Subject(s): Mid-Continent Tire Company, Bemis Brothers Bag Company

Wichita Beacon
Tuesday, November 2, 1915
page
1. Report that a company is being organized for the manufacture of automobile tires in Wichita. Details.

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8. Long advertisement soliciting investment in the new Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Capacity of the Wichita plant is to be 300 tires and 500 inner tubes per day. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, February 6, 1916
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2. Article about the design adopted as a trademark by the Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing company.

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17. Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company yesterday purchased a site for its new plant on 13th street between Washington and Wabash avenues.

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5. The Mid-Continent Tire Company met last night and authorized the building of the plant and the purchase of the machinery. Details.

Wichita Eagle
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page 5. After less than a year’s work in organizing the Mid-Continent Tire company, all the $300,000 in stock has been sold and work on the building will start in the next ten days. Henry Lassen yesterday was elected president of the new company. Plant will cost $160,000 and have a capacity of 300 casings and 500 inner tubes a day. Building to be on 13th street between Washington and Wabash, 300 by 60 feet, two stories high.

Wichita Beacon
Friday, November 24, 1916

page 1. Drawing of the proposed Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing Company plant for which contract was let yesterday. Article with details. Contract let to George H. Siedhoff and Company for $65,000. To be 280 by 60 feet, two stories and to be completed in 60 working days. To be located on north side of 13th Street between Washington and Wabash. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Saturday, December 9, 1916

page 2. Notice of building permit to Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 13th and Wabash, for two story reinforced concrete building, 90 by 280 feet, to cost $80,000.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, February 4, 1917

page B8. Photograph of Mid-Continent Tire factory under construction. Kanita Refining company building, Wichita Terminal elevator company, and Western Oil and Refining company at 21st and Washington are also under construction in the North End.

Wichita Beacon
Thursday, March 22, 1917

page 8. The Mid-Continet Tire Manufacturing plant is progressing and will be under roof in a few weeks.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, June 3, 1917

page Section B 5. Factory building of Mid-Continent Tire company, at 13th street and Wabash avenue, will be completed by August 1. Cost approximately $56,000 and machinery to make tires will cost about $100,000. Photograph (this is Bemis Company building). Said to be the largest factory building under one roof in the state of Kansas.
Wichita Eagle
Wednesday, June 27, 1917
page 5.
Factory of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company will open August 10 with 200 employees. All the machinery is in the building, at corner of 13th street and Wabash avenue. Six hundred ninety thousand dollars worth of crude rubber has been ordered from a New York concern, according to Charles D. Dorrigrand, general manager.

Wichita Eagle
Saturday, July 28, 1917
page 5.
Opening of new plant of Mid-Continent Tire company here is being delayed at least until September 1 because of strike that has tied up the building trades here for more than three weeks.

Wichita Eagle
Thursday, August 9, 1917
page 2.
September 10 is the date now set for the opening of the Mid-Continent tire factory.

Wichita Eagle
Friday, September 14, 1917
page 5.
Machinery will start turning for the first time today at the Mid-Continent Tire factory, although it will probably not be possible to start the manufacture of tires for two weeks.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, September 30, 1917
page Special issue for Southwest Fair and Exposition. Many photographs and articles about local businesses. 10. Photograph of new tire factory, etc.

Wichita Beacon
Friday, October 19, 1917
page 3.
The Mid-Continent Tire factory expects to turn out its first tire next week. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, December 2, 1917
page 13.
Article reporting that the Mid-Continent Tire company has manufactured 200 automobile tires thus far and expects to be making 75 tires a day by January 1 and 100 tire casings
and 500 inner tubes a day by April 1.

**Wichita Beacon**  
*Tuesday, March 5, 1918*  
*Page 6.*  
6. The Mid-Continent Tire Company factory on East 13th Street is now turning out 70 tires and 200 inner tubes a day. This is to be increased in three months to 100 tires and 300 tubes daily. Two carloads of tires left Wichita last week.

**Wichita Beacon**  
*Saturday, July 20, 1918*  
*Page 4.*  
4. Full page advertisement for Midco Tires.

**Wichita Eagle**  
*Sunday, July 21, 1918*  
*Page 9.*  

**Wichita Eagle**  
*Sunday, August 18, 1918*  
*Page 5.*  
5. Long article describing the new Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company plant at 13th and Wabash. Photograph.

**Wichita Eagle**  
*Friday, November 15, 1918*  
*Page 5.*  
5. The Mid-Continent Tire Company has been given permission to increase its production four times to its full capacity. It has been restricted by the war industries board to production of not more than 1000 tires a month, which has caused a financial loss. Details.

**Wichita Beacon**  
*Saturday, April 5, 1919*  
*Page 18.*  
18. Advertisement for Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company.

**Wichita Beacon**  
*Wednesday, July 9, 1919*  
*Page 8.*  
8. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company yesterday shipped $20,000 worth of Midco tires to a firm in New York city. A large shipment was also made recently to
Connecticut.

**Wichita Beacon**  
*Tuesday, July 15, 1919*  

**Wichita Eagle**  
*Tuesday, August 26, 1919*  
page 5. A distributor has been appointed for Mid-Continent tires in Washington and Oregon and has placed an initial order for one car load, approximately 1400 tires.

**Wichita Eagle**  
*Sunday, September 21, 1919*  
page B11. Advertisement for Mid Continent tires with drawing of plant.

**Wichita Beacon**  
*Saturday, November 22, 1919*  
page 14. Mid-Continent Tire Company directors have declared a 20 percent dividend to stockholders of record November 8, and are planning to increase the present output of the factory two and a half times, to 500 casings and 1000 tubes per day, with increase in employment from present 140 to 200. The company’s distribution includes 350 dealers in Kansas and Oklahoma, and thirteen wholesale distributors covering practically the whole U.S.

**Wichita Eagle**  
*Sunday, November 23, 1919*  
page 5. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company has increased its capital to enable it to increase its output of tubes and casings two and a half times from the present daily output of 200 casings and 500 tubes to 500 casings and 1000 tubes a day. A stock dividend of 20 percent was declared to the stockholders of record November 8.


**Wichita Beacon**  
*Friday, January 23, 1920*  
page 2. Advertisement with photograph of Mid Continent Tire Manufacturing Company
Wichita Beacon
Friday, February 13, 1920
page 12. Article says the Zenith Tire and Rubber Company of Cleveland, Ohio, has purchased a controlling interest in the stock of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Several months ago the latter company increased its capitalization from $500,000 to $1,000,000. Details.

Wichita Beacon
Saturday, February 21, 1920

Wichita Eagle
Saturday, June 26, 1920
page 5. Article says an American made airplane sold to the Mexican government last week was equipped with Midco tires made in Wichita. ¶ Under the reorganization of the Mid-Continent company last February, the Zenith Tire and Rubber company, of Cleveland, purchased $561,000 worth of the company’s $1,000,000 capital stock, giving them a controlling interest in the Wichita factory.

Wichita Eagle
Monday, July 5, 1920
page 5. Article reports a carload of the latest tire manufacturing machinery has been received at the Mid-Continent Tire company, and 26 men were let off. With the new machinery about 100 men will now be employed to produce a large number of tires than before.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, May 29, 1921
page 4. Note says the Mid-Continent Tire company reports a 25 percent increase in business and its factory is running at full capacity.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, July 10, 1921
page C-7. Article about the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company with details and photographs. Says 350 tires and 500 tubes are made there daily.
14. Full page article on the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company.

**Wichita Beacon**  
**Friday, December 16, 1921**  
**page 7.** The Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing Company has just completed the installation of a new mould for a 30 by 3½ inch tire. The new size will soon be on sale at the retail store, 214 East 1st.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Saturday, March 18, 1922**  
**page 6.** Article reports the Midcontinent Tire Company has announced plans for issuing of $700,000 worth of first and second mortgage bonds. Details. Will allow expansion of output. The plant is producing about 125 tires a day now.

**Wichita Beacon**  
**Sunday, April 2, 1922**  
**page B-8.** Article reports a reorganization of the Mid-Continent Tire Company. Details. First mortgage bonds are to be issued to permit expansion of production from the present 125 tires a day to at least 250.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 1922**  
**page 2.** Article reporting that expenditure of $25,000 to increase its manufacturing capacity to 1000 tires a day is one of the first steps of re-organization of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company according to H. B. McMasters, who last week succeeded David S. Jackman as general manager. A working capital of $200,000 is to be obtained by issuance of first mortgage bonds. The debt on the company building has been liquidated by directors who took second mortgage on the property.

**Wichita Beacon**  
**Thursday, June 15, 1922**  
**page 2.** The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company now is operating at about 50 percent of its full capacity. The distribution of Midco tires now is restricted to the six states contiguous to Kansas.

**Wichita Eagle**  
**Saturday, July 1, 1922**  
**page 12.** The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company will resist the bankruptcy claim filed
against it in federal court yesterday. Details.

Wichita Beacon
Saturday, July 15, 1922
page 6. The Mid Continent Tire Manufacturing Company is now building 150 tires daily.

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, September 12, 1922
page 2. A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 1008 East 13th, by rubber dealers of the East. The plant has been shut down for several weeks.

Wichita Beacon
Saturday, September 30, 1922
page 5. Article says bankruptcy proceedings are pending in court against the Mid Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, October 1, 1922
page 6. Suits filed by creditors of Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company will be dismissed according to settlement reached yesterday by which they will receive second mortgage bonds and stock in the company.

Wichita Beacon
Thursday, December 7, 1922
page 7. District court today appointed a receiver for the Mid Continent Tire Company. Says the company was organized by Wichita capital, and on January 27, 1920 the Zenith Tire Company of Cleveland, Ohio bought one share more than half the stock, but the latter company has since gone into a receivership and has been unable to assist in financing the Mid Continent Tire Company.

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, January 16, 1923
page 5. Article lists main Wichita creditors of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company and amounts owed them.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, May 13, 1923
20. Article regarding suit in district court alleging fraud in distribution of bonds among creditors of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, which went into receivership last December 7.

**Wichita Eagle**
**Thursday, June 14, 1923**

5. Foreclosure of two mortgages, aggregating $700,000, and sale of the plant and all assets of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 13th street and Wabash, was ordered by the court yesterday.

**Wichita Beacon**
**Thursday, June 14, 1923**

7. The court yesterday ordered sale of the plant and assets of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company to satisfy claims of creditors totaling $647,000, following foreclosure of two mortgages on the property. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**
**Friday, June 29, 1923**

5. The Bemis Brothers Bag company of St. Louis has purchased the main building and south 300 feet of the property of the defunct Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company for $110,000 and will open a factory here.

**Wichita Beacon**
**Friday, June 29, 1923**

7. The plant of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company, at 13th and Mosley has been sold to the Bemis Brothers Bag Company, of St. Louis, by the receiver, for $110,000. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**
**Friday, July 27, 1923**

2. Sale of the buildings and property of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company, 13th and Wabash, to the Bemis Brothers Bag Company of St. Louis, was approved yesterday by Judge Sargent of the district court. Sales price is $110,000, and the deed will be transferred in a few days.

**Wichita Beacon**
**Sunday, August 12, 1923**


B-4. The Bemis Brothers Bag Company has started moving into the old Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company building. Details.

**Wichita Beacon**  
*Friday, January 18, 1924*  
*page 22.* Machinery is being shipped for the Bemis Bag Company’s new Wichita plant at 1008 East 13th. Equipment used previously by the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company is being removed. The Bemis factory should be in operation by June 1.

**Wichita Eagle**  
*Saturday, July 21, 1962*  
*page 6A.* Ground to be broken next week for a $50,000 office building for Bemis Brothers Bag Company, to be built adjoining the company’s plant at 13th and Wabash. To be completed by December 1. Schaefer, Schirmer, and Eflin are architects. Plant owned and operated by Bemis since 1924 and employs 78 persons. Details. Drawing

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**  
*Sunday, March 15, 1970*  
*page 12E.* Report of death Friday of Glenn E. Trapp, 61, of 1202 Luther, engraver for Bemis Company, Inc. Born at Carthage, Missouri. Was a longtime Wichitan. Survived by widow, Anna, a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Dooley, Hutchinson, Kansas, a brother and three sisters (named). Burial in Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. (Was a patient.)