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 1960 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Friday, January 1, 1960
page 1.
Boeing management changes effective today will send N. D. Showalter, general manager of the Wichita Division to Seattle as special assistant to W. E. Beall, senior vice-president, and will bring C. B. Gracey, vice-president in charge of operations at Seattle, to Wichita as general manager here. Details.

Saturday, January 2, 1960
page 5A.
Report of death yesterday of Mrs. John F. O’Shaughnessy, 48, of 5 St. James Place, after a long illness. She was the wife of John F. O’Shaughnessy, president of the Lario Oil and Gas Company. Born September 25, 1911 in Wichita, the former Lucille Weigand. Married June 30, 1937. Survivors include husband, seven sons and two daughters (named), mother, Mrs. J. P. Weigand, 439 North Emporia, three brothers, Lawrence Weigand, Nestor R. Weigand, and Jean Paul Weigand (all in Wichita) and two sisters, Mrs. John Hurley, 439 North Emporia, and Miss Marie Weigand, of Los Angeles, California. Burial to be in Calvary Cemetery.

8A.
Short article about some changes in bus schedules by Wichita Bus Company effective January 1. East Kellogg line being extended to serve Eastgate Shopping Center at Rock Road and Kellogg. Other changes are minor changes in time schedules. Announcement was made by John M. Bean, assistant to Wichita Bus Company president Merritt Winsby.

Sunday, January 3, 1960
page 3A.
Reductions in bus service by Wichita Bus Company has been placed on agenda of Tuesday City Commission meeting. Apparently some changes involve changing 15 or 20 minute bus frequency to 30 minute frequency.

5A.
Several Wichita physicians moved over the weekend into their new office building at 959 North Emporia, across the street from St. Francis Hospital. Construction was begun in September 1958 and was completed about a week ago. Architects were Forsblom and
Tuesday, January 5, 1960
5A. What to do about the sagging Wichita Bus Company is expected to occupy a big share of the City Commission’s time at today’s meeting. With only six months remaining in its franchise, the company has announced reductions in personnel and number of buses in service. The company says the reductions were necessitated by declining revenues. During the latter part of 1959 a new company, Rapid Transit Lines, made a bid for the city’s next bus franchise. After a series of hearings Rapid Transit was awarded a franchise which is to begin next June. The Wichita Bus Company changes at this time involve the laying off of 16 bus operators, ten men in the garage, and taking 13 of 78 buses out of service.

Thursday, January 7, 1960

Sunday, January 10, 1960


Tuesday, January 12, 1960
5A. Report of death yesterday of Edward J. Mueller, 92, long time Wichita florist. Resided with his wife at 1916 South Main. Came to Wichita with his family from Lawrence, Kansas in 1890. Married Florence Boughton June 29, 1893. Born May 27, 1867 at Williamsville, New York. Survived by wife, a daughter in Glendale, California and three sons, Truman P., Edward J., Jr., and Frank W., all in Wichita. Photo. Retired four years ago and his greenhouse is now Heite’s Wholesale Greenhouse, 1819 East 9th Street.

5A. Building permit issued yesterday for demolition of building at 121-123 North Market, a three story structure. The property is owned by Etta P. Dorsey.

Sunday, January 17, 1960

Thursday, January 21, 1960

14A. Ad announcing that Downtown Motors, Inc., 235 South Topeka, is the new Plymouth, DeSoto, and Valiant dealer in Wichita.


Friday, January 22, 1960

2A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Richard W. Holmes, Municipal Court Traffic Judge. Born in Wichita in 1923. Attended North High School, Kansas State University, and Washburn Law School. He and his wife, Gwen, have two sons, Bobby, 7, and David, 2. Photo. Maternal grandfather was L. W. Clapp.

Report of death yesterday of John R. Strain, 82, 404 Back Bay Boulevard, retired Wichita car dealer and Boeing Airplane Company employe. Born March 18, 1877 in New York City and had resided in Wichita for 32 years. Married Olive A. Smith August 1, 1900. Was co-owner of Stretch and Strain Nash Agency in Wichita for several years and later was an inspector at Boeing. Survivors include wife and a brother in Orlando, Florida. Photo.

3A. All officers and directors of Beech Aircraft Corporation were re-elected at annual meeting of stockholders yesterday. Details.

Sunday, January 24, 1960

3A. Wichita lawyer Dale B. Stinson, Jr., 33, 9624 West 3rd, was selected as “Outstanding Young Man of the Year” by the Wichita Junior Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last night. Born in Emporia, Kansas and is a graduate of Washburn Law School. Is married and has four children. Photo.

1D. Full page article on the Kirby Castle, 1201 West River Boulevard, with photos. Was built by J. O. Davidson in 1888 for his new bride from Jacksonville, Illinois. Stone was imported from Vermont and New Hampshire for the building and the striking redstone for the exterior was shipped from Colorado. The architect was a Boston man and the interior decorating was done by a man from Chicago, who also chose the elaborate furnishings and draperies. The Davidsons reared three children in the home and young people enjoyed the large ballroom on the third floor, and they also danced in the big red barn on the grounds, according to Mrs. Davidson.

Monday, January 25, 1960
A raging fire destroyed the Missouri Pacific Railroad diesel repair shops at 25th and Cleveland Sunday night causing more than a million dollar loss. The fire, of undetermined origin, swept the frame roundhouse, destroying three diesels, each valued at $200,000, a wrecker crane worth $250,000, and damaged two caboose cars. Details. Photos.

Wednesday, January 27, 1960

Report of annual meeting of stockholders of Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday. 1959 sales volume was $105,786,000. Details.

Friday, January 29, 1960

City Commission on Tuesday will consider resurfacing with asphalt of the 50 year old brick pavement on Douglas from Rutan to Crestway which was put down in 1909 and 1911.

Sunday, January 31, 1960

Feature article about plans for renewal of the blighted Orienta Park housing district on the southwest side of Wichita. Would be a federally assisted Urban Renewal project.

Thursday, February 4, 1960

A new McDonald’s drive-in restaurant is scheduled to open today at 1630 South Hillside, according to William A. Forshee, operator. It is one of a national chain of more than 150 restaurants in 29 states.

Saturday, February 6, 1960

Article with details of the aerial mapping and land use survey of Sedgwick County which is to be carried out with federal funds authorized by the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The aerial photography should be completed in three or four days, weather permitting. E. F. Etter, chief pilot for Chicago Aerial Survey, said he and photographer Don Morehouse planned to do the aerial mapping in 34 north-south runs of about 40 miles each, using a single-engine Cessna 195 specially modified to carry the camera equipment. The runs will be made at an altitude of 6000 feet above ground level and will produce photos with one inch equaling 1000 feet.

Sunday, February 7, 1960

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Rosa Mathewson Blades, 70, of 902 Woodrow, widowed daughter-in-law of Colonel William H. (Buffalo Bill) Mathewson. Born August 6, 1889 in Winfield, Kansas and had been a resident of Wichita for 60 years. Married
William H. Mathewson, geologist son of the famous Wichita pioneer, in 1905. He was killed in an auto accident March 8, 1938. She then married Guy Blades in Wichita October 29, 1938. Survivors include husband and three sisters (named — none in Wichita). Photo.


1D. J. S. Dillon’s new Eastgate Shopping Center food store is now open. Details.

Wednesday, February 10, 1960
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3A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Herbert J. Ottaway, 41, of 2038 South Estelle, following head injuries from a fall at home on January 3. She had been a resident of Wichita since she was three years old and was formerly an active registered nurse. Was born at Pawhuska, Oklahoma April 9, 1918. Survivors include husband, a son, Robert, 2388 South Erie, two brothers and two sisters (named — none in Wichita — maiden name Nelson), a stepson, Herb Gerald Ottaway, 2202 Menlo, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Marrone, El Monte, California. Photo. Burial in Kechi Cemetery.

Saturday, February 13, 1960
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5A. Report of death yesterday of Will Mike Hahner, 74, of 1450 Liennett, well known Wichita contractor. Born July 31, 1885 in Bristol, Virginia. Moved to Wichita 45 years ago from Kansas City, Missouri, with the George Siedhoff Construction Company. Was construction superintendent for the Siedhoff Company until it closed operations in Wichita in 1934. He then formed Hahner-Foreman Construction Company. Married Virginia R. Erker in Wichita on October 12, 1921. She survives, as well as a sister, Mrs. J. G. Barbe, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Photo.

Sunday, February 14, 1960
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6B. The new Woodlawn Nursing Home at southwest corner of Mission Road and Harry Street is nearing completion. It will open for patients about February 28. Drawing.

Sunday, February 21, 1960
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3A. Report of death Friday of Mrs. Elizabeth Coffman, 74, 210 East 8th, wife of Dr. John O. Coffman, of the home. Moved to Wichita in 1920.

Monday, February 22, 1960
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1. Report of death Saturday night of Judge William D. Jochems, 73, of a heart attack at Kansas City, Missouri. Born April 20, 1886 at Topeka. Moved to Wichita in 1910. Survivors include three sons, Roetzl, 1521 West 35th, Ted P., 402 North Roosevelt, and
Tuesday, February 23, 1960

Report of death yesterday of James Edward Barr, 35, of 1406 Woodrow, after a short illness. Born April 25, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barr. Had worked past two years as estimator for Eby Construction Company. Survived by wife, Jo, his parents, and a brother, Thomas, of Chicago. Photo.

Thursday, March 3, 1960

Contracts totaling $2,017,944 were let this week for construction of Wichita Heights High School at 53rd North and Hillside, for Rural High School District 192. Designed for 1500 students. Completion due in September 1961.

Sunday, March 6, 1960

Report of death Friday of John E. Masters, 38, of 2525 Manhattan, in Veterans Hospital. He was associated with his father in Masters Dry Goods, Inc.

Tuesday, March 8, 1960

A real estate gift valued at $400,000 was presented last night to the University of Wichita by the pioneer Ablah family. It was made by Frank J. Ablah, 104 North Pinecrest, and his brother, Harvey J. Ablah, 102 North Pinecrest. The gift includes title to a parcel of land at northwest corner of 1st and Water, valued at $250,000, and title and all income from the planned Colorado-Derby Building now under construction on the site. The University will issue approximately $1,950,000 in revenue bonds to pay costs of completing the building. The University will use the gift and its proceeds to help pay for a proposed new library. Details.

Friday, March 11, 1960

The City Commission next Tuesday will be asked to approve a lease agreement permitting the Rapid Transit Lines, Inc. to occupy part of the Public Produce market building. The lease provides that the new bus company would occupy the south one-third of the market building at Central and Wabash for a rental of $500 a month. The company will use the building as a terminal and as office headquarters. The bus company proposes to bear the expense of improving the building and surfacing the east parking lot. The city’s market operation is to be closed. It has been losing money for the greater part of the last ten years and is no longer serving very many independent produce growers.

Tuesday, March 15, 1960
2A. Building permit issued yesterday for wrecking of a two story parking garage at 157 North Emporia. The building is owned by Mrs. M. C. Naftzger, 312 North Belmont.

Sunday, March 20, 1960

5A. Report of ground-breaking yesterday for a $1,800,000 addition to St. Joseph Hospital, to be located in front of the present building. Details.

11A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of John E. Ceurvorst, 94, who drove a mule-powered streetcar when he first came to Wichita. Born March 14, 1866 in Muscatine, Iowa. Came to Kansas (Wichita) before he was 21. Arrived here on a Sunday and the next day went to work for the street railway as a mule car driver, earning 35 cents an hour. For two years he operated the College Hill line. Photo. Later worked as switchman for Santa Fe and Rock Island Railroads.

4B. Article about a proposed new domed ballroom to be constructed on United States Highway 54 west of Municipal Airport. Details. Drawing.

10. Feature article about the Wichita Vinegar and Cider Works, 3200 West Central. The familiar plant at Sheridan and Central was built and opened in 1926, having moved from a previous location on Hydraulic. The plant produces an average of 200,000 gallons a year, marketed locally and throughout northern Oklahoma. In the past their vinegar and cider presses were fed by the large apple orchards of Belle Plaine and the “Hoover Orchard” area west of Wichita. The November 11 freeze of 1940 killed the apple trees here, and the plant then had to depend on orchards near Canon City, Colorado. These orchards gave out about 1950. Now the raw applejuice in concentrated form is shipped in from California. Manager of the firm is John W. Lonnberg. Interior photos.

19. Feature article of reminiscences of early days in first block of North Market by L. H. Kopplin, who was born in the City Hotel at 130 North Market, which was operated by his parents. Details.

Tuesday, March 22, 1960


Sunday, March 27, 1960
Report of death Friday of Arch P. Naramore, 74, of 1402 Garland, well known Wichita business man. Burial to be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Photo of Colorado-Derby Building at 1st and Water under construction. Concrete work has just started on first floor and is expected to be completed by early July.

Tuesday, March 29, 1960

“Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of S. Allan Daugherty, superintendent of the Kansas Masonic Home. Born in Hoquiam, Washington, the son of a carpenter, he was brought to Kansas at age five. Early schooling was at Blue Mound, Kansas, after which the family moved to Baldwin, Kansas. He and wife, the former Lucile Kramer, daughter of a Methodist minister, met during their freshman year in college in 1929 and were married in 1935. After graduation, he taught, as a coach, at Vinland, Kansas High School for a year and then entered the retail food business for 22 years. In 1957 he became administrator for the First Methodist Church in Topeka, and this was followed by his present job in November 1958. He resides at 918 Spaulding and has one son, Dennis A., a junior at Wichita University. Photo.

Saturday, April 2, 1960

New telephone books will be delivered in Wichita beginning Monday. About 156,000 directories will be delivered to subscribers in the Metropolitan Wichita area.

Sunday, April 3, 1960

Ad announcing appointment of Wichita’s new Oldsmobile dealer, Bulger Cadillac-Oldsmobile, Inc., 1900 East Douglas. Photo.

Construction is under way on the new AAA Auto Club building at 3240 East Central. Completion is expected by early July. Cost overall will be in excess of $90,000. Architects are McVay, Peddie, Schmidt and Associates. Details. Drawing.

Monday, April 4, 1960

Report of cornerstone laying yesterday for new sanctuary of College Hill Methodist Church at 1st and Erie. Details.

Wednesday, April 6, 1960

Members of the Unitarian and Universalist churches throughout the United States have approved a merger of the two churches by a wide margin in a recent plebiscite. The tentative effective date will be in May 1961.
1C. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Don C. Weyl, partner in the Weyl-Bausch Tire Store. Born in De Soto, Missouri in 1902. Moved to St. Louis with parents at early age and then to Wichita in 1910. Has a daughter, Mrs. Robert Montague, 801 Fabrique. Photo.

Friday, April 15, 1960

12A. Bernard E. Calkins, president of the new Rapid Transit Lines, Inc., yesterday presented revised plans for use of the present Public Produce Market at Central and Wabash as a terminal facility for his firm. If approved by the City Commission, his firm would utilize the entire market building and grounds instead of only part of it as originally planned. A $35,000 renovation is included. The entire building would be painted white with blue trim, the office areas of the Central frontage would be redesigned, and the entire parking area would be surfaced. The change in plans will call for a new lease agreement with the city to be drawn, and City Manager Frank Backstrom said he was thinking in terms of $12,000 a year rent, with the new company paying all the utilities. Details.

1B. Plans announced yesterday for building of a $9.5 million 19 story Wichita Plaza building in first block of North Market, on a 250 foot frontage. Developers are Walter W. Ahlschlager and Preston P. Reynolds, Jr., of Dallas, Texas. Details. Drawing. Photo of old buildings on the site, razing of which started in 1958 to clear the area.

Sunday, April 17, 1960

5A. Announcement made yesterday by Homer R. Mosley, Wichita business man, of plans to build a new motor hotel, the Town House, on both sides of Kellogg between Broadway and Topeka. To cost $1.5 million. Work is to start Tuesday. Details. First units to open by July 15. Architects are Warren A. Miller Associates. Drawing.

2. Feature article on the U.S.S. Wichita, which is now being scrapped. It was sold last September along with other World War II warships to the highest bidder for scrapping, and in October was towed to Panama City, Florida, along with the heavy cruisers Chester, Portland, and San Francisco, for scrapping. Photo shows it alongside U.S.S. Chester, the latter having had superstructure removed, but the U.S.S. Wichita still largely intact. The ship is being dismantled by Cove Contractors.

Wednesday, April 20, 1960


Saturday, April 23, 1960

5A. Contract last year by Sedgwick County Commission for construction of the Sedgwick
County Boys Detention Home at Lake Afton at cost of $588,155. Details.

Tuesday, April 26, 1960

The Park Board yesterday approved purchase of the 43 acre Dolese tract north of 27th Street South and east of the Midland Valley Railroad. This will be added to some 60 acres south of 27th Street South already owned by the Park Board to make a total of about 100 acres for a new park development. Cost of the new property is $36,000. Both properties have been used for sandpit operations, and the pits will be developed into a series of lakes. Details.

Wednesday, April 27, 1960

1. Article about a proposed new four million dollar, 17 story apartment building, the “Skyline Towers,” to be built on southwest corner of 1st and Main. Details. Drawing. (This building was never built.)

5A. City Commission yesterday approved leasing of the old City Produce Market building, 1101 East Central, to the new Rapid Transit Lines for its office and bus maintenance facility. The amended lease calls for a rental of $1000 per month, with the Rapid Transit company to carry out remodeling at its own expense. A provision also cancels the city’s obligation to make a refund of fuel taxes paid by the company, as long as the company holds the lease to the old market property. Building permit was issued for a $5000 remodeling job on the old market facility and for construction of an $8000 service building at 425 Ohio.

Friday, April 29, 1960

5A. City Commission will be asked Tuesday to let 59 new buses of Rapid Transit Lines, Inc. be parked downtown on June 1 to give the public a look at the new fleet.

Saturday, April 30, 1960

3B. Article about a collection of photographs of Kansas courthouses collected since 1919 by Ruppert K. Wey, of Wichita, and which are to be displayed when the new Sedgwick County Courthouse is dedicated Sunday.

Sunday, May 1, 1960

3A. Brief report of death yesterday of Ollie Moses, 66, of 1355 South Edgemoor, owner of the East End Department Store. Photo.

19C. Photo of new Southwestern Bell Telephone Company’s $1.5 million accounting building at 2nd and Main, which will be occupied in early July.
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1-3C. Special section noting Cudahy Packing Company’s 70th anniversary. Aerial photo of Wichita plant on page 1C.

8D. Report of dedication of new Sedgwick County Courthouse yesterday.

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12A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of John E. Cero, owner of Cero’s Candies and Ice Cream Store, 1227 East Douglas, and nephew of Pete Cero, a Greek immigrant who came to Wichita in 1884 and opened his first candy store on North Main. Photo.

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2A. The first group of 11 new city buses will be delivered in Wichita Wednesday. Rapid Transit Lines, Inc., is sending 11 men to Pontiac, Michigan to pick up the “dreamliners.” Included in the group will be Frank Neal, superintendent of operations for Rapid Transit. The round trips, with men flying up and driving back will be continued every Monday and Thursday until all 60 of the new vehicles are delivered. Delivery is to be completed before May 29. The buses are to be displayed on the streets of downtown Wichita on June 1 and go into service June 4. The entire Wichita order of blue buses has come off the assembly line and the buses are undergoing final tuning and road testing. They are powered with V6 diesel engines and will seat 45 passengers, compared to 34 in the vehicles operated by Wichita Bus Company which will be discontinuing service next month. At $30,000 apiece, the dreamliner order totaled $1.8 million. Photo of front of one bus — no number visible — College Hill destination sign.

8A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Donald K. Enoch, proprietor of Wichita Brush and Chemical Company, 234 North Main. Born in Neosho, Missouri June 22, 1916. Moved to Wichita with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Enoch, in 1924. Married his wife, Margery, here in 1946. They have three sons, Rollie, 11, Craig, 10, Mark Charles, 6, and one daughter, Dawn Kimberly, 4.

Tuesday, May 10, 1960

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3A. Entertainment Enterprise, Inc. announced yesterday that construction will proceed on its $300,000 ballroom near Maize Road and Highway 54, beginning July 1 with completion by October 15. Details.

Wednesday, May 11, 1960
City Commission yesterday passed a resolution to authorize construction of a bridge over the Arkansas River at Pawnee Avenue.

Thursday, May 12, 1960
Delivery of the first ten of Rapid Transit Lines’ all new, diesel, air-conditioned “dreamliners” arrived in Wichita yesterday from the General Motors plant at Pontiac, Michigan. Photo.

Friday, May 13, 1960
Report of death Wednesday of William C. Norton, 46, Wichita attorney, of 4512 East Central. A native Wichitan. Survived by wife, Lowrie Jane, a daughter, Lowry Lee Reed, 2416 Manhattan Drive, his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Howard G. Norton, 1429 North Chautauqua, and two brothers, Robert B., 1308 North Vassar, and Edward D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Sunday, May 15, 1960
Feature article on early days in Towanda, Kansas, including story of James R. Mead’s arrival there in 1863 to establish trading post.

Thursday, May 19, 1960
“Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of David D. Blanton, president and chief engineer of Javelin Aircraft Company, Inc., 1405 South Oliver. The company specializes in manufacturing ferry tank installations. Born May 15, 1925 at Cimarron, Kansas. Graduated from high school at Hebron, Nebraska. Graduated from Lincoln, Nebraska Aviation Institute in 1946. Came to Wichita from Lincoln in 1948 to work at Boeing. There he met and married the former Florine Weiss, of Clay Center, Kansas. They have four children, Bobby, 9, David, 8, Dalene,7, and Darlene, 6, and reside at 4460 Bellaire. Photo.

Saturday, May 21, 1960
Razing of an early day Wichita landmark was begun this week when workmen started demolition of the Wichita Hospital Nurses Home, 313 North Seneca. The structure was once the residence of Benjamin McLean and was purchased by the Sisters of St. Joseph when they acquired the hospital in July 1925. Photo.

Monday, May 23, 1960
“Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Glenn Benedick, Wichita architect. Born in
Plainville, Kansas in 1915. Came to Wichita in 1938. Photo.

**Wednesday, May 25, 1960**

**page 12A.** “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Max A. Noble, chairman of the board of United Savings and Loan Association, 211 South Main. Born in 1896 at 1303 West River Boulevard, the son of a pioneer Wichita dentist, Dr. S. S. Noble and Mrs. Noble. Married Luella Morris in Wichita on July 5, 1921. Has one son, Drew W., of Wichita, and one daughter, Mrs. Bruce Appling, of Houston, Texas. Photo.

**Thursday, May 26, 1960**

**page 5A.** Construction of a $284,431 intern-resident apartment building for Wesley Hospital is expected to begin in June. Drawing.

**Wednesday, June 1, 1960**


**5B.** Full page ad of Rapid Transit Lines announcing that the Dreamliners are coming to Wichita on Saturday, June 4 and are on display in downtown Wichita today. Photo.

**6B.** Article about display of Wichita’s new silver and blue Dreamliner buses in downtown Wichita today. They will begin operation Saturday, with the first bus leaving the garage at 4:48 a.m. Wichita Bus Company, now serving Wichita, is scheduled to make its last run at 1:45 a.m. Saturday. Bernard Calkins, president of Rapid Transit, said all drivers of the Wichita Bus Company have been retained by the new firm. Fares for the new transit system will be the same as on the present system: 20 cents cash fare or five tokens for 90 cents for adults, two tokens for 25 cents for students, and ten cents for children under 12 years of age. A few extensions of routes were approved by the City Commission Tuesday (details given). Photo of new bus fleet.

**Thursday, June 2, 1960**

**page 7A.** Article about new bus system lists directors of Rapid Transit Lines, Inc.:

- President: Bernard Calkins
- Directors: Garner Shriver, Wichita
  - Joseph S. Musgrove, Wichita
  - Clarence L. Norsworthy, Jr., Dallas
  - J. Simmons, Dallas
Saturday, June 4, 1960

Wichita’s new bus company, Rapid Transit Lines, Inc., will begin operations this morning, with the first bus due to leave the garage, 1101 East Central, at 4:58 a.m. Approximately 32 of the new coaches will be in operation Saturday. The drivers will be sharing in the “new look,” wearing snappy airline blue uniforms. Fares will be the same as those previously charged by the Wichita Bus Company. However, Rapid Transit is using its own style of tokens. Those for adults are small in size, while student tokens are the largest. This is a reversal of the size used by the former transit company. Rapid Transit will not honor Wichita Bus Company tokens, but the latter will be redeemed during regular business hours at the Wichita Bus Company’s headquarters at 10th and Wichita.

Sunday, June 5, 1960

Report of successful first day of operation yesterday by the new Rapid Transit Lines buses. The company used 49 buses during the rush hours from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., and 32 were in service during the other daylight hours. Frank Neal, superintendent of operations, said the drivers made the changeover without hitch.


New David’s Inc. store at 11000 East Kellogg will be opened on Friday. Details. Photo.

Grand opening of the new $15.5 million Eastgate Shopping Center is taking place all this week. Articles with details and photos.

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Chicago Bears. Has one son, age 15. Two brothers in Wichita, Charles Jr. and Leo N. Photo.

**Tuesday, June 7, 1960**

Building permit issued yesterday for new sanctuary for First Methodist Church, 330 North Broadway, to cost $886,000. Construction to begin about June 20. Contractor is Martin K. Eby Construction Company.

**Wednesday, June 8, 1960**

A resolution requested by Major Levi Rymph expressing the city’s appreciation to the former Wichita Bus Company for its efforts to provide bus service the past few years was passed by the City Commission three to one yesterday, with Commissioner John Madden voting against it.

**Saturday, June 11, 1960**

“Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Mrs. Rose Bruce, owner of the Bridle and Saddle Farm, 5830 East Central. She and her husband, the late Herbert Bruce, purchased the farm 22 years ago primarily because of their four children’s interest in riding. Husband died in 1953. Born in McPherson, Kansas and moved to Wakita, Oklahoma at age six. Married in 1914 at age 23 and moved to Wichita where her husband worked at the Innes store for 43 years. Has three sons and one daughter (named — all in Wichita). Photo.

**Wednesday, June 15, 1960**

Article reports meeting yesterday to organize “Greater Downtown Wichita” to promote interests of the downtown area. Details.

**Saturday, June 18, 1960**

Martin Caidin, of New York, will speak at a dinner meeting of the Kansas OX5 Club wing at the El Charro Cafe, 5325 East Kellogg. Caidin arrived yesterday to spend the weekend here while the Beechcraft Debonair he is flying on a nation wide tour receives a routine inspection. Accompanied by photographer James Yarnell, of Wichita, Caidin is currently flying to each of the 48 continental states gathering material for his 25th and 26th books, to be published by Random House, Inc. and E. P. Dutton and Company, respectively. Photo. Age is 32.

**Sunday, June 19, 1960**

Construction will start tomorrow on a new drive-in bank facility for the Southwest National Bank, to be located at southwest corner of 1st and Emporia. To cost $100,000. To be completed in four to six months. The land as already been cleared. Architects are
Tuesday, June 21, 1960

5A. Report of death Saturday of Dan C. Smith, 78, Manhattan Beach, California, former president of Wichita Union Stockyards. Born October 10, 1881 at Maysville, Missouri. Came to Wichita in 1913. Retired in 1955. Survived by wife, Mildred, one son and one daughter (named — son Conlee is in Wichita). Photo.

Thursday, June 23, 1960

8A. Photo of the old Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church built in North Wichita in 1927 to serve Spanish speaking residents, and which has been replaced by a larger edifice two years ago. The old church at 2405 North Market is now being razed.

Sunday, June 26, 1960

10A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Ross McCausland, of Ross McCausland Seeds company, 116 West Douglas. Born in 1000 block of North Market on June 18, 1897, the son of L. B. (Bert) McCausland, who moved to Wichita from Liston, Ohio in 1885. His mother was daughter of John Noble, who came to Wichita in 1872. She was born here in 1873. His father joined the Ross Brothers Feed Store in 1899. Ross graduated from Wichita High School in 1916. Married Ruth R. Robison, of Towanda, June 6, 1921. About 1930 his father disposed of holdings in Ross Brothers Feed Store, and the two of them opened Ross-McCausland Seeds. Father died in 1941. In 1953 son Ross, Jr. became a partner. Photo.

19. Feature article on official Sedgwick County documents stored in the county courthouse. Administrator of these records is Mrs. Agnes McKnight, 68, of 207 West Skinner. Details.

Friday, July 1, 1960

5A. The Rapid Transit Lines will seek permission from the City Commission Tuesday to install shelters at major bus stops. Details. Photo of proposed seat July 2 on page 3A.

Sunday, July 3, 1960

2A. Photo of new $1.8 million wing at St. Joseph Hospital with present building in background.

5A. The Kansas Supreme Court yesterday allowed the St. Louis-San Fransisco Railroad to stop service of its passenger trains between Monett, Missouri and Wichita.
Monday, July 4, 1960

Page 3A. Article about Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Scrafford, operators of Scrafford and Craig Poultry Company, 723 North Main, since 1915. Details.

Thursday, July 7, 1960

Page 12A. Wichita school enrollment at end of school year: 1954 -- 34,364; ‘55 -- 42,042; ‘56 -- 45,849; ‘57 -- 48,378; ‘58 -- 50,288; ‘59 -- 51,493; ‘60 -- 52,262.

Sunday, July 10, 1960

Page 7A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of R. L. (Bob) Simpson, recently appointed assistant fire chief, but who also drove a bus for Wichita Transportation Corporation before he joined the fire department. Born February 18, 1911 at Maize and graduated from Maize High School in 1928. Married April 22, 1933 to the former Bertha Beard, of Wichita, and they had a son, Raymond. Started work as bus driver for Wichita Transportation Corporation in May 1936 and continued until he started work for the fire department on June 2, 1942. The last two years he was with the bus firm he worked mainly as a driver trainer. Photo.

Tuesday, July 12, 1960

Page 5A. The S. A. Long Company, Inc., has acquired the 50,000 square foot, four story warehouse building at 800 East 1st by purchase from H. D. Higginson, Marcia Higginson, and Lufanna Higginson. The building was erected in 1912 by Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocery Company and was occupied by them for 35 years. Later it was used as the Wichita divisional branch warehouse by General Electric Company. Photo on page 1B.

Thursday, July 14, 1960

Page 10A. Report of death of A. J. Cleary, 80, of 347 South Yale, former general manager of Wichita Transportation Corporation, Monday at his home. Funeral today at Crest Hill Funeral Service, with Reverend Charles Walsh, of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, officiating. Burial to be in White Chapel Memorial Gardens. Active and honorary pall bearers listed. Family requests remembrances to the Heart Fund.

Sunday, July 17, 1960

Page 1D. Full page on two historic Wichita homes, the Campbell castle, 1155 North River Boulevard, and the home of Mrs. J. D. Ewan, 1303 West River Boulevard, built by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Noble. Details and photos, including Harriett Morris in her house, and the pipe organ installed in the Ewan house in 1902 and still playable. Article claims Ewan house built in 1882. Ewans have occupied it since 1933. Details.
Monday, July 18, 1960

“Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of David Fishback, owner of Screen Process Printing Company. Lives at 810 Carter. Graduated from University of Illinois in 1935 with business administration degree but could not find a job at Carrollton, Illinois, so an uncle, general manager of Jacob Dold Packing Company in Wichita, told him to come here and he’d give him a job. Fishback arrived here in June 1935. Worked for the packing plant as a hog buyer for one year, but then was hired as personnel officer and public relations director for the Wichita Transportation Company. He published the company’s weekly “As-U-Go-News.” Was classified 4-F because of ulcers so could not enter military service. In July 1941 he changed jobs and worked for Cessna Aircraft Company in personnel department. When the war ended he went back to the Wichita Transportation Corporation until 1952, when he decided to devote full time to transportation advertising. He received his early education in Carrollton, Illinois and graduated from Carrollton High School in 1931. Married Mary Alice Naramore April 23, 1938. They have three children, Jack, 19, Jill, 18, and Tommy, a student at John Marshall Intermediate. Photo.

Tuesday, July 19, 1960

“Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Kenneth P. Brasted, executive vice-president of Mid-Kansas Federal Savings and Loan Association. Born in Denver, Colorado February 24, 1906, and moved to Wichita six years later when his father, Arthur R. Brasted, became division freight agent here for the Rock Island Railroad. Lived here first at 811 Faulkner and attended Riverside, Horace Mann, and then Wichita High School (now East), graduating in 1924. Graduated from Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania in 1929. Worked for Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Trust Company, and then beginning in 1941, for Mid-Kansas. Married Lulu Humphrey, of Parsons, Kansas, in 1931. They have three sons, Kenneth, Jr., 24, David, 22, and John, 19. Photo.

Thursday, July 21, 1960

Building permit issued for a new interns’ apartment building at Wesley Hospital, at 3225 Sleepy Hollow, to cost $180,930. Architects are firm of Thomas, Harris, and Calvin.

Sunday, July 24, 1960

Report of death yesterday at Taos, New Mexico, of Ralph M. Rounds, 69, 401 North Roosevelt, chairman of the board of the Rounds and Porter Lumber Company. Born at Alliance, Nebraska on January 22, 1891. Was a Wichita resident for more than 50 years. Survived by wife, Rebekah C., two sons, Ralph Cooper Rounds, 9 Hillcrest, and Dwight Rounds, Ross, California, and five grandchildren.

Photo of an early day one story frame store building at 816 East Murdock, which has been presented to Historic Wichita, Inc. by John Jabara, for placement in Cow Town. Is thought to have been built around 1880.
Tuesday, July 26, 1960

5A. City will start soon on the repairing of Douglas Avenue from Rutan to Crestway. This will involve removal of the old rotting street car ties below the surface as well as the old brick pavement, after which the street will be given a new asphalt surface.

3B. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of R. Harold Chance, head of Chance Amusement Company. Born in Wichita September 25, 1921, and tinkered as a child with boats, motorcycles, etc. in the motorcycle and motorboat agency of his father, Gerald Chance. Attended Riverside, Central Intermediate, and North High School. Graduated from North High School in 1939. Worked two years as tool and die maker in Colorado Springs before military service in Army in South Pacific area. Returned to Wichita in 1946 and married Marjorie Westwood. Joined staff of Ottaway Amusement Company, of which he has since become owner. The company has built more than 150 miniature trains for amusement parks. Lives at 1119 George Washington Drive. Has five children, Richard, 12, Susan, 11, Judy Lou, 9, Katie, 8, and Nancy, 3. Photo.

Thursday, July 28, 1960

18A. The new bridge spanning the “Big Ditch” floodway at 55th Street South was dedicated yesterday in honor of former County Commissioner Fritz Jorgensen, who served from 1917 to 1921 and from 1925 to 1929. He died in 1946. The two lane, $117,000 bridge was completed and opened to traffic two or three weeks ago.

Saturday, July 30, 1960

1. Drawing of the new eight story medical office building which is to be erected at southeast corner of Central and Hillside. Construction is to start Monday. Project will cost $2,750,000. Completion will require approximately 15 months. Details.

Sunday, July 31, 1960

1. Duo-Bed Corporation, with headquarters in Los Angeles, has purchased the plant formerly owned by the O. A. Sutton Corporation and used for production of its Vornado fan. The plant site includes a ten acre tract of land. Duo-Bed makes room furnishings for hotels, motels, etc., and was founded in New York in 1949, later moving its offices, factory, and main show room to Los Angeles. Its investment in Wichita will be approximately two million dollars, according to Elliott Fry, founder and president. The plant is expected to open here by early January, with initial employment of approximately 300. Details. Aerial photo of plant.

8A. The new Auto Club of Kansas office at Central and Vassar will open tomorrow morning. The move from the former location at 5401 East Kellogg is being made over the weekend.

14A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of O. J. Watson, 33 year member of the Park Board.
Born January 5, 1876 on a farm near Logansville, Georgia. Grew up in Texas. Came to Wichita in 1912. Started selling autos in Oklahoma in 1906. Went from Oklahoma City to Enid and there formed a partnership with Clyde Cessna in Watson-Cessna Motor Company. Further biography.

2B. Appraisers report filed in Probate Court yesterday valued the estate of the late R. H. Garrey, killed in auto accident June 30, 1959, at $9,748,424. Details.

1F. Aerial photo of downtown (with new courthouse).

4F. Aerial photo showing new Kellogg Street through downtown section east of Arkansas River nearing completion.

5F. Rapid Transit Lines ad with bus photo (number not seen).

4G. Rapid Transit Lines, Inc. is working on a design for seats to be placed at major bus stops throughout the city. The City Commission has approved installation of the seats in the city outside the downtown area. The company plans to erect 200 or 250 of them as soon as the design is worked out.

4J. Article gives details of passenger volume of various transportation companies operating out of Wichita.

Tuesday, August 2, 1960

8A. Precinct map of city of Wichita.

Saturday, August 6, 1960

12A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Daniel E. Sauder, 72, one of founders of Southern Kansas Stage Lines. Grew up on family farm near Gridley, Kansas. Married Miss Myrtle Logan, of Wellington, in 1908. Worked for railroad in Wellington until 1916. Began running bus line from Wellington to Wichita on January 25, 1924. Merged his line with that of Aaron Greenleaf to form Southern Kansas Stage Lines, later to become Santa Fe Trailways. Moved to Wichita from Wellington about 30 years ago. Two daughters, Mrs. V. E. Lygrisse, 3727 Sleepy Hollow Drive, and Mrs. George W. Byers, Kansas City, and six grandchildren. Photo. (“Man 72, Trail Blazer in Area Transportation”)

Sunday, August 7, 1960

2B. Photo of remodeled Yingling Chevrolet Company building at 300 South Topeka. Article with details.

Tuesday, August 9, 1960

page
5A. Park Board yesterday let contract for a new building to replace the aged concession stand in Central Riverside Zoo at cost of $11,944. Architects are Wilbur F. Kruse and Don Roberts.

Wednesday, August 10, 1960

9A. Excavation for the new College Hill Medical Tower building at Central and Hillside is scheduled to begin today, following formal ground breaking ceremonies yesterday. Completion is scheduled in 15 months. Details.

Thursday, August 11, 1960

9A. New pens for small animals are nearing completion at Central Riverside Park Zoo. The curving design provides 21 cages. Photo.

1D. The garage force of Rapid Transit Lines has been going through a concentrated course on maintenance of the new “dreamliner” buses. Night school classes started last Friday and were completed Wednesday. William L. Wheeler, of Pontiac, Michigan, instructor for General Motors Coach Service Institute, was in Wichita to conduct the classes. Lewis Brandon, Rapid Transit garage foreman, said 11 bus company personnel and three from other interested firms in the area attended the course. Classes were conducted at Rapid Transit headquarters at 1101 East Central.

Saturday, August 13, 1960

5A. Photo of Colorado-Derby building under construction at 1st and Water. Exterior is largely complete. Building scheduled for completion by December 31st.

Sunday, August 14, 1960

5A. Report of death Friday in Kansas City, Missouri of Samuel W. (“Cap”) Jones, one of Wichita’s earliest black residents, at age 93. Resided at 2105 Pennsylvania, but for past four months had been staying with a grand-daughter in Kansas City. Born March 10, 1867, at Leavenworth, Kansas, the eldest of a family of five girls and three boys. Came to Wichita with his parents in 1874. Worked as bootblack, errand boy, cook, minstrel, and policeman. Served in the Spanish-American war. Is said to have been the first Negro ever to attend school in Wichita, having attended the old 4th Ward school. Married February 4, 1891. Wife died in 1945. Besides granddaughter in Kansas City, survivors include two sisters — named — in Los Angeles and Kansas City. Further biography. Photo. Burial to be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Thursday, August 18, 1960

20A. Article about the old Mentholatum Building at Douglas and Cleveland, which has been vacant for several months since the County Welfare Department, which had occupied it
for 17 years, moved to new quarters in the Welfare Department wing of the new Sedgwick County Courthouse. The County, which purchased the building September 28, 1942, has offered it for sale. Bids to be received by August 26. Details. Photo.

Friday, August 19, 1960
page 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for razing of the two story building at 119 North Market as part of clearing of the site for the Wichita Plaza building project. Building permit also issued for wrecking of a six family structure at 425 North Topeka for the Wichita Catholic Diocese.

Saturday, August 20, 1960
page 5A. Subcontracts have been let for the new College Hill Medical Center. Details.

Monday, August 22, 1960
page 9A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Bentley Barnabas, head of Associated Personnel Technicians, which was incorporated in June 1945. Born at Albany, New York on May 2, 1908. Moved to Wichita with family at age ten. Graduated from Wichita High School in 1925 and from University of Wichita in 1929. Married the former Pearl Richards February 17, 1931. Lives at 30 Cypress Drive, Forest Hills. One son, George, is student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Clare) Templeton lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Photo.

Thursday, August 25, 1960
page 1D. Dulaney, Johnston, and Priest Insurance Company will move Saturday to its new quarters on the ground floor of the Central Building. Since 1930 the firm has occupied space on the second floor of the building. Details, including history of the firm.

Friday, August 26, 1960
page 5A. Report of visit to Wichita yesterday of two descendants of Wichita pioneer and co-founder, D.S. Munger. They are A. H. Williams, Moline, Illinois, district shopkeeper for the Rock Island Lines, great-grandson of D. S. Munger, and his son, Lawrence Williams, 15, great great grandson of D. S. Munger. They were en route to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where the grandfather died in 1907. Munger came to Wichita in 1868 from Tully, Missouri. Williams has in his possession some old papers of Munger’s, including one saying that he and William Griffenstein had been trying to start a city and had decided to get together and “launch Wichita.” Williams is more familiar with his grandfather, D. X. Williams, who was said to be Wichita’s first constable, while Munger was justice of the peace, postmaster, and coroner. Williams then married Munger’s daughter, Mellisa. D. X. Williams went to Oklahoma with opening of the Cherokee Strip and died at Shawnee on December 25, 1907. A. F. Williams was born in Wichita in 1889, and the son, A. H.
Williams was born in Shawnee in 1906. Two sons of Munger, Edwin and Charles, moved to Chicago. Photo.

Saturday, August 27, 1960

1B. Detailed list of school bus routes to be operated by Rapid Transit Lines beginning with the opening of school next Friday.

Sunday, August 28, 1960

5A. Photo of excavation and some concrete foundation poured this week for the new $9.5 million Wichita Plaza Building in first block on North Market.

Tuesday, August 30, 1960

3A. Drawing of detached bank facility to be erected by Fourth National Bank on southwest corner of Topeka and Waterman. Expected to be completed next March. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer, and Eflin.

Thursday, September 1, 1960

7A. Article about consideration by city Traffic Engineer Paul Groves of “curb lanes for buses.” Details.

9A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Clyde E. Russell, chief ticket clerk for the Wichita Union Terminal Railway Company (Union Station). Born near Walton, Kansas December 17, 1884. Became station agent helper at Rock Island station in Peabody in 1906. Then qualified as a telegrapher and was assigned to Medora, Kansas. Rock Island later transferred him to Wellington, Kansas as night operator. In January 1910 he moved to the Rock Island station in Wichita, and when Union Station was completed in 1914 he was among the first group to occupy it. Still working. Ticket office staff has remained fairly constant, with an average of 12 men employed. Wife, the former Ruth Freeman, whom he married in 1913, died in 1936. They have two children, Glenn E., vice-president at Fourth National Bank, residing at 217 Elpyco, and Mrs. A. B. (Dorothy) Margoline, of Phoenix, Arizona. There are five grandchildren in Wichita and two in Phoenix. Mr. Russell resides at 441 Sherman. Photo.

2D. Detailed article describing the stormy opening of the new Orpheum Theater on Labor Day 38 years ago, when the hot humid weather caused the red leather upholstered seats to fade badly and stain the fine clothing of the patrons.

Friday, September 2, 1960

3B. Photo of the old one story frame grocery store building at 816 East Murdock which has been donated to Historic Wichita, Inc. by Jabara Brothers and soon is to be moved to Cow
Town. The original building on the site was built in 1888 by William M. Sutton, pioneer builder and merchant, but was destroyed by fire in 1904. The present structure was rebuilt in 1904 and has been used mainly as a grocery store. Details. Sutton was killed by bandits on October 9, 1915. Photos.

14B. The new stretch of McLean Boulevard from Central to 13th Street and the new stretch of East Lincoln from Hillside to Broadview are expected to be opened officially to traffic today. Details.

Wednesday, September 7, 1960

“Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Charles J. Maule, Wichita pharmacist and drug store owner. Born at 1219 South Main on October 3, 1909, son of a drug salesman who married a Wichita pioneer, Miss Effie Campbell. Attended Riverside and Cathedral schools, and graduated from Wichita High School in 1928. Received pharmacy degree at University of Kansas in 1932. Worked as assistant in his father’s drug store at Murdock and St. Francis. Worked five years in Federal Bureau of Investigation from December 1941 to December 1946. Then returned to Wichita, and after working nine months for Tilford Pharmacies, he opened his first store October 25, 1947 at Hillside and Lincoln. Had married the former Dorothy Adams, a Lincoln, Nebraska girl, on February 19, 1939. They have a 20 year old daughter, Sharleen, working at First National Bank in Lawrence, Kansas, and a son, Steve, a senior at Kapaun High School. Photo.

Thursday, September 8, 1960

Report of death last night of Ty Lockett, 52, general manager of the National Baseball Congress and former Sedgwick County Sheriff, suddenly, apparently from heart attack. Born in Hutto, Texas April 11, 1908 and came to Wichita from Corpus Christi, Texas in 1931. Survived by wife, Betty, and four sons (named). Further biography. Photo.

12B. The large new GEM membership department store at Meridian and Pawnee will open tomorrow. Drawing.

Tuesday, September 13, 1960

Construction crews have just completed a new zoo cage for small animals and a new concession stand in Central Riverside Park.

Thursday, September 15, 1960

Photo of new sanctuary of First Methodist Church under construction. Completion due in December 1961.
3A. Kansas Highway Commission yesterday accepted bids for grading of four mile stretch of the new US 81 bypass highway west of Wichita, extending from the Arkansas River bridge to US 81 north of the city, for $918,175. Bids also accepted for grading and bridge construction on ten miles of K 96 from K 17 south of Hutchinson east to Haven for approximately $229,000.

Monday, September 19, 1960

1B. Members of the Old Street Car Conductors Club met yesterday at Minisa Park shelter house for their annual picnic and election of officers. The club was formed about ten years ago with more than 100 members, but membership has declined with the years. About 50 members attended yesterday. Officers elected were Charlie Smith, president, Mrs. Leonard Graves, vice-president, Mrs. Jim Long and Mrs. L. Graves, table committee, and Mrs. S. A. Woolsey, publicity chairman. Photo showing several present at the picnic including: Andy Tener, 94, Charlie Smith, 70, and his wife, Bertha J. Smith, 71, O. L. Pitts, 74, R. T. Pitts, 71.

Tuesday, September 20, 1960


Wednesday, September 21, 1960

1B. The Civic Theater, 725 West Douglas, will be closed after tonight’s show, for extensive remodeling, which will convert it into a many-purpose building, to be known as Civic Playhouse. The theater opened on October 21, 1936. It is to re-open in late November. Details. Architects for remodeling are Wendell B. Parks and Sons.

Thursday, September 22, 1960

5A. City Traffic Commission yesterday discussed the proposed “bus lanes” along the curb in the downtown area, but deferred any action. Details.

8A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of William F. Farha. Born November 27, 1908 at Judiedet, Merjerum, Lebanon, the middle son of five brothers, with two sisters. After father’s death, the mother, Nahima Farha, came in 1920 to Wichita with her family, where her husband previously had visited and where relatives had settled. Graduated high school in 1929. Worked with brother B. F. and Sam at F and E Wholesale Grocery Company and in 1926 the brothers acquired the firm. They started first grocery store in 1931 and in 1941 changed name to Farha Brothers Super Markets. Married Victoria Barkett, of Oklahoma City, April 15, 1934. One son, Bill George, 17. Photo.
Saturday, September 24, 1960
page 3A. Article about plans for building an old style Cow Town Opera House for $35,000. Details. Drawing. Architect is Frank L. McAleavey.

Monday, September 26, 1960
page 3C. Members of Plymouth Congregational Church yesterday rejected a proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church by a vote of 528 to 275. Details.

Friday, September 30, 1960
page 5A. The Frisco Railroad will abandon its passenger trains between Monett, Missouri and Wichita on October 12. The trains are Eastbound 310 and Westbound 309 and consist of a diesel engine, a baggage car, a combination mail and baggage car, and a 60 passenger air-conditioned chair car. Permission to abandon the Missouri portion of the line was given yesterday by the Missouri Public Service Commission. A recent Supreme Court decision gave the Frisco the right to discontinue the trains on the Kansas portion of the route. Details.

Saturday, October 1, 1960
page 11A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Clarence F. Offenstein, general manager and director of Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company. Born in Wichita on January 23, 1913 at 239 North Glenn, in the house still occupied by his mother, Mrs. Barney C. Offenstein. Graduated from North High School in 1932. Had two years in business administration at University of Wichita. Started work as bookkeeper at Southern Kansas Stage Lines on June 25, 1934. Company became Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company in 1937 (??) and on March 1, 1948 the truck and bus operations were split, with the bus company merged into Transcontinental Bus System, Inc. Married Elsie Gottschalk October 23, 1937. Lives at 567 South Roosevelt. A daughter, Sonya, is student at University of Wichita. Further biography. Photo.

Sunday, October 2, 1960

8. Feature article on publication of the Wichita City Directory.

Monday, October 3, 1960
page 5A. Report of death Friday at Long Beach, California home, of Mrs. Lucy Mathewson Murray, 79, daughter of Wichita’s Colonel William (Buffalo Bill) Mathewson. Born in Wichita
November 15, 1880 and lived here until 1929 when she and her family moved to California. Survivors include two sons, Commander William Mathewson Murray, United States Naval Reserve, Alhambra, California, George H., Jr., Long Beach, California, and two daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Loop, Long Beach, and Mrs. Jean Phillips, Columbus, Indiana. Also nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and a niece, Mrs. F. K. Shearer, of Wichita.

Wednesday, October 5, 1960

page 6C. Work is to start today on the widening of 13th Street between Meridian and the new section of McLean Boulevard from its present width of 30 feet to 48 feet, which is the standard width for major traffic streets.

Saturday, October 8, 1960

page 1. Report of major fire yesterday afternoon which destroyed the old C. E. Pitts Drug Company warehouse building at 119 North Santa Fe. The structure was built about 1900 and once was occupied by the McKesson-Robbins Wholesale Drug Company. For the past two years it has been used as a warehouse for Hellums Furniture Company. Cause of fire undetermined. Loss estimated at $200,000. Building was owned by Howard Potts, 1021 North Broadway, according to his daughter, Mrs. Annette Addington, 443 North Fountain. Details. A number of photos.

7A. The Goodyear blimp “Mayflower II” arrived in Wichita yesterday afternoon for a four day stay. It is on an eastbound trip from California, where it has operated for three months. It is 150 feet long and 41 feet in diameter. It was flown from Miami, its home base, to California in May. On Monday it will leave Wichita and travel to Kansas City. Photo.

Sunday, October 9, 1960

page 1. Newspaper has new masthead:

The Wichita Sunday Eagle and The Wichita Beacon
(Published jointly by Wichita Eagle Publishing Company and Beacon Newspaper Corporation, Inc.)

Monday, October 10, 1960

page 6C. Report of opening services yesterday in the new sanctuary of College Hill Methodist Church, 1st and Chautauqua. Details.

Wednesday, October 12, 1960

page 1C. The last passenger trains will run through Butler County this Saturday when Frisco trains 309 and 310 make their last runs through Andover, Augusta, Leon, and Beaumont. Eldorado lost both its passenger trains in a seven month span in 1958. The Missouri
Pacific discontinued service in April and the Santa Fe dropped its “doodlebug” later that year.

Thursday, October 13, 1960


Friday, October 14, 1960

Final steps in rounding out the one-way street system will start at midnight Sunday in time for the opening of the Kellogg link Monday morning. Traffic flow on Topeka will be reversed from northbound to southbound from 17th to Pawnee. Two-way Emporia will become one-way north from Pawnee to 17th. Details.

Replacing of the old concession building at Municipal Beach is expected to start within a few days. The old building in South Riverside Park is to be torn down and replaced with a new structure. Cost will be $17,324. The new building will be a circular structure with a large sunshade over the service area. Architects are Kruse and Roberts.

Saturday, October 15, 1960

Special “Greater Downtown Wichita” shopping section. Free parking today downtown and at Lawrence Stadium, with free bus rides from Lawrence Stadium. Photo of front of one of the free buses.

Sunday, October 16, 1960

Magazine

Full page ad announcing formal opening today of the Town House Motor Hotel at Broadway and Kellogg. Article with photo on page 19A.

Feature article on the opening of the downtown Kellogg Street link tomorrow, connecting Arkansas River bridge with railroad viaduct. Details. Photos. Aerial photo October 17, page 1.

Tuesday, October 18, 1960

Report of an address given yesterday by City Manager Frank Backstrom at the International City Managers’ Association convention at San Francisco, describing Wichita’s experience in negotiating a new bus franchise and installing new “Dreamliner”
buses. Details. Said “Rapid Transit has experienced a marked increase in ridership and revenues during the first five months of operation.”

**Wednesday, October 19, 1960**


**Thursday, October 20, 1960**

**page 1.** Drawing of 18 story “Skyline” apartment building project proposed by Wichita Urban Renewal Agency for construction on southwest corner of 1st and Main. Article with details (was never built).

**Friday, October 21, 1960**

**page 5A.** Report of death yesterday of Oscar S. Shirk, 85, builder of the Shirkmere Apartment Hotel, of an apparent heart attack. Mr. Shirk resided in the penthouse at the hotel. Born September 25, 1875 in Allegan County, Michigan. Came to Sedgwick, Kansas at age 12 and then to Wichita in 1894. Married the former Bessie Swinford in 1896. She died in 1949. Opened his own real estate office in 1898. Remarried in 1941 to the former Mrs. Cora Swarhout. Survivors include wife, Cora, a daughter, Mrs. Hampton Gossard, 146 Morningside Drive, a grandson, O. S. Gossard, 1932 Scott, and three great-grandchildren. Photo. Interment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

**Sunday, October 23, 1960**

**page Magazine 1.** Report of visit of presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to Wichita yesterday. Details.

10B. Photo of new McDonald’s Drive-In being built just west of Indian Hills Shopping Center (photo shows an early style of McDonald’s building).

6. Feature article on new book of aerial photos of all states in the United States by Wichita photographer Jim Yarnell, 1233 North River Boulevard, Beech Aircraft Corporation photographer, who spent two months this summer flying to every one of the 48 continental states to obtain photos. The book, “This Is My Land,” is to be published next spring by Random House. Details. Photos.

**Wednesday, October 26, 1960**
Contracts let this week for addition to Caldwell Elementary School, 5528 East Boston, including seven classrooms and a multi-purpose room. Work is to begin this week and be completed July 1. Details.

Article giving details of will of Oscar S. Shirk.

Contract let yesterday for Rural High School District Number 172 at Andale, serving Andale, Colwich, and other communities, for a two story addition to the existing building at Andale. Details. To be completed by September 1, 1961.

Feature article on B-29s produced at Wichita, the last of which was recently retired from active service.

Drawing of new 57 unit motor hotel to be erected near Wesley Hospital at Central and Rutan at cost of $500,000. Details. Architects are Kruse and Roberts, 1401 Perry.

Land has been acquired at Tyler Road and Central for another Catholic High School for boys, and construction is expected to be completed for the fall school term of 1962, with an enrollment of about 800 expected. Details.

Report of results of election yesterday. Details.

Construction is to begin within two weeks on the new Fourth National Bank Interchange Motor Bank at southwest corner of Topeka and Waterman. Completion is scheduled for mid-March 1961. Details. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer, and Eflin, 3210 East Douglas.

Photo of new wing of St. Joseph Hospital under construction. Brick work about half done. To be completed about August 1961. Details.

Photo of newly remodeled three story residence hotel at 309 North Market which re-
opened recently as the New Orleans Hotel. Formerly the Puritan Place Hotel, it was acquired some 60 days ago by Chester-Kappelman-Gaudreau Realtors, who undertook the renovation. Details.

**Wednesday, November 16, 1960**

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1. Beech Aircraft Corporation’s new model 55, the Baron, will be officially unveiled Wednesday. Details. Photo.

**Thursday, November 17, 1960**

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5A. Rapid Transit Lines will begin bus service between Derby and Downtown Wichita on Monday. Five round trips will be made daily Monday through Friday, with the first bus leaving Derby at 7:20 a.m. and the last one leaving Main and Douglas in Wichita at 5:08 p.m. The pick-up print in Derby will be at K15 and Wedgewood, and the bus will loop through the south and north parts of town before leaving for Wichita. Stops will be made at Oaklawn and other intermediate points. The rates will be 40 cents one-way and 65 cents for a round-trip. Children under 12 may ride for half-fare.


**Saturday, November 19, 1960**

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1. Board of Regents of University of Wichita yesterday urged that the university be integrated into the state's higher education system. Details.

**Sunday, November 20, 1960**

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**Magazine**

3A. Contracts let yesterday for construction of Wichita Frontier Town first stage, to be completed by April 1. The exposition grounds of 220 acres are located three and one-half miles west of the Municipal Airport entrance on Highway 54. Architect is Robert C. Feldner.

7A. The three story Fairview Apartments at 18th and Market have been sold by the Craig Estate to a Wichita investor for over $85,000. Photo.

14. Feature article about the early day nuns who came to Wichita in 1902 to operate St. John’s Academy, located southwest of Wichita where Sacred Heart College is now located. Details. Photo of old St. John’s building.
Saturday, November 26, 1960
page 2A. Because of the large crowd expected in downtown Wichita to attend the Christmas parade today, the entire Rapid Transit Lines Company bus fleet will be in service all day. A shuttle service will be maintained from downtown to Lawrence Stadium.

Sunday, November 27, 1960
page Magazine
10A. Report of death yesterday of William C. Kiehl, 58, of 2152 South Mosley, who had been a city bus driver since 1920. He held the top seniority position. Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice.

6. Feature article about the Artists’ Guild of Wichita, with details of history, early members, etc. Guild was formed in 1920.

Friday, December 2, 1960
page 13A. Full page ad announcing opening of the “Pancake Palace” restaurant in the Allis Hotel tomorrow. Photo.

Monday, December 5, 1960
page 2C. Report of ground breaking ceremonies yesterday for new $100,000 educational building of University Methodist Church, 3616 East 21st. Details.

Tuesday, December 6, 1960
page 3A. Board of Education yesterday voted to close Central Intermediate School, 324 North Emporia, at the end of the present school year, because of declining enrollment. Details.

Sunday, December 11, 1960
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5A. The Kansas Banking Board yesterday issued a charter for Central State Bank of Wichita, which will be located in the new College Hill Medical Center Building at Hillside and Central. Details.

2. Feature article on the Transcontinental Air Transport transcontinental air-rail service inaugurated through Wichita in 1929. Details. Photos.

Monday, December 12, 1960
Friday, December 16, 1960

7A. Article about the old Arkansas Valley Interurban depot at 420 West Douglas, which has been largely occupied the past 13½ years by executive offices of the Derby Refining Company. The Derby offices will begin moving out today to their new quarters on the top two floors of the new Colorado-Derby Building at 1st and Water, and the old Arkansas Valley Interurban building will soon be razed to make way for expansion of the Broadview Hotel. Photo.

The new Colorado-Derby Building at 1st and Water will begin receiving its first tenants this afternoon when the Derby Refining Company starts moving its executive offices, now located in the old Arkansas Valley Interurban depot building at 420 West Douglas. Details. Photo.

Saturday, December 17, 1960

11A. Article about portable steel buildings manufactured by Pyramid Manufacturing Company, 1301 East Funston, for use as a laundromat. Details. Photos.

Monday, December 19, 1960

3A. Dallas F. Whaley, of Topeka, has been named executive secretary of the Sedgwick County Medical Society. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, December 21, 1960

5A. First excavation on the quarter billion dollar missile silo complex which will surround Wichita started this week near Rago, 50 miles southwest of Wichita. Details.


Thursday, December 22, 1960

5A. County Commission yesterday tentatively accepted bid of $30,010 for purchase of the old county welfare building at Cleveland and Douglas (old Mentholatum building) by C. E. Olander, 254 North Battin, a developer of business property. The sale is subject to approval by the County Counselor, Ralph Gilchrist.

Building permit issued yesterday for demolition of the two story brick building at 420 West Douglas adjoining the Broadview Hotel (old Arkansas Valley Interurban depot).
Saturday, December 24, 1960


Monday, December 26, 1960


Tuesday, December 27, 1960

6A. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Dr. T. Walker Weaver, 75, veteran Wichita eye physician, now retired. Born at Maize, Kansas July 14, 1885, the son of farmers Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weaver. Attended Wichita High School and graduated in 1908. Graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in 1912 and returned to Wichita to practice. In his last year of college he married Helen Dorsey on June 8, 1911. Past seven years he and wife have spent winters in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Further biography. Photo. Has 20 grandchildren.

9A. Non-statistical summary of Beech Aircraft Corporation annual report to stockholders for fiscal year ended September 30, 1960. Total sales were $98.9 million of which $52.3 million were military sales. Details.

Thursday, December 29, 1960

5A. Report of death yesterday of John E. Ceurvorst, 94, of 335 North Washington, retired Rock Island Railroad yard switchman, who also once drove a mule-powered streetcar here. Born at Muscatine, Iowa March 14, 1866 and came to Wichita in 1887 at age 21. For two years operated the College Hill line of mule cars. He also was the only surviving local charter member of Wichita Knights of Columbus Council. His wife, the former Kate Seidl, died January 13, 1944. Survivors of his six children include a son, John, Jr., and two daughters, Mae and Helen, all residing at the home. Photo.

10A. Grand opening of the Civic Playhouse, remodeled from the former Civic Theater, 725 West Douglas, will be held New Year’s Eve. Details. Interior photo.

Friday, December 30, 1960

1B. “Wichita Silhouettes” -- biography of Jean Paul Weigand, partner in real estate firm of J.
P. Weigand and Sons. Born in the family home at 439 North Emporia. Graduated St. Mary’s High School in 1935. Married Rosemary Wilson November 14, 1946. They have three sons and three daughters, ages 13 to three months (named). Photo.