
Chronology of major events in Wichita in 1971:

January 5: The will of the late Dr. Lewis M. Miller left $1 million each to Friends University and Wichita State University.
January 11: Cudshy Packing Company revealed a $1 million modernization program here. A June 1969 decision to close the plant had been reversed in November.
January 20: Kansas Air National Guard became the first such unit in the nation to get F-105 jets. Two landed at McConnell.
February 4: Midian Shrine voted to build a $1 million mosque in the first block of North Topeka, across the street from its present site.
February 21: Thirteen inches of snow in Wichita closed all schools as well as many plants and businesses. The fall here was just short of the record set the previous March 16.
February 23: United States Census Bureau set Sedgwick County population at 350,694.
March 30: Board of Education approved a $1 million purchase of Madonna High School from the Wichita Roman Catholic Diocese. It is to be opened in the fall as a public junior high school.
April 3: Ground breaking held for the $1 million Midian Shrine mosque and a $12.5 million City Administrative Center (excessive bids were to sidetrack the latter).
April 6: Dr. Garry L. Porter, Jack Shanahan, and Dr. James M. Donnell elected to City Commission.
April 23: Beech Aircraft Corporation rolled out its first new Beechcraft Hawker jet.
May 1: The first train operated by Amtrak under the National Railroad Passenger System stopped here on its run from Houston to Chicago.

May 17: A new plan for crossbusing 2000 black and 1000 white pupils, razing of Fairmount Elementary, closing of Dunbar, Little, and Isley, and integrating of L’Ouverture, Mueller and Ingalls schools, was passed by Board of Education.

June 4: Major riot in northeast Wichita from 16th to 22nd Streets and from Grove to Hillside.

June 25: Wilbur Baird named postmaster.

July 1: Fourth National Bank announced plans for a major office complex in downtown Wichita.

July 3: Ray Dumont, head of the National Baseball Congress, died at age 66.

July 24: Sale of Chaplain Kapaun Memorial High School was announced by Bishop David Maloney.

August 13: The Radisson Hotel, which has been separated from its new portion early in July, closed its doors. The newer portion is being operated as the Regal Inn.

August 27: Radisson Hotel was bought by the Defenders of the Christian Faith for use as a private retirement home.

August 30: Wichita State University enrolled 12,602, the largest number in its history.

September 9: Bids on the proposed City Administrative Center were $17.5 million, $5 million over the $12.5 million authorized.

September 20: The Metropolitan Transit Authority (bus system) again was reported in financial straits.

September 31: The last occupants left the Northern Building, pioneer Wichita business structure at 2nd and Main.

October 4: Public school enrollment in Wichita has dropped 3949, including 3147 at the elementary level.

October 21: Emory Cox, park director for 22 years, retired.

November 9: City Commission voted to redesign the new city building and hold costs to $14 million.

November 17: Chrysler Corporation announced plans for a shopping center to cost $20 to 30 million on the northwest corner of Kellogg and Rock Road.

December 21: Police Chief Merrell Kirkpatrick announced his retirement February 1. Had held office since October 1968.

Report of college and university building programs. Friends University’s new math-science building is under construction after a year’s delay because of financing. Wichita State University broke ground in September 1971 for a $4.4 million science building for biology and health related professions (photo -- under construction) and for a $2.3 million central power plant. Both to be completed in spring of 1973. With aid of a $500,000 bequest from the Eva McKnight estate, Wichita State University will begin construction in summer of 1972 of the McKnight Art Building, a 49,000 square foot structure tied to the present existing art building. Ablah Library will undergo a $400,000 remodeling of ground floor and some upstairs space. Sacred Heart College opened its new $800,000 Ryan Library in 1971. Cost of Friends University’s new math-science building will be
7F. Review of commercial construction. A motel-turned-dormitory on North Broadway again became a motel -- the Aristocrat Motor Inn. Hanson Development Company, of New Jersey, is building a 300,000 square foot shopping center on southeast corner of Amidon and 21st. To do this they are filling in part of Marine Lakes sand pit. The fill will take another five months, and then construction of the center will begin. The shopping area will feature a Woolco Department Store. During 1971 Sears completed a remodeling and enlargement of its Twin Lakes store. Further east of 21st Street, Cloth World opened another fabric shop in River Bend Shopping Center. Canterbury Inn, a Best Western affiliate, is being constructed for over $2 million at 5700 West Kellogg. To be completed in July 1972. Has 150 units. Farm Credit Banks Building at 1st and Main neared completion in 1971. Boulevard State Bank began construction in September of its new building at George Washington Boulevard just north of Lincoln. Medicenter opened its doors at 932 North Topeka in August. The new Midian Shrine mosque will open in February. Their old building is being demolished to make way for the new Fourth National Bank building. Occupancy of the new seven story Wesley Medical Center East Tower could come in late 1972. A new Wichita corporation, Carey House Square, Inc., purchased the Eaton Hotel and the majority of the structures on the south side of Douglas between St. Francis and Emporia. Work is under way to refurbish the Lawrence Block at Douglas and Emporia as new studios and offices for KFH and KBRA radio. Photos of Farm Credit Banks Building (exterior completed) and new Wesley Tower under construction.

8F. Razing of the Swift and Company building at Murdock and Waco was completed last week to make way for the new Allied Plaza.

Monday, January 3, 1972

4B. Article about Paul H. Messner, who is retiring as control tower chief at Wichita Municipal Airport. First started work at control tower here in 1940. Details.

Thursday, January 6, 1972

1. St. Joseph Hospital yesterday announced plans to proceed with construction of a seven story, $30 million tower building, scheduled for completion in mid 1975. To be constructed at Clifton and Harry. Details.

Sunday, January 9, 1972

1. Dold Packing Company yesterday announced plans to build a $3 million pork processing plant on a 15 acre site in North Industrial Park. Construction should begin in the fall, at 29th and Ohio, and be completed in late 1973. Dold’s plant at 421 East 21st was...
purchased last year for nearly $725,000 by Urban Renewal Agency to make way for realignment of 21st Street. Details. Drawing.

1D. The new concourse at Wichita Municipal Airport will be opened to the public shortly before midnight Saturday in preparation for use for early flights Sunday, January 16. Only four to five gates will be used the first week or so while the temporary wooden concourse is being removed. Architects are Calvin, Perkins and Jones. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, January 11, 1972

2B. Low bid for 14 new buses for the Metropolitan Transit Authority was announced yesterday as more than $23,000 over the cost estimate but within contingency limits of an agreement between Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Department of Transportation. The General Motors Truck and Coach Division submitted the low bid of $531,711.88 for the buses. Paul McGinnis, Metropolitan Transit Authority director, said the original estimate was $508,032, but the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the Department of Transportation allowed five percent over the estimate as a contingency. Department of Transportation has already approved $369,273 for the buses, and $184,636 in transit authority revenue bonds will be the city’s share. The new buses will be air conditioned and have environmental improvements kits to drastically lower polluting emissions. Some new buses will replace 18 year old vehicles now in operation.

Wednesday, January 12, 1972

1. Drawing of the new seven story, $30 million tower building to be built by St. Joseph Hospital. Article with details.

Friday, January 14, 1972


Saturday, January 15, 1972


Thursday, January 20, 1972

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1. Unemployment in the Wichita metropolitan area (Sedgwick and Butler Counties) in December dropped to six and five tenths percent, the lowest rate since February 1970. Details.

Friday, January 21, 1972

The Metropolitan Transit Authority voted yesterday to increase city bus fares five cents from 25 cents to 30 cents beginning February 1. Fares on punch passes will go up from the present 20 cents per ride to 25 cents. The five cent transfer charge will remain the same and there will be no change in the current 20 cent fare for school students. The Metropolitan Transit Authority’s revised budget estimated that the bus system would be $50,290 in the red without the fare increase or other relief. The five cent increase is expected to raise $73,438 in additional revenue if there is a resulting five percent loss of passengers, or $45,800 of there is a ten percent reduction in passengers, or $18,100 with a 15 percent loss of passengers. Total revenues for 1972 are estimated at $1,101,339 (including $269,000 in city funds), with estimated expenditures of $1,151,629. Under present state legislation the city is limited to a half-mill levy for the transit system and therefore additional funds cannot be raised through taxes. Comments by Metropolitan Transit Authority board members given, including Chairman Stone, Morris Krouse, Thomas Cox, and William Cochran III. Details.

Sunday, January 23, 1972

The corporate name of architectural firm of Schaefer, Schirmer and Eflin has been changed to Schaefer, Schirmer and Associates. Robert D. Eflin has left the firm.

Monday, January 24, 1972

Article reports appointment past December 1 of Bailis F. Bell, 26, to position of assistant manager at Wichita Municipal Airport. Born at Portsmouth, Virginia and moved to Abilene, Kansas in 1960. Graduated from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia in 1969 with a degree in business management. He is a private pilot and has been around general aviation all his life. He and wife, Barbara, have a four month old daughter, Suzanne. Photo.

Tuesday, January 25, 1972

Report of death yesterday of Jerry H. Gerteis, 63, of 4005 East Lewis, chief engineer of Cessna Aircraft Company commercial division. A native Wichitan. In 1930 was a member of the first aeronautical engineering class graduated from the University of Wichita. Was one of the team of three engineers who designed the Cessna Airmaster in

Wednesday, January 26, 1972

1. Floyd B. Hannon, Jr., was appointed yesterday by City Manager Ralph Wulz, as Wichita’s new police chief, replacing Chief Merrell Kirkpatrick, who is retiring February 1. Details.

Thursday, January 27, 1972

5C. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Mary Katherine Granger, 55, of 2409 Coolidge, wife of Carey D. (Don) Granger, director of public affairs for the Wichita Eagle and Beacon. Born in Jacksonville, Florida and brought to Wichita as a child. Worked as a court reporter here for 20 years. Survived by her widower and a son, Kerry, Hutchinson, Kansas. Photo. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Saturday, January 29, 1972

1. Announcement made yesterday of plans by Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce to build a new two story headquarters building at northeast corner of Douglas and Waco. To cost $530,000. Present headquarters are in the Miller Theater Building, 121 North Broadway. The new building will replace a Standard Oil Service Station on the site. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer and Associates. Expected completion in December this year. Details.

Sunday, January 30, 1972

4B. Construction has started on the second of three sections of Seneca Village Townhouses, Elizabeth and May. The third section will be started in about three months.

The Dermatology Clinic will move about June 1 from the Brown Building, tenth floor, to its new building at 835 North Hillside.

Tuesday, February 1, 1972

5A. City bus fares are increasing five cents today, from 25 cents to 30 cents. Punch passes will be increased from 25 rides for $5 to 20 rides for $5, a rate of 25 cents per ride. Cost of transfers will remain at five cents.

4C. Report of death yesterday of Carl Ross, 72, of 2 Hampton Road, retired vice-president and general manager of Kansas Milling Company. Born in Alden, Kansas and moved to Wichita in 1951 from Ottawa, Kansas. His father and three older brothers founded Ross Milling Company in Ottawa in 1919. He remained active in the family business until his retirement in 1968. He and brothers bought the company in Wichita in 1959 and also
owned milling companies in Wellington and Newton, Kansas. Survived by widow, Margaret, a son, Hal, Wichita, a brother, G. M. Ross, Newton, and a sister Mrs. Steve Vincent, Downers Grove, Illinois. Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

**Wednesday, February 2, 1972**

Photo of rubble from demolition of the two remaining buildings on north side of the 300 block on East Douglas, in preparation for construction of new Fourth National Bank building on the site.

Aerial photo of new 21st Street Bridge over Arkansas River, which is nearing completion at cost of $760,000.

**Saturday, February 12, 1972**


**Sunday, February 13, 1972**

The Law Company, Wichita, has been awarded a design-build contract by Hanson Development Company, Hackensack, North Jersey, for the Marina Lakes Shopping Center to be built southwest of the corner of 21st and Amidon. Principal tenant of the 170,561 square foot shopping center will be a Woolco Department Store. Construction is tentatively set to begin April 15. A large lake now occupies the shopping center site. A Texas dredging firm, King Fisher Marine Service, Inc., Port Lavada, Texas, is filling in part of the lake with sand to provide the site of the $3 million center. They are pumping the sand out of the Arkansas River at a rate of 2000 to 2500 yards per 24 hour period. Hanson Development is paying the state, under Kansas law, two cents a ton for the sand it is using.

**Monday, February 14, 1972**


**Sunday, February 20, 1972**

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1. Construction will begin immediately on the first of three buildings to form Twin Lakes Office Park, Dean Ritchie, announced, representing Lakeview Development Company, Inc. The $3 million park will be located on the remaining six acres in the Twin Lakes development east of Amidon and south of the lake and the present shopping center, and north of 18th Street. The western most two story building is to be constructed first and is expected to be ready for occupancy in late August. The Law Company designed and will build the office park. Details. Drawing.

8B. All Weather Products Company, 816 North Main, is planning a move to a new building to be constructed on the northwest corner of 9th and Main. Architects are Miskimen-Rumsey and Associates. Building to be finished by June 1 at cost of $125,000. Details. Drawing.

Monday, February 21, 1972
page 5A. Article about old Frisco caboose No. 876 at the Great Plains Railway Museum. Built in 1904 and operated between St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri until it was retired in 1960. Details.

Wednesday, February 23, 1972
page 1. Photo showing installation of five 120 foot long trusses that will support a four story high plexiglass ceiling above the swimming pool at Regal Inn in downtown Wichita.

Sunday, February 27, 1972
page 4B. Construction on Wichita’s sixth McDonald’s Hamburgers restaurant at 8188 East Kellogg is to start March 14, with completion in about 90 days. It will be built to the company’s new design, featuring brick and a mansard roof.

Saturday, March 4, 1972
page 8A. Article about the major re-design of the proposed city administrative center, aimed at saving several million dollars in construction costs. Proposed changes will be presented at city commission meeting next Tuesday. Details. Drawing of building as originally designed.

Sunday, March 5, 1972
page 4B. Kansas Federal Credit Union will move two doors east in about six months to its new building being constructed at 8404 West Highway 54. Architect is Glenn Benedick. Details. Drawing.

Wrecking permits were issued recently to Bradburn Wrecking Company, contracted by Wichita Union Stockyards, Inc., to raze buildings in the 500, 600, and 700 blocks of East
21st Street to make way for the North Industrial Park. Buildings to be wrecked include the old Stockyards Hotel and Restaurant at 659 East 21st, and storage and garage space at 702, 521, and 657 East 21st.

5B. Eighty percent of the masonry work for the Canterbury Inn at 5700 West Kellogg is completed, and the building is expected to be open by early July.

Monday, March 6, 1972


Thursday, March 9, 1972

1. Sculptor James Rosati yesterday unveiled his tripod sculpture located near Century II. Dedication ceremonies were held. Details. Photo.

Friday, March 10, 1972

1. Francois Huybrechts, young Belgian conductor, yesterday was named as the new conductor and music director of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. He is 25 years old and succeeds James Robertson, who retired in 1970. Biography. Photo.

5A. Changing the name of Bickel Avenue to Zoo Boulevard was approved six to one yesterday by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Final approval is still needed by both the city and county commissions. Details.

Saturday, March 11, 1972

1B. Article about a planned $2 million, five story Sheraton Airport Inn, to be built on West Kellogg and be ready for use in the fall of 1972. To have 148 rooms. Architects are Phillip Wasserstrom and Associates, Cleveland, Ohio.

4D. Yingling Chevrolet, Inc., established as a Chevrolet dealer in 1928, has terminated its franchise, Fred Gartung, president, announced yesterday. Details.

Sunday, March 12, 1972

1. Announcement yesterday of a new $4.4 million, eight story building to be erected near southwest corner of Kellogg and Rock Road, with East Side National Bank as the major tenant. The six acre site is now occupied by the 54 Drive-In Theater. To be completed in spring of 1973. Theater will be able to operate through summer of 1972. Details. Drawing.
A new console for Wichita’s Mighty Wurlitzer organ at Century II, was delivered yesterday, more than four years after the original console was destroyed by fire. Details.

1B. Feature article about Friendly Gables Home for delinquent girls, which was ordered closed last week by Juvenile Judge Michael Corrigan. Details. Photos.

Thursday, March 16, 1972

Final portions of concrete have been poured to complete the 21st Street Bridge over the Arkansas River, and the bridge may be opened to traffic this weekend or shortly thereafter. Demolition of the old bridge began February 1, 1971. Cost of the new bridge is $763,294.

Friday, March 17, 1972

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to extend the South Main bus route to provide service to residents of the Royal Regency Village apartment complex on South Hydraulic for a trial period of 90 days. Details. The Metropolitan Transit Authority also selected a bright yellow and white color scheme for 14 new buses being ordered from General Motors. It is hoped the new buses will be delivered by June 1. Details.

Sunday, March 19, 1972

Construction has started on two Denny’s Restaurants, one on East Kellogg across from Eastgate Shopping Center, and the other on East Harry across from The Mall shopping center. Both will be completed about the end of July. A third is being negotiated for on West U. S. 54 Highway. Details. Drawing.

A third Sirloin Stockade restaurant is under construction at 1014 North West. Completion expected about June 1.

A new Wickes Lumber and Building Supplies Center is under construction on West U. S. 54, just west of Horton Furniture Company, Inc., and is to be completed about the first of June.

Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held this afternoon for the Terrace Gardens Manors skilled nursing home, at 1315 North West Street. To cost $800,000 and will be under the same directors as the Terrace Gardens Skilled Nursing Centers, Inc. facility some 20 feet south, which was opened early in 1967. New unit to be completed by October. Architects are Hollis Architects. Details.

Wednesday, March 22, 1972

Photo of new 21st Street Bridge over Arkansas River, which was opened to traffic yesterday.

Friday, March 24, 1972

7A. The new 12st Street Bridge over the Arkansas River is to be dedicated on April 5 and will be named for a pioneer Wichita physician, Dr. Ernest Morris Seydell, who practiced here from 1909 until his retirement in 1961. He was born in Chicago and graduated from Northwestern University Medical School. In 1911 he married Margaret Anne Carter in Wichita. He died in 1964 and is survived by one son and two daughters (named -- the two daughters in Wichita).


4B. The new concourse at Wichita Municipal Airport will be officially dedicated April 1.

Sunday, March 26, 1972

1. Andrews Foot Fitters and Shoe Repair, 131 North Broadway, is moving to 118 East Douglas in mid-April. Henrichs Jewelers, 131 North Broadway, is preparing to move to Sutton Place, 217 East William, about April 20. Rector’s Book Store, 133 North Broadway, is preparing to move into a store now occupied by Michael’s Mens Wear, 206 East Douglas. The latter store is moving to Twin Lakes Shopping Center about April 15, and Rector’s will move about June 1st. Self Service Drugs, 112 North Broadway, will move in May to 125 South Market, now occupied by Jenkins Music Company, which will move to the Boulevard Plaza Shopping Center. The above firms are moving from buildings located on the site of the new Fourth National Bank building.

1F. Yingling Chevrolet Company, Inc., 300 South Topeka, will continue as a general auto and truck service center after the March 31 effective date of termination of the firm’s Chevrolet franchise. Details.

Wednesday, March 29, 1972

1. Night photo of Douglas Avenue in snowstorm last night -- shows serpentine brick wall in median.
Sunday, April 2, 1972
page 9A. The new $2.3 million passenger concourse at Wichita Municipal Airport was dedicated yesterday afternoon. Details.

4B. The National Bank of Wichita last week completed moving into its spacious new quarters at 3900 West Central. Architects were Platt Associates, Wichita.

1F, 16F. Special Section about Wichita Municipal Airport and its new passenger concourse. Articles with details and many photos.

Thursday, April 6, 1972
page 5A. Drawing of proposed high-rise apartment building for the elderly, to be built by Wichita Local Housing Authority on a triangular site bounded by Greenway Boulevard, 2nd and Riverview Streets. Details.

Friday, April 7, 1972
page 1. Announcement made yesterday that Harold C. Cope, 53, vice-president for business affairs at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, has been selected as the tenth president of Friends University and will move to Wichita in August. Details. Photo.

Sunday, April 9, 1972
page 1B. Feature article about “Interurban Bob” Campbell and the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway. History and photos.

4B. “Dr. Redbird’s Medicinal Inn” restaurant will open in mid-May at northeast corner of Central and Oliver, old Tower Theater location.

1H, 96H. Special Section commemorating 100th anniversary of Wichita Eagle. Historical articles. Photos.

Monday, April 10, 1972
page 12A. Two abandoned Wichita schools, Douglass and Fairmount elementary schools, are to be razed within the next two months, by the Board of Education. Fairmount at 1515 North Lorraine, has been boarded up since last fall, and Douglass, at 617 North Water, which opened in 1912, has been unused for 15 years. Fairmount was built in 1913. Details. Photos.

Thursday, April 13, 1972
Article about Harold G. (Hal) Dick, president and owner of Ponca Canvas Products, Inc., and his early career with Goodyear Zeppelin Company involving many flights on Hindenburg and Graf Zeppelin. Details. Photo.

District Court Judge Robert T. Stephan yesterday awarded a total of $513,000 in attorney’s fees to attorneys participating in settlement of the estate of the late Marcellus M. Murdock. Details.

Wichita aircraft factories delivered 4401 planes in calendar 1971. Includes 3850 by Cessna, 519 by Beech, and 23 by Gates Learjet. Details.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Selma Miller, 307 North Roosevelt, widow of the late Dr. Lewis M. Miller, builder of the Miller Theater, leaving $1 million each to Wichita State University and Friends University. Obituary. No immediate survivors. Photo. Old Mission Mausoleum.

Ad announcing grand opening today of new National Bank of Wichita building, Central and West Streets. Photo.

Opening of 72 unit Phase III of Kingston Cove Apartments, 27th and Osage, is scheduled for May 21. Photo. Details.

Rector’s Bookstores, Inc., will move to its new quarters at 206 East Douglas from the present location, 133 North Broadway, about first week of June.

Feature article about Rosalea’s Hotel in Harper.

Special Section giving Annual Report of Wesley Medical Center. Details.

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved switching of two bus line pairs and extension of 30 minute service all day on one of the lines. The East 13th bus line will be paired with the West Douglas line instead of the Friends University line and 30 minute service will be provided on both ends of this line throughout the day, instead of the present one hour service during the middle of the day. The increased service will be funded by federal Emergency Employment Act funds, which will pay the salaries of the additional drivers required. Under the new pairing, the Friends University line will be paired with the East Kellogg line. The 1971 annual audit of Metropolitan Transit Authority...
Authority finances showed a $276,846 operating deficit (before depreciation). Revenues were up about $2500 in 1971 over 1970, from $518,708 to $521,332. Expenses were up from $743,882 in 1970 to $798,178 in 1971.

Sunday, April 23, 1972

1F. Feature article about plans to convert the old City Hall into a new location for the Wichita Historical Museum. Details.

Monday, April 24, 1972

1. Photo of I-35 West (Canal Route) expressway under construction near 18th Street, where it becomes elevated going south through the city.

Article about a new book about the history of Colwich, written by Mrs. Robert Swellentrop. Details.

Wednesday, April 26, 1972

8A. The name of Shopeze convenience food stores in central and southeast Kansas is being changed to Quik-Trip, reflecting the acquisition late last year of the Kansas stores by Quik-Trip Corporation, Tulsa. The change should be completed this month.

Thursday, April 27, 1972

5B. Report of death yesterday of Ira C. Watson, 89, former Sedgwick County assessor, from injuries in auto accident at Elizabeth and Merton. Was county assessor from 1951 to 1955. Survived by widow, Elizabeth, two sons, Charles, Wichita, and Raymond, Dodge City, and a brother, Dwight W., Wichita.

Saturday, April 29, 1972

4B. Photo of demolition under way of the old Wichita Hospital building at Dodge and West Douglas (i.e., the 1917 building), which housed various hospital departments until 1961. Site is being offered for sale by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Wrecking being done by Cornejo and Son Wrecking Company.

Sunday, April 30, 1972

4B. Sedgwick County Heart Association has recently moved to new quarters at 2100 East Douglas. Details.

5B. Article about new Mini Mall shopping center, to be built at Terrace and Harry, across the street from The Mall shopping center. Construction is to begin between June 15 and July
1. After 13 houses are removed from the site. Completion will take four to five months, with occupancy about November 1. Details. Drawing.

A Winchell’s Donuts shop is to be built at northeast corner of Pawnee and Hydraulic, adjacent to KanKan Beef. To be completed within four months.

**Sunday, May 7, 1972**

Article about Boeing 247 plane owned by Charles A. LeMaster of rural Ottawa, Kansas. Said to be the only one of the type still flying. Purchased by LeMaster last July. He is the 18th owner of the plane, which was built in 1932. LeMaster had flown a Ford Tri-Motor for the past 15 years but recently sold his half interest in the plane. Photo -- Number not visible.

**Monday, May 8, 1972**

Announcement yesterday of plans for $400 million development at northeast edge of Wichita by developer Jack P. DeBoer, to be known as Comotara. Includes 3419 acres and will take ten years to develop. Located between 21st and 45th North, east of Woodlawn. Details.

**Tuesday, May 9, 1972**

Report of death Sunday of Floyd Lee De Vore, 74, of 34 Norfolk, Eastborough, well known businessman and head of Advance Products Company and other Wichita firms. Born in Grant County, Oklahoma and came to Wichita in 1924. Survived by his widow, Vivian, two sons, Richard A. and William D., Wichita, a brother and two sisters (named). Entombment in Wichita Park Mausoleum.

Plans announced yesterday by Fourth National Corporation for a five level parking garage and minibank. Construction to start in January 1973 after demolition of the Miller Theater Building in December. Details.

**Monday, May 15, 1972**


**Wednesday, May 17, 1972**

Plans announced yesterday by Coleman Company for an addition that will nearly double the size of the firm’s northeast plant. Addition will be 140,000 square feet and will be
used to consolidate manufacture of Coleman campstoves. It will adjoin the 300,000 square foot northeast plant, 37th North and Hydraulic, which was opened in late 1970. Work to begin in a few weeks and be completed in December. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer and Associates. Cost approximately $3 million. Details.

Saturday, May 20, 1972


20D. Report of a recent survey of 5300 Wichita bus riders on reasons for using bus, etc. Details.

Thursday, May 25, 1972


5A. Beginning Friday the East 13th bus line will be paired with the West Douglas line and a 30 minute service will be inaugurated throughout the day. The East Kellogg line will then be paired with the Friends University line. Formerly the East 13th line was paired with Friends University and the East Kellogg line with the West Douglas line. Details.

Friday, May 26, 1972

2A. Article giving schedule for the Wichitennial River Festival.

Saturday, May 27, 1972

5A. Article about restoration of a portion of the first Harvey House Hotel in Florence, Kansas, which opened in 1876 and has since been moved to 204 West 3rd and purchased by the Florence Historical Society. It will be turned into a museum. Although it was the first actual “Harvey House” it was originally known as the Clinton Hotel. The last train fed at the Harvey House in Florence was No. 17, which was served March 31, 1900. Details. Photo.

Sunday, May 28, 1972

4B. Article about plans of Koch Brothers, a Kansas city, Missouri realty firm, to develop a major shopping center at southeast corner of Pawnee and Broadway, on 26.7 acres of the 64 acre Kinkaid tract, the largest undeveloped homestead tract remaining in the city. Details. Aerial photo of the site.
1D. Feature article about the mansion built in 1884 by Wichita lumber baron, George Pratt, at 1313 North Emporia. The house was purchased last September by Dr. and Mrs. Garry Porter (she is Nan Morgan Porter and is great-granddaughter of George Pratt). They moved in in late February. Her grandmother is Mrs. George Brown, a life-long Wichitan who lived in the house until she was 11 years old. Around turn of the century the house was sold to a member of the Campbell family. Later it became a boarding house and for seven years before the Porters purchased it, it has been a nursing home. Details. Photos.

Friday, June 2, 1972

1. Announcement yesterday of plans to expand Wichita’s three Holiday Inns. Includes a seven story tower addition to the Holiday Inn East, on which construction is to begin within two weeks, with completion in fall of 1973. Details. Drawing. There are preliminary plans for a Holiday Inn Plaza tower addition with 120 to 200 rooms just north of the present building (this addition never built) and for a 90 room addition to the Holiday Inn Mid-Town on the inn’s north wing. Details.

Boeing-Wichita’s employment has risen from 5612 on January 1 to 6340 on May 30.

Saturday, June 3, 1972


Friday, June 9, 1972

1. Preliminary plans unveiled yesterday for the $30 million Kellogg Mall at northwest corner of Kellogg and Rock Road. Details. Map.

Saturday, June 10, 1972

1. Control of Central State Bank of Wichita was purchased yesterday by a local investment company headed by Robert L. Langenwalter and including Ted A. Wells. Sellers were auto dealer Ben P. Robinson and S. P. McKinney. Details.

Thursday, June 15, 1972

12A. The first of 14 new yellow and off-white Metropolitan Transit Authority buses arrived in Wichita Wednesday morning to join 32 red and off-white buses serving the city. Six more are on their way from Pontiac, Michigan, and the rest are expected to arrive here by the middle of next week. They have a new type seat and pollution controls, with a vertical
exhaust stack at the left rear of the bus, according to Paul McGinnis, Metropolitan Transit Authority executive director. The seats are a cast nylon seat, which is hard and should prevent vandalism. These 45 passenger air conditioned buses will complete replacement of the 18 to 22 year old buses purchased when the Metropolitan Transit Authority was organized. Cost of the new buses is approximately $366,000. All older buses will be dropped from service once the new ones arrive. Last year more than two million riders used Metropolitan Transit Authority service. Photo of front of bus No. 7201.

Friday, June 16, 1972

5A. The Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved a budget of $1,050,009 for 1973 even though it shows a deficit of $144,000. It shows an anticipated revenue of $906,415, including $278,000 in tax funds. In the first four months of 1972 passengers declined 31,872 over the same months in 1971, but revenues increased $11,591 reflecting a five cent fare increase on February 11.

9A. The Beech Staggerwing Club will meet in Wichita this weekend. About 800 of the planes were built between 1932 and 1946. Two hundred ten of them are registered with the club, and about 160 are currently licensed and flying. Details.


Saturday, June 17, 1972


Sunday, June 18, 1972

4B. Plans announced yesterday for development of St. Francis Medical Park physicians’ office building, to be located on the block bounded by Topeka, Emporia, 9th and 10th Streets, and to cost $2.3 million. Final clearance of the site is to be started immediately, with construction scheduled to begin in mid-August. First occupancy should be in mid-February, with completion in about a year. Details. Drawing and diagram.

Grand opening of Woodbridge Apartments, 3801 West 13th, will be held June 24. Complex is expected to be completed by late November at cost of $2 million. Details.

Monday, June 19, 1972

Tuesday, June 20, 1972

Thursday, June 22, 1972
page 1. Sedgwick County Hospital trustees yesterday voted to change the name of the institution to the E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital in favor of Wichita’s first doctor. Dr. Allen arrived in 1869 and in 1870 was one of 124 persons to sign a petition to the court asking for incorporation of the City of Wichita. On May 5, 1871 he took office as the first mayor of Wichita. Later he served on the school board and then three terms in the Kansas Legislature. Edwin B. Allen was born in 1863 and died here in 1908. Details. Photo.

Friday, June 23, 1972
page 12A. Article about proposal for renovation of the Broadview Hotel, with drawing showing a complete refacing of the building (never done).

Sunday, June 25, 1972
page 8B. Construction of Midtown Health Center, Inc., 1432 North Waco, began recently and is expected to be completed by July 1973. Estimated cost is $750,000. Architects are Carmichael-Wheatcroft Architects and Engineers. Drawing.

Formal opening of Wickes Lumber building supply center, 11135 West Kellogg, will be held Wednesday. Details.

Wichita Flour Mills, 701 East 17th, has purchased the former General Mills mill and elevator at 1940 North Topeka. The two million bushel elevator will be used for storage and will double the firm’s storage capacity. The elevator was purchased from Wichita’s Dwight Krehbiel, owner of Kreonite, Inc.

Tuesday, June 27, 1972
page 1. Gates Learjet Corporation yesterday reported a record net profit of $8,654,000, or $2.433 per share, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1972. Details. Total sales of $59,256,000.
Figures for 1971 included in article. Company has just over 1000 employes. Thrity-six planes delivered.

Report of proposal for major redevelopment of Wichita’s Riverside Park system, including construction of a major tennis complex built on the site of the former municipal swimming pool. Details. Map.

**Wednesday, June 28, 1972**


**Thursday, June 29, 1972**

5F. Side-by-side photos showing Kansas Gas and Electric plant area in 1965 with appearance now. In 1965 plant had two tall smokestacks. Remodeling of the plant was completed in August 1971. Greenway Boulevard was completed in August 1970. Central Church of Christ opened in June 1971. Across the street at 204 North Waco, Watkins, Inc. and Federal Mogul buildings were torn down in 1970.

**Sunday, July 2, 1972**

4B. Construction is under way on the first of five large “cottages” being added to the facilities of the Maude Carpenter Children’s Home, 1501 North Meridian. Buildings now being used as cottages will be converted to office and shop garage use. The first of the new units will be completed in several weeks. Architects are Carmichael-Wheatcroft Associates. Details. Drawing.

5B. Evangel Assembly of God Church will convert its facilities at 1620 West 21st into an education building when its new sanctuary beside the old building is completed in January. Work recently started on the new sanctuary. Architects are the McPherson Architectural Service. Details. Drawing.

11C. Feature article about the pioneer Dugan family in West Wichita. Henry Dugan arrived in Wichita by train with his wife, Ellen, and their three children in the last week of May 1872. He homesteaded a farm about two miles south of the present U. S. 54 at 151st Street West. During his lifetime he acquired several other farms and in the 1880s built a two story house in 3400 block of West Maple which is still standing. In 1879 they helped establish the Catholic church at Clonmel. A grandson, Maurice Dugan, 75, lives on the farm near Schulte, and a great-grandson, Paul Dugan, is an attorney in Wichita. Further history. Photos.

**Sunday, July 9, 1972**
4B. Grand opening will be held July 16 at the 167 unit Amidon Square apartment complex at 2727 North Amidon. Attorneys E. L. (Pat) Malone and Edgar W. Dwire are owners and builders. Details.

5B. A new McDonald’s restaurant will open in mid-July at 8188 East Kellogg and features a new architectural look for this chain. Other McDonald’s in Wichita are being remodeled to conform to the new look, including those on West 13th, which will be finished in September, at 1050 North Broadway and at 1630 South Hillside. Others at 1811 North Hillside and 2418 South Seneca will be remodeled in one to three years. Details. Photos of old and new styles McDonald’s.

1C. Feature article about Monica House, a rehabilitation home for 16 and 17 year old girls operated under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. Details. Photos.

1D. Article says a 100 year old Missouri Pacific depot from Claflin has been reconstructed at “Old Abilene Town” for use as an opera house. Details.

Friday, July 14, 1972

page 7C. Ad for the new McDonald’s restaurant now open at 8188 East Kellogg. Drawing.

Sunday, July 16, 1972


Tuesday, July 18, 1972

page 1. School board yesterday approved $65.7 million budget for next school year about $12 million more than the $54 million budget for 1971-72 school year. Details.

5A. Photo of foundation under construction for new 12 room addition at Pleasant Valley Junior High School, which is to be completed in August 1973.

12A. County assessor has reported a preliminary figure of 333,771 for population of Sedgwick County, compared with 331,128 last year. The 1970 federal census showed 350,674 residents, but a slack economy resulted in a population loss of 19,566 in 1971. Of the total, 262,801 are in Wichita, a gain of 504 from last year.

Wednesday, July 19, 1972

Wichita in 1923. He established Allsteel Products Manufacturing Company, which became Cardwell Manufacturing Company in 1926, and which manufactures oil field drilling and servicing equipment. Company was sold in 1956. Survived by a son, Harland W., Jr., and a daughter, Jean Ann Cardwell, both of Wichita. Photo. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Friday, July 21, 1972

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday decided to eliminate the special 15 cent bus fare and to increase the charge for the monthly school transportation card from $6 to $10. Students who ride regular buses will pay the full adult cash fare of 30 cents -- instead of 15 cents -- or use a regular route punch pass. The Metropolitan Transit Authority also approved implementation of a new “outer loop” or crosstown bus route. Two buses will travel the 20 mile route, one going clockwise and one counter-clockwise around the loop, each on a one hour schedule. The route is a loop including Pawnee, Hillside, 21st Street, and West Street and should be started in two or three weeks. Details. The new student rate will go into effect August 30. Metropolitan Transit Authority members include J. Douglas Stone, chairman, William F. Cochran III, and Jack Spratt. Executive director of Metropolitan Transit Authority is Paul McGinnis.

Saturday, July 22, 1972

Photo of West Douglas from Broadview Hotel showing changes compared with a 1947 photo of same area, including patterned paving between Century II and Garvey Center.

Sunday, July 23, 1972

The downtown Hilton Inn Hotel in Hutchinson, formerly the Baker Hotel, has been sold to Key to America Inns of Oklahoma City. The Baker Hotel was built as a community project in 1953 and was sold to Rueben Knight of Dallas in late 1967. After remodeling he acquired a Hilton franchise.

Thursday, July 27, 1972

Night photo of new Farm Credit Banks Building at 1st and Main, floodlighted, with American Savings Association building in foreground and Holiday Inn in background. The Wichita Farm Credit Banks will move into the building between September 6 and 10 and begin operating there on September 11.

Sunday, July 30, 1972

Photo showing helicopter lifting a 105 foot long, ten feet high, $60,000 sign for placement along south edge of the roof of the Kansas Bank and Trust Company building. The frame for the sign formerly held a Radisson Hotel sign. Placement was made yesterday.
5A. The president and two directors of Kansas State Bank and Trust Company have purchased the Kansas State Bank and Trust stock owned by the late Preston H. Reynolds, Jr., making them the major shareholders in the bank. Kenneth E. Johnson, bank president, Walter W. Ahlschlager, Jr., Dallas investor, and K. S. (Boots) Adams, chairman emeritus of Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, purchased the stock from the Reynolds estate. Reynolds died in November in Dallas at age 53. Details.

5B. Construction began recently on the Woolco Building, first structure on the site of Marina Lakes Shopping Center, of southwest corner of 21st and Amidon. Completion is scheduled for February 1973.

Monday, July 31, 1972

4B. List of polling places in Wichita. We are in Ward VII, Precinct 13.

Saturday, August 5, 1972


Sunday, August 6, 1972

4B. A second Wichita Giant Discount Department Store is to be built on a ten acre site at northeast corner of West Kellogg and Dugan Road, at cost in excess of $1 million. Groundbreaking is scheduled within two weeks and completion scheduled in early spring. Architects are Feagins and Kirsch, P. A., Wichita. Aerial photo of site, showing airport runways in background.

Sunday, August 13, 1972

4B. Construction will start soon on an enlarged sales room and parking lot space for European Car, Inc., 1510 East 2nd. Construction will take about two months. Details.

Saturday, August 19, 1972

1. Photo of new $1.4 million William Penn Hall for math and science under construction at Friends University. To be ready by March 1973.

18D. Boulevard State Bank moved yesterday to its new facility at Lincoln and George Washington Boulevard from its old location at Kellogg and George Washington Boulevard.

Sunday, August 20, 1972


5B. Rooms at the new Canterbury Inn, 5801 West Kellogg, are being put into use as they are completed, and the restaurant and meeting rooms are in use. Grand opening is planned for late September. Photo.

Cinemas East, four theaters under one roof, is to be under construction in December and is scheduled to open in July 1973, at southwest corner of Rock Road and Kellogg. Details.

Monday, August 21, 1972


Tuesday, August 22, 1972

3A. Sedgwick County’s 1972 population officially set at 333,771 by Kansas Board of Agriculture. Of these, 263,801 live in Wichita. Other cities include Andale 517, Clearwater 1477, Colwich 861, Maize 710, Mount Hope 609, Valley Center 2634, Derby 7719, Haysville 6294.

Wednesday, August 23, 1972

1. Cessna Aircraft Company has begun construction of a $700,000 manufacturing facility at its Wallace Aircraft Division on K-42. To be a 37,500 square foot production and customer delivery facility. Scheduled for completion in March 1973 and will bring total space at Wallace Division to more than 1.5 million square feet. To be located just north of the six-sided Citation Service Center. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, August 26, 1972

10A. Report of death Wednesday in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, of Major General L. Henry Schweiter, 55, a native Wichitan, after a long illness. Graduated from Kansas State in 1939 and entered military in 1941. Survived by widow, Virginia, a son, Henry James, and three daughters, Gail Ann, Mary Jean, and Caroline, all at home, his mother, Mrs. Bertha...

Sunday, August 27, 1972
page
1B. Summary of Wichita commercial construction, with photos. Five story Sheraton Inn on West Kellogg just west of I-235 is about 25 percent completed and expected to be completed about February 1. An addition is being built at Holiday Inn East. Eight story tower for East Side Financial Center is under construction at Rock Road and Kellogg. Foundations and excavation being done for new Fourth National Bank Building. Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce Building at Waco and Douglas is to be completed by mid-December. Ritchie Construction Company office building at Twin Lakes nearing completion, with occupancy about September 15. Somerset Apartments at 21st and Woodlawn is more than half completed.

4F. Article about extensive remodeling and restoration of a formerly dilapidated duplex at 12th and Bitting (905 and 907 West 12th). Details. Photos.

Wednesday, August 30, 1972
page
1. City commission yesterday granted franchise to Air Capital Cablevision, Inc. Details.

Thursday, September 14, 1972
page
6A. Cessna Aircraft Company will build an international sales and service training academy at its Pawnee Division it was announced yesterday. Expected to be completed by late spring 1973. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, September 16, 1972
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1. A seven story, 166 unit Ramada Inn is to be built in downtown Wichita on the northwest corner of Kellogg and Broadway, extending south a full block to Orme. The project is being developed by Daniel Carney, board chairman of Pizza Hut, and former Wichitan Robert W. Moore, president of Bob Moore Cadillac, Oklahoma City, and the operators of Wichita’s present Ramada Inn, E. H. Gubser and Edward Cohen, both of Tulsa. Details.


Sunday, September 17, 1972
page
1F. Feature article about the new Farm Credit Banks building at 1st and Main. First of three open houses will be held September 24. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer and Associates. Details.

Sunday, September 24, 1972

5B. Contract awarded to The Law Company, Wichita, for construction of the new $3 million Ramada Inn at Kellogg and Broadway. Groundbreaking will be the first week in October, with completion by June 1973. Details. Drawing.

Construction of the first 35 units of Parklane Alley Apartments, at 4964 East Lincoln, is expected to be completed by the first of October. Details.

1F. Contracts awarded last week for construction of the $2 million McKnight Fine Arts Building at Wichita State University. Construction is to begin in October and take about 18 months. Gift of funds from the estate of Eva McKnight was released to the university when her son, George McKnight, died without heirs in 1967, and totaled about $600,000. Architect is Charles F. McAfee. Details. Drawing.

Thursday, September 28, 1972

5A. Photo of pillars constructed near 8th and Cleveland to support the elevated portion of I-35 West Canal Route. Deck not yet built.

Friday, September 29, 1972

6A. Rezoning was approved yesterday for the first phase of Comotara, the 3500 acre planned community being developed in northeast Wichita by Jack P. DeBoer Associates. Tract involved is at northeast corner of 21st and Woodlawn. Construction is to begin about December 15. Plans were unveiled for the Comotara development less than five months ago. Details. Drawing.

1B. Photo of the old Frisco Railroad wooden water tank, at Beaumont, Kansas, one of the few remaining in Kansas. Spout is gone and the wood is decaying.

Sunday, October 1, 1972

20A. Full page ad announcing grand opening today of Canterbury Inn, 5805 West Kellogg.

4B. Announcement of plans of TG & Y Stores Company to build a 60,000 square foot family center store on northwest corner of U. S. 54 and Tyler Road. To be completed in May or June. Details. Drawing.

5B. East Branch Y. M. C. A. will start construction next week of its new $393,000 physical education building just southeast of its present facilities at 8025 East Douglas. Public
groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for October 8. Architects are Robson, Kuhrel and Spangenberg. Details. Expected to be completed in June 1973. Drawing.

**Monday, October 2, 1972**

**page 5, 7B.** Legal publication of boundaries of wards and precincts in Sedgwick County.

**Sunday, October 8, 1972**

**page 4B.** The former El Charro Cafe at 5325 East Kellogg is being remodeled and will reopen as Pat O’Brien’s restaurant. The El Charro closed earlier this year, when its owner, Olegario Ayala, retired. Details.

Wichita’s seventh McDonald’s restaurant is under construction on southeast corner of 13th and Woodlawn.

**Monday, October 9, 1972**


**Friday, October 13, 1972**

**page 1.** MAPC reported that Wichita added a total of 12,885 new housing units within the city limits in the decade between 1960 and 1970, giving a net income of 7199 units from a total of 92,721 in 1960 and 99,920 in 1970 (after reduction of 5686 units due to changes in use, demolition, fires, etc. The figures were gathered from the 1960 and 1970 United States census. Further statistical details.

**Sunday, October 15, 1972**

**page 4B.** Aerial photo of 21st and Amidon (Twin Lakes, Sweetbriar, Marina Lakes) area, showing shell of the new Woolco store nearing completion. The building should be substantially complete by December and opened for business in February.

Wichita Goodwill Industries has purchased six acres at 37th Street North and Oliver for a new $450,000 home building. Construction is to begin in November and take 60 days. Details.

A one-story brick shopping strip, 160 by 40 feet, is being constructed at 125 South Hydraulic. Architect is Dick Brabham.
8B. “Clifton Square” shopping complex at northeast corner of Clifton and Douglas, which opened early this month, will hold its official opening this afternoon. It has been converted by John and Jo Zakas from two early 1900s homes and a garage, including “Pearlie House,” a frame home built in 1908 by Pearl McVicar and used as a boarding house for several years. Details. Photo.

1C. Feature article about planned restoration of Carey House Square, the 500 block on East Douglas. Details. Photos.

Monday, October 16, 1972
page 9A. Ad for McLeod’s, “a new name in merchandising excellence,” announcing the purchase of Orr’s Kellogg East and Orr’s Twin Lakes. The stores are now closed for renovation.

Tuesday, October 17, 1972
page 1. Report that Board of Education yesterday voted to buy the Fourth National Bank Building for $2.7 million for administrative offices. Details. (The purchase was never completed).

5A. Photo of construction in progress on I-35 West (Canal Route) at Central Avenue intersection. Concrete pillars up but no deck built. Central Avenue being rebuilt.

Wednesday, October 18, 1972
page 1. City Commission yesterday reaffirmed the city’s commitment to preserve the 80 year old City Hall and lease it to Wichita Historical Museum Association for a museum after the city offices are moved into a new building. Details.

Thursday, October 19, 1972

5A. Photo of new Wichita Water Department pumping station under construction, southeast of the present facility, which will be razed after the new one is completed. New building was started last May and is due for completion about May 1974. Capacity will be 165 million gallons per day compared with present capacity of 118 million gallons per day.

Friday, October 20, 1972
page 6A. Groundbreaking ceremonies held yesterday for the new Lakeview mausoleum and mortuary, 12122 East 13th. Details.
Sunday, October 22, 1972

Henry’s clothing store is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week. Article gives history of the firm. Photos of old store at 420-22 East Douglas and of the new store, opened in November 1948.

Work started recently on shopping strip building, Marina Fashion Center, 2043 West 21st. Details.

Building permit issued for remodeling of E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital (formerly Sedgwick County Hospital).

Tuesday, October 24, 1972


Wednesday, October 25, 1972

Photo shows north side of 600 block of East Douglas, which will be reopened this evening marking completion of a $500,000 Urban Renewal Agency project to install a storm sewer from Main to the viaduct. Portion of Douglas have been closed since June.

Thursday, October 26, 1972

Article gives financial reports of Cessna Aircraft Company for fiscal year 1972. Total sales of $248,421,000, up from $168,380,000 last year. Net profit $13,510,000, up from $7,110,000 last year. Details.

Saturday, October 28, 1972

State Board of Agriculture reported 1972 population of Sedgwick County at 333,771, an increase of 2643, and of Wichita at 263,801. Complete table of population of Kansas counties and cities on page 20D.

Sunday, October 29, 1972

Announcement of details of plans for development of the 64 acre Kinkaid tract at Pawnee and Broadway by Kroh Brothers, Kansas city based realty firm. A $7.5 million enclosed mall shopping center is scheduled for completion in June 1973, with a Woolco department store as its major tenant. To be known as Pawnee Plaza Mall. Details.
11B. Construction of “The Heritage” condominium townhouse development’s first units will begin within 30 days at Rock Road and 13th Street. Northwest corner. Details. Drawing.

Thursday, November 2, 1972

Sutton Place office building was purchased yesterday from O. A. Sutton by John T. Arnold Associates, Inc., for $1.8 million. The building has been known as the KFH Building until Sutton purchased it in 1964. It was renovated in 1965-66. Sutton will continue to reside in the building’s penthouse. Details, including history of the building.

Saturday, November 4, 1972

Low bid of $149,700 for construction of an addition to the Wichita Municipal Airport terminal building was approved yesterday by the Wichita Park Board. The addition will be above the baggage claim area on the east end of the terminal and will provide office space for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Sunday, November 5, 1972

Full page ad announcing that Cessna’s Military Aircraft Division, known more recently as the Military-Twin Division, has been renamed and will now be known as the Wallace Division. Details.

Monday, November 6, 1972

Wichita map showing Kansas legislative districts.

Tuesday, November 7, 1972

Central Avenue, closed many months between Hydraulic and Minnesota for construction of I-35 West, will be opened November 22.

Wednesday, November 8, 1972


Saturday, November 11, 1972

Bids for construction of the new city administrative center came in well within estimates yesterday, and it appears building will begin shortly after the first of the year. The total of bids was about $10.3 million. Apparent low bidder was Coonrod and Walz Construction Company. Details. Drawing.

Bentley-Colwich area telephones will be linked with the Wichita metropolitan system some time in December. Details.
Sunday, November 12, 1972

5A. Aerial photo of the new canal bridge on Central Avenue where it intersects with I-35 West. Only pillars of the expressway are in place.

The new Kansas City International Airport was opened yesterday.

5B. The new Ardan Jewelers and Distributors, a catalog showroom, will open Thursday at 1516 West 21st, in Riverbend Shopping Center. Details.

Thursday, November 16, 1972

5A. The columns of old Morrison Library at Wichita State University came tumbling down last week to make way for construction of the $2 million McKnight Arts Center. The old library, erected in 1908, later was converted to an art building and was used until 1964 when it was swept by fire. Photo.

Friday, November 17, 1972

1. Announcement made yesterday for a ten year old plan and $14 million Diamond Jubilee Plan for improvement of Friends University. Includes a $1.5 million renovation of Davis Administration Building. Details.

Saturday, November 18, 1972

1. Low bids totaling $10,707,443 for construction of the new city administrative center were approved yesterday by the Board of Bids and Contracts and by the Public Building Commission. Details.

18A. Construction work on a dining pavilion at Sedgwick County Zoo is nearing completion. Photo.

Sunday, November 19, 1972

1. Report of sale yesterday of memorabilia from the old Miller Theater. The Miller Building will be razed soon to make way for a parking garage and mini-bank for the Fourth National Bank. Details.

5B. The steel structure for the East Side Financial Center’s new eight story building at Kellogg and Rock Road was topped out last week. Building scheduled for occupancy in February 1973.

Monday, November 20, 1972

1. Announcement made yesterday for a ten year old plan and $14 million Diamond Jubilee Plan for improvement of Friends University. Includes a $1.5 million renovation of Davis Administration Building. Details.
5B. The steel superstructure of Wichita’s second Giant Discount Department Store is nearing completion at West Kellogg and Dugan Road. It is expected to open early next year. Photo.

**Tuesday, November 21, 1972**


**Saturday, November 25, 1972**

1. Photo of concrete pillars for I-35 West (Canal Route) in place at Douglas Avenue. Deck of road not yet constructed.

**Sunday, November 26, 1972**

8A. Photo of new Fourth Financial Center building under construction. Sixteen reinforced concrete pylons are up about one to four stories.

1C. Wichita’s Mighty Wurlitzer Organ will give its premier performance on Saturday, December 9. Feature article with details. Photo.

**Tuesday, November 28, 1972**

5A. Wichita Park Board yesterday approved a preliminary plan for a tennis and handball court complex in South Riverside Park, to be located on the site of the former Municipal Beach swimming pool. Details.

**Thursday, November 30, 1972**

5A. Plans being considered by Sedgwick County Commission for a Company-educational juvenile detention home to replace Friendly Gables Girls’ Detention Home, which was closed last March. Details.

**Friday, December 1, 1972**

17A. Photo of concrete paving being placed on the K-96 bridge over the Arkansas River west of Meridian. Work is scheduled to be completed some time this winter.

**Sunday, December 3, 1972**

1. Article about potential economic losses to the city if the Broadview Hotel is closed. Details.
4B. Construction has begun on Wichita’s third Denny’s Restaurant, at 5700 West Kellogg. The first two opened June 26 at 4024 East Harry and September 19 at 8100 East Kellogg. Will cost approximately $340,000 and is to open next spring.

A & B Autp Supply will move in May to new quarters at 434 Ellis.

Tuesday, December 5, 1972


Sunday, December 10, 1972

1. Photo from top of Holiday Inn Plaza looking south over top of Century II.

5B. Coleman Company’s 140,000 square foot addition to its northeast Wichita plant is nearly complete. Details.

Dillon’s new supermarket at Douglas and Meridian will open Tuesday. Details.

A 68 unit, phase II, addition to Parke East apartment complex, 1000 South Woodlawn, will begin in a week. Completion in eight months.

Wednesday, December 13, 1972

1. Photo of mushy snow on East Douglas Avenue.

5A. Photo of salvage work under way on ornate latticed ceiling of Miller Theater prior to razing of the building.

Thursday, December 14, 1972


Sunday, December 17, 1972

4B. Construction has started on a 33 unit condominium, Westlink Village Plaza, at Tyler Road and 13th between Suncrest and Harvest Lane. Drawing.

5B. Barclay Square, phases two and three, apartment complex, is moving ahead at a rapid pace. Barclay Square, on West Central, occupies 11.8 acres of the U.R.A.’s former Park
Plaza A project, and is adjacent to Villa Del Mar, phase one of Jack P. DeBoer’s Continental Village. Completion of the first building of Barclay Square is scheduled for December 22 and has 24 units. The schedule then calls for the completion of one building a month until ten buildings in the complex are completed. Architects are Robson, Kuhrel and Spangenberg of Wichita. Villa Del Mar, with 162 apartment units, was completed in November 1970. Construction on the complex started in April 1970. Details.

Dr. Robert Knapp has announced construction plans for Minor Surgery Center of Wichita. The $500,000 facility will be located at northeast corner of Murdock and Lorraine. Construction to start about mid-May, with completion by November. Architects are Miskimen-Rumsey and Associates. Details

Tuesday, December 19, 1972
page 7B. Full page ad announcing opening of new Dillon Supermarket at Douglas and Meridian.

Wednesday, December 20, 1972
page 16A. Photo of former Boulevard State Bank building being razed to make way for I-35W (Canal Route).

Thursday, December 21, 1972
page 10D. Ground was broken yesterday by Jack P. DeBoer Associates, Inc. for their first Jack of Diamonds Inn, on East Kellogg just west of the Kansas Turnpike Interchange. To cost $1.75 million and have 119 units. Completion set for June 1973. Architects are R. Bruce Widstrom and Associates, Omaha. Details.

Friday, December 22, 1972
page 12A. Construction is to start immediately on a funeral home and crematory in Old Mission Cemetery, 3434 East 21st, adjacent to Mission Chapel Mausoleum. To cost $350,000 and be completed by mid-summer 1973. Details. Drawing.


8B. Report of Metropolitan Transit Authority meeting yesterday. Insurance cost will decrease in 1973 to 1160 for each of the 16 full-time line buses, compared with $1328 per bus, with a percentage reduction for other buses operated only part time. The executive director was given a five percent salary increase. For first 11 months of this year the
passenger total declined seven percent from 1,911,657 in 1971 to 1,777,810 this year, but total revenue increased 10.3 percent from $412,969 in 1971 to $455,697.

Saturday, December 23, 1972

Merle Yost, former Wichita Chrysler-Plymouth dealer until leaving Wichita in 1969, has purchased Price Auto Service, 301 South Topeka. He will assume its operation after the first of the year. The agency name will be changed to Merle Yost Ford.

Sunday, December 24, 1972

Photo of new snack bar on first floor of Macy’s Department Store. With the new facility, Macy’s will close the Tea Room.

Thursday, December 28, 1972

Feature article about the closing of the Elie Flower Shop and Greenhouse, 2214 East 13th, which has recently been sold by Mrs. Elsie Elie McBee to Dr. Othello Curry. The business was started by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elie, in 1918 at 13th and St. Francis. Two years later, in 1920, they moved to the present location. The present building was begun in 1929. Her father died in 1938 and her mother five years ago. Details. Photos.

Saturday, December 30, 1972

Purchase of Fourth National Bank Building by Board of Education was rejected yesterday by Public Building Commission. Details.

Sunday, December 31, 1972

Aerial photo of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company’s computer center nearing completion at 21st and Woodlawn.