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## **TIHEN NOTES FROM 1950 WICHITA EAGLE**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, January 1, 1950**

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5. Wichita set a new record last year by annexing 35 parcels of ground totaling 1356.6 acres. Details.

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3. Including estimated figures for December, Continental Airlines boarded 9907 passengers and deplaned 10,361 passengers at Wichita during 1949, for a total of 20,286 passengers.

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5. The Wichita division of Boeing Airplane Company has about 9500 employes at present, and this is expected to increase to about 13,000 as production of the B-47 Stratojet gets into swing. The production line for B-47s was started more than a year ago and is nearing completion. So far the work has consisted of building jigs, moving in machinery, assembly of materials and parts, etc. Details.

**Wednesday, January 4, 1950**

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5. The board of education yesterday selected names for new schools including those planned for construction under the recently approved \$3,113,000 bond issues. The names chosen honor the memories of Wichita pioneers. Chisholm school is the new name for Southeast elementary which opened last year, and the three room elementary school on South Washington previously known as South school and to be completed next week, is to be named for William Griffenstein. A grade school to be located near Hilltop Manor will be named for D.S. Munger. The new Northeast intermediate school is to be named for William Mathewson, and the new Southeast intermediate will be named for J. R. Mead. A new elementary school east of the Veteran's hospital will be named for Dr. Andrew Fabrique and a new grade school near 11th and Oliver is to be named for Mrs. L. S. Carter. Details.

**Thursday, January 5, 1950****page**

5. The park board agreed yesterday to the use of Lawrence stadium by Wichita's Western league baseball team this year. Details.

**Tuesday, January 10, 1950****page**

5. After about three years of indecision, the board of education yesterday abandoned the proposal to build a specific vocational educational High School on the West Side and instead instructed the architects to plan a general purpose High School building for 1200 students at an estimated cost of \$2,251,000 remaining from the 1946 bond election. The city-wide vocational training shops will remain at East High School. The new building would be on a 35 acre tract acquired two years ago, bounded by Dayton, Osage, the Santa Fe and Midland Valley Railroad tracks. Details.

Photo of workmen placing steel girders over the lobby of the city library yesterday in the remodeling project to increase the floor space on the second floor.

**Sunday, January 15, 1950****page**

4. After three years of litigation and a 30 pound file of documents, the Culver Aircraft Company bankruptcy proceedings involving nearly two million dollars were formally closed yesterday. The Culver proceedings began November 26, 1946 at which time the company instituted voluntary reorganization proceedings under bankruptcy law. Three months later the bankruptcy referee signed an order directing the firm to proceed in bankruptcy. Listed liabilities then were \$1,442,515 and assets \$1,513,454, but liquidation of assets finally realized only \$1,059,517. Final meeting of creditors was on June 24, 1949 and 1998 checks were drawn to pay the claims. The United States district court yesterday approved the account and discharged the trustee. Details.
5. Property owners of Pawnee Ranch residence area yesterday protested the proposed ten year franchise for Suburban Transportation Company, formerly the Defense Transportation Company, unless service is improved. The protest asked also for an "interconnection with the Wichita Transportation Company of a transfer basis," decreased fare, safety and health code observance, and improved equipment. If the present operator fails to meet the requirements, transfer of the franchise to the Wichita Transportation Company was asked. The Suburban Transportation Company serves Planeview and the Boeing Airplane Company. Pawnee Ranch, Riverside township, is outside of Wichita, south of Pawnee between Hillside and the drainage canal.

Photo of the William Griffenstein elementary school, on South Washington Avenue, which is to open tomorrow. Details.

23. Full page ad announces preview opening of the new Crest Theater of January 17, and public opening on January 18. Articles with details on page 24-26, with photos. Owners are Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Sullivan.
- 3A. St. Francis Hospital ad with aerial photo.

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7. The new three story educational building of the College Hill Methodist Church, at 1st and Erie, is to be dedicated Sunday. Cost \$350,000 and built of Silverdale stone. Architects Schmidt, McVay, and Peddie. Details. Photo. Followup report January 23, page 4.

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4. Report of opening to the public last night of the new Crest Theater at Glendale and Douglas. Details.
5. Wichita Union Stock Yards Company stockholders yesterday approved plans for a \$500,000 construction and improvement program during 1950-51. Includes additional loading docks, new scales, etc. Details. Receipts during the past year totaled approximately 11,000,000 head of cattle, calves, hogs, sheep, horses, and mules.
14. City planning commission yesterday recommended building of a bridge across the drainage canal at Levy. At present there is no bridge between Harry and Pawnee. Details.

**Saturday, January 21, 1950****page**

5. Long article gives preliminary report of the city's bus transportation survey, which is to be presented to the city commission soon. A number of changes in routing are recommended and described ("Change in bus lines favored -- on pages 5 and 6).

**Wednesday, January 25, 1950****page**

5. The Chevrolet motor division of General Motors yesterday reopened a statewide sales and service branch in its building at 300 West Murdock, which is being remodeled and refurbished. Photo. A zone office here was closed in 1941.

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9. Article says the recent city route survey is to be presented to the city commission Tuesday. The report says the Wichita Transportation Company has 95 buses, 49 of which were purchased in 1947 or later. None was bought prior to 1942. Seating capacity ranges from 27 to 41 passengers.

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5. Contact let and work started immediately on lengthening of the main north-south runway from 7100 to 10,000 feet for \$879,282. Needed for testing of B-47 Stratojets. Details.

**Tuesday, January 31, 1950****page**

5. The city traffic commission yesterday voted in favor of ending all angle parking in Wichita. The action will be presented to city commission. Details.

**Wednesday, February 1, 1950****page**

5. City commission yesterday voted to end angle parking and to make 1st and 2nd Streets one-way streets. Details.

**Saturday, February 4, 1950****page**

5. Preliminary plats transforming the Ken-Mar Airpark, 13th and Oliver, into a residential housing area, will be presented to the city planning commission Tuesday. A group of builders are negotiating for the 80 acre tract.

**Sunday, February 5, 1950****page**

3. Article about ordinances to be presented to city commission Tuesday to end angle parking and make 1st and 2nd Streets into one-way streets.

**Friday, February 10, 1950****page**

5. The first rocket assisted airplane takeoff in Wichita history was made yesterday afternoon at municipal airport by a Boeing XB-47 Stratojet. Details. Photo.

**Saturday, February 11, 1950****page**

5. The East 2nd bus line may be transferred to Central because of the one-way street plan. If so, buses both east and west bound would go from Douglas to Central on St. Francis, thence on Central to Hillside and on Hillside to Wichita University over the present route. Details.

**Sunday, February 12, 1950****page**

11. Kansas Blue Print Company is producing some large eight foot by eight foot maps of the city of Wichita for use by the fire department and other city departments. Details. Photo.

**Thursday, February 16, 1950****page**

5. The Wichita Union Stockyards Company yesterday let the contract to begin its \$500,000 improvement program.. Work will begin March 1. Details.

**Sunday, February 19, 1950****page**

3. The city commission has postponed its discussion of Wichita's bus situation from this Tuesday until the February 28 meeting. Details.

**Tuesday, February 21, 1950****page**

5. Board of education yesterday let contracts for the new William Mathewson intermediate school on Chautauqua between 17th and 18th Streets for total cost of \$763,487. General contractor is Eby Construction Company. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details.

The Wichita Transportation Company has ordered buses costing \$225,000 as part of its plan to improve service. This announcement was made yesterday by John E. Ebinger, vice-president and general manager. The company bought \$154,400 worth of new equipment last year, Ebinger said. Further discussion, but number and type of buses ordered is not stated.

**Wednesday, February 22, 1950****page**

2. The city planning commission voted yesterday to recommend Ken-Mar Airpark, 4502 East 13th, for annexation to the city. The 78 acre tract is being plotted for a multimillion dollar housing project. The planning commission approved five final plats on realty developments. These areas are listed -- one is a portion of Motor addition bounded by 18th Street, Garland, a point 144 feet east of Garland and a point 155 feet north of 18th Street.

**Sunday, February 26, 1950****page**

5. Dr. T. Walker Weaver resigned yesterday as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Wichita because of ill health. Photo.

**Tuesday, February 28, 1950****page**

5. Wichita University board of regents yesterday authorized construction of a new administration building on the east campus at 18th and Yale, to cost \$285,000. Details. Architects are W. I. Fisher and Company. Drawing.

Changing of parking meters on 1st and 2nd is being started today to permit one-way traffic later in the week.

**Wednesday, March 1, 1950****page**

5. Photo of front of Planeview bus which was involved in collision with a car yesterday at Hydraulic and Pawnee.

**Friday, March 3, 1950****page**

2. The two story brick apartment building of 34 units in the 1100 block of North Topeka, completed in 1949, known as the Muller-Lamb apartments, was sold yesterday to Mrs. Eva Mercer Gilham, of Wichita, for approximately \$250,000. The builders who sold it to Mrs. Gilham, are J. B. Muller and J. C. Lamb. Photo.
5. Wichita's first one-way streets went into operation this morning. First Street will carry only eastbound traffic and 2nd Street westbound traffic. Details.

**Saturday, March 4, 1950****page**

10. The three story brick building at 237-39 South Market, built by William Griffenstein some time prior to 1886, will soon be torn down and the ground used for a parking lot. Photo.

**Sunday, March 5, 1950****page****Special section**

16. The application of the Suburban Transportation Company to extend its lines to serve north and southwest suburban Wichita and on inbound and outbound buses to pick up and discharge passengers on Broadway and Maple will be presented to the city commission next Tuesday. Elkin Toombs, one of the owners of Suburban Transportation Company, encouraged competition in the transportation field, saying that it would give better service to the public. His company has operated its lines to Planeview for eight years with a record of service and safety.
28. The first of the new buses ordered by the Wichita Transportation Company arrived Saturday. It is part of an expansion program to cost \$225,000, and will be put on the East Kellogg-West Douglas line Monday. It is a 38 passenger Twin-Coach and cost over \$15,000. Photo shows it to be Number 180.

1A-8A Special section on Dockum Drug stores with history and photos.

**Tuesday, March 7, 1950****page**

3. City commission will consider the controversial bus question at its meeting today. Details.  
  
Trans World Airlines yesterday announced the purchase of 30 new Martin 4-0-4 twin engine airliners for medium and short haul traffic on its domestic routes. Will carry 40 passengers. Delivery is expected to begin early in 1951. Details. Drawing.

**Wednesday, March 8, 1950**

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5. Report of city commission debate of the Wichita bus franchise issue yesterday. Details. No decision reached.

**Thursday, March 9, 1950****page**

15. Full page ad of Wichita Transportation Company presenting its position in the current bus controversy: Company urges that the Suburban Transportation Company could be limited to its Planeview operation and not be permitted to operate in new suburban areas, and that the latter could be served by the Wichita Transportation Company. Details.

**Friday, March 10, 1950****page**

5. Report of inauguration of Harry F. Corbin as president of the University of Wichita yesterday. Details.

**Saturday, March 11, 1950****page**

5. Report of public forum on KFH radio last evening on the bus franchise debate and the question of giving a franchise to the Suburban Transportation Company. Details. John Ebinger, vice-president and general manager presented the position of the Wichita Transportation Company and Elkin Toombs presented that of the Suburban Transportation Company.

**Sunday, March 12, 1950****page**

5. Another article discussing the Wichita bus franchise controversy. Details.
7. The Knightley parking garage, 301 South Broadway, will be formally opened today. It has been partially occupied since December 16, when parking began on three of the six floors. Details. Ad and drawing page 29.
15. Ad announcing the formal opening today of the new three story Grandview Terrace Apartments at 1736-40-44 North Hillside. Photo. Article with details. Miss Maude Beech and Mrs. Marguerite Mollohan are the owners. Overend and Boucher are the architects.
28. Wichita Transportation Company ad opposing franchise for a second bus company.

**Monday, March 13, 1950****page**

5. Report of dedication yesterday of the new \$100,000 First Church of the Brethren at West 10th and Jefferson. The building was started May 1, 1949 and completed December 10. It has a seating capacity of 400 and is constructed of buff brick trimmed with Silverdale stone. Details.

**Tuesday, March 14, 1950****page**

3. The new St. Patrick's Catholic church at 2009 North Arkansas will be dedicated by Bishop Carroll Sunday. It is the third church by that name in Wichita. The first was dedicated March 17, 1889. The second was built was built by Father J. W. Mahor in 1910 and dedicated January 8, 1911. It still stands at 2030 Wellington Place and is being converted into a parish hall. The first mass in the new church was on Christmas eve in 1949. Architects were G. H. Thomas and A. B. Harris. Details. Photo.

**Wednesday, March 15, 1950****page**

5. Article about deterioration and need for repairs at city hall. Details.

**Thursday, March 16, 1950****page**

7. A study of possible city bus route changes was started yesterday and will be before the city commission next Tuesday. In Tuesday's action this week the request of another company (Suburban Transportation Company) to carry passengers in the city limits was denied. The Wichita Transportation Company has bought 15 new buses.

**Friday, March 17, 1950****page**

3. A petition is being circulated to ask a change in zoning to permit continued use of the building at 204 West 18th as a dormitory for Sacred Heart academy. The sisters were informed before the purchase of the building that it could not be used as a dormitory. On October 26, 1948 the building inspector informed the city's legal department of the dormitory operation in the wrong zone.

**Sunday, March 19, 1950****page**

15. Hyde Park Dairies, Inc. will start construction immediately on a new \$250,000 plant on McLean Boulevard at McCormick and expects to occupy it next fall. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details. Drawing.

Work is 19 percent completed on the widening of the drainage canal bridge on Kellogg from 40 to 65 feet and the work will be completed about June 1. Excavation started last week for the widening of Kellogg from a point west of the canal to a point 300 feet east of Hydraulic. Widening of the next stretch will include Hydraulic, where there is a five way intersection. It is anticipated that the widening and rerouting of US-54 through the city (a 5.62 mile project) should be completed by late 1954 or early 1955.

**Monday, March 20, 1950****page**



5. Article summarizing annual report of Boeing Airplane Company for 1949. Total income \$287,012,834 with net earnings of \$4,411,348 compared to \$1,715,908 in 1948. Backlog of orders at year's end \$315,804,690.
6. Mrs. Ella Root, 411 South Water, celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday Sunday. She is the widow of Elisha Root, who was well known in the transfer business in pioneer days. She was born in Flowerfield, Michigan in 1858 and came to Wichita in 1876. Has lived at 411 South Water for the past 63 years. Has two sons, Selah Root, 411 South Water, and Irwin Root, 1231 South Topeka, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Camien, 1227 South Emporia, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

**Tuesday, March 21, 1950****page**

5. Board of education yesterday named the new elementary school to be built in the Carey tract east of Oliver and north of Harry as the Caldwell school in honor of the late Charles Stuart Caldwell, cultural and civic leader, who from 1897 until his death in 1920 served as secretary and then treasurer for the Wichita schools. Further details.

**Sunday, March 26, 1950****page**

5. One-way traffic will be extended on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets from Hillside to Oliver beginning tomorrow morning. They have been one-way streets from Hillside to Waco for three weeks.
- 3B. Ad for Zoglmann Motor Company, Studebaker dealer's fifth anniversary, 319 South Broadway, with photo.

**Monday, March 27, 1950****page**

1. Report of bad dust storm in Wichita yesterday. Details.
5. Report of ground-breaking ceremony yesterday for new Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox church at Grove and Waterman. Details. Drawing March 28, page 4. Ted Mason is architect.

**Tuesday, March 28, 1950****page**

5. With minor changes the plan for new bus routes and schedules recommended last week by George J. Fisher, city traffic engineer, will probably be accepted by the city commission today. However it will probably not go into effect for some time, because new personnel will have to be hired and trained and equipment purchased.

**Friday, March 31, 1950****page**

7. Summary of Trans World Airlines annual report for 1949 showed gross revenue set new record of \$105,985,000 compared with \$101,050,000 in 1948. Net profit was \$3,709,000 compared with net loss of \$1,278,000 in 1948. During 1949 Trans World Airlines ordered 20 Constellations and placed orders for six additional ones in February 1950 to provide a fleet of 61. The company also placed orders for 30 Martin 404, and pending their delivery has leased 12 Martin 202s beginning in July.
14. Santa Fe ad listing trains to and from Wichita with a few changes in schedules effective Sunday, April 2.

**Saturday, April 1, 1950****page**

2. Building permits issued yesterday for:
- (1) William Mathewson intermediate school at Chautauqua between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Excavation has been in progress several weeks. \$763,487.
  - (2) Hyde Park dairy plant building at 955 South McLean.
  - (3) Kings-X cafe building at 2406 East Lincoln for \$7500.

**Sunday, April 2, 1950****page**

- 11B. The Suburban Transportation Company will ask the city commission Tuesday for a ten year franchise renewal for its routes to Planeview and the Boeing Airplane Company. A recent request for permission to provide suburban service west and north of Wichita, as well as south, was denied by the city commission and an exclusive franchise for these areas given to the Wichita Transportation Company. Details.

**Thursday, April 6, 1950****page**

5. Preliminary plans for the Sedgwick County hospital were approved by the county commission yesterday. Details.

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8. Map of city bus routes with changes approved by city commission March 30, which will become effective about April 30. Details.

**Wednesday, April 12, 1950****page**

2. Plans are being completed to change the former Forster Manufacturing Company building at 463 North Seneca into a marine corps reserve training center. Details.
15. Ad with photo of the new home of the Earl B. Moon, Inc. Willys-Overland agency, 139 Cleveland.

**Friday, April 14, 1950****page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday to Wichita Clinic, 3244 East Douglas, for an \$80,000 three story addition to its building. Overend and Boucher are architects.

**Sunday, April 16, 1950****page**

3. Photo of a well known palatial home at 5740 West Maple known as the Springer place, which has been purchased by a group of three associates and is to be converted into a deluxe dining place known as "The Farm." Details.
5. Work started yesterday on installation of new "white way" lights on Douglas Avenue from the bridge to the railroad tracks. These will be bigger and brighter than the ones in residence area, and the work will take about a month.
12. Construction is expected to be under way by early summer on the new \$500,000 Blessed Sacrament church at northeast corner of Roosevelt and Douglas. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. Details. Drawing.

**Tuesday, April 18, 1950****page**

3. Central Airlines ad for flights to Oklahoma City and intermediate points. Illustration of a Beech Bonanza plane in ad. Fare \$1.85 to Winfield and Arkansas City, \$3.50 to Ponca City, \$5.85 to Enid, and \$9.40 to Oklahoma City.

**Wednesday, April 19, 1950****page**

5. Article about number of changes in Wichita street names approved by the planning commission yesterday and are to be presented at a public hearing on March 16. Proposed name changes are listed -- includes changing Parker to 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Levy to Mt. Vernon.

**Saturday, April 22, 1950****page**

5. Contract let yesterday by board of regents of University of Wichita for a new building for the college of business administration and industry for \$294,480. Building to be on the east campus at 18<sup>th</sup> and Yale and will be a modern "functional" type building, with two stories and basement, 66 by 244 feet. Probably ready for occupancy in October or November. It will be air conditioned. Details.

Work is to begin immediately on the first phase of construction of the Wichita-Valley Center flood control project. Details.

**Sunday, April 23, 1950****page**

5. The Wichita Chamber of Commerce yesterday signed a lease for the third floor of the Miller theater building, which will double the floor space of their present quarters on the tenth floor of the Beacon building, where they have been since August 1927. The move

will be made as soon as the present occupants have vacated and the space has been remodeled. Details. Before the 1927 move to the Beacon building, the Chamber was located in the Arkansas Valley Interurban building.

8. The Seibel Helicopter which is to be licensed today for manufacture and selling, will give demonstration flights for the public at the municipal airport this afternoon after a ceremony. Charles Seibel announces the company will commence manufacture and sale of the helicopter at once. Photo.

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5. Followup article reports that the Seibel helicopter received its Civil Aeronautics Administration certification yesterday as scheduled. Details.

### **Tuesday, April 25, 1950**

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1. Photo of the Wichita good will tour group at the Santa Fe station at Manchester, Kansas yesterday.

### **Wednesday, April 26, 1950**

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6. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Nellie Blye Bagby, 937 Coolidge. Born in Wellsford, Kansas. Survived by husband, Charles A. Bagby, and three daughters, Mrs. Glendene O'Neal, of New Orleans, and Nelloise and Aileen Bagby, at home.

### **Sunday, April 30, 1950**

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5. The new Wichita Transportation Company schedule goes into effect today, and buses will stop at every block along the new route with the exception of the downtown area, according to John E. Ebinger, vice-president and general manger. Another change is that buses will leave Market and Douglas at 12:10 a.m. instead of 12:15 a.m. Large map of the new city bus routes is on page 1B.
12. Construction of homes in the \$5,000,000 Ken-Mar housing project at 13<sup>th</sup> and Oliver will be started within four weeks, Frank Kessler, one of the developers, said Saturday. The first houses scheduled for construction on the former Ken-Mar Airpark site are 25 one-story frame five room houses on Vesta Drive. The area contains 80 acres and 240 housing sites plus a commercial center at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Oliver. The developers have not decided about use of the hangar.

### **Tuesday, May 2, 1950**

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5. Board of education yesterday let contracts for remodeling Hamilton intermediate school for \$97,181, renovating Horace Mann intermediate for \$86,710, and for the new Caldwell elementary school for \$75,528. Details.

**Friday, May 5, 1950****page**

18. Ad for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hamilton Bicycle Company, 151 North Emporia. Gives history of the company and photo of C. B. T. Hamilton, proprietor.

**Sunday, May 7, 1950****page**

4. Drawing of projected 14 story apartment building planned by Builders, Inc. (Willard Garvey, president) at corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Topeka if the market demand is sufficient. Details (Building never built).
7. A public hearing on proposals for a number of changes of street names in Wichita will be held by the city planning commission May 16 in the city hall. Proposed changes in street names listed.

**Tuesday, May 9, 1950****page**

2. Board of education let contracts for construction of the new Fabrique elementary school for \$153,655. To be 14 rooms and located east of Veterans hospital. Contracts also let for a 10 room addition to Robinson intermediate school for \$226,779. Details.
4. City bus riders are to be polled on their views of the new bus routes and schedules which went into effect April 30 and a report made to the city commission in mid-June. Details.

**Friday, May 12, 1950****page**

5. Formal opening of Wesley Methodist Church, 21<sup>st</sup> and Jackson, will be held Sunday afternoon. Details.

**Saturday, May 13, 1950****page**

- . Building permits issued yesterday for remodeling work at Hamilton and Allison intermediate schools.

**Wednesday, May 17, 1950****page**

5. Expected public reaction against proposal to change the names of a number of streets did not develop at a public hearing before the planning commission yesterday. Only one petition, objecting to changing Giltner Drive to McKnight Parkway was presented. Details.

**Sunday, May 21, 1950****page****Special section**

5. The city commission will have up for second reading Tuesday the proposed new franchise for E. H. Toombs who operates the Suburban Transportation Company to and through Planeview to the Boeing Airplane Company. The franchise is for a five year period, and would be effective until June 30, 1955. Operation within the city limits would be permitted only to connect the routes beyond the city limits. The fare would be 20 cents cash, with tokens two for 35 cents or six for a dollar. The city would receive three percent of the gross revenue.

Special Section in tribute to W. C. Coleman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Articles with history of company, etc.

### **Tuesday, May 23, 1950**

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5. The Johnson and Larimer wholesale dry goods company yesterday announced the purchase of a 400 by 150 foot tract in southeast Wichita on the northwest corner of Zimmerly and Mead as a site for a new general office and central warehouse building. Plans for construction are indefinite. Meanwhile the five story brick building at 623 East Douglas occupied by the firm since 1904 (sic) has been placed on the market for sale. Details.

David D. Fishback, public relations director of the Wichita Transportation Company, was elected president of the Wichita Advertising club Monday.

### **Thursday, May 25, 1950**

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4. Article about Cessna's new model 305 liaison plane, a competitor for an army field forces contract. Details. Photo.

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5. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Fabrique elementary school, 2516 East 9<sup>th</sup>.

Building permit issued yesterday to Wichita Transportation Company for a brick bus garage at 223 West 10<sup>th</sup> costing \$5000.

### **Monday, May 29, 1950**

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5. Report of death last night of Marc C. Clapp, 60, of 1817 Wellington Place, Wichita financier and president of the Clapp Mortgage Company. He became ill Sunday and died suddenly. Born in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clapp, and came to Wichita at age two. Was preceded in death by his wife in August 1949. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kip Robinson, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Will Bantzer, of Seattle, a son, John C. Clapp, 249 North Bleckley Drive, and several grandchildren.

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3. Followup article on Marc C. Clapp says he was born September 6, 1885 in Iowa City, Iowa. Graduated from Harvard University. Was a noted stamp collector. Other survivors include a brother, R. D. W. Clapp of Colorado Springs, and a sister Mrs. Bill Millison, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and three grandchildren. Entombment in Highland cemetery mausoleum.
5. Board of education yesterday let contracts for construction of a girls' gymnasium wing at North High School for \$182,260, and a seven room addition to Chisholm elementary school for \$80,784. Details.

**Thursday, June 1, 1950****page**

5. Formation of a Wichita organization devoted entirely to the restoration and preservation of early city landmarks was announced yesterday. The group was chartered by the state as Historic Wichita, Inc. and has elected Richard M. Long, day managing editor of the Eagle, as president. Other officers named. The first project will be reconstruction of Wichita's first permanent church building, erected in 1870 at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wichita for the First Presbyterian Church, sold to the Catholic parish in 1873 for \$550 and moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> and St. Francis, then for some 50 years a rooming house at 605 North Main, and recently dismantled and stored at the county yards. Details.

**Sunday, June 4, 1950****page**

5. Report of annual meeting of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society yesterday at the Forum. John P. Davidson is president. Details and reminiscences.

**Monday, June 5, 1950****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Dr. John D. Finlayson, 64, first president of the University of Wichita, at Ann Arbor, Michigan following a six months illness. He came to Wichita in 1921 as president of Fairmount College and remained here until 1927 when he left to become president of the University of Tulsa. Further biography.

**Wednesday, June 7, 1950****page**

2. Short article giving details of the will of Marc C. Clapp.

**Thursday, June 8, 1950****page**

4. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Susan B. Shoemaker, 75, of 1142 South Pershing, daughter of prominent early day Wichita judge, William P. ("Tiger Bill") Campbell. Born March 24, 1875 in the old Campbell home at southeast corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Market. Married Sanford C. Kirkpatrick June 15, 1899. They had three children and he died February 29, 1904. Remarried Dr. George O. Shoemaker, osteopathic physician, on October 30, 1907.

They had three children. He died July 7, 1942. Further biography. Survivors listed. Photo.

22. The Uptown Motel, 1421 North Broadway, has been sold by Updyke and Scott, Inc. to Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Bond, of Wichita. Has 14 units. Photo.

### **Sunday, June 11, 1950**

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2. The expanded and remodeled Hollabaugh drug store at Main and William will be officially opened tomorrow. Details. Photo of Zoe J. Hollabaugh.
10. Drawing of the new Larcher's Food Market under construction at 2927 East Central, which will approximately double the space of the old store. The older structure, east of the new market, will be torn down and the space used for parking.
11. The Swartz Lumber Company, 331 West William, owned and operated by the same Wichita family for 72 years, has been sold to the Rock Island Lumber Company, it was announced yesterday by Howard A. Swartz, owner and manager and son of the founder, Frank Swartz, who founded the company in 1878 and who died in 1947. Details.

### **Tuesday, June 13, 1950**

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5. Board of education yesterday adopted a record budget of \$10,972,232 for the school year 1950-1951. Details. The board also approved plans for the new West Side High School.
- The park board yesterday voted to name Swartz field at McLean Boulevard and Athenian, the West Side Athletic field.

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19. Photo of a leather license plate -- Number 1223 W -- issued by the city of Wichita in 1912 to the father of L. R. Ridgeway, 3901 East Stearman.

### **Sunday, June 18, 1950**

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Special 1950 Mid-Century Edition of the Eagle with many special articles, photos, etc. 156 pages.

4. Ad with photo of Weaver Brothers Nursery, 5718 West Maple, established nearly 50 years ago and managed for many years by E. F. Weaver, who recently retired, and now operated by his sons, Victor E. and Benjamin S. Weaver.
10. Ad with photos of five Continental Grill locations.



19. Article with history of Kings-X, photos of Jimmy King and of the new Kings-X at Lincoln at George Washington Boulevard.
27. Ad with photos and drawings of the Slothower theaters in Wichita.
- 18-B. Photos of a number of Wichita churches. Includes the Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ, 130 Cleveland Avenue.
- 19-B. Drawing of the old Lewis Academy building in 300 block of North Market with comment saying that the old building of red brick with white stone trim was recently razed.
- 20-B. Old drawing long north on Main Street from Main and Douglas in horse car days - shows street car trackage at that location. Date?
- 1-C. Aerial photo of city from the west. Also a bird's-eye view of about 1900.
- 4-C. Aerial photo of University of Wichita.
- 5-C. Aerial photo of Friends University.
- 7-C. History of Wichita's park system.
- 12-C. Article about Douglas Avenue bridges with photo of former iron bridge.
- 13-C. Aerial photo of stock yards.
- 1-D. Photo of Market and Douglas showing street car both on Market and Douglas -- date?
- 7-D. Ad with photos of nine Farha Brothers grocery stores in Wichita. Says Farhas came to Wichita in 1895.
- 10-D. Photo of William Griffenstein home on South Water in early days.
- 18-D. Article about Wichita's bus system and about earlier street railways, etc. Photo of Twin Coach Number 162 ("Fine Buses Now Replace Mule Cars of Early Day Wichita").  
  
Article with some history of Southern Kansas Stage Lines.
- 19-D. History of radio stations in Wichita.
- 20-D. History of fire department.
- 24-D. History of Wichita hospitals.
- 25-D. Ad with photos of Sullivan theaters in Wichita.

- 26-D. Photos of Eagle executives including young Marsh Murdock.
- 27-D. History of Wichita Eagle.
- 10-E. Map of early Wichita.

**Monday, June 19, 1950****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of John Patrick Weigand, 76, prominent Wichita realtor. Born July 8, 1873 on a farm near Mt. Sterling, Illinois. Came to Wichita in 1902 and established the real estate firm of J. P. Weigand and Sons. Was married at Streator, Illinois on November 30, 1899. Member of St. Mary's Cathedral parish. Survived by wife, Agnes, three daughters, Mrs. John F. O'Shaughnessy of 5 St. James Place, Eastborough, Mrs. John E. Hurley, 3210 East 2<sup>nd</sup>, Miss Marie Weigand, of Los Angeles, three sons, Lawrence, Jean Paul, and Nestor, all of Wichita, and 22 grandchildren. Photo. Burial in Calvary cemetery.

**Saturday, June 24, 1950****page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday for \$167,000 addition to Robinson Intermediate school.

**Sunday, June 25, 1950****page**

16. Report of marriage of Patricia Randle to Warren Gillespie at St. John's Episcopal church.

**Thursday, June 29, 1950****page**

1. Preliminary United States census figures reported to show Wichita population of 165,765, about 20,000 less than expected. Details on page 5.

**Friday, June 30, 1950****page**

5. Announcement made yesterday that the army ground forces have placed a contract with Cessna Aircraft for 400 of the Cessna Model 305 military planes at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000. Details. Photo.
17. Photo of shelter house recently completed at Fairmount Park, 15<sup>th</sup> and Vassar.

**Sunday, July 2, 1950****page**

- 8-9. Ad announcing grand opening this evening of the new Meadow Lark Drive-In Theater.

**Monday, July 3, 1950****page**

5. Opening of bids for disposal of fire station Number 4, at 120 South Seneca originally set for July 7, has been postponed until next fall. The station will be replaced with a new one at Martinson and Douglas, to be occupied this month.

**Tuesday, July 4, 1950****page**

3. Ad announcing the grand opening of the Pawnee Drive-In Theater, 2400 South Broadway, at 7:30 p.m. this evening. Admission: adults 50 cents; children with adults free.

**Monday, July 10, 1950****page**

2. Rock Island trains resumed operations yesterday after two week strike. Photo of locomotive of Oklahoma Rocket pulling into Union station from south yesterday afternoon -- number not visible. Details.

**Tuesday, July 18, 1950****page**

3. Braniff International Airways flight time from Wichita to Chicago and Dallas was speeded up yesterday with the inauguration of a new DC-6 service through Wichita for the first time. Details.

**Friday, July 21, 1950****page**

3. Brief report of death Tuesday in Santa Fe, New Mexico of Mrs. Etta Palmer Dorsey, of 1245 North River Boulevard. Burial to be in Old Mission cemetery.
5. New fire station Number 4 at Martinson and Douglas was placed in service yesterday morning. Details. Architect was R. Robert Hibbs. Cost \$62,222.

**Sunday, July 23, 1950****page**

- 10B. Contracts have been let for construction of a new chapel building at Wesley Hospital. Exterior to be Silverdale stone. Architects are Schmidt, McVay, and Peddie. Drawing.

**Friday, July 28, 1950****page**

5. Dr. L. W. Mayberry, superintendent of schools in Wichita from 1912 until 1943, and now age 76, will retire from the teaching he has been doing as professor of education at the University of Wichita at the end of the summer session. Further biography. Photo.

**Sunday, July 30, 1950****page**

5. City service director E. N. Smith will recommend resurfacing of two blocks of West Douglas from Seneca to Exposition to city commission Tuesday at city expense of

\$27,466. The 70 foot wide street is in bad condition in the two blocks and some old street car tracks must be removed.

**Tuesday, August 1, 1950****page**

5. Board of education let contracts for the new L. S. Carter elementary school at 15<sup>th</sup> and Dellrose in the newly developed Ken-Mar airpak district. The 14 room school will cost \$152,107.

**Friday, August 4, 1950****page**

2. Report of dedications of new fire station Number 4 at Martinson and Douglas last night. Details.

**Sunday, August 6, 1950****page**

5. Report of death yesterday morning of Probate Judge Clyde M. Hudson at his home 3212 East Central. Came to Wichita in 1915 and was appointed to the bench in 1933.

**Tuesday, August 8, 1950****page**

2. Work will begin in a few days on a new brick Coca Cola plant at southwest corner of Harry and George Washington Boulevard, it was announced yesterday. To cost over \$500,000. Architects are Forsblom and Parks. Details. Drawing.

**Wednesday, August 9, 1950****page**

5. Work began yesterday on the Hydraulic to Laura stretch of the East Kellogg-United States highway 54 project. The work is to be completed in 100 days.

The first two Beechcraft YT-34 basic trainers have been delivered to the Air Force at Randolph Field, Texas it was announced yesterday. Photo.

**Saturday, August 12, 1950****page**

6. Building permits issued yesterday for the new Dunbar school, 929 Cleveland, and for a \$50,000 chapel for Wesley Hospital, 540 North Hillside. Architects for the Dunbar school are Leaper and Gilbert, 511½ North Hillside, and for the Wesley chapel are Lorentz Schmidt, McVay, and Peddie. Details.

**Wednesday, August 23, 1950****page**

4. Photo of front of Wichita Transportation Company Twin Coach, the first of 102 city buses to carry the Gold Star safety inspection award. Bus number not visible.

**Thursday, August 24, 1950****page**

2. Building permit issued for \$100,000 store building at 1146 North Broadway, to be used by Safeway Stores, Inc.

**Friday, August 25, 1950****page**

4. Photo of part of front of a Suburban Transportation Company bus which was one of nine of that company's buses to be awarded a gold star safety award yesterday. Has Planeview destination sign. Type of bus? Co-owner of the company, E. H. Toombs, is in the photo.
5. Bids for new \$1,000,000 county hospital are to be called for on September 15. Details.
7. Charter group in front of Wichita Transportation Company Twin Coach bus with slogan "You Don't Have to Park A Bus."

**Sunday, August 27, 1950****page**

- 10B. The historic Houston residence at 629 North Broadway, just south of the Byrd-Snodgrass Funeral Home, has been purchased by the funeral home and is to be wrecked to allow for further expansion of the funeral home. Details. Photo. More recently it has been the offices of the Kansas State Chiropractic college, and was bought from the college, which will vacate it about October 1.

**Monday, August 28, 1950****page**

5. The new community center at St. Anthony's church was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Carroll. It includes bowling alleys, a snack bar, and a gymnasium. The old gymnasium in St. Anthony's school has been made into four new classrooms.

**Thursday, August 31, 1950****page**

5. New left turn plan in downtown area went into effect yesterday, with left turns being made from lane behind traffic islands on Douglas and to left of the islands. Photo.

**Sunday, September 3, 1950****page**

- 2A. Continental Trailways ad with photo of bus.
- 4A. Ad with photo of Merchants Van and Storage Company building at 619 East William.

**Wednesday, September 6, 1950****page**

2. City teachers' group in front of apparently chartered bus -- appears to be General Motors bus. Photo.

**Thursday, September 7, 1950****page**

22. The new First Baptist Church sanctuary will be dedicated with five services beginning next Sunday morning. Cost \$500,000. Romanesque design. Architects were Thomas and Harris, of Wichita. Details. Photo.

**Friday, September 8, 1950****page**

5. State board of agriculture reports Wichita population on March 1 this year at 192,155, up 6789 from last year and Sedgwick County at 240,785, up 9624 from last year. This varies markedly from the 1950 federal census population for Wichita of 166,306, which was severely criticized as being inaccurate. Details.

**Sunday, September 10, 1950****page**

2. Report on two additional bus lines and changes in some other bus lines of Wichita Transportation Company which will go into effect tomorrow. Details.
5. Report on plans of city traffic engineer to make William, English, Emporia, Topeka, Market, and Water one-way streets. Details.

**Monday, September 11, 1950****page**

16. Official city proclamation that today is "Wichita Transit Progress Day." Article says the company now owns 102 buses and has 20 more on order, with ten expected to be delivered next month. The company has operated two propane fueled buses for several months, and the 20 buses on order will be propane fueled to cut costs. The remainder of the fleet will be converted to propane in the next few months. Photo of a bus being driven through the washer at the bus garage.

**Friday, September 15, 1950****page**

5. Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday purchased the real estate and equipment of the Aero Parts Manufacturing Company, Inc., near Oatville, at a bankruptcy sale in the United States courthouse in Chicago. Cessna plans to reactivate and modernize the plant for additional manufacturing space. Cost of the property and equipment was \$228,000. The factory, four and one-half miles southwest of Wichita on K-42, includes 160,000 square feet of floor space on a 144 acre tract. The one story building was completed in 1943. Aero Parts was a subsidiary of the bankrupt Batavia Metal Products, Inc., Batavia, Illinois. Further details.
22. The new Kansas license tags for 1951 to go on sale January 1 are shaped like the state of Kansas and have white letters and numerals on a blue background.

**Sunday, September 17, 1950****page**

5. Beginning tomorrow, city bus service will be expanded into Southeast Village, John E. Ebinger, general manager of the Wichita Transportation Company announced yesterday. The South Broadway-East Harry bus line will be extended two blocks east and will follow the route from East Harry and Battin south on Battin to Countryside, east on Countryside to Parkwood Lane, north on Parkwood Lane to Harry, then west on Harry over the present route. Article also details some special school bus services.
  
11. Ad with diagram of the new convention hall at the Broadview Hotel.

**Wednesday, September 20, 1950****page**

5. Cessna Aircraft Company will open its new facility in the former Aero Parts plant southwest of the city about January 1. Details. It is referred to as the Prospect plant. About 1500 employes will be required.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Clara L. Powell, 86, widow of the late John L. Powell, and a Wichita resident for 63 years. Born October 16, 1863 and married Mr. Powell in 1882 at Table Grove, Illinois. Came to Wichita in 1887. Survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Marie Lorraine Powell Lee, address unknown, and a daughter-in-law in New York City (named).

**Sunday, October 1, 1950****page**

4. Report of laying of cornerstone yesterday for the new chapel at Wesley Hospital. Details.

**Tuesday, October 3, 1950****page**

2. The Wichita Transportation Company will report to the city commission on Tuesday that the 21<sup>st</sup> Street crosstown bus route being operated for a trial period is operating on earnings of less than three cents per mile, or well under ten percent of operating costs. It is likely that the company will ask permission to discontinue the route.

**Friday, October 6, 1950****page**

13. Ad with photo of Paul Zongker Drugs at 1400 North Waco.

**Sunday, October 8, 1950****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Elbert S. Rule, 1115 West River Boulevard, age 81, head of the Golden Rule Oil Company. Born in Polk County, Missouri on June 26, 1869. Established Golden Rule Oil Company in 1914. Built more than 50 filling stations and refinery, sold to Champlin Refining Company of Enid in 1937. Survived by wife, Emma,

a daughter, Mrs. R. E. (Mildred) Olsen, two grandchildren, one brother and three sisters (named). Further biography. Photo.

### **Tuesday, October 10, 1950**

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5. Board of education let contracts for \$51,030 for further remodeling of the former Carleton elementary school to serve as administrative offices for the board of education. Details.

### **Wednesday, October 11, 1950**

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2. Report of death received yesterday of Mrs. Fred Baldwin, 83, former Wichitan, and daughter-in-law of early day Wichita photographer, Nereus Baldwin, in San Diego, California. Her husband, Fred Baldwin, was a commercial photographer in Wichita before moving to New Mexico about 1910. He died shortly thereafter and was returned to Wichita for burial. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Will Hays, lives in Wichita at 9203 South Broadway. Mrs. Baldwin is survived by two daughters and three sons (named), all in California.

### **Saturday, October 14, 1950**

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5. The old Smyser or Gilbert home, 609 North Broadway, a landmark home in the city, has been sold by Mrs. H. B. Smyser to Dr. Edwin M. Harms and will become an office for Dr. Harms and Dr. Ernest E. Tippin, Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat specialists. The old southern colonial type home has been a landmark for nearly 50 years. It was built in 1909 by J. O. Gilbert, old time furniture manufacturer here, who lived in it until it was sold to the late Dr. H. B. Smyser.

The Wichita division of Boeing Airplane Company is seeking to hire 1225 new employes in its program to accelerate B-47 production.

### **Sunday, October 15, 1950**

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- 3-A. Aerial photo of the O. A. Sutton Corporation plant at 1812 West 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 1-C. Photo of the old arch at Murdock entrance to Central Riverside park.

Article with some history of Continental Trailways. Wichita is headquarters for the Continental Central Lines, a part of the Continental Trailways system. Details.

### **Wednesday, October 18, 1950**

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2. City commission yesterday deferred action on Wichita Transportation Company's request to discontinue the trial operation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street crosstown bus line, which is operating at a considerable loss. John E. Ebinger, vice-president and general manager said the



company has ordered more new buses and expects to get delivery of ten next week and another ten in March or April.

**Friday, October 27, 1950****page**

5. Beech Aircraft Corporation has a current backlog of over \$50 million in orders and Cessna Aircraft Company has a backlog of over \$25 million.

**Sunday, October 29, 1950****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Carl C. Barrier, well known Wichita jeweler, at age 58. Born at Eureka, Kansas November 4, 1891. Moved to Wichita in 1909. Survived by wife, one son, John, of Wichita, and two brothers (named). Further biography. Photo.
11. Report of resignation of Frank L. Ripple, manager of the Allis Hotel for the past 13 years. Before that he had worked for a number of years at the Lassen Hotel. Details.

**Monday, October 30, 1950****page**

5. Report of formal dedication yesterday of the new educational building at First Methodist Church just to the north of the sanctuary. Details.

**Friday, November 3, 1950****page**

12. Construction of a modern new J. S. Dillon and Sons Food store at 13<sup>th</sup> and Waco, the fifth Dillon's store in Wichita, was announced yesterday. To be 100 by 175 feet, with approximately 18,000 square feet of space.

**Saturday, November 11, 1950****page**

3. The new auditorium-gymnasium wing at Hamilton Intermediate school was formally dedicated last night. Details.

**Sunday, November 12, 1950****page**

5. The Suburban Transportation Company yesterday applied to the city commission for a franchise to compete at present fares with the Wichita Transportation Company to serve the people in the suburban areas north and south of Wichita providing the company is permitted to pick up and discharge passengers on Broadway. The application follows an application by the Wichita Transportation Company last Tuesday for an increase to ten cents per fare. The Wichita Transportation Company claimed at last Tuesday's city commission meeting that it has lost \$12-14,000 this year and that it has had no investment return in two years. The company claimed that the number of passengers carried had dropped from 21,000,000 passengers per year to approximately 13,000,000 per year now.

**Thursday, November 16, 1950****page**

14. Ad for free bus ride to downtown area from 5:30 p.m. today, with a photo of Twin Coach bus Number 160.

**Sunday, November 19, 1950****page**

5. The new \$125,000 South Hydraulic Avenue bridge across the Arkansas river will be opened in about 30 days. It is concrete and steel with a 26 foot roadway and replaces an old bridge at the same point.

**Sunday, November 26, 1950****page****Special section**

Special Section on history and growth of the Wichita Union Stockyards. Details. Recent completion of new facilities, etc. Photos.

**Thursday, November 29, 1950****page**

9. The new Wichita Country Club house will be formally opened on December 15. Photo.
20. Another ad announcing free bus rides to downtown area from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. tonight, with photo of bus Number 160.

**Friday, December 1, 1950****page**

10. Eulogies to Walter H. Beech, who died suddenly Wednesday night at age 59.

**Saturday, December 2, 1950****page**

3. First photo released of B-47 production line at Boeing Wichita plant. The first production model was rolled out on March 1.

**Sunday, December 3, 1950****page**

5. Report of funeral of Walter H. Beech yesterday at First Methodist Church. Burial at Old Mission mausoleum.

**Thursday, December 7, 1950****page**

5. Beech Aircraft Company has asked the county commission for permission to build a one and one-half mile railroad spur across Central Avenue to connect the company's plant with existing track to the north. The company now has no railroad track or siding near the plant.

**Thursday, December 14, 1950****page**

11. Report of death Tuesday of Mrs. Marguerite Bowers Petrie, 59, 414 South Osage, wife of C. Jud Petrie, part owner of Petrie Clothing Company. Survived by husband, a son, Jack E. Petrie, 4726 East English, a sister and two grand daughters (named).

**Friday, December 15, 1950****page**

16. Article gives some history of the north-south highway which later became United States Highway 81, starting with an organizational meeting at Salina in 1911. Details.

**Sunday, December 17, 1950****page**

5. The city of Wichita completed 25 miles of street paving in 1950, bringing the city's total of paved streets to 368 miles. Of this total, 75 miles, or 20 percent, has been laid in the last three years to meet the needs of the expanding city. The longest stretch of paving in 1950 was a one mile stretch from Broadway to Hydraulic on Pawnee.

**Wednesday, December 20, 1950****page**

5. Cessna announced yesterday that it will discontinue making the two place Model 140 airplane February 15 because of heavy commitments for planes for the army field forces and parts for the Boeing B-47 Stratojet and because of material shortages. Production of the four place 170 and five place 190 will continue. The company also revealed that it has made 10,000 airplanes since the end of World War II.

**Friday, December 22, 1950****page**

5. The city commission has decided to defer action on the city bus questions and the issue of new one-way streets until at least January 9. The Wichita Transportation Company has applied for a fare increase to a straight ten cents in place of the present three tokens for 25 cents. Also the Suburban Transportation Company has applied for an extension of its franchise to enable it to pick up and discharge passengers on Broadway in an north-south crosstown service.

**Monday, December 25, 1950****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Benjamin W. Truesdell, "Uncle Benny," county superintendent of schools and former vice-principal of Wichita High School, at age 73. Born in Sterling, Kansas January 26, 1877 and taught for 13 years at Friends University before going to the Wichita High School in 1915. After retiring from East High School he became county superintendent in January 1949. Survived by wife and a sister. Further biography. Photo.

**Tuesday, December 26, 1950**

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14. Fire damaged a house at 924 North Wichita yesterday morning. Details.

**Friday, December 29, 1950**

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5. Building permit issued yesterday for the new L'Ouverture elementary school at 15<sup>th</sup> and Ohio, to cost of \$282,382. This brought the total of building permits for the year to over \$28,000,000, an all time record.

John D. McEwen and Owen McEwen attended a board meeting of the Wichita Historical Museum Association yesterday to discuss details of the gift of the C. M. Beachy home at 3251 East Douglas to the association to be used as a museum. Mrs. Beachy, who is still living, will have a life interest in the home and reside there as long as she wishes or until her demise, although the home has already been deeded to the museum. Details.