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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1954 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

#### Friday, January 1, 1954

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Grover Pierpont, 68, of 247 North Yale, former district court judge here for 20 years until he resigned in 1944 to resume his law practice. Born March 4, 1885 in Sisterville, West Virginia and moved to Wichita in 1911 from Norfolk, Virginia. Further biography. Survived by widow, Lou, two sons, William, 538 North Volutsia, and P. Kenneth, Hampton, Virginia, and by two brothers (named) and three grandchildren. Photo.

#### Saturday, January 2, 1954

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- 2A. Photo of new Internal Revenue Service building at Main and Waterman, which is nearing completion.
- 3A. Wichita Transportation Company ad with map of bus route changes which are effective January 3, 1954.
- 4A. Photo of new Kansas Gas and Electric building at 1st and Market under construction. Framework up to fifth floor.

#### Sunday, January 3, 1954

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- 5A. The 1954 city budget includes about \$20,000 for some remodeling of the 1890 city building, including the heating system and possible installation of air conditioning for part of the building. Several offices on the second floor and restrooms on the third floor are already being remodeled. Details.

#### Tuesday, January 5, 1954

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- 3A. Wichita's newest airline service began operating yesterday. It is Hi-Plains Airways, Inc., operated by C. E. Walts, owner and operator of the Hill City airport, who will operate a single engine plane from Hill City to Salina, Wichita, Topeka, and Kansas City and return

daily except Sunday. He will pilot the plane daily on both flights. His plane will carry three passengers. Details.

**Sunday, January 10, 1954****page  
Magazine**

7A. Announcement made yesterday of new building to be erected for the Sedgwick County Medical Society at the southeast corner of Zimmerly and Hillside. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held December 29. Architect is Robert S. Mayberry. Details. Drawing.

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Article about East High School, with history, details, and aerial photo.

**Monday, January 11, 1954****page**

1. Thomas E. Braniff, founder of Braniff International Airways, was killed yesterday at age 70, in crash of a private executive plane near Shreveport, Louisiana. Details. Biography. Photo.

**Saturday, January 16, 1954****page**

3A. Report of dedication last evening of new fire station Number 6 at Santa Fe and Levy. Details.

5A. A carillon donated by the Sam and Rie Bloomfield foundation is being installed in the clock tower of the city hall and should be in place in about two weeks. It was manufactured by the Schulmerich Electronics, Inc., Carillon Hill, Sellersville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield reside at 400 North Belmont. He is president of the Swallow Airplane Company. Details. First concert to be on January 30.

**Sunday, January 17, 1954****page**

2A. Report of death on January 3 of Roy Eugene Allen, 76, early day Wichitan, of Jordan Cove, Waterford, Connecticut at his winter home in Florida at Jensen Beach. Born in Wichita March 28, 1877, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. and Mary E. Allen. Attended Lewis Academy. His uncle, the late Dr. E. B. Allen, was the first mayor of Wichita in 1871 and his father was mayor of Wichita from 1887 until 1889. Further biography.

5A. Payne elementary school at Wheeler and Edwards will open on January 25, the first day of the second semester, and classes at the new Booth elementary school at Mt. Vernon and Drollinger will start on February 1. Details.

**Monday, January 18, 1954****page**

5A. Ad announcing sale at public auction on January 27 by the Board of County Commission

of properties in 500 block of North Water and North Main (listed)- site of new courthouse.

**Wednesday, January 20, 1954****page**

- 5A. Bus company officers, who have said they intend to ask for an increase in fares in 1954, met with city officials yesterday to discuss details of the annual earnings report of the company. City commission in November after extensive hearings set the company's valuation at \$1,949,650 and the fair rate of return on investment at 6%. They also set bus depreciation at ten years, allowed actual claims paid as part of expenses, disallowed interest paid on capital investment as business expense, and allowed non-recurring expense items equal to actual money paid out but not to be included in future operation forecasts.

**Thursday, January 21, 1954****page**

- 5A. The new city hall carillon was tested for the first time yesterday. Details.

**Sunday, January 24, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 6B. The six story building at 321 East William, previously the Edgington Apartments, has been gutted and completely reconstructed into an office building, and reopens this week as the Rule Building, a modern office building. An additional floor was also added to a large part of the building making a total of seven floors plus basement. The project was begun last April. Details. Photo.
4. Article about examples of the stone-cutter's art in early Wichita buildings. History and details. Photos.
10. Article about Wesley Hospital and nurses training in Wichita. Aerial photo of Wesley Hospital.

**Monday, January 25, 1954****page**

- 2A. Classes started today in the new Kistler elementary school, in District 184, on 27th Street west of Oliver. Details.
- 3A. Photo of ice skaters on the lagoon in Oak Park.

**Tuesday, January 26, 1954****page**

1. An increase in the city bus fares is likely within a month, it was revealed yesterday by City Manager E. N. Smith, who said the bus company officials on the basis of the formula set by city commission in November appear to have proved their case. Matter to be submitted to city commission in next week or so. Details.

**Wednesday, January 27, 1954****page**

- 11A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$75,000 four story brick building addition to St. Francis Hospital at 522 East 9th Street. To be 72 by 84 feet.
- 1B. City commission yesterday approved bus fare increase to a flat 15 cent adult fare and eight cent fare for school children. The next step appears to be improved service, and the city will hire a man, probably in February, to check schedules, passenger loading, driver courtesy, bus conditions, etc. The new agreement amends the bus company's franchise, which runs until 1960.

**Thursday, January 28, 1954****page**

- 11A. The old bus loading docks in the warehouse area of the Boeing Airplane Company were being removed this week except for the ones at the east end. The space will be used for parking. Photo.
- 12B. The new Mammel's supermarket number 6 at 6411 East Kellogg will be opened tomorrow morning. Details. Photo.

**Saturday, January 30, 1954****page**

- 2A. Wichita's new city hall carillon will be dedicated this afternoon. Details.

**Sunday, January 31, 1954****page****Magazine**

4. Feature article about Wichita's early transportation system. History back to mule car days. Says mule car barns were located at 10th and Wichita, Main and Central, 1st and Seneca. Says Wichita's first mule car was a double end car. The body proper was ten feet long and the car seated ten passengers. Later mule cars were 12 feet long with ceiling lights in the center. As a rule the mule cars were operated by one man serving as driver and conductor, but at peak hours an extra man was provided. The cars were equipped with a rudimentary sort of brake which was operated by a bent rod. On stopping the car the driver had to wind up the brake chain. Generally the companies managed to keep about seven times as many mules as they had cars. The mules that pulled the cars were small range animals brought generally from Texas and the Southwest. They weighed 750 to 900 pounds and stood 13 to 14 hands high. It is believed that average transit mule cost about \$50, although reports of sales range anywhere from \$20 for green, unbroken mules to \$175 for very large well-trained animals. Further history of Wichita transit-with many inaccurate details. Writer was Paul Dannelley. Photos of house car, jitney bus and Twin Coach Number 255. Jitney bus is 1916 Reo with operator Seth North.
27. Feature article about Woody Hockaday. History and details. Photo of Hockaday garage as one story building.

**Tuesday, February 2, 1954****page**

- 5A. School board yesterday let contracts for the new L. W. Mayberry intermediate school. General contract was \$888,850. Plumbing and heating was \$236,391, and electrical was \$62,357. Details.

**Thursday, February 4, 1954****page**

- 5A. Details of proposed new \$2,200,000 Wichita University field house were released yesterday by architects Schmidt-McVay and Peddie. To seat 10,000. Details.

**Friday, February 5, 1954****page**

- 2B. Article about the Cudahy packing plant, with aerial photo.

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Special articles about other Wichita packing plants, with photos,

**Saturday, February 6, 1954****page**

- 5A. A 96 unit motel with swimming pool is to be built in the 7300 and 7400 blocks on East Kellogg, west of the 54 Drive-In theater, by Robert and Eugene Lightner. It is to be franchised by the Holiday Inn of America Hotel Corporation, of Memphis, Tennessee. Cost estimated at \$500,000. Work is to start within two weeks and be completed in six months. Details.

**Sunday, February 7, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 4A. Article about proposed new \$2,580,000 fine arts center at University of Wichita. Details. Drawings.
18. Feature article about West High School, with history, details, and aerial photo.

**Thursday, February 11, 1954****page**

- 2A. Article about the proposed new ten story Union National Bank building, to be built at southeast corner of 1st and Main at cost approximately \$1,000,000. Work is expected to start by July 1. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details. Drawing.
- 2C. Photo of Kansas Gas and Electric building under construction. The framework is essentially complete, but walls up only about two stories.

**Saturday, February 13, 1954****page**

- 2A. Article about the \$19,000,000 "Big Ditch" flood control project. Work started on it May 8, 1950 but was interrupted by the Korean War. It is now about half completed, and is considerably behind schedule, with completion expected in 1957-58. Two of the seven new railroad bridges have been constructed. Details. Photos of new bridge over US 81 south of Wichita, and of Midland Valley Railroad bridge.

### **Sunday, February 14, 1954**

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- 6B. Another milestone has been reached in the \$10 million expansion and rebuilding program of St. Francis Hospital, which began in 1945. The center wing, which provides nine floors, has been completed and is in operation. The new wing connects the Emporia Avenue building with the St. Francis Avenue structures. A seven story maternity wing was finished in 1947, and the chapel, too, went into use in 1947. Open house to be held today. Details. The new building is south of the 9th Street wing, in the courtyard. Photo on page 7B, plus aerial photo of hospital.

### **Saturday, February 20, 1954**

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- 1B. Article about extensive changes in Wichita bus routes which are to be proposed Tuesday to the city commission by the Wichita Transportation Company. Details given. ("Changes in Bus Routes Pending.")

### **Sunday, February 21, 1954**

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Special City Annual Report page 1.

Aerial photo of downtown looking north from Douglas.

Photo of new airport control tower under construction.

Special City Annual Report page 4.

Aerial photos of area around Swallow Airplane Company plant several years ago and now today, with plant surrounded by houses.

### **Sunday, February 28, 1954**

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- 8A. Ad with photo of Hellum's furniture warehouse in old three story brick building at 117 North Water.
2. Feature article about the Wichita area 100 years ago, Indian trading posts, etc. Details.

### **Wednesday, March 3, 1954**

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- 1B. Building permit issued yesterday for remodeling of the former Carl Graham Paint and Wallpaper store building at 302 North Broadway into offices to be occupied by the

Socony Vacuum and Magnolia Oil companies. Estimated cost \$50,000.

**Thursday, March 4, 1954****page**

7B. The old Salvation Army Citadel is in the process of being razed. It was vacated last year when the organization moved to its new building at 136 North Emporia.

**Friday, March 5, 1954****page**

2A. Building permit issued yesterday for Waco Avenue Evangelical United Brethren Church to complete its church building at 1210 North Waco with a 42 by 100 foot brick and block addition to the structure now in use.

**Saturday, March 6, 1954****page**

7A. Ad with photo of Quiring Monument Company, 925 North Hillside.

**Monday, March 8, 1954****page**

8A. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held yesterday for the new educational building of the St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1356 North Broadway. Details.

**Tuesday, March 9, 1954****page**

2A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$202,000 addition to Curtis Intermediate School, 1031 South Edgemoor.

**Sunday, March 14, 1954****page**

5A. Use of express buses in Wichita during peak transit hours will be suggested to the Wichita Transportation Corporation Tuesday, when its request for 12 route changes comes before the City Commission. Article discussed complaints about bus service which have been numerous the past two months. Says the company made changes in its schedules on several lines on February 28, increasing the headway on eight lines at night, etc. Details.

**Wednesday, March 17, 1954****page**

5A. Dr. George W. Kirby, 73, of 1201 West River Boulevard, was critically injured late yesterday afternoon when his car ran out of control for almost a block and then crashed into an apartment house at 935 Nims Street. It was thought he suffered a diabetic attack. Details

**Friday, March 19, 1954****page**

1. The first production model of Boeing's B-52 bomber rolled out of the Seattle plant

yesterday. At the Wichita plant tooling is in progress to establish Wichita as a second source of supply for the new bomber.

- 5A. Construction of the new 96 unit, \$500,000 Holiday Inn Hotel on a 600 foot frontage in 7300 and 7400 blocks of East Kellogg will start next week. Details. Drawing.
- 7A. The city's bus service is under surveillance by the city and will be for some time to come. A complete check of bus service will be made, particularly when the proposed new route changes go into effect next month. A special inspector started work Tuesday to check all aspects of the bus service.

### **Sunday, March 21, 1954**

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12. Feature article on St. Mary's High School in Wichita with history, details, and photo.

### **Tuesday, March 23, 1954**

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- 2A. Boeing employment at Wichita is at present only about 2000 under the wartime peak of 29,400, and it is expected to increase to 30,000 by next January.

### **Thursday, March 25, 1954**

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- 5A. Article gives plans of airlines to transfer operations to the new municipal airport on April 1. Details.
- 7B. Building permit issued yesterday for the new L. W. Mayberry Intermediate School at 207 South Sheridan, to cost \$886,000. Hibbs, Robinson, and Pettit are architects.

### **Sunday, March 28, 1954**

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- 7A. Announcement made yesterday by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary that Mt. Carmel Academy will not close at the end of the present school year as stated previously, but will open again next fall but will then be for high school girls only. Details.
4. Feature article about the Wichita Historical Museum on second floor of the Forum, 221 South Water. Details. Photos.
12. Feature article about St. Joseph Hospital with history, details, and aerial photo.

### **Monday, March 29, 1954**

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1. Report of death yesterday of George Siefkin, 59, well known Wichita attorney, of a heart attack. Resided at 1450 Spring Drive. Born January 25, 1895 in Meriden, Iowa. Family



later moved to Newton, Kansas. Came to Wichita in 1917. Married Dora Timer August 26, 1924. Was a founder with Lloyd Stearman, George Innes, Jr., and Mae Short, of the Stearman Aircraft Company. Survived by wife, a son, Robert, of Wichita, and a daughter, of Lawrence, Kansas. Further biography. Photo.

**Thursday, April 1, 1954****page**

- 16A. Photo of Kansas Gas and Electric building under construction, with exterior walls being built.
- 8C. Article reports that the Riverside mansion home of the late Walter Morris has been offered for sale to the city or to some other public agency. It is at present occupied by Morris' daughter, Miss Harriet Morris.
- 2D. Trans World Airlines in 1953 set a new record with gross revenues of \$187,220,806. Net income was \$5,064,392 compared with \$7,660,558 in 1952. Three million one hundred forty thousand revenue passengers were carried a total of 2,888,000,000 passenger miles. The company now operates 78 Constellations of the standard and super variety and has on order 20 Super Constellations with the latest and most powerful turbo-compound engines.

**Friday, April 2, 1954****page**

- 5A. A twin-engined Braniff Airways with 42 passengers from Dallas and Oklahoma City was the first passenger transport to land at Wichita's new \$11,000,000 Municipal Airport at 2:30 p.m. yesterday. The pilot was Captain L. T. Dutcher, of Dallas, and first officer was Jody Brown. The hostess was Nell Niederauer. About 18 passengers left the plane at Wichita, the first being Dove Wilson, sports director for radio station KANS.

**Tuesday, April 6, 1954****page**

- 7A. Board of education yesterday let contract for a \$217,200 addition to James R. Mead Intermediate School, 2601 East Skinner. Details.
- Board of education yesterday selected names for three new elementary schools which are to be constructed: Robert F. Knight school, Ellen and Osage Avenues, Mary Kelly school, 31st Street South and Glenn Avenue, and Rea Woodman school, Pawnee and Glenn Avenues.

**Friday, April 9, 1954****page**

- 7B. Coleman Company sales in 1953 set new record of \$44,111,570 compared with 40,288,031 in 1952. Net profit was \$1,764,441. Details.

**Saturday, April 10, 1954**

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1. The Wichita Air Force Base will be renamed in honor of three Wichita brothers, two of whom died in Air Force service, it was announced by the Air Force yesterday. The three McConnell brothers, Thomas, Fred, and Edwin entered the service the same day and went into combat in the South Pacific on the same day. Thomas, 20, died on their third mission on a B-24 bomber flying from Guadalcanal on July 10, 1943. Fred, 28, died in a plane crash at Garden Plain, Kansas October 25, 1945. The survivor of the three, Edwin, resigned from the Air Force in August 1945 and is now a sophomore at the University of Colorado. There are two other brothers and four sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Pauline Peckover, 236 South Florence, lives in Wichita. Further biography and details. Photos.
- 5A. Minneha School District Number 134 voters yesterday approved a \$350,000 bond issue for construction of an elementary school with 14 classrooms. Details.
- 9A. Map showing tentative route of new Kansas Turnpike. Article with details.

**Sunday, April 11, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 5B. Ad announcing open house being held today at Wichita's new Wesport Motel, 7201 Highway 54 West, one-quarter mile west of new airport entrance. Drawing. Twenty-two units.
2. Feature article on Mt. Carmel Academy with history, details, photos.

**Tuesday, April 13, 1954****page**

- 5A. Board of education yesterday accepted bid of \$265,521 for construction of 45 portable metal classroom units at 17 elementary schools. To be completed within 129 days. Details.

**Wednesday, April 14, 1954****page**

- 5A. The change in bus routes by Wichita Transportation Corporation has been postponed by about two weeks because of cold weather which has delayed the paving of Murdock avenue near MacDonald Park and other paving projects. The switch originally scheduled the middle of April now is scheduled for about May 1. One of the most drastic changes will be the removal of bus lines from 1st and 2nd Streets.

**Friday, April 16, 1954****page**

- 5A. Article about progress in building new schools for Wichita. Five new elementary schools will be available for the new school year: Wilson, Little, Cloud, Garrison, and Black. Additions are planned for Mead, Curtis, and Mathewson Intermediate schools. Details.

Photo of nearly completed control tower at new municipal airport.

**Sunday, April 18, 1954****page**

1. Henry's, Inc., yesterday announced plans to build a new store on southeast corner of Douglas and Oliver. Details. Architects: John M. Hickman and Arthur T. Woodman. Drawing.

**Tuesday, April 20, 1954****page**

- 5A. Board of education let contracts yesterday for replacement of old lighting with modern lighting at two intermediate schools, Horace Mann, for \$20,326, and Alexander Hamilton, for \$20,918.

**Thursday, April 22, 1954****page**

- 10A. Article about plans of the County Commission to remove the upper part of the tower on top the county courthouse, which has recently been inspected and found to be unsafe. The old clock and bell in the tower will be preserved. The 4750 pound bell's removal will be a difficult job. It was originally hauled up the elevator shaft before the elevator was installed, but now will require a crane to remove it. Details, and two interior photos, one showing old court records stored just under the roof.

**Sunday, April 25, 1954****page****Magazine**

Open house to be held today at the new 20 bed unit of the Osteopathic Hospital, 3557 East Douglas. It is a one story brick building which is an addition to the two story, ten bed unit purchased in 1947, when the Osteopathic Hospital succeeded the Southwestern Osteopathic Hospital. Photo.

**Tuesday, April 27, 1954****page**

- 5A. Board of park commission yesterday voted to add 12 streets to the board's system of park boulevards. Includes: Back Bay Boulevard from Waco to 9th Street, 11th Street from Little Arkansas River to Forest Avenue, Nims Avenue from Central to Murdock, North River Boulevard from West River Boulevard to Parker Avenue, West River Boulevard from Wiley Avenue to North River Boulevard, River Boulevard from Forest Avenue to Jefferson Avenue, and others.

**Friday, April 30, 1954****page**

- 8A. Report of death last Sunday, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, of Dr. H. W. Foght, former president of Wichita University from 1927 to 1933, at age of about 85. Came to United States with his parents from Fredrickshall, Norway in 1888, settling in Nebraska.

Biography. In late 1930s he retired to his home in Mound, Minnesota. Had been in Minneapolis rest home for past year.

**Sunday, May 2, 1954****page****Magazine**

35. Feature article on Institute of Logopedics. Details. Aerial photo.

**Monday, May 3, 1954****page**

4B. Photo of additional grain elevators under construction at the Public Terminal Elevator Company, 3311 North Emporia, which are expected to be completed about July 15.

**Tuesday, May 4, 1954****page**

5A. The Forum Cafeteria building, now under construction, and the land it is situated on, have been purchased by Herbert P. Lindsley, Wichita insurance executive, for over \$300,000. The property is under lease to the Forum Cafeterias for 30 years. Opening of the cafeteria is scheduled for August 15. Photo.

**Friday, May 7, 1954****page**

5A. The bell in the courthouse tower was removed yesterday afternoon without incident from the place it occupied for 64 years. After removal by a 140 foot crane it was put on a truck and taken to a metal yard to be weighed. The exact weight was 5010 pounds. The bell was then placed in the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn for storage. Photos.

**Tuesday, May 11, 1954****page**

5A. Forth National Bank yesterday announced plans for a \$600,000 expansion program including purchase of a site 75 by 140 feet to the north of the present bank building. A three story building is to be constructed with a bridge across the alley which will connect it with the main bank. A "motor bank" will be located on the first floor of the new building. Construction will start in about 60 days after razing of the present structures on the ground. Architects are Thomas, Harris, Calvin and Associates. The south 50 feet of the property, the Engelhardt property, was obtained under a 55 year lease, and the north 25 feet, occupied by Jeff's Camera Shop, was purchased for a reported \$200,000.

**Wednesday, May 12, 1954****page**

1. McConnell Air Force Base is to be dedicated Saturday on Armed Forces Day. Details.
- 10A. The Historic Wichita board yesterday approved formation of a volunteer fire department at Cow Town with hand drawn equipment. The old railway station is now being restored by the Santa Fe railroad. Details.

**Friday, May 14, 1954****page**

- 5A. Article reports that another Wichita landmark is being razed, the Wible Ice Plant at 1004 South Hydraulic. It was built in 1920 by the late S. N. Wible and his widow, Mrs. Ella B. Wible. The business continued in operation until three years ago. The land will be sold or used for construction of commercial buildings.
- 3D. Feature article about the old Sam Amidon house, which has stood for about 20 years at northwest corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Market. The house was bought seven years ago by L. E. Barnes from persons who now reside Missouri, and she hopes to live in it for many years. Some history and details. Photo.

**Saturday, May 15, 1954****page**

- 8D. Wichita Transportation Company ad with map of bus route changes effective May 16, 1954. Details.

**Sunday, May 16, 1954****page****Magazine**

1. Report of dedication of McConnell Air Force Base yesterday. Details.
- 3A. Photo of new fire station Number 5 at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hillside under construction and nearing completion.
- 5A. Photo of the railway station at Cow Town, which was moved there from Anness and is now being restored by the Santa Fe railway.
- 12A. Article about the changes in Wichita bus routes which went into effect today. Details. ("Bus Service Routes Changed.")
7. Small photos showing removal of the dome of the Sedgwick County courthouse during the past few days.
14. Feature article on new Sedgwick County Hospital, with aerial photo.

**Monday, May 17, 1954****page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Lon H. Powell, 85, of 330 North Crestway, pioneer grain dealer and civic leader in Wichita. Born December 30, 1868 at Sullivan, Illinois. Came to Wichita from Eldorado in 1902 and entered the grain business here. Built the Wichita Terminal grain elevator and served as its president until his retirement in 1944 when it was sold. Survived by wife, Mrs. Lucy T. Powell, two daughters, Miss Louise Powell, of the home and Mrs. Nancy P. Garretson, 4331 East English, three brothers (named-none in Wichita) and five grandchildren. Photo.

**Thursday, May 20, 1954****page**

- 2D. Ad commemorating first anniversary on May 24<sup>th</sup> of Indian Hills Shopping Center, in 2400 block of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The first unit in the center, Teten's IGA Foodliner, opened on May 24, 1953. Photo.

**Sunday, May 23, 1954****page**

- 12A. Photo of new Sears, Roebuck store at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard. Exterior is complete, and interior should be completed in July. Work on the building started in July 1953.

**Tuesday, May 25, 1954****page**

- 5A. The Wichita Hospital is to be reopened as a 100 bed psychiatric institution on July 15, it was announced yesterday. It was closed for remodeling exactly one year prior to that date. The old three story east wing was demolished, while the five story west wing was remodeled and a one story addition to house eating facilities was built at the northeast corner. Details.
- 11A. The city began dumping in earnest yesterday at the old sand pit lake at Central Avenue and the Big Arkansas River, which is being filled under a contract with the Cooper estate. Many dead fish were removed. Details.

**Thursday, May 27, 1954****page**

- 2D. Photo of new Kansas Gas and Electric building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Market, with exterior essentially complete. The building should be finished in October.

**Friday, May 28, 1954****page**

- 4A. Photos of old buildings at 1<sup>st</sup> and Main and north of Fourth National Bank which are to be razed and replaced by new Union National Bank building and by addition to Fourth National Bank. Also photo of four old buildings at southeast corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main which have been condemned and are being razed.

**Wednesday, June 2, 1954****page**

- 5A. Announcement made yesterday of plans for a \$500,000 addition by the Scottish Rite Masons to the Consistory building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Topeka, to be located on the north side of the present building. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details.

**Friday, June 4, 1954****page**

- 5A. The last part of the tower that stood on top the county courthouse for more than 60 years

will be removed today. The old structure had been seriously weakened by the severe storm of June 21, 1953, and subsequent inspection revealed it to be unsafe. A smaller tower similar to those on the four corners of the old building will be built to replace it.

**Saturday, June 5, 1954****page**

1. Construction is to start in 60 days on the new addition to the Scottish Rite Consistory Building and will take about one year to complete. Details. Drawing.

**Sunday, June 6, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 5A. Photo of the newly completed Fire Station Number 5 at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hillside, which was opened for service yesterday.

- 6B. Kansas Gas and Electric's new Murray Gill steam electric power station southwest of Wichita near Oatville will be formally dedicated Friday. The first of the two large turbo-generators was put into service in May 1952 with a general capacity of 47,000 kilowatts. The second unit with a capacity of 77,000 kilowatts was put into service last February. This brings the company's total generating capacity to 297,000 kilowatts, and a new unit scheduled for completion in early autumn at the company's Neosho plant near Parsons, Kansas will bring the total capacity to 367,000 kilowatts. Details. Aerial photo.

Article about Continental Trailways bus operators' strike. Details.

2. Feature article on early day bus developments in Wichita-mainly Southern Kansas Stage Lines. Says D. E. Sauder, a Wellington track agency dealer, decided to run a bus between Wellington and Wichita in January 1924, and by November 1924 he and Aaron Greenleaf consolidated their lines to form Southern Kansas Stage Lines. In 1919 Greenleaf had started hauling Wichita newspapers to Kingman and he also carried a few passengers back and forth. In 1915 Howard Allen had started running a bus between Wichita and Augusta to carry workers to the newly discovered oil fields. Allen never became a part of Southern Kansas Stage Lines, but sold his rights to that company. Today he is still in the bus business in Oklahoma. Sauder is now again in the truck distributing business, with an agency in Wichita, and Greenleaf is in the ranching business near Kingman. Sauder and Greenleaf sold out to the Santa Fe Railway for \$5,000,000 in 1938. In March 1948 the Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company became a part of Continental Trailways. Further details of company history. Photos. ("Wichita Played Leading Part in Bus Development"- continued on Magazine page 21).

6. Feature article on the old Garver residence on northwest corner of Market and 9<sup>th</sup> Street-which later became the Sam Amidon house. Says house was built in 1887 by M. L. Garver, who had come to Wichita in 1879 from Scotland, Pennsylvania. He and family lived first at 449 North Market before building the large house at 1005 North Market, which was later sold to Colonel Sam Amidon. Mr. Garver died November 14, 1928.

Mrs. Garver had died April 15, 1917. All the Garver children, Mary, George, James, and Charles, are now dead, but photos and memorabilia remain in the possession of Mrs. George Garver, 340 North Grove, five grandchildren are living (named). Photos.

27. Article about new municipal airport, with aerial photo of terminal under construction and nearing completion-expected to be completed by September.

### **Monday, June 7, 1954**

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday at Hays, Kansas, of Mrs. Grace Opal Wallace, 66, widow of the late Dr. Eugene Wallace, of Norwich, Kansas, and mother of Dwane L. Wallace, president of Cessna Aircraft Company. She had resided at 630 North Old Manor in Wichita the past two years and had been a patient in the hospital at Hays the past five weeks. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cessna of Rago, Kansas, and a sister of Clyde V. Cessna, of Rago. She was born August 15, 1887 at Rago. She was married June 12, 1905 to Dr. Wallace, whom she met while teaching school at Belmont, Kansas. They moved to Norwich in 1928, where they lived until Dr. Wallace died in 1946. She then lived with a daughter in Topeka for three years. Survivors include three sons, one daughter, one sister, five brothers and eleven grandchildren. Sons in addition to Dwane are Dwight S., 6 Colonial Court, and Dr. Dean D. Wallace, Little Rock, Arkansas. The daughter, Mrs. H. M Hubbard, now resides in Aiken, South Carolina. Sister and five brothers are named-two brothers in Wichita and Clyde is at Rago. Burial in Belmont cemetery. Further details.

### **Thursday, June 10, 1954**

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- 3A. Building permits issued yesterday to Hyde Park Evangelical United Brethren Church at 228 Ellis for a \$107,000 educational building additions, to be two stories and 63 by 110 feet.

Building permit issued yesterday for a \$100,000 addition at 1408 South Broadway to the Immanuel Baptist Church. Two stories will be added to the present one story church school building, 49 by 142 feet.

Building permit issued yesterday at 301 South Seneca to the Wichita Catholic Diocese for a 24 by 108 foot brick and block office building for use of its charity organizations.

### **Sunday, June 13, 1954**

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- 13A. Use of route numbers on the rear of Wichita Transportation Corporation buses was explained yesterday by John Ebinger, vice-president and general manager, who noted that numbers have now been painted on the rear of all buses. Knowing the route number can save bus patrons from having to run to the front of the bus to see which bus it is. The new ten buses added by the company recently carry the route name in the rear as well as on the side and front.



**Monday, June 14, 1954****page**

- 2A. Report of death yesterday of a heart attack of pioneer radio engineer Amos Coleman Dadisman, 49, of 908 North Grove. Born December 10, 1904 at Anthony, Kansas and came to Wichita at age three. He was employed by station KFH when it bought the old 500 watt station equipment of WDAF in Kansas City and rode on the truck that brought it here from Kansas City. He worked 27 years for KFH and was responsible for three different installations by the station, including new equipment to replace that destroyed when the station burned down in 1929. Its station was then located on East Central in Forest Hills. Later the transmitter was moved to Rock Road and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Left KFH in 1950 to join the Boeing electronics lab. Survived by widow, Mary H., his mother, and an adopted sister (named). Photo.

**Tuesday, June 15, 1954****page**

- 7A. Bus headways on four city lines should be increased from 25 to 30 minutes after 7 p.m. it will be recommended to city commission today. The company placed the new schedule in operation about ten days ago and no complaints have been received. A part of the change is a "line-up" system at downtown transfer points resulting in no delay in transferring from one line to another.

**Wednesday, June 16, 1954****page**

- 5A. County assessor reported preliminary population figure of 216,479 in Wichita compared with 192,182 last year, and 280,363 in Sedgwick County compared with 261,318 last year.

**Thursday, June 17, 1954****page**

- 3A. Construction started this week on a \$127,000 two story educational building at Woodland Methodist Church, 16<sup>th</sup> and Payne Streets. Fund raising campaign under way. Drawing.

**Thursday, June 24, 1954****page**

- 1D. Contract was let yesterday for new Fire Station Number 3 at 18<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets, to cost \$25,900 and to be completed within six months. It will replace the old Number 3 station at 18<sup>th</sup> and Topeka. Architect: Robert S. Mayberry. Drawing.

**Friday, June 25, 1954****page**

- 4D. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will place the new \$750,000 JACKSON exchange at 400 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street South, into service Sunday. It is the fourth major telephone project here in the past two years. Details.

**Sunday, June 27, 1954****page**

- 13B. Article reports the laying of rails in front of the restored Santa Fe depot at Cow Town on Thursday. The track crew used methods similar to those used originally in Wichita in 1872 including the light 1872 rail and "grasshopper" spikes. The depot was trucked to Wichita earlier from Anness and has been restored. Details. Photos.

**Monday, June 28, 1954****page**

- 5A. Report of arrival in Wichita last night of pioneer aviator, Clarence D. Chamberlin, now of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who was last in Wichita in 1936 in his barnstorming days. He will visit local aircraft manufacturers today. Details.

**Tuesday, June 29, 1954****page**

- 5A. Article about the possibility of the city's purchasing the Meadow Lark Golf Course. Details.

**Saturday, July 3, 1954****page**

- 1B. Construction started yesterday on Wichita's second television station, KAKE-TV, Channel 10. The 1079 foot antenna tower is being built eight miles northwest of the city near Kansas highway 96.

**Monday, July 12, 1954****page**

- 5A. Sunday's hot weather attracted the largest crowd in the history of the Municipal Beach at Riverside Park-a total of 5397 persons. The previous record was established only last Monday-4867. Previously the highest number in one day was about 4600 last summer.

**Wednesday, July 14, 1954****page**

- 3B. An open house is being held today to mark the re-opening of Wichita Hospital as a psychiatric facility. The first patients will be admitted on Friday. Details.

**Thursday, July 15, 1954****page**

- 5A. Article gives details of plans for building a new county courthouse.

**Friday, July 16, 1954****page**

- 12A. Continental Air Lines yesterday commemorated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As Varney Speed Lines it began operations between El Paso and Pueblo on July 15, 1934 with three single engine six passenger Lockheed Vega planes. In 1937 it became Continental Air Lines and replaced the Vegas with three twin-engined Lockheed 12s. Service to Wichita started in 1939 and two ten passenger Lockheed Electras were added.

**Thursday, July 22, 1954****page**

- 9A. Photo showing interior of new Forum Cafeteria under construction in 100 block of South Market. It is expected to open in September.

**Sunday, July 25, 1954****page****Magazine**

11. Ad by Wichita Water Company giving statistics of increasing water usage in Wichita.

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Maximum 24 hour pumpage (millions of gallons)	37.1	42.4	52.3	55.6	60.7
Peak Hour Rate of Pumpage (million gallons per day rate)	58.4	64.7	73.8	89.0	97.6

Total pumpage for year 1950-8,464,720,000 gallons, or an average of 23.2 million gallons per day. Total pumpage for 12 months ending June 30, 1954-10,972,650,000 gallons, or an average of slightly over 30 million gallons per day.

**Wednesday, July 28, 1954****page**

- 5A. Bus company officials have scheduled a conference with city officials this afternoon to discuss details of the firm's financial report for the past six months. The company reportedly will seek some relief for reduced earnings, perhaps by reduction or elimination for the 4% of gross revenue it pays the city as a franchise tax. City Manager E. N. Smith and Finance Director Ralph Wulz will meet with H. H. Heimple, president, John E. Ebinger, vice-president and general manager, and Merritt Winsby, auditor, of the Wichita Transportation Corporation.

**Friday, July 30, 1954****page**

- 3A. Article about plans for a new Southeast High School to be built at Lincoln and Edgemoor from proceeds of a \$3,490,000 bond issue. Bids for construction will be taken next winter. To have capacity of about 1500 students. Architects are Forsblom and Parks. Details. Drawing.

**Sunday, August 1, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 2A. The city received a check for more than \$18,000 this week as final payment of the Wichita Transportation Corporation's franchise tax- 4% of gross revenues- for 1953. The company paid the city a total of \$83,788 in franchise tax for 1953.

Photo of the new roof replacing the old bell tower on the Sedgwick County Courthouse, which is nearing completion.

- 7A. The new Sears, Roebuck and Company store at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard will be opened for business at 9 a.m. Thursday. Details.
- 11A. Construction has started on a new \$750,000 building on West Street just north of 13<sup>th</sup> Street to house KAKE-TV Channel 10, Wichita's first VHF television station. W. I. Fisher and Company are architects. Details. Drawing.
- 4B. Wichita Perpetual Building and Loan Association will remodel its quarters at 120 South Main and place a new front on the building. Details. Ash and Harrison are architects. Drawing.
- 2. Feature article about R. T. "Bob" Aitchison, 967 Back Bay Boulevard, Wichita artist and printer, and his extensive collection of printing and books. Photos.
- 10. Feature article on St. Francis Hospital, with aerial photo.

### **Tuesday, August 3, 1954**

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- 3A. Contracts are being drawn for removal of the three buildings at 248, 250, and 254 North Main, which have been condemned by the city. The building at 246 North Main is also to be removed. Details.
- 5A. Board of Education yesterday sold \$3,490,000 in bonds the proceeds of which will be used to construct and equip Southeast High School. Details.

### **Wednesday, August 4, 1954**

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#### **Special section**

- 1. Results of state and local primary elections yesterday.

Article about opening of new Sears, Roebuck store at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard tomorrow. Special Section 1C-14C with further details, photos, etc.

### **Thursday, August 5, 1954**

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- 5A. Wichita to Pacific Northwest and Tulsa DC-6 through interchange flights between Continental and United Air Lines, which have been suspended for several months, will be resumed August 15. Details.

Four operating taxicab lines here have asked for licenses for only 121 cabs, compared to the 219 which are authorized to operate-approximately one for each 1000 population- and to the 165 which held licenses a year ago. Cab officials said yesterday

that business is off from a year ago and is only gradually building up to the point where it was before the taxicab strike which lasted from November 30, 1953 until February 8, 1954. The four cab companies are (Air Capital and Yellow Cab operate together) Air Capital Cab Company-licensed for 36 in 1953 and now asking 18. Yellow Cab Company-licensed for 37 in 1953 and now asking 25. Vets Cab, Inc.-licensed for 64 in 1953 and now asking 52. Checker Cab Company- licensed for 35 in 1953 and now asking 25. Details.

- 13A. City officials are reviewing Wichita Transportation Corporation line operations and may prepare recommendations for line changes in hope of improving both service and company income. "It's a touchy matter," City Manager E. N. Smith said yesterday. Tuesday the City Commission rescinded action dropping Hillside Avenue crosstown service.
- 15A. Cessna Aircraft Company officials announced details yesterday of the company's new CH-1 helicopter, which flew for the first time July 15. Details.

### **Friday, August 6, 1954**

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- 5A. Contracts let yesterday for \$565,000 addition to the Kansas Masonic Home. Construction is to begin this fall. It will be a addition to the present infirmary and will provide room for 86 more persons, bringing total capacity of the infirmary to 161 patients. To be located at the southeast corner of the present home, on the grounds at Seneca and Maple. Thomas, Harris, Cahrin and Associates are architects. Details.
- 12A. Report of opening of a new Sears store yesterday. Details.

### **Sunday, August 8, 1954**

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3. Article reports today is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the great grasshopper scourge of 1874. Records details of an interview by The Eagle in 1936 with Mrs. Emma Lindley Fry, now deceased, who had been 16 at the time it occurred and died here in 1951. She was born in Indiana and came to Kansas with her parents in 1871, when she was 13. They homesteaded some school land two miles south and one mile east of Sedgwick. The 1874 variety of grasshopper was different from the later types, she recalled. They were dark gray, with red legs-the kind the old settlers called Rocky Mountain locusts-and did not look like the ordinary brown or yellow type. All were of the same medium size. Further details. ("Today Is 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Worst Grasshopper Scourge in Kansas").
24. Article about the old Minneha one-room school house, which is being transformed into a modern business office for use by the Beech Aircraft Company as a printing shop. This relatively new building at the corner of Webb Road and Central was built in 1918 to replace the old frame school building on the site, which had burned down. Details.

**Monday, August 9, 1954****page**

- 5A. Report of annual picnic yesterday of the former Wichita Railroad and Light Company streetcar conductors and motormen at Minisa Park. About two dozen attended. Reminiscences recalled. Names mentioned include Cliff Rhea, 1337 Lewellen, who worked for the streetcar company from 1912 to 1935, Leonard J. Graves, 1833 Fairview, who recalled a trip of Number 201 from College Hill to downtown without reversing the trolley pole to the rear pole, Fred Sheets, 1035 North Wichita, and Charles R. Lewis, 1421 North Harding, former superintendent. Bad ice and snow storm on Christmas eve, 1918, described. ("Public Transportation No Problem In Streetcar Era.")
- 12A. Photo of a practice drop of the 187<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team near Oita in southern Japan.

**Thursday, August 12, 1954****page**

- 2A. Article about the huge 14 million bushel grain elevator, the largest in Kansas, now under construction two miles southwest of Oatville and about half completed. It is owned by the C-G Grain Company, of Wichita, and will be completed this winter. Details. Photo.

**Sunday, August 15, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 5A. Razing of four old buildings at the southeast corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main started yesterday. The buildings are at 246, 248, 250, and 254 North Main and are three story buildings each with 25 feet frontage. It will take about five weeks to complete the razing work. Details. A building to the north of the four to be razed was torn down last year.
10. Feature article about Wichita's stockyards with history and details. Aerial photo of Wichita Union Stock Yards.

**Tuesday, August 17, 1954****page**

- 5A. Contracts awarded for four lanes of concrete pavement on Highway 54 in Wichita for 1.8 miles from the west city limits to Martinson Avenue for \$895,575. Details.

**Wednesday, August 18, 1954****page**

1. Report of Typhoon "Grace" which smashed across Kyushu island of Japan this morning. Details. United States Army and Air Force installations in northern Kyushu were buffeted by winds up to 75 miles per hour during the night but no damage has been reported.

- 5A. The largest bridge ever constructed by Sedgwick County-spanning the Big Arkansas River north of Mt. Hope-was dedicated and opened Tuesday night. It is 654 feet long and 26 feet wide and cost an estimated \$300,000. The old span east of the new bridge will be torn down. Part of the old bridge was built in 1901 and it was completed two years later. The new bridge was started in September 1953.

**Friday, August 20, 1954****page**

- 3A. Photo of the old Harry Street elementary school, the razing of which began on Wednesday.
- 2B. Article about additions to several Wichita intermediate schools. Includes an 11 room addition at Mathewson Intermediate which will be ready for the opening of school in September (photo), a 14 room addition to Curtis Intermediate, which will open this winter, and a 14 room addition at Mead Intermediate which will be completed by the fall of 1955. Details.

**Sunday, August 22, 1954****page****Magazine**

10. Feature article on the National Baseball Congress, annual event in Wichita since 1935. History and details.

**Monday, August 23, 1954****page**

- 5A. Construction has started on two railroad bridges across the "Big Ditch" flood control project west of Wichita for the Santa Fe railroad near highways K-42 and US-54, and work is expected to begin soon on a bridge for the Mo Pac Railroad north of 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Tuesday, August 24, 1954****page**

- 5A. Condemnation action was filed in District Court yesterday on behalf of the Wichita Park Board to acquire the Meadowlark golf course at Oliver and Harry Streets as a city park. Details.

**Thursday, August 26, 1954****page**

- 14A. Talks are being scheduled between city officials and the Wichita Transportation Corporation on matters of delinquent tax payments and the resumption of service on the Hillside Avenue crosstown bus route. The bus company is said to be delinquent in payment of more than \$35,000 in taxes for the first half of 1954. The bus company received the city commission's permission in early summer to drop the Hillside route, on which the income was said to be only 16 cents per mile compared to 40 cents a mile needed to break even. Later after some reshuffling of routes, the City Commission

ordered the Hillside line back in service, but as yet this has not been resumed. J. E. Ebinger, general manager, indicated that the service would be resumed when the company goes on the fall school schedules.

**Sunday, August 29, 1954****page****Magazine**

10. Feature article on history of Wichita's post offices, beginning in 1868. First officially appointed postmaster was Milo B. Kellogg in 1869, who was a clerk and bookkeeper for the Durfee Ranch Store at Waco and Murdock. Photo of the post office at Durfee's store. Article gives many historical details.

**Wednesday, September 1, 1954****page**

- 5A. In informal talks with city officials yesterday, Wichita Transportation Corporation president H. H. Heimple asked the city to discontinue the bus franchise tax and approve further cuts in service, or to operate the Wichita Transportation Corporation. The company's franchise runs until 1960 and city officials are reluctant to talk about public ownership. Mr. Heimple states that 40,000 people ride the buses daily on weekdays. Details.

**Thursday, September 2, 1954****page**

- 3A. Seven new elementary schools will open for classes this fall, six of the on the opening day of school, September 7, and the seventh several weeks later. They are: Henry Roe Cloud school, 1205 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Charles M. Garrison school, 2330 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Mary Kelly school, 1826 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street South, Robert F. Knight school, 641 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street South, William C. Little school, 1613 Piatt Avenue, Grace V. Wilson school, 2945 Victoria Avenue, Jessie Hunter Black school, 1045 High Street (to be opened by the middle of September or a little later). Two other schools have been brought into the Wichita school system, Eureka and Dodge schools, formerly in the Eureka school district, now annexed to Wichita. This makes a total of 62 elementary schools in Wichita compared to 53 at the close of school last spring. Details. Photos of Garrison and Cloud schools.

**Friday, September 3, 1954****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Max Steinbuchel, 52, prominent Wichita real estate and oil man, of a heart attack at his summer home in Green Mountain Falls, Colorado. Born in Wichita October 2, 1901, the son of the late Marie Steinbuchel, pioneer Wichitan. Survived by wife, the former Patricia Hanley, one daughter, Patsy Lou and three sons, Max, Jr., Michael, and Leroy, all of the home, 302 East Central, two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Gouldner, 1845 Wellington Place and Mrs. Elizabeth Guldner, 708 Litchfield, and two brothers, Fred Stockman, Tulsa, and Herman Steinbuchel, Florence, Kansas. Burial at Maple Grove Cemetery. Photo.



**Saturday, September 4, 1954****page**

- 5A. Wichita's Municipal Beach will complete its season Monday with an all time attendance record. Attendance passed the 200,000 mark on Tuesday and is expected to exceed 210,000 by the time it closes. Last year the beach drew 149,000 swimmers, topping the 1952 season record of 129,000. An all-time one day record of 5591 was set this summer.

**Sunday, September 5, 1954****page****Magazine**

6. Feature article on early Labor Day parades in Wichita. Photo of a float in 1912 parade.

**Thursday, September 9, 1954****page**

- 6B. Ad announces formal opening today at its new location, 112 East Douglas, of Jeff's Camera Shop (previously in first block on North Market, north of Fourth National Bank).

**Saturday, September 11, 1954****page**

- 1B. Report of criticism of Wichita bus service expressed yesterday at a Citizens Forum meeting yesterday. Details.

**Sunday, September 12, 1954****page**

- 2A. Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Tihen, 81, Mt. Hope, who died Friday evening at St. Francis Hospital, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Services will be conducted in Mt. Hope Methodist Church by the Reverend J. O. Himes, pastor. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mrs. Tihen was born in Mt. Hope March 13, 1873. She was married to Dr. Herman B. Tihen in 1893 and they made their home in Andale. Mrs. Tihen lived in Andale until 1942 when she returned to Mt. Hope. She was a member of Mt. Hope Methodist Church, the Twentieth Century Club of Mt. Hope, and the Farm Bureau. Survivors include a son, Dr. Henry N. Tihen, 1227 North River Boulevard, two daughters, Mrs. Irene Leith, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Mildred Collois, Haven, Kansas, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Monday, September 13, 1954****page**

1. Typhoon June smashed the southernmost Japanese island of Kyushu today with 100 mile per hour winds, torrential rains, and mountainous waves. Details.

**Tuesday, September 14, 1954****page**

1. Article describing plans for the new basketball arena at Wichita University, which were

approved by the Board of Regents yesterday. To be circular in shape, 286 feet in diameter by 76 feet from floor to peak of roof. To seat 10,000 and cost approximately \$1,500,000. Architects are Schmidt-McVay and Peddie. Details.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1954****page**

- 5A. Report of informal discussion of Wichita's bus service yesterday by city commission. City Manager E. N. Smith reported that a recent proposal by a commissioner to lower bus fares from 15 cents to ten cents and increase service to every 20 minutes for a 90 day trial period would cost the city an estimated \$189,794 and require nearly a 70% increase in the number of passengers from the present 40,000 per day to 68,000 per day. It would require ten more buses to be operated and 24 added drivers, and the money could probably not be legally spent by the city to subsidize a private utility, even if it were available. Details. No action taken.

**Sunday, September 19, 1954****page****Magazine**

8. Feature article on early Wichita, with historical details, photos, etc.

**Tuesday, September 21, 1954****page**

- 3A. Fund drive is being organized to solicit funds to erect the proposed new Chaplain Kapaun Memorial High School, which is to be located on a 40 acre tract at Central and Woodlawn. Details.
- 5A. Article about plans for link of new Highway 54 through the city between Topeka and Martinson Avenues. Details.

**Friday, September 24, 1954****page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for new Fine Arts Building at University of Wichita, on the campus, at 1825 Fairmount Avenue, at cost of \$984,364.

**Saturday, September 25, 1954****page**

1. Announcement made yesterday by liquidating trustees of the Wheeler-Kelly-Hagney Trust Company of sale of the Wheeler-Kelly-Hagney Building, 120 South Market, to John Peach, a Topeka real estate owner and financier, for an estimated \$630,000. Peach purchased the building as an investment. Construction of the building started on November 11, 1919 and it was officially opened January 29, 1921. Richards, McCarthy, and Bulford, architects of Columbus, Ohio, designed the building. Details. Photo.
- 5A. Report of ground breaking ceremony yesterday afternoon for the new Fine Arts Center

at the University of Wichita. Details. Photo.

**Sunday, September 26, 1954**

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- 12. Feature article about rising enrollment in Wichita schools. Photo of McCormick Elementary School, 855 South Martinson, the oldest public school building in Wichita erected in 1890, with additions in 1910, 1911, 1930, and about 1950.

**Monday, September 27, 1954**

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- 10A. Ozark Air Lines ad. Photo

**Tuesday, September 28, 1954**

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- 5A. Contracts were let yesterday for the new MacDonald Park golf course clubhouse. Total cost is \$57,586. Details including other park department projects.

**Thursday, September 30, 1954**

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- 4B. Tentative layout for the extension of McLean Boulevard northwest of Central Avenue on the west bank of the Big Arkansas River has been completed, but work cannot start until the south section of the Cooker Estate sand pit has been filled. Details.

**Friday, October 1, 1954**

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- 2A. Photo of the 59 foot high sign erected at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 7411 East Kellogg, at cost of \$18,240.
- 5A. Building permits issued in Wichita during the first nine months of 1954 reached \$30,068,200, and the total for the year will likely break all records. Details. Total figures for recent years:

1950	1951	1952	1953
\$28,157,34	\$30,275,14	\$31,630,729	\$35,625,060
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**Saturday, October 2, 1954**

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- 2A. Bus drivers for the Central Division of Transcontinental Bus System have voted 194 to 83 to reject the company's latest wage offer. This means a continuation of the bus strike which has left Wichita without inter-city service for four months. Details.
- 3A. OA Sutton Corporation, 1802 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, yesterday obtained building permit for a

new office building at the plant location. To be erected at 1806 West 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be a brick and block structure 40 by 126 feet and cost \$35,000.

**Sunday, October 3, 1954****page**

- 2A. Plans announced for expansion of Rolling Hills Country Club facilities by construction of a new swimming pool and locker rooms, etc., at cost of \$100,000. Construction of the pool is to start November 1. Drawing.

**Tuesday, October 5, 1954****page**

1. City bus went out of control Monday night and rammed the side of a house at 338 South Oak, causing estimated \$6-\$8000 damage. Driver, R. H. Foster, 1514 North Waco, was going east on Maple Street in 700 block when the bus began to swerve and he could not control it after that. Details. Photo shows Twin Coach Number 142.
- 2A. A. J. Cleary, who for many years was general manager of the Wichita Transportation Corporation, is in St. Francis Hospital where officials described his condition Monday night as "serious but not critical." Cleary suffered a severe hemorrhage Thursday in El Paso, Texas where he was vacationing with his wife. He was flown to Wichita. Photo.

**Wednesday, October 6, 1954****page**

- 5A. City commission yesterday approved purchase of the building on a 150 by 150 foot tract at the northwest corner of the Forum for \$75,000, which is to be taken from the half million dollar off street parking fund. The police department will move its garage into the building from the Forum. Photo of building.

**Friday, October 8, 1954****page**

- 3A. Article reports denial of a rumor that the Union Development Company might buy the Wichita Transportation Corporation. The Union Development Company is planning a major business development on North Main Street. Details.

**Saturday, October 9, 1954****page**

- 5A. Board of Directors yesterday approved a \$2,000,000 expansion program for the Fourth National Bank. A seven story addition 75 by 140 feet will be built north across the alley from the present building, and the alley will be bridged above the mezzanine level connecting the old building with the new. The older building will be replaced to harmonize with the new and thus give the effect of a single building. Brown granite will be used at the ground level, with Georgia marble facing the upper levels. Architects are Thomas, Harris, Calvin, and Associates. Demolition of the old structures north of the bank will begin immediately. The whole project should be completed early 1956. Details. Drawing.

**Sunday, October 10, 1954**

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5A. Article reports inauguration of Wichita Municipal Airport's instrument landing system on October 1. Details.

City commission will discuss Wichita's bus problem again Tuesday. Facts to be considered include 1.) Passenger numbers have fallen 36% since January 1, 1951. 2.) Operating mileage has been slashed 15% in efforts to cut cost. 3.) Operating revenues are running from 37 to 40 cents per mile this year, and at latest report were 41 cents per mile, barely above the reported costs of 40 cents per mile. 4.) Last Tuesday the company filed a formal petition asking that the company's franchise be amended so that the company would be allowed to earn the fair rate-6%-on its investment and then pay the city up to but not more than 4% gross revenue above that amount. First half of earnings for 1954 amounted to \$18,000- about 2% on investment- and the city collected more than \$35,000 in tax. Statistics submitted show the following

	1-1951	7-1951	1-1952	7-1952	1-1953	7-1953	1-1954	7-1954
Riders per month	1,430,000	1,410,000	1,550,000	1,290,000	1,217,000	1,212,000	996,753	910,929
Miles operated per month	390,000	375,000	395,000	385,000	403,000	380,000	380,000	335,000
Income per mile	33¢	37¢	37¢	47¢	42¢	45¢	37¢	44¢

7A. Henry's new suburban store at Oliver and Douglas is to be opened November 1. Details. Drawing.

**Monday, October 11, 1954**

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1. The 128 day bus strike of Central Division of Continental Trailways was settled yesterday and bus service will be resumed Wednesday morning.

5A. The dreary olive drab post office trucks are starting to be repainted in their new red, white, and blue colors. The first was displayed Saturday by Postmaster C. M. Fitzwilliam. All 65 mail trucks in Wichita will be repainted in the new colors within the next six to eight months. Mail trucks have retained the olive drab color since shortly after World War I, when there was a surplus of the olive drab paint and little to use it on. Details. Photo.

**Tuesday, October 12, 1954**

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9A. Contracts for new University of Wichita Field House were awarded yesterday to Dondlinger and Sons for \$1,326,156. Work will start in about two weeks and to be completed about December 15, 1955. Details.

**Wednesday, October 13, 1954****page**

- 2A. Report on successful first flight of the new Cessna XT37 jet trainer yesterday afternoon at Wichita's new municipal airport. Flown by test pilot Bob Hagan. Details. Photo.

**Friday, October 15, 1954****page**

- 5A. The 1000<sup>th</sup> B-47 Stratojet produced by the Boeing Wichita plant was rolled out yesterday afternoon. Details. Photo. There are 30,400 employees at the plant. Tooling up is now underway for production of the new eight jet B-52 bomber.

**Saturday, October 16, 1954****page**

- 5A. The new terminal building at the municipal airport is being officially opened by the airlines today. Details. Formal dedication and a public open house is scheduled for October 31.

**Sunday, October 17, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 5A. University of Wichita has set a new all-time enrollment record of 3848 this fall. The previous all-time high was 3390 in the fall of 1949. Last fall (1953) the number was 3319. Details.

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Special Section announcing the inauguration of Wichita's new television station, KAKE-TV, Channel 10, on Tuesday, October 19. Articles, details, photos.

4. Article about early Wichita pioneer E. E. Armstrong, who operated a ferry boat across the Arkansas River in 1870 at what is now Douglas Avenue. Details. Drawing of the William Mathewson home on East Central.

**Wednesday, October 20, 1954****page**

- 5A. Article reports discussion by city commission still trying to get bus company to reinstate the Hillside Avenue bus route, and the company's response. Details.

**Thursday, October 21, 1954****page**

- 9C. It was announced yesterday that the Coronado Hotel building at Main and William has been sold to Josie Easter and W. N. Colvin of Ellinwood, Kansas by the First National Bank in Wichita, executor of the W. H. Bretch estate. The hotel is under a long term lease to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Johnson and has 54 rooms on the upper three floors of the building. Details. Photo.

**Saturday, October 23, 1954****page**

- 2A. The fourth and final unit of Old Mission Mausoleum at 21<sup>st</sup> and Hillside was recently completed and will be open to public inspection Sunday. It is known as "The Mansion of Memories." Details.

**Sunday, October 24, 1954****page**

- 6B. Medical Society of Sedgwick County ad with drawing of the society's new building at 1102 South Hillside.

**Thursday, October 28, 1954****page**

- 2A. Contract let yesterday for new \$755,462 educational building for First Baptist Church to be built south of the church edifice and replace the old sanctuary on the northwest corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway. The old sanctuary, which will be razed, was dedicated in 1908. Details. Architect is Clarence Robinson, of the firm of Hibbs and Robinson.
- 3A. Article about the dedication ceremonies to be held at the new municipal airport this Sunday. Details.

**Sunday, October 31, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 1B. Full page ad announcing opening of Henry's new Suburban store at Douglas and Oliver tomorrow. Drawing.
- 5D. Article about 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hinkel's dry goods store and its predecessors, which opened for business in 1886. Historical details. Photos of present store and of old Eagle Block and Boston Store. Details.
- 1E-12E. Special Section commemorating dedication today of Wichita's new municipal airport. Magazine articles, ads, photos, etc.
- 11E. Has long article with history of previous Wichita airports ("Port is Forth Landing Facility Maintained for public at Wichita").
10. Feature article on flour milling in Wichita. Photos of three large Wichita flour mills on page Magazine 11.

**Monday, November 1, 1954****page**

1. Report of results of election yesterday. Details.

- 5A. City officials and Wichita Transportation Corporation officials are to meet today to discuss Wichita's bus service problems. Details.

**Tuesday, November 4, 1954****page**

- 5A. A Wichita transit committee of city officials and bus company officials was set up yesterday to consider and make recommendations for improvement of city bus service problems and for a new trial Hillside crosstown bus route. Details.

**Sunday, November 7, 1954****page****Magazine**

2. Feature article of reminiscences of early days in Wichita by George Strong Lewis, Chicago business man, and son of the late Colonel Hiram W. Lewis, which he has had privately printed in a book entitled "My Early Life In Wichita and Other True Stories."

**Tuesday, November 9, 1954****page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for razing of the old First Baptist Church at northwest corner of 2nd and Broadway, where the church's new educational building is to be constructed.

Wichita Library Board yesterday let contract for air conditioning the library at cost of \$12,692.

**Thursday, November 11, 1954****page**

- 5A. The old courthouse bell, now resting on the courthouse lawn, is being cleaned of the accumulated grime of the years by sandblasting and is gleaming like a newly minted coin. The bell was made in 1890 by the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore on a special order and was installed in the courthouse tower the same year. Inscribed on it are the names of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of that year, the architect, and former commissioners. Details. Architect was William R. McPherson. Photo.

**Friday, November 12, 1954****page**

- 5A. Report of meeting of transit commission yesterday discussing the need for some type of a crosstown bus route to replace the discontinued Hillside Avenue route. Details.
- 5B. Full page ad announcing grand opening today of the completed Indian Hills Shopping Center in 2400 block of West 13th Street.

**Wednesday, November 17, 1954****page**



- 5A. Lease holders on part of the Cooper Estate property north of Central Avenue and west of the Big Arkansas River have given the city easements which will allow the city to proceed with filling of the south half of the sand pit lake on that property. Details. Filling began on the north half in May and is now going ahead well above water level.

**Saturday, November 20, 1954****page**

1. Report of sudden death yesterday afternoon of Dr. Arthur Edgar Bence, 65, well known Wichita orthopedic surgeon, at his home, 3833 East 2nd. Born September 2, 1889 in Logan, Iowa. Married Clara Etta Beard October 28, 1922. Has practiced in Wichita since 1926. Survived by wife and three sons (named). Further biography.
- 8A. New telephone directories will be distributed in Wichita beginning November 29th.

**Sunday, November 21, 1954****page**

1. Report of death yesterday evening of Clyde V. Cessna, 74, pioneer aviator, at his farm near Rago, Kansas. Biography with several inaccuracies. Survived by his wife, one son, Eldon, of El Segundo, California, a daughter, Mrs. Hugh McVey, of Whittier, California, one sister, Mrs. R. A. Herman, 120 South Bleckley Drive, and four brothers, Noel M., 520 South Pinecrest, Bert, Ingalls, Kansas, Paul, of Saskatchewan, Canada, and Roy Cessna, Norwich, Kansas.
- 2B. A crosstown bus service on North Hillside Avenue will be started tomorrow by the Wichita Transportation Company for a 60 day trial period. During rush hours the route will be extended to East High School. Article gives details of the route.
- 8D. The Cessna Aircraft Company has under construction a 30,720 square foot addition to the company's Prospect plant, which is the second addition for the plant in the last 18 months. It will enclose the area between the plants two east wings and will be completed about February 1.

**Monday, November 22, 1954****page**

- 5A. Long article with tributes to Clyde Cessna. Was born December 5, 1879 at Hawthorne, Iowa. Father was James W. Cessna and mother was the former Mary Skates. Father was a farmer. Married Miss Europa Dotzour June 6, 1905. Had resided on the farm near Rago since his retirement in 1934. Burial to be in Greenwood Cemetery at Belmont, Kansas.

**Wednesday, November 24, 1954****page**

- 3A. Report of funeral services yesterday for Clyde V. Cessna at Methodist Church at Norwich, Kansas, with burial at Greenwood Cemetery, Belmont, Kansas, near his parents, James W. Cessna, who died in 1931, and Mrs. Mary V. Cessna, who died in

1943. Details.

**Sunday, November 28, 1954****page****Magazine**

- 5A. West Wichita bus routing proposals will be discussed at a meeting of the city's transit commission this week.
10. Feature article on "Big Ditch" flood control project, with map and details on progress, and photos on page Magazine 11.

**Monday, November 29, 1954****page**

- 5A. Photo of 72 foot Christmas tree from Colorado erected at east end of Kellogg Street overpass.

**Thursday, December 2, 1954****page**

- 4B. The \$1,250,000 highway improvement program between Wichita and Augusta is approximately three-fourths complete. Details. Photos.

**Friday, December 3, 1954****page**

- 5A. 1955 Kansas auto license tags have been received by the auto license bureau. The only change from 1954 is a reversal of the colors. The 1955 tags will have white lettering on a black background.
- 7A. Article about the Wichita Forum with some historical details and aerial photo.

**Saturday, December 4, 1954****page**

- 2A. The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at North River Boulevard and Briggs Avenue yesterday launched a fund appeal for \$80,000 for construction of a new church. Total cost of the church is estimated at \$135,000. Details.

**Tuesday, December 7, 1954****page**

- 13A. Building permit issued yesterday for new \$755,000 five story educational building for First Baptist Church, to be erected on 41 by 140 foot site of the old church sanctuary, 301 North Broadway, recently razed. Details.

**Wednesday, December 8, 1954****page**

- 3B. The Civil Aeronautics Board yesterday approved the acquisition by Continental Air Lines of Pioneer Airlines, a feeder airline with headquarters in Dallas. To go into effect

about January 1.

**Thursday, December 9, 1954****page**

- 11A. Map showing Continental Air Lines routes with addition of those of Pioneer Air Lines, whose merger into Continental has been approved by Civil Aeronautics Board.

**Sunday, December 12, 1954****page****Magazine**

2. Feature article on history of motion pictures in Wichita. Details.
10. Feature article on history of Salvation Army in Wichita-started 68 years ago. Details.

**Monday, December 13, 1954****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Eliza Blythe Higginson, 96, 301 North Fountain, widow of Gustavas E. Lehmann, one of the founders of the Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocery Company. Born December 14, 1857 at Guelph, Canada and settled at Humboldt, Kansas with her parents at age four. Married Mr. Lehmann at Humboldt in 1874. He died in 1928. She and husband came to Wichita in 1890. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Nelle L. Wheeler and Mrs. Marguerite L. Churchward, both of the home, four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

**Tuesday, December 14, 1954****page**

- 10A. Kansas Gas and Electric opened the doors of its new building yesterday, although the building is not yet completed. Razing of the old four story annex building north of new building will start this week. Photo.

**Tuesday, December 21, 1954****page**

- 4A. Contract let yesterday by Board of Education for the new 14 room McLean Elementary School. General contract was \$143,900. It is the first of the new schools called for in the eight million dollar bond issue passed in November.
- 5A. Bids opened yesterday for construction of the new ten story Union Center building at 1st and Main and were within the amount estimated by architects, Overend and Boucher. Contracts are expected to be signed this week. Details.

**Sunday, December 26, 1954****page**

- 8A. Photo of building (two stories) at northwest corner of Douglas and Water which is to be razed to make a parking lot for the First National Bank. The parcel of land extends

75 feet west from Water and north to the alley. Tenants have been notified to vacate by April 1st.

- 10A. Photo of Franklin School Number 72-southeast of Wichita-which is the only one room, one teacher school remaining in Sedgwick County. At one time there were 100 such schools in the county, and 25 years ago there were still 88 of them. The Franklin School of District Number 72 is about four miles east of McConnell Air Force Base.

#### **Thursday, December 30, 1954**

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday at the Kansas Masonic Home of Charles R. Lewis, 84, superintendent of the Wichita Street Railway Company in the 1910s and later a civic and business leader. Born June 18, 1870 at Waverly, Missouri and came to Wichita from there in 1911. Served as superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company from then until 1919, when he became superintendent of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company. In 1921 he left this position to enter the life insurance business. He was appointed head of the Home Owners Loan Corporation in 1932 and after leaving this position was engaged in the real estate business, where he remained active until a few weeks before his death. He was also active in Democratic politics and served as a precinct committeeman. Because of his active work in the transportation field in Wichita he is believed to have held the only lifetime passenger issued by the Wichita Transportation Corporation. Funeral services to be held at First Presbyterian Church. Burial to be in the family plot at Marshall, Missouri, where his wife was buried in 1950. Survivors include a brother, John M. Lewis, of Kansas City, Missouri, a sister, Mrs. Gabrielle Davis, of Waverly, and two nephews, Hubert King, 1421 Harding, and Jack King, 4903 East Elm. Photo.

Article summarizing \$3 million dollar school building program in Wichita in 1954. Lists new schools built, additions, etc. Also plans for new building in 1955, including new Southeast High School. Details.

#### **Friday, December 31, 1954**

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- 5A. Ground breaking ceremonies for the Union Center building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Main are to be held this afternoon. To be ten stories and cost \$2,500,000. Razing of old buildings on the site will require estimated 30 days before the new building can be started. New building is expected to be completed July 1, 1956, but tenants will start moving in in April of that year. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details. Drawing.