

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1955 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, January 1, 1955

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5. Report of ceremonies yesterday marking the start of work on the new Union Center building project at 1st and Main. Details.

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- 5A. The Drive-In Market property, 180 by 179 feet at northwest corner of Broadway and Central, has been sold to the Smith Building Company, headed by Dwight Smith, Wichita insurance executive, by Mattie Nolley, George Angle, and heirs of the Walt Angle estate. It was the home-site of Dr. A. H. Fabrique, purchased by him in 1870 from James Mead and D. S. Munger. Following Dr. Fabrique's death in 1928 it passed to his daughter, Mattie Nolley, who entered into a 99 year lease with "option to purchase" with George and Walter Angle. In 1929 the Angle brothers entered into a long term lease with A. J. Champion, who erected the Drive-In Market building. Details. Photo of Drive-In Market.

Tuesday, January 4, 1955

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday of E. J. Rodda (Evan James Rodda), 75, of 328 North Bluff, pioneer Wichita auto dealer. Born June 25, 1879 at Danville, Illinois and came to Wichita in 1901 from Weir, Kansas. For several years he owned and operated the Chrysler agency in the second block on South Lawrence. Further biography. Photo.

Wednesday, January 5, 1955

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- 7B. Continental Air Lines completed a milestone on December 25, 1954 when it completed one billion revenue passenger miles of operation. The company last July 15 completed 20 years of operation without a single passenger fatality. It first began operating July 15, 1934 and carried its first millionth passenger in November 1949. Its second millionth passenger was carried in May 1953, and the third millionth passenger will be carried some time next summer.

Thursday, January 6, 1955**page**

- 2A. Article about dwindling of Wichita's tree population with photos of entrance to University of Wichita at 17th and Fairmount taken in 1926 showing faintly the street car tracks on 17th Street of "wye" at end of line, and second photo as it is today.
- 4B. Report of death yesterday at his home in Phoenix, Arizona at age 60 of George C. Quick, former Cessna Aircraft Company test pilot. Born in New Market, Alabama. Came to Wichita in 1928. Left here in 1932 for El Paso, Texas. Built one of the first crop dusting attachments for an airplane and dusted crops several years before coming to Wichita. Past 18 years he has sold ladybird beetles for control of infestations of foliage eating insects. Survived by wife, Alice Jane, two sons, Eldon, of the home and James, of Los Angeles, California, five brothers, H. S., of Phoenix, Joe and Carroll, of New Market, Alabama, Will of Houston, Texas, and Thomas, 341 North Market in Wichita, and one sister, Mrs. T. N. Franklin, 341 North Market, and his mother, Mrs. W. L. Hughes, 438 Avenue A in Wichita. Photo. Burial at Wichita Park cemetery. Followup article January 10, page 7A.

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9. Photo of the old Wichita Township Hall as it now stands in the 400 block of North Hydraulic. One of the township trustees believes it was built in 1870 or 1871 and was then on the banks of Chisholm Creek. The Wichita Township trustees are now giving serious consideration to the possibility of giving it to the city for removal to Cow Town.

Tuesday, January 11, 1955**page**

1. Report of death yesterday at Long Beach, California, of Richard E. Bird, 76, former United States congressman from Kansas and attorney in Wichita for nearly 40 years and Judge of District Court from 1916 to 1920. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio and came to Wichita with parents in 1890. Married Gertrude Hocker, of Wichita. They moved to California 17 years ago. Survived by wife, a daughter in Long Beach (named), and a son, Richard E. Bird, Jr., 18 Lakeside Eastborough. Photo. Burial to be at Maple Grove cemetery.
- 5A. Park Board yesterday let contracts for surfacing with asphalt the big sanded promenade area around the city's alligator pool and duck ponds in Central Riverside Park. Details.

Thursday, January 13, 1955**page**

- 5A. Wichita Transportation Corporation auditors are completing a year-end financial report, and it is expected that it will be submitted to city officials next week and a further request made for financial relief through a fare increase, waving the city's franchise tax, or sale of the company. Long article summarizes bus company's situation during the past year and city's response ("New Crisis For Bus Company").
- 9B. Photo of new marquee at The Forum with 42 inch high neon letters "FORUM" on the

Water Street entrance canopy.

Saturday, January 15, 1955**page**

- 1B. Building permit issued yesterday for the new \$113,900 14 room Ben F. McLean elementary school at 2277 Marigold. The building will be a duplicate of the Booth Elementary School, 5920 Mt. Vernon Road, and should be ready for occupancy next September.

Monday, January 17, 1955**page**

- 2A. Report of death yesterday at her home, 3751 East Douglas, of Mrs. Anna O. Beachy, widow of C. M. Beachy, former president and chairman of the board of Steffen Dairy Foods Company. She was about 90 years old and had lived in Wichita nearly 50 years and at her present address since 1910. Survivors include a grandson, Owen C. McEwen, of Wichita, a grand-daughter, Mrs. Ellen Enoch, of Colorado Springs, and six great grandchildren. Her husband died in 1945. Memorial services will be held at the residence following cremation.
- 12A. Park Board Saturday issued a 140 page report covering park and airport developments from 1949 to 1953. Less than 150 copies of the plastic bound report were printed. Details.

Wednesday, January 19, 1955**page**

- 5A. Wichita Transportation Company officials yesterday reported a decline in the company's net earnings in the last half of 1954 to \$4374 from \$18,577 in the first half of 1954. The company's gross income declined from \$920,933 in the first half of 1954 to \$876,878 in the second half of the year. Total net earnings for 1954 were \$22,951, or slightly more than 1 percent of the company's investment of \$1,993,000. These facts will soon be laid before the City Commission with a request for some form of financial relief. City income from the franchise tax was down slightly from about \$36,000 in the first half of 1954 to about \$33,000 in the second half of the year.

Friday, January 21, 1955**page**

- 5A. Detailed plans for the proposed \$1 one-half million addition to Wesley Hospital were released yesterday. It is a "T" shaped building facing North Hillside in front of the present building. Architects are Forsblom and Parks. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, January 22, 1955**page**

- 5A. Drawing of a proposed five story office building to be erected at 419-421 North Topeka beginning this spring (it was never built).

Sunday, January 23, 1955

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1. Report of a three hour "secret" meeting of the City Commission last evening to discuss the bus company's financial problems. Article reviews facts presented previously. No action taken. Details.

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4. Feature article on the Munger house, now restored in Cow Town, with details about its original construction and subsequent history. Photos of house as it appeared originally in about 1869 and as it now appears after restoration.

Monday, January 24, 1955**page**

- 5B. Ad for Belford's Used Car Center at 525 West Douglas with photo showing former Midland Valley depot.

Tuesday, January 25, 1955**page**

- 5A. Board of Education yesterday approved final plans for the new Southeast High School. Bids to be submitted by March 4. Drawing. The Board also approved the construction of 66 temporary classrooms, of which 62 will be at elementary schools and four at North High School. Details.
- 1B. Wichita Park Board yesterday approved moving of the city's arts and crafts shop from 308 one-half South Main Street to 351 North Water. It has been located at the South Main Street address since 1944. Details.

Wednesday, January 26, 1955**page**

- 4A. Report of annual meeting of stockholders of Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday. All officers and board members were re-elected. Sales for fiscal year ending September 30, 1954 were more than \$45 million, with net profit of \$2.97 per share. Details.
- 5A. The Beachy home at 3751 East Douglas was presented last night to the Wichita Historical Museum Association in accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Beachy, who lived there until her death on January 16. The property on which the house stands was included in the gift. Mrs. Beachy's husband and her daughter, Bernice, both died in 1945. The house was built in 1910.

Thursday, January 27, 1955**page**

- 6B. Wichita Transportation Corporation ad stating some of the company's financial problems. Says profit of the company in 1954 was \$19,366 -- slightly more than the current price of one new bus. Article says it takes 138 buses to keep the Wichita transportation system up to par, and that the company's profit was barely more than 1 percent of its capital investment. Other comments -- and another ad to follow tomorrow. ("Ever Have Trouble Making Ends Meet?")

Friday, January 28, 1955**page**

- 15A. Another Wichita Transportation Corporation ad. Discussed increased competition from private cars. Then discussed inflation resulting from WWII. In 1940 bus drivers worked for 45cents an hour and the company could buy a first class bus for \$6328. Today the drivers get three times the 1940 hourly rate, and a good bus costs \$17,500. In 1954 the company averaged \$1000 less income per day than in 1952. ("How Did We Get This Way")

Sunday, January 30, 1955**page**

- 4A. Article about the bus company's current campaign for tax relief as explained in newspaper ads and in the company's As-You-Go News. Says the company has tried stringent economy and cut expenses in 1954, \$166,000 from those in 1953 and would have lost a sizable amount of money otherwise.

- 7C. Wichita Transportation Corporation ad -- bus service at crossroads.

Monday, January 31, 1955**page**

- 2A. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 839 North Market, yesterday launched a fund raising campaign to finance construction of a new sanctuary and educational building on newly acquired property at 917 and 933 North Waco Avenue. Estimated cost is \$300,000. Details.

- 3A. Another Wichita Transportation Corporation ad ("What Can We Do About It?").

Friday, February 4, 1955**page**

1. Photo of snow on street at Market and William showing Twin Coach bus which appears to be Number 252.

Saturday, February 5, 1955**page**

- 5A. Use of the Hillside Avenue bus route from Douglas north to 17th Street increased somewhat in January from that in December. Income in January was \$868 compared to \$704 in December. There were 4315 adult 15 cent fares compared to 3673 in December, 2825 student fares compared to 2051, and 1532 transfers compared to 1240.

- 14B. Photo of new Fire Station Number 3 under construction at 18th and Market, which will replace the present Number 3 station at 18th and Topeka. It is hoped to occupy it in May.

Sunday, February 6, 1955**page**

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7. Snapshot photo of the Cottonwood Falls to Strong City horse car taken during World War

I by Miss Lena Folk of 2518 East 1st Street in Wichita.

Tuesday, February 8, 1955**page**

- 5A. Board of Education yesterday voted to purchase a 60 acre tract west of Ridge Road and south of Central for \$1500 per acre as a future site for Wichita's seventh public high school and a new intermediate school. A 20 acre site east of Anna Avenue and north of 9th Street was also purchased for \$2500 per acre for a new intermediate school site. The Board also voted to pay \$1750 per acre for approximately 40 acres at 35th Street South and Osage Avenue as a location for a fifth high school. Another site for a high school was purchased last year in northeast Wichita. Plans for an addition to West High School will be completed by April. Details.

Thursday, February 10, 1955**page**

- 4A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new ten story Union Center office building at 150 North Main, with construction cost of \$1,564,000. Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company are the contractors.

Saturday, February 12, 1955**page**

- 15A. Photo showing early construction stage of University of Wichita's new circular basketball arena.

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4. Feature article on Wichita's first jail, 16 by 18 feet, now restored in the Cow Town of 1872. Article written by Dick Long. Says it was located at southeast corner of 2nd and Market and was set 60 feet back from the street. Further historic details and photos.

Monday, February 14, 1955**page**

- 1B. The Board of St. Paul's Methodist Church, 13th and Broadway, yesterday formally accepted the church's new \$200,000 educational building located south of the main sanctuary. Construction of the building was authorized February 4, 1953. It will be used for the first time February 7. Details.
- 2B. Dedication services for the new Waco Avenue Evangelical United Brethren Church, at Waco and 11th Street, were held yesterday. Photo. The new building is immediately to the north of the old building, erected in 1908, which will be used for church school services.

Tuesday, February 15, 1955**page**

- 7A. Construction started yesterday on a \$425,000 addition to the J. C. Penney Company

building, 132 North Broadway. The building, portions of which are one and two stories tall, will be four stories high when completed according to Charles F. Smyth, part owner and manager of the property. Architects are Forsblom and Parks. The original building was constructed by Smyth's father, C. H. Smyth, in 1920.

Friday, February 18, 1955**page**

16A. Report of annual meeting of stockholders of Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday. All officers and directors re-elected. Total sales for fiscal year ended September 30, 1954 were \$78,033,435, with net income after taxes of \$3,386,089. Company's backlog is more than \$80 million. Details.

Saturday, February 19, 1955**page**

1. Report of major fire last night at the Rock Island Lumber Company at William and Wichita Streets which caused an estimated \$100,000 damage.

Sunday, February 20, 1955**page**

5A. The city's newly created Water Supply and Sewage Treatment Department was created by the City Commission on February 8 and will become an operating entity this week under direction of Robert H. Hess. Previously it was managed by the city's Service Department. Details.

Tuesday, February 22, 1955**page**

2A. Board of Education yesterday accepted bid of \$133,611 for general contract for construction of the new Rea Woodman Elementary School at Pawnee and Glenn Avenues. With plumbing and heating and electrical contracts, the total cost will be \$191,336. Details.

Friday, February 25, 1955**page**

5A. Building permit issued yesterday to St. Patrick's Parish, 2007 Arkansas Avenue, for a ten room elementary school and community building to be located at 2023 Arkansas Avenue and cost estimated \$250,000. Foundations for the 251 by 151 foot one story building are already constructed.

2B. Report of death yesterday of Robert M. Olmstead, 83 year old retired streetcar motorman, of 3009 West 13th Street. Born December 29, 1871 at Marion, Kansas and came to Wichita in 1902. Survived by two grandchildren, Melvin Olmstead, 3003 West 13th Street, and Margaret Shepherd, 2206 South Market, and four great-grandchildren.

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8. Feature article on Sacred Heart College. Says the school was founded in 1902 when four Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood came to Wichita to open a girls' school. The building for the original school, named St. John's Academy, already stood on the grounds at the time of purchase. This first school building was later razed in 1923. Further history and details.

Tuesday, March 1, 1955**page**

- 2B. Hinkel's new Parklane department store at Lincoln and Oliver will open on Thursday. Details.

Wednesday, March 2, 1955**page**

- 11A. The first grade construction work on the new Kansas Turnpike started yesterday about one and one-half miles northeast of the town of Cassoday, in Butler County. Details.

- 16A. Hinkel's Parklane store will open at 7:30 this evening. Details.

Friday, March 4, 1955**page**

- 5A. The Santa Fe Railway yesterday installed gates at its crossing on Pawnee Avenue at a cost of \$17,000. They will supplement the red warning lights at the crossing. Details. Photo.

Saturday, March 5, 1955**page**

- 18B. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Rea Woodman Elementary school at 2414 South Glenn at cost of \$133,000 for the general construction.

Sunday, March 6, 1955**page**

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27. Feature article on 85th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church in Wichita. History and details.

Monday, March 7, 1955**page**

- 2A. Article about progress on the Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control project, which will be approximately 50 percent completed by end of this fiscal year, June 30. Details. Several railroad bridges are now under construction.

Tuesday, March 8, 1955**page**

- 2A. Former Wichitan Albert Taylor Hyde, grandson of A. A. Hyde, has been elected president of the Mentholatum Company, New York, New York. Details. Photo.

- 3A. Board of Education yesterday let contracts totaling \$2,707,484 for construction of

Southeast High School. General contract went to Clarence E. Vollmer Construction Company. Details.

Wednesday, March 9, 1955**page**

1. Article giving details of annual report of Boeing Airplane Company for 1954.

- 5A. City commission yesterday voted to condemn five houses and to route the extension of Lincoln from Hillside to Oliver in a roundabout route north to Morris so as not to divide the property owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph and already the site of Mt. St. Mary's Academy. Details.

Thursday, March 10, 1955**page**

- 2A. Wichita set a new record for home construction in 1954 with 6300 houses built.

Sunday, March 13, 1955**page**

- 5A. City Commission has agreed to rule Tuesday on the Wichita Transportation Corporation's demand for a fare increase. The company recently rejected the Commission's forgiving the last half franchise tax for 1954, and paid the more than \$30,000 tax, saying that tax forgiveness on a half year basis was no solution and asking instead that cash fares be raised from 15 to 20 cents. School fares would go from eight cents to two tokens for 15 cents to ten cents cash, if the firm's proposal is approved. The company in a report to the Commission Friday, said net loss for January and February was \$42,912. It estimated that income for the 12 month period with 20 cent fares (or five tokens for 90 cents) would be \$103,616.

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2. Feature article by Dick Long about location of the old post office at Market and William. Much historical detail. ("Site of Old Post Office Cost One Dollar")

Monday, March 14, 1955**page**

- 2A. Article about a new altar from Italy which is being installed in St. John's Episcopal Church at 3rd and Topeka to replace the old altar. It is a gift from James W. and Phil Buck in honor of their mother, Josephine. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, March 16, 1955**page**

- 3A. Wichitans who have been paying \$1.00 for their haircuts may look for an increase in haircut rates in the near future to \$1.25 as the result of a recent meeting of the Wichita Barbers Union Local 293. The price increase is expected to take effect about April 1.

Thursday, March 17, 1955**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for remodeling of the Scottish Rite Temple, 1st and Topeka, to include a new elevator and removal of a wall to enlarge a banquet hall. Estimated cost is \$280,000.

Friday, March 18, 1955**page**

- 2A. Report of annual meeting last evening of the Wichita Historical Museum Association at the Innes Tea Room. Brace Helfrich elected president. Details.
- 5A. Wichita Transportation Corporation yesterday filed a petition against the City of Wichita asking that the city be restrained from enforcing the ordinance setting bus fare at 15 cents and that the District Court choose a judge by lottery to set a fare that would insure a fair and reasonable return on the company's property. The petition, prepared by George Powers, attorney for the company states that the City Commission on Tuesday "unlawfully, unreasonably, arbitrarily, and capriciously," refused financial relief for the company. In the past, Commissioners have agreed that the company should receive a six percent return on the value of its property, which is said in 1954 to have been \$1,993,203.51. This would allow a profit of \$119,592.21. The actual earnings for 1954 were \$19,366.35. Figures for the first two months of 1955 show the bus company suffered a net loss of \$42,912.87, which, if continued, would amount to a loss of \$137,297.40 for the full year. Details.

Saturday, March 19, 1955**page**

- 5A. The Public Housing Authority in Chicago announced yesterday the names of the successful bidders for 58 temporary buildings at Beechwood Housing Project. The bidders have 120 days to remove the buildings from the 39 acres, after which the land they occupy will go to the city. Details.

Sunday, March 20, 1955**page**

- 5A. Employment at the Boeing Airplane Company in Wichita is expected to show a gradual decline over the next six months from the present figure of approximately 29,000 to about 25,500. Details.
- 6D. Full page summary of report on Wichita's water supply by the mayor's advisory committee. Details.

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2. Feature article by Bob Cummins on the disappearance of Wichita financier Scott Winne in 1908. Many details of the events. Article says Winne was finally located in 1924 in Montevideo, Uruguay by ex-Wichitan Frank Crowley and allegedly acknowledged that he was indeed Scott Winne.

Tuesday, March 22, 1955**page**

- 2A. Photos of the new addition to the Kansas Masonic Home under construction.
- 7A. Trans World Airlines has announced that delivery is being made of a 20 plane order of new Lockheed Super G Constellations and that they will go into non-stop service between Los Angeles and New York on April 1. This model has three passenger compartments with 66 seats and a sleeper section with eight Pullman type berths.
- 8A. Report of death yesterday at Hutchinson, Kansas of George L. Angle, 62, co-founder of the Westlink Golf Course here, after an extended illness. He was a resident of Burrton, Kansas. Born July 10, 1892 in Pennsylvania, and moved to Burrton from Sedgwick, Kansas two years ago. Previously he had lived in Wichita until 1946. He had come here at age seven with his parents. At the time of his death he owned the Angle Grocery Store in Hutchinson. Survived by his wife, Elsie, two sisters (named -- both in Wichita) and three brothers, Roy, 132 Robin Road, Harry, Eldorado, Kansas, and Joe, Springfield, Illinois.
- 13A. Board of Education yesterday let contracts for construction of 65 portable classroom units at a cost of \$477,608. Details.

Wednesday, March 23, 1955**page**

1. Report of results of city primary elections yesterday. Details.

Saturday, March 26, 1955**page**

- 5A. Report of bids submitted yesterday for proposed addition to Wesley Hospital. To be studied by Board of Trustees. Details.

Monday, March 28, 1955**page**

- 1B. Article summarizing annual report of The Coleman Company for 1954. Total sales for year ending December 31, 1954 were \$41,792,695, with net earnings of \$1,234,338. In 1953: Total sales -- \$44,111,570. Net earnings -- \$1,764,441. Details.

Friday, April 1, 1955**page**

- 3A. Building permit issued yesterday for razing of the Farha Brothers' Super Market, 202 West Douglas, and the Wichita Smoke House billiards hall, 208 West Douglas, to make room for a 23,000 square foot parking lot for the First National Bank.
- 1B. Photo of South Seneca looking south from Dayton, with old paving torn up preparatory to widening the street from Dayton to Wheeler to 48 feet and repaving it with concrete at estimated cost of \$150,000.

Saturday, April 2, 1955**page**

1. The Legislature in Topeka last night passed a bill authorizing Wichita to set up a transit authority act, subject to a few minor amendments which must be cleared before the bill is sent to the governor for signature.
- 4A. Article about plans of Historic Wichita, Inc. for "Cow Town of 1872." The next building to be constructed will probably be a caretaker's home to help control the problem of vandalism. Eventually the area will be fenced off from the park and entry will be controlled at one gate. Details.
- 12A. Report of dedication yesterday of new Santa Fe Railway crossing gates at MacArthur Road. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, April 6, 1955**page**

1. Report of results of city election yesterday. Details.
- 5A. General contract for the new addition to Wesley Hospital was awarded yesterday to the Martin K. Eby Construction Company for \$919,980. Plumbing and heating contract will add \$394,150. Ground breaking ceremonies to be held April 17. Details.

Thursday, April 7, 1955**page**

- 2A. The old Wichita Township Hall, located at 404 North Hydraulic, is to be moved to Cow Town. Details. Article says the building was used as a voting site up to two years ago. Photo.
- 4C. Joint construction of a Frisco and Rock Island Railroad interchange track connection will begin next week and be completed within 30 days. The 1800 foot of trackage will be laid from south of 25th Street to the Frisco main line south of 24th Street, near yard tracks of both railroads. At present it is necessary to handle cars of both companies over the terminal elevation through Union Station properties, causing delays and inconvenience.

Saturday, April 9, 1955**page**

- 3A. The Central Avenue sand pit no longer is a water filled menace to wandering children. The city's trash fill going on there since May 27, 1954 has covered and filled in the water area of the pit. Filling of the entire pit to surface level will probably be completed within a year. Details.
- 8A. Interview with retired carpenter W. E. Yungmeyer, 234 North Chautauqua, who was one of the ten original members who organized the local carpenters union in Wichita in 1899. Details.

Sunday, April 10, 1955**page**

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8. Feature article on Jessie L. Clark, long time director of music at Wichita public schools. Biography, details, photos.

Tuesday, April 12, 1955**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for construction of new Southeast High School at estimated cost of \$1,898,000. To be ready for occupancy in September 1957.

Monday, April 18, 1955**page**

- 5A. Report of ground breaking ceremonies yesterday afternoon for \$2,500,000 addition to Wesley Hospital. To be completed in about 18 months. Details.
- 10A. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Educational-Fellowship Building at Hyde Park Evangelical United Brethren Church, Ellis and Hyde Park Place, yesterday. Details.

Sunday, April 24, 1955**page**

- 8A. Photo showing start yesterday of wrecking of the old entrance at west side of Wesley Hospital where the new addition is to be attached.

Tuesday, April 26, 1955**page**

1. City Commission yesterday discussed holding a special election and asking voters to decide whether the city should buy the Wichita Water Company. Details.

Wednesday, April 27, 1955**page**

- 5A. Contracts let yesterday for an addition to Bridgeport School, District number 169, north of Wichita, at total cost of \$67,630. Architects are Hibbs-Robinson and Pettit. Details.

Friday, April 29, 1955**page**

- 2A. The world premiere of the motion picture, "Wichita," will be held here June 13 in conjunction with the formal opening of the Cow Town of 1872. Details.
- 5A. Condemnation proceedings to acquire sites for two parks were filed by the city in District Court yesterday. One area is the Meadowlark Golf Course at Harry and Oliver. The 103 acre tract has been the subject of a prolonged dispute between the Park Board and Elmer Corn, former mayor of Wichita, who alleges he is owner of the property. The resolution to acquire the golf course was passed by the city commission July 27, 1954. The other tract is a 20 acre tract bounded by 31st South, Bonn, 33rd South, and Everett.

Building permits issued yesterday for construction of 33 portable frame classroom units at a number of Wichita schools at cost of \$438,034. All are at elementary schools except for a three room unit at North High School. Details.

Sunday, May 1, 1955**page**

8A. Article about grand opening today of Dockum's new Parklane drug store. Details.

Tuesday, May 3, 1955**page**

5A. The huge task of sorting, cataloguing, and packing thousands of items in the Wichita Historical Museum at the Forum now is under way preparatory to moving some sections of the museum to a new location at 3751 East Douglas. Mrs. Frank Slay, curator of the museum, is being assisted by many volunteer workers. Details.

Thursday, May 5, 1955**page**

5A. The Wichita Library Board plans to start discussions in the next few months relative to picking a site for a new public library building. Details.

Saturday, May 7, 1955**page**

18A. Report of a talk by Professor Gerald Wood, business manager of Friends University, describing the early Wichita college and university projects of the 1880s, and especially the early history of Friends University as described in the journal of Dr. W. B. Hendryx, who had much to do with the establishment of Garfield University. Many details. One project mentioned is Central University -- planned on East Douglas but never built. ("Pioneer Educators' Dream of Wichita As Athens of the West Collapsed in 1880s").

Sunday, May 8, 1955**page**

5A. A charter for the East Side State Bank of Wichita was issued yesterday by the State Banking Board. Details.

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4. Feature article on history of professional baseball in Wichita. Details. Photos.

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12. Feature article about Florence, Kansas with history of railroad and first Harvey House there. Photos.

Tuesday, May 10, 1955**page**

5A. The old Harry Street bridge over the Big Arkansas River will be closed tomorrow morning and the contractor will start tearing down the old wooden bridge, which is to be replaced with a new concrete structure at a cost of \$223,909. The Inland Construction Company has the contract.

Thursday, May 12, 1955**page**

- 5A. Wichita Transportation Corporation's financial problems are to be discussed by the City Commission today in an informal meeting. The city staff this week issued a four page history of transit rate and fare negotiations going back three years. Details.

Friday, May 13, 1955**page**

- 5A. Bliss Isely is resigning his job with the Wichita Chamber of Commerce effective July 1, it was announced yesterday. Isely, age 74, is stepping down as publicity director of the chamber to devote his time to free-lance writing. In addition to his newspaper and publicity work, Isely has written four books on his own and cooperated in writing five others. His newspaper career dates back to 1907 when he went to work for the Wichita Beacon. This was one year after he graduated from Fairmount College. He worked for several other newspapers and then for 12 years operated his own publicity firm. Since 1944 he has been the full time publicity director for the chamber. Isely was born February 10, 1881 at Fairview, Kansas and lived there until coming to Wichita to attend college. Photo.

City commission at informal meeting yesterday decided it would examine the "rate base" of the Wichita Transportation Corporation before considering the requested fare increase. The previous city commission had agreed to a "rate base" of \$1,949,650. George Powers, Wichita Transportation Corporation attorney, submitted a financial summary in which a net loss of \$49,569.25 for the first four months of 1955 was claimed.

- 8A. The city is nearing completion of its project on the Little Arkansas River between 13th and 18th Streets, in which the river has been straightened and the banks cleared and leveled. Details. Photos.

Sunday, May 15, 1955**page**

Magazine

8. Feature article on McConnell Air Force Base. Aerial photos.

Wednesday, May 18, 1955**page**

- 5A. City commission yesterday granted the Wichita Transportation Corporation the increase in fares it has been seeking, and the city's franchise tax was subordinated, meaning that the company will pay no tax unless it earns more than six percent on its investment. The new fares, when put into effect, will be 20 cents cash for adults or six tokens for \$1.00. School fares will be ten cents, and shoppers round trip tickets 25 cents. City commissioner H. D. Lester says he will propose soon that the city offer to buy the operative bus properties of the Wichita Transportation Corporation for one million dollars. If this offer were accepted by the company, a proposal for purchase would be put to a special city election.
- 7B. Grand opening of Wichita's newest motor hotel -- Western Trails Lodge at 4701 US 54 West -- will be held Sunday. Details. Photo.

Thursday, May 19, 1955**page****Special section**

- 10A. Wichita Transportation Corporation ad about Tuesday's action by the city commission increasing bus fares, and saying that an increase to an 18 cent token fare was averted by the subordination of the City Franchise Tax. Details. The Shoppers Special roundtrip ticket for 25 cents will be good between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- 6B. Article about Little Arkansas Treaty signed on banks of Little Arkansas River about eight miles north of Wichita in October 1865, and the historic marker at 61st and Seneca marking the site. Details. Photo.
- 1C-18C. Special section announcing grand opening today of the Parklane shopping center. Articles, details, photos.

Sunday, May 22, 1955**page****Magazine**

- 5A. It is expected that the first dividend for common stockholders of the Central Building, at Main and Douglas, will be paid in September, it was announced yesterday. No dividend for common stockholders has ever been paid since the building was constructed in 1929. Article gives details about the building's improved financial situation. Photo.
30. Feature article about Salvation Army's rehabilitation services in Wichita, with photo of the old Johnston-Larimer building at 619 East Douglas, which was purchased by the Salvation Army two and one-half years ago and remodeled to house its various activities.

Monday, May 23, 1955**page**

- 12A. Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1st and Madison, observed its 70th anniversary yesterday. Details.

Friday, May 27, 1955**page**

1. Report of severe tornado at Udall, Kansas last night with many killed. Details. Photos.
- 5A. Production of the B-52 jet bomber is being increased by about 35 percent at both Wichita and Seattle divisions of the Boeing Airplane Company. Details. Total employment at Boeing Wichita is 26,952. This is expected to gradually decline to approximately 22,500 by the end of 1955.

Wednesday, June 1, 1955**page**

- 5A. Wichita building permits for first five months of 1955 have totaled \$23,997,935 compared with \$14,821,450 for the same period in 1954. Details.

Tuesday, June 7, 1955**page**

- 3A. Board of Education yesterday accepted bids for construction of a 25 room addition to West High School which will increase the capacity of the school from 1250 to 1750. Bids totaled \$421,207. Details. To be completed in 11 months.
- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Dr. John Donovan Clark, 80, of the Hillcrest apartments, well known Wichita physician. Born August 1, 1874 at Columbus, Ohio. Received M. D. degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1901. Came to Wichita in 1901 as an intern at St. Francis Hospital and was a charter member of the Wichita Academy of Medicine, formed in 1902, which later became the Sedgwick County Medical Society. He was the third intern at St. Francis, being preceded by Dr. Loren E. Rex and Dr. G. K. Purves. He retired from active practice in 1940. Survived by wife, Margaret, a daughter, Mrs. Douglas C. Reybold, of Westport, Connecticut, two sons, John D. Clark, Jr., of Evansville, Indiana, and Preston Clark, of 646 North Bluff, and three grandchildren. Dr. Howard C. Clark is a nephew. Further biography. Photo. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Thursday, June 9, 1955**page**

- 5A. The city yesterday ordered a new 65 foot aerial service fire truck for the new Station Number 3 being completed at 18th and Market. The Seagraves Corporation, of Columbus, Ohio, was the low bidder, with a delivered price of \$31,000.

Friday, June 10, 1955**page**

1. The Federal Communications Commission yesterday authorized Wichita Television Corporation to operate a Channel 3 television station in Wichita. Details.

Sunday, June 12, 1955**page****Magazine**

2. Feature article on cruiser U. S. S Wichita, which was towed last winter to the Mayland Dry Docking Yards in Baltimore for overhauling and is now back in "mothballs" at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, June 14, 1955**page**

- 5A. Board of Education yesterday approved preliminary plans for a three story addition to North High School. The addition will extend west from the wing with the present science rooms, toward the Little Arkansas River. Architects are Thomas, Harris, Calvin and Associates. The Board also accepted bids for a \$94,005 addition to Skinner Elementary School, 1640 East 21st.

Wednesday, June 15, 1955**page**

- 5A. Ground breaking ceremonies held yesterday for the new \$400,000 warehouse building to be constructed by the United Warehouse Company at Waterman and Mosley. Building is to be two blocks long.

Thursday, June 16, 1955**page**

- 5A. Photo of Wichita University's new fieldhouse under construction.

Saturday, June 18, 1955**page**

- 1B. Photo of old Harry Street bridge across Big Arkansas River being torn down before construction of the new four lane concrete bridge.

Sunday, June 19, 1955**Magazine****page**

4. Feature article on *U.S.S. Wichita's* wartime activities, with photos of ship at Scapa Flow and in Pacific.

Tuesday, June 21, 1955**page**

- 5A. Wichita Transportation Corporation has agreed to pay a franchise tax on annual earnings above \$90,000 it was announced yesterday, but the bus company officials have not yet reached any agreement on a rate base reduction. The company will also finance an investigation of its standards of service in comparison with other comparable midwest cities. Details. This information with recommendations will later be submitted to the city commission for study.

Wednesday, June 22, 1955**page**

- 5A. Report on a hearing held yesterday by the City Planning Commission on a proposed expressway along the Drainage Canal. Details.

Thursday, June 23, 1955**page**

- 16A. Article about the million dollar Seneca Square shopping center now under construction at Seneca and 31st Street South. Details.

Friday, June 24, 1955**page**

- 5A. Photo of the new Santa Fe Railway bridge over the "Big Ditch" west of Wichita and south of the new US 54 Highway. The bridge is nearing completion and should be finished in two weeks. It is a 12 span steel and concrete bridge. The old Santa Fe bridge is also visible in the photo to the south of the new bridge.

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4. Another feature article on the wartime activities of the cruiser U. S. S. Wichita. Photo of ship firing full salvo in bombardment of Okinawa.

10. Feature article on the new Wichita University fieldhouse, now under construction, with photos on two pages.

Monday, June 27, 1955**page**

- 14A. Report of ground breaking ceremonies yesterday for the new \$225,000 St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church at 17th and Piatt. Details.

Tuesday, June 28, 1955**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for new \$70,000 one story home economics building on the campus of the University of Wichita in the 2000 block of North Yale.

Article about a small hole in the Little Arkansas River dam above Central Avenue. Details.

Wednesday, June 29, 1955**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$315,000 addition to West High School, which will include 25 classrooms plus laboratory and storage space. It will provide 31,000 square feet of floor area. C. A. Doolittle Construction Company has the contract.

Sunday, July 3, 1955**page****Magazine**

4. Another feature article on war service of U. S. S. Wichita.

8. Feature article on Riverside Park Zoo, with photos.

Tuesday, July 5, 1955**page**

- 4B. Article about old Santa Fe boxcar Number 21441 which has been restored and donated to Wichita's Cow Town for display with the old depot and stockyards. Long article gives history of the project and restoration. Original date of construction is not known, but the car was remodeled in 1897. Later it was used as a bunk car for track crews. It was subsequently found in the junk yard at Topeka and then shipped on a flat car to the West Wichita shops for restoration. Late last week it was moved by the Martin Eby Company from the West Wichita shops to Cow Town. Details. Photos.

Thursday, July 7, 1955**page**

- 4A. Historic Wichita, Inc. is requesting 1870 era furnishings for the old Munger house in Cow

Town. Details.

- 3B. Article describes refurbishing under way at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3rd and Topeka, including sandblasting of the native limestone walls of the building. Article gives history of the church. Says the church owns the old E. E. Battin residence on northwest corner of 3rd and Topeka, which it purchased from congregation member H. D. Lester. Mrs. Lester is a daughter of E. E. Lester. This building is used as the education unit of the church. Details. (Editor's note: Upon checking the microfilm of the newspaper, Mrs. Lester is actually the daughter of E. E. Battin, not E. E. Lester.)

Sunday, July 10, 1955**page**

- 11A. Wichita's new ordinance book, which has been on sale at the city clerk's office for more than two weeks at \$30 a set, has been selling very slowly. Only 13 of the 500 copies which the city received have been sold. This is the first reprinting of the city's code book since 1936. Details.

Tuesday, July 12, 1955**page**

- 5A. Board of Education yesterday passed a 1955-56 budget of \$22,441,079, equivalent to a mill levy of approximately 34.064 mills. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held July 25. This is almost a five million dollar increase over above last year's budget of \$17,737,997, with an increase of nearly five mills in the mill levy. The Board also proposed moving the administrative offices to a new building on the East High School grounds and selling the present administration building at 428 South Broadway. Details.

Thursday, July 14, 1955**page**

- 3B. A Wyatt Earp memorial plaque was unveiled at the city's first jail in Wichita's Cow Town yesterday during festivities coincident with the world premiere of the movie "Wichita." Details.

Sunday, July 17, 1955**page**

- 19C. Eagle ad with large map of city.

Wednesday, July 20, 1955**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$72,000 addition to Skinner Elementary School, at 1612 East 21st Street.

The number of auto licenses issued in Sedgwick County this year reached 113,200 yesterday evening, more than the 113,000 sold by December 16 last year. Tags for 1956 will lack the familiar cut-out in the upper right hand corner showing the path of the Missouri River.

Thursday, July 21, 1955**page**

- 2A. Aerial photo of the new Wichita University field house under construction, showing framework of roof.

Tuesday, July 26, 1955**page**

- 7A. Board of Park Commission yesterday accepted the low bid of \$500 from George Dotson Construction Company for razing the old MacDonald Park clubhouse. The building and foundation are to be removed. The Board plans to establish a parking lot on the site. The new clubhouse was opened last week.

Thursday, July 28, 1955**page**

- 8B. Report of sale of Southeast Manor Apartments, 192 units erected in 1950 by Schrader Brothers' Construction Company on 20 acres of the old Joe Carey farm located between Pinecrest and Edgemoor and between Harry and Boston Drive -- to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene G. Coombs, of 333 South Oliver, for more than \$1,500,000. Details. Aerial photo.
- 3C. Ad announcing formal opening today of the Continental Grill Number 6 at 1220 West Douglas. Photos.

Friday, July 29, 1955**page**

- 4A. Article describing progress on construction of the new ten story Union Center building at 1st and Main. Steel framework is up past four stories. Photo.
- Building permit issued yesterday for a \$69,000 educational building for Fairview Christian Church, 1644 Fairview.
- 1B. Photos of several new Wichita school buildings under construction. Article with details.

Sunday, July 31, 1955**page****Magazine**

- 8D. Photo of large new warehouse under construction in 900 block of East Waterman for United Warehouse Company. To be completed by January 1 and have 115,000 square feet of floor space.
10. Feature article on the Transcontinental Air Transport transcontinental air-rail service which was inaugurated July 7, 1929. Photos.

Monday, August 1, 1955**page**

- 3A. Article about a one story addition to the Wichita Clinic, 3244 East Douglas. Reinforcement has started for the basement addition which will provide quarters for the

X-ray department and house the cobalt ray equipment. The addition is on the south side of the clinic and extends some 130 feet. Photo of present appearance of south side.

Saturday, August 6, 1955**page**

16B. Order was issued yesterday from State Highway Commission in Topeka to install red stop signs in place of yellow ones throughout the state as rapidly as possible.

Sunday, August 7, 1955**Magazine****page**

2. Feature article about peach growing in Sedgwick County.
4. Feature article about the city's first permanent church building, now in Cow Town. Photo.
8. Feature article about the new Fine Arts Center at Wichita University, now nearing completion. Photos.

Tuesday, August 9, 1955**page**

1B. The Civil Aeronautics Board examiner in Washington has recommended granting of an extension of Continental Air Lines routes from Denver to Chicago and Los Angeles. However the final decision may not be made until January 1956.

Wednesday, August 10, 1955**page**

5A. City commission yesterday passed Wichita's record 1956 budget of \$18,874,884 without opposition. This will require a mill levy of 19.9877 mills. Estimated 1955 expenditure is \$12,501,696, and actual 1954 expenditure was \$10,498,992. Details.

Friday, August 12, 1955**page**

5A. The steel framework of the new Union Center building at 1st and Main was completed yesterday afternoon. Details.

Sunday, August 14, 1955**page**

5A. Report of death July 31 in Portland, Oregon of Wichita pioneer, Mrs. Marion M. Wentworth, 86. Said to have been born in Wichita November 20, 1868, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Millison. He was one of the founders of the Wichita Beacon. Lived here until 15 years ago, when she moved to Fort Simon Island, Georgia. Later she went to Portland to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Clara Arndt. Survived also by a son, Colonel R. D. Wentworth, of United States Army, in Washington D.C. Burial to be in Wichita Park Cemetery. Photo.

Photo of the practically completed \$610,000 infirmary addition to the Kansas Masonic

Home. Occupancy is expected in October when furnishings and equipment have been delivered.

- 6A. Photo of large 23 room house at 1112 North Broadway which has been leased by the Kansas State Commission on Alcoholism and is to be opened September 15 as a "half-way house" for alcoholics. Details.

Wednesday, August 17, 1955

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- 4A. Article with reminiscences of R. W. Ahlf, 1726 Victor, who came to Wichita with his parents in 1882 and attended school for two years in the Catholic parsonage which stood next to Wichita's first permanent church building then located at 2nd and St. Francis, which had been purchased by them from the Presbyterians. Both the church and parsonage have now been moved to Cow Town and restored. At that time, the teacher, according to Mr. Ahlf, was a sister of Father Casey, the Catholic priest here then. Mr. Ahlf spoke no English when he arrived in this country. His father, Henry Ahlf, operated a restaurant at 406 West Douglas in the early days.

Thursday, August 18, 1955

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- 7A. Large ad announcing that after 36 years in business in the same building at 309 East Douglas, S. G. Holmes and Sons have sold their lease and must vacate by September 30th. Sale is to be held.

Saturday, August 20, 1955

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- 4B. Feature article on maintenance department of Wichita Fire Department at Fire Station Number 1. One photo shows side of an Emergency First Aid vehicle converted from a bus, and appearing to be a General Motors Corporation coach.

Sunday, August 21, 1955

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- 5A. Revised plans for the Wichita Clinic building at 3244 East Douglas were announced yesterday. They now call for a two story addition along the present building's south side instead of a one story addition as announced previously on July 31. This is because it was found that the water lay too close to the surface of the ground for a basement level to be built. The original construction work for the addition began nearly a month ago.
- 9B. Full page ad of the Wichita Water Company essentially opposing any transfer to municipal ownership. Details. (Editor's note: Upon checking the microfilm, the article actually appears on page 7B, not page 9B.)

Tuesday, August 23, 1955

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- 5A. Article about progress of the Board of Park Commissioners in condemnation of the Meadow Lark Golf Course for park purposes. Request made to City Commission for

\$300,000 bond fund to pay for same. Details.

Sunday, August 28, 1955**page****Magazine**

- 5B. Wichita's new television station, KARD, Channel 3, will go on the air next Thursday from temporary studios at 218 North Broadway. The transmitter tower is located approximately one mile east of Colwich, directly south of Highway 96. Permanent offices and studios are under way at the southwest corner of 8th and Main. Details. Corporation directors listed.
4. Feature article on the Thursday Afternoon Cooking Club and the important part played in its founding by Mrs. Ellen Busselle Campbell, originally from New York, and wife of Burton Harvey "Barbeque" Campbell, well known cattleman. In 1867, at age 20, she had married a widower with three children, who took her to his Illinois farm. From Illinois she went to a northern Michigan farm before her husband, B. H. Campbell, took on the management of the famed King XIT Ranch in Texas. Mrs. Campbell remained in Wichita, keeping house for her four children. Here she conceived the idea of the Thursday Afternoon Cooking Club, which held its first meeting in December 1891. Details. Photos of the family "castle" in Riverside when her children were young, of Mrs. Campbell, and of her daughter, Mrs. Howard (Christie) Norton, 1429 North Chautauqua.

Tuesday, August 30, 1955**page**

- 11A. The first paving on the Kansas Turnpike toll road will begin October 1. Details.

Wednesday, August 31, 1955**page**

- 2A. Long article with details of reductions of bus service which will be proposed by the Wichita Transportation Corporation to the City Commission in order to allow the company to break even on operating bus lines this year. Details. ("Cut-off of Bus Service Studied.")

Saturday, September 3, 1955**page**

1. Announcement made yesterday that the Allis Hotel has been sold by the Trianon Hotel Company of Kansas City, Missouri, whose president is Barney L. Allis, to the Boss Hotels, Inc., of Des Moines, Iowa, a chain of 34 hotels in six midwestern and southern states, whose president is Edwin A. Boss, of Des Moines. Long time Allis manager, Frank L. Ripple, is leaving, and will be replaced by M. E. Lamberti, from Des Moines, of the Boss chain. The Allis was opened on December 3, 1930. Article gives further details. Photo.

Wednesday, September 7, 1955**page**

- 5A. Public schools in Wichita opened yesterday. A total of 46,484 students were enrolled in all public schools by the end of the day. Details. Enrollment in the individual high schools

was: East 3076, North 2015, and West 1455.

- 13A. Board of education yesterday considered preliminary plans for two new elementary schools, the Bert C. Wells school at Galena and Pattie, and the Lloyd Stearman school on Gilbert near Rock Road. Details.

Friday, September 9, 1955

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- 5A. Wichita's Park Board is considering the acquisition of three vacated sand pits across the Arkansas River south of Herman Hill park as a possible future park site. Details. Aerial photo.
- 9A. Photo of new University of Wichita field house nearing completion, with roof on.
- 1C. Photo of new Harry Street bridge over Arkansas River under construction.

Saturday, September 10, 1955

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- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for new East Heights Methodist Church to be built at 4407 East Douglas at cost of \$198,512.

Sunday, September 11, 1955

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- 5A. Enrollment at Wichita University reached an all-time high at noon yesterday of 4027, including 906 in the school of engineering. The total will probably climb still higher before enrollment ends on October 15.

Tuesday, September 13, 1955

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- 5A. Enrollment at Wichita University reached a total of 4176 at 5:00 p.m. Monday compared with 3682 on the same date a year ago.

Wednesday, September 21, 1955

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- 2A. Article reports that Martin N. Perry, former assistant city editor of the Indianapolis Times, has joined the Wichita Eagle as an editorial writer. A native Wichitan, he began his newspaper career as a reporter for the Eagle. He later worked for the Minneapolis Tribune before going to Indianapolis. He is a graduate of North High School and Wichita University, receiving his AB degree in political science in 1947. He received a masters degree in journalism from Columbia University in New York in 1948. He is a former Marine officer, having served in World War II and the Korean War. He will reside with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Perry, 1231 Woodrow, until he is joined by his wife, the former Betty Rienets, and their two children, Norma, 9, and Stephen, 7. Photo.

Thursday, September 22, 1955

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- 12D. Article on progress of the "Big Ditch," which is about half completed. Details. Photos. Major levee work still is under way south of the city. Most of the two million dollars earmarked for work in the current fiscal year is being used for railroad relocation programs.

Saturday, September 24, 1955**page**

- 1B. Building permit issued yesterday to raze the old L'Ouverture Elementary School, 13th and Mosley. Students in the area now attend school at a modern L'Ouverture School in the 1500 block on Ohio.

Sunday, September 25, 1955**page****Magazine**

- 5A. Aerial photo of Boeing Company's Wichita plant.
2. Feature article on Mrs. Lucetta S. Carter, who was a prominent figure in Wichita literary life in the early days. Much biographical information. She died in 1919 at age 91. Photo.

Tuesday, September 27, 1955**page**

- 5A. Report of death Sunday in Westwood, California, of Henry Israel, 93, last survivor of the pioneer Israel family of Wichita. Born in Griggsville, Illinois, the fourth child of the Israel family of five sons and two daughters, and came to Wichita with his family as a small child in the early 1870s. Moved to California about 25 years ago. Survived by a daughter in California and a niece and two nephews in Wichita (named).

Monday, October 3, 1955**page**

1. Report of flash flooding in the Stock Yards area and in much of North Wichita above 21st Street and to the Harvey County line following very heavy rains. Flooding occurred early Sunday morning. Details. Many photos.

Saturday, October 8, 1955**page**

- 14A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Caroline F. Shuman, 78, 1350 Wellington Place, who had resided here for 75 years. Born October 7, 1877 in Peabody, Kansas and moved here with her family in 1880. Survived by husband and a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Prewett, both of the home, a granddaughter, Janice Prewett, also of the home, and a brother, M. C. Jones, 1206 South St. Francis. Burial to be in Highland Cemetery.

Sunday, October 9, 1955**page**

- 5A. Plans announced yesterday for changes in bus routings as a result of the recent mayor's conference of transit experts. The changes are effective Sunday, October 16. Article gives details of the changes, and map. ("Bus Routings to be Changed" -- plus copy of map.)

Thursday, October 13, 1955**page**

- 11A. H. W. Stanley was re-elected president of the Wichita Cemetery Company at an annual meeting yesterday at Byrd-Snodgrass Funeral Home. Also re-elected were George M. Brown, vice-president, and Mrs. Mabel Criver, secretary. H. B. Gilkeson was named to the board of directors replacing Byron Farmer. Other directors re-elected are listed. Annual reports showed the trust fund had been increased over \$5000 the past year, "which brings the company out of its financial doldrums."

Saturday, October 15, 1955**page**

- 5A,20A. New Wichita bus routings are to be placed into effect tomorrow by the Wichita Transportation Company. Don Kuntz, assistant general manager of the company, said the route changes have come about through recommendations from a traffic experts' conference last July 22. Details. Exact route of each line listed in continuation of article on page 20A. ("New Wichita Bus Routings to go Into Effect Tomorrow").
- 16A. Map of downtown area showing location of parking lots.

Sunday, October 16, 1955**page**

- 5A. Official enrollment at the University of Wichita yesterday at the end of the fall enrollment period reached an all-time high of 4392, compared with 3848 last year. The freshman class totaled 1527 compared with 1346 last fall. There are 975 sophomores, 403 juniors, and 514 seniors. Details.
- 8A. Detailed map of southwest quarter of Sedgwick County showing land ownership.

Thursday, October 20, 1955**page**

- 2D. The remodeled and enlarged J. C. Penney Company store at 130-132 North Broadway will be formally opened this morning. Store has a completely new facade. Details. Photos of the old store, occupied since 1919 and leased originally from Charles H. Smyth, father of Charles F. Smyth, who now owns the property, and of the annex building built in 1940 and the present newly remodeled front.

Sunday, October 23, 1955**page**

- 11A. Wichita's new \$31,000 aerial ladder fire truck went into service last week at the new Fire Station Number 3 at 18th and Market. It was received by the city in late September and went into service October 17. It is the fourth aerial ladder truck in the city's fire department. Two 100 foot trucks and another 65 foot truck are also in service. Photo.

Monday, October 24, 1955**page**

- 5A. The city of Wichita assumed management of Meadowlark Golf Course Sunday. Pending

in District Court is a \$264,000 condemnation proceeding for the land. Details.

Friday, October 28, 1955**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for a new \$700,000 building to house the long distance dialing facility of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at 154 North Broadway. Construction of the new seven story building just south of the company's present building will start within a few days and is expected to be completed by late 1956. Including equipment the new facility will cost around \$3,500,000. Details.

Wednesday, November 2, 1955**page**

- 20A. City commission yesterday agreed to the recommendation of City Manager E. N. Smith that the new Harry Street bridge, rapidly nearing completion, be named after Morris W. Levy, a pioneer Wichita businessman who died in 1929.

Thursday, November 3, 1955**page**

- 12A. The October issue of the Santa Fe Magazine has an article entitled "Wichita -- Wheel of Industry." Says the Santa Fe handled 54,390 carloads of freight in and out of Wichita in 1954 compared with 22,960 carloads in 1940.

Sunday, November 6, 1955**page****Magazine**

- 5B. Article about the reconstruction and enlargement of the pipe organ of the First Baptist Church over the past 16 months. It is to be dedicated with a recital this evening. The organ was removed from the old sanctuary before the building was razed. The 14 rank organ was enlarged to a 31 rank instrument by the Smith Organ Company, of Wichita, starting in June 1954. Details.
6. Night photo of first and second blocks on South Broadway.

Monday, November 7, 1955**page**

- 5A. Report of dedication yesterday of the new L. W. Mayberry Intermediate School, 207 South Sheridan. Details.

Tuesday, November 8, 1955**page**

1. The United States Supreme Court yesterday upheld the right of the city of Wichita to condemn land for a 66 inch water pipeline from the equus beds at Halstead, to Wichita. Details.
- 4A. A poll will be taken today by the Wichita Transportation Corporation on the routing of the West Douglas line, which was changed last month along with several other lines. John E.

Ebinger, general manager, said yesterday that some 1000 ballots will be given out to passengers on the line. At present the route goes west on Douglas to Seneca, then south to Maple, west to Anna, north to Douglas, east on Douglas to Meridian, then south again to Maple. Since the change, some residents in the area have suggested that the line run west on Maple and return east on Douglas.

- 5A. The condemnation controversy over acquiring the Meadow Lark Golf Course was settled by the Park Board yesterday when it agreed to pay Elmer Corn \$264,000 for the property plus \$15,000 in interest and \$5000 in miscellaneous expenses. Details.

Friday, November 11, 1955

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- 5A. The city of Wichita yesterday paid out two checks totaling \$294,500 to complete the purchase of Meadow Lark Golf Course at Harry and Oliver. One check for \$257,500 was made out to Edward McGivney, Olive McGivney, Iven and Emmett McGivney, Pond Creek, Oklahoma, and the other for \$37,000 was made out to Elmer R. Corn, of Eastborough, and T. K. Linden, of Wichita, and P. K. Smith and H. E. Jones, their attorneys.

Saturday, November 12, 1955

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1. A Boeing B-52 Stratofortress bomber flew over Wichita for the first time yesterday as a part of the Air Force Base Veterans' Day program. It was flown here from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Photo of plane over downtown Wichita.

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- 5B. Photos of nearly completed new University of Wichita field house, which has 10,235 permanent seats.
4. Feature article on 50 year anniversary of the YWCA in Wichita. Photos of the YWCA building at 140 North Topeka and of an early day group of YWCA members in front of large unidentified building. (Auditorium??)

Tuesday, November 15, 1955

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- 11A. Kansas Gas and Electric ad announcing open house at company's newly completed building at 1st and Market on November 16 and 17. Photo with ad and on page 4B (showing southbound traffic on Market). Cost two and one-half million dollars.
- 4B. Trans World Airlines board of directors yesterday approved purchase of eight additional Super G Constellations for delivery starting next June. Twenty Super Gs are already in service on Trans World Airlines. Delivery of the eight new ones will precede a previous order for 24 extra long range Constellations. The company has an existing fleet of 101 super and standard-size Constellations.

Wednesday, November 16, 1955**page**

1. City commission yesterday fired City Manager E. N. Smith and named Emory L. Cox, director of the park board, to succeed him. Smith was Wichita's tenth city manager and served three years, beginning November 13, 1952. Controversy centered on Smith's intention to remove Police Chief R. B. Price. Details.

Thursday, November 19, 1955**page**

- 5A. Building permits in Wichita this year so far are only \$578,586 short of the all time high total of \$41,416,975 in 1954.

Thursday, November 24, 1955**page**

- 2A. Report of death yesterday by suicide (gunshot in a room at Allis Hotel) of Wichita clothing merchant Adolph H. Brick, 53, of 154 North Edgemoor, attributed to despondency over ill health. His place of business was Brick's Men's Wear, 127 West Douglas. Born March 29, 1902 at Kansas City, Missouri and had lived in Wichita for 50 years. Married Ellen Gordon here in 1942. Took over management of the clothing store in 1940 after the death of his father, Herman, who founded the firm in 1916. Survived by his wife, a son, Robert J. Brick, of the home and one brother, Sidney Brick, 331 North Parkwood. Member of Temple Emanu-El. Burial to be in Highland Cemetery.
- 5A. Article about proposed plans for new Sedgwick County courthouse as presented by architects Glenn H. Thomas, A. B. Harris, and R. E. Calvin, Jr. Details.

The city Fire Department's five story drill tower will be dismantled from its present site at Station Number 2, Lewis and Topeka, and moved to Station Number 8 at 3rd and Walbash in early January. Details. The tower was erected at Lewis and Topeka in 1932. Earlier it was at Central Station behind City Hall along with another four story tower. Both were dismantled in 1932 but only the five story structure was retained.

Saturday, November 26, 1955**page**

- 4A. The first residents of the new \$700,000 infirmary addition to the Kansas Masonic Home were moved into their quarters yesterday, according to V. M. Liston, superintendent. Details.

Sunday, November 27, 1955**page****Magazine**

- 5A. List of Wichita city managers and their dates in office:

E. T. Battin March 9, 1917-June 19, 1917

Louis Ash June 19, 1917-October 3, 1919

L. W. Clapp	October 3, 1919-June 1, 1921
Earl Elliott	June 4, 1921-August 1, 1927
Bert Wells	August 1, 1927-April 11, 1939
Alfred MacDonald	April 11, 1939-May 14, 1941
Donald Gordon	May 14, 1941-July 21, 1941
Russell McClure	July 28, 1941-March 1, 1948
Monty Jones	March 1, 1948-November 13, 1952
E. N. Smith	November 13, 1952-November 15, 1955
Emory Cox	November 15, 1955-November 22, 1955
E. N. Smith	November 22, 1955-

Article with details.

- 18C. Article about Chase County courthouse in Cottonwood Falls. History and photo.
- 2. Feature article on a half century of basketball in Wichita. History. Photo of first team at Fairmount College, 1905-06, including Bliss Isely.
- 10. Feature article on new Wichita University field house, which will be formally opened and dedicated Wednesday, December 7, with a game between Wichita University and the University of Kansas. Details and photos.

Wednesday, November 30, 1955

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- 2A. New Wichita telephone directories being distributed this week have a change to a gray colored cover instead of the olive-green color of the directories distributed in December 1954. There are 124,000 telephones in the Wichita district.
- 10A. Aero Service Corporation was the low bidder for taking an aerial survey of the Wichita area, bidding \$6894 for three prints and \$8617 for four prints. The aerial photography, the first in four or five years, were approved by the City Commission November 8 and will cover 383 square miles, the most extensive ever made of the Wichita area. One of the prints will be for the county engineer's office. The survey is to be completed by the end of next month.

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- 7A. Mrs. N. C. Sevin has embarked on the task of writing a musical history of Wichita. Details. Her address is 4 Crestview Lakes Estates.

Friday, December 2, 1955**page**

- 5A. Drawing of Wichita Art Museum with two wings as originally planned in the early 1930s by architect Clarence S. Stein, of New York. Article with details.

Sunday, December 4, 1955**page**

- 1B. Report of first game in new University of Wichita field house last night, with University of Utah beating Wichita University by 73 to 51. Details. Official dedication will be this Wednesday evening at a game with University of Kansas (article on page 8B).
- 3E. Thomas P. Bashew, associated with radio stations KFH and KFH-FM since 1949 as program director and later as sales manager was appointed Friday as general manager of the two stations. Photo.

Wednesday, December 7, 1955**page**

- 9B. Ad with photos of new University of Wichita Field House, which is to be officially opened tonight. Construction started November 11, 1954.

Thursday, December 8, 1955**page**

1. Report of roll out of first Wichita built B-52 Stratofortress bomber at Boeing plant here at noon yesterday. Details. Photo.
- One hundred thirty page report of Black and Veatch, consulting engineers of Kansas City, Missouri, on the feasibility of city ownership and operations of the entire water system of city of Wichita, has been completed for submission to City Commission, and recommends that the city acquire the Wichita Water Company and build the proposed \$25,520,000 Cheney Reservoir project. Details.
- 6C. Report of official opening of the new Wichita University field house last night with a game won by University of Kansas over Wichita University by 56 to 55. Details.

Saturday, December 10, 1955**page**

- 5A. Board of directors of Fourth National Bank yesterday approved a \$3,300,000 expansion project which not only will add a new building to the north but will rebuild the present structure inside and out. Contracts are to be let soon. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, December 11, 1955**page**

- 16A. Article with reminiscences of M. F. Whitlow of Wichita, who now resides at the Eaton

Hotel and has lived in Wichita for about 50 years, about the three day air meet at Walnut Grove Park, five miles north of Wichita, in May 1911, held on May 4, 5, and 6. Attendance reported in the Eagle then as about 3500 the first day, 7000 the second day, and 10,000 the last day. Whitlow and his wife went to the show with his parents in their new carriage. The airfield was an alfalfa field. Many went to the site by the interurban. Manager of the three day show was the late O. A. Boyle. Some railroads ran excursions to Wichita for the event. Admission was 50 cents, except children under 12 were admitted free if accompanied by their parents. Four fliers were here for the show -- Jimmy Ward, Eugene Ely, R. C. St. Henry (just back from a successful tour of Western Canada), and C. C. Witmer, direct from the Curtiss School of Aviation at San Diego, California. Dim photo of one of the Curtiss biplanes on ground. Whitlow has one son, Marvin Wayne of Eldorado, Kansas and two daughters, Mrs. La Rue Ticer, 548 North Volutsia, and Ms. Virginia Thrall, Oklahoma City.

Wednesday, December 14, 1955

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- 5A. Miss Emalee Million, East High School teacher and study hall supervisor, discharged by the Board of Education after a Monday night meeting, intends to appeal her dismissal. Details.

Thursday, December 15, 1955

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- 4A. The parking lot at 120 North Water is being doubled in size to increase its capacity from 500 to 1000 cars. The lot, owned by Parkhere, Inc., will be increased in size to 270 by 140 feet. Two former garage buildings on the site are now being razed and work should be completed by end of this week. Photo.
- 9A. Photo of building across alley north of Fourth National Bank Building on Market Street, which will be torn down immediately after Christmas to make way for the bank's new seven story expansion building.

Sunday, December 18, 1955

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Magazine

1. Announcement made yesterday that the Butts Building, southwest corner of 1st and Broadway, has been sold to Tom Palmer, Wichita oil man, for \$350,000, by D. L. Zimmerman, Wichita electrical contractor and investor, who purchased the building in 1944 from J. Arch Butts and other heirs of the Butts estate. Details. Photo.

Jenkins Music Company has signed a long-term lease on the south two-thirds of the former Sears, Roebuck building at northwest corner of Market and William. Work will start Monday on remodeling and installation of a new front, a new elevator, air conditioning and a new lighting system. The improvements are estimated to cost over \$100,000, with completion by late spring. Overend and Boucher are architects. Photo of building on page 4A.

14. Feature article on Monsignor William M. Farrell, who was rector at St. Mary's Cathedral for more than 30 years and will observe 50 years as a priest this Sunday. Came to Wichita in 1906 (February 1), soon after his ordination in Rome on December 15, 1905. After 22 years here he went to Hutchinson, Kansas in July 1908 as pastor of St. Teresa's parish. After nine years there he returned to Wichita on September 1, 1917 and was named rector of St. Mary's Cathedral. Since 1947 he has been chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital. Further biography. Photos. Born May 12, 1876 in Kentland, Indiana. To Kansas at age four.

Tuesday, December 20, 1955**page**

1. Announcement made yesterday by Beech Aircraft Corporation of its new tandem-seat, two place jet trainer, the Model 73, which made its initial flight Sunday. Details. Photo.
- 3A. Article about large job in City Clerk's office of transferring record of special assessments against city property from the large books in county clerk's office to 8 one-half by 11 inch cards which are much easier to handle. Job has been under way since June 1954 and should be finished by end of this year. Details.
- 11A. Building permit issued yesterday to raze four buildings at 114, 116, 118 and 120 North Market to make room for the Fourth National Bank's new addition.

Wednesday, December 21, 1955**page**

- 7A. Annual report of Beech Aircraft Corporation was distributed to stockholders yesterday. Total sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1955 was \$77,075,541, with net income before taxes of \$7,706,510 and after taxes was \$3,586,510. For the 1954 fiscal year total sales were \$78,033,435, with net income after taxes of \$3,386,089. The company's present backlog exceeds \$71 million.
- 8A. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, now at 839 North Market, has approved the bids for construction of its new church structure and educational building at 917-33 North Waco. The site was purchased earlier in the year and now is being cleared of buildings. The project will cost more than \$400,000. Exterior of the new church will be of Silverdale limestone. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, December 24, 1955**page**

- 3A. The annual Sam Amidon Christmas dinner will be held this evening at Wolf's Cafeteria. About 350 of the city's needy are expected to attend. It will be the 53rd renewal of the Amidon project. Details. Started in 1902.

Sunday, December 25, 1955**Magazine****page**

6. Feature article on Kansas building stone. Article details especially with the Silverdale limestone area east of Arkansas City. Details. ("Kansas Building Stone Used In All

States".) Photos.

Monday, December 26, 1955

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- 11A. Report of death Thursday of Fred R. Shuman, 82, of 1350 (?) Wellington Place, life long Wichita resident and former painter. Born in Wichita April 20, 1873. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Prewett, of the home, and by one grandchild. Burial to be in Highland Cemetery.

Wednesday, December 28, 1955

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- 4A. Report of death yesterday of Miss Inez Evelyn Roetzel, daughter of the late Henry J. Roetzel, former Wichita building commissioner. Came here with her parents in 1906. Survived by a sister, Mrs. Hulda Orth, 316 East Pine. Miss Roetzel lived at 715 North Topeka. Burial to be in Calvary Cemetery.
- 5A. The new Levy Bridge over the Arkansas River on West Harry will be officially opened at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. It was designed by R. S. Delamater, Wichita consulting engineer, and built by Inland Construction Company at a cost of \$223,909.92. The contract was let last March 1. It is a four lane steel and concrete structure and replaces a wooden bridge built in 1928 at a cost of \$16,498. Details.
- 2B. Article summarizing annual report of the Cessna Aircraft Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1955. Total sales exceeded \$50 million, up 11 percent from 1954. Net earnings were \$2,839,083, up 30 percent over 1954. The company spent about \$1,250,000 on expansion of plant facilities, with 31,000 square feet added to the Prospect plant, 20,000 square feet to the Pawnee plant, and another 20,000 square feet addition started at the Pawnee plant to accommodate B-52 and T2V-1 subcontract work. Further details.

Thursday, December 29, 1955

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- 5A. At a Kansas Corporation Commission hearing at the Allis Hotel yesterday, a Santa Fe Railway auditor reported that the railroad company is losing \$21,848 to \$38,318 a year on passenger operations on the Wichita-Englewood branch. The Santa Fe is seeking authority to discontinue its motor passenger train service on this route. Instead it proposes to add a passenger-baggage car to its freight train Numbers 71 and 72 westbound from Wichita on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and eastbound from Englewood on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Several witnesses challenged the Santa Fe figures. Details.
- 10A. The last remaining acreage of the George G. Sullivan homestead in North Wichita has recently been sold for a future housing development. The Sullivan farm consisted of 144 acres and was located between North Lawrence (now Broadway) and Arkansas Avenue, and between what is now 37th and 41st Streets. Mrs. J. R. McDermid, 1404 North Topeka, daughter of George G. Sullivan, says the homestead was granted to him by President Ulysses S. Grant on April 15, 1873, previously belonging to the Osage Indian Tribal

Council. Mr. Sullivan came to Wichita from Canada in 1869 and filed his homestead claim in 1870. The lumber for the Sullivan home was freighted by wagon from Emporia. In the early 1870s a small strip of the farm was sold to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad as the right of way for Wichita's first railroad. After the railroad came to Wichita, Mrs. McDermid says many times Texas cowboys in town after driving cattle to the railhead asked at their farmhouse to be put up for the night. Her father was always agreeable but demanded the cowboys' guns before giving them lodging. There were four children in the Sullivan family: William R., Thomas A., Maggie (Mrs. McDermid), and George A. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan sold a strip of land running north and south through the farm as a right of way for the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railway and Land Company, operators of a "dummy" line running between Wichita and Hutchinson (sic -- incorrect -- should be Valley Center). A stipulation of this sale was that all the Sullivan family would receive an annual pass on the line. This enabled the children to ride the train into Wichita to school free of charge. When the line closed operation, the track was torn up and later the strip became Arkansas Avenue. When the farm was originally laid out, Mrs. McDermid said, there were no roads near it and going to town meant striking out across the prairie. On the death of Sullivan in 1902, the farm was divided into sections and given to the four children. The recently sold tract contained some 26 one-half acres of the old farm, the last part of the farm belonging to the family and containing the old farm home. The sellers included the two grand-daughters of George G. Sullivan: Mrs. Lloyd McBride, Sr., 1519 Fairview, and Mrs. Maryon G. Frye, of Santa Barbara, California. ("Last of Homestead Site Here Bought by Real Estate Firm".)

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- 11A. The aircraft industry in Wichita now has a total employment of about 35,500 (this figure may include company plants outside Wichita). Boeing-Wichita work force averaged 26,933 in 1955. Total Beech employment is around 6000, and Cessna employs about 5000 in Wichita and Hutchinson.

Saturday, December 31, 1955**page**

- 2A. Building permit issued yesterday for construction of Fire Station Number 12 at 1903 West Pawnee at estimated cost of \$28,000.
- 5A. Value of building permits issued in Wichita in 1955 reached \$43,081,303 for 7565 permits, compared with the previous record of \$41,416,975 for 8688 permits in 1954. The total included permits for 2873 new houses, mostly one-family units. Details.