Thursday, January 1, 1976

19A. Report of death Tuesday of Cecil L. Lawless, 69, retired farmer at Belle Plaine, Kansas. Survivors include his widow, Eunice, three sons, George and Charles, both of Wellington, Kansas, and Glenn, at home; three daughters, Mrs. Celia Coapney, Mrs. Phylis (sic) Vincent, and Mrs. Evelyn Estes, all of Belle Plaine; four brothers, Emmett, Jewell, Georgie, and Rinaldo, all of Belle Plaine, and three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Robertson, Wellington, Mrs. Carrie Lawrence, Wichita, and Mrs. Luella Fiever, Belle Plaine.

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Chronology of major events in Wichita in 1975. January 18: The Wichita and Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Service began operation. February 9: The Wichita Eagle-Beacon switched from hot metal printing to photographic cold metal typesetting. April 1: George Vollmer, acting director of the Wichita Art Museum, resigned and was replaced by Howard E. Wooden, director of the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery in Terre Haute, Indiana. April 8: Connie Peters elected mayor, the first woman to hold the position. July 11: Cudehy Foods Company in Wichita closed its plant, laying off 225 workers. August 14: The $50 million Towne East Square held its grand opening. October 7: Eugene R. Lambert was named president and general manager of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon. October 24: Protest of demolition by St. Francis Hospital of two homes under consideration as historic landmarks. November 3: Board of Education awarded $711,975 contract for construction of a 3,000 seat lighted stadium at South High School. November 17: City offices began the big move to the new City Administrative Building, 455 North Main. December 9: The City Commission decided to raise downtown metered parking rates from ten cents an hour to 20 cents an hour.

Thursday, January 8, 1976

Friday, January 9, 1976


Saturday, January 10, 1976

4A. Report of severe damage by fire late Friday evening of large two story brick warehouse building at 910 East 2nd, at corner of Mead. Details.

5D. Litwin Corporation a major petro-chemical design build firm, has completed its move from five Wichita locations into the old Fourth National Bank Building at Douglas and Market, renamed the Litwin Building. Details.

Sunday, January 11, 1976

11C. The original seven room building of the English Village Motor Lodge, which opened in 1948, is being demolished to be replaced by a new 16 unit building at cost of $250,000.

Thursday, January 15, 1976

9C. Article about plans for renovation of Eastgate Mall. Details. Drawing.

Friday, January 16, 1976

1C. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved a request from American Cab Company to form a competing taxi firm in Wichita, over the objections of City Cab Company. Details.

Monday, January 19, 1976


Tuesday, January 20, 1976

8B. Report of death Sunday of Alta C. (Mrs. Frank X.) Busch, 56, of 1818 West 18th, part owner of Busch Luggage Company. Survived by widower, sons Frank X., III, of Overland Park, Kansas and Robert G., of Wichita, four brothers and four sisters (named—her maiden name was Rakes). Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Wednesday, January 21, 1976
Boeing Company had a 1975 payroll in Wichita of $173.6 million, highest in its history, for an average of 10,939 employees. The previous high was $167.1 million in 1957 when employment averaged 32,129.

Thursday, January 22, 1976

Photo of surplus doors, fluorescent lights, desks, and room dividers being removed from the old City Hall and placed on sale to the public yesterday. Building is being stripped so architects can determine the condition of the structures.

Sunday, January 25, 1976

Map showing boundaries of Wichita CPO districts.

Special Bicentennial Issue Special articles, ads with photos, etc.

Aerial photo of downtown Wichita from southeast.

Aerial photo of Ackerman Island showing Island Park and street car bridge to island.

Feature article about early Wichita physicians. Photos of Drs. George Gsall, Henry Tihen, William Callahan.

Photo of Trans World Airlines Ford Trimotor in front of Municipal Airport hangar.

Wednesday, January 28, 1976

The city’s newest taxicab company, American Cab Company, expects to start service by March 1. City Commission yesterday granted the company a certificate of convenience and necessity to permit it to operate. Details.


Saturday, January 31, 1976

Article about financial problems of Metropolitan Transit Authority and loan of money by the city to help them meet current obligations. Details.
Tuesday, February 3, 1976
page 1.
   Photo of collapsed wall of two story brick building of Cantrell Supply Company, Inc. at 2nd and Mosley, which was damaged by fire January 9. Details.

7A. Article about temporary quarters of Wichita Art Museum in old Fourth National Bank building. Details. Photos.

4B. Air Midwest said yesterday it is requesting about $800,000 a year in federal funds to continue its service to Hutchinson, Great Bend, and Dodge City plus taking over Frontier Airlines service at Goodland, Garden City, Hays, and Tri-Cities Airport (in southeast Kansas) and at Lamar, Colorado. Details.

1C. Wichita Airport Authority yesterday approved the idea of having a private club selling liquor at Mid-Continent Airport. Details.

Wednesday, February 4, 1976
page 1C. City commission yesterday allowed Metropolitan Transit Authority to use $97,000 in money previously earmarked for purchase of new buses to meet payments on outstanding debt. The financially beleaguered Metropolitan Transit Authority still shows a deficit of more than $150,000 projected for the end of the year, but the city commission action will allow it to immediately pay an overdue $50,000 note at Union National Bank and to operate through this month without going into the red. Metropolitan Transit Authority had requested the city commission to grant authority to go to the state board of tax appeals for between $150,000 and $200,000 in emergency no fund warrants. Metropolitan Transit Authority chairman Keith Stewers gave further details of Metropolitan Transit Authority financial projections for the year. Metropolitan Transit Authority currently has 62 drivers and ten maintenance personnel.

Wichita public librarian Ford Rockwall yesterday announced plans to retire about June 1. Has held the office since August 1948, and is age 67. Details.

Friday, February 6, 1976
page 4B. The Shirkmere-Crescent hotel apartment complex has been sold for $475,000; at southeast corner of 2nd and Topeka, by the Oscar Shirk estate, to Shirkmere Partnership Limited, a company formed by native Wichitan Thomas Luinstra, of Denver, and Samuel Luinstra, owner of Neal Hardware, 722 North Main. Details.

1C. Wichita Police Chief Floyd Hannon will retire April 30 along with City Manager Ralph Wulz. Hannon is 54 and was named Chief by Wulz on February 1, 1972. Details.

Sunday, February 8, 1976
page
1C. Feature article about outlook for Boeing plant in Wichita. Past employment:

- 1940: 1033
- 1950: 11,358
- 1957: 32,319
- 1960: 20,941
- 1965: 14,259
- 1970: 6,603
- 1971: 4,801
- 1972: 6,352
- 1973: 7,078
- 1974: 9,366
- 1975: 10,939
- 1976: 8,500

Details.

5C. Long article by aviation editors Lew Townsend about early history of Cessna, Beech, and Stearman aircraft companies in Wichita. Details.

Monday, February 9, 1976

2A. Report of death Saturday of Walter E. Burnham, 78, 3036 Somerset Drive, pioneer aeronautical engineer and co-designer of the Travel Air Mystery S. Born in Knob Noster, Missouri. In later years was at Beech 1944-49 and Boeing until 1965. Biography. Survived by widow, Dorthea, one son and one daughter (named). Photo. Kechi Cemetery.

Wednesday, February 11, 1976

10A. Wichita Airport Authority yesterday tentatively approved plans to purchase Comotara’s airpark in northeast Wichita, previously known as Piper Airpark, east of Webb Road between 27th and 39th Streets North. It encompasses about 480 acres plus another 160 acres south of the field, not owned by the Wichita Land Company, and could be purchased for about $2 million. The $2 million cost would include widening, paving, and extending the field’s present 2800 by 40 foot runway to 4200 by 100 feet. Details.

Thursday, February 12, 1976
5D. Civil Aeronautics Board will hold hearings on a group of requests to expand and improve air service to Wichita. Details.

Saturday, February 14, 1976

Ceremonies will be held today to mark the beginning of the restoration of the old Rock Island Depot, 729 East Douglas. The restoration will take approximately eight months and cost $385,000. The building cost $50,000 to build in 1887. Details.

Three firms are bidding for the three year contract to provide the Wichita public school system’s bus service, valued at approximately $2.5 million each year. B. W. Jones and Sons, Inc., Wichita, has been providing the service for the school district the past ten years. The contract calls for 212 buses with a passenger capacity of 66 and 13 standby units, plus 82 vans or carryalls. It also calls for installation of two-way radios in all buses. Details.

Sunday, February 15, 1976

Feature article about Amtrak passenger service at Wichita. Details.

Monday, February 16, 1976

Report of death yesterday of Thomas J. Foley, 76, 1441 Salina, founder of Foley Meats, Inc. Born at Omaha and came to Wichita in 1938 as assistant manager for Cudahy Food Company. In 1944 he formed Foley Meats and retired as owner in 1969. Survived by his widow, Dorothy, and a son, Dr. Mac Foley, of Wichita. Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Wednesday, February 18, 1976

Board of Education yesterday awarded the school system’s busing contract, valued at more than $7.2 million over the next three years, to B. W. Jones and Sons, Inc. The Jones firm transports about 16,000 school children per day. The contract specifies that no buses used are to be more than six years old. During the contract period 123 buses will be replaced with buses one and two years old. The firm will provide 212 large buses and 82 carryalls or vans. The firm runs 600 routes per day. Details.

Thursday, February 19, 1976

Article about financing plans for the Kansas Coliseum. Construction to start May 15. Details.

Friday, February 20, 1976

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday discussed discontinuance of the loop route serving Wichita State University in order to reduce its projected deficit. The route last
year served 52,862 passengers, an average of 200 per day, with revenue of $14,520 and operating cost of $46,653, for a deficit of $32,133. Metropolitan Transit Authority member Hellene Little noted that City Commission had provided a subsidy to Metropolitan Transit Authority of $519,000 in 1974 but had reduced this to $351,000 in 1975 and to $331,000 this year. However federal UMTA have increased to $351,000 in 1975 and approximately $370,000 this year. Details.

Maye Crumm, owner of the Campbell Castle, 1155 North River Boulevard, is opposing efforts being made to have the Castle designated as a historic landmark. Details.

Sunday, February 22, 1976
page 5D. American Entertainment will add four theaters to its chain, to be known as Cinemas West, and located just west of the Westlink Shopping Center, Central and Tyler. Ground to be broken within 60 days, and completion is projected within six months. Design and capacity will be similar to the company’s Cinemas East, where combined seating is 1200. Estimated cost is $600,000. The company also owns Westway Cinema, 2515 South Seneca.

Thursday, February 26, 1976

Friday, February 27, 1976
page 1B. Article about Wichita’s Metropolitan Transit Authority bus drivers with interviews, details, etc.

Saturday, February 28, 1976
page 12B. Dr. Roy F. Ray has resigned as administrator of the Institute of Logopedics effective May 31. He has held the post since June 1972 and prior to that served seven years as president of Friends University. Future plans not announced. Details. Photo.

Sunday, February 29, 1976
page 1B. Feature articles about Kellogg Traditional Alternative School and Emerson Open Alternative School. Details.

1F. Official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new City Hall, Main at Central, will be held this afternoon. Details.
Thursday, March 4, 1976

6C. Central State Bank and Trust Company has opened Central II, a detached banking facility at 1st and Hillside. The new facility made use of much of the structure of a former service station.

Monday, March 8, 1976

1C. The American Freedom Train is to arrive in Wichita on March 19. Details.

Tuesday, March 9, 1976

4B. Report of death yesterday of Alvin E. Collier, 56, of 1841 North Richmond, assistant general manager of Continental Trailways Central Lines. Born at Kechi, Kansas. Survived by his widow, Dorothy E., a son, Bryan, of Houston, two daughters, Mrs. Judy Derrick, of Phoenix, and Miss Debbie Collier, of Denver, a brother, Myron, of Denver, and a sister, Miss Berniece Ashlock, of Kansas City, Kansas. Photo. Burial in Kechi Cemetery. (Names of brother and sister revised on March 10.)


5B. Dilley’s Shoes, a specialty women’s shoe store, has opened at 115 East Douglas, which was the former location of Bostonian Shoes.

Thursday, March 11, 1976

1D. Hillside Avenue will be closed for one block north and south of Central beginning Wednesday for about six weeks for major reconstruction.

Friday, March 12, 1976

1C. Wichita’s newest cab company, American Cab Company, owned by Milton Hetzel, has started operation with about 25 cabs, over the protests of the other two cab companies, City Cabs and Best Cabs. Details.

Sunday, March 14, 1976

10A. Article discussing ways city commission could meet Metropolitan Transit Authority’s financial deficit. Details.

Wednesday, March 17, 1976

8A. Report of death yesterday of Dell Crozier, 81, of 1605 North Sheridan, retired parking lot

1C. Report of City Commission actions yesterday to relieve financial problems of Metropolitan Transit Authority. Details.

Thursday, March 18, 1976

3C. Article about bids received Monday for extensive renovation and expansion at North High School, to cost $1,659,972. Includes 18,000 square feet. Classroom and library addition to be located in a courtyard west of the school. Details.

Saturday, March 20, 1976

19A. Report of death Thursday of Ray J. Brown, 53, of 3425 Park Place, operator of Advance Products. Survived by widow, Barbara, and son, Ronald Dean, Wichita. Resthaven Gardens (was high school classmate).


Sunday, March 21, 1976

11C. Photo of new twin-engine Beech business jet, still in prototype stage, which was adapted from the Super King Air turbo prop.

Tuesday, March 23, 1976

1C. Board of Education yesterday approved construction of a major addition at Lincoln Elementary School, 1210 South Topeka. Architect is Robert Smith. Details.

Friday, March 26, 1976

3B. The Mid-America All Indian Center will move into its new headquarters at the confluence of the two rivers near downtown Wichita tomorrow. The new center at 650 North Seneca was completed in early March. It was built and equipped through a $2 million bond issue approved by the Wichita City Commission. Grand opening will be May 23-29.

Sunday, March 28, 1976

1D. The move into the new All-America Indian Center began yesterday. Details.

Tuesday, March 30, 1976

2B. Article reports that entertainer Arthur Godfrey picked up his newest aircraft, a 1976 Beech
Baron 58, in Wichita yesterday. With $84,000 worth of optional equipment, the Baron’s normal price of $140,000 was increased to about $225,000. Details.

1C. Board of Education yesterday awarded contracts totaling about $1.6 million for construction of a major addition and renovations at North High School. To be completed in maximum of 500 calendar days. Details.

Saturday, April 3, 1976

1. W. R. Grace and Company, New York City, yesterday announced an agreement in principle to buy Shepler’s, Inc. western store. Details.

1C. Photo of South High School’s new 3000 seat football and track stadium under construction. The $800,000 project replaces the former high school stadium facilities at East High School. To be completed by September 10.

Thursday, April 8, 1976

1C. Article about proposal to designate three Wichita properties as historic landmarks. They are 1.) Chester I. Long home, 3401 East 2nd. 2.) Hillside Cottage, 303 Circle Drive. 3.) Arkansas Valley Number 21 Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, 615 North Main. Details.

Saturday, April 10, 1976

1. Article about continuing problems with the inflatable Lincoln Street dam. Table gives chronology:

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<td>contract let for planning at $46,400.</td>
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<td>December 30, 1968</td>
<td>low bid received at $737,082.</td>
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<td>March 1970</td>
<td>dam first inflated for testing.</td>
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<td>June 8, 1970</td>
<td>dam formally dedicated.</td>
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<td>November and December 1970</td>
<td>final testing period. Dam slashed twice with knives.</td>
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<td>dam ruptures. One section replaced late October.</td>
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<td>July 1973</td>
<td>dam ruptures.</td>
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<td>May 1974</td>
<td>Wichitennial had to be held in Little Arkansas.</td>
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<td>January 20, 1974</td>
<td>final collapse of dam. Inoperative since.</td>
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September 17, 1974

Suit filed by city for $2.5 million.

March 1976

Negotiations to settle suit end. City will pursue lawsuit.

Details.

Dr. Edward S. Brinton has been appointed associate administrator for medical affairs at St. Francis Hospital effective May 1. He received MD degree at University of Illinois in 1941 and has practiced medicine in Wichita since 1946.

Sunday, April 11, 1976

Feature article about declining railroad service in Kansas. Peak railroad mileage in Kansas was 9332 in 1917. Gradual decline since to about 7500 miles in 1974, and further abandonments are proposed. Detailed discussion of abandonment in April 1975 of the Santa Fe branch line from Emporia to Moline, through Howard. Details. The railroad reached Howard from Emporia in 1880, having reached the southern boundary of Greenwood County the year before. The Elk and Chautauqua then extended the track to Howard, and in 1887 the Emporia and Southern extended it another eight miles to Moline. List of Kansas railroad abandonments since 1960.

1.) Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific-Horton to Bern to Nebraska-38.5 miles-1967
2.) Missouri Pacific-Bronson to Ft. Scott to Missouri-28.3 miles-1965
3.) Missouri Pacific-Ft. Scott to Cornwell-31.4 miles-1965
4.) Missouri Kansas Texas-west of Moran to Iola-12.3 miles-1962
5.) Missouri Kansas Texas-south of Humboldt to Chanute-8.5 miles-1969
6.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-Burlingame to Alma-33.8 miles-1973
7.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-south of Ottawa to Gridley-52 miles-1972
8.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-west of Independence to Longton-22.9 miles-1963
9.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-Emporia to Moline-81.4 miles-1975
10.) Union Pacific-north of Junction City to Clay Center and Miltonvale-8 miles-1964
11.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-Florence to Marion-10.1 miles-1969
12.) Texas and Pacific-Wichita to Adamsville-39.4 miles-1969
13.) Midland Valley-Arkansas City to Adamsville-12.5 miles-1965
14.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-Metcalf to Genda Springs-36.2 miles-1972
15.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-Viola to Harper-25.7 miles-1966
16.) Missouri Pacific-Yaggy Junction to Sterling-13.1 miles-1966
17.) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe-Little River to Lorraine-20.5 miles-1972
18.) Missouri Pacific-Hoisington to Great Bend-10 miles-1972

Abandonment of railroad lines has occurred since the early days. The first abandonment in Kansas was in 1879 and involved 20 miles of line in northeast Kansas after seven years of operation. In 1920 the Transportation Act placed regulatory control with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Before that, the railroads abandoned lines at will. In Kansas about 500 miles of line were abandoned before 1920. Since then the railroads have been allowed to abandon about 1800 miles in the state. Further requests for abandonments in Kansas now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission include

1.) Missouri Pacific-66 miles serving Dexter, Cedar Vale, Sedan, Caney, and Dearing.
2.) Frisco-42 miles from Winfield to Beaumont
3.) Missouri Pacific-19 miles from Iola through LeHarpe to Bronson
4.)
Union Pacific-17 miles from Leavenworth to Tonganoxie 5.) Missouri Pacific-7 miles from Washington to Greenleaf 6.) Frisco-7 miles from Pittsburg to Mulberry. Already this year the Interstate Commerce Commission has approved abandonment of a seven mile Frisco line from Parsons to Dennis.

**Tuesday, April 13, 1976**

Sedgwick County Probate Judge Clark V. Owens has filed as a Republican candidate for one of four newly created district judgeships in the county. He was first appointed probate judge in 1963 by Governor John Anderson and was elected to his first full term in 1964. Details. Photo.

**Wednesday, April 14, 1976**

City Commission yesterday elected Dr. James Donnell, 48, as mayor of Wichita for the coming year. He previously served as mayor during the 1973-74 year. Details.

**Thursday, April 15, 1976**

Report of death yesterday of George S. Armstrong, 78, of 15 Douglas, owner of the Armstrong Creamery. He founded the creamery in 1935 and had lived in Wichita since then. He sold the business after his retirement in 1960. Survived by his widow, Cora, and two daughters, Harriet Griffity, of Wichita, and Barbara Wydman, of La Canada, California. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

**Friday, April 16, 1976**

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to apply for $357,941 in federal operating assistance funds. It also decided not to make any change in the present Loop Route service at this time. Any change will be delayed until the impact of a parking fee increase at Wichita State University is known. Board member Graham Hatfield was named as treasurer of Metropolitan Transit Authority, succeeding John M. Spratt, who resigned.

**Saturday, April 17, 1976**


**Sunday, April 18, 1976**
1B. Feature article on the Eldorado Lake project, which is under construction and scheduled for completion in 1980. Details. Photo.

1E. Feature article about the home being built on triangular lot at intersection of West River Boulevard and Riverside Avenue by architects Roger Bender and Craig Mann. The site formerly was occupied by a Standard Oil service station built in the 1920s, which subsequently was used as a refreshment stand, beauty shop, and ice cream parlor. Details. Photos (houses essentially completed).

Monday, April 19, 1976

Photos of pedestrian overpass over the Canal Route (unfinished) near Linwood Park.

Friday, April 23, 1976

Bellaire Apartments, a 44 unit complex at 2716 East Douglas, has been sold to investors Hugh Richards and Richard H. Wells. The apartments have been owned by heirs in the Skaer estate and managed by Wilbur Skaer.

Saturday, April 24, 1976

Three Wichita properties reached the final plateau yesterday toward becoming national historic landmarks by being approved by state historic sites officials in Topeka. They are: 1.) Arkansas Valley Lodge Number 21, Prince Hall Masons, at 615 North Main. 2.) Hillside Cottage, at 303 Circle Drive. 3.) The Senator Chester I. Long home, at 3401 East 2nd. Details.

Monday, April 26, 1976

Report of death yesterday of Walter L. Love, 81, of 418 North Crestway, founder of the Love Box Company. Born in Vinita, Oklahoma and moved to Wichita with his parents when he was young. In 1923 formed Horner-Love Printing and Box Company with partner Harry Horner. Three years later they made the first corrugated cardboard box at their factory in Wichita. The partnership ended in 1930. Love was later joined in the business by his son, Robert, in 1945. Love retired as chairman of the board in 1971. Survived by his widow, Betty, a son, Robert, of Wichita, two daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Hinshaw of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Nancy Jane Cox, of Wichita, one brother and one sister (named-not in Wichita). Further biography. Photo. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

3B. Dr. Lewis A. Smith, a Wichita optometrist for nearly 30 years, has been named Kansas Optometrist of the Year. Photo (was a high school classmate).

Wednesday, April 28, 1976
1C. City Commission yesterday appointed Bob Finch as acting city manager until a replacement is found for retiring city manager Ralph Wulz, whose retirement is effective May 1. Details.

Friday, April 30, 1976

The three Hart Drug Stores have been sold to Sellers Prescription Shops, Inc., and two of the stores will be closed. E. M. “Mort” Heller, Hart owner, announced the agreement yesterday. The family enterprise was begun in 1931. The Hart stores at 514 East Harry and 956 Parklane will be closed. The store at 687 North West apparently will remain open. Details.

Sunday, May 2, 1976

St. Joseph Medical Center, formerly St. Joseph Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, yesterday began moving the first 100 of approximately 300 patients into its new facility at Clifton and Harry Streets. Some finishing touches still remain to be done on the new seven story, 400 bed hospital building. The west campus building—the old hospital—will continue to be used for various departments. Two of the buildings facing Zimmerly Street have been leased to the Wichita Catholic Diocese for a five story Catholic Center for the Aging. Details.

Monday, May 3, 1976

Report of death Saturday of F. O. (Dinty) Moore, 78, of 3225 West 15th Street, former teacher at North High School from 1929 until 1945, and founder in 1947 of the Moore Flower Shops, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1972. Born in Norton County, Kansas and grew up in Grant County, Oklahoma. Moved to Wichita after World War I and attended Fairmount College. Survived by his widow, Edna. Photo. Burial in Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

Wednesday, May 5, 1976

Pizza Hut, Inc. has broken ground for its new four story, $10 million headquarters building on a 58 acre site at 9000 East Douglas. It will replace the present $1 million headquarters built just six years ago at 10225 East Kellogg. Completion is scheduled for December 1977. Architects are David Haines and Associates, with Robson, Kuhnel and Spangenberg. Pizza Hut began in 1958 when Dan and Frank Carney, students at Wichita University, put $600 into a tavern operation at Kellogg and Bluff. It became a public corporation in 1969. Details. Drawing. Map.

Saturday, May 8, 1976

The Wichita office of the State Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services will be moving by August to the former Litwin Corporation building at 520 East Williams. The
Social and Rehabilitative Services will vacate its present offices in the welfare wing of the Sedgwick County Courthouse. The former Litwin Building will be leased from Carey House Square, Inc., which has purchased the building. Details.

1C. Tolls on the Kansas Turnpike will be increased approximately 10% effective June 1. The Wichita to Topeka toll will increase from $3.20 to $3.50 and the Wichita to Kansas City toll from $4.20 to $4.60. The last toll rate increase was in 1969. The Turnpike suffered its first decrease in traffic ever in 1974 due to the gasoline shortage. The all-time high of 10.4 million vehicles in 1973 declined to 9.3 million in 1974. It improved to 10.2 million in 1975. Details.

Sunday, May 9, 1976
page 1. Photo of hot air balloons in Sun Park yesterday as part of Wichitennial River Festival activities.

Wednesday, May 12, 1976
page 1C. City Commission yesterday approved a $6 million improvement program for Mid-Continent Airport. Program includes land acquisition and development, expansion of the terminal building, and runway extension. First step will be to relocate Tyler Road to the west to allow extension of the west runway. Grading and drainage will be next, before filling in and actual perring of the runway. Details.

5C. The Learjet 35A and 36A models have received Federal Aviation Administration certification for production. Details.

Thursday, May 13, 1976
page 1C. Photo of new 1st Street bridge over Arkansas River which is complete but awaits completion of repaving of approaching streets on other end.

Saturday, May 15, 1976

1E. Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company, Inc. board of directors yesterday elected Britt Brown as chairman and Eugene R. Lambert as president and publisher of The Eagle and The Beacon. Lambert will continue as Chief Executive Officer of the newspapers. Details.
Sunday, May 16, 1976
4B. Cessna’s Strother Field facility between Winfield and Ark City is turning out about 16 Cessna 150s and 172 Skyhawks daily. Employment at the plant has risen from about 500 last year to 700.

1D. Board of education yesterday announced agreement on teacher contracts providing for an average increase of 7.1% in salary and benefits next year. Details.

1E. Map of Wichita in 1910 showing residential structures built as of that date.

Tuesday, May 18, 1976

Wednesday, May 19, 1976
3C. Report of death yesterday of Noel M. Cessna, 77, of 2710 Timber Lane, retired farmer. Survived by widow, Dorothea J., son, Noel, Jr., of Wooster, Ohio, daughter, Mrs. Dolores Harris, of Pearland, Texas, and a sister, Mrs. R. A. Harman, of Wichita. Burial in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman, Kansas.

Thursday, May 20, 1976
5D. Article about continuing sales of windmills. A few manufacturers still remain in the business of producing windmills. Annual sales the past few years ranged from 800 to 1000, according to the Heller-Aller Company, Napoleon, Ohio, one of two windmill manufacturers still producing units within the United States. For nearly 50 years the company’s sales volume was about 300 mills a year. Then it rose to 500 in the early 1970s. But sales are still behind the 4400 sold annually during the first quarter of the century prior to extensive rural electrification. The company has manufactured the Baker windmill for about 90 years. Robert L. Cornett, a sales manager of Dempster Industries, Inc., Beatrice, Nebraska, says demand for windmills is up about 10% a year. His company has been manufacturing windmills since 1878 on a steady basis. Nowadays the price of windmills ranges from about $1300 for a small six foot wheel model to about $4200 for a 14 foot model. And that doesn’t include installation or the cost of a well. Another manufacturer is Airmotor, now a division of Brandon Industries, Inc., of Minneapolis, which has been in the windmill business since the late 1800s. Peak year for windmill sales was in 1929, with a total of nearly $10 million. There are an estimated 175,000 working windmills in the United States.

Friday, May 21, 1976
5C. Drawing of Washington Square, a mini-mall under construction at Gilbert and South
Washington. To be home of Hephner’s TV and Electronics, Inc. Architect is Ted Mason. Opening scheduled for August 1.

Unemployment in the Wichita metropolitan area declined to 5.1% in April, the lowest in 16 months. It was 5.7% in April 1975.

Saturday, May 22, 1976

2A. Air Midwest yesterday was granted a ten year federal certification offer regular scheduled service in Kansas and Colorado backed by government subsidies. This will end Frontier Airlines’ responsibility for serving several Kansas cities and Lamar, Colorado. Details. Map.

Sunday, May 23, 1976

8B. Report of death Friday of Verne M. Gray, 58, of 723 South Chautauqua, retired estimator for Ideel Body Shop. Survived by widow, Mary Ellen, sons, Steven C. and Michael L, and daughter, Gretchen C., all at home. Burial in Belle Plaine Cemetery, Belle Plaine, Kansas. (Was a patient.)

1D. Feature articles about the new Mid-America All Indian Center, which is being dedicated this afternoon. Details. Photos.

2D. Article about roller coasters, including those in Wichita. Photo of Wonderland Park roller coaster (in distance). The present roller coaster at Joyland, 2801 South Hillside, was built when L. A. Ottaway and his sons, Herbert and Harold, opened the park in June 1949. The park was bought by Stan Nelson last year. The Ottaway’s manufacturing arm was bought by Harold Chance in 1950. Details. Photo.

Article about “Trolley Holley-Day” excursion trip over former Wichita streetcar and interurban lines, to be held by Wichita Chapter of National Railway Historical Society on May 30. Details.

Monday, May 24, 1976

1. Report of dedication of Mid America All Indian Center yesterday. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, May 25, 1976


Sunday, May 30, 1976
Private donations for the Kansas Coliseum now total $1.2 million. Details. Groundbreaking will be held June 5.

Wednesday, June 2, 1976
City Commission yesterday appointed E. H. (Gene) Denton, 42, as Wichita’s new city manager effective July 7. For the past eight years he has been first assistant city manager at Dallas, Texas. Details.

Thursday, June 3, 1976
Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to ask the city commission to issue an estimated $700,000 in revenue bonds to buy buses and other equipment and to begin Sunday bus service. The bonds would provide the local share to match federal funds for the purchase of the buses (35-45 passenger buses and eight 18-23 passenger buses). Details.

Report of death yesterday of Grover C. Dotzour, 89, 1315 North West Street, retired Wichita school principal. In 1904 at age 18 he started teaching at a small country school in Harper County. Came to Wichita in 1910 from Lyons, Kansas, where he was principal of the high school. He was first principal at Roosevelt Intermediate when it opened in 1921 and was named principal of North High School when it opened in 1929. After 12 years at North High School he returned to Roosevelt as principal until his retirement in 1956. Survived by a son, G. Gordon, of Wichita, and a daughter, Mrs. Frances M. Golding, of Richland, Washington, and a brother, Royer P., of Norwich, Kansas. Further biography. Photo. Burial in Resthaven Gardens.

McConnell Air Force Base will be 25 years old on Saturday. First called Wichita Air Force Base it was renamed McConnell Air Force Base on April 12, 1954. Long review of history of the base. Aerial photo in 1967.

 Frontier Airlines has begun jet service in Kansas with Boeing 737 service from Topeka to Kansas City and Denver.

Monday, June 7, 1976
First National Bank ad with photo of Metropolitan Transit Authority bus Number 6723 painted to advertise First National Centennial Account.

Tuesday, June 8, 1976
5B. The last of about 2000 B-47 Stratojets has been retired by the Air Force.

Trans World Airlines will inaugurate non-stop service between Wichita and Los Angeles on Friday. Details.

**Wednesday, June 9, 1976**

Article about the Great Lakes Aircraft Company biplane, built in Wichita. The plane stems from a 1929 design that vanished during the depression. Before the company went out of business in 1934, about 264 were built as Navy trainers at the company’s original home in Cleveland. In 1971 Doug Champlain, a native of Enid, Oklahoma, bought the production rights to the aircraft with the aid of B. J. (Tony) Blackstone, also of Enid. In September 1972 the company established a small manufacturing plant at 138 South Washington, in Wichita. The basic aircraft are built here and shipped to Enid, where they are covered with fabric and engines are installed. Details. Photos.
Article about proposal to build a coal gasification plant at Wichita at a cost of more than $1 billion. Details.

14A. The Kansas Department of Revenue will move its Wichita office to 120 South Market, Suite 310, on Wednesday, from its present location in the Machinists Building, 3830 South Meridian. Details.

Thursday, July 1, 1976
page 1C. Report of bids received yesterday for construction of Northwest High School at 13th and Tyler Road. The basic building cost will be approximately $7,760,000. The funds were included in a $30 million bond issue approved by the voters in November 1974. Details.

Wichita’s Adult Halfway House today begins moving into its new home at 1137 North Broadway. The new location was purchased by the city about six months ago from Don Taylor for $48,000. Details.

Saturday, July 3, 1976
page 1. Three Wichita investors have taken an option to purchase and renovate the former Montgomery Ward store building at Douglas and Topeka. They are Donald L. Harter, Roger W. Heitschmidt, and City Wide Investment, and investment company owned by Roger Harter. Details.

Sunday, July 4, 1976
page 2E. Short article about a pioneer Wichita home, at 1231 North Waco, built in the 1890s by railroad superintendent Russell Harding, and sold in 1896 to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Garver. Photo of entrance.

Tuesday, July 6, 1976
page 1. Feature article about Dr. A. H. Biermann, age 77, who has practiced medicine in Garden Plain for the past 46 years. Born and raised near Andale. Graduated from Creighton University Medical School in 1923. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, July 7, 1976
page 7A. Gene Denton, Wichita’s new city manager, officially begins work today, replacing Ralph Wulz, who retired in May.

1C. The Uptown Theater will close July 13. It was announced yesterday by Mann Theaters that it has been sold to Grant Gaudreau, a Wichita investment broker, who is studying alternative uses for the property at 3207 East Douglas. The 85 foot wide screen installed in the early 1960s by the Cinerama Corporation will be dismantled and the seats removed.
The Uptown opened in 1928. Details.

Wichita Airport Authority yesterday granted American Cab Company permission to become the second firm to operate at Mid-Continent Airport. Details.

Thursday, July 8, 1976

Report of death yesterday of John A. Suellentrop, retired president of the State Bank of Colwich, he joined the bank with his father in 1911, became president in 1937, and retired in 1969. Survived by widow, Catherine T., four sons, John F., Clem, and Robert, of Colwich, and Reverend Daniel, of Newburgh, New York, three daughters, Helen Suellentrop, of Wichita, Mrs. Mary Blick, of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Mrs. Jon Medill, of Seneca, Kansas, and two sisters (both nuns). Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Colwich.

Friday, July 9, 1976

Construction of a $2.3 million, 7 story, 100 unit apartment for low income elderly at 3800 West 13th should begin by mid-September. To be named Park Tower. Details.

Report of death Wednesday of Glenn Bartlett, 80, Belle Plaine, Kansas, long time operator of the Bartlett Arboretum, which was founded by his father in 1910. Father was Dr. Walter Bartlett, a Belle Plaine physician. Glenn Bartlett was born in Belle Plaine October 17, 1895. Married Margaret Meyers, of Belle Plaine, September 5, 1924, in New York City. They returned to Belle Plaine in 1937. Survived by his widow, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Gourlay and Glenna Bartlett, both of Belle Plaine. Photo. Further biography. Burial at Belle Plaine.

Saturday, July 10, 1976


The new 1st Street bridge over the Arkansas River was opened to traffic yesterday, replacing the old 2nd Street bridge which collapsed in January 1974 after being hit by a large ice floe. Aerial photo.

Thursday, July 15, 1976

Photo showing removal of seats from the Uptown Theater, which began yesterday following the closing of the theater.

Table of deliveries of general aviation aircraft:
Friday, July 16, 1976

1D. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to eliminate the loop route bus service because of a cut of approximately $20,000 in the authority’s funding. The two buses that service the route cost approximately $200 a day per bus to operate, chairman Keith Stevens said. Helene Little voted against the change and Ed Pointer voted in agreement with Stevens. The route was instituted on an experimental basis in 1973, and 90% of the passengers are going to and from Wichita State University. Revenue from the route last year was $14,520 while the operating cost was $46,653. The route will be terminated in 60 to 90 days. The public will be notified at least 30 days before the service is discontinued.

3D. Construction has started on a new TG&Y Family Center store at Tyler and Kellogg. Another TG&Y Family Center is being prepared at 21st and Amidon in the former Atlantic Department Store building, which is being extensively remodeled.

7D. Photo shows razing yesterday of the last structure at Kellogg and Hillside standing in the way of a $10 million project to reconstruct this intersection. Kellogg will be elevated over Hillside at the new intersection.

Saturday, July 17, 1976

2B. Report of death Thursday of Dr. Sherburne MacLeod, 69, 1345 North River Boulevard, a Wichita physician since 1933. Survived by his widow, Mary, a son, Dr. Don Michael, Santa Ana, California, a daughter, Mrs. Betty Downey, Norman, Oklahoma, one brother and three sisters (named-one sister, Mrs. Jean Tilden, is in Wichita.) Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Sunday, July 18, 1976

1B. Feature article about an abandoned one-room school near Moline, Kansas. Details. Interior and exterior photos.
Lakeview Gardens Cemetery has resumed work on a $1.6 million funeral home, mausoleum, crematory, and florist shop at 12122 East 13th. The project was started three years ago by Planning and Service Corporation, Des Moines, Iowa, but was delayed by financial difficulties. Lakeview Gardens owners Owen and John McEwen, Aubrey Kinkaid, and Jerry Larrison have purchased the facility and secured Amortibanc financing for the completion.

Sunday, July 25, 1976

Full page ad for Wichita Defenders Townhouse, 155 North Market. Photo.

Article about the decline in business at the Wichita stockyards. The Wichita stockyards were purchased in 1972 by Sierra Petroleum Company. By 1975 Sierra had purchased the last commission houses and private treaty sales were virtually abolished. Today livestock is sold here by auction. In 1969, 180,000 cattle were sold at the yards. This declined to about 150,000 last year. Hog sales have fallen from 336,000 in 1972 to 206,000 in 1975. Details.

Photo of tower of historic home at 1543 Fairview built in 1886 by A. T. Buckridge, a manager of Wichita Plumbing and Pump Company. Later it was the residence of Harry Dockum, of the Dockum drug stores.

Monday, July 26, 1976

Report of death yesterday of Everett A. McMullen, 53, founder of McMullen Jewelry Store, of cancer. Born at Eureka, Kansas. Owned his jewelry store for 23 years. Survived by his widow, Lorraine, a son, Ted, of Forest Knolls, California, a daughter, Mrs. Peg Strait, of St. Louis, his mother, Mrs. Helen Hill, of Wichita, and a sister, Mrs. Leonard Blood, of Norman, Oklahoma. Photo. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Tuesday, July 27, 1976

Board of Education yesterday adopted an $88.5 million budget for the 1976-77 school year. This means a tax levy for school purposes of 47.386 mills. Details.

Thursday, July 29, 1976

Contracts awarded yesterday for construction of a $1.1 million jungle building at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Details.

Expanded Air Midwest commuter service to nine cities in Kansas and one in Colorado will be delayed to December 1 from November 1. Meanwhile four pressurized 21 passenger Metros ordered by Air Midwest are nearing completion at Swearingen Aviation Corporation, St. Lewis. Air Midwest also plans to add a Cessna Titan twin-engine aircraft to its fleet. It now operates six Cessna 402s, a twin-engine model that accommodates
eight passengers and a crew of two. Details.

Sunday, August 1, 1976

Monday, August 2, 1976

List of polling places in Wichita and Sedgwick County.

Wednesday, August 4, 1976

Thursday, August 12, 1976

4B. The Town House Motor Hotel at Kellogg and Broadway will be renamed Shepherd of the Hills Inn on Monday. Its owners, Harter and Sons, Inc. are working toward the conclusion of a $300,000 remodeling program. It was purchased by Roger L. Harter in March as part of a property swap in which he traded 50 acres of land in Derby for the Town House. The Town House opened in 1960 and was expanded in 1962.

Friday, August 13, 1976
page 3C. Report of death Wednesday in Charlottesville, Virginia, of Hortense Imboden Hudson, 91, daughter of Wichita pioneers Hiram and Emma Imboden, who came to Wichita in 1875. He was owner of the city’s first flour mill. Mrs. Hudson was born in 1885 and lived in Wichita until her marriage to William M. Hudson in 1911. Her husband was acting president of Long Island University at Brooklyn, New York at the time of his death in 1960. Her sister, Blanche, was the wife of Harry (sic) Stanley, governor of Kansas from 1899 to 1903. Survived by a sister, Mildred, Wichita, daughter, Louise Robison and granddaughter, Jean McLain, both of Charlottesville.

20C. Small aerial photo of Union Station area.
Sunday, August 15, 1976


2F. Photo of porch decorations on early Wichita home at 1040 Jefferson built in 1898 by Scott E. Winnee, who later lived in the Greiffenstein home across the street.

Wednesday, August 18, 1976

1. City Commission yesterday killed the long proposed $50 million Inner Loop Expressway. Details.

Thursday, August 19, 1976

1C. Changes to eight city bus routes serving the east part of the city will be proposed today to the Metropolitan Transit Authority. They would create an “eastside loop route” and a new transfer print at Towne East Square, to provide better service to the east side, Wichita State University, and Towne East. The changes have been proposed by hired consultants. Details.

4C. Contracts have been let for an extensive remodeling of the first floor of the Union National Building at southeast corner of Douglas and Broadway. To cost $½ million and include reconstruction of store fronts, addition of a second entry way, new automatic elevators, and an exterior facelift up to the third floor. Architect is Dale Allen. The building is owned by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. It was built in 1926 and in 1953 was sold to a group headed by M. A. Borenstein. In 1958 it was purchased by the International Association of Machinists Lodge 70 as an investment. In 1965 it was sold again to another group of local investors headed by Harry Pollack. Several years later it was deeded to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which held the mortgage. The building is now 65% occupied. Details.

Friday, August 20, 1976

3D. Changes in eight city bus routes serving east Wichita were approved yesterday by the Metropolitan Transit Authority as proposed and will be initiated in the next two or three months. Details. Map.

Bids opened for grading and concrete paving of the last link to complete the Canal Route in Wichita-2.161 miles from Stafford Street north to English Street. Apparent low bid was $9,277,999. Details.

8D. Dr. Alfred Tocker appeared before the MAPC yesterday to oppose historic landmark designation of a house he owns at 21st and Bluff. The house is the only remaining
structure on the former 100 acre site of the Roe Indian Institute which operated from 1915 to 1939. Details.

Saturday, August 21, 1976

1C. St. Mary’s Cathedral, 307 East Central, is undergoing major renovation, expected to be completed by September, which includes major roof repair and the removal of 16 metal owls one foot tall which were placed around the upper reaches of the church around 1950 to frighten away pigeons, starlings, etc. One of the owls has been saved and decorates the office of Monsignor Charles Walsh. Details. Photo.


Sunday, August 22, 1976

4B. Mooney Aircraft Corporation, headed for oblivion before being taken over by Republic Steel Corporation less than three years ago, is starting to flex its muscles in the general aviation marketplace. It is introducing a $39,300 four place single engine plane that expands its line to three basic models. Called the Mooney 201 to denote its top speed, deliveries will start later this month at the company’s headquarters in Kerrville, Texas. Powered by a 200 horsepower Lycoming engine. Like the Mooney Ranger and Executive models, it has a retractable landing gear. Gross weight is 2740 pounds with a 1100 useful load and 64 gallon fuel capacity. Further details. Photo-N201M.

11C. Ad by Wichita Urban Renewal Agency offering three midtown properties for sale: 1400 Park Place—minimum bid $16,300 1516 Park Place—minimum bid $12,400 1525 Park Place—minimum bid $12,500.

Monday, August 23, 1976

6C. Report of death yesterday of Franz Noltemeyer, 88, of 702 South Green, retired clothing salesman for Beuttel’s Clothing store. Survived by three sisters, Mrs. Freda Dyer, at home, and Mrs. Victor Clark and Mrs. Albertina Hogan, both of Wichita. Burial in Highland Cemetery.

Tuesday, August 24, 1976

Wednesday, August 25, 1976

The “Downtown Farm and Art Market” will make its debut Saturday behind the Union Station in 700 block of East Douglas. It is being sponsored by Greater Downtown Wichita in coordination with the Wichita Urban Renewal Agency. Details.

8C. Gates Learjet Corporation is increasing its production to eight aircraft a month. The company cut production to six aircraft a month in March and laid off about 150 of its then 2100 employes. Employment has since climbed back to about 2000. Details.

Thursday, August 26, 1976

1C. Article about job of driving school buses. B. W. Jones and Sons Inc. are the transportation contractor for Wichita public schools and will transport about 18,000 students to school this year. Company has a fleet of 212 buses and 82 vans and carryalls. Details of driver training. Photo of interior of a bus.

Article about changes in location of courthouse offices and minor interior remodeling. Details.

Photo of parking meter and collection cart. There are about 2500 parking meters in Wichita.

Friday, August 27, 1976

Kansas Department of Transportation has awarded contract for grading and paving of 2.16 miles of I-35 West (Canal Route) in Wichita from Stafford Street to English Street to Utility Construction Company, Wichita, for $9,278,035.

Saturday, August 28, 1976

a daughter, Yonah Chervitz, and a brother, Sol, of Jerusalem.

**Sunday, August 29, 1976**

13A. Report of opening of the “Downtown Farm and Art Market” yesterday. Details. Will be open each Saturday through November.

4D. Photo of patterned siding on an Eastlake style house in midtown at 719 West 9th built in 1915.

3E. A. W. Kincade has put up for sale his 1917 home at 255 North Roosevelt, which was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. He says it is too large for him since his wife died last year. The Kincades purchased it in 1971. Details.

**Tuesday, August 31, 1976**

1C. Limestone exterior of St. Mary’s Cathedral, Central and Broadway, is being cleaned by high-powered water jets. Exterior rejuvenation of the Cathedral is expected to be completed by mid-September. Photo shows workman cleaning the bell tower atop the Cathedral.

**Wednesday, September 1, 1976**

1. City Commission yesterday appointed Robert Cory to fill the unexpired term on City Commission of John Stevens, deceased. Details. Photo.

1C. City Commission yesterday saved the historic Basham house at 824 North Emporia from destruction, when it approved $39,500 for renovation and limited reconditioning of the house. The long battle for its salvation was led by Wichitan Judy McCrea. Only about a month ago its present owner, Dick Huffman, stated that it would be demolished. Details.

**Thursday, September 2, 1976**

8D. Report of death Tuesday of Dave Bachus (sic), 65, of 6626 Claytonia, owner of the Yard Store and Bachus and Son, Inc. Survived by widow, Millie, a son, Gary, and a daughter, Dr. Debie Bendel, both of Wichita, two brothers and three sisters. Burial in Wichita Hebrew Cemetery. (Was a patient.)

**Friday, September 3, 1976**

1D. United States Department of Transportation yesterday announced a grant of $1,028,659 for improvements at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. To be combined with some city funds to reconstruct the center taxiway, construct lights and access roads, and groove the west runway. Other improvements will include extension of west runway to 10,000 feet.
4D. State Board of Agriculture reported yesterday that Wichita’s population on January 1, 1976 was 265,455, an increase of 786 from 1975. Sedgwick County has a population of 342,403, an increase of 3180 from 339,223 in 1975. Other cities included: Kansas City-171,101 Topeka-141,002 Overland Park-82,388 Lawrence-46,386 Hutchinson-40,719 Salina-39,650.


Sunday, September 5, 1976
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1C. Feature article describing progress in building the new Wichita Art Museum. The work is about halfway done. Project has been under way since late last December when the art museum board let the $2,797,775 base construction contract to the Law Company, of Wichita. The building will be under cover by October 1 and may be complete as early as April, although the contract runs until June 26. Platt Associates are architects overseeing the project. Original design was by New York architect Edward Larrahee Barnes, who also designed custom furniture for the building. Details. Photos including one of original 1935 building.

Wednesday, September 8, 1976
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3C. Cessna will build a two story $8 million delivery and training facility for twin-engine division on eight acres northwest of Wallace Division. Construction to start this month—completion in nine to ten months. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, September 11, 1976
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5C. Urban Renewal Agency Thursday accepted bids for purchase of two homes in mid town area: 1516 Park Place-$12,600 by Nancy Cole 1400 Park Place-$16,300 by Michael and Suzanne Minerd.

Sunday, September 12, 1976
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6B. The new Gates Learjet plant at Tucson, Arizona, has been completed and is in full operation. Cost was $3 million, and facility has about 200 employees. Seventy six thousand square feet. Upholstery and avionics are installed and exteriors painted. Photos.

6F-7F. Ad announcing grand opening on Saturday, September 18, of the remodeled and expanded Better Book Room, Inc., 358 North Main. Architects are Woodman Van Doran. Drawing.

Tuesday, September 14, 1976
page
5B. Table of general aviation aircraft deliveries by company for August and for year to date.
American Safety Equipment Corporation, Encino, California, yesterday announced agreement in principle to purchase Langdon Corporation, 222 North Hydraulic, long time Wichita maker of canvas and other protective covers. Langdon began making covers for Conestoga wagons in 1887. Harold Recland is president of Langdon and will become general manager of the company, which will be an operating division of American Safety. Langdon had sales in excess of $2 million in fiscal year ended January 31 and has about 60 employees.

3C. Report of death yesterday at Kingman, Kansas, of Aaron E. Greenleaf, co-founder with Dan Sauder of Southern Kansas Stage Lines in 1924. The original line, the “Cannonball,” ran between Wichita and Kingman over old US 54 highway. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines later became a major portion of Continental Trailways. In 1938 it was sold to the Santa Fe Railway, after which Greenleaf continued to work for the firm as an executive officer under its new name of Santa Fe Trailways. In 1948 Santa Fe Trailways became the largest acquisition of Continental Trailways. A native of Kingman County and maintained a farm there throughout his life.

Wednesday, September 15, 1976


8C. Ground has been broken for the new five story building at Osteopathic Hospital. Addition will cost $3.4 million and be completed in about 18 months.

10D. Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday announced plans for its new Citation III, with deliveries to start in 1980. Details. Drawing.

Article reporting that the Regal Inn, 125 North Market, is being remodeled for $½ million and will be renamed Wichita Royale.

Wednesday, September 22, 1976

5D. Chance Manufacturing Company announced yesterday that it has purchased Minibus Company, Los Angeles, from MCA, an entertainment conglomerate. The firm produces small buses. Sales last year were $3.6 million. Production of the bus will be moved to Wichita after the first of the year. The buses seat 25 and cost about $55,000. Details.

Thursday, September 23, 1976

2C. Photo of nearly completed excavation for the new Northwest High School, at 13th Street and Tyler Road. Construction began the first week of August. Cost over $8.5 million. Scheduled for completion during summer of 1978.

Friday, September 24, 1976


Saturday, September 25, 1976

City manager Gene Denton yesterday announced appointment of Captain Richard LaMunyon, 36, as Wichita’s new chief of police, effective today. Biography. Details. Photo. Native of Wichita and graduated from North High School in 1959.

Sunday, September 26, 1976


Photo of early brick mid-town home at 1905 Park Place, built in 1887 by Lee Taylor of Taylor and Hall Insurance Company. In 1907 it was the home of William Brown, vice-president and general manager of Cudehy Packing Company.

Tuesday, September 28, 1976

Wichita Mid-Continent Airport has received a $486,000 federal grant to start an $800,000 project to lengthen the field’s west runway from 7000 to 10000 feet. Earlier this month the FAA has allocated $1,076,000 from the Airport Development Aid Program to reconstruct and widen the airport’s major taxiway that runs parallel from the field’s east runway to the terminal. Extension of the runway, Runway 1 Left-19 Right, will be to the south. Details.

Wednesday, September 29, 1976

Photo of two story frame house at 21st and Bluff, former residence of Henry Roe Cloud and the only remaining structure on the former 100 acre site of the Roe Indian Institute. It is now owned by Alfred and Lilia Tocker, who are opposing historic landmark
Friday, October 1, 1976

The Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington yesterday gave its final approval for federal subsidies for Air Midwest to provide commuter service to ten communities in Kansas and Colorado. The new service is to be phased in by January or February. Details. Map.

Saturday, October 2, 1976

Wichita Symphony conductor Francois Huybrechts has announced his resignation at the end of the current season next April. He began his fifth season here last weekend. He will become director for the Brussels National Opera next September. Details.

Monday, October 4, 1976

A portion of Harry Street will be closed today for about 18 months for widening to four lanes, construction of three bridges, and major storm sewer construction in conjunction with the I-35W project. The portion of Harry Street to be closed is from Grove to Hydraulic.

Friday, October 8, 1976

Report of death September 28 in Corte Madera, California of Dr. Lambertus Hekhuis, 86, former dean of Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Wichita University for 26 years. He was a native of Spring Lake, Michigan and came to Wichita in 1926 as Wichita University registrar, and established the religion and philosophy departments at the university. He became dean of the college in 1929 and retired from that post in 1955 and from the university in 1959. He then moved to California and taught classes in religion at the College of Marin for several years. Survived by his wife, Jean, two daughters and one son (named; none in Wichita).

Sunday, October 10, 1976

Photo of ornate window in early mid-town home at 1120 North Broadway. The home was occupied by attorney J. W. Adams in 1907.

Tuesday, October 12, 1976

Table of deliveries of general aviation aircraft during September and for year to date, by companies, January through September:

- Beech 924
- Cessna 5784
- Gates Learjet 57
A $5.5 million, 391 unit apartment complex on 20 acres near 2nd and Ridge Road, will be started in about two weeks. Called Farmington Square. Details.

Thursday, October 14, 1976
1. Feature article by Jon Roe about the Little Arkansas River treaties with the Indians signed 111 years ago in 1865. Many historical details.

Monday, October 18, 1976
1D. For the tenth straight year, enrollment is down in Wichita public schools—this year by 1952 students. Enrollment in Wichita public schools as of September 15 was 49,955, down from 51,907 on the same date last year. Table lists enrollment by individual schools in 1976 and 1975. Includes

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Wednesday, October 20, 1976
1C. Cessna Aircraft Company has started its second major expansion in two months at its Wallace Division. Construction has started on a $2.5 million, 120,000 square foot building to house machine, jig, and tool and die shops. These operations are in the division’s Prospect Plant on the south side of K-42 and separated from the main Wallace Division facilities at southeast corner of Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. The new building is expected to be completed next summer. Details. Cessna’s Wichita employment (including Strother Field) has climbed to 11,214 as of September 1, compared with 9687 a year earlier. During this year Boeing employment has declined from 11,700 in December 1975 to about 7500 now.

Thursday, October 21, 1976
3B. Calvary Baptist Church, 601 North Water, yesterday was denied historic landmark status for the second time by the historic landmark board, for technical reasons relating to the ordinance governing this body, but it was recognized as a “historic property.” Details.

10C. Merger of the Texas and Pacific Railway and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad into the Missouri Pacific Railroad has been completed. All three lines have been operating as a single system for several years under common management.

Cessna Aircraft Company has reported record sales of $493.1 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, compared with $491.6 million last year. Net earnings increased from $19 million last year to $29.7 million. Despite a 31 day strike, a total of 7705 planes were delivered, 32 more than last year (article breaks down deliveries by plane models.).

Saturday, October 23, 1976

1B. Long article about Michael Palmer, age 31, whose appointment as the new conductor of the Wichita Symphony was announced yesterday. He has been associate conductor of the Atlanta Symphony since 1967, and is a native of Indiana. Biography. Photo.

Sunday, October 24, 1976

12C. Report of death Thursday in Del Rio, Texas of John R. Brinkley III, son of the late Dr. John R. Brinkley II, formerly of Milford, Kansas. He was age 49, and is survived by his mother, Minnie Brinkley and daughter, Angela Brinkley, 16. He was divorced. Burial in Memphis, Tennessee.

1D. Feature article about the estate and book collection of Robert T. Aitchison, who died in 1964. Interview with Aitchison’s good friend, Bill Jackson. The cream of his book collection, about 600 volumes, was purchased from the Mary Aitchison estate for $44,000, raised by Dr. Martin Bush from private benefactors, and is now in Special Collections at the Wichita State University library. Details.

Tuesday, October 26, 1976

7A. Wichita’s historic Colonel Marsh Murdock House after two years’ work and removal to Cow Town, is externally repaired and restored to its 1872 appearance. Details. Photo.

Thursday, October 28, 1976

1C. Announcement made yesterday that Father Eugene Gerber, diocesan chancellor in Wichita, has been appointed bishop of Dodge City by Pope Paul VI. Gerber, 45, will
succeed Bishop Marion Forst, who will become auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Ignatius Strecker at Kansas City, Kansas. Gerber was born in Kingman, Kansas and was ordained as a priest there at St. Patrick’s Church in 1959. Further biography. Photo.

Friday, October 29, 1976

3C. New I-135 signs replaced the old I-35W signs on 96 miles of the Interstate road between Wichita and Salina this week, conforming to the new Interstate Highway numbering policy of the Federal Highway Commission to eliminate letters combined with the highway numbers.

Monday, November 1, 1976


Wednesday, November 3, 1976


Friday, November 5, 1976

1C. The new $700,000 South High School Stadium will be dedicated tonight before the South vs. East High School football game. Seating capacity is 3100. It replaces the old Roosevelt Field at East High School which was taken for highway construction. Photo.

Saturday, November 6, 1976

1D. Friends University has agreed to relinquish title (along with Short Line Railroad) to Santa Fe steam engine Number 3768 to the City of Wichita for $1.00 and allow it to be removed from the Friends University area to the downtown Union Station. Railroad Weekend will be held today and tomorrow, with display of the Bicentennial painted engine and caboose and 12 other old railroad cars.

Sunday, November 7, 1976

1. Photo of Bicentennial painted caboose on display at Union Station.

4B. Construction started Friday on North Town Square, an apartment and commercial development at 21st and Waco, to be built in three phases over the next two years. The $1.2 million project includes 80 apartments. The land was purchased from Urban Renewal Agency, which acquired it from the Wichita Public School District. It formerly was the site of Waco Elementary School. Drawing.
Robert Branson, part owner of Sandlian Management Inc., has assumed control of the company by purchasing the stock interest of Colby Sandlian. The company will be renamed Branson and Associates, Inc. Its offices will remain at 435 North Broadway. Sandlian Management was formed in 1971 as a real estate management arm for Sandlian Realty.

Monday, November 8, 1976

Brief history of Kansas Corporation Commission. Began in 1883 when Kansas legislature created a three member Board of Railroad Commissioners. In 1920 its regulatory duties were taken over by the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations. In 1925 a five member Kansas Public Service Commission was created. In 1933 the present Kansas Corporation Commission was created, with jurisdiction extended to include the regulation of motor carriers, speculative securities, and oil proration.

Wednesday, November 10, 1976

City Commission yesterday approved a $200,000 project to widen 2nd Street west of the Arkansas River to Dodge Street and to realign its approach to McLean Boulevard so it will connect with the 1st Street bridge. Currently the street is a two lane brick with a rough shoulder for on-street parking. Work scheduled to start next spring. Details.

Wichita’s third K-Mart store will open Thursday at 47th Street South and Broadway, along with a Dillon’s supermarket and Calhoun’s Department Store.

Thursday, November 11, 1976

Hardesty Company will build a $2.45 million second addition of 200 apartment units at Quail Meadows, 9100 East Harry. Construction will not begin until February when Hardesty crews finish the first phase of a $10 million apartment project at Riverpark, 500 West Central. Quail Meadows opened in July this year. The new addition is scheduled for completion next June. Details.

Friday, November 12, 1976

Report of death Tuesday of Mrs. Pauline Lambe, 5101 East 13th, wife of real estate developer Claude R. Lambe. Was born at York, Nebraska, but was a long time Wichitan. Biography. Survived by her husband. Photo. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Ground will be broken November 22 for a one story, 8189 square foot, $500,000 building at 1111 North St. Francis to house the Wichita Cardiac Clinic. Design by Marshall Erdman and Associates. Drawing.

Saturday, November 13, 1976

Construction on the final portion of the Park Plaza urban renewal project along the Little
Arkansas River is expected to begin in the spring on the remaining six acre tract south of Murdock between the river and Waco Street. Details.

5D. Table of general aviation aircraft deliveries in month of October and for the year to date. Details.

Sunday, November 14, 1976

2D. The Urban Renewal Agency will negotiate soon for purchase of the Continental Trailways bus garage property at 419 West 2nd. The Urban Renewal Agency board Thursday set maximum purchase price at $695,000.

Tuesday, November 16, 1976

7C. An addition to the OK Elementary School, 1607 North West Street, built at cost of $329,520 and containing six classrooms and a commons area, is to be dedicated this evening.

Wednesday, November 17, 1976

1C. Mann Theaters last night discontinued the showing of movies at the Orpheum Theater, but the theater will continue to be used for live stage shows. Details. Photo (interior). The Mann Company will also convert its Fox Theater in the Garvey Center from a single screen to a twin theater between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

6C. Father Eugene Gerber will be elevated to the post of bishop of Dodge City in ceremonies December 14 at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Wichita. Details.

7C. Photo of Orpheum Theater entrance showing that the final movie shown yesterday was “The Bodyguard”. Article with details of the last performance.

Thursday, November 18, 1976

1. Sculpture selection committee yesterday recommended the 30 foot wheat sculpture design for the Wichita City Hall. Details. Drawing.

Friday, November 19, 1976

1E. The red, white, and blue Beech Aircraft water tower, a landmark since the 1940s, will be dismantled on Monday and trucked to Harveyville, Kansas where it will be used by the town’s water department. The tower is second of a matched pair built by Beech to cool compressors and serve as a fire control backup. Its capacity is 100,000 gallons. Photo.

Special eight page supplement about Freemasonry in Kansas, with numerous articles about its history, photos, etc.
**Monday, November 22, 1976**

1C. The Metropolitan Transit Authority is ending service on its Loop Route around the city. Yesterday was the last day of operation of this route. Dick Ruddell, Metropolitan Transit Authority supervisor, attributed the discontinuance to financial problems. This route had the biggest deficit of any route on the system.

Special eight page supplement marking the centennial of the First National Bank. Articles. History. Photos.

**Tuesday, November 23, 1976**

7B. Western Typewriter has started construction on a 2500 square foot addition to its building at 400 East 1st, which will double its size and provide a new showroom and an expanded service department. To cost about $500,000. The company was started in 1910. The current president, Albert H. Howard, will retire and his son, John L. Howard, will be the new president. Details. Drawing.

Report of death yesterday of George D. Wilner, 86, of 3237 East 12th Street, retired Wichita State University speech and drama professor. He was a native of the small mining town of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Came to Wichita in 1923 to teach at Fairmount College. Retired in 1959. Further biography. Survived by his widow, Vera, two sons, Norman D., of Dexter, Michigan, and Arthur G., of Pierre, South Dakota, and a daughter, Mrs. Florence Scott, of Wichita.

3C. Wichita Park Board yesterday approved plans for a new $135,000 clubhouse at the L. W. Clapp Memorial Park golf course. Architects are Bender-Viney and Mann. Completion expected by next April or May. Drawing.

**Thursday, November 25, 1976**

5G. Croney’s Women’s Wear, 123 East Douglas, will start closing out merchandise next week and will be permanently closed after Christmas after 66 years in downtown Wichita. Store owners are Sidney and Fannie Cohen, who have been in the business nearly 44 years. The store was opened in 1910 by Sidney Croney, father of Mrs. Cohen.

**Sunday, November 28, 1976**

1E. Photo of glass marbles in curbing street name signs on North Broadway and of first Phillips service station at 805 East Central. Article with some details about historic landmarks.

**Wednesday, December 1, 1976**

1. Long article about proposed coal gasification plant at Wichita. Estimated cost $1.25 billion. Details.
Thursday, December 2, 1976
page 1.
Report of death yesterday of Harry Kurdian, 75, of 10918 East 13th, owner of Kurdian World Travel and Kurdian Gallery, and prominent local historian and art collector, of cancer. Born in Romania in 1902, was interned in Bulgaria in World War I, and arrived in New York City in 1918. Left New York in 1923 to come to Wichita. In 1930 he married Rachel Jones. Survived by his widow, Rachel, two sons, Haig and Gregory, of Wichita, and a sister, Mrs. Nevart Dilsizian, of Scarsdale, New York. Further biography. Photo. Services at St. James Episcopal Church. Remains will be flown to Venice, Italy for entombment.

Friday, December 3, 1976
page 1C. Hillside Cottage, 303 Circle Drive, has been designated as Wichita’s ninth National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. The designation was effective November 21. It is owned by Craig Miner, history instructor at Wichita State University and served as the Wichita Country Club from 1901-1903. Details. Photo.

Sunday, December 5, 1976
page 4E. TG&Y Stores Company will open its twelfth store in the Wichita area Monday at Kellogg and Tyler Road.

Monday, December 6, 1976
page 1.
The disappearance of Wichita coin dealer Jack Hazelwood seven years ago remains a mystery. Long article discusses the case.

Wednesday, December 8, 1976
page 1H. City Commission yesterday approved recommendation for a piece of sculpture depicting stalks of wheat, to be placed in front of the new City Hall. Details. Drawing. The wheat sculptor is Kenneth W. Bell, a Chanute, Kansas native living in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is senior partner of a sculpture team with Rex Applebee, a former Salina, Kansas resident. The sculpture is to be financed with $35,000 in Urban Renewal Agency funds.

Photo of worker Bruce Meyers, of Meyer Brothers Wrecking Company demolishing a building at Mosley and Douglas. Site will be parking lot adjacent to Modern Cleaners.

Thursday, December 9, 1976
page 1.
Coleman Company is planning major expansion at its air conditioning equipment plant, 801 East 37th North, and its Outing Products Division Plant at 37th North and Hydraulic, adding 312,000 square feet of manufacturing, office, and warehouse space. Construction could start as soon as January 1. Construction of the Outing Products plant is scheduled for completion September 1, 1977 and the other plant by March 31, 1978. Details.
Report of death Tuesday of Eugene N. Smith, 81, former Wichita city manager. He was appointed city manager in 1952 when Monty Jones was fired. His tenure was stormy-long article gives details-with his being fired in November 1955 over policy disagreement with Police Chief R. L. Price, after which Smith was re-appointed to the position one week later. He was then replaced by Frank Backstrom in 1956 and worked as a director of public works until his retirement in 1961. Survived by widow, Ruth A., and a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Duncan, Tucson, Arizona. Wichita Park Cemetery.

Paul (Pat) McGinnis, executive director of the Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority, will retire January 1, after 52 years in the transit business. He began as a mechanics helper with the Youngstown, Ohio transit company in 1924. He and his wife, Dorothy, will move to Florida, where they own a home. He joined Metropolitan Transit Authority as manager of maintenance in October 1966 and became acting director in May 1967. He was named executive director in December 1968. He came to the Metropolitan Transit Authority from Miami, where he had been superintendent of maintenance with the American Transit Corporation. Further details. Photo.

The Reverend Father Eugene Gerber, former chancellor of the Wichita diocese, will become a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in ceremonies Tuesday in St. Mary’s Cathedral in Wichita. The following day he will be installed as bishop of the Dodge City, Kansas diocese. He will be the third bishop of Dodge City and will replace Bishop Marion Forst, who will become auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Ignatius Strecker of Kansas City, Kansas. Gerber, 45, was born in Kingman, Kansas and holds a bachelor’s degree from Wichita University and a master’s from St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. He was ordained as a priest in 1959 at St. Patrick Church in Kingman. His appointment as bishop of the Dodge City diocese was announced by Pope Paul VI on October 27. Further biography.


Report of consecration yesterday of Father Eugene John Gerber, 45, as a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Wichita. He will become Bishop of the Dodge City diocese, which was carved from the Wichita diocese in 1951. Details. Photos.

Construction is under way on Park Tower, a seven story, 100 unit apartment building for the elderly at 3800 West 13th. Cost is $2.3 million. To be completed in fall 1977. Details. Drawing.
14D. Report of death of Myrl Q. James, 63, of 405 North St. Paul, retired James Coin and Stamp Company owner. He died yesterday. Survived by his widow, Wynema, a daughter, Mrs. Shari Nicholes, Overland Park, Kansas, three brothers and two sisters (named-only one, Donald, is in Wichita). White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Thursday, December 16, 1976

12D. Air Midwest has taken delivery of the first of four 19 passenger Swearingen Metro airliners for use on the line’s new service to nine cities in Kansas and one in Colorado. A second Metro will be delivered early next month and the first two will be placed in service January 15. Photos-plane number not visible.

Southwest Federal Savings and Loan will remodel and expand its downtown Wichita office at 130 North Market, in a southwestern motif. Construction is to start in April, with completion about a year later. Architect is David Haines. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, December 18, 1976


Sunday, December 19, 1976

1F. Feature article about Hillside Cottage, 303 Circle Drive, included interview with its owner Craig Miner. Built by architect Willis Proudfoot in 1888, it has had only one other owner since 1900, Mrs. Emma Dodd, before the Miners purchased it from the Dodd estate in 1970. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, December 28, 1976


4B. Demolition has begun on three buildings in 700 block of West Douglas to make way for $1.5 million expansion project of Wichita State Bank, including an 18,000 square foot addition to the main bank at 711 West Douglas. To be started by May and completed in early 1978. Architects are McVay, Schmidt and Allen. Drawing.

Thursday, December 30, 1976

1D. Photo of construction pilings erected for an overpass for the Canal Route at Kellogg and Hydraulic.

4D. Safe driving awards were presented Tuesday night to active and retired bus drivers of the Metropolitan Transit Authority covering records from 1946 to January 1. Gold pins for ten or more years of safe driving were awarded to:
Jarrett is the only retired driver of the group.

Frank Tarlton  26 years
Robert Hull    22 years
Dale Jarrett   19 years
Don Miller     18 years
Gerald Carlson 18 years
Elmer Hillgardner  16 years