, professor of Latin at Fairmount college. Clark brought the first golf clubs to Wichita from New England. Business and professional men organized the Braeburn Golf club. The course laid out by Clark had six holes. Greens were of buffalo grass, with tin cans for the cups. Isley said that in 1947 a committee headed by Howard Darling arranged with the late Alfred MacDonald, director of parks, for the preservation of one green. However the committee preferred to wait until the park was renovated before erecting a marker.

**Tuesday, November 15, 1949****page**

2. George E. Owen, St. Louis consulting traffic engineer, will begin Wichita's public transportation survey this week. ¶ The transportation study was promised by the city commission before they granted a bus fare increase to the Wichita Transportation Company. Officials of the company agreed to abide by the decisions of an expert to be selected by City Manager Monty Jones. The company will pay for the survey. From the study will come changes in city bus service to answer complaints received by the company and city officials.

**Wednesday, November 16, 1949****page**

2. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Cornelius (Tommie Ann) Beech, 84, of 308 North Pinecrest, mother of Walter H. Beech. Photo. Resident of Wichita for nine years. Burial at Old Mission mausoleum.
3. George E. Owen, St. Louis consulting traffic engineer, arrived in Wichita yesterday and today will start Wichita's transportation survey. It will require about a month to make the survey and complete the report. Photo.

5. The new Beechcraft Twin-Bonanza made its first flight successfully yesterday afternoon, piloted by Vern L. Carstens, chief pilot for Beech Aircraft. The new plane is the Beechcraft Model 50. Details. Photo.

**Friday, November 18, 1949****page**

1. The Eagle this week purchased from Mrs. Eva Mercer, Wichita investor, the property at 409-25 South Broadway as a site for a future new building. The site is 100 by 149½ feet and valued at approximately \$180,000. Drawing of proposed new building (not built).

**Sunday, November 20, 1949****page**

3. Report of death yesterday of Alva Robert Lahey, 63, Wichita mortician associated with brother, Charles Lahey, who died September 18. Born in Dodge City July 28, 1886 and came to Wichita in 1907. Obituary. Photo.
4. Report of death yesterday of Jack Henry Spines, 65, prominent Wichita merchant, of a heart attack. Lived at 138 North Fountain. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 2, 1884 and came to Wichita in 1910 from Chicago.

**Tuesday, November 22, 1949****page**

15. Article summarizes Beech Aircraft Corporation financial report for fiscal year ending September 30, 1949. Sales totaled \$20,582,043 compared with \$24,141,120 the previous year, and net income was \$922,089 compared with \$2,213,626 the previous year. The backlog of business on October 1 was approximately \$13,000,000. During the year two new models were brought out, the single engine two place military trainer, the Model 45 Mentor and the twin-engine business and executive aircraft, the Model 50 Twin-Bonanza.

**Thursday, November 24, 1949****page**

5. Article about the ornate sidewalk clock in front of the Cleon A. Whitney jewelry store at 222 East Douglas, which is now 50 years old. It was erected in 1899 at the corner of Main and Douglas. In 1915 it was purchased by Cleon Whitney and moved and set in the cement in front of his newly acquired store. Photo.

**Saturday, November 26, 1949****page**

5. Wichita Transportation Company ad announcing increase in bus fares effective today to ten cents cash or three tokens for a quarter. The latter is only five-sixths cent increase per ride. ¶ The ad states that just last month the company bought and put into service 11 new buses at a cost of \$169,840. ¶ Some further details.

**Friday, December 2, 1949****page**

5. Article discussing the old and false claim that Wichita had the first electric streetcar in the United States. Details.

**Sunday, December 4, 1949****page**

5. Another article discussing debate over whether Wichita had the first electric streetcar. Says Wichita claims the "first half" of an electric streetcar line in 1887, i.e., the cars operated very well on their way from the powerhouse in Riverside to the downtown area but had to be hauled back by mule. Details.

**Tuesday, December 6, 1949****page**

3. Article about Riverside Village shopping center now under construction at 18th and Garland. Architects are Forsblom and Parks. Developer is Walter Morris and Son. To have six shops with off street parking. Details. Drawing.

**Thursday, December 8, 1949****page**

5. Report that an early Wichita landmark is being razed. It was the early residence of Albert and Lucinda Zimmerman built at 40th and Arkansas Avenue. The back part was built about 1879 and a front section added about 1886. The building has become dilapidated and is now being razed. Details from daughter-in-law of the pioneer couple, Mrs. W. E. Zimmerman, 3658 North Arkansas. The Zimmermans originally came from Jerseyville, Illinois. There was an old buffalo wallow on the east end of the place. Mrs. W. E. Zimmerman's two sons and two daughters named. Photo of house.

**Friday, December 9, 1949****page**

5. Report of annual meeting yesterday of stockholders of the Beech Aircraft Corporation at the company's offices. All officers and directors were re-elected (listed). Details.

**Saturday, December 10, 1949****page**

5. City commission has approved a two week trial of a north end shuttle bus as requested by the North End Business Men's association. Wichita Transportation representatives at the meeting yesterday were John E. Ebinger, general manager and vice-president, John C. Carothers, superintendent of transportation, and Dave Fishback, another official. ¶ The route will operate on a 20 minute schedule from 7:40 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. It will go east from 21st and Broadway to Carmen Drive, southeast on Carmen to Hillside, north on Hillside to 21st, West on 21st to Park Place, north on Park Place to 22nd, west on 22nd to Wellington Place, south on Wellington Place to 21st, thence east on 21st to the starting place at 21st and Broadway. ¶ The Wichita Transportation Company considers 40 cents per mile as a reasonable revenue from such a line, and if it approaches this amount, the company would petition the city to make it a regular part of the company's bus service.

**Sunday, December 11, 1949****page**

5. The park board yesterday announced purchase of a 40 acre tract directly south of municipal airport as a step in the long range development program of the field to satisfy all Civil Aeronautics Administration requirements for development of instrument landing facilities. The new tract is on a line with the east north-south runway, known as north-south runway Number 2. ¶ The east north-south runway was built by the government and is now 7100 feet long. It is to be extended to a proposed 10,000 feet. Details. ¶ Cost of the new 40 acre tract was \$10,000, of which the Civil Aeronautics Administration will probably pay half. It is being bought from Delbert Wineteer.

**Wednesday, December 14, 1949****page**

1. The United States air force procurement program to be announced shortly is expected to include 82 B-47 Stratojets, 121 F-86 Sabres, 53 C-119 transports, 36 C-124 transports, 14 C-97 Stratofreighters, 21 B-36 bombers, etc. Details.

**Saturday, December 17, 1949****page**

2. The name of Wichita's entertainment center known as the Blue Moon will change to the "New Moon," it was announced yesterday. This name was submitted in a contest sponsored by Prom, Inc., the new owners of the ballroom, which changed ownership in November. Details.

**Tuesday, December 20, 1949****page**

5. Board of education voted yesterday to remodel the school administration offices at 428 South Broadway at an estimated cost of \$27,000. Details. This is the former Carleton grade school. Architects are Schmidt, McVay and Peddie.

County commission yesterday voted to condemn a block of land needed for the new county hospital. It is the block bounded by 9th, Kansas, 10th, and Minnesota. An offer of \$12,000 was refused by representatives of the Kidwell estate.

**Friday, December 30, 1949****page**

5. Meeting of city commissioners, etc., yesterday discussed plans for new Kellogg Street viaduct and for possible opening of Waterman Street through East High School grounds to make it a through street to Hillside. Details.

Building permit issued yesterday for a \$20,000 one-story motel at 1421 North Broadway.

**Saturday, December 31, 1949****page**

5. Building permits issued in Wichita in 1949 totaled \$22,155,223, slightly less than the record \$22,523,894 in 1948.

State highway commission yesterday let contracts for a 619 foot continuous steel beam bridge over the Arkansas river on Hydraulic Avenue and for widening of the present Kellogg Street bridge over the drainage canal.