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 1979 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Thursday, January 4, 1979
page 4B. Southern Pacific Company and its subsidiaries have filed an application to purchase a 965 mile segment of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company between Santa Rosa, New Mexico and St. Louis via Kansas City, for $57 million. Details.

Saturday, January 6, 1979
page 8C. Report of death yesterday of Leo J. Dondlinger, 72, of 220 Morningside, retired secretary-treasurer of Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company. The firm was founded in 1925 by Nick Dondlinger, a carpenter who moved here from Claflin, Kansas. With the help of his four sons the firm expanded and built major projects such as Cessna Stadium and Henry Levitt Arena at Wichita State University, Kapaun High School, and the Kansas Gas and Electric Building. Leo joined the firm in 1940 and retired in 1977. Survivors include his widow, Euna Mae, two sons, Patrick and John and a step-son, Jeff Craddock, Jr., of Wichita, a daughter, Mrs. Donna Lou Meador, of Houston, Texas, and two brothers, Joseph A. and Raymond, of Wichita. Calvary Cemetery.

1D. Report on financial results of the Kansas Coliseum during its first four months of operation. Grand opening was last September. Details. Aerial photo on page 4D.

4B. Construction has started on a $1.25 million office and warehouse building for House of Schwan, Inc., in North Industrial Park at 2932 Ohio. Architects are Albertson Architects and Planners, Wichita. Details. Drawing.

Monday, January 8, 1979
page 5B. Report of death of Dr. Robert Purves, 60, of 37 Mission, Wichita surgeon for 30 years. Survived by his wife, Phyllis, four daughters (named), two sisters (named). Photo. Burial at White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Tuesday, January 9, 1979
John Carlin, 38, Smolan dairy farmer, was sworn in yesterday as Kansas’ 40th governor, the youngest Democrat to reach that position. Details.

Wednesday, January 10, 1979

Lerner’s clothing store, 212 East Douglas, will close its downtown store here on January 25 and consolidate its operation at its Towne East store. The firm has operated here at the same downtown location since 1956. Details.

Ad announces that beginning Saturday, January 13, Braniff will operate a Concorde service from Dallas-Ft. Worth to Washington, D.C., where it will continue with flights to London and Paris. Details.

Thursday, January 11, 1979

Efforts are being made to save the Art Deco building at 1401-05 North Broadway, which owner L. D. Diamond plans to tear down in order to expand his service station. Details. (The building was not saved.)

Saturday, January 13, 1979

Elmer Karstensen, Metropolitan Transit Authority director, said Friday that snow and cold weather has increased city bus revenues from an average of $1456 daily to $1750, but has also increased number of collisions with cars.

Sunday, January 14, 1979

Arby’s Roast Beef restaurants will come to Wichita with five restaurants to be opened in 1979. The first will open soon in the mall at Towne East Square and a second will open six to eight weeks later near Twin Lakes Shopping Center. The third will be on East Kellogg between Edgemoor and Woodlawn. Details.

Feature article about plans to house the Wichita Historical Museum in the old City Hall. Details. Photos include old Northern Building skylight over central rotunda.

Wednesday, January 17, 1979

Air Midwest will begin service March 1 to Lubbock, Texas and five cities in New Mexico. Details.

Thursday, January 18, 1979

Detailed tabulation of deliveries of planes by aircraft manufacturers in 1978. Includes:
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Friday, January 19, 1979

12A. Figures released yesterday by Elmer Karstensen, (photo), Metropolitan Transit Authority executive director, on number of riders of The Bus in 1978. In first ten months of 1978 bus ridership increased 11.5 percent from the year before. The increases are expected to continue this year despite the fare increase in November. Last year’s increase was attributed to Metropolitan Transit Authority’s advertising campaign, high gasoline prices, and severe weather.

3C. Metropolitan Area Planning Commission yesterday refused to designate the Cubbon-Jacques House, 1955 North Market, and the Israel House, 1125 North Waco, as Historic Landmarks. The Cubbon-Jacques House, a two story Queen Anne structure, was built in 1888 and was the home of George Cubbon, an early Wichita police chief and Arthur Jacques, a former district court clerk. It was built on Fairmount Avenue and was moved to North Market in 1900 after the economic bust of the 1890s. The Israel House is now owned by Sam Luinstra. Details. Photo of Cubbon-Jacques House.

7C. Report of death Wednesday of Mrs. Alice P. (Frank L.) Menahan, 78, of La Jolla, California, former Wichitan and wife of Dr. Frank Menahan. Survived by husband, son, Dr. H. James, Wichita, and two daughters, Mrs. Madelon Ainsworth, La Jolla, California, and Miss Jo Ellen Menahan, of San Diego.

Sunday, January 21, 1979

1. Feature article about early Wichita policeman, Wyatt Earp, including interview with city historian William Ellington, and drawing of Earp by Ellington.

4B. Article about plans for an $8.5 million medical office building at northeast corner of Emporia and Murdock, south of the new wing of St. Francis Hospital. To have four floors and over 90,000 square feet of space. On the northwest corner of St. Francis and
Murdock a new parking garage will be built with covered walkways to the office building.
Construction of the office building is to begin in mid-February. It will be north of an
existing radiology clinic on the northeast corner of Emporia and Murdock. Architects are
David Haines and the firm of Robson, Kuhnel and Spangenberg. Drawing.

The son of immigrant parents, he was a farmer before becoming a nurseryman in 1926.
He operated the Hillside Nursery until 1947 and then established and operated the
Schnitzler Wholesale Nursery until 1973. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. W. A.
Pearce, and brother, Carl J., both of Wichita. Photo. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.

1F. Feature article about Leningrad by Wichitan Mark Uhlig, who spent the spring term of
1978 as a student at Leningrad State University. Details. Followup articles: January 28,
page 1F.

Monday, January 22, 1979

8A. Report of death Saturday of Paul H. White, 81, prominent Wichita attorney. Law degree
from Yale University in 1924. Biography. Survived by his wife, Ruby, daughter, Patricia
Kelly, of Birmingham, Alabama, brother, Lovette, a sister, Mrs. Mildred McCoin, both of
Wichita. Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Tuesday, January 23, 1979

5B. Airline passenger traffic at Mid-Continent Airport increased more than 15 percent to a
record 1.17 million in 1978. Airline takeoffs and landings increased 22½ percent to
36,118, from 29,478 in 1977. Southern Airways inaugurated service at Wichita near mid-
year, and on August 1, Frontier Airlines, a long-time carrier here, inaugurated jet service
and expanded its flights. In 1978 general aviation takeoffs and landings declined 3½
percent to about 148,000, after reaching over 153,000 in 1977. Movements by locally
based light planes were 70,011 compared with 72,420 in 1977.

Wednesday, January 24, 1979

4C. Cargill, Inc. has acquired Wichita-based MBPXL Corporation for nearly $70 million.
Details.

Friday, January 26, 1979

5C. Bede Aircraft, Inc. has filed a reorganization plan in United States Bankruptcy Court in
Wichita. Details.

Sunday, January 28, 1979

4B. Sister Mary Sylvia Egan has been named administrator and CEO of St. Francis Hospital
effective February 12, replacing Sister Mary Bernadette Janning, administrator since June 1963.

Many special articles for Kansas Day.

13J. Feature article by Lew Townsend, aviation writer, on early Kansas aviation, including the Girard Airship of Henry Call, Clyde Cessna, etc.

14J. Feature article by Lew Townsend about pioneer Kansas aviator A. K. Longren.

20L. Feature article about aviation photographer Edgar B. Smith. Aerial photos of downtown Wichita by Smith in 1927 and today.

**Wednesday, January 31, 1979**

4C. Aerial photo of new $26 million MBPXL slaughter plant in Dodge City. To be completed late this year and have capacity of processing 3600 head of cattle daily.

**Sunday, February 4, 1979**

4B. Feature article about Charles J. Davis, 64, and the Davis Manufacturing Company. Last month the company introduced a new line, including a forklift, a loader-backhoe, and a multi purpose street repair machine. In 1950 Davis bought Mid-Western Industries, a small subcontractor for the aircraft industry, and introduced his own line of tractor mounted loaders and backhoes. Within eight years they became an industry standard and he sold the company to Massey-Ferguson Ltd. of Canada. By 1959 Davis was back in Wichita and established Davis Manufacturing Company to improve the design of trenching machines. In 1969 he sold the company to Tennecco, Inc. Davis Manufacturing continues making trenchers in Wichita as a division of J. I. Case Company. Details. Photos.

**Tuesday, February 6, 1979**

5B. Greater Downtown Wichita, Inc., has approved use of the Allis Hotel site and adjoining property for the proposed Downtown Transit Center.

**Wednesday, February 7, 1979**

1C. Article about construction by Carl Fratus, 31, at his home, 549 Caddy, in Westlink, of a replica of the Curtiss XP-23 biplane, a fighter which never went into production. He plans to use a modified Chevrolet V8 engine in the plane. Completion estimated in fall of 1980. Details. Photos.

**Thursday, February 8, 1979**
1. Beginning Monday, two bus lines, East 17th and East 13th-East Harry will no longer enter Towne East parking lot to discharge passengers because youths riding the lines loiter, vandalize the area and harass customers. Details.

**Friday, February 9, 1979**

1. The change in bus routes announced yesterday by Metropolitan Transit Authority will only be effective on Saturdays, since this is the day the problems occur. Details.

**Saturday, February 10, 1979**


**Sunday, February 11, 1979**

1B. Photo of front of East 13th Street bus Number 6701 which inaugurated the route change at Towne East Square yesterday. Details.

2B. Article lists projects proposed in city’s Capital Improvements Program for 1979-1984. Details.

**Tuesday, February 13, 1979**

5B. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in January and year-to-date.

8B. Report of death of Jack Kinney Moore, 71, former Wichitan who has lived in Tucson for the last five years (date not given, but graveside services will be tomorrow). He was president of the Wichita Flour Mills until 1973 when it was sold to Cereal Food Processors, Inc. The mill was started in 1913 by his grandfather. He was an aviation buff who flew his own plane in the 1920s and was a member of the OX-5 Club. Survived by his wife, Jane, a son, Jack Kinney, Jr., of Tucson, four daughters (named -- none in Wichita) and 12 grandchildren. Photo. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson.

**Wednesday, February 14, 1979**

1C. Towne East Square will allow all buses to resume letting off passengers at the shopping center door, effective immediately, as the trial of letting some buses stop only on Rock Road showed that this created a safety hazard.

9C. Report of death yesterday of Virgil S. Browne, Jr., 75, of 21 Hampton, retired president
of Wichita Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Born in Fort Worth, Texas but was raised in New Orleans. Came to Wichita in 1930 at age 26 as a manager of the Coca-Cola plant. Became president ten years later. Retired from the company in 1964. Further biography. Survived by his wife, Eula Lee, a son, Stephen, Oklahoma City, a daughter, Deborah Lee, Dallas, his father in Oklahoma City, two brothers and three sisters (named -- none in Wichita). Burial in Oklahoma City.

Thursday, February 15, 1979

City Commission has designated three buildings as historic landmarks: the Orpheum Theater, the Cubbon-Jaques house at 1955 North Market, and the Harding house at 1231 North Waco. A fourth building, the Israel house at 1125 North Waco, was rejected as a historic landmark because owner Sam Luinstra objected to the designation. The Orpheum opened in 1922 and has been vacant since 1976. The Cubbon-Jacques house was built in 1888 by Wichita police chief George Cubbon and later was owned by district court clerk Arthur Jacques (sic). The Harding house was built in 1890 by Russell Harding, railroad superintendent, and later was owned by M. L. Garver, founder of the Wichita Children’s Home and then by Max Steinbuchel, a civic leader.

Friday, February 16, 1979

After ten months of considering sites for the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, a committee of the Kansas Board of Regents yesterday recommended that its permanent home be located where it now is, at E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital, 1001 North Minneapolis. The school would occupy the entire three story building after remodeling. Details.

Feature article about the restored home of the late Dr. John Coleman at 3705 East Douglas, which has been restored and made into a real estate office by Ray Trimble, 36, and his wife, Dorothy (Dot), 28, over the past two years at a cost of almost $300,000. The home was built in 1911 by Anderson F. Jones, a wealthy pioneer business leader in Wichita and Pratt. Jones died in December 1930. His widow, Katherine, owned it until 1938 when she sold it to Grace Hellar, who had it for six years. She sold it in 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Arnold, who sold it to Dr. John Coleman in 1948. Coleman, a bachelor, died in 1975. Details. Photo.

Building permit issued to Variant Corporation of Wichita for construction of a new 52 room motel at 6245 West Kellogg, to be called the Pleasant Inn. Completion expected about mid-July. Location is adjacent to Casey Jones Restaurant, also owned by Variant.

Saturday, February 17, 1979

Kansas Board of Regents yesterday approved the E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital building as the permanent site of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Details.
5C. Table showing deposits, loans, and assets of individual banks in Wichita and neighboring towns.

Sunday, February 18, 1979
page 6A. Table listing Wichita’s downtown churches, with membership, average attendance, last annual budget, and number of staff at each.

Wednesday, February 21, 1979
page 1C. City Commission yesterday endorsed the concept of a downtown transit center at the vacant Allis Hotel, William and Broadway. Renovation of the site is estimated to cost $1.1 million. The Allis Hotel building is owned by Gotham Hotel Limited, New York City, and the land is owned by others. Details. Photo.

Friday, February 23, 1979
page 2A. Photo of window being bricked up in building at Douglas and Emporia which is to house a restaurant downstairs and offices upstairs.

1C. Article about proposal to restore the former Baltimore Hotel building at 2nd and Main. The hotel closed its doors in 1975. Details. Drawing.

Tuesday, February 27, 1979
page 1. Board of Education yesterday voted to close Alcott Elementary School at end of this school year.

3C. Photo of a courtroom recently restored in the old Sedgwick County Courthouse for use by the Kansas Court of Appeals when it makes circuit stops in Wichita.

Wednesday, February 28, 1979
page 8D. Full page map of Wichita showing voting wards and precincts.

Thursday, March 1, 1979
page 1C. Three Wichita buildings were nominated yesterday for historic landmark designation by the Wichita Historic Landmark Preservation Committee: (1) Mead Building, 412 East Douglas, built in 1915 and now home of The Looking Glass restaurant. (2) Lawrence Building, 149 North Broadway, built in 1911 and now home of Watermark Books. (3) Petroleum Building, 221-225 South Broadway, built in 1929. Details.

Saturday, March 3, 1979
page
5C. Air Midwest’s expanded service to Lubbock, Texas and five New Mexico cities began this week as scheduled. The New Mexico cities include Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Clovis, Hobbs and Roswell. Details.

Sunday, March 4, 1979
page 1. Photo of new design for 1980 Kansas auto license tags. To have white numerals on a blue background with yellow stalks of wheat at left edge. New tags are required every five years with annual decal renewal. Details.

14A. Report of death yesterday of Frederick L. Dold, 76, business and civic leader for over 50 years. He was a third generation member of the family which founded Dold Packing Company, Inc. and joined the family business in 1925 after graduating from Dartmouth College. Served as president of Dold Packing for over 20 years before retirement in 1965. Survived by wife, Everlyn and two daughters, Mrs. John Jaedicke and Mrs. Allan Higdon, of Wichita. Photo. Cremation with entombment in Highland Mausoleum.

Wednesday, March 7, 1979

Friday, March 9, 1979
page 1D. Red Cross yesterday announced plans for a new $2.5 million building to be built within two years at Wichita and Pine Streets. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, March 11, 1979
page 4B. Article about the 14 mile long Garden City Western Railway and its two locomotives, operating from Garden City to Wolf. Detail. Photo. Article also discusses another shortline railroad, the Hutchinson Northern Railway, a subsidiary of the Interpace Corporation which also owns Carey Salt Company. It has six miles of track. Details.

Tuesday, March 13, 1979

Thursday, March 15, 1979
page 5C. Mid-Continent Airport has received a $2.8 million follow-on grant from the Aviation Trust Fund yesterday to extend the main runway from 7000 feet to 10,300 feet. Details.

Friday, March 16, 1979
1C. Metropolitan Transit Authority bus rider increased 20 percent last month over February 1978, probably due to rising gasoline prices. New “The Bus Stops Here” signs will be ready within a month. New contract with Teamsters Union approved yesterday. Details. Photo of Metropolitan Transit Authority Director Elmer Karstensen.

4C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type for February and yearto-date.

Saturday, March 17, 1979

The Amtrak cutback plan announced by the Carter administration six weeks ago will take effect as planned, including elimination of the Lone Star train that runs from Kansas City through Wichita to Texas. Details.

10A. Report of death of Oather Vauce, Jr., 55, Ventura, California, former Wichitan, on February 8. Survived by wife Lavona, two sons and two daughters (named). (Was high school classmate.)

Sunday, March 25, 1979

Report of 50th wedding anniversary April 1 of Mr. and Mrs. T. Frank Neal, of Scott City, Kansas. They lived in Wichita 42 years before moving to Scott City in 1978. He is a retired general manager of the Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority. Neal and Ida Drake were married April 10, 1919 in El Dorado. There is one son, Myron, Fulton, Missouri, and one daughter, Evelyn (Mrs. Edwin) Allen, Scott City, and 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Photo.

Thursday, March 29, 1979

Article about the art deco Dunn Building at 1401-05 North Broadway, for which the owner, L. D. Diamond, has been given a demolition permit in order to expand his service station located one block west. Midtown Citizens Association is trying to have it given historic landmark status in order to prevent the demolition. Details. Photo.

Friday, March 30, 1979

Article about increasing rates for trash collection in Wichita. The city of Wichita backed out of the trash business last year. Details.

Saturday, March 31, 1979

KAKE-TV and Radio is to be sold to the Chronicle Broadcasting Company of San Francisco for more than $26 million, it was announced yesterday. Details.
Boeing Wichita Company is planning expansion, including purchase of the Air Force’s 573 acre production facilities that Boeing has occupied in Wichita for more than 30 years. Boeing now owns only about 30 acres of the 603 acres it occupies in southeast Wichita. Current employment in Wichita is 11,800. The company’s lease with the Air Force for the government facilities expires December 31, 1980.

1B. Report of death Friday in a New York hospital of Elizabeth Stubblefield Navas, 84, former Wichitan and trustee of the Murdock art collection at Wichita Art Museum. In 1925, at age 20, she was named trustee for planning and acquisition of a city art collection, as requested in the will of her friend and employer, Louise Caldwell Murdock. She had moved to New York City in 1917 and began preparing herself as an art expert. Her husband, Rafael, died in 1939. She was the daughter of Elmer E. and Carrie Stubblefield and was born in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1895. Grew up in Independence, Kansas and moved to Wichita with her family after completing high school there. Her older sister, Josephine, was a pianist who studied at Oberlin (Ohio) College. The sister, Josephine, was the mother of a surviving nephew, Ed Turner, president of Head’s Shoe Company, located in the Caldwell-Murdock Building in Wichita. The sister died on February 26 this year. Survived also by a sister, Frances Kendrick, and a niece, Virginia Hisel, both of Santa Ana, California. Further biography. Photo. Cremation.

Sunday, April 1, 1979
7F. Article about effects of merger of MBPXL Corporation, which since March 1 has been merged into Cargill Inc., of Minneapolis. MBPXL employs about 1300 persons in Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, April 4, 1979

Monday, April 16, 1979
1. Report of severe riot in Herman Hill Park yesterday with 34 injured. Details.

Tuesday, April 17, 1979
5B. Report of general aviation shipment of aircraft by company and type in March and year-to-date.

14C. Photo of clock in tower of administration building at Friends University.

Metropolitan Transit Authority reports a record number of persons rode The Bus in March. The number was 277,023, up 2.9 percent from March 1978 total of 269,139. First quarter ridership is up 13.1 percent over 1978 according to Metropolitan Transit
Authority Director Elmer Karstensen. The projected total of 1979 ridership is three and one-half million compared with a total of 2,967,000 in 1978.

**Wednesday, April 18, 1979**

Report of death Monday of Christine A. Tischhauser, 87, of 1029 South Water, retired real estate broker and former owner of Tischhauser Poultry Company. Burial in Highland Cemetery (was a patient).

**Friday, April 20, 1979**

The Metropolitan Transit Authority is seeking a five cent increase in fares to 40 cents by June to offset a projected $86,000 deficit this year. Sharply rising fuel costs in the first three months of this year have used more than $60,000 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority’s approximately $200,000 fuel budget for the year. The Metropolitan Transit Authority used about 130,000 gallons of diesel fuel from January through March. It is estimated the fare increase would raise about $110,000. Details.

**Wednesday, April 25, 1979**

Kansas’ first black owned bus company is set to begin service. After seven years of planning, Wichita’s Thunderbird Express is expected to begin operating next month with its charter bus service. The KCC has awarded them a common carrier certificate, according to the company’s vice-president, Walter Johnson. Thunderbird Express has two coaches, both equipped with air-conditioning, restrooms, and reclining seats. Ultimately the fleet may grow to eight. They are being kept at Security Oil Company, 2010 North Mosley. Johnson was formerly an agent for State Farm Insurance. Other officers are Arthur J. Bryant, president, and a mechanic for Kansas Gas and Electric, James Porter, Jr., secretary and a salesman for Pitney Bowes, and Naymon Hervey, treasurer and a clerk in the Wichita Post Office. Details. Photo of company officers.

**Thursday, April 26, 1979**

Article about an inspection of the Allis Hotel, which was closed in 1970, by city officials yesterday in connection with consideration of using it for a proposed downtown transit center. Details. Photos.

**Friday, April 27, 1979**

The new Lincoln Street Dam will not be completed in time for the 1979 River Festival. Details.

Saturday will mark the end of Trans World Airlines’s 50 years of air service between Wichita and Kansas City, which was started by Trans World Airlines’s predecessor, Transcontinental Air Transport, in 1929, with Ford Tri-Motor airplanes. Details. Small
photo of Trans World Airlines Tri-Motor in front of old Municipal Airport hangar.

1D. The Urban Renewal Agency decided yesterday to demolish the old Salvation Army building at 619 East Douglas, once known as the Johnston-Larimer building. Details.

Saturday, April 28, 1979

page 6C. Martin K. Eby, 72, chairman and founder of Martin K. Eby Construction Company, has retired after 42 years. Board of directors elected him chairman emeritus yesterday, and title of chairman was transferred to Martin K. Eby, Jr., 45, who will continue as president of the company. Company founded in 1937. Details.

Wednesday, May 2, 1979

page 10C. City Commission yesterday approved Wichita Airport Authority’s 1979 Capital Improvement plans which include construction of a four million dollar, 150 room motel at Mid-Continent Airport. Details.

Thursday, May 3, 1979

page 7D. Air Midwest announced yesterday that it has ordered ten more 19 passenger Swearingen Metro airliners, which will expand its fleet of these planes to 16. The planes are built in San Antonio by a subsidiary of Fairchild Industries. The company plans to expand its routes and will add 160 to 175 new employes, increasing its total employment to more than 300. Details.

Friday, May 4, 1979


Tuesday, May 8, 1979

page 1. Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday announced plans to build three new airliner models, the 13 passenger Beechcraft 1300, an updated version of the Beech 99 airliner, and the new Beechcraft 1900 airliner. Details.

Wednesday, May 9, 1979

page 3C. Wesley Medical Center has inaugurated its Life Watch emergency helicopter transportation service operating from the roof of the tower building. Details. Photo.

Thursday, May 10, 1979
4C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in April and year-to-date.

Sunday, May 13, 1979
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12A. Report of death Friday of Hortense Louise (Mrs. John W.) Gibson, 89, of 905 Nims. Survived by son, Laird Campbell, of Denver, and a sister, Mrs. Mary B. Archer, at home.

Friday, May 18, 1979
page
1B. The Wichita Historical Museum will end its occupancy of the Beachy mansion at 3751 East Douglas in two weeks, on June 3, after 24 years there. Ray Trimble and Dick Matthes have bought the mansion and will convert it to offices. The museum will reopen in the restored Old City Hall in the summer of 1980. The home was designed by architect C. W. Terry. Details. Photo.

5C. Southern Airways, which has been serving Wichita since late July, will go out of business under this name by July 1 and will re-emerge as Republic Airlines, following its merger with North Central Airlines. Details.

Sunday, May 20, 1979
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1. Feature article about the Oxford Mill, 103 years old, which is deteriorating and may be converted into a small hydro-electric plant. The mill became even more decrepit after its waterwheel whirled apart in a fit of noise in 1973. Abandoned, the mill crumbled and rotted amid vines. Local officials say they may be able to restore the mill and at the same time use it as a small scale hydro-electric plant. Engineers from Wichita State University and Kansas Gas and Electric say the project could produce 500 kilowatts of electricity. The mill is on a so-called mill race, a two mile long channel that diverts water from the Arkansas River. Originally the moving water was used to turn a milling mechanism directly. Then during the 1930s, a 90 kilowatt turbine was installed and a new motor-driven mill was built behind the old mill. The new facility operated with electricity provided by the water-driven turbine — until the turbine clanked to a halt in 1973. Since the breakdown, the Oxford Milling Company has continued to produce flour, breakfast cereal, and other wheat products, but with electricity supplied by the city’s regular utility lines. The mill has been owned for years by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Champeny and their son, Wallace. Further details. Photos of the mill and of Wallace Champeny.

1B. Friends University board of trustees yesterday named Dr. Richard Felix, 40, as the new president of Friends University, succeeding Dr. Harold Cope in July. Felix is currently an associate vice-president at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. Biography. Photo.

Tuesday, May 22, 1979
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5B. Wichita Airport Authority took first step yesterday toward issuing of revenue bonds to
finance construction of a four to five million dollar hotel at Mid-Continent Airport. The 170 room facility is to be run as a Hilton hotel. Construction to start in three to six months. Architects are Robson, Kuhrel and Spangenberg. Details.

8B. Report of death yesterday of Carl Eisenbis, 72, of 3321 Chatfield, retired personnel director of the Wichita Clinic. Survived by wife, Myretta, son, C. Warner and daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Pott, both of Wichita, one brother and two sisters, (named — none in Wichita). Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

1C. Fare on The Bus will remain 35 cents for the present and will not be increased five cents. This is because of increased ridership resulting from gasoline shortage and price increase. The public hearing on the proposed five cent fare increase has been cancelled. Bus patronage is up 13 percent from last year.

Wednesday, May 23, 1979

1. The price of premium gasoline has reached one dollar a gallon at two Wichita stations. Details.

Thursday, May 24, 1979


Saturday, May 26, 1979

1C. Wichita Park Board yesterday decided to pave about one acre of Central Riverside Park to provide three parking lots with capacity of 115 cars. Details.

Wednesday, May 30, 1979

11A. City Commission yesterday refused to designate the Dunn Building, 50 year old art deco structure at 13th and Broadway, as a historic landmark, so it will soon be demolished by its present owner, L. D. Diamond. Details. Photo.

Thursday, May 31, 1979

5C. The Cessna Aircraft Company’s new Citation III business jet made its maiden flight yesterday. Details. Photo.

Sunday, June 3, 1979

1. Article about recent making public by Kansas State Historical Society of papers of Dr. John R. Brinkley, who died in May 1942. Letters about his financial problems,
bankruptcy, etc. Details.

Monday, June 4, 1979

1B. Article about last day yesterday of Wichita Historical Museum in its old location in the Beachy Home at 3751 East Douglas. Details.

Tuesday, June 5, 1979

1. Construction will start in July on a new $6.3 million internal airport roadway system at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. Construction will take about 15 months and will include a new entrance to the airport at Kellogg and Ridge Road. Details. Aerial photo on page two showing runway pattern.

Wednesday, June 6, 1979

1. Article about Park Board’s plans to go ahead with construction of three parking lots in Central Riverside Park despite objections. Details.

Sunday, June 10, 1979

3B. Feature article about Charles Koch.

4B. Map of Mid-Continent Airport’s planned new $6.3 million internal roadway system. Construction expected to begin next month and be completed about October 1980. Details.

8B. Construction is starting on a new one story office building at Market and Central for Personnel Services, Inc., owned by Jerry Hardin. To be completed in October. Architect is Thomas Jacob. Details. Drawing.

Tuesday, June 12, 1979

3C. City Commission yesterday approved restoration of the 105 year old Baltimore Hotel at 2nd and Main. It will be acquired from the Urban Renewal Agency, rebuilt and renovated into an office building. Details.

4C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft in May and year-to-date by company and type.

Thursday, June 14, 1979

8D. Report of death yesterday of Howard E. Jameyson, 84, former Wichitan and local theater manager, who has been living in Meredith, Colorado. Came to Wichita in 1918 and became assistant manager of the Miller Theater when it opened in 1922. Joined Fox
Theater chain in 1929 when Miller was sold to the firm and was district manager of Fox Theaters in Wichita until becoming president of Commonwealth Theaters in 1948. Retired in 1968. Survived by wife, Lenore and daughters Lenore Richison of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Dorothy Underwood, of Lawrence, Kansas. Burial in Kansas City, Missouri.

Friday, June 15, 1979
A $108.4 million budget was tentatively approved yesterday by the Wichita Board of Education, an increase of $5.7 million from this year’s budget. Details.

Wednesday, June 20, 1979
Hinkel’s last department store in Wichita, the Parklane Shopping Center store, is going out of business, according to owner, Betty Hinkel Bagby, 66, who moved to Lexington, Kentucky three years ago and is a granddaughter of Allen W. Hinkel, who came to Wichita in 1917 and bought the Boston Store, founded by Henry Wallenstein and Charles Cohn in 1886, in 1924. He changed the name to Hinkel’s. Hinkel’s opened its Parklane store in 1955. Allen W. Hinkel died in 1959 and Bagby’s first husband, Allen M. Buzzi, took over the stores. He died in 1972 and she was remarried to William Bagby. Another store was opened in Twin Lakes shopping center in 1968. It closed last year. Her son, Allen Buzzi, Jr., has been managing the Wichita stores recently. A daughter is married to Wichita oilman Charles Koch. Further details.

Friday, June 22, 1979
Metropolitan Transit Authority board yesterday voted to recommend that the city bus fare be raised from 35 cents to 50 cents next year in order to finance proposed increases in bus service. A public hearing will be held on July 10. The proposed Metropolitan Transit Authority budget for 1980 is $3,106,449, up from $2,363,907 this year. The Metropolitan Transit Authority is expecting a shipment of 31 new buses early in January which will allow it to double the number of bus runs. Details.

Saturday, June 23, 1979
Air Midwest announced yesterday it will inaugurate service July 1 between Wichita and Enid, Ponca City, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Details.

Monday, June 25, 1979
Report of death Saturday of Josephine English Jameson, 91, of Downey, California, former Wichitan and youngest daughter of Wichita pioneer N. A. English. She moved to Downey from Wichita in 1945. Survived by a nephew, Tom Fuller, of Wichita. Photo. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, California.
Tuesday, June 26, 1979

5B. Construction has started on a new two story office building at 505 South Broadway. To have 18,000 square feet of space. Owner is real estate developer Dean DeWitt. Cost $1.2 million. To be completed by October.

Southern Airways and North Central Airlines will officially merge Sunday to become Republic Airlines. Details.

Sunday, July 1, 1979


8B. Kansas Cold Storage is building an 87,000 square foot refrigerated warehouse at 2707 North Mead. Architect is Schaefer and Associates. Drawing.

Tuesday, July 3, 1979

14C. Wichita Airport Authority yesterday voted to rename Comotara Airpark the Colonel James Jabara Airport if it is bought by the city. Details.

Wednesday, July 4, 1979

6B. Gates Learjet Corporation reported record sales for the fiscal year ending April 30, of $301.9 million, up 24 percent from last year. Net earnings increased to $12.7 million, a 29 percent gain. Backlog is about $500 million, up from $112 million a year earlier. Company employment in Wichita is about 2800. Details.

Thursday, July 5, 1979

1. Report of death yesterday of John Siefkes, 40, Wichita travel agent, and Dr. Gene Williams, of El Dorado, 53, physician and well known artist, when a dangling cord from their hot air balloon came into contact with a power line near Towanda. Details.

Friday, July 6, 1979

7C. Report of death yesterday of Benjamin P. Robinson, 72, former owner of Ben Robinson Buick, and former president and chairman of board of Central State Bank. Came to Wichita in 1952 from Sedalia, Missouri to buy Evans Motor Company, a Dodge-Plymouth dealership. In 1956 he obtained the Buick franchise and moved operations to 125 Mathewson. Survived by his wife, Dorothy, one son and four daughters (named). Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia, Missouri. Photo.
Saturday, July 7, 1979

1. Article about proposed city budget for 1980 of $112.4 million, an increase of $10.7 million over 1979. Details.

Sunday, July 8, 1979

Special section

1B. Article about restoration under way on 90 year old Talmedge House at 13th and Park Place for its new owners, Roulie and Linda Raftopoulos. Details. Photo.

3B. Ground breaking to be held this month for the new $3.6 million Red Cross building at Pine and Water Streets. Details.

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Special section announcing completion of new South Wing of St. Francis Hospital. Dedication to be held Saturday, July 14. Many articles with details and photos.

Saturday, July 14, 1979

1C. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will begin delivery of new phone books in Wichita next week. About 285,000 directories will be delivered in Wichita. Details.

Owner L. D. Diamond expects to begin demolition of the 50 year old art deco Dunn Building at 13th and Broadway about July 20. Details.

5C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in June and year-to-date.

Sunday, July 15, 1979

4B. Construction has begun on a new building for Schaefer and Associates, architects, at 220 South Hillside. Five thousand square foot facility is adjacent to the firm’s former building, which has been bought by the Wichita Radiological Group. Completion expected in early December. Drawing.

1F. Article about nearly 14 percent increase in riders of Metropolitan Transit Authority’s “The Bus” this year compared with last year, due to increased cost of gasoline, etc. Details. Graph on page 6F of annual Metropolitan Transit Authority ridership since 1968. Approximate number in millions:

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Monday, July 16, 1979
page 1B. Target Stores division of Dayton-Hudson Corporation in Minneapolis, Minnesota has announced plans to build two large stores at sites adjacent to Towne East Square and the proposed Towne West Square shopping malls in Wichita. Details.

2B. Photo of Dunn Building at 13th and Broadway.

Tuesday, July 17, 1979
page 5B. Drawing of two buildings under construction at south end of Boeing Wichita Company plant, each with about 250,000 square feet, which will house light assembly operations and military systems technicians. Construction to be completed by first of next year.

Friday, July 20, 1979
page 3C. Metropolitan Transit Authority is considering setting different levels of fares for rush hours and midday periods. Details.

Sunday, July 22, 1979
page 4B. Wichita Federal Savings and Loan will start construction tomorrow on its first branch facility to be on south side of Central just east of Tyler Road. To be completed about first of the year. Architect is Jeff Krehbiel and Associates. Drawing.

Tuesday, July 24, 1979
page 3C. Wichita Park Board yesterday decided to close in the near future the extension of Wiley Street through Central Riverside Park one block south from Murdock to the park road extension of Murdock. Details.

Wednesday, July 25, 1979
page 1C. Photo of art deco panels being removed from Dunn Building, 13th and Broadway. Razing started yesterday. Details.

Thursday, July 26, 1979
page 1C. Survival of Amtrak’s Lone Star passenger train through Wichita is doubtful. Details.
The four faced clock on One Main Place (Old Schweiter Building) at Main and Douglas has been replaced after being removed last fall for repairs. It was purchased in 1921 or 22 by the Brown Crummer Company, a municipal bond house which was the predecessor of the present First Securities Company. Photo.

3C. Andrews Foot Fitters will close its retail store at 118 East Douglas about September 1, according to owner Arnold Dilley. Dilley and his wife bought the business from founder Morris Andrews about five years ago. Andrews had operated it for 37 years.

4C. Bob Nielson’s Camera Shop is scheduled to open in the Plaza del Sol shopping center, 6100 East Central, next week.

Friday, July 27, 1979

3C. The title to E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital has been cleared, paving the way for Sedgwick County to lease the building to the Kansas Board of Regents for use as a permanent location for the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Details.

Saturday, July 28, 1979


Tuesday, July 31, 1979

5B. Article about plans to renovate the 64 year old Orient hotel at Washington and Douglas, which has been vacant since the early 1960s. Owner T. H. Slover and his wife, Barbara, will spend $300,000 to convert the rooms into comfortable studio and one bedroom apartments. They bought the three story building from Wichita dentist T. A. Morgan three months ago for about $50,000. Remodeling is to begin in about three months. The Orient was built in 1915 and was later known as the Rex Hotel. Details.

Thursday, August 2, 1979

16A. Wichita developer Samuel Hardage yesterday announced that he has purchased the Hinkel Building, 104 South Main, and plans to turn the vacant six story structure into a concrete and glass office and retail center. Owners of the building were Betty Hinkel Bagby, the former owner of the Hinkel’s department store, and Western Realty and Investment, Inc., which built the original structure. Details.

Sunday, August 5, 1979

2B. Ryan Aviation expects to move into its expanded facilities at Mid-Continent Airport in
early October. Architects are Jeff Krehbiel and Associates. Details. Drawing.

**Monday, August 6, 1979**

1C. Article about problems of Wichita’s Mid-America All-Indian Center. Details.

**Wednesday, August 8, 1979**

3C. The air conditioning is not working in about half of the Metropolitan Transit Authority’s buses. One is bus Number 7210 driven by Floyd Sanders on the East Harry-East 13th route. Details.

**Thursday, August 9, 1979**

5C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in July and year-to-date.

**Saturday, August 11, 1979**

1. Boeing Wichita company announced yesterday it will add 700 workers to its payroll in the next four and one-half months, bringing its year-end employment to about 13,800. Details.

5C. Trailways, Inc. broke ground yesterday for a new two million dollar bus maintenance and repair shop in Wichita. The 36,500 square foot facility will be located in the Santa Fe Orient industrial park and will replace the company’s 50 year old garage at 410 West 2nd, which was purchased by the Urban Renewal Agency as part of a downtown redevelopment effort. Urban Renewal Agency paid slightly more than one million dollars for the existing Trailways facility in February 1978. The new Wichita facility will serve as a home base for nearly 60 buses operating in the Midwest region and will service an estimated 100 buses a day on Trailways’ east-west routes. Forty-five to 50 people will be employed at the new facility, compared to 37 now. It is expected to be completed in about nine months. Schaefer and Associates are architects. Details. Drawing.

**Sunday, August 12, 1979**

6A. Table of Wichita Aircraft Employment yearly from 1960 through 1978

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Monday, August 13, 1979


9A. Article about efforts to save the vacant Salvation Army building at 619 East Douglas (former Johnston-Larimer building). Details. Photo.

Wednesday, August 15, 1979

7C. Report of death Sunday in San Diego of Sam Bloomfield, 72, former Wichita resident and donor of the carillon chimes in Wichita’s old City Hall. Moved to California from Wichita when he retired in 1956. Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey and was president of Swallow Airplane Company at Wichita from 1934 to 1956. Further biography. Survived by his wife, Rie, of San Diego, and a sister Freida Surtsky, of New Jersey. Photo.

Thursday, August 16, 1979


9C. Report of death Tuesday of Abe Meyer, 63, long time Wichita nurseryman at M. Meyer and Son nursery, 4650 North Arkansas. Father Marinus, emigrated from Holland in 1909 and in 1940 started a nursery south of Wichita in a remodeled chicken house. Abe left the family enterprise and started his own nursery in 1956. Gave up his business in 1975 owing to poor health. He was born April 22, 1916 in Riverside area of Wichita. Survived by his wife, Marjorie, 1808 Heiserman, and three brothers, Fritz, Martin, and Marinus, Jr., all of Wichita. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.

Friday, August 17, 1979

1C. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to increase the fare on The Bus by five cents and by another ten cents after April 7. The increase in October is needed because of increased fuel costs, and the increase next year is needed to pay for new services the Metropolitan Transit Authority will provide, including 31 new buses, more frequent service on seven routes, and the addition of new routes on four streets. The present base fare of 35 cents will increase to 40 cents on October 1 and 50 cents on April 7. Punch pass rates will increase to 35 cents (20 rides for seven dollars) on October 1 and 40 cents (20 rides for eight dollars) on April 7. Student fare will increase to 25 cents on October 1 but will not increase next year. Senior citizens and handicapped fare will increase to 20 cents on October 1 but not increase next year. Details.
3C. Work on the new Lincoln Street dam across Big Arkansas River is about complete. The water level is up near Century II and water is spilling over the dam. Project cost two million dollars. Photo.

Wednesday, August 22, 1979


Thursday, August 23, 1979

Eugene R. Lambert, 63, will retire as president and publisher of the Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company around December 1 and will become CEO of the Foundation for Wichita Development. Details. He came to Wichita in October 1975.

Saturday, August 25, 1979

Ralston Purina Company’s new five million dollar animal feed mill located at 18th and Topeka adjacent to the existing elevator, will be dedicated today. The new feed mill doubles Purina’s capacity for livestock and poultry rations to about 200,000 tons a year. Construction started nearly two years ago, and the mill has been operating since the first of the year. The former feed mill at 710 East 13th was sold to Cargill Inc. and is presently being torn down. Details. Aerial photo.

Wednesday, August 29, 1979

United States District Court Judge Wesley Brown has notified President Carter that he will be taking senior status effective September 1, creating a federal court vacancy in Kansas. Brown is age 72 and became a United States District Court judge in 1962. Details.

Thursday, August 30, 1979

Amtrak’s board of directors yesterday voted to discontinue its Lone Star passenger train serving Kansas and Wichita, effective October 1. Details.

1D. Report of yearly assessor’s census of Wichita and Sedgwick County, probably the last yearly one because state law no longer requires the annual census and the state will no longer help pay for them. Wichita’s population declined for the third year in a row to 261,001, a loss of 861. Sedgwick County was 342,254, an increase of 373. Other cities include Derby 8988, Haysville 7622, Valley Center 3276, Goddard 1261, Clearwater 1685, Mt. Hope 694, Andale 570, Colwich 965, Maize 1389 and Mulvane 1850. Map of county shows population by township — including Greeley 982, Eagle 659, Sherman 1135, Union 1627, Park 3473, Kechi 10,671, Delano 2021, Minneha 4533, Waco 1420, Riverside 6768, Gypsum 4297, Valley Center 843.
Friday, August 31, 1979

1D. Article about plans for reorganization of the bankrupt Rock Island Railroad including sale of a number of its lines. These include lines across northern Kansas and from Tucumcari, New Mexico to Kansas City across Kansas. Details.

Tuesday, September 4, 1979

8A. Article about progress of Air Capital Cablevision in wiring city of Wichita for cable television. First homes (in Midtown) were hooked up last December 19. The company’s goal is to cover the entire city before late 1982. Details. Map showing areas now in service.

1C. Article about school bus operation in Wichita by R. W. Harmon and Sons, Inc., which took over after B. W. Jones and Sons Inc. went bankrupt last year. The company is now operating 171 buses and 115 vans and has replaced much of the older equipment inherited from Jones.

Sunday, September 9, 1979

1B. Feature article on Wichita Mid-Continent Airport at age 25. Aerial photos of runways in 1953 and today. Since 1954 annual passenger traffic has grown from about 180,000 to an expected 1,200,000 this year. Today six scheduled airlines have about 120 arriving and departing flights daily. Details.

3B. Construction has started on Cherry Creek Shopping Center at southwest corner of Harry and Rock Road. Construction will take place in three phases, at cost of three and one-half million dollars. Designed by Oblinger-Smith Corporation, with John Gates as project architect. Details. Drawing.

Monday, September 10, 1979

1B. Article with history of now completed new Lincoln Street dam. Details. Aerial photo of river and bridges on page 3B.

Wednesday, September 12, 1979

5D. Workers expect to finish paving the access and exit ramps connecting East Kellogg and the Canal Route in about ten days. Scheduled opening of the full Canal Route is in November. Total cost about $125 million for the 12 mile I-135 route through Wichita, or $10.4 million a mile. Aerial photo of Kellogg-I-135 interchange.

Thursday, September 13, 1979

1D. Western Auto Supply Company closed six of its Wichita stores at the end of business
Tuesday as not fitting into the company’s immediate plans. Details.

Saturday, September 15, 1979

5C. The ten story Century Plaza Building, 111 West Douglas, was sold Friday to a California investment group for two and one-half million dollars. Buyers are a California limited partnership called Century Plaza Associates. Sellers were a group of investors from New York City headed by Paula Engelman and Jesse Kutall. Details. Photo.

6D. Report of death Wednesday of a heart attack in Arlington, Texas of Bruce McClure, 54, former executive director of Greater Downtown Wichita, Inc. from December 1965 until July 1975, when he moved to Phoenix. A native of Columbus, Ohio. Survived by two sons, one daughter, two brothers, and one sister (named — none in Wichita).

Sunday, September 16, 1979

2B. Harry B. “Britt” Brown, chairman of the board of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company, has resigned that position effective today. Details.

1F. Article about problems of Metropolitan Transit Authority in making bus service available to the handicapped. Thirty-one new buses will have wheelchair lifts. Details.

Wednesday, September 19, 1979

1C. City Commission yesterday tentatively approved an increase of taxi fares in Wichita as requested by Best Cabs Inc. and American Cabs Inc., the two cab companies operating in the city. Final decision will be made on October 2. New rates would increase first one-sixth mile for a single passenger. Each additional passenger would be charged 50 cents, up from 25. Waiting time charge would increase from ten to 15 cents for each minute. Details.

Thursday, September 20, 1979

5C. Construction has begun on a new 31,000 square foot building complex for White Star Machinery and Supply Company at 3100 North Hydraulic. Architects are Schaefer and Associates. Completion scheduled for spring of 1980. White Star is a subsidiary of Berry Companies, Inc. and has been at 720 East 10th Street for 20 years. Drawing.

1D. A House Senate conference committee yesterday agreed to end Amtrak’s Lone Star passenger train service as provided in the Amtrak funding bill. Details.

Friday, September 21, 1979

1. Norman J. Christiansen, 56, was named yesterday to succeed Eugene R. Lambert as President and Publisher of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company. He is
currently a vice-president/operations of the parent Knight-Ridder Newspapers, Inc., working out of the company headquarters in Miami, Florida. A native of Isle, Minnesota. Details. Photo.

**Wednesday, September 26, 1979**

1. Cessna yesterday announced plans for immediate construction of a new building to house Citation jet facilities at Mid-Continent Airport. Details. To cost five million dollars. Completion next summer.

14A. Bradburn Wrecking Company resumed demolition of the old Salvation Army building at 610 East Douglas yesterday after a restraining order was dissolved by court order. Details.

**Thursday, September 27, 1979**

11A. Sedgwick County Commission yesterday approved a 99 year, no-charge lease of E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital to the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Details.

**Wednesday, October 3, 1979**

1. Beech Aircraft Corporation announced yesterday that it will merge with Raytheon Company after approval by stockholders of both companies. Details.

1C. City Commission yesterday passed ordinance raising taxicab rates in Wichita. New rates set maximum of

95 cents for first one-sixth mile -- up from 75 cents
15 cents for additional one-sixth miles -- up from ten cents
50 cents for each additional passenger -- up from 25 cents
15 cents for each minute of waiting time -- up from ten cents.

**Thursday, October 4, 1979**


**Saturday, October 6, 1979**

1. United States Court of Appeals in Denver yesterday ordered Amtrak’s Lone Star train to continue running for at least three more weeks. Details.
4D. The bankrupt Rock Island Railroad, idled for more than a month during the second longest
strike in railway history, resumed operation yesterday under supervision of the Kansas City
Terminal Railway Company. Details.

Sunday, October 7, 1979

page
1. Article about Vietnamese in Wichita. Says there are now 2100 living here. Details.

Monday, October 8, 1979

page
9A. Report of death Saturday of Henry Clyde Wear, 96, of 1400 North Woodlawn, retired real
estate investor. Survived by wife, Emma D. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Report of death Saturday of Dr. Harold S. Bowman, 75, of 1441 North Rock Road, orthopedic surgeon. Survived by wife, one son and one daughter (named).

1C. Report of celebration yesterday of completion of new two million dollar concrete and steel
Lincoln Street dam, which replaces the troublemaking rubberized fabric dam completed
for $350,000 in 1970. Details.

Tuesday, October 9, 1979

page
1. United States Supreme Court Justice Byron White yesterday reversed an appeals court
ruling that would have kept the Lone Star train running for three more weeks.

Wednesday, October 10, 1979

page
17A. Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday reported preliminary sales total of $607 million for
fiscal year ended September 30, up 15 percent from $527.5 million the previous year. Net
earnings were about $40.5 million, up 14 percent from $35.5 million in 1978. Details.

Thursday, October 11, 1979

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4C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in September and
year-to-date.

Friday, October 12, 1979

page
10A. Trans World Airlines flights between Wichita and Kansas City, dropped this year after 50
years of continuous operation, will be resumed December 15. The service had been
discontinued May 1. Details.

Saturday, October 13, 1979

page
1. Boeing Wichita company has offered to pay $44.8 million for the 573 acre government-
owned facilities that it has used for more than 30 years, the General Services Administration said yesterday. The purchase is subject to congressional approval. For many years Boeing’s company-owned property amounted to 30 acres of land and facilities that once belonged to the Stearman Aircraft Company. Stearman was acquired by Boeing in 1934. In the last 18 months Boeing-Wichita bought a 250,000 square foot warehouse adjacent to its property that it had leased for years. The buy expanded company-owned property to 43 acres. Details.

Sunday, October 14, 1979
page 1B. Feature article about expansion of Koch Industries. Its third major building, a 96,000 square foot addition, will be occupied this fall. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, October 17, 1979
page 17A. Wilson Cadman was yesterday promoted to president and chief operating officer of Kansas Gas and Electric. Ralph Fiebach will remain chairman of the board and CEO. Details.

Thursday, October 18, 1979
page 4C. Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday reported record sales of $939 million for fiscal year ended September 30 with earnings of $46 million. Details.

Friday, October 19, 1979
page 1. Article reporting Kansas’ Board of Agriculture census, including county figures. As of January 1, 1979 the Kansas population was 2,381,551 compared with 2,358,993 in 1978.

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Overland Park    81,271    82,400
Lawrence        58,561    50,814

9A. Metropolitan Transit Authority board yesterday voted to add four new crosstown bus runs effective April 7. Buses will run on each side of a square bounded by Pawnee, Hillside, 21st and West Streets. Buses also will be run on four existing routes every 15 minutes instead of every half hour — North Broadway, East Central, College Hill, and South Broadway. The West Douglas route will be split into two routes in April — one called West Maple and the other West 2nd. The Metropolitan Transit Authority will also begin an airport route in April from Market and Douglas to Kellogg, then west to Airport Road. Details.

Saturday, October 20, 1979

5C. Developer Sam Hardage announced yesterday he has purchased the Brown Building, 105 South Broadway, and the Beacon Building, 114 South Main, from San Franciscan Sam Kalman. The Brown Building will be renamed Broadway Plaza. The Hinkel Building, purchased previously by Hardage, will be renamed Hardage Center. Remodeling is planned with space available for lease by mid-1980. Details.

Monday, October 22, 1979

1. Photo of steel beams being erected for new Towne West shopping mall, now under construction.

Tuesday, October 23, 1979

3C. Wichita Park Board yesterday adopted a $1.1 million program for park improvements next year that includes a new $315,000 clubhouse and parking area at Sim Park Golf Course. Requires approval by City Commission. Details.

Wednesday, October 24, 1979

7C. Report of death Thursday of Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson, 86, of Santa Barbara, California, retired Presbyterian Church national leader and former pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Wichita from 1921 until 1928 and then of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago from 1928 until his retirement in 1961. Born in Manhattan, Kansas. Survived by one son and one daughter (named -- not in Wichita). Further biography.

Friday, October 26, 1979

4C. Trans World Airlines will resume Wichita to Kansas City service Sunday with two daily Wichita departures. Details.
Monday, October 29, 1979

7A. Report of death Saturday of Herbert C. Jones, 95, who started Wichita’s first bus line in 1915. Born in Wichita on June 24, 1884. He bought a Model T Ford and fitted it with a wooden body and called it a bus. World War I drove the price of gasoline to 25 cents a gallon, so Jones sold out to his drivers. Until retirement he was owner and operator of the Jones Milling and Manufacturing Company. Survived by four daughters, Mrs. Thelma Clem, San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Carolyn Bachelder, Wichita, Mrs. Marjorie Anderson, Sweeney, Texas, and Mrs. Phyllis Arnold, Joliet, Illinois, and one son, Dr. Harland W. Jones, Westlake Village, California. Dim photo. Burial in Highland Cemetery.

Tuesday, October 30, 1979

5B. A two building restoration project is under way at 2nd and Market. Maybelle Land’s cafe and bar at 2nd and Market will become Hayford East and the two story stone structure to the west will be renamed Hayford West. Both buildings were built by George and Eva Hayford in the early 1900s. The west building was erected in 1907. They were purchased by Dr. Michael Lies and developer James Vosburgh. Architect for the restoration is Larry Grams. They will be converted to first class office space. Details. Photo.

Friday, November 2, 1979

16A. Report of death yesterday of Thomas Morgan Thomas, 96, 5219 East 1st, owner of Thomas Investment Company for 57 years before retiring in 1974. His business was in 100 block of South Market. Born in Huntsville, Missouri and came to Wichita in 1907. His late wife, Julia, was the daughter of Charles Binning, co-owner of the Binning Building. Survived by a son, Robert W., of Tulsa. Old Mission Mausoleum.

5C. Frontier Airlines will discontinue on February 1 a daily roundtrip flight from Wichita to Kansas City with stops at Manhattan and Topeka in aging Convair 580 propjets. Details.

Saturday, November 3, 1979

1. Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday announced plans to expand with a new 50,000 square foot, one million dollar building. It will be the first major expansion of Beech property in Wichita since 1968, when the company built a 44,000 square foot paint facility for its twin-engine models. The new plant will be on an undeveloped part of Beech owned property along Greenwich Road. Beech owns about 1100 acres bounded by Webb Road, Greenwich Road, Kellogg, and the Frisco railroad tracks on the north. Details.

Wednesday, November 7, 1979

1C. Derby City Council yesterday considered possibility of Metropolitan Transit Authority bus service from Derby to the Boeing and Cessna plants in Wichita. Details.
Thursday, November 8, 1979

3C. St. Francis Hospital is planning to establish a regional center for treatment of severe burns. Details.

5C. Gates Learjet Corporation received 39 orders for its business jets in October breaking a six year old company record of 29 set in April 1973. Details.

Friday, November 9, 1979

1C. Plans for a 200 room hotel to be developed at Union Station by Transamerican Investment Properties, Inc. have been dropped. Details.

Wednesday, November 14, 1979

1C. Photo of crane in place alongside Southwestern Bell Telephone building at 1st and Broadway for use next couple of days in hoisting new air conditioning equipment to top of building. The crane is on 1st Street between Broadway and Topeka.

Announcement yesterday of plans of Sedgwick County engineer to retire next month. Has been county engineer for ten years. Details. Photo.

Saturday, November 17, 1979

5C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in October and year-to-date.

Tuesday, November 20, 1979

4B. Plans announced for Mid-Continent Airport’s new air traffic control tower, to cost two million dollars plus. To be located adjacent to northeast corner of terminal building. Construction to start late next year. Ninety-seven feet high. Details. Drawing.

1C. Article about proposal to convert Mulvane’s Santa Fe Railway depot building to a museum. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, November 21, 1979

4B. Mid-Continent Airport’s passenger traffic increased to 100,400 in October, 4.5 percent more than in October 1978. For first ten months of this year the total was 1,068,535 — including 535,763 deplanements and 532,822 boardings. The one million mark was reached one month earlier than in 1978. There were 3071 airline operations in October. An operation is one takeoff or landing. Details.

Friday, November 23, 1979

Photo of old Johnston-Larimer building, 600 block of East Douglas, as it appeared Wednesday, nearly intact although slow demolition has been started by Bradburn Wrecking Company. Article with details.

Efforts to turn the old Salvation Army building (Johnston-Larimer building) in 600 block of East Douglas have failed, and demolition of the building, which started in September, will continue. Details. The work is scheduled to be finished in January.

Announcement made yesterday that First National Bank will purchase the Walker Brothers department store building at 123 North Main for expansion. Building is being purchased from the Boulevard Office Park partnership, of Wichita (principals Don Ablah, Farris Farha, and George Farha), who acquired it in September 1978. Details. Photo.

The same Boulevard partnership (above) has purchased the Kress Building at northwest corner of Douglas and Broadway and hopes to develop it as office space. Photo.

United States Bankruptcy Court Judge Robert Morton yesterday ordered Bede Aircraft, Inc. into bankruptcy and all assets liquidated. Details.

After more than 100 years, the Wichita Union Stock Yards Company yesterday ended the sale of cattle in their facilities. Trading in hogs, sheep, and feeder pigs will continue. Details.

Two Wichitans including Mrs. Helen Gott, 79, were killed Wednesday in a tour bus crash in Mexico. Mrs. Gott’s husband, Henry Gott, 86, attorney, was injured. Details.

Obituary of Mrs. Helen Gott (see above).

Report of retirement yesterday of Arvel “Slim” Hensley, 76, who was bus driver for 53
years, beginning September 6, 1926 for Southern Kansas Stage Lines, and later for Santa Fe Trailways and then Continental Trailways. Born in Missouri on December 17, 1903. Family moved to Kansas — he grew up in Gerlaine, near Medicine Lodge. Wife’s name is Nora Belle. Details. Photo.

5C. Oil and gas producer Donald C. Slawson yesterday purchased the 14 story Douglas Building plus adjacent property. The building was purchased from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for $2,625,000. He also acquired an L shaped property south and east of the Douglas Building from Bernida (sic) Adair for $425,000, which includes a one story building on Broadway leased to the Cinderella Shop, a clothing store, and Fairland Cafe. The rest of the property is a parking lot fronting on William and Topeka. Metropolitan’s ownership of the Douglas Building dates back to 1969 when it bought the structure from the Machinist’s Union District Lodge 70. The building was sold again in 1971 but Metropolitan got it back through default. Details. Photo.

Beech Aircraft Corporation and Raytheon Company jointly announced today that their directors have signed an agreement to merge Beech with Raytheon subject to approval by stockholders. Details.

Monday, December 3, 1979

1. Feature article about development and growth of the Sedgwick County Fire Department. Details.


Tuesday, December 4, 1979

1B. Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday awarded the Southern Pacific Railroad temporary authority to operate the Rock Island’s 922 mile line from St. Louis, across Kansas to Santa Rosa, New Mexico. Details.

4B. Nu-Way Sandwich Shop will open a third restaurant in Wichita about December 15 in Twin Lakes shopping center, in the space vacated by Colonial Ice Cream Parlor. The original Nu-Way was opened by Tom McEvoy on July 4, 1930 at 1416 West Douglas. Current owners are Eugene Friedman, E. L. Yost, and Mike Foley. Details.

Friday, December 7, 1979

6D. Congress and the General Services Administration have accepted Boeing-Wichita’s $44.8 million offer for the 573 acre government facility it has used here for more than 30 years.
Long article with details.

Sunday, December 9, 1979


Thursday, December 13, 1979

Wichita Public Library fines for overdue books will increase from five cents a day to ten cents a day beginning January 1. Details.

Saturday, December 15, 1979

Report of death Thursday of James O. Wilson, 83, founder of Wichita’s Kansas State Bank and Trust Company. Retired from the bank in 1968 after a 34 year career. Born April 5, 1896 in Laclede County, Missouri. In 1933 he was asked to reorganize the Merchants Reserve State Bank of Wichita, and it became the Kansas State Bank. Further biography. Survived by wife, June, two daughters and four sisters (named). Burial at White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Sunday, December 16, 1979

Announcement that Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lawless will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 23 with a reception in the Belle Plaine school cafeteria. Lawless married Marjorie J. Boyer December 22, 1929 in Belle Plaine. He is a farmer and was a De Kalb seed dealer for 20 years. Mrs. Lawless was employed by J. C. Penney Company and is a Tri-Chem instructor. They have no children. Assisting as hosts will be their sisters, Mrs. Gladys White, Peru, Mrs. Luella Siever, Belle Plaine, Mrs. Hazel Robinson, Wellington, and Mrs. Carrie Lawrence, Wichita. Photos.

Tuesday, December 18, 1979

Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in November and year-to-date.

Wednesday, December 19, 1979

The final segment of Wichita’s Canal Route will be opened to traffic at 2:00 p.m. today.

Thursday, December 20, 1979
1C. Followup article on opening of the Canal Route expressway yesterday. Details.

Saturday, December 22, 1979

1. Effective Monday December 31, the home-delivered price of the Eagle will be increased to 90 cents a week and the evening Beacon to 75 cents a week. Newstand single copy price will increase from 15 to 20 cents. Price of Sunday Eagle-Beacon will not change.

6D. Beech Aircraft Corporation announced yesterday that it has bought Pizza Hut’s old headquarters building at 10225 East Kellogg for $2.1 million. Beech has been leasing the building since January 1, 1978. Photo.

Tuesday, December 25, 1979

1D. Metropolitan Transit Authority will seek a $110,000 loan from the city this week to pay its year-end bills. Details.

Thursday, December 27, 1979

1. Merle Yost Ford dealership will go out of business January 1. Yost purchased the dealership in 1972 from Will G. Price, Jr., who had operated the business for 20 years. Details.

Friday, December 28, 1979

5C. Paul Brooker is building an addition to his office building at Murdock and Waco, on east bank of Little Arkansas river. To be completed by March 1. Architect is Lawrence Wells. Drawing.

Sunday, December 30, 1979


1F. Table listing aircraft company employment in Wichita in December 1978 and December 1979. Breaks total down by division and location.