

*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 1956 WICHITA EAGLE**

### **Wichita Eagle**

#### **Sunday, January 1, 1956**

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- 2A. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held Friday for KARD-TV's permanent studio and office building at 8<sup>th</sup> and Main. Details.
- 5A. The 1956 Kansas auto license plates, with black numerals on a white background, will go on sale Tuesday. For the first time in many years only one plate per car will be issued.

#### **Wednesday, January 4, 1956**

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- 2A. Board of education yesterday accepted bids for the new ??? Harris Elementary School at 9<sup>th</sup> and Armour. Total cost will be \$213,043. Details.

#### **Saturday, January 7, 1956**

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1. Article about proposed investigation of the Wichita Clinic for "unethical practices" because of a recent brochure soliciting funds for the Wichita Clinic Research Foundation. Details.
- 7A. The first Boeing B-52 Stratofortress to land at Wichita arrived here yesterday morning. Details.

#### **Sunday, January 8, 1956**

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4. Feature article about an early day flying machine built in 1910 by A. E. Hunt at Jetmore, Kansas, a blacksmith. It never got off the ground. Details. Photo.

#### **Thursday, January 12, 1956**

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- 3C. Building permit issued yesterday for \$28,000 addition to St. Francis Hospital. Details.

**Friday, January 13, 1956****page**

- 5A. The new Rea Woodman Elementary School, 2414 South Glenn, is to be inspected by the board of education this afternoon and will open January 23, the first day of the second semester. It is the first school in Wichita to be built with a multi-purpose room. Details.
- 10A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sabin, 76, of 3015 Mascot, wife of Albert E. Sabin, Sr. Born on February 27, 1879 at Brooklyn, Indiana and came to Wichita in 1902 from Benton, Kansas. Survived by her husband, a son, Albert E. Sabin, Jr., four sisters and three brothers (named-maiden name was Moore). Burial to be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**Saturday, January 14, 1956****page**

- 4B. The United Warehouse Company yesterday announced the opening of its new 811 foot long warehouse building at 811 East Waterman. The building is 140 feet wide. Architects were the Hissem and Lytle Company and construction was by the Clarence E. Vollmer Company. Details. Photo-Large ad with photo January 15, page 13E.

**Sunday, January 15, 1956****page**

- 8D. A new church, to be called the Christian Tabernacle, will be opened today at the corner of Central and Topeka in the building formerly occupied by the First Unitarian Church. Details.

**Monday, January 16, 1956****page**

- 9A. The Reverend J. Henry Horming, formerly of Wichita, who has been pastor of First Congregational Church at Hutchinson for the last 6½ years, has announced his plans to retire October 31. After retirement he will move to make his home near his children.

**Thursday, January 19, 1956****page**

- 9A. Building permit issued for the new ??? Harris Elementary School, 9<sup>th</sup> and Armour, and work on the project will begin Monday.

**Friday, January 20, 1956****page**

- 3A. Report of annual meeting yesterday of Beech Aircraft Corporation stockholders. All officers and directors were re-elected. Sales in fiscal year ended September 30, 1955 were \$77,075,541 and net income after taxes was \$3,586,510. Backlog on September 30 was \$63,800,000 and on December 30 had risen to \$76,200,000. Details.
- 11A. Article gives some reports on Cessna Aircraft Company production during calendar year 1955. Business airplane sales reached a new all time high of \$31,215,000. A total of 1745

units was produced in 1955.

**Saturday, January 21, 1956****page**

- 2A. Long article about the controversy at the Sedgwick County Medical Society over the ethics of the brochure issued by the Wichita Clinic Research Foundation. Says it has been learned that the Ethics Committee of the Medical Society had voted overwhelmingly in favor of censuring the Wichita Clinic for "unethical advertising" practices. Says the matter will probably be aired at a society meeting in February. Details.

**Sunday, January 22, 1956****page**

- 5A. Notices to vacate were served last week to tenants of the Butts Building, southwest corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. The notices said the building would be razed. It was revealed only last month that the building had been sold to Tom Palmer, Wichita oilman, for an estimated \$350,000. The vacation notices set a May 1 deadline for street floor lessees and April for tenants on the other floors.
- 6E. Article on progress of development of Benjamin Hills subdivisions, being developed by Mrs. Anna McLean. Details.

**Monday, January 23, 1956****page**

- 7A. Ad for rental space, with photo of The Reserve Building, three story office building at 519 South Broadway.

**Tuesday, January 24, 1956****page**

- 2A. The old landmark Winne Building at 212 East Douglas, is to be razed beginning February 1 to make way for a new modern three story building which will be occupied by the Lerner Shops company. Self-Service Drug Store, which has been occupying the Winne Building, is now vacating the premises. Details. Drawing of new building for Lerner Shops.

**Wednesday, January 25, 1956****page**

- 12B. Report of annual meeting of stockholders of the Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday. Details.

**Friday, January 27, 1956****page**

- 5A. Construction of the previously announced new B-52 hangar at the Wichita Division of Boeing Airplane Company will begin in April, the company announced yesterday. The hangar will be large enough to house four B-52 bombers and is scheduled for completion in February of next year. It will be located south of the present hangar east of Oliver on the Boeing flight line and will measure 195 by 880 feet, with an overall height of 72 feet

at the center.

### **Sunday, January 29, 1956**

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- 3A. Construction will start within the next few months on a large new shopping center at the northwest corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Oliver, to be known as Ken-Mar Shopping Center. Details. Drawing.
- 7B. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hebrew Synagogue, Kansas and English, will be celebrated February 19. The synagogue was erected 25 years ago at the present location after a previous 25 years of organization. At first the group met in members' homes for prayer. Then a hall was rented for High Holy Day services, and in 1912 the first building was purchased. This structure, on Emporia near the present viaduct, was abandoned under the leadership of H. Wolkow and an old church was purchased at Topeka and Lewis. Cornerstone of the present structure was laid July 20, 1930. The building was remodeled in 1947. The first president of the synagogue was Herman Fruhauf, from 1917 to 1918. Details.
- 1F. Article about plans for a large new Meadowlark Shopping Center to be built on 32 acres on Harry Street between Hillside and Oliver. Details. Drawing.
- 3F. Aerial photo (rather dim) showing new United Warehouse Company building recently opened at 811 East Waterman. Article with details. The building was erected by the Frisco railroad and a long term lease taken on it by the United Warehouse Company. It is 140 by 811 feet, with an 18 foot ceiling. Floor space is 118,000 square feet. Details.

### **Tuesday, January 31, 1956**

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- 5A. School board yesterday accepted bids totaling \$236,977 for construction of the new Lloyd C. Stearman Elementary School at Gilbert and Mansfield Drive. This was nearly \$24,600 higher than bids for the ??? Harris school submitted earlier this month. Details.
- Ozark Air Lines ad. Number of passengers carried has increased from 49,507 in 1951 to 246,321 in 1955. Ad shows route map.
- 1B. Contract was let on January 10 for construction of a new building for the Wichita Sedgwick County Health Department, to be located on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Minneapolis and Minnesota. Total cost including land and equipment will be \$725,383, of which 40% will be paid by the United States Public Health Service under the Hill-Burton Act. Architects were Uel C. Ramey and Associates. Details. Drawing.

### **Thursday, February 2, 1956**

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- 9A. Report yesterday of Nat Beltz, 92, pioneer farmer, at his home in Haven, Kansas. Born at Grokhovin, Poland June 27, 1863. Came to United States with his parents at age 17.

Resided on a farm near Haven for 57 years before moving into town. Married Mary Norton at Mt. Hope September 5, 1891. Survived by wife, three daughters, Miss Golda, 420 North Topeka, Miss Caroline and Miss Esther, both of the house, two sons, Edgar, of Burdette, Kansas, and Louis, of the home, and three sisters (named), three grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Burial to be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**Sunday, February 5, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 4A. Innes ad with aerial photo of west bank of Arkansas River in central part of city and downtown area.
4. Feature article on pioneer Kansas public health crusader, Dr. Samuel Crumbine.
8. Feature article on the new Wichita Municipal Airport detailing sources of income, etc. Photos.

**Wednesday, February 8, 1956****page**

- 7A. Howard Hughes yesterday announced the order of eight jet Stratoliner planes from the Boeing Airplane Company by the Hughes Tool Company, which will make them available to its subsidiary, Trans World Airlines. It is expected that a total of 30 of the jets will be ordered for Trans World Airlines during the next few months. Delivery of the first eight planes is scheduled from April to August of 1959, at a cost of approximately four and a half million dollars each.

**Thursday, February 9, 1956****page**

- 4A. Building permit issued yesterday for approximately \$200,000 in improvements to the Wichita Clinic, 3244 East Douglas. Hahner and Foreman, Inc., the contractor, listed the improvements as the addition of two stories on the front, a third floor on the east side, a two story boiler room, a new portion on the northwest corner, additional space between the present structure and a frame house, and remodeling the interior of the present building.
- 5A. Ground-breaking ceremonies are to be held today for the new City-County Department of Public Health building. Details. Followup article February 10 on page 3A.

**Saturday, February 11, 1956****page**

- 5A. Building permits issued yesterday for new \$200,000 building for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 933 North Waco and for a new two story headquarters building for the Wichita Federal Savings and Loan Association at 340 South Broadway, to cost \$280,000.

- 9A. The Union Pacific railroad said yesterday it is filing an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission to discontinue passenger trains 39 and 40 between Salina and Kansas City. The company says revenue from the two trains, called The Kansan, is less than \$13,000 a month, while operating costs exceed \$28,000.

**Sunday, February 12, 1956**

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8. Feature article about expanding use of school buses.

**Tuesday, February 14, 1956**

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- 5A. Work started yesterday on wrecking of 234 multi-family housing units at Planeview by authority of the Public Housing Administration. The work must be completed in five months and the land which is cleared will be deeded to the city. Details.

**Sunday, February 19, 1956**

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- 3A. Excavation is completed and footings are being poured for the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9<sup>th</sup> and Waco, for which ground was broken on January 8. It is hoped to complete it by November. Architects are Ramey and Associates, and Clarence Vollmer Construction Company has the building contract. Photo.

- 1D. Article about the expansion program under way at the Fourth National Bank. Architects are Thomas, Harris, Calvin and Associates. Details. Photo of old buildings before razing.

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Feature article on the New Crawford theater, which is now being razed. Built by L. M. Crawford, who died in 1944 at age 99. His widow is now living in Wichita in an apartment at the Broadview. She was not married to him when the theater was built in 1911. They moved to Wichita in the early 1930s. Details. Photos. Her daughter is wife of Dr. Robert Weaver, of Wichita.

**Monday, February 20, 1956**

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- 4A. Photo of doorway of the Arcadia Municipal Theatre, where the Home Show is being held.

**Wednesday, February 22, 1956**

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- 7A. Miss Blanche Devine, 1701 Fairview, became the bride of Aaron E. Greenleaf, Murdock, Kansas, in a ceremony February 11 at Kingman, Kansas. The bride is the sister of Mrs L. O. Brannan, 1701 Fairview. Mr. Greenleaf is engaged in ranching in Kansas and Missouri. The couple will reside on the Greenleaf Ranch on the Ninnescah River near Murdock in Kingman County.

**Friday, February 24, 1956****page**

- 2A. Photo showing dismantling of Fire Department's drill tower at Station Number 2, Lewis and Topeka, preparatory to moving it to Station Number 8 at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wabash.

**Saturday, February 25, 1956****page**

- 11A. The Kansas Highway Commission approved setting speed limits on state and federal counties in Sedgwick County-U.S. 81 and 54 and State Highways K15, K42, and K96-at a meeting in Topeka Friday, and the limits will be enforced as soon as the signs are installed. They are 65 miles per hour in the daytime and 55 miles per hour at night. Details.

**Sunday, February 26, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 5A. Short article on progress of construction of the Kapaun Memorial High School, Central and Edgemoor. Foundation is completed. Plumbing contract let. School to be ready for use next fall.
- 1E. Photo of addition to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building at 154 North Broadway under construction. To be completed late this year.
6. Photo of the large old frame house at 1112 North Broadway which is being used as a recovery center for alcoholics by the Kansas Commission on Alcoholism. Feature article with details.

**Wednesday, February 29, 1956****page**

- 9A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Lloyd C. Stearman Elementary School, 8103 East Gilbert.

**Friday, March 2, 1956****page**

1. The Missouri Pacific railroad yesterday emerged from 23 years of bankruptcy by an order from the Federal Court in St. Lewis for completion of reorganization. Details.

**Sunday, March 4, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 1E. Photo of Winne Building, 212 East Douglas, being razed-about a of top of building gone.
- Photo of Wesley Hospital addition under construction, with framework up but exterior facing not yet on.

6. Reminiscences of writer Emmet Crozier about his experiences as a young reporter on the Eagle in 1911-12 at age 18. Details. Photos include one of Greenfield's store at Douglas and Market.

**Sunday, March 11, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of arrival of Wichita's new City Manager, Frank H. Backstrom, on Saturday. Details.
- 15C. Real estate ad offering the "Morris Mansion," i.e., the old Campbell castle, at 1155 North River Boulevard, for sale. Details. Being offered by Max Noble, Harriett Morris, and W. L. Morris, executors. Photo.
- 4E. Photo of Scottish Rite Temple addition, 201 North Topeka, with exterior essentially complete.

**Saturday, March 17, 1956****page**

- 12A. Photo of new Wesley Hospital addition under construction. Framework completed and brickwork nearly half done.

**Sunday, March 18, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 2D. Photo of Wichita Clinic expansion under construction-framework up.
6. Feature article on expansion of Wichita's water supply. New 66 inch water line from equus bed being laid. Details. Photos.

**Wednesday, March 21, 1956****page**

- 1B. Article reports that a new garage for the Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company will be built at Lincoln and Mead. Construction to start this week and be completed January 1, 1957. Maximum dimensions are 372 by 132 feet, with 55,000 square feet. Details.

**Sunday, March 25, 1956****page**

- 5A. A concrete ramp 760 by 3000 feet costing \$5 million is to be built at the Boeing Airplane Company's Wichita Division for pre-flight operations for the B-52 Stratofortress bombers being built here.

**Tuesday, March 27, 1956****page**

- 5A. Board of education yesterday received low bids totaling \$206,946 for construction of the new John B. Bryant Elementary School, at Ash and Harrison.



**Sunday, April 1, 1956****page**

- 4A. Sale of the Butts Buick agency to Ben P. Robinson was announced yesterday by John H. Butts, president of Butts Buick, Inc. Robinson, who came to Wichita four years ago from Sedalia, Missouri, will take over the Butts operation Monday. When he came to Wichita in 1952 Robinson purchased the Evans Motor Company, but he recently sold the Dodge operation to Spenser-Faust, Inc. He will operate the Buick agency under the name Ben Robinson Buick.
- 2B. Photo of the new Union Center building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Main nearing completion. Article with details-tenants listed. To be completed between June 15 and June 30.

**Tuesday, April 3, 1956****page**

- 2A. Board of Education yesterday accepted bids totaling \$425,411 for a three story addition to North High School. Low bidder for the general contract was the C. A. Doolittle Construction Company at \$322,830. Construction is expected to be completed in nine months.
- 5A. Sedgwick County Sheriff's patrolmen soon will begin using a radar unit to check the speed of motorists on county roads. A plain unmarked car will be used by the traffic radar unit, which will probably be operating within the next three weeks.

**Wednesday, April 4, 1956****page**

- 4A. At a meeting yesterday of the Sedgwick County Medical Society, the motion to censure the Wichita Clinic Research Foundation, 3241 Victor Place, for distributing a brochure, failed to carry by the necessary two-thirds majority, although a majority did vote in favor of the motion. Details. It was also announced at the meeting that the name of the foundation has since been changed to the Midwest Medical Research Foundation.

**Sunday, April 8, 1956****page**

- 5A. Grover C. Dotzour, principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School, will retire in June after 44 years as a Kansas educator. He was first principal of Roosevelt Intermediate when it opened in 1921 and later was first principal of North High School for 12 years after it opened in 1929.

**Monday, April 9, 1956****page**

- 6B. Report of laying of cornerstone yesterday of the new East Heights Methodist Church sanctuary at Crestway and Douglas. Details. Article also includes some details of history of the church congregation.

**Thursday, April 12, 1956**

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- 16A. Building permit issued yesterday for a truck maintenance center for Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company to be located at 802 East Lincoln. Two buildings are included in the center, one a 132 by 372 foot structure valued at \$150,000, and the other a 145 by 61 foot accessory building valued at \$50,000.

**Friday, April 13, 1956****page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for a three story addition to North High School, valued at \$322,000, located at the west side of the present building, and 75 by 150 feet in size. Doolittle Construction Company has the contract.

**Sunday, April 15, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 3B. Article about plans for razing of the Butts Building, at 1<sup>st</sup> and Broadway, which is to be carried out the second week in May. Photo.
8. Feature article on history of the Wichita Eagle. Includes reprint of entire first issue of the Eagle in 1872 (in front of Magazine section).

**Tuesday, April 17, 1956****page**

- 2A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$97,000 addition to the Albert Pike Lodge section of the Wichita Consistory building at 328 East 1<sup>st</sup>. The 47 by 29 foot addition will be erected on the southeast corner of the building.

**Wednesday, April 18, 1956****page**

- 9A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new John Bryant Elementary School at 4702 West 9<sup>th</sup>, for estimated \$150,153.

**Friday, April 20, 1956****page**

- 5A. Construction has started on the Sedgwick County Housing Home, which is being built in the grounds of the Sedgwick County Hospital. The first section, a 36 bed dormitory wing, should be completed in September or October. A second dormitory is planned later.

**Saturday, April 21, 1956****page**

- 18C. Article with reminiscences of a chaplain who served on the cruiser USS Wichita during World War II.

**Sunday, April 22, 1956****page**

- 1F. The new Union National Bank Building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Main will be ready for occupancy June 1 or shortly afterwards. Article with details. Photo.

Drawing of the new Chaplain Kapaun Memorial High School, which was started in the fall of 1955 and will be ready occupancy next September. To have 20 classrooms and six science rooms. Details.

### **Tuesday, April 24, 1956**

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- 5A. Workmen yesterday began demolition of the old southeast wing of St. Francis Hospital, starting another phase in a program which will culminate in replacement of the hospital's St. Francis Avenue side. It will take more than three years to complete the \$4 million program. Demolition of the southeast portion will take some 30 days. Work on the northeast portion is not scheduled until construction is completed in the southeast portion. When the entire St. Francis Avenue building is replaced, the hospital capacity will be increased to over 100 bassinets and 700 beds, from the present capacity of 535 beds and 65 bassinets. The new fully air conditioned building will be 387 feet long and nine stories, including penthouse and ground floor. Forsblom and Parks are the architects.

### **Wednesday, April 25, 1956**

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- 3A. Television station KEDD, Channel 16, will cease operations indefinitely next Monday evening. The station began broadcasting August 15, 1953. Details.

### **Sunday, April 29, 1956**

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- 7A. Pouring of cement for the main floor of the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 9<sup>th</sup> and Waco started Friday. Photo.
- 3B. Drawing of the new Fine Arts Center at Wichita University, which will be completed this fall. Architects are Forsblom and Parks. Article with details.
- 5B. Drawing of the new \$4 million St. Francis Avenue building for St. Francis Hospital, which will be completed over the next three years or more, and will replace the entire old St. Francis Avenue building. Architects are Forsblom and Parks.
4. Feature article on traces of the course of the old Santa Fe Trail through Kansas. Details.

### **Monday, April 30, 1956**

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- 2B. Television station KEDD in Wichita will cease operations indefinitely after its last program this evening.

### **Tuesday, May 1, 1956**

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- 11A. KARD-TV, Channel 3, the new NBC television affiliate in Wichita, will broadcast the first color television program in Kansas history Thursday. Details.

**Wednesday, May 2, 1956****page**

- 2A. Charles M. Seibel, chief engineer of the helicopter department at Cessna Aircraft Company, recently was elected president of the American Helicopter Society at the group's annual meeting in Washington, D. C. Details. Photo

**Friday, May 4, 1956****page**

- 1C. Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., has submitted the first application to the Kansas Corporation Commission for authority to supplement its existing bus service with and "expedited, through service" on the Kansas Turnpike.

**Saturday, May 5, 1956****page**

- 2A. Report of death yesterday of Charles Heinrich, 84, 2530 East Pawnee, who with his brothers John and Frank, of the home, owned farmland which later became the site of Planeview. They also owned an 80 acre tract between Pawnee and Mt. Vernon. Born January 10, 1872 in Pottawatomie, Colorado and came to Wichita in 1888. A sister, Mrs. Henry Schweiter, 1509 South Topeka, survives.

**Sunday, May 6, 1956****page**

- 5D. Photo of Boulevard Theater. Article reports a new section of the Boulevard Plaza Shopping Center is to be opened today. Details.
- 1F. Photo of the new Lerner Shops store building at 212 East Douglas under construction. To be opened in August. Wrecking of the old Winne Building on the site started March 15.

**Monday, May 7, 1956****page**

- 9A. The new Youth Activities Building at All Saints Parish, 3205 Grand, was formally dedicated last night by Bishop Mark Carroll of the Wichita Catholic Diocese. The 30 by 65 feet building cost at estimated \$18,000, but much of the money was raised for the fund by parents of those engaged in scout activities in the parish, so that only \$3250 was actually spent by the parish. The ground breaking ceremonies were held June 5, 1955. Details.

**Tuesday, May 8, 1956****page**

1. Report of major fire yesterday at the O. A. Sutton Corporation warehouse, 539 North

Mead, which destroyed about \$900,000 worth of air conditioners. Details.

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Myron L. Hall, 81, organizer of the former Metropolitan School of Music and long time Wichita music instructor. Born August 29, 1874 near Rose Hill, Kansas and moved from there to Wichita 53 years ago and founded the Metropolitan School of Music in 1903. Further biography. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bradford Morris, Dodge City, Kansas, and Mrs. L. E. Raymond, Great Bend, Kansas, and by two sons, Myron S., 623 North Poplar, and Everett Hull, Newton, Kansas, and by 14 grandchildren. Photo. Burial to be at Douglass, Kansas, cemetery.

### **Friday, May 11, 1956**

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- 8B. Contractors yesterday paved the first asphaltic pavement for the Kansas Turnpike south of Topeka. The surface will be a four inch layer of high grade asphalt on an 18 inch base. The eastern 55 miles from Topeka to Kansas City will be paved with cement.

### **Saturday, May 12, 1956**

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday at his Ft. Worth, Texas home of Reuben E. Arnold, 80, pioneer Wichita auto dealer who with three brothers formed the Arnold Automobile Company here in 1910. Born January 18, 1876 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to Ellsworth, Kansas with his family in 1888. Moved to Wichita in 1910. Survived by wife, Adeline, and a sister, Mrs. L. B. Solomon, 546 North Belmont.

### **Sunday, May 13, 1956**

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- 1G. Photo of new educational wing of the First Baptist Church, which is nearing completion on northwest corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway and will be ready for occupancy June 3. Article with details.
- 4G. Drawing of the new Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 29<sup>th</sup> and Porter, which will be completed early in July.

### **Tuesday, May 15, 1956**

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1. The first Wichita built B-52 Stratofortress made its maiden flight yesterday afternoon. Details.

### **Thursday, May 17, 1956**

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- 14A. Report of letter by a passenger to John Ebinger, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Corporation, praising two drivers (named) on the South Main line for their courtesy, etc. Details. Article indicates the bus company has 126 drivers.
- 7D. Ad with aerial photo of Parklane Shopping Center. Articles indicate the center is being

expanded.

### **Sunday, May 20, 1956**

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- 1F. Article says new projects underway or planned at Boeing in Wichita include a \$5 million parking apron with 56 acres of concrete 17 inches thick, a \$1½ million paint and finishing hangar, and a \$4 million hangar scheduled for completion in February 1957. The company has about 25,000 employees in Wichita. Details.
- 3F. Drawing of new "Rose Bowl" bowling alley at 6931 East Kellogg, which should be completed in late July or August and will have 24 lanes. It will have the first Brunswick automatic pin setters in Kansas. Architects are Overend and Boucher and Associates.
- 5F. Drawing of the new Truck Maintenance Center under construction at Mead and Lincoln. Work started on the building April 25 and will be completed December 1. Architects are W. I. Fisher and Company.

### **Tuesday, May 22, 1956**

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- 5A. Board of Education yesterday approved selection of architects Forsblom and Parks to draw plans and space for the new South High School, which is a duplication of the Southeast High School building. Details.

### **Thursday, May 24, 1956**

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- 2A. Don R. Kuntz, assistant general manager of the Wichita Transportation Corporation, said yesterday there will be some changes in assignments of bus drivers beginning Sunday. This happens about twice a year when drivers with greatest seniority are given their choice of route and is happening now because nine school buses are being taken off their routes with the end of the school year. The two most senior drivers have selected to remain on the Riverside line. They are K. A. Sullivan, 50, who has driven a city bus since November 1927, and E. T. Monckton, 49, who has driven a bus since January 1931. The two drivers with next highest seniority are switching routes. Roy ???, about 50, is changing from the Stock Yards line to College Hill, while Al Westfall, also about 50, is making the reverse change. Kuntz said there are 126 operators, of which six are women.
- 5A. The two story brick building at 511-13-15 North Main was sold by the County yesterday to a wrecking company for \$1, to be torn down to make room for the new county courthouse.

### **Sunday, May 27, 1956**

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#### **Magazine**

- 4A. Cornerstone laying ceremonies for the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9<sup>th</sup> and Waco, will be held this afternoon. Details.

- 3B.        Photos of two churches being razed to make way for the new US 54 interchange at Seneca Street. They are the old West Side Evangelical United Brethren Church at southeast corner of Seneca and Hendryx, and the West Side Church of the Nazarene at southwest corner of Walnut and University.
- 1F.        Photo of razing of south half of St. Francis Avenue building of St. Francis Hospital under way.
8.         Feature article on the large house built by Mr. and Mrs. John (and Margaret) Nicholson at southwest corner of 61<sup>st</sup> and North Broadway over an eight year period of time beginning in 1938. Much second hand material was used. The large beams across the ceiling of the living room came from the old Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway bridge across the Arkansas River just north of Douglas Avenue. Stone for the fireplace came from the old Federal Building at Market and William. Most of the framing of the building was done with railroad ties from an abandoned Santa Fe Railroad line which crossed South Broadway near the Sumner County line. More than 130 ties were purchased for \$13 and two cartons of cigarettes. Details and photos.
24.        Photo of the steel arches of the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church under construction at 9<sup>th</sup> and Waco.

**Tuesday, May 29, 1956****page**

- 5A.        Demolition of the old southeast wing of St. Francis Hospital is expected to be completed today, and excavation for the new building on the site is to begin Thursday morning. Demolition of the old building began April 22. George F. Hutter Construction Company, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, is contractor for the new building. Followup photo June 1, page 5A.

**Saturday, June 2, 1956****page**

- 5A.        Report of death yesterday of Walter C. Ramsey, 79, of 4335 East English, well known Wichita builder and contractor. Born July 28, 1876 at Andersonville, Indiana, came to Cherryvale, Kansas with his parents in 1879 and started a contracting business in Wichita in 1900. Among other projects he built the Eagle Building at Market and William. Further biography. Married Elizabeth V. Norris here August 7, 1936. Survived by wife, a son, Walter S. Ramsey, Jr., 911 North Pershing, and a daughter, Mrs. George Findlay, of Augusta, Kansas. Photo.

**Sunday, June 3, 1956****page**

- 1F.        The Southwestern Electrical Company moved this week from its old quarters at 124 North Market to its new location at 1<sup>st</sup> and Hydraulic. The first floor of the old building at 123 North Market has been leased to the Gates Drug Company. Details.

Drawing of the planned new 14 room Bert C. Wells Elementary School at Galena and Pattie.

Architect is Bob Mayberry.

### **Monday, June 4, 1956**

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- 10A. The First Baptist Church occupied its new educational building yesterday for the first time. Details.

### **Tuesday, June 5, 1956**

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- 5A. Board of Education yesterday accepted bids totaling \$115,000 for construction of 10 new portable school rooms for the Wichita public schools. Details.

### **Wednesday, June 6, 1956**

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- 5A. Further contracts have been let by Wesley Hospital in its current expansion program. The new 150 bed addition is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy around November 1, 1957. Details.

### **Friday, June 8, 1956**

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- 2A. Photo of new addition to the Fourth National Bank building north of the present building, under construction. Steel framework of first floor in place.

### **Saturday, June 9, 1956**

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- 5A. The county assessor has reported that Wichita's population has reached 240,000 this year, an increase of over 15,000 from the 224,000 in 1955. Part of this increase is explained by the city's annexation of Planeview, which added 7332 residents. The assessor's population figures since 1950 have been:

1950	192,520
1951	201,246
1952	211,796
1953	192,182 (considered by assessor to have been an inaccurate count)
1954	217,197
1955	224,700

The population of Sedgwick County this year is estimated at 305,000, the first time it has exceeded 300,000.

### **Sunday, June 10, 1956**



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- 7A. Photo of the new B-52 concrete parking ramp at the Boeing Airplane Company in Wichita, which is nearly completed. Work was started last November and will be completed in July. The ramp is 760 by 3000 feet.
- 4F. The new Union Center Building at First and Main is to be formally dedicated June 30. Details. Photo.

**Tuesday, June 12, 1956****page**

- 2A. Jenkins Music Company's new store at 125 South Market, in the former Sears, Roebuck store building, is opening its doors today. Details.
- 1C-16C. Special feature section on opening of Jenkins Music Company's new store, with articles, advertisements, photos, details.

**Wednesday, June 13, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of James M. Weaver, 60, of 1210 West Murdock, former Sedgwick County Treasurer in the local VA Hospital. He had been ill for some time. Born July 9, 1895 in Sedgwick County. Married Viola Christy July 18, 1921 at Topeka. Survivors include his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Edward G. Masters, 1212 West Murdock, three brothers, Dr. T. Walker, 1239 North River Boulevard, Robert, 647 South Madison, and Lee, 2204 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, three sisters, Mrs. H. P. Lent, Sr., 1510 Womer Drive, Mrs. E. H. Coufal, 1449 Perry, and Mrs. Elsie Arnold, 1501 Hood, and one grandson. Further biography. Photo. Burial to be at White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

**Saturday, June 16, 1956****page**

- 5A. City Commission yesterday approved a resolution to sell 37 acres of Municipal Airport land to the Cessna Aircraft Company, which plans to build a hangar and other facilities on the site. Sale of the parcel by the Park Board is to be held July 25. Details.

**Sunday, June 17, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Vern J. McCaslin, 61, of 2178 North Riverside Boulevard, of complications from auto accident injuries sustained May 30. He founded the McCaslin Variety Stores in 1926 and has been president since they were incorporated in 1946. Born May 29, 1895 at Jasper, Missouri and came to Wichita in 1918 from Eureka, Kansas. Married Jennie J. Jackson at Eureka January 17, 1917. Survivors include wife, three daughters, Mrs. John Davis, 3219 North St. Clair, Mrs. Cecil Dorman, 1430 Burns, and Mrs. H. E. Woodland, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and two sons, Jack, 1901 West 24<sup>th</sup>, and Bill Burt McCaslin, of the home, one sister, three brothers (named-none in Wichita), and five grandchildren. Further biography. Photo. Burial to be in Wichita Park Cemetery.

- 4F. Drawing of large new restaurant under construction at 1741 North Hillside. To be opened some time in August.

**Monday, June 18, 1956****page**

- 2A. Report of dedication ceremonies yesterday afternoon for the St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church at 17<sup>th</sup> and Piatt. Cost \$250,000. Built of Silverdale stone. Seats 700 persons. Details. Photo.
- 10A. Braniff International Airways ad announcing its purchase (order) of Lockheed Electra turbo-prop planes.

**Tuesday, June 19, 1956****page**

- 2A. Report of death Sunday in Whittier, California of Mrs. Lucy Mendenhall, wife of former Friends University president, Dr. W. O. Mendenhall. Her husband was president of Friends from 1918 to 1934. Survived by husband and a son, William, of Westfield, New Jersey, and two grandchildren.
- 5A. Board of education yesterday decided to submit to the voters in August 7 primary election a \$12,516,000 bond issue for construction of additional schools including South High School and four intermediate schools. Also includes nine new elementary schools. Details.

**Wednesday, June 20, 1956****page**

- 5A. City commission yesterday discussed plans for six future new fire stations in Wichita. Details.

Report of death yesterday of Charles N. Atherton, 79, of 227½ North Broadway, pioneer in the transfer and storage business, after a long illness. Born June 13, 1877 in Topeka. Married January 3, 1906, in Topeka, and he and wife, Effie, moved to Wichita in 1909. Founded the Merchants Transfer and Storage Company and brought the first truck into the business here in 1914. Further biography. Survived by wife. Photo.

**Thursday, June 21, 1956****page**

- 2D. Trans World Airlines yesterday announced an order for 30 new Convair Golden Arrow jet planes for delivery in the latter part of 1959. Details. Trans World Airlines currently is taking delivery on eight new Super G. Constellations to add to its present fleet of 20 of these aircraft, and early in 1957 delivery will start on 25 Lockheed Super Constellations which will serve the long range overseas routes of Trans World Airlines. The company also has ordered eight Boeing 707 Stratoliner jet aircraft for delivery early in 1959.
- 5E. Article about a fire truck built in Wichita from parts of an old 1928 Aherns-Fox fire engine

to which were added a new cab and engine and other parts, giving a new machine for \$4600, a savings of more than \$13,000. The new machine is now in service at Fire Station Number 8. Details. Photos.

**Friday, June 22, 1956****page**

4A. Building permit issued yesterday for new KARD-TV building at 839 North Main, to cost estimated \$150,000.

Building permit issued yesterday for new two story educational building for Grace Presbyterian Church, 5002 East Douglas, valued at \$112,000.

**Saturday, June 23, 1956****page**

5A. Building permits issued yesterday to raze three buildings from 220 South Market south to the corner of Market and English. The site will be used for the new larger quarters of the Mid-Kansas Savings and Loan Association.

9A. Report of death yesterday in Indianapolis, Indiana, of Paul H. Hyde, 67, former Wichitan and son of A. A. Hyde, of probably heart attack. Survived by his wife, a son, Edward K. Hyde, III, who is vice-president of the Mentholatum Company, two daughters, three brothers, and two sisters.

**Sunday, June 24, 1956****page**

5B. Article about a proposed 28 unit circular shaped motel to be built at 9<sup>th</sup> and Topeka in August and named Carousel. Drawing (was never built). Details.

**Monday, June 25, 1956****page**

5A. Report of death yesterday of J. F. (Jack) Grant, Sr., 64, of 5517 East 13<sup>th</sup>, president of Grant-Billingsley Fruit Company. Born June 9, 1892 in Wichita. His father, the late W. S. Grant, had established the fruit company in 1888. J. F. married Gladys Smither, of Salina, in 1949. Survived by wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Gaudreaux, 4020 East English, and Mrs. Murray Regier, Newton, Kansas, and by two sisters (named) and seven grandchildren. Photo.

14A. Article reporting progress in construction of a number of new schools in Wichita, largely being financed by a \$7,410,000 bond issue approved by voters in the November 1954 election. Details. Photos.

**Tuesday, June 26, 1956****page**

5A. Report of death yesterday at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, of Joe Bauml, 62, former Sedgwick County sheriff from 1937 to 1939. Moved to Kansas City in 1941. Biography.

**Thursday, June 28, 1956****page**

- 12D. Report of death Tuesday in Kansas City, Missouri, of Mrs. Walter Scott Priest, 93, widow of former pastor of Central Christian Church for 20 years. She has been living with a daughter in Kansas City (named) and is also survived by a son, Dr. Walter Priest, of Chicago.

**Friday, June 29, 1956****page**

- 11A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Mary Wadsworth Buckner elementary school at 3530 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Saturday, June 30, 1956****page**

- 11A. Article about expansion projects under way at the Boeing plant in Wichita. Work started recently on the giant four bay B-52 hangar being built on the flight ramp. Details. Photos.

**Sunday, July 1, 1956****page**

1. Report of opening ceremonies and open house yesterday at the new Union Center Building, new home of Union National Bank.
- 8A. Report of petition to be presented to City Commission Tuesday by Wichita Transportation Corporation for a change in the routing of the north end of the North Waco-23rd Street bus line. Details.

**Wednesday, July 4, 1956****page**

13. List by school of teachers assigned to each High School and intermediate school.

**Thursday, July 5, 1956****page**

- 2D. Extensive article about the old stone mill at Oxford, Kansas, built in 1874 and still in operation. Details. Photos.

**Sunday, July 8, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of John Clark Kelly, 83, of the Hillcrest Apartments, prominent Wichita financier and business man and chairman of the board of the Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Investment Company. Born December 10, 1872 at Leavenworth, Kansas and came to Wichita in early childhood. Attended Garfield University. On October 30, 1897 he married Sarah Frances Aldendifer, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Their only daughter is deceased. Entered the insurance business with the late H. V. Wheeler here on June 1, 1901. Survived by his wife, two granddaughters and one grandson (named). Further

obituary. Photo.

- 1E. Article about new building to be erected by Mid Kansas Federal Savings and Loan Association at northeast corner of Market and English. Details. Drawing. Photo of Western Auto Store on site torn down past week.

Framework of the seven story addition to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building at 154 North Broadway is almost completed.

6. Feature article on early automobile owners and dealers in Wichita. Details. Photos showing early Wichita license tags, etc.

### **Wednesday, July 11, 1956**

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1. First National Bank yesterday announced plans for a new two story addition west of the main bank building on Douglas on site now occupied by Petrie's Men's Store. The bank has signed a long term lease on the 58 feet west of the present bank building, with John E. Petrie and Kathryn Petrie House for a reported rent of \$20,000 a year, effective March 1, 1957. The old building will be demolished. Details. Photo of the Petrie Store building.
- 5A. Report of fire in the engine of a propane fueled Wichita Transportation Corporation bus yesterday. The Lawrence Stadium bus driven by Raymond Cowles burst into flames as it crossed Main on Douglas at 12:35 p.m. Passengers were evacuated. No injuries. Small photo but no bus number visible. Details.

### **Thursday, July 12, 1956**

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- 5A. Formal openings of the city's two newest fire stations are to be held Sunday. These are Number 3, at 18<sup>th</sup> and Market, which has been in operation since last July 14, and Number 12, at Pawnee and Glenn, which has been in use since the first of this month.
- 8A. Photo of recently widened Washington Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and Central, looking north from 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

### **Friday, July 13, 1956**

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- 3A. Report of death yesterday of Elmer C. Shockley, 85, 1013 North Volutsia, former Wichita Transportation Corporation employe. Came to Wichita in 1921. Survived by wife, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Tolmer, 1115 Munnell, and Mrs. Marjorie Lemon, of the home.
- 4A. Building permit issued yesterday for seven story addition to St. Francis Hospital, to cost \$1,499,999. To be erected by Hutler Construction Company of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
- 5A. Photo of YWCA building at 140 North Topeka.

**Saturday, July 14, 1956****page**

- 8A. A minor change in the North Waco bus route will become effective Sunday, John Ebinger, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Corporation announced yesterday. The route will extend west from 23<sup>rd</sup> and Arkansas to Woodland, north to 25<sup>th</sup>, west to Hood, south to 21<sup>st</sup> and then west on 21<sup>st</sup> over the present route. The return trip reverses this route to 23<sup>rd</sup> and Arkansas.
- 12A. Photo of Fourth National Bank addition under construction. Most of framework is in place.
- 7B. Livingston's Family Apparel store, in Wichita since 1952 at 122 North Main, has leased the former WW Virtue store location at 118 North Main. The four story building will be remodeled, and Livingston's expects to occupy the new quarters late in August.

**Sunday, July 15, 1956****page**

- 2A. Car licenses sold so far this year in Sedgwick County are running about 6500 ahead of the same period last year. 119,250 car licenses sold to date. Tags sold for cars by year:

1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
90,012	101,074	107,073	114,001	124,456

- 16C. The new ??? Harris elementary school at Armour Drive and 9<sup>th</sup> Street will be completed by August 15. Has 14 classrooms, library, and auditorium.
- 18C. The one story building at 218 North Broadway now occupied by KARD-TV has been sold this past week by Roy C. Russell, of Wichita, to the Home Building and Supply Company of Oklahoma City. KARD-TV will move into its new building at 8<sup>th</sup> and Main at the end of the summer after which the building on North Broadway will be remodeled and air-conditioned for commercial use. Photo.

**Monday, July 16, 1956****page**

- 11A. Report of formal dedication yesterday of two new fire stations, Number 3 at 18<sup>th</sup> and Market (architect Robert Mayberry), and Number 12 at Pawnee and Glenn (architects Ash and Harrison). Details.

**Friday, July 20, 1956****page**

- 5A. Remodeling is under way on the former church building of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, at 543 North Water, which is being converted into a Sedgwick County distribution center for government surplus food. Details.

**Sunday, July 22, 1956****page**

- 8A. Henry's announced that its suburban store at Douglas and Oliver will be expanded to the adjacent area now occupied by Oklahoma Tire and Supply Company, on which Henry's has taken a long term lease. Remodeling will begin about August 1 and the project is expected to be completed by November 1. Architects for the exterior changes are John Hickman and Arthur Woodman, of Architects Associated. Details.

**Thursday, July 26, 1956****page**

- 5A. The Board of Park Commissioners yesterday completed the sale of 37.5 acres of Municipal Airport land to the Cessna Aircraft Company for 456,250. It is on the east side of the airport and will be used for a hangar apron, and other facilities for the manufacture of the T-37 jet trainer for the United States Air Force.

Traffic signals will soon be installed at Kellogg and Rock Road, one of the city's most dangerous intersections. Details.

The city's first "split-level" school, the L. W. Brooks Intermediate School, is being designed by architects Benedick and Hines. To be located at 27<sup>th</sup> and Bluff. Details. Drawing.

**Friday, July 27, 1956****page**

- 5A. The Fox-Vliet Drug Company announced yesterday plans to build a new one story warehouse on Northern between Kansas and Minneapolis, in the Midland Industrial District, beginning about October 1, with completion in the spring of 1957. The company's present site and five story building at 217-223 South Market, purchased in 1914 from the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company, has been sold to the 217 South Market Company, Inc., stockholders of which are a group of prominent Wichita business men and property owners.

**Saturday, July 28, 1956****page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Warren E. Brown, 90, of 205 North Roosevelt, prominent Wichita financier. Born at Rockbridge, Illinois November 26, 1865. Came to Kansas as a child with his father, George W. Brown, who with an uncle, Charley Brown, organized a bank in Augusta. Married Miss Icy M. Rodgers in 1891. She died in 1951. Came to Wichita in 1916 and organized the Brown-Crammer Investment Company. Also served as vice-president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company and as director of the National Bank of Commerce, the Santa Fe Railway, and the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Gillespie, 236 North Yale, and Mrs. John J. Wofford, of Milford, Kansas, and by six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Further biography. Photo.

**Sunday, July 29, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 1E. A new heating and air conditioning system costing about \$200,000 is being installed in the Brown Building. Work started about three weeks ago. Details.

Article with further details about the new Fox-Vliet Drug Company building to be erected on Northern between Kansas and Minneapolis. Photo of old building on South Market.

2. Feature article reporting the renaming of the Meadow Lark Golf Course as the L. W. Clapp Park. Details.
4. Feature article about the first Wichita school sessions held in a dugout by teacher William Finn. Details.

**Friday, August 3, 1956****page**

- 2A. Photo of new St. Paul's Lutheran Church under construction in 900 block on North Waco. Exterior largely complete but roof not yet on.

- 4A. A large new neon sign atop the Allis Hotel was turned on last night. It is 60 feet long and seven feet high, with "Hotel Allis" in individually lit letters and faces south. Cost approximately \$10,000.

**Saturday, August 4, 1956****page**

- 5A. Article about relocation of the Frisco and Santa Fe Railroad lines north of Wichita in connection with the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway project. Details.

St. Joseph Hospital will start construction Monday on a \$275,000 addition, which will add a second floor to the present annex building. Details.

**Sunday, August 5, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 1E. Photo of addition to North High School under construction-framework for first story up. Work started April 15 and is to be completed in February.
2. Feature article on Dr. Andrew H. Fabrique, pioneer Wichita physician. Details. Photos.
6. Feature article on the Harmony Presbyterian Church, located 4½ miles west of West Street on Maple, and a landmark there since its erection in 1882. It is soon to be torn down. Extensive history and details. Photos include interior.

**Monday, August 6, 1956**



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- 5A. Report of death yesterday of William L. Ainsworth, Sr., 64, of Route 2, Derby, pioneer geologist and widely known figure in the Wichita oil industry. Born April 4, 1892 at Lyons, Kansas and graduated from University of Kansas in 1916. Survivors include wife, Mary, a daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Aikens, 255 South Pershing, a son, William L. Ainsworth, Jr., 216 South Parkwood, two brothers and four sisters (named), and six grandchildren.

**Tuesday, August 7, 1956****page**

- 4A. Wichita Transportation Corporation's revenues for the first six months of 1956 showed approximately a \$95,000 decrease from the same period in 1955, it was reported to the City Commission yesterday. Total revenues for the period were \$727,625 compared with \$820,004 in 1955. The decrease was sustained notwithstanding the fact that fares were higher in 1956 than in 1955. The decrease in revenue reflects a decrease in the number of passengers at the rate of more than one million passengers per annum. Expenditures for the period were \$732,630 compared with \$839,134 in the same period of 1955. Transportation expense was the highest at \$347,449, with equipment and garage expense totaling \$130,023. The report indicated a net loss for rate purposes during the first six months of the year at \$5004.98. Therefore no franchise tax will be due the city for this period.

**Wednesday, August 8, 1956****page**

1. Report of results in primary elections yesterday. Wichita school bond issue of \$12,516,000 is carrying by more than a two to one margin. Details.

**Thursday, August 9, 1956****page**

- 5B. The Kansas Turnpike is to be opened October 15. Article with details. Photos.

**Friday, August 10, 1956****page**

- 5A. City and Wichita Transportation Corporation officials will meet Monday afternoon to discuss placing the firm's operations in the hands of a non-profit corporation. Details.

**Sunday, August 12, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 4A. Report of maiden flight yesterday afternoon of Cessna's new four engined pressurized executive transport, the Model 620. Pilots were W. Dale Westfall, chief test pilot of the 620 project, and first officer W. H. Stinson. Details. Photo.
- 8A. Article about matters pertaining to the Wichita Transportation Corporation to be discussed by the City Commission Tuesday. Details.

- 11E. Article about new building to be occupied by Wichita University this fall. Details.
- 1F. Photo of scaffolding in place in concourse of the Union Station, where loose plaster in the ceiling has necessitated repairs. Details.
- 4F. Photo of the Santa Fe truck maintenance building now under construction at Lincoln and Mead. Architects are WI Fisher and Company.
- 12. Feature article about gunplay in Wichita's early cow-town days. Details.

**Tuesday, August 14, 1956****page**

- 5A. Representatives of the Wichita Transportation Corporation yesterday discussed with City Manager Backstrom and other city officials the possibility of forming a non-profit corporation to operate the city's bus routes. Other cities have operated bus lines through a transit authority or a non-profit corporation and it is estimated this could save the city as much as \$300,000 annually in the cost of operating the buses. Article includes various methods by which this could be done. The matter is on agenda of today's meeting of the City Commission.

**Wednesday, August 15, 1956****page**

- 5A. City Commission yesterday ordered the Wichita Transportation Corporation's proposal for formation of a non-profit corporation to operate the city buses to be studied by the city manager and a City Financial Advisory Board for recommendation. The city ??? a request for change in routing of the East Central line to accommodate the new Chaplain Kapaun High School.

**Friday, August 17, 1956****page**

- 5A. Announcement made yesterday that R. H. Kilgore has resigned as president of the Union National Bank effective immediately. Kilgore came to the bank in 1947 from Eldorado, where he was president of the Citizens' State Bank. The board also announced the election of Jack B. Hinkle as chairman of the board of directors and chairman of the bank's executive commission and E. Richard Goodin as executive vice-president. Details.

**Sunday, August 19, 1956****page**

- 1E. The new Union Center building is now virtually completely occupied. Only three of the building's 60 tenants have not yet moved in. Details.

**Monday, August 20, 1956****page**

- 12A. Ground breaking ceremonies held yesterday morning for the first addition to the Faith Community Church, 2135 West 13<sup>th</sup>. The 30 by 50 foot addition will be built to the east

of the present wing, and will be of Silverdale stone. Schmidt, McVey and Peddie are the architects.

## **Tuesday, August 21, 1956**

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- 5A. Board of education yesterday accepted the new Truesdell Intermediate school building, 2464 South Glenn, and appointed Hibbs and Robinson as architects for the new \$1,500,000 Planeview Intermediate School, which is to be built at 3600 Ross Parkway on the site of the Planeview Junior-Senior High School. Details.

The name of the Union National Bank Building, at Broadway and Douglas, has been changed to the Union National Building, effective immediately, the owners announced yesterday.

## **Wednesday, August 22, 1956**

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- 5A. Article about progress on completion of new schools under construction. ??? Harris school is completed and to be inspected this week. Estimated completion date for Stearman school is September 1 and for the Wells school is September 21. Bryant school is expected to be finished about the middle of November. Priority in construction is being given to the Cleveland and Sims schools, which will use portable units at the beginning of the school year. Details.
- 9A. Report of attendance of Wichita's six neighborhood swimming pools to date this summer. They will remain open until August 31 and the Municipal Beach until September 3.

## **Sunday, August 26, 1956**

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- 2B. Article about the OX-5 Club formed one year ago by pilots who had flown the early day Curtiss OX-5 powered airplane. Details.
- 1F. Plans have been announced for an eight story addition to the Wichita Clinic, 3244 East Douglas. Completion of a two story addition is near and parts of it are already in use. Also finished and in operation is a single story laboratory. New construction plus remodeling the old building has cost around \$400,000. Work on the basement and first two stories began last February. The structure has been so built that eight stories can be added. Construction now under way is expected to be finished around November 1. Overend and Boucher and Associates are architects.

Photo of the new addition to Wesley Hospital which is scheduled for completion around October 1.

Article gives details of a \$10 million expansion planned by Cessna Aircraft Company on its site adjacent to Municipal Airport. It will be carried out in four phases, with

completion scheduled for 1960. The new factory will be named the Wallace Plant in honor of the company's president, Dwane Wallace. Details.

6. Feature article about Wichita's position as the national broomcorn capital.

### **Wednesday, August 29, 1956**

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- 5A. A section of old wooden water main just south of Waterman on Broadway was uncovered yesterday by workers excavating to replace a worn out section of iron water pipe between Waterman and Douglas on Broadway. The worn out iron pipe was installed in 1890. The section of old wooden pipe was banded with steel and covered with tar and was in remarkably good condition. Photo.

### **Sunday, September 2, 1956**

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#### **Magazine**

- 1D. Photo of addition to North High School under construction. Framework completed but brick exterior not done.

Razing of the Butts Building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Broadway will begin soon. It is proposed to build a 13 story office building and garage on the site. Details.

Construction of an addition to Henry's suburban store at Douglas and Oliver is underway and is expected to be completed by October 25. Architects are John Hickman and Arthur Woodman of Architects Associated. Drawing.

4. Feature article on Wichita's "Buffalo Bill," Colonel William Mathewson. On page Magazine 5 is vertical aerial photo of downtown area from Market east to Hydraulic and Central south to English (photo is by City Planning Department).

### **Wednesday, September 5, 1956**

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- 4A. Building permit issued yesterday for new building for Mid-Kansas Federal Savings and Loan Association, to be built in 200 block of South Market. To be one story, 121 by 84 feet, and cost \$200,000.

### **Saturday, September 8, 1956**

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- 5A. Article about moves by city commission to acquire the Wichita Water Company property either by negotiation or by exercise of option. Details. Revenue bond issue of \$44,500,000 may be placed on November 8 ballot.

### **Monday, September 10, 1956**

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- 5A. Boeing's prototype 707 commercial jet passenger plane made its first appearance at

Wichita yesterday, landing at McConnell Air Force Base at 6:42 p.m. after a two hour 42 minute flight from Seattle. Details.

**Tuesday, September 11, 1956****page**

5A. Board of Regents of the University of Wichita yesterday approved the location of the proposed student union building for an area east of Jardine Hall and north of Shocker Stadium field. Details.

Brief note of the death yesterday of S. A. Long, 236 North Belmont, Wichita business leader. Funeral plans reported September 12, page 4A.

**Thursday, September 13, 1956****page**

14A. With the opening of Kapaun Memorial High School for boys, St. Mary's High School this fall has become an all-girls school, with an enrollment of 185. Details.

**Sunday, September 16, 1956****page**

5A. Enrollment at the University of Wichita reached a record total of 5380 yesterday, an increase of about 1000 above last year's record of 4392. About 1000 of the students now enrolled are attending on the GI bill.

Fall enrollment at Friends University reached 590 yesterday, an increase of 9% over last year.

**Wednesday, September 19, 1956****page**

5A. Building permit issued yesterday for wrecking the six story Butts Building at southwest corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. Work will begin later this week or on Monday morning.

**Saturday, September 22, 1956****page**

5A. Building permit issued yesterday for construction of a motel, restaurant, and one family residence at 1230 North Broadway at cost of \$42,500.

**Sunday, September 23, 1956****page**

1F. Work will start tomorrow on razing of the 67,000 square foot Butts Building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Broadway and will take about 60 days to complete. Details. Photo.

Article about proposal for an expressway along the banks of the drainage canal. Details. Drawings.

Photo of the large B-52 hangar under construction at Boeing plant. Framework is up. To

be completed in February 1957.

**Thursday, September 27, 1956****page**

- 2A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Will G. Price elementary school at 6023 East 11<sup>th</sup> at estimated cost of \$181,230. Scheduled for completion in July 1957.

**Saturday, September 29, 1956****page**

1. Report of death yesterday aboard his yacht in Punget Sound, near Seattle, of William E. Boeing, 74, founder of the Boeing Airplane Company. Details.
- 7A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$24,600 addition to the Riverside Church of Christ, 875 Spaulding.

**Sunday, September 30, 1956****page**

- 1G. Excavation has started for the new Mid-Kansas Federal Savings and Loan Association building at Market and English. Photo.

**Monday, October 1, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Edwin N. Perry, 66, of 1231 Woodrow, after an illness of four years. She had resided in Wichita for 47 years. Had not been well since she was injured in a serious auto accident near Louisville, Kentucky in 1949. Born in Hubbell, Nebraska April 21, 1890. Grew up in Newkirk, Oklahoma and was a 1912 graduate of the Wichita College of Music in piano. Married Mr. Perry January 4, 1914, and they had made their home here since. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Clyde C. Crosswhite, of Orleans, France, a son Martin N. Perry, 1905 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street North, two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Wallis, 1325 North Market, and Ruth Stone, 1317 North Market, and by six grandchildren. Photo. Burial at Wichita Park cemetery.

**Tuesday, October 2, 1956****page**

1. A Rock Island Railroad rail test car was damaged yesterday afternoon when it struck a Frontier Chemical Company tank truck at the MacArthur Road crossing south of Wichita. Photo on page B-1 shows damaged front of Rock Island test car Number 1806A (or 1800A?)

**Thursday, October 4, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Edward F. Rose, 75, 1921 South Broadway, owner with his brothers of the Wichita Trunk Company. Born February 19, 1881 in St. Louis, Missouri and came to Wichita from Atchison, Kansas in 1916. Married Nina ??? at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in 1906. Survived by wife, two daughters (named-both in Wichita), a son,

Edward A., Great Bend, Kansas, three sisters (named-none in Wichita), two brothers, Charles E., 1556 North Market, and Harry J., Los Angeles, California, and five grandchildren. Burial to be in Atchison, Kansas cemetery.

**Tuesday, October 9, 1956****page**

- 2A. Article reports good progress on construction of St. Francis Hospital's new St. Francis Avenue wing. Forms have been placed at the south end for pouring of concrete for the fourth floor. Bricklaying at the southeast corner of the new building may start before the end of October. Details.
- 9A. Construction will start immediately on a new \$1 million plant for the Rainbo Baking Company it was announced yesterday. To be located at 2530 South East Drive, on K15 highway, and will be 400 by 200 feet. The baking firm was established here in 1936 and is now located at 535 South Main. New building is to be ready for occupancy about June 1, 1957. Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held this afternoon.

**Wednesday, October 10, 1956****page**

- 5A. A new city parking lot is now under construction on the east side of Water between William and English. Details.

**Thursday, October 11, 1956****page**

- 8A. Report of death Tuesday of Omrah Aley, 87, 1315 Fairview, a Wichita resident for 85 years. Born March 5, 1869 at Galesburg, Illinois, and came to Wichita in 1871. Was active in Wichita Historical Museum. Obituary. Burial to be in Maple Grove cemetery.

**Friday, October 12, 1956****page**

- 5A. After nearly 29 years in the transit business, John E. Ebinger announced yesterday that he is stepping down as vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Transportation Corporation and will relinquish his duties some time before the end of the year. He made the announcement in a phone call from Detroit, Michigan, where he is looking over business offers. He plans to enter private business, as yet unspecified. He began in the transit business in his native St. Louis in 1928 and came here in 1942 as assistant general manager. He became general manager of the bus company in 1946 and a year later was also made vice-president in charge of operations. Ebinger and his wife reside at 409 South Crestway with their two son. Photo. His successor will be Merritt C. Winsby, a Wichita accountant, who quit his position as an associate of Elmer Fox and Company, an accounting firm, on October 1. He had been with this concern since 1947. Winsby came to Wichita from Indianapolis, Indiana as a civilian Air Force employe in 1941. In 1945 he joined the Internal Revenue Service, but later resigned to join the Elmer Fox firm. He and his wife live at 426 South Brookside with their two daughters and one son. Photo.

**Saturday, October 13, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, of John A. Parkinson, 82, pioneer Wichitan, and co-trustee of the Louise Caldwell Murdock Trust. Born November 25, 1873 at Springfield, Illinois, and came to Wichita in 1882 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parkinson. Graduated from Wichita High School in 1892. Was associated with the Jackson-Walker Coal Company, and in 1918 when the company moved to Kansas City, Missouri he also moved there. Married the former Minnie Dewey September 12, 1901 in Wichita. Survived by his wife, one sister and two brothers (named-one brother in Wichita) and several nieces and nephews. Further biography.

**Sunday, October 14, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of John Charles Muzzy, 83, of 1112 Perry, a Wichita grocer for 36 years. Born August 14, 1873 at Sula, Illinois and came to Wichita with his parents from there in 1887. In 1909 he started the Muzzy-McCoy Grocery at 18<sup>th</sup> and Waco, retiring from business in 1945. Married Nettie Leach in Wichita on September 26, 1909. Survived by wife, three brothers (named-none in Wichita), three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Photo. Burial to be in Maple Grove cemetery.
- 1G. Photo of St. Francis Hospital addition under construction. Framework up three floors but no exterior brick work.
4. Feature article on new Fine Arts building at University of Wichita which is nearing completion. Details. Photos.

**Tuesday, October 16, 1956****page**

- 5A. The intersection of Seneca and Central is to be rebuilt soon. Details.

**Thursday, October 18, 1956****page**

- 3A. Building permit issued yesterday for new plant for Rainbo Baking Company at 2530 Southeast Boulevard, to cost \$238,000.
- 5A. Report of will of Wichita pioneer Omrah Aley, who died October 9. Estate left to five heirs. No children. Details.
- 7A. Total sales of Cessna Aircraft Company for fiscal year 1955-56 exceeded \$66,000,000, about \$13,000,000 more than in fiscal year 1954-55. Two thousand forty three units were delivered in 1955-56 compared with 1586 in 1954-55.

**Saturday, October 20, 1956****page**

- 5A. Aerial photo of new Water Company filtration plant on Sim Park Drive, which is to be



dedicated on October 28.

### **Sunday, October 21, 1956**

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- 2B. New addition to Henry's Suburban store, Douglas and Oliver, is to be opened next Thursday. Details. Drawing.
- 1F. The new Kansas Turnpike is to be opened to traffic at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 25. Articles with details. Map. Aerial photo (apparently of South Wichita interchange).
2. Feature article on early day Kansas character, "Doc" Holliday, friend of Wyatt Earp.

### **Wednesday, October 24, 1956**

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- 5A. Three Wichitans have been named to a four man committee to organize the Kansas chapter of the national OX-5 Club, which will be made up of men and women who learned to fly planes with the 90 horsepower OX-5 engine. The three are Jim Greenwood, head of the news bureau for Beech Aircraft Corporation, M. M. Murdock, publisher of the Wichita Eagle, and Max Walton, 315 East Lewis. The fourth member of the committee is Lynn Berentz, of Independence.

### **Thursday, October 25, 1956**

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#### **Special section**

- 9A. The last of more than 1300 B-47 jet bombers was delivered on schedule yesterday by Boeing's Wichita plant. The first production model of the airplane left Wichita's Boeing plant in March 1950. Although the Boeing plant has produced its last B-47, the planes are still being produced under license by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and Douglas Aircraft Company. Details, including records set by B-47's.
- 8C. Report of opening today of new men's shop at Henry's Suburban store, Douglas and Oliver. Details and photos.
- 1D-8D. Special section reporting opening today of the new Kansas Turnpike. Many articles and photos. Followup article October 26, page 3A.
- 12E. Ad with photo of Fourth National Bank addition under construction. Framework nearly complete but brick up only half way on second floor.
- 9A. Photo of two level parking lot under construction at rear of Walker's Department Store, 123 North Main. To be completed about December 1 and give parking space for 300 cars.

### **Saturday, October 27, 1956**

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday of pioneer Wichitan, Fred John Cossitt, 94, at his home, 911 Gilman. He was associated with the Rock Island Lumber Company for 62 years before his retirement in 1948. Born September 3, 1862 in Will County, Illinois. Came to Kansas in a covered wagon with his parents in 1871. They returned to Illinois for a time after the grasshopper scourge. He then returned to Wichita and became associated with the Rock Island Lumber Company in 1886. Had four brothers and sister, all now deceased, and all of whom had settled in Wichita. Youngest brother, Frank, died here about two years ago at age 77. He married Carrie Carlton here in 1890. She died in 1939. Survived by one son, Bruce F., of the home address. Burial to be in Maple Grove cemetery.
- 11A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Katherine F. Dondlinger, 75, 402 South Oliver, widow of the founder of Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company, now operated by their sons. Born June 30, 1881 at Claflin, Kansas, and came to Wichita in 1926. Her husband, Nicholas L. Dondlinger, died in 1946. Survived by four sons (named-all in Wichita), three brothers, two sisters, and 17 grandchildren. Burial to be in Calvary Cemetery.
- 12A. Hamilton's Bicycle Store, located for the last 14 years at 151 North Emporia, is moving to a new location at 2106 East Central and will open there on Monday. The shop was founded in 1910 by C. B. T. Hamilton, who 2½ years ago sold it to his daughter, Betty, and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Carpenter).

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- 2E. The new Bob Moore Oldsmobile agency building at 6215 East Kellogg has recently been completed and formally opened. Photo.
6. Feature article on early day ceremonies in towns north of Wichita which helped revive the economy in the 1890s. Details. Photos.

**Monday, October 29, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of dedication ceremonies yesterday for the new Wichita Municipal Water Purification Plant in Sim Park.

**Sunday, November 4, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Carrie H. Schweiter, 75, widow of Henry Schweiter, Jr., and vice-president of Schweiter Building Corporation. Born December 5, 1880 in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, and came to Wichita in 1888 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Heinrich. Married Henry Schweiter, Jr., on October 16, 1898 in Omaha, Nebraska. Survived by two brothers, John and Frank Heinrich, 2530 East Pawnee. Photo. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.
- 6B. List of polling places in Wichita.

**1F. Photo of interior of partly demolished Butts Building.**

Photo of 25 ton gantry crane recently installed in the Missouri Pacific Railway yards northeast of Wichita at cost of \$70,000. Article with details.

**Wednesday, November 7, 1956****page**

1. Report of results of election yesterday. Wichita's water bond issues for purchase of the Wichita Water Company and construction of a new reservoir both carrying by a large margin. Details.

**Thursday, November 8, 1956****page**

- 14A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$300,000 addition to the Parklane Shopping Center to be located directly south of the present center.
- 2B. H and E Balaban Corporation, of Chicago, have purchased a half interest in radio station KFBI, subject to FCC approval. The station will become an independent station after severing its connections with ABC on December 1. Details.

**Friday, November 9, 1956****page**

- 3A. Article about Continental Trailways' new luxury bus service between Wichita and Kansas City on the Kansas Turnpike, with hostesses on the buses. The "Five Star" service starts today, with two round trips daily. Details.

**Sunday, November 11, 1956****page****Magazine**

- 5A. Three new school buildings which opened at the start of the fall term are to be dedicated this week: Truesdell Intermediate, 2464 South Glenn, Buckner Elementary, 3530 East 27<sup>th</sup>, and Stearman Elementary, 8103 East Gilbert.
- 7A. Photo of two story addition to Wichita Federal Savings and Loan Association building at Broadway and Waterman under construction. Framework is up.
6. Feature article on the Wichita Country Club and its five year plan for improvements. Photos.

**Tuesday, November 13, 1956****page**

- 4A. The 888<sup>th</sup> and last Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter made its final acceptance flight this weekend at Seattle.
- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Winn E. Holmes, 69, prominent Wichita attorney, at his

home, 102 West 17<sup>th</sup>, of what was believed to be a self-inflicted bullet wound. He was said to have been in poor health. He was associated with his son, Richard W. Holmes and Donald I. Mitchell in the firm of Holmes, Mitchell, and Holmes, with offices in the Beacon Building. The firm was established in 1890 by Holmes' father, the late Robert Holmes. Born in North Dakota March 3, 1887 and moved to Wichita with his parents in 1890. Received law degree from University of Kansas in 1913. He was married in 1911 to Sydney Clapp, eldest daughter of the late L. W. Clapp. Mrs. Sydney Holmes died in 1937. He was later married in 1951 to Nell T. Musselman, who survives. Survived also by two daughters, Mrs. Wytze Garter, Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. James Yarnell, 1024 West 15<sup>th</sup>, and by two sons, Robert L., Laguna Beach, California, and Richard W., 139 South Dellrose. There are five grandchildren. Further biography. Entombment in Highland Mausoleum.

**Friday, November 16, 1956****page**

5A. Article gives details of the will of Mrs. Carrie Schweiter, widow of Henry Schweiter, Jr.

**Saturday, November 17, 1956****page**

11A. Report of arrival in Wichita yesterday for a visit of former Wichita aviation pioneer, Lloyd C. Stearman, now associated with the engineering department of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California. He is here for the dedication tomorrow of the new Lloyd C. Stearman Elementary School, named in his honor. Stearman is a native of Harper, Kansas and brought his small aviation firm from California to Wichita in 1927 when a group of 30 local businessmen put up \$2000 each for his operating capital. The company grew rapidly and sold planes worth \$1,113,000 in the fiscal year ending May 1929, before being sold to the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation in August 1929. Photo.

**Sunday, November 18, 1956****page****Magazine**

5B. Article announcing that the John Braitsch Shoe Store, 120 East Douglas, is going out of business after 84 years of doing business at the same location. John Braitsch was born in Wittenberge, Germany and later came to the United States working in the East and then in Kansas City where he worked as a shoe repairman. There he met John Gribi, who persuaded him to come to Wichita and open a shoe shop. He came to Newton in 1872 by train and then on to Wichita by stage coach and set up his "boot and shoe" shop. He placed a three inch ad in the first issue of the Wichita Eagle on April 12, 1872. In 1872 he also married Elizabeth Larman, the mother of their five sons. John Braitsch died in 1914. The store is now owned by three brothers, Will, Ben, and Joe, and a sister, Mrs. Pauline McGrath, all of whom have been in the business about 50 years. Photo of front of the store, which was remodeled in the 1920s.

1F. Photo of new Mid Continent Federal Savings and Loan Association building under

construction. Framework up. At Market and English.

Photo of addition to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building at 154 North Broadway, adjacent to the original building on the south, with exterior essentially completed.

6. Feature article on history of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway and reviewing the book on it recently written by Malcolm D. Isely. Details. Map. Photos.

### **Monday, November 19, 1956**

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- 3A. Report of open house yesterday at new \$2,000,000 addition to Wesley Hospital. Consecration services are to be held this morning. Details.
- 5A. Report of dedication of new Stearman Elementary School yesterday with Lloyd Stearman present. Details. Photo.

### **Tuesday, November 20, 1956**

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- 5A. Report of will of Winn E. Holmes, attorney, who died November 12. Left estate of approximately \$40,000. The home, the deceased's car, and a life estate in the furnishings in the home were left to the widow, Mrs. Nell T. Holmes. Besides the half of the estate (including the home) being left to the wife, the other half is to be shared equally by his four children (named).

Board of education yesterday approved the low bids for construction of the new L. W. Brooks Intermediate School at 27<sup>th</sup> and Bluff. General contract went to Martin K. Eby Construction Company for \$898,326, plus plumbing and heating contract for \$201,871 and electrical contract for \$98,960. Details.

### **Saturday, November 24, 1956**

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- 4A. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$115,000 addition to the Southwestern Bell Telephone exchange building at 341 North West Street.
- 8A. The close out sale of the Allen W. Hinkel Dry Goods Company got under way yesterday and will continue until the store is cleared. Earlier in the week, Hinkel had announced his plans to close the doors of the main store at Main and Douglas and the Household Exchange, at 225 North Main. The Parklane Store will continue in business.

### **Sunday, November 25, 1956**

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- 7D. Bennett Music Company ad discussing the reasons for their move from their downtown location at 206 East Douglas to a new location at Central and Oliver.

- 1F. Article about Cessna Aircraft Company's current expansion program with the building of its new Wallace plant at the Municipal Airport. Plans were inaugurated June 7 with a \$5 million long term loan followed by purchase of 37 acres of Municipal Airport property. Details. Photos of buildings under construction.
6. .Feature article about a tour group to promote Wichita in the East and an associated publicity brochure. Aerial photo of downtown Wichita from southeast. Drawing of new Sedgwick County courthouse. Other photos. Aerial photo of University of Wichita campus.

**Wednesday, November 28, 1956****page**

- 8A. A new Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company office building will be built on the company's lot at Emporia and Waterman, it was announced yesterday. The company's general offices are now in the building at 300 South Broadway along with Continental Trailways Bus Company. The two companies have been in the same building since 1948.
- 1C. Construction started this week on the addition to the telephone company's Whitehall Exchange Building, 341 North West Street. Including equipment, the total cost will be \$649,000. Construction is nearly completed on the addition to the Sherwood Exchange Building, 4615 East 61<sup>st</sup>, which will almost double the size of the building. Another addition has been completed at the Temple Exchange building, 3920 Arkansas Avenue, and workers are now installing equipment there. Details.

**Thursday, November 29, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death Monday in San Diego, of J. C. Fisher, 81, former Wichita bank director and real estate investor. Born in Marion County, Kansas. Went to Cherokee Strip at age 14. Later was a director of the Fourth National Bank in Wichita and owned considerable downtown property. Moved to San Diego to live in 1927. Survived by wife, Mary, two daughters and one son (named-all in San Diego). Photo.
- 10D. Article about new service being inaugurated by Central Airlines December 3 from Wichita to Liberal, Kansas, Borger, Texas, and Amarillo. Details.

**Friday, November 30, 1956****page**

- 3D. The Wichita Transportation Corporation has announced new bus service effective today to serve the southwest suburban shopping area and to be known as the Seneca Square Line. It will operate between the present South Seneca bus line and the Seneca Square shopping center, with service every 20 minutes from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sunday. On Thursday it will operate until about 9:45 p.m. Fare on this line alone will be ten cents. If a transfer to or from the South Seneca line is used, the fare will be the regular fare of one token or 50 cents cash. The service is being operated at first on a trial basis and could be discontinued later if revenue is not sufficient to pay the cost. The announcement was

signed by T. Frank Neal, Superintendent of Transportation, Donn R. Kuntz, Assistant Manager, and C. Merritt Winsby, Vice-President and General Manager of the company. Schedule of the new service is given on page 4D. Map of the new route shown on page 5D.

**Sunday, December 2, 1956****page**

- 1F. Photo of new addition to North High School under construction. Exterior brick work completed.
- 1E. Photo of new four bay B-52 hangar nearing completion at Boeing Airplane Company.

**Tuesday, December 4, 1956****page**

- 12A. The new Central Airlines service from Wichita to Amarillo was inaugurated yesterday evening. Details.

**Saturday, December 8, 1956****page**

- 4A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Brooks Intermediate School, 3802 East 27th.

**Sunday, December 9, 1956****page**

- 1F. Photo of new St. Francis Hospital addition under construction. Framework up seven floors but exterior brick not yet started.

The old Commerce Mill and Elevator Company property at 300 South Commerce has recently been sold to a Wichita investor and a long term lease taken on the property by the Wichita Eagle, which will construct a new warehouse building there. The site is 160 by 140 feet and present buildings include a frame and steel elevator and warehouse building. These will be demolished to make way for the Eagle's new building.

Photo of interior of the Butts Building, which is being razed. Razing of the building will be completed in about two weeks.

**Tuesday, December 11, 1956****page**

- 1C. It was just one year ago Friday that the first B-52 Stratofortress bomber rolled off the assembly line of the Boeing Airplane Company (in Wichita?). It was completed on December 7, 1955 and after testing was delivered to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing at Castle Air Force Base, California.

**Sunday, December 16, 1956****page**

- 5A. Article about Dr. Richard H. Homberger, who joined the University of Wichita faculty in September as associate professor of accounting. He had expected to work in the family's

banking ??? house in ???, Germany, but after 1½ years there was forced to flee in 1939 from threat of Nazi persecution. After a brief stay in France he came to the United States and earned a M. S. degree in accounting at Columbia University in 1946. He was then on the faculty of West Virginia State College until coming to Wichita. His father and brother also escaped from Germany and are living in the United States. Dr. Homberger and his wife, Ursula, are the parents of a daughter, Ann Marie, and reside at 2246 Jardine Drive. Photo.

- 1F. Photo of Santa Fe Trails Transportation Company's new truck maintenance center now nearing completion at Lincoln and Mead. Scheduled for completion February 1, 1957. W. I. Fisher is architect.

## Tuesday, December 18, 1956

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- 3A. Hearings are being held at Eureka by the Kansas Corporation Commission on the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company's application to discontinue passenger trains 425 and 426 between Wichita and Durand.
- 9A. Article summarizing annual report of Beech Aircraft Corporation for year ended September 30, 1956.

	Total Sales	Commercial	Military	Net Income	Total Employment
Fiscal Year 1956	\$74,538,948	\$32,091,76 1	\$42,447,187	\$3,331,327	6,447
Fiscal Year 1955	\$27,245,940				6,293
Fiscal Year 1954	\$20,829,079				5,612

The total employment includes the company's five locations, in Wichita, Herington, Liberal, and Boulder, Colorado. The total backlog is now more than \$108,000,000, more than \$37,000,000 higher than on December 1, 1955.

## Wednesday, December 19, 1956

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- 3A. Workmen are now pouring concrete for the top floor of the new southeast wing of St. Francis Hospital.

## Thursday, December 20, 1956



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- R. L. Polk and Company yesterday announced plans to publish a Sedgwick County Suburban Directory in 1957. Details.
- 19A. John E. Ebinger, former vice-president and general manager of Wichita Transportation Corporation, will become a jobber at Rochester, Minnesota for a petroleum company January 2, he announced yesterday. He will head a corporation owned by his family and will handle petroleum products of Phillips Petroleum Company. He has studied various offers since relinquishing his position with the transit firm in October, where he was succeeded by C. Merritt Winsby. He came to Wichita in 1942 and was promoted to vice-president in charge of operations when A. J. Cleary was relieved due to illness. Details. Photo.

**Saturday, December 22, 1956****page**

- 4A. The municipally-owned parking lot east of the Forum, on Water between William and English, will be opened for public use Monday morning. Entrance and exit will be from William. A fee of 25 cents for the first hour and 50 cents for anything over four hours will be charged.
- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Samuel E. Smith, 75, of 410 North Seneca, of a heart attack. He was serving his fourth term as Sedgwick County coroner. Born May 27, 1881 at Illiopolis, Illinois. Came to Sedgwick, Kansas in 1891 and to Wichita in 1904. Worked for a number of furniture companies in Wichita. Had been a Republican Party precinct committeeman in Wichita for 24 years before filing for county coroner in 1950. Married Leona E. Eberle November 27, 1901 in Newton. Survived by wife, two sons, two sisters, one brother (all named) and five grandchildren. Photo. (note near bottom of article says he was defeated for re-election last November by Dean L. Bratt) (Bratt to take office January 14.)

Drawing of addition to First National Bank to be built in 1957. Architects are Forsblom and Parks.

**Sunday, December 23, 1956****page**

- 3A. Mrs. George T. Nolley, daughter of pioneer physician Dr. A. H. Fabrique, is ill and a patient in St. Francis Hospital. Lived briefly in Memphis, Tennessee after her marriage to George T. Nolley in 1892, but otherwise has always lived in Wichita. She has resided at the Shirkmere Apartments since 1923. Photo.
- 1E. Article about proposal for a new city cultural center on south side of Douglas Avenue between Water Street and the Arkansas River. Details. Diagram.

Photo of site of the Butts Building at 1<sup>st</sup> and Broadway, which is now completely razed. Article still talks about 13 story building to be built on the site (never built).

**Tuesday, December 25, 1956****page**

- 6B. Report of death Monday of Archibald L. (Al) Derby, 81, of 320 North Belmont, founder and former president of Derby Oil Company. He built the Derby Building here in 1917 and formed the Derby Oil Company in 1920. Served as its president until 1939 and then as chairman of the board until 1944. Burial to be in Old Mission Mausoleum.

**Wednesday, December 26, 1956****page**

- 5A. Sale of new license tags will begin January 2. They will be white with red letters and numerals. The 1956 tags are white with black letters and numerals.

**Friday, December 28, 1956****page**

- 5A. First and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets, which have been one-way from Waco to Oliver, will be extended as one-way streets from Oliver to Edgemoor within the next ten days. Details.
- 8A. Report of death yesterday of Allen Clark, 84, of 402 North Washington, born in Clay County, Missouri August 14, 1872. Came to Wichita in 1915 and was streetcar conductor and motorman until retired in 1924. No known surviving relatives.

**Sunday, December 30, 1956****page**

- 6B. The new 1956 Wichita City Directory has just been issued by R. L. Polk and Company, Kansas City, Missouri. Details.

Report of death Thursday night of Miss Eva Minnich, 87, of 915 South Main, pioneer Wichita school teacher and owner of the site on which the Allis Hotel is now located. Born at Tuscarawas, Ohio, April 9, 1869 and came to Derby with her family at age three and later to Wichita. Taught in Wichita elementary schools for many years. Survived by three nieces (named-two in Wichita). Article gives details of her ownership of the property at William and Broadway. Further biography. Burial to be at Derby.

- 14C. Article about completion of \$1¼ million expansion of Derby Oil Company refinery in Wichita including the first Ultraformer platinum catalytic refining unit in the state of Kansas. Details. Photos. Total refinery capacity has been increased by 25% and storage capacity has also been increased to a total of 1,320,639 barrels. The plant, which has occupied the same site in North Wichita since 1917, was completely modernized in 1950.

Photo of Mid-Kansas Federal Savings and Loan Association building under construction. Framework and roof nearly complete, but side walls not yet in place.