TIHEN NOTES FROM 1975 WICHITA EAGLE-BEACON

Wichita Eagle-Beacon
Friday, January 3, 1975
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1. Report of seven inch snowfall in Wichita yesterday. Details and photos.

Sunday, January 5, 1975
page 1B-4B. Chronology of major events in Wichita in 1974:
January 20: A 75 foot section of the westbound lane of the 2nd Street Bridge in Wichita collapsed.
February 18: Minor Surgery Center of Wichita opened.
March 15: Wichita was declared a port of entry.
March 17: Ground broken for a seven million dollar Hilton Inn at Kellogg and Rock Road.
March 29: Nine million seven hundred thousand dollar plant expansion announced by Vulcan Chemicals.
April 16: Resolution authorizing issuance of two million dollars in urban renewal general obligation bonds to build an Indian Center was approved. To be called the Mid-America All Indian Center Inc.
April 26: Sedgwick County Commission approved purchase of a 240 acre site for the Kansas Coliseum.
July 2: Campus of the College of Emporia was sold to two main creditors of the college.
August 17: Wichita dedicated a new five and one-half million dollar water pumping and storage facility adjacent to Sim Park.
September 3: Doors opened of the new 20 million dollar Fourth Financial Center building in downtown Wichita.
September 6: The Way International, a religious organization, paid $745,000 to permit re-opening of the College of Emporia, which closed in January.
September 11: City Commission approved plans for the proposed Mid-America All-Indian Center.

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.
September 12: The historic 1874 Marshall Murdock home, “Eagle Roost,” was saved from destruction and purchased by the Mid-Town Citizens Association for restoring and moving to Wichita Cow Town.

October 11: The 20 million dollar Fourth Financial Center was dedicated.

October 16: Wichita Board of Park Commission approved more than 12 million dollars in improvements for Wichita Mid-Continent Airport.

November 5: Wichita school bond proposal was approved by the voters.

November 14: Pizza Hut officials announced plans to build a ten million dollar corporate headquarters on south side of Douglas just west of Webb Road.

November 20: Shareholders of Knight Newspapers Inc. and Ridder Publications Inc., owners of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon, approved a merger to become effective November 30.

November 21: A fare-free zone in downtown Wichita for persons to use bus service was approved by Metropolitan Transit Authority.

December 27: Death of Payne H. Ratner, 78, former Kansas governor and Wichita attorney.

Tuesday, January 7, 1975

Page 11A. Photo of Towne East Square nearing completion. The new J. C. Penney store is scheduled to open near the end of this month.

Thursday, January 9, 1975

Page 1. Article reports that the Wichita Clinic’s HMO, previously limited to clinic employes and their families, is opening its doors to the public. Gary Bugg is the HMO administrator. The HMO is called the Wichita Clinic Health Plan. Details.


Sunday, January 12, 1975

Page Special section

1F. Feature article about history of the old mill in Lawrence, Kansas, built in the late 1860s. Details. Photo.

1H-8H. Special section announcing open house today for the newly remodeled Broadview Hotel. Details. Photos.

2H. Article about history of land ownership and Arkansas Valley Interurban at Broadview Hotel site.
Tuesday, January 14, 1975


Sunday, January 19, 1975


3D. Full page ad of Atlantic Department Stores, 1902 West 21st Street, announcing the last four days of their Going-Out-of-Business sale.

Monday, January 20, 1975

J. C. Penney Company will open its new store at Towne East Square on Wednesday. Details.

Wednesday, January 22, 1975

Photo of Finn Elementary School, 520 West 25th North, vacant since last May and now being razed by the Urban Renewal Agency, which purchased both Finn and Waco Elementary School, 2150 North Waco, in 1972. Finn was built in 1929 and Waco in 1906. Demolition of both schools is to be completed in April.

Saturday, January 25, 1975

The Duo-Bed plant, 1825 West 2nd, was purchased Thursday by International Research Fasteners Corporation, Los Angeles, from Coronet Industries, of Dalton, Georgia. The company yesterday laid off 100 employes, leaving 75 employes at the plant. Details.

20C. Photo of new City Building under construction, with exterior completed.

Wednesday, January 29, 1975

Photo shows erection of overhead traffic sign above the elevated Canal Route expressway near the 9th Street exit.

Wichita University in 1949. Survived by his widow, Joy, two sons, his parents and a sister (named). Photo.

Thursday, January 30, 1975


Friday, January 31, 1975

Board of Education members yesterday towed the new six and one-half million dollar School Service Center at 37th North and Hydraulic, which is to be formally accepted by the Board at Monday’s meeting.

Apparent low bid of $898,000 was submitted yesterday for the new 398 foot bridge across Arkansas River at 9th Street. Details.

Friday, February 7, 1975

Report of first flight yesterday of Beech Aircraft Corporation’s new light two place trainer, the PD 285. Details. Photo — flight was from Beech Field.

Thursday, February 13, 1975

During the calendar year 1974, Braniff Airways enplaned a total of 123,842 passenger at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport.

Report of death yesterday of Paul C. Yankey, 90, of 1140 Kevin, founder and owner of the former Paul C. Yankey Company, Inc. Survived by his widow, Jessie S., a son, Paul C., Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Martha Y. Reed, all of Wichita. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Saturday, February 15, 1975

Article about a proposed Towne West shopping center to be located on 92 acre tract northeast of U.S. 54 and I-235 — between U.S. 54 and Maple and between I-235 and Tracy Street. Details.

Work is to start Tuesday on first stage of the reconstruction of seven blocks of Main Street between Douglas and Elm. Details.

Sunday, February 16, 1975

Photo of Greenway Plaza apartments under construction at 2nd and Greenway, using precast concrete structural components. Most of the framework is up. Architects are Lawrence Wells and Harry Greger.
5C. Report of 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beins, Bentley, Kansas. Beins and Mary Wilson were married January 18, 1925 in Council Grove, Iowa and have resided in this area 35 years. Children are Mrs. Beulah Cutting, Halstead, Ed, Shawnee Mission, Mrs. Garold (Clare Jane) Adams, Bentley, Mrs. Tom (Mary Lou) Williams, Pittsburg, Mrs. Jim (Betty) Rice, Wichita, and Richard, Bentley.

Wednesday, February 19, 1975
6C. Law passed in Topeka to permit the Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority to increase its mill levy without a vote of the city commission. Details.

Thursday, February 20, 1975
12A. Article about default of bonds by Progress Enterprises, Inc., purchaser of the Beacon Building. Details.

Friday, February 21, 1975
13A. The Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved free transfers for patrons of the city’s reduced fare program for the elderly. The Metropolitan Transit Authority normally charges five cents for the transfers. Details.

Floyd E. Hobbs, 54, today became the city’s tenth fire chief, succeeding Chief Lawrence D. Carney, who retired effective today. Details.

Sunday, February 23, 1975
1. Groundbreaking will be held tomorrow for the new 4.7 million dollar data and energy center buildings at St. Francis Hospital, to be located north of 9th Street between Santa Fe and St. Francis Avenues. They are part of a 32 million dollar development program for the hospital, which includes a new eight story tower building at south end of the present building. Construction of the tower building is expected to start late this year. Details.

14A. David’s Department Stores will open a new 52,500 square foot store at Parklane Shopping Center about May 1. Details.


Thursday, February 27, 1975
1. Wichita will become corporate headquarters for MBPXL Corporation, over the next six months. MBPXL is the post-merger name for the combined Kansas Beef Industries, based in Wichita, and Missouri Beef Packers, Inc., based in Plainview, Texas. Corporate
offices will move to the company’s new ten million dollar processing plant in the North Industrial Park, 29th and North Mead, which is due to open next month. Details.

5A. Article discusses proposal for upgrading of Wichita’s transit system with the help of $8,488,000 in federal funds. Of the federal money, $640,000 is already available for use in fiscal 1975 on an 80-20 matching basis, with the city providing 20 percent to the government’s 80 percent. Plans include 35 new 45 passenger buses and eight minibuses, and 600 bus stop signs. Details.

11A. Article about Wichita numismatist, Eric Engstrom. Photo.

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The Brown Building, 105 South Broadway, is to be converted to a condominium office building. Details.


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page 1C.

Feature article about the Santa Fe Super C freight train with schedule of 37 hours between Chicago and Los Angeles. Details.

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Report of results of city primary election yesterday. Details.

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The Alexander Calder steel and aluminum mobile was erected yesterday in the courtyard of the Fourth Financial Center. Details. Photo.


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6B.
Arch N. Booth, Wichita native and head of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in Washington, D. C. for the past 25 years, will retire from that position April 30. Biography. Photo. Age 68.

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1. Duo-Bed Corporation, which was bought in January by International Fastener Research Corporation, Los Angeles, will cease production by April 1. About 90 employes work in the factory at 1812 West 2nd.

Monarch Manufacturing Company, 719 South St. Francis, long time Wichita bedding and furniture manufacturer, has stopped manufacturing operations. The company’s heritage goes back to about 1900 when it was known as the George Wetterhold Mattress Company. It became Monarch in 1940 and is now owned by Denver interests.

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Special section

1F-8F. Special section welcoming MBPXL headquarters to Wichita. Articles and photos.

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1. Rock Island Railroad directors yesterday voted to file for reorganization under federal bankruptcy law. Details.

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**Thursday, March 20, 1975**

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1. Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday announced plans to reduce its production schedules and lay off 1650 of the 11,150 employes at its Wichita and Strother Field plants. Details.

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1B. Photo showing demolition of 67 year old depot and Harvey House at Syracuse, Kansas, under way. Built in 1908.

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Special section

10F. Full page Steffen Diary Foods Company ad giving history of the firm and numerous photos. Nicholas Steffen arrived in Wichita in 1880 at age 18 and opened his “Indiana
Bakery” on Douglas Avenue. He left Wichita but returned in 1882 and opened “Steffen’s Bakery and Restaurant.” Ice cream became his trademark, and in 1885 he opened his new store at 248 North Main, calling it the “Bon-Ton Bakery and Restaurant.” In 1897 Steffen sold the Bon-Ton and formed the Steffen-Bretch Ice and Ice Cream Company in partnership with William Bretch. The original owners later retired, and in 1904 C. M. Beachy, a Newton, Kansas banker and friend of William Bretch, became president of the firm. In 1913 a new plant facility, now Plant B, was completed on East Central Avenue. In 1922 John McEwen changes the company name to “The Steffen Ice and Ice Cream Company.” In 1945 named changed to “Steffen Dairy Foods Company.”

Friday, March 28, 1975

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday agreed to a six month trial of a bus route from Lawrence Stadium through downtown and north to the Coleman plant and Board of Education school maintenance center at 37th North and Hydraulic and east on 37th to Koch and NCR at Rock Road. The board heard a report that 16,647 half-fare rides had been furnished to senior citizens during February. Of that number, 92.4 percent continued to use special tokens, and only 1258 paid the 15 cent cash fare.

Saturday, March 29, 1975

Report of death Tuesday of Mrs. Mary Alice Campbell, 78, Baldwin Park, California, former Wichita resident. Survived by a son, Delbert, Baldwin Park, California, and three brothers (last name Graham — not in Wichita). Lived in Wichita from 1920 to 1958 at 1529 North Santa Fe. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Tuesday, April 1, 1975

George Vollmer, acting director of the Wichita Art Museum for the past two years, resigned yesterday and was replaced by a new permanent director, Howard Wooden, director of the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Wednesday, April 2, 1975


City Commission yesterday voted to locate the new parking lot for the All-American Indian Center on top of the 7.5 million gallon reservoir of the Wichita Water Department, or west side of Seneca near the Central Avenue intersection. Will provide 200 parking spaces and cost $170,000. Details.
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Page 1.

Report of return by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Curteman, of Newton, Kansas, of two circular window frames from the Colonel Marsh Murdock home, which they purchased last October. The residence is now in Cow Town, where restoration is about to begin. Details. Photo.

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Feature article about the old Beachy home at 3751 East Douglas, now occupied by the Wichita Historical Museum. It is one of four large homes located in the same block:

1. H. W. Darling home, at corner of Roosevelt.
3. Fred Stanley, lawyer, built a California shingle style home in 1906-07.
4. Jones family home, built in 1911, later occupied by Dr. John S. Coleman.

The Beachy home was bequeathed to the museum in 1955 by the late Anna Olinger Beachy, widow of Cyrus M. Beachy. Details. Photos.

Friday, April 4, 1975

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Legislature yesterday passed a bill removing the current statutory requirement for Kansas motor vehicles to have two license tags. The two tag requirement was enacted by the legislature only a year ago. The one tag system will save the state approximately $100,000 the first year. Details.

Saturday, April 5, 1975

Page 2A.

Report of death Thursday night in Los Angeles of aviation pioneer Lloyd Carlton Stearman, 76, former Wichitan, of cancer. Born in Wellsford, Kansas. Joined Clyde Cessna and Walter Beech in 1925 to form the Travel Air Manufacturing Company. Had come to Wichita in 1920 and worked as a designer for the E. M. Laird Airplane Company, which became the Swallow Airplane Company. In 1926 he moved to Venice, California and formed his own Stearman Aircraft Company. He then returned to Wichita in 1927. He returned to California in 1932 and joined others to purchase the bankrupt Lockheed Aircraft Company. He resigned from Lockheed in 1935 and then founded the Stearman-Hammond Aircraft Company in San Francisco. The company closed after building 25 revolutionary pusher-type, tricycle landing gear planes. During the war he worked as head of the aviation section of Harvey Machine Company in Long Beach, California. After the war his Stearman Engineering Company converted the famous Stearman trainers into crop dusters. In 1955 he returned to work for Lockheed, and in 1968 he founded Stearman Aircraft Corporation based in Washington, D. C. He is survived by his widow, Ethyl, a son, William Lloyd, Washington, D. C., a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Carr, Kansas City, Missouri, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Metzger, Sherman Oaks, California. Photo. Cremation.

Sunday, April 6, 1975

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17A. The new Learjet 36 yesterday completed a 3740 mile non-stop flight from Honolulu to Wichita in seven hours 15 minutes at average speed of 516 miles per hour, cruising at 41-45,000 feet. Photo.

Tuesday, April 8, 1975
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6A. The five million dollar section of I-35 West (Canal Route) between 9th Street and Central Avenue will be opened to traffic today. Details.

Wednesday, April 9, 1975
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9A. Gates Learjet Corporation yesterday delivered its 500th business jet aircraft, a Model 24D, to officials of the Mexican government. Details.

20A. Connie Peters yesterday was elected by the City Commission as the first woman mayor of Wichita. Details.

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3B. Feature article about a new restaurant on site two miles west of Wellington, constructed from portions of four abandoned railroad depots and re-named “State Creek Depot.” The primary stractive is the old Argonia depot, to which portions of the depots at Mayfield, Sharon, and Belle Plaine were added. Details. Photo.

Monday, April 14, 1975
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Wednesday, April 16, 1975
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1. Braniff International yesterday announced plans to order eight new Boeing 727-200 jetliners and to exercise an earlier option to buy two more of the same model the total purchase amounting to more than 90 million dollars. The two optional aircraft are scheduled for delivery during the last quarter of this year, bringing 1975 additions of Boeing planes to the company’s fleet to seven. The remaining eight 727s will be delivered two each in April, May, and November 1976 and April 1977. Details.

Friday, April 18, 1975
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1. Howard Wooden yesterday became the new permanent director of the Wichita Art Museum. Details. Photo.
Saturday, April 19, 1975
page 3B. City Commission has passed a historic landmark preservation ordinance, the first in the state. Details.

Monday, April 21, 1975
page 1. Feature article about Wyatt Earp, early Wichita police officer. Details.

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Thursday, April 24, 1975
page 1. Article about the last surviving building from early Sedgwick County town of Park City, about 14 miles northwest of Wichita. It was the dram shop or saloon and in the 1880s was moved to Commercial Street in Sedgwick, where for a number of years it housed the offices of a succession of physicians in that town. Now it is abandoned, but some local residents led by Vernon Fields are attempting to save it. Funds are being raised to buy it from its current owner, Mrs. DeWyte Cox. Details, with history of Park City. Photo.

Tuesday, April 29, 1975
page 1. The United States today began the final evacuation of Americans from South Vietnam. Details.

7A. The Wichita Urban Renewal Agency yesterday voted to condemn the old Rock Island Depot and associating land to clear title and make way for historic preservation. Details.

Wednesday, April 30, 1975
page 1. South Vietnam today surrendered unconditionally to the Viet Cong. Details.

Sunday, May 4, 1975
page 11E. Ad with map of Wichita bus routes, together with bus timetables.

Sunday, May 11, 1975
Article about hot air balloon meet at Sim Park yesterday, said to be the first in Wichita since 1915. Aerial photos of balloons in Sim Park and over Arkansas River northwest of downtown area.

Grand opening of Henry’s new Towne East store is to be held today. The Towne East store will replace the Twin Corner’s store at Douglas and Oliver. Details. Photos.

Report of 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Valdois, Corbin, Kansas. Valdois and Jennie Fern were married May 14, 1925 in Wellington, Kansas. They have a daughter, Dorothy Coisler of rural Wellington, and a son, Gene Valdois, Wichita. Photo.

Wichita Park Board yesterday named H. Jay Setter director of the division of aviation at Mid-Continent Airport. Details.

Report of the annual North High School water festival held yesterday afternoon. Details.

The old Sternberg home at 10th and Waco may be the first structure deemed of historical and architectural significance under the city’s new landmark preservation ordinance. House is 89 years old and was converted to multi-family use in 1920. Details. Drawing from old city directory, and photo.

Report of death Friday of Clarence C. Dosien, 78, Sedgwick, a retired farmer. Survived by his widow, Lucy, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel Wiley, of Sedgwick.

City Commission yesterday gave Urban Renewal Agency the go-ahead to start condemnation proceedings for the old Rock Island depot. Details.

The Wichita Board of Education is asking 1.4 million dollars for purchase of Bridgeport Elementary School by the Urban Renewal Agency. Details.

David’s Inc. will open its new store in Parklane Shopping Center on Sunday. Details.
Saturday, May 24, 1975
page 16D. Large aerial photo of Big Arkansas river and banks from north of 2nd Street to south of Douglas, showing first piers of the new 1st Street bridge, which is under construction, and plans to link 1st Street with 2nd Street on west side of river. Shows city shops and Continental Trailway’s garage.

Sunday, May 25, 1975
page Special section
1C. Photos showing Towne East Square nearing completion.

1F-8F. Special section commemorating Coleman Company’s 75th anniversary. Articles and photos.

Tuesday, May 27, 1975
page 3C. Fourth National Bank is building a new permanent facility at Taft and West to replace a temporary facility which has been operating for several months. The new one is to open in October. Drawing.

Kansas State Bank and Trust Company will build a new bank facility on northeast corner of 13th and West Streets.

Wednesday, May 28, 1975
page 2A. City Commission yesterday approved a short-range transit development program calling for a doubling of the current level of service, purchase of 35 new 45 passenger buses and eight new 18-22 passenger minibuses, etc. Plan is subject to obtaining of federal grants. Details.

Thursday, May 29, 1975
page 2B. Report of meeting last evening of more than 150 Riverside residents for purpose of organizing a group aimed at preserving and improving the neighborhood. Details.

1C. Feature article reporting the closing of the 87 room Baltimore Hotel at 2nd and Plain, which has been operated for the last 34 years by Maybelle Land. Details. Photos.

Friday, May 30, 1975
page 10A. Report of death yesterday of Harrie S. Mueller, 83, retired Wichita businessman and civic leader. Lived at 1505 Park Place. For many years was president of the Charles P. Mueller Floral Company, which was established by his father in 1883. He retired from business in 1953. Further biography. Survived by four daughters, Mrs. Harriett Cheangy,
Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Jennie Byerley, Valley Center, Mrs. Donna Goodrum, Alexandria, Virginia, and Mrs. Mary Ann Oblinger, Wichita, and by two sisters (named -- not in Wichita). Photo. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Sunday, June 8, 1975

Feature article about renovation of the old Warkentin Mill in Newton, Kansas, built in 1879 as Monarch Steam Mills. Details. Photos.

Wednesday, June 11, 1975

Photo of new 1st Street bridge under construction.

Friday, June 13, 1975

Eastgate Shopping Center plans to spend three million dollars to renovate and expand its facilities. To be completed prior to the Christmas shopping season. The center has been owned for the past nine years by General Real Estate Shares, Detroit. Details.

Saturday, June 14, 1975

Cessna Aircraft Company announced yesterday that it has delivered its 1000th Model 421. It was introduced in 1967. Details.

Air Midwest will hold groundbreaking ceremonies Tuesday for its $400,000 combination corporate headquarters and maintenance facility at Mid-Continent Airport. The building will be on the airport’s west side north of the existing air freight terminal. Details.

Tuesday, June 17, 1975

A segment of Hillside from Elm to the Frisco tracks was closed yesterday for street widening and utilities repairs. The work will last until mid-August. The second phase, rebuilding the street from Elm to 3rd Street will begin as soon as the present work is completed. Photos.

Wichita Park Board yesterday cleared the way for a $500,000 expansion of Yingling Aircraft Inc. facilities at Mid-Continent Airport. They also took a necessary step toward launching an estimated five million dollar program to upgrade the airport’s main runway. This will lengthen Runway 1L-19R from 7000 feet to 9000 feet.

Wednesday, June 18, 1975

City has received approval to move ahead with 12.5 million dollars in public works and urban renewal projects to be financed under the federal community development and public works act. Projects include (1) $300,000 to acquire the Rock Island depot and
Union Station building. (2) $128,000 to pay for exterior restoration of the Rock Island depot and construction of a parking lot. (3) $500,000 for renovation of the old City Hall building. Details.

Thursday, June 19, 1975

1. Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday elected Russell W. Meyer, Jr. as board chairman and Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Dwane Wallace, who guided the company for 41 years. Malcolm Harned will succeed Delbert Roskam as president and chief operating officer. Details. The company now has about 13,000 employes. Meyer is native of Davenport, Iowa. Biography. Photos.

3C. The old abandoned Santa Fe Railroad depot at Timken, Kansas, has been moved to a new site beside the Post Rock Museum in La Crosse, where it will become part of Rush County’s historical museum. The depot was built around 1890 and is relatively unchanged. Details. Photo.

Saturday, June 21, 1975

1. The new 182,000 square foot Dillard’s department store, anchor store at north end of Towne East Square, will open August 14. Details.

5A. Report of death Thursday of Mrs. Maude (J. Larkin) Fields, 90, of 1315 North West Street. Survived by a son, Kenneth Davis, Boulder City, Nevada, and two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Cassity, Wichita, and Mrs. Laura Clayton, Arkansas City, Kansas. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.

Friday, June 27, 1975

1. The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission yesterday recommended approval of zoning and plans for Towne West Square shopping center. Details.

9C. Gates Learjet Corporation yesterday signed a long-term lease for a 90 acre tract at Tucson International Airport on which it plans to build a 2.4 million dollar business jet center, which would handle all aircraft finishing and modification work now conducted at Wichita. Details.

Sunday, June 29, 1975

1C. Article about renovation of Paola Apartments, on upper floor of building at 325 South Broadway. Building first appeared in 1925 city directory and lower floor housed the Shigley-True Motor Company. Details. Photos.

Monday, June 30, 1975
1. Article about “The Spirit of Kansas,” a three section mural by Arthur Sinclair Corey compiled in 1916 in Wichita’s old Carnegie Library. By October, when remodeling begins to convert the building into a planetarium, the middle section must be removed or it will be destroyed. Details.

Tuesday, July 1, 1975

1. Cudahy Foods Company yesterday announced a “temporary shutdown” of its Wichita pork processing plant which will result in an indefinite layoff of more than 500 employes. The company will begin closing the plant July 14. The Wichita plant was described by company officials as being a higher cost plant than some of the company’s other facilities. It has a weekly kill capacity of about 20,000 hogs and has been running at about 50 or 55 percent of capacity the last three months. Details.

Wednesday, July 2, 1975

4C. The old Fourth National Bank Building at Market and Douglas was sold Monday to the Murdock Company, of Los Angeles, which will begin extensive remodeling in a few weeks for the building’s major tenant, the Litwin Corporation.

5C. The Westlink Shopping Center, 9000 West Central, was sold yesterday by Colonial Real Estate Company, of Wichita, to the Talley Investment Company, also of Wichita. The center was started in 1958 and was expanded in 1973. Price was in excess of one million dollars, including 30 and one-half acres of land.

Saturday, July 5, 1975


Tuesday, July 8, 1975

1. United States Census Bureau reported estimated mid-1973 (July 1973) population for Wichita of 261,231, down five and one-half percent from the 1970 census figure of 276,554.

3C. Paul Porvaznik, of Chicago, has been named vice-president and general manager of radio station KFH, replacing Thomas Bashaw, who is leaving KFH to pursue other business interests. Details.


Thursday, July 10, 1975
1. Towne East developers yesterday told the Eagle that Sears, Roebuck and Company will build a 200,000 square foot retail store at Towne East Square. To be occupied in 12 to 18 months. Details.

Friday, July 11, 1975

1. Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday announced that it will not renew its agreement to sell the British Hawker Siddeley jet when the agreement expires September 30. Details.

Saturday, July 12, 1975

20C. The Cudahy Packing Company’s Wichita plant closed yesterday. It will be maintained in a standby condition. Details.

Sunday, July 13, 1975

1. Wichita mayor Connie Peters was married yesterday to F. James Tork, of Topeka. It was the second marriage for both and was performed in an informal ceremony at her home. Details. Photo.

5B. Cessna Aircraft Company on Monday will deliver its 100,000th single-engine aircraft, a 1975 Skyhawk II. The company has sold a combined total of 122,000 single, multi-engine, and jet powered aircraft. Long article with history of the company.

1C. Feature article about modern service station architecture. Photo of Derby Le Mansarde station at entrance to Morris Town Shopping Center.

Monday, July 14, 1975

1. Eagle editorial favoring passage of one-half percent Sedgwick County sales tax in election Tuesday.

Tuesday, July 15, 1975

4B. While finishing touches are being made in the six million dollar, 262 room, Hilton Inn at Rock Road and Kellogg, some of its facilities are now in operation, including the restaurant and Judge Riggs Club. Grand opening of the hotel is to be in early August.

Wednesday, July 16, 1975

1. The one-half cent sales tax was defeated by Sedgwick County voters yesterday by 21,585 against to 17,377 in favor. Details.
City Commission yesterday approved the plans for Towne West Square shopping center by a three to two vote. The developers, Melvin Simon and Associates, of Indianapolis, can now begin platting the area. Details.

Cessna Aircraft Company today will unveil its new ten place commuter airliner the Cessna Titan, which it has been flight testing since February. It is designated Model 404. Details. Photo — N5404J.

Attorney Dale Fair announced plans to build 36 apartment units at 1725 North Meridian, with occupancy to begin in about five months. Cost will be approximately $550,000.

Thursday, July 17, 1975

16A. Officials yesterday formally opened the new MacArthur bridge over the Arkansas River just west of Highway K-15. The twin two lane bridges replace a single wooden piling bridge built in 1942. Cost was $637,936. Plans were prepared by the Wichita engineering firm of Delamater, Freund, and Schere. Details. Photo.

Friday, July 18, 1975

2A. Photo of Mid-America All Indian Center under construction (early framework visible).

16A. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted not to grant a certificate of convenience and necessity to Kansas Couriers, Inc., which had proposed to operate a shuttle service between Mid-Continent Airport and 17 Wichita hotels and motels. Board chairman Mrs. Helen Little said the rejection was based on a failure to show sufficient need for the service. Details.

Saturday, July 19, 1975

4C. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will construct a new 14 million dollar downtown central office on southwest corner of 1st and Topeka. The basement and one story structure will have 43,000 square feet. Construction will start this summer and be completed in 18 months. The new Electronic Switching System facility will replace a mechanical switching building at 301 North Topeka, which is expected to be used for office space.

Friday, July 25, 1975

4B. Table of Mid-Continent Airport traffic statistics for month of June. Enplaned air carrier passengers totaled 39,709 (total of 203,267 for first six months of year, compared to 204,282 last year).

Saturday, July 26, 1975
1. Sedgwick County assessor reported Wichita population unofficially as of January 1 this year as 264,669, up 2818 from last year. The Sedgwick County population was 339,266. Article lists figures for other cities in Sedgwick County.

Sunday, July 27, 1975
page 5B. Report of meeting of the Cessna Airmaster Club in Wichita today and Monday. Up to 20 of the 23 classic Airmaster aircraft still flying will be here. The planes were built from 1934 to 1942. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, July 29, 1975
page 5A. Board of Education yesterday approved the 1975-76 budget of nearly 34 and one-half million dollars. The board also approved a new contract with

Monday, August 4, 1975

Tuesday, August 5, 1975
page 1-5B. The United States Postal Service plans to build a new seven to eight million dollar, 178,000 square foot building at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport, located on a 20 acre plot to the south of Harry Street between Ridge Road and Airport Road. Details. Drawing on page 1.

Wednesday, August 6, 1975

Friday, August 8, 1975
page 1. Osteopathic Hospital of Wichita is planning a 3.4 million dollar, five story addition to its present facility at Central and McLean. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, August 10, 1975
page 10E. Report of death Friday of C. C. (Chet) Ellis, 81, at Lawton, Oklahoma, where he had been living. Was city clerk of Wichita for 34 years from 1925 until retirement in 1959. Born in Wichita and attended Friends University. Lived in Wichita until last year when he moved to Lawton. Survived by his wife, Laura and a son, James, of Lawton. Photo. Burial in Old Mission Mausoleum, Wichita.
Thursday, August 14, 1975
page
Special section
1C-32C. Special section for grand opening of Towne East Square. Articles and details. Photos.

4C. Article listing major construction projects built by the Ed Law Construction Company, including The Mall in Wichita, Towne East Square, the new United States Postal Service facility in Wichita, Mid-America All Indian Center, City of Wichita maintenance center, and others. Details.

Friday, August 15, 1975
page

Tuesday, August 19, 1975
page
4B. Park Board yesterday urged City Commission to give powers to proposed new airport authority. Details.

Wednesday, August 20, 1975
page
1. Article about early Wichita aviator, Max Walton, now 69, who first flew 50 year ago yesterday. He is now building a replica of the Travel Air Mystery 5, working with Herb Rawdon, the plane’s original designer. Details.

7C. Ralph P. Fiebach, president of Kansas Gas and Electric since 1969 and its Chief Executive Officer the past two years, yesterday was named chairman of the board effective September 1, succeeding Gordon W. Evans. Details.

Friday, August 22, 1975
page
1. The city’s bus system is going in the red, and yesterday the Metropolitan Transit Authority voted to borrow $150,000 temporarily to stay in business. The loan would be for a period of 90 days to continue operations until federal assistance is received. The board approved an application for $400,000 in federal funds for its Transit Development Program. Of the total, $288,000 would be an operating subsidy to support the bus system for the remainder of 1975. The Metropolitan Transit Authority is projecting slightly more than a $300,000 deficit for 1975. Scrapped was a proposal to double bus service and other improvements including purchase of more new buses. Further details about Metropolitan Transit Authority’s grant application.

Tuesday, August 26, 1975
page
1. Cessna’s new ten place Model 441 twin-engine turboprop is scheduled to make its first flight today at Mid-Continent Airport. Details. Photo on page 5A — N441CC.
2A. Greenway Manor, the high rise apartment building for the elderly, should be completed and ready for inspection sometime next week. Details.

Wednesday, August 27, 1975
page 15A. City Commission approved on first reading an ordinance creating a separate park board and airport authority. Details.

Thursday, August 28, 1975
page 1B. City manager has ordered the Urban Renewal Agency to take possession of the Kansas Foundation for the Blind workshop at 223 West 3rd, which was purchased by the Urban Renewal Agency in October 1973 as part of the city administrative center project. The moving process is to begin the middle of October. The building is to be torn down, as it is standing in the alignment of Wichita Street to be reconstructed between Central and 2nd Street. Details.

Friday, August 29, 1975
page 4C. The building at 130 South Main where Perpetual Savings and Loan Association has operated for 52 years is being renovated and the firm will operate temporarily from a modular home in the parking lot at northeast corner of William and Main. Photo.

Saturday, August 30, 1975
page 5A. The new Hutchinson Hospital will open September 8.

Sunday, August 31, 1975
page 5B. TG & Y will open its 30,000 square foot family center at Harry and Woodlawn on Wednesday. Details.

1E. Feature article about the Munger House, built in 1868 by Darius Sales Munger on 19 acres on the west side of Waco extending from Oak Street (now Murdock) to 9th Street and from Waco to the Little River. Munger sold the house to W. C. Woodman in 1874. The Woodmans resided in it until 1897 when they lost it be a tax default. It was purchased by a family named Conklin and later by Dr. Fuller. Details. Photos.

Monday, September 1, 1975
widower, a son, A. W., Jr., Wichita, and two daughters, Mrs. Imogene Little, La Jolla, California, and Miss Patricia Kincade, San Marcos, Texas. Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

**Wednesday, September 3, 1975**

**page 5C.** Park Board yesterday approved plans for a $500,000 expansion and face-lifting of United Beechcraft, Inc. facilities at Mid-Continent Airport. To be completed in mid-summer 1976. Details. Drawing.

**1D-12D.** Ad section for grand opening today of TG & Y Family Center at 1230 South Woodlawn.

**Thursday, September 4, 1975**

**page 5B.** Feature article about the new seven million dollar, 262 room Hilton Inn at Rock Road and East Kellogg, which is to hold its grand opening. Details. Photos.

**Sunday, September 7, 1975**

**page 1C.** Feature article about Wichita buildings on National Register of Historic Places. Total of eight, with four registered in 1971 (Eaton Hotel, Old Courthouse, old City Hall, and University Hall at Friends University), three in 1972 (Scottish Rite Temple, Campbell Castle, and Henry J. Allen’s Frank Lloyd Wright home), and one in 1973 (Rock Island depot). Details. Photos.

**Tuesday, September 9, 1975**

**page 1.** Population figures reported yesterday by Kansas Department of Agriculture include as of January 1 this year:

- Sedgwick County 339,223 up 3582
- Johnson County 241,731 up 2556
- Wyandotte County 187,833 down 1881
- Shawnee County 173,418
- Wichita 264,669
- Kansas City 175,354
- Topeka 140,831
- Overland Park 82,035
Lawrence 49,959
Hutchinson 40,488
Salina 38,378

Wednesday, September 10, 1975
page
1. Article about work underway on the old Marsh Murdock house, which was moved last November from Murdock and St. Francis to Cow Town. Walls are missing on two sides where later additions to the house have been removed to restore it to its original configuration. Details. Photo.

Thursday, September 11, 1975
page
1. A $750,000 fund raising campaign for the Kansas Coliseum was begun yesterday. Details.

7B. Feature article about proposals for redevelopment of Union Station. Details. Photos.

Saturday, September 13, 1975
page
12B. Construction of the 96 unit Sugar Creek Apartments at 2550 South Oliver is under way. Architect is Ted Mason. Occupancy to begin early next year. Map.

Sunday, September 14, 1975
page
1E. Wichita Guidance Center moved this week to its new quarters at 3rd and Poplar, which will open tomorrow.

Wednesday, September 17, 1975
page
16A. Moving day to the new City Hall has been pushed back one month to November 17. Original completion date was to have been October 1, and this was later revised to mid-October. Details.

1B. Article about expansion of Ketteman’s Bakery, 2607 East Douglas. Details. Photos.

9D. Wichita Urban Renewal Agency is considering sale of the historic Stanberg House at 10th and Waco for use as a one-family dwelling. The home was purchased this spring by Urban Renewal Agency for $14,000. Details.

Sunday, September 21, 1975
page
17D. Photo of six million dollar Wesley Medical Center office tower building under construction — exterior of six floors completed — this is the office building north of the hospital. To be condominium. Forty percent of space sold to date. Completion by mid-1976. One hundred thousand square feet of salable space.

Tuesday, September 23, 1975

4B. Report of death yesterday of William Albert (Red) Becker, 68, of 1427 South Kansas, glazier for Lewis Street Glass Company. Survived by his widow, Lena, a brother, Fred J. and a sister, Miss Anna Becker, all of Wichita. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Tuesday, September 30, 1975

14A. The mansion and 31 acre estate of the late E. W. Marland, in Ponca City, Oklahoma, have been purchased by the city of Ponca City for 1.4 million dollars and will be used as a museum. Marland was a wealthy oil man and former Oklahoma governor. The estate was purchased from the Felician Sisters, who had operated it as a school and convent.

Thursday, October 2, 1975

12A. The Kansas Foundation for the Blind will soon vacate its present facilities at 223 West 3rd and relocate in another building, the old Santa Fe Trails garage in the 800 block of East Lincoln.

Sunday, October 5, 1975


12A. Report of death yesterday of La Bebe F. Farha, 63, of 4702 Looman, associate in F and E Wholesale Grocery Company, Inc. and co-owner of the former Farha Brothers Supermarket chain. Born at Marjon, Lebanon and brought to Wichita with his family at age eight. Graduated from North High School. In 1931 he and his five brothers, formed the Farha Brothers chain, which included nine stores before it was sold in 1963. Survived by his widow, Negla, a daughter, Mrs. Floyd Farha, Jr., Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and four brothers, B. F., Sam, William, and Philip, and three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Ablah, Mrs. Sumia Cohlmia, and Mrs. Manira Aboussia, all of Wichita. Wichita Park Cemetery.

6F. Article about planes offered for sale by Beech Aircraft Corporation. Photos and specifications, including:

- Sundowner 180  Queen Air
- Super King Air 200  Bonanza A36
Wednesday, October 8, 1975
page 1.
Eugene R. Lambert, 60, publisher of the Duluth, Minnesota Herald and News Tribune, became president and general manager of the Wichita Eagle and The Beacon yesterday. Details. Photo.

Thursday, October 9, 1975
page 8B.
Report of death Tuesday of Forest G. Beal, 70, of 443 North Armour, chairman of board and former president and owner of Beal Office Supply Company. Born February 20, 1905 in Rocky Ford, Colorado, moved to Wichita in 1931, and opened his company in May 1946. His son, Harvey K. Beal, took over the company in 1970 and recently was named president. Also survived by his widow, Orpha B., a brother and a sister (named — not in Wichita). Resthaven Gardens of Memory. (was a patient)

9B. Feature article about the restored Warkentin Home in Newton. Details. Photos.

Thursday, October 16, 1975
page 6B.

Friday, October 17, 1975
page 10A. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved a bus route change to begin in November, that will route the College Hill line through Towne East Square. Slight changes were also approved for the East Central and Lawrence Stadium routes. The Metropolitan Transit Authority also recommended to the City Commission approval of a ten cent per mile increase in taxicab rates. Rate for the first mile will increase from 85 to 95 cents and from 40 to 50 cents for each additional mile.

Friday, October 24, 1975
page 8A. Urban Renewal Agency yesterday nominated as a historic site the old Masonic Lodge building north of the Sedgwick County Courthouse, constructed around 1910. Must be approved by City Commission. Details.
The new Western Electric Company Material Management Center at Goddard was formally opened yesterday. The five million dollar, 535,000 square foot structure on a 12 acre site will employ about 150 by mid-1976.

Saturday, October 25, 1975

Drawing of a 1907 Tudor style house at 10th and Emporia which was demolished yesterday by St. Francis Hospital for a parking lot project. Another home was also demolished yesterday, a two story white frame residence dating from 1890, a Victorian residence for J. C. Casey of the early day Casey-Garst Supply Company. The stucco home was originally owned by Preston M. Anderson, prominent Wichita insurance man, and later by Jess Harper, a former coach for Knute Rockne at Notre Dame. Article discusses protests over these demolitions. Both houses were being considered for historic landmark designation. Details.

Sunday, October 26, 1975

Vera Inman Stranahan and Reverend Jesse H. Vardaman were married October 25 in parlor of Metropolitan Baptist Church. (he was a patient)

Wednesday, October 29, 1975

The twin viaducts of I-35 West (Canal Route) will be opened south to 1st and 2nd Streets on November 19. The Canal Route is now open to Central. One of the extensions south to English is now complete and the second should be finished between 1st and English by late December. Details.

Wednesday, October 29, 1975

Wichita Art Museum board yesterday approved plans for the new 3.8 million dollar museum. Bids tentatively to be opened December 20 with groundbreaking around January 15 and completion in mid-1977. Details.


The J. C. Penney Company building at 132 North Broadway has been purchased by Willard Gettle, Jr., owner of Jayhawk Distributing Company. Operation of the Penney store will not be affected.

Photo of brick pedestal in median of 100 block of East Douglas, which was intended to hold a sculpture. However this was never built and the pedestal remains empty. Designs for same were rejected 11 years ago. Details.

The historic Campbell Castle at 1155 North River Boulevard will be opened to the public for regular tours by its present owner, Mrs. Maye Crumm, beginning today. It will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Admission charge is $2.00. Details.

Feature article about proposed Kansas Coliseum, for which fund drive is under way. Planned for opening in late fall 1977. Details. Drawings.

Feature article about visit to Mid Continent Airport Friday of a Trans World Airlines Ford Trimotor to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the first direct transcontinental flight on October 25, 1930. Details. Photos.

The Lawrence Stadium shuttle bus service to downtown Wichita is being expanded November 17 to operate as far north as Central and Main. A third bus will be added on the route to permit a bus to leave the stadium parking lot every five minutes instead of every ten minutes. The shuttle bus fare will remain at ten cents. Details. Map.
Wednesday, November 12, 1975
page 3E. Ad for grand opening of Dillon store at Lincoln and Hydraulic.

Thursday, November 13, 1975
page 5D. Full page ad announcing grand opening of new Shamrock Toe store at 1st and St. Francis. Photo.

Saturday, November 15, 1975
page 2D. Crestview Country Club broke ground yesterday for a fourth nine hole golf course, which will make it Kansas’ first 36 hole golf facility. The new course was designed by Robert Trent Jones, of Palo Alto, California, famed golf course designer. Cost is $500,000. To be completed in spring 1977. Details.

Sunday, November 16, 1975
page 1D. Articles about new City Hall, which will open tomorrow. Details. Photo.

Thursday, November 20, 1975
page 5D. Report of death Tuesday of Dr. Thor Jager, 93, Wichita’s first pathologist and founder of pathology department at Wesley Medical Center. Born in Stockholm, Sweden and came to United States in 1903. Studied medicine at Northwestern University. Then moved to Wichita and began as intern pathologist at St. Francis Hospital. Studied internal medicine at Berlin from 1909 to 1912. Served as pathologist and director of laboratories at Wesley Hospital until 1949. Resided at 235 North Belmont. Survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, two sons, Dr. Valdermar Jager, Buffalo, New York, and Eric Howard Jager, Wichita, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Saltzstein, Washington, D. C. Further biography. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Report of death yesterday of Fred F. Berry, 82, of 7077 East Central, retired chairman of board of Berry Tractor and Equipment Company. He and his two sons founded the family business in 1957. Survived by his widow, Louisa, and two sons, Fred F., Jr., and Paul W., both of Wichita. Burial in Wood River, Illinois.

Friday, November 21, 1975
page 7B. Report of death Wednesday of George John Siefkes, 68, 1000 South Woodlawn, operator of Wichita’s first travel agency, of apparent heart attack. A native of Germany and came to United States in 1922 at age 15. Married in 1934. Operated Siefkes Travel Agency for nearly 40 years. Survived by his widow, Grace, a son, John E., Wichita, two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Chapman, Paradise Valley, Arizona and Mrs. Rhonda Srafin, Chicago, a

Saturday, November 29, 1975

Table listing number of general aviation aircraft delivered each year from 1946 through 1974.

Monday, December 1, 1975

Article about new Downtowner bus route which goes into service today. Operating in mid-day from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. it will loop from English to Central south on Main and north on Broadway to 2nd and then Market to Central. Fare is ten cent. Will run on ten minute headway. Map.

Tuesday, December 2, 1975

Contract let for $365,378 hangar-office building for expansion of Yingling Aircraft Inc. at Mid-Continent Airport. Drawing.

Wednesday, December 3, 1975

Report of death yesterday of Herb M. Rawdon, Sr., 70, pioneer aircraft designer. Born at Kansas City, Missouri and came to Wichita as a child. Was president of Rawdon Brothers Aircraft, Inc. and owner of Rawdon Field, in East Wichita. Well known for his part in designing the Travel Air Mystery-S racer. Long article about design of the Mystery-S. After Travel Air sold he returned to work for Walter Beech in 1940 (?) and worked in company’s engineering department until retiring in 1960 as assistant chief engineer. Lived at 659 South Quentin. Survived by wife, Laura, a son, Herb Lee Rawdon, Wichita, a daughter, Mrs. Marian Hall, Reston, Virginia, a brother, Gene Rawdon, Sunnydale, California, and a sister, Mrs. Sara Ruth Knox, Oklahoma City. Photo.

Thursday, December 4, 1975

Reconstructed Hillside Avenue from Central to 9th Street was finally opened to traffic yesterday after being closed about five and one-half months. Reconstruction of intersection of Central and Hillside is scheduled for next spring. Details. Photo.

Sunday, December 7, 1975

Feature article about expansion plans of Shepler’s store. Details.

Monday, December 8, 1975
4A. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Hugo Wall, 74, well known Wichita State University political scientist. Survived by his wife, Dora Kliewer Wall, a daughter, Mrs. Cy Cochran, Stockton, California, and a son, John K. Wall, of Malibu, California. Biography. Photo. Maple Grove Cemetery.

12D. Work will begin by end of this month on the K Mart Plaza shopping center at 47th and South Broadway. Cost 2.3 million dollars. Details.

Tuesday, December 9, 1975

3C. Beech Aircraft Corporation’s sales for past fiscal year totaled 267.1 million dollars, up from 241.6 million dollars the previous year. Earnings totaled 15.6 million dollars, up from 12.5 million dollars the previous year.

Wednesday, December 10, 1975

2B. Article about proposed multi-family residential development on the old Waco Elm School site. The school site was acquired and cleared by the Urban Renewal Agency as part of the Waco-Finn project. Drawing.

Thursday, December 11, 1975

1. Article about increase in branch line closings by the railroads. Service on the 81 mile track from Emporia south to Moline was discontinued by the Santa Fe earlier this year. Petitions have been filed for abandonment of another 160 miles of track, primarily in southeast Kansas, including 40 miles between Beaumont and Winfield and 17 miles between Iola and Bronson. Details.

Friday, December 12, 1975


Saturday, December 13, 1975

1. Article about clearing of buildings in Kellogg-Hillside area prior to complete rebuilding, which will take two years. Details. Photo.

Sunday, December 14, 1975

Friday, December 19, 1975

1C. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to discontinue its free bus rides in downtown Wichita on January 1. Details. The board also set January 15 date for a public hearing on an application for certificate of convenience and necessity to operate a new taxicab company, American Cab Company, Inc., in the city. The latter application was made by Milton J. Hettzel, who owns 37 cabs being operated by Best Cabs Company. Details. About 100 to 120 taxicabs are operated in Wichita. Numbers in service range from 40 to 50 during rush hours to 30 or less in late night and early morning hours. Details.

15C. County officials yesterday finally received federal approval of plans for the proposed Kansas Coliseum, allowing them to proceed in obtaining bids for construction of the seven million dollar facility. The coliseum is to be built with $3.9 million dollars in county tax funds, two million dollars in United States Economic Development Administration funds, and $1.1 million dollars in private contributions. Details.

7D. Table of general aviation airplane deliveries in United States:

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Sunday, December 21, 1975
1. United States Census Bureau estimated Wichita’s population in 1973 at 261,231, down from the 1970 census count of 276,554.

Tuesday, December 23, 1975

1C. Report of opening of bids yesterday for construction of Wichita’s new art museum. The existing museum will be closed the end of this month and its contents moved to temporary quarters in the old Fourth National Bank Building during the 18 month construction period. Details.

Sunday, December 28, 1975

4B. Article about last surviving Northrop Alpha of 13 owned by Trans World Airlines, which is being restored for display in the National Air and Space Museum. It was found last year in a barn in Burlington, Wisconsin and is being restored in Trans World Airlines’ maintenance facility in Kansas City. Originally it could carry three passengers and 465 pounds of mail and express. This plane, the 11Y, first flew in November 1930. It joined Trans World Airlines’ fleet after passing through hands of two previous owners. Trans World Airlines then had its 13 Alphas modified to all cargo configuration by the Stearman Aircraft Company in Wichita. 11Y flew on Trans World Airlines routes until April 26, 1935, when it was sold to a New Yorker. Details. Photo.

1D. Article about protests to proposed extension of McLean Boulevard from 29th South to MacArthur Road along the abandoned right-of-way of the Midland Valley Railroad. In 1964, McLean was extended as a four lane road adjacent to the railroad right-of-way from Pawnee to 31st South. Then about 1969 the railroad company abandoned its line and plans were explored for placing the roadway along the railroad right-of-way, which the city has already purchased for four miles from 31st South to the Valley Center-Wichita floodway. Details. Photo of right-of-way south from I-235.

Tuesday, December 30, 1975

1B. Wichita Art Museum board yesterday let the contract for construction of the new art museum to the Law Company, of Wichita for $2,797,775. Project coordinator is Fred Braht, of Platt Associates-Architects. The new museum is scheduled to open mid-1977. It will be constructed around the original core galleries at 619 Stackman Drive. Wings that were added a decade ago are to be demolished to make way for the major new construction. Details.

Wednesday, December 31, 1975

1. First class postal rate was increased from ten cents to 13 cents at 12:01 a.m. today.