Wichita Eagle-Beacon
Sunday, January 2, 1977
3C. Night photo of the old City Hall, future home of the Wichita Historical Museum, lighted by floodlights. In foreground is the gazebo in Heritage Square Park. This park is a recent gift from the Junior League.

Thursday, January 6, 1977
7C. Report of death Tuesday of Herbert E. Beins, 72, Bentley, Kansas, retired painter. Survived by widow, Mary, two sons, Edward, of Shawnee Mission, Kansas and Richard, of Bentley, and four daughters, Mrs. Beulah Cutting, Halstead, Kansas, Mrs. Mary Lou Williams, Pittsburg, Kansas, Mrs. Clara Jane Adams, of Bentley, Mrs. Betty Rice, Wichita, a brother, Roy, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and his mother, Mrs. Ella Sampson, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Friday, January 7, 1977
9D. Report of death yesterday of Arthur Homer Ballinger, 70, of Augusta, Kansas, retired partner in Ballinger Catering. Born in Ashville, Missouri. Moved to Wichita from Chanute, Kansas. During World War II he operated Ballinger Bus Lines to take aircraft workers from Augusta to Wichita factories. Moved to Augusta in 1941. He and his wife established Ballinger Cafeteria in Augusta in 1955, and in 1957 this grew into a part-time catering service. By 1970 the cafeteria was phased out and the catering service became full-time. Survived by his widow, Mildred, a son, W. Gene, of Augusta, and two brothers and two sisters (named). Photo.

Sunday, January 9, 1977

3F. Photo of new light fixtures in Heritage Square Park, east of old city hall. Resemble old gas lights.
Tuesday, January 11, 1977
page 9A. The once-endangered Basham House, 824 North Emporia, built in 1907 for pioneer physician David Walker Basham, may be moved to a new site sometime in March. The proposed new site is at 1215 North Emporia. An old house on that site will be demolished. The house at 1215 North Emporia was built in 1887 for attorney W. K. Carlisle, and later owners included W. W. Johnston, of Johnston-Larimer, and D. A. (sic) Rorabaugh, of Rorabaugh Department Store. There is some move to preserve it, although it is in poor condition. Details. Photos of Basham House and the house at 1215 North Emporia.

Thursday, January 13, 1977
page 4D. Air Midwest, recently certificated by the Civil Aeronautics Board as a regional air carrier, beginning Saturday will replace Frontier Air Lines on routes between Wichita and Southeast Kansas and Lamar, Colorado, flying two new 19 passenger Swearingen Metroliners. Details.

Friday, January 14, 1977
page 1D. Article about preliminary plans for renovating the old Union Station buildings into a specialty shopping center with restaurant and entertainment facilities. Details.

Sunday, January 16, 1977
page 1. Wichita’s old municipal airport terminal building, acquired by the Air Force in 1951, may become an aviation museum. Details. Photo.

Thursday, January 20, 1977
page 1. Wichita’s old municipal airport terminal building was nominated yesterday for addition to the national registry of historic sites. Details.

1B. Article about new type short term housing complex, The Residence, at 120 West Orme. Details. Photos.

Saturday, January 22, 1977
page 1C. Report of death yesterday of John L. Denning, 80, of 115 South Rutan, president of John L. Denning and Company, broomcorn dealers, which in the 1930s was the largest broomcorn dealer in the United States. He founded his company in 1924 in New Orleans and moved it to Wichita in 1932. Details. Survived by two sons, Warren, of Peabody, Kansas, and Edward, of Wichita, and a daughter, Mrs. Edwana Collins, of Wichita. Photo. Burial in Old Mission Cemetery.
Sunday, January 23, 1977

1. Article about illegal aliens in Wichita. Details.

13A. Report of death by suicide (gunshot in his office) of Harold A. Mayor, Sr., 72, founder of Southwest Grease and Oil Company. He was said to be suffering from terminal cancer. He came to Wichita in 1933. Survived by his wife, Marguerite, and a son, Harold A. Mayor, Jr., of Omaha. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

3B. Photo of geometric design above windows of the Petroleum Building, 221 South Broadway.

Wednesday, January 26, 1977

1. The vacant Montgomery Ward building at Douglas and Topeka has been sold to Harter, Inc., which yesterday disclosed plans to remodel the building and convert it to luxury offices. The exterior facade would be completely rebuilt. Details. Photo. Drawing of proposed new appearance.

Thursday, January 27, 1977

1D. Plans for a new $4.5 million Health Sciences Building at Wichita State University have been approved by the Kansas Board of Regents. To be located at intersection of Harvard and 18th Streets. Details. To take two years to complete. Drawing.

Saturday, January 29, 1977


Report of death Thursday of Mrs. Celia Ivy (Albert) Venning, of 1602 North St. Paul. Survived by husband (retired North High School teacher) and a daughter, Mary J. Venning, of Wichita. Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

Sunday, January 30, 1977

10C. Drawing of Marshall Murdock home, as printed in the April 20, 1876 issue of the Wichita Eagle.

1E. Report of severe fire Saturday morning that did $400,000 damage to Lehr’s Restaurant and Motel, at Augusta. Details. Photos.

1E. Article discusses boom in home building in Minneha Township, east of Wichita. Details. Photo of villas at Crestview Country Club.

**Monday, January 31, 1977**


**Tuesday, February 1, 1977**

1. The Boeing Company yesterday elevated its Wichita Division to the title of the Boeing Wichita Company. Details.

1B. Yesterday was a free ride day on the Metropolitan Transit Authority buses to acquaint people with the convenience of bus riding. Photo of front of bus Number 6704 (destination sign not visible).

4B-7B. Official publication of official description of the wards and precincts of Sedgwick County (including Wichita).

7C. Report of death Sunday of Leo L. McKenzie, 90, of 2450 North Belmont, retired owner of Leo L. McKenzie Body Works. He took over the management of his father’s M. A. McKenzie Carriage works in 1916, the year after he graduated from Wichita High School, but he had started working in the business at age 12. That was when he sold his first carriage to George Innes Dry Goods Company. He was married to Sadie Davis in 1925. Over the years, McKenzie built custom bodies for truck lines, hearses, and limousines for Kansas mortuaries, horse drawn milk delivery wagons for Steffen’s and Meadow Gold dairies, the Wichita police department’s first paddy wagon, and school bus bodies for districts throughout the state. Survivors include his widow, Sadie. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

4C. Cessna Aircraft Company’s second jet model, the $1.3 million, ten passenger, Citation II, made its maiden flight Monday at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. Deliveries are scheduled to start in February 1978. Details. Photo.

**Wednesday, February 2, 1977**

1B. Article about fire that destroyed Lehr’s Restaurant and Motel in Augusta last Saturday. Details.
3B. Article about need to find a site for the old Basham house, which must be moved this month from its present location at 824 North Emporia. Details.

**Thursday, February 3, 1977**

**1D.** Article about demolition of the Civic Theater, 725 West Douglas, which is underway to permit expansion of the Wichita State Bank. Built in 1936 for $100,000 by O. F. Sullivan, now 79. Opened its doors October 21, 1936. Seated 1000. It remained a theater until 1960 when it was remodeled to become a multipurpose entertainment center. The property was sold to Wichita State Bank in 1973. Bradburn Wrecking Company began razing the building December 15, and work will be completed in another month. Details. Photos.

**Sunday, February 6, 1977**

**3B.** Photo of entrance of St. John’s Episcopal Church, 402 North Topeka, completed in 1893.

**Wednesday, February 9, 1977**

**10D.** Braniff International yesterday ordered six new Boeing 727-200 jetliners.

**Friday, February 11, 1977**

**6A.** The Vogue Art Theater, 417 East Douglas, an adult movie theater in downtown Wichita, closed its doors yesterday afternoon after city vice detectives seized another set of films at the movie house. Details. Other adult theaters are the Circle Cinema, 2570 South Seneca, and the Calico Cat, 7520 West Kellogg.

**Thursday, February 17, 1977**

**3B.** Photo of excavation prior to paving of Canal Route expressway, looking north from Mt. Vernon.

**Friday, February 18, 1977**

**3C.** Article about discussion of some of Metropolitan Transit Authority’s financial problems at meeting yesterday. Details.

**Thursday, February 24, 1977**

**1.** Dr. Mervyn Silverman, age 38, director of the Wichita-Sedgwick County health department, yesterday announced his resignation. On May 1 he will become health director for the city and county of San Francisco. He has held his position in Wichita since 1972. He is a native of Washington, D.C., received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Tulane University and a master's degree in public health from Harvard. Details.
Saturday, February 26, 1977

1C. Article about possibility of having the old Johnston and Larimer Building at 623 East Douglas, now housing the Men’s Social Service Department of the Salvation Army, designated as a historic landmark. At present it is owned by the Urban Renewal Agency and is slated for destruction in connection with building of the new M. C. Naftzger Memorial Park. Photo.

Sunday, February 27, 1977

1C. Wichita businessman and former mayor, A. E. Howse, has given Wichita State University more than 2000 pieces of art. Long feature articles with details and photos. Biographical details. His father was W. M. G. Howse, president of the Johnston and Larimer Dry Goods Company in the 1920s. Howse has also given Wichita State University the many papers from his long years of public life.

3G. Photo of west entrance area of old Sedgwick County Court House. Steps have not yet been rebuilt.

Tuesday, March 1, 1977

7B. Air Midwest received the last of its four new 19 passenger Swearingen Metroliners over the weekend and announced plans to inaugurate service March 1 at Garden City, Goodland, and Hays, Kansas. The takeover of passenger service from Frontier Airlines at the three cities will complete the phasing in of Air Midwest’s new ten city route structure. Details.

Wednesday, March 2, 1977

1F. City Commission yesterday voted to transfer the Beacon Building title to the Equitable Life Assurance Society in exchange for return of the revenue bonds issued in connection with a previous sale of the building in 1973. Details.

4F. Construction has started on a new $600,000 showroom for Eddy’s Toyota at 7303 East Kellogg, which will replace a smaller facility at 6637 East Kellogg, where the company has been located since 1969. Scheduled for completion by June 30. Architect is Alan McHenry. Drawing.

Saturday, March 6, 1977

1H. Feature article about the Old Mill Tasty Shop, 604 East Douglas, and its owners, Otto and Erna Woermke. Otto is now 70 and Ema 72. Erna Schluer came with family to United States from Ihlienworth, Germany after World War I and Otto came to United States from
Steinau, Germany. They married January 13, 1931 in New York City and moved to Wichita. On March 1, 1932 they bought Silas Ice Cream and Candy Company, 528 East Douglas and renamed it the Old Mill Tasty Shop. Moved to present location in 1940. Further history. Photos.

**Wednesday, March 9, 1977**

1. Report of results of city primary election yesterday.

**Thursday, March 10, 1977**

1C. Aerial photo of the new Northwest High School under construction at 13th and Tyler Road. Building 35-40 percent completed. Completion expected in July 1978.

**Sunday, March 13, 1977**

1F. Mail sorting and dispatching at the downtown post office ended last night after 45 years and this work was moved to the new General Mail Facility near Mid-Continent Airport. Details. Photos.

**Monday, March 14, 1977**

7B. Report of auction Saturday of furnishings, etc., from the old Bridgeport Elementary School, which is now closed. Details.

**Tuesday, March 15, 1977**

5B. Nu Way Sandwich Shop will open a second restaurant in Wichita on East Harry near The Mall. The original location, at 1416 West Douglas, was sold a year ago by its original owners, Tom and Helen McEvoy, to Jack Freeman and Eugene Friedman. Details.

List of deliveries of general aviation aircraft by company for month of February and year to date.

**Friday, March 18, 1977**

4C. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to ask City Commission for 36 new buses in order to cut bus waiting time in half and to provide evening and Sunday service, according to Elmer Karstensen, acting director of Metropolitan Transit Authority. The city would pay 20 percent of the cost and federal government the rest. Metropolitan Transit Authority has 16 existing routes. Details.

**Sunday, March 20, 1977**

1G. Feature article about I-135 (Canal Route) through Wichita, and reasons for the long delays
in its completion. It is nearly 20 years since the state decided to build the highway, and it will be 1980 before it is completed. Actually the Canal Route was first included in the city master plan in 1946. In 1958 state officials estimated that the Canal Route would cost $40 million and be completed by 1966. Now, in 1977, it has already cost $118 million and projection is that it will be completed in 1980. Many details of costs and dates of various parts of the project. Aerial photo showing stretch now under construction between Stafford and English.

Wednesday, March 23, 1977

Report of death Monday of Oliver E. Ebel, 67, executive secretary of the Kansas Medical Society from 1944 until 1975, in Topeka after a long illness. Born in McPherson, Kansas. He was executive secretary of the Sedgwick County Medical Society for two years before taking the position with the Kansas Medical Society. Survived by his widow, Erma, two sons and one daughter (named), and his mother, Mrs. B. E. Ebel of Hillsboro, Kansas.

Thursday, March 24, 1977

The Johnston and Larimer Building, 623 East Douglas, which now houses the Men’s Social Service Department of the Salvation Army, will be demolished soon. The Historic Landmark Preservation Board voted yesterday to deny historic landmark status to the building. It stands on land which the Urban Renewal Agency plans to develop as Naftzger Memorial Park. Details.

Saturday, March 26, 1977

Article about plans to move old Santa Fe steam engine Number 3768 from Friends University to Union Station tentatively on April 3. Details.

Long editorial analysis by Lynn Woodward, assistant professor at Wichita State University, about the ongoing problems of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and possible solutions. Details.

Sunday, March 27, 1977

Photo of the Eaton Hotel.

Tuesday, March 29, 1977

O. A. Sutton, a Kansas oil producer the past 25 years, has sold all the assets of his oil company, including production and undeveloped leases to two of his employes, Jack Paulsen and Elbie McNeil. Sutton was instrumental in the discovery and development of the Gledys, Lyons West, North Wichita, and Bindley fields. Sutton now lives in Manalapan, Florida and is in the banking business.
Wednesday, March 30, 1977
6D. Article about proposal to convert Wichita’s old airport terminal building at McConnell Air Force Base to an aviation museum. Details.

Sunday, April 3, 1977
4B. Photo of temporary track being laid yesterday in Friends University parking lot prior to move of steam locomotive Number 3768 to new site at Union Station. The move is scheduled for April 13.

3C. Lithograph of Wichita Consistory Building by C. A. Hotveldt of the Artists Guild of Wichita, which will be displayed in the lobby of Century II Concert Hall until April 29.

3F. Photo of the ornamental patterned brick paving on Douglas Avenue from Waco to Main Street. The work was done in the fall of 1970. The special bricks were shipped from Bessamer, Pennsylvania and each weighs ten pounds.

Monday, April 4, 1977
1. Old Santa Fe steam engine Number 3768 was moved a short distance across the Friends University parking lot yesterday afternoon only to have one of the tender wheels to go off the track and bring the process to a halt. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, April 5, 1977
1. Francois Huybrechts will conduct his last concert as director of the Wichita Symphony tonight. Details.

Wednesday, April 6, 1977

Thursday, April 7, 1977
1. Report of fire yesterday which seriously damaged the historic W. K. Carlisle house at 1215 North Emporia, which was completed in 1886. Origin of fire is suspicious. In recent years it had been a rooming house, and in December, the Urban Renewal Agency bought it for $17,500. Details. Photo.

Sunday, April 10, 1977
6D. Mr. and Mrs. Bert P. Jones will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 17 with open house at College Hill United Methodist Church. Jones and Bessie Olson were
married April 17, 1927 in Wichita. They have lived here 25 years and have one son, John P. Jones, Tampa, Florida. Jones was in shoe business at Lamont and Enid, Oklahoma previously.

1H. Cessna’s famed Model 150 is about to be phased out. The last of about 24,000 will roll off the assembly line this month. It will be replaced by the Model 152 beginning in June as a 1978 model. Suggested list price of the cheapest 152 is $14,950. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, April 12, 1977

4B. Table of deliveries by company of general aviation aircraft in March and in year to date, with breakdown by plane model.

Saturday, April 16, 1977

1C. Wichita State University’s new $3.75 million engineering lab building will be named Friday for retired Cessna Aircraft Company board chairman Dwane L. Wallace and his wife, Velma. Details. Photo.

Sunday, April 17, 1977

1C. Beginning July 1, the Crown Players will begin live dinner theater performances at the Uptown Theater. Details. Photo.

Monday, April 18, 1977

1D. Santa Fe steam locomotive Number 3768 was finally moved yesterday from Friends University to the Union Station. Details. Photo of the engine at Union Station.

More than two million dollars is being spent to remodel the Sedgwick County Courthouse and to move a few offices to the old courthouse across the street. The program has resulted from the expansion of the district courts by the addition of four new district court divisions. The license tag bureau and the election commissioner’s office will move to first floor of the old courthouse by August. Details.


Tuesday, April 19, 1977

9A. Feature article about Wichita arts patron, C. Henry Nathan. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, April 20, 1977


5B. Ground breaking ceremonies were held yesterday for a $400,000 Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Association building at Central and Boyd in West Wichita. Bureau has been at its present location at 414 West 2nd for about 35 years. Drawing. New building to be completed by December.

Thursday, April 21, 1977

1. Long article about visit to Wichita of photographer W. Eugene Smith, former Wichitan, in connection with an exhibition of his photographs at Wichita State University’s Ulrich Gallery. Born in Wichita in 1918. Details. Photo.

Sunday, April 24, 1977

4H. Donrey Outdoor Advertising Company formally opened its new Wichita offices and shop at 3405 North Hydraulic on Friday, which replaces its former offices at 250 North Kansas. Photo.

Wednesday, April 27, 1977

1C. City Commission yesterday approved an $800,000 beautification program on East Douglas including planting trees from Topeka to Washington Streets, ornamental lighting, pedestrian benches, etc. Details.

Sunday, May 1, 1977


Monday, May 2, 1977

11A. Report of death Saturday of Walter P. Innes, Jr., 74, of 105 North Armour, long time Wichita civic leader and investor. During the 1950s he was vice-president and secretary of the George Innes Company, Inc., now Macy’s. Earlier he helped organize and served as director and president of the Stearman Aircraft Company, now Boeing Wichita Company. Survived by his widow, Betty, and sons Walter Innes III, of Wichita, and William D., of Sun Valley, Idaho, and a sister, Mrs. Lee Phillips, of Wichita.

7B. Aerial photo of Vulcan Materials Company, 6200 South Ridge Road.

3C. The Metropolitan Transit Authority’s expected grant of $500,000 from the federal government is late in arriving, and the Metropolitan Transit Authority may have to borrow some money to tide it over until the Department of Transportation grant arrives, probably between September and December according to Metropolitan Transit Authority Director...
Friday, May 6, 1977
7C. Report of death yesterday of Raymond Daniel Bounous, 72, of 2118 Aloma, retired manager of Wichita Chamber of Commerce, and previously teacher at North High School. Survived by his widow, Charlena, and one brother, Guy, of Wichita. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Sunday, May 8, 1977
2B. On Saturday city officials will dedicate the new Victorian Park, the triangular area near 17th and Park Place that has been beautified by the Urban Renewal Agency. The Victorian Society will also conduct tours through the historic Carlisle home at 1215 North Emporia, which was damaged by fire a few weeks ago. Details. Drawing.

Wednesday, May 11, 1977
10A. City commission yesterday voted to preserve the Carlisle house, 1215 North Emporia, recently damaged by fire, instead of demolishing it as had been recommended by the Urban Renewal Agency board. Details. The commission also directed the Urban Renewal Agency to proceed with moving the Basham house to either 1063 North Market, another lot owned by Urban Renewal Agency, or some other property in the area.

2B. Table showing number of general aviation deliveries of aircraft by type and manufacturer for April and for year to date.

Thursday, May 12, 1977
1. Photo of Douglas Avenue railroad overpass.

Sunday, May 15, 1977

Monday, May 16, 1977
2B. Article about Kwiky “Old Fashioned Hamburgers” shop at northeast corner of Hillside and Victor, owned by Mike Bryant and Mark Babich. Details. Photo.

Friday, May 20, 1977
Article by aviation editor Lew Townsend about Lindbergh’s attempt to obtain a plane and backing in Wichita before his purchase of the Spirit of St. Lewis from Ryan in San Diego. Details.

KTVH Television is building a major addition to its Wichita office and studio facility at 2815 East 37th North. Cost, including purchase of existing building and 37 acres of land, is estimated at $1.4 million. The station is a subsidiary of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company. New project is to be completed in February 1978. Details. Drawing.

Advertisement saying the historic Sternberg mansion at 1065 North Waco is being offered for sale by the Wichita Urban Renewal Agency. Details. Drawing.

The Wichita State University Branch of the University of Kansas School of Medicine will move some time in mid-July to E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital from its present quarters in Fairmount Towers. Details.

Wichita’s first direct airline service to the southeast (Tampa and Miami) will be started by Continental Airlines on July 28. The flights will make a stop in Tulsa. The flights will originate in Denver and will use Boeing 727 aircraft. Details.


Article about flooding of Ninnescah due to heavy rains. Photo of Cheney depot with water standing adjacent to it.

Urban Renewal Agency yesterday approved sale of additional 4.7 acres of land near 35th and Topeka, in the Bridgeport tract, to B. W. Jones and Sons, Inc. for expansion of the maintenance shop and bus parking area. Sales price is $51,500.

The new wheat sculpture on north lawn of City Hall was erected yesterday after its arrival by truck from Lincoln, Nebraska. Made of Cor-Ten steel and cost $35,000. It was designed and built by Ken Ball and Rex Appleby, of Lincoln, who are building superintendents for life insurance companies there. Ball, 64, former Chanute, Kansas resident, was the artist, and Appleby, 60, formerly from Salina, was the welder. Details.
Saturday, May 28, 1977

1. Former president of Clinton Oil Company, R. P. Clinton, has agreed in United States District Court to pay $1,025,000 into a fund for settlement of class-action lawsuits that resulted from alleged securities violations by the company and its officers. Details.

7C. First wing of 30 rooms at the 110 room Ridge Plaza Inn on West Kellogg will open Tuesday. The first 110 rooms will be finished by July 1. It is planned to add 100 more rooms later. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, May 29, 1977

6E. Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Loevenguth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 3. Loevenguth and Gail Smith were married June 3, 1927 in Wichita. One son, Phil Loevenguth, is in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and a daughter, Harriet Becker, is in Silver Springs, Maryland. There are nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Photos.

Wednesday, June 1, 1977

1C. Interview with Mrs. Hortense Gibson of the Wichita High School Class of 1907 and Mrs. Arthur Nobel of the Class of 1905. Only Mrs. Gibson, her sister Jessie Stover, and Mary Haymaker are known survivors of the 1907 class. In addition to Mrs. Nobel, James Buck is a survivor of the 1905 class. Details. Photos.

8C. Photo from top of Holiday Inn Plaza looking northwest, showing 1st Street Bridge, Pepsi Cola plant, McLean Boulevard, junction of rivers, etc.

Sunday, June 5, 1977

8D. Feature article about plans for expanded baseball program at Wichita State University. Newly hired coach is Gene Stephenson, former assistant at University of Oklahoma. Plans are to break ground in two weeks for a new 4000 seat baseball stadium next to the Shocker Club on 21st Street. To cost $380,000. Ball field to be finished in time for fall practice and the main stands ready by next spring. Details. Drawing.

2G. Hutchinson’s largest hotel, originally the Baker Hotel, is being reopened this weekend as the Plaza Towers. Remodeling began seven months ago. Its new owner is Dick Conard. Since it was the Baker Hotel, it has been a franchised Hilton Inn, then a Key to America Inn, and then the Kansas Inn. It was finally sold for back taxes at auction. Details.

Friday, June 10, 1977

1. Article about reunion in Wichita this weekend of the Beech Staggerwing Club. Seven
hundred eighty-one of these classic biplanes were built in the 1930s and 40s. About 50 are returning here for the reunion. Photo.

Sunday, June 12, 1977

Photo of bell from old Sedgwick County Court House clock tower, now displayed in front of the new Sedgwick County Court House.

Report of death yesterday of Dr. R. E. Olson, 76, of 904 Shady Way, retired orthodontist. Survived by widow, Mildred, a son, Dr. Elbert Olson, Springfield, Missouri, and a daughter, Ruth Emma Allison, Prairie Village, Kansas. Burial in Old Mission Cemetery.

Monday, June 13, 1977

Photo of hot air balloon over Waterman near Pattie, one of four which took off yesterday afternoon from near Wichita State University campus.

Wednesday, June 15, 1977

Table of shipments of general aviation aircraft by company and by model type for month of May and for year to date. Year to date: Beech 539, Cessna 3691, Gates Learjet 44, Great Lakes 18, Piper 1881, Mooney 143.

Saturday, June 18, 1977

Articles about separation of Wichita Branch of University of Kansas School of Medicine from Wichita State University to make it solely affiliated with the University of Kansas. Cramer Reed will resign as vice-president for health education at Wichita State University and become full-time vice-chancellor of the Wichita Branch of University of Kansas School of Medicine. Details.

Sunday, June 19, 1977

Photo of the low dam across mouth of Little Arkansas River where it joins the Big Arkansas. Blackbear Bosin statue in background.

Feature article about present operation of the former Cudahy Packing Company plant in north Wichita by the Thies Packing Company, of Great Bend, Kansas. The collapsing hog market in 1974 had many casualties including Cudahy’s Wichita plant, which closed in 1976. In October 1976, Thies asked the City of Wichita for $1.25 million in industrial revenue bonds to purchase and renovate the plant. This was approved, and in March Thies began producing cooked hams in the plant and is now turning out 100,000 pounds per week, with plans for bacon production to begin about the first of next year. The Thies hams are purchased from other packers, mainly Wilson Company and Armour. The company does not now plan to resume slaughter of hogs. The company’s biggest
customer for the cooked hams is the Dillon Stores Company. In its heyday Cudahy butcheted 4000 hogs per day and employed 750 people. At present Thies uses about one sixth of the old plant and employs 52.

2F. Air Midwest announced yesterday that it has ordered a fifth Swearingen Metro airliner, 17 passenger, to be put into service in September. Cost is $1.2 million.

Tuesday, June 21, 1977

Trans World Airlines officially retired its fleet of Convair 880 jetliners yesterday, with 24 of the planes now awaiting delivery to a California company to ship chickens to Iran. North Star Maritime Corporation, of Los Angeles, bought all but one of the remaining fleet. The last one was dismantled Monday morning by a Kansas City salvage company for scrap metal. The planes were a flagship of Trans World Airlines until 1973 when oil prices skyrocketed during the Arab oil embargo. They have sat idle at the Trans World Airlines Kansas City headquarters since 1974. Details.

14C. Report of death yesterday of George Alden Salser, 83, of 516 North Estelle, a Kansas educator for 48 years and a principal in Wichita schools for 38 years before he retired in 1964 as principal of Mayberry Junior High School. Came to Wichita in 1926. Was principal at Park Elementary School for two and one-half years, at Central Intermediate, and at Horace Mann Junior High School for 14 years before becoming the first principal at Mayberry when it opened in 1955. Survived by widow, Elsie, three sons, one daughter, one brother, and two sisters (all named -- none in Wichita). Burial at Freeport, Kansas.

Sunday, June 26, 1977

Photo of Kiva Mall area and Century II taken from top of Holiday Inn Plaza.

16D. Feature articles about Wichita patrons of the arts, including the Naftzger family, Harry Litwin, Gladys Wiedemann, and S. O. Beren. Details. Drawings.

Monday, June 27, 1977

Work has started on construction of an office building on northeast corner of 9th and Main, just west of Amidon House, which will displace an old house (photo). Controversy.

Tuesday, June 28, 1977

The Victory Theater, 607 East Douglas, has closed after 39 years of continuous operation, sold to the Urban Renewal Agency to make way for Naftzger Memorial Park. Harold and Dorothy Gibbons built the Victory in 1938 in partnership with George L. Gottschick. Admission then was 15 cents, and initially it was called the New Theater. Details.
Wednesday, June 29, 1977
page 20A. Report of death Sunday in Boulder, Colorado, of A. Jeannette Walter, a long time Wichita counselor and missionary teacher. She was 92 and had been living in Boulder since retirement. She retired as counselor at North High School in 1954 after 25 years. As a missionary teacher in Seoul, Korea she helped found Ewah University for women in 1911. A native of the Kingman, Kansas area. Her autobiography, “Aunt Jean,” was published in limited edition in 1970. Survived by a nephew, John E. Boyer, of Wichita. Burial in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman.

1C. City Commission yesterday approved several amendments to the city’s present cable TV franchise, which appears to give Air Capital Cablevision, Inc., a Wichita company, the go-ahead to begin construction of a city wide cable system, probably in about four months, the revised franchise must still be approved by the commission. Details. The franchise is to be for 15 years -- until 1992.

Article about leaking of the nine year old roof at Century II, which must be repaired at an estimated cost of more than $250,000. Details.

Friday, July 1, 1977
page 5A. After more than a century of railway post offices, the Postal Service has ended the sorting of mail on trains. Thursday’s final runs in each direction between Washington and New York marked the end of a network that once included 1500 routes. The railway post office was originally operated between Chicago and Clinton, Iowa on the Chicago and Northwestern line in 1864. The Washington to New York run involving two four car trains has been the only railway post office since 1972. Details.

Saturday, July 2, 1977
page 5C. Article about a fly-in today at Newton Airport of old planes, including three “Wichawks” biplanes built by Dave Blanton, president of Javelin Aircraft Inc., of Wichita. Details. Photo.

Sunday, July 3, 1977
page 4B. Long article about proposed new zoning ordinance for Wichita. Details.

1C. Long feature article about the blacks who came to Kansas from the South. Among other places, they settled in the black town of Nicodemus, which was founded 100 years ago. Details. Photos. Drawings.

3C. Photo of stone tower at southeast corner of the Scottish Rite Temple, 332 East 1st Street.
Tuesday, July 5, 1977

1. Report of a fire at about 11:30 a.m. yesterday that destroyed a vacant house at 503 South Osage. It is thought to have been started by children playing with fireworks. Details. Photo. Damage estimated at $10,000.

Thursday, July 7, 1977

16B. Photo of new $11 million building at Halstead Hospital nearing completion. It is connected to sections of the old hospital, which will be converted to administrative offices, and adjoins the new Hertzler Clinic.

1C. Photo of building (three stories) at 320 East Central which has been used as a home for women alcoholics, known as Dee’s, and operated by Dee Ayres. Details.

Sunday, July 10, 1977

1C. Feature article about “The Windmill Today.” Two companies survive from among 150 that once built windmills in the United States. They are Aermotor, of Conway, Arkansas and Dempster Industries Inc., of Beatrice, Nebraska. Aermotor, formerly located at Chicago and Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, now builds its windmills in Argentina. Its models offer wheels from six to 16 feet in diameter. A small Aermotor windmill without a tower costs $614. A new 30 foot tower costs about $700. Dempster produces comparably priced models at its 99 year old factory at Beatrice. For a number of years, Dyna Technology, a Winco Division, now located in Le Center, Minnesota, has produced windmills that generate electricity. They produced up to 1000 watts, which can be stored in batteries. However, today they produce only a 200 watt generator available in models that produce direct current from 12 to 36 volts. The device comes with a ten foot tower and sells for $525. One of few remaining Kansas windmill shops is Friesen Windmill and Supply, Inc., in Meade. Edwin E. Smith is a Dempster salesman living in Wichita and travels throughout most of Kansas selling about 150 new windmills annually.

3F. Photo of mosaic by Bernard (Poco) Frazier on front of First United Methodist Church, 330 North Broadway. Completed in July 1964.

Tuesday, July 12, 1977

4B. Table of shipments of general aviation aircraft in June and in year-to-date, by company and type. Six month totals include:

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Thursday, July 14, 1977

Article about secret development of new Learjet Model 55/56 in building at 1812 West 2nd which was occupied by Learjet engineers in May. Learjet has leased 110,000 square feet in the building from May 1 to October 31, with options for extensions. Details. Photo of front of building.

Saturday, July 16, 1977


Sunday, July 17, 1977

Wichita Art Museum will begin moving about August 1 from its temporary quarters in the Litwin Building (old Fourth National Bank Building) to the new museum at 619 Stackman Drive. Details.

Feature article about a painting of early Wichita by University of Illinois artist Billy Morrow Jackson, who spent three days here last fall and then did the four by six foot painting, “Moments,” which is to be displayed in the new Art Museum. Details. Photo (painting actually combines old and new buildings in the city).

Friday, July 22, 1977

MAPC yesterday recommended the Carlisle House at 1215 North Emporia for historical landmark designation. It is now owned by Wichita State University professor James Gray, who paid the Urban Renewal Agency $5000 for it after it was damaged by a recent

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fire. Restoration is estimated to cost $55,000. Details.

1C. Report of visit to Wichita yesterday of a replica of the “Spirit of St. Louis,” which landed at Rawdon Field, on East Central just north of Beech Aircraft Corporation. The plane is on a nationwide tour and was flown by Verne Jobst. Details. Photos.

The Allis Hotel may be auctioned off soon for nonpayment of taxes, which have been delinquent for three years and total $28,664. The hotel is owned by Gotham Hotels, Ltd., of New York. Disposition of the hotel has been complicated by split ownership of the land and building. The latter has a 99 year lease which runs to 2027. Details.

Wednesday, July 27, 1977

16A. Photo showing inside view of east end of Lawrence Stadium grandstand.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held yesterday for Wichita State University’s new baseball field. Details.


Thursday, July 28, 1977

5C. Wichita’s first direct flights to Florida are being inaugurated today by Continental Airlines. Boeing 727-200 airliners are being used. Details. After stop at Tulsa, the flight continues to Tampa and Miami.

Friday, July 29, 1977

11A. Photo of work under way on renovation of the old Montgomery Ward building, 401 East Douglas. The facelift will turn it into a modern office building.

Saturday, July 30, 1977

1C. Wichita attorney Richard W. Holmes has been nominated by the state Supreme Court Nominating Committee to fill the pending vacancy resulting from the retirement of Associate Justice Robert Kaul. Holmes is a 1953 Washburn University law school graduate and has been in private practice. Governor Robert Bennett now has 30 days to appoint one of the three nominees of the committee. Photo.

St. Francis Hospital has decided to seek $35 million in hospital revenue bonds to complete a major expansion project including construction of a nine story building.
Ground was broken for the building south of the main hospital building in April 1976. Smaller buildings housing energy and data processing centers have been completed at 9th and St. Francis Streets. Details.

Sunday, July 31, 1977

10A. List of all 675 post offices in Kansas with number of houses and post office boxes served by each, name of postmaster, and his salary. Andale serves 247, Little River 354, with postmaster I. J. Peters. Wichita 133,968.

1C. Feature article about expansion of business of Chance Manufacturing Company to include production of a 25 passenger minibus, the first of which was produced this week. The company announced plans to build a 40,000 square foot production plant on 12 acres next to its Wichita manufacturing complex at 4219 West Irving. Full scale Minibus production is expected to begin around the first of the year, creating 20-30 new jobs. Chance purchased the production rights to the Minibus last September from a Los Angeles subsidiary of MCA, Inc., the entertainment conglomerate that owns Universal Studios. The first Chance Minibus will be delivered to Delta Airlines in September, which has ordered four Minibuses and four specially designed trailers with perimeter seating to accommodate airport passengers. The Chance Minibus will sell for about $55,000. The company has 20 buses on order now, from four cities in addition to the Delta order. Details. Photo.

3F. Photo of train sheds at Union Station, with Santa Fe locomotive 3768 in background.

Wednesday, August 3, 1977


7C. A 110 car train carrying the first shipment of coal for the Jeffrey Energy Center northeast of Manhattan has left the mine at Gillette, Wyoming and is scheduled to arrive in Kansas this morning. About 160 coal shipments each carrying about 11000 tons will arrive every other day from now through next summer when the energy center’s first unit is placed in service.

Saturday, August 6, 1977

1D. Sears, Roebuck, and Company’s new 224,000 square foot store in Towne East Square was opened August 4. Details.

Sunday, August 7, 1977

1B. Article about children who lived at the Kansas Masonic Home between 1896 and 1959,
who are now holding a reunion. Details.


Monday, August 8, 1977

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Wednesday, August 10, 1977

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1. Report of fire yesterday which destroyed the Atherton Transfer and Storage warehouse at 812 West Harry. Details.

1C. City Commission yesterday adopted a budget for 1978 of $59 million for general city operations, an increase of $5.3 million from this year. Details.

Photo of steeple at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 2nd and Ohio Streets, which is being painted.

Friday, August 12, 1977

Page
1. Report of fire at 11:00 p.m. Thursday that destroyed a one-story building with four shops in 2300 block of East Douglas, across the street from East High School. Details. Photo of destroyed building August 13 on page 4C.

Sunday, August 14, 1977

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4C. The Sedgwick Alfalfa Mill, built in 1908, has been sold to the Andale Farmers Co-op, which will take over its operation Monday. Primary reason for the sale was the age, 77, of Forrest Lewis, owner of the Sedgwick Alfalfa Mill. He’s been there 56 years. The purchase adds the alfalfa mill’s 500,000 bushel capacity grain storage facilities to the co-op’s one million bushel capacity Sedgwick elevator and gives the Andale Farmers Co-op both sides of the Santa Fe Railway at the site in Sedgwick. The original Sedgwick Alfalfa mill was expanded in 1918 to include seed and grain under ownership of John and L. S. Congden. In 1949 it became Sedgwick Alfalfa Mills, Inc. In 1966 a fire destroyed the mill’s south elevator at 5th and Washington. Details.

Wednesday, August 17, 1977

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Thursday, August 18, 1977
Kansas Attorney General Curt Schneider ruled yesterday that the Metropolitan Transit Authority can borrow money from the city rather than from commercial sources. The Metropolitan Transit Authority borrows operating capital because federal funding doesn’t arrive until the end of the year. In the first six months of this year Metropolitan Transit Authority has taken in $309,000 and spent $752,000, compared with receipts of $314,000 and expenditures of $665,000 in same period last year. Details.

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

Remodeling work has begun on the Beacon Building, 114 South Main, by its new owner, Sam Kalman, a San Francisco investor, who purchased it in March from Equitable Life Assurance Society. Contract of about $150,000 calls for construction of a second interior stairwell, renewing plumbing up to the fifth floor, and remodeling of the lobby. Earlier exterior remodeling was done by Progress Enterprises Inc., a minority owned redevelopment corporation, with $960,000 in industrial revenue bonds, which was defaulted on.

Wichita attorney Richard Holmes, 54, was appointed yesterday by Governor Robert Bennett to fill the vacancy on the Kansas Supreme Court resulting from the retirement of Justice Robert Kaul. Biography. Photo.

City commission yesterday approved construction of a new $499,900 roof for Century II. Details.

Cessna Aircraft Company’s 11 place Conquest twin-engine turboprop has received its final Federal Aviation Administration certification, and deliveries will begin next month. Prototype model first flew two years ago. Cost is $850,000. Details. Photo.

Report of death Monday of Mrs. Alta H. (Fred) Hoyt, 155 North Market, one of the first female graduates of Friends University and an African Missionary for 34 years. Her husband was curator of Friends’ Fellow-Reeve Museum from 1948 until his death in 1970. They were married in 1905. She wrote a book in 1951 entitled “Bantu Folklore Tales of Long Ago.” She graduated from Friends in 1904 in the university’s third
graduating class. Survived by a son, Howard, of Tucson, Arizona, and a daughter, Mrs. Martha McCallum, of Worthington, Ohio. Burial in Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

18C. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Marie Warden, 82, who worked for Sedgwick County for 45 years including three terms as county treasurer and four as county clerk (Republican). Further biography. Retired in 1975. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Madalyn Cain, of Wichita. Photo. Burial at Calvary Cemetery, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Thursday, August 25, 1977
page 1D. Board of Education yesterday approved $96.2 million school budget. Details.

Sunday, August 28, 1977
page 3F. Photo of Park Villa behind lily pond.

Monday, August 29, 1977
page 1. Article about legal and financial problems creating an uncertain future for the Brown Building, 105 South Broadway. The central air conditioning failed on July 20. Details include history of ownership (building and land have separate ownership). Photo on page 7A.

Wednesday, August 31, 1977
page 1C. Report that the Brown Building, 105 South Broadway, has been sold to Sam Kalman, a San Francisco investor, who plans a major renovation of the building. Details.

Thursday, September 1, 1977
page 6B. The temporary downtown location of the Wichita Art Museum in the basement of the Litwin Building will close permanently at 5:00 p.m. Friday so officials can begin the move to the new Art Museum building at 619 Stackman Drive, built for $3.3 million, which will open to the public on October 23.

Friday, September 2, 1977
page 1D. Marjorie Taylor was elected chairman of the ten member Metropolitan Area Planning Commission yesterday. Details.

Wednesday, September 7, 1977
page 1C. Article about planned improvements to Cowtown to be financed by a $750,000 federal Economic Development Administration grant. Includes recreation of W. C. Woodman’s
“Lakeside” home as a reception center, enlarging and joining Delmonico’s Restaurant and Variety Theater, etc. Architects are Woodman-Van Doren. Details.

Report of visit to Wichita yesterday of famed World War II aviator Colonel James H. Doolittle, who will be 81 in December. Details. Photo.

9C. Wichita Airport Authority yesterday approved a preliminary plan for a new system of roads at Mid-Continent Airport, to cost $5.5 million. The present fan-shaped parking lot would be replaced with two rectangular lots. Ridge Road would provide the new entrance to the airport at Harry Street. Details.

Thursday, September 8, 1977

14A. A fire yesterday damaged the sign of the Quality Chevrolet Company, 1520 East Douglas. Details. Photo.

6D. Gates Learjet Corporation has started work on a $400,000 expansion of its customer service center adjacent to the company’s manufacturing plant at Mid-Continent Airport. To be completed late this fall. Details. Drawing.

Ground was broken yesterday for a medical clinic and office center at Ridge Road and Maple. The $1.5 million center on a 2.4 acre site is to be called Westland Medical Center and will be headed by Dr. Vincent A. Sundry and Dr. Lester H. James, Wichita Osteopathic physicians. Building is two stories with 20,000 square feet. To be completed in early spring. Architect is Earl Miskimon. Details.

Friday, September 9, 1977

1B. Photo of terra cotta exterior decoration on Union Station being cleaned yesterday.

Wednesday, September 14, 1977

4C. Photo of Frisco locomotive Number 656 which struck a car yesterday at 1700 North Webb Road. Details.

5C. Table of general aviation aircraft deliveries in August and year-to-date by company and model type. Totals through August:

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Report of death Monday of Fred J. Mankoff, 90, principal stockholder and chairman of W. W. Grinder Corporation. Resided at 5135 Sullivan. He acquired W-W Grinder in the 1930s when the company was near bankruptcy. L. H. Garrett is current president. Was native of Colwich, Kansas. In 1930s he also was president of Motor Equipment Company. Survived by his widow, Dorothy M., and two sisters, Mrs. Sophie Resing and Mrs. Harry Pottle, both of Wichita. Photo. To be buried in Wichita Park Cemetery.

Sunday, September 18, 1977

Article about forthcoming 33rd season of Wichita Symphony, the first for its new conductor, Michael Palmer, and its first under the designation of a regional symphony, which means its budget passed $500,000 for the first time. Details.

Tuesday, September 20, 1977

Photo of back side of Broadview Hotel showing Missouri Pacific Railroad bridge over Arkansas River.

Wednesday, September 21, 1977

Photo of fire escape on south side of Allis Hotel.

Chronologic summary of events in Wichita’s coal gasification project. Long article.

Thursday, September 22, 1977

Air Midwest has ordered a fifth 19 passenger Metro airliner, which is to be placed in service November 1. The plane is built in San Antonio, Texas by Swearingen Aviation, a subsidiary of Fairchild Industries.

Saturday, September 24, 1977

Wild West Chrysler-Plymouth Inc., 1226 East Douglas, has been sold by Bob Souders, who plans to retire, to Jerry Shumaker, general manager of the company. A name change is being considered.

The Hinkel Building, 104 South Main, has been sold to Sam Kalman, the San Francisco investor who in recent months has also purchased the Beacon Building and the Brown Building. Purchase price was $275,000. Details.
The Burlington Northern and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company announced yesterday that their directors had agreed in principle to merge the two railroads. An application for merger is expected to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the end of the year. Details.

Thursday, September 29, 1977

Beech Aircraft Corporation has delivered the 1500th commercial King Air. The first Model 90 King Air was delivered on September 9, 1964. More than 250 King Airs have also been produced for the military.

Friday, September 30, 1977


Saturday, October 1, 1977

Article about the Pied Piper Bookstore, 1749 North Fairmount, which has been located there for some 20 years. The land was purchased August 24 by the Wichita State University board of trustees, and the store is to be torn down so that the site can become a parking lot. Owner of the store since December 1961 is Jack Whitesell (photo). Details.

Sunday, October 2, 1977

Feature article about Cargill, Inc. In Wichita the firm crushes soybeans at its plant at 1501 North Mosley, which it has operated since 1961, and it mills wheat into flour at its Ross Industries Mills. Cargill purchased Ross Industries in 1974. Details.

The buildings at 601 to 607 East Douglas, occupied by Watkins Sundries, Club Bar, and the Victory Theater, are to be razed after November 1 to make way for Naftzger Memorial Park. Details. Drawing.

Photo of the A. Phimister Procter sculpture on grounds of East High School in its new location close to Douglas Avenue. The memorial, which has been at East High School since 1931, was moved last year from the area where the new library now stands.

Monday, October 3, 1977

Photo of walkway over Market Street between Macy Garage and Sutton Place.

Tuesday, October 4, 1977

3B. Bill and Shirley Krause of Peabody, Kansas, owners of several newspapers in central Kansas, have re-acquired ownership of Harper Publishers Inc., publisher of The Wichita Journal and The Daily Record, from Bill Sheldon, who bought the papers from Krause three years ago. Details.

**Wednesday, October 5, 1977**

5C. Beech Aircraft Corporation has leased Pizza Hut Corporation’s headquarters building at 10225 East Kellogg, which is being vacated for a new facility under construction. Beech’s lease is for two years beginning January 1. Pizza Hut is scheduled to move into its new four story headquarters building at 9111 East Douglas in December. Photo.

**Saturday, October 8, 1977**

5C. Safelight Industries Inc., of Wichita, will move its production of specialty glass from Denver to Wichita, creating 75 to 100 jobs here, president R. D. Hubbard said. A 45,000 square foot building is under construction at 700 East Murdock. Completion is expected by January 1. Safelight is a unit of Lear Siegler, Inc., Santa Monica, California, that recently acquired Royal Industries, Safelight’s parent firm. Details.

**Sunday, October 9, 1977**

8B. Metropolitan Transit Authority will add another bus to its West Wichita loop Monday, improving service on this route. Details.

3C. Photo of tower on Old City Hall building, which will soon serve as the home of the Wichita Historical Museum.

**Tuesday, October 11, 1977**

1B. Consultant firm has recommended the privately owned Comotara Airpark as the best site for a public airport in the northeast quadrant of metropolitan Wichita. Details.

6B. Photo of the old Kansas Beef Industries building in 400 block of East 21st Street being demolished by Ark Wrecking Company.

**Wednesday, October 12, 1977**

1C. Photo of new sidewalks being poured Monday around the old Sedgwick County Courthouse. The courthouse is being renovated to provide space for more courtrooms, a computer room, and other facilities.

4C. Preliminary Beech Aircraft Corporation financial report for fiscal year ended September 30. New sales record around $417 million compared with $346.9 million last year. Details.
Great Lakes Aircraft Company announced yesterday it will move its biplane production to Enid, Oklahoma, the company’s headquarters and home base of Doug Champlin, president, because of high taxes and building costs in Wichita. The company established its main production facility at 138 South Washington in 1972 after Champlin bought production rights to the Great Lakes Trainer, designed in 1929. Great Lakes employs about 41 persons in Wichita and currently produces four planes monthly. Details. Transfer of production to be completed by next spring or summer.

Thursday, October 13, 1977

Ralston Purina Company yesterday broke ground for a four million dollar feed plant being built at 18th and Topeka. The new plant, to be completed next summer, will replace the company’s feed mill at 710 East 13th Street, which will be sold or torn down. The new plant will produce livestock and poultry feed and will be next to the company’s 1.5 million bushel grain elevator now on the site. Another Purina grain elevator is one block north and brings total storage capacity to 3.5 million bushels.

Friday, October 14, 1977

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

Saturday, October 15, 1977

Dubuque Packing Company announced yesterday it will build immediately a 6000 square foot addition to its facilities at 1410 East 21st to increase its slaughter capacity to 1100 to 1200 head of cattle daily compared with 800 head per day now. Addition to cost one million dollars. Details.

Sunday, October 16, 1977

Feature article about the Wey Mansion, 1751 Park Place, which will be open this week for tours. Built in 1909. Purchased by the M. L. Raymond family in 1966 and has since been restored. Details. Drawing.

Tuesday, October 18, 1977

Fire yesterday destroyed a warehouse building at 2485 North Hillside which was rented for storage by Kansas Lighting Inc. Details. Photo.

Thursday, October 20, 1977
Cessna Aircraft Company preliminary report for fiscal year ended September 30 showed sales of $620 million, up 26 percent, and earnings of $36.9 million, up 24 percent. Details.

Report of a visit to Mid-Continent Airport yesterday of a 1931 Stinson 6000B tri-motor flown by Chuck Master and belonging to the Wings of Yesterday Museum at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Photo.

Feature article reporting grand opening today of Wichita’s new Art Museum, 619 Stackman Drive. Details. Photos.

Full page ad announcing grand opening tomorrow of Arden’s second store in Wichita, in Eastgate Shopping Center. Their first store is at 1516 West 21st Street.

Photo of pilings being driven for construction of new four lane viaduct over railroad tracks on Kellogg. The new viaduct is just south of the present overpass and should be completed in early 1979. Cost is $3,889,097.

Ad announcing Grand Opening of Whitlock Auto Supply, 2601 South Oliver (in old Grant Discount store).

Report of death Thursday of Lee Weaver, 89, of 2644 Hood, retired farmer and stockman. Survived by widow, Dorothy Wasinger, brother Robert (Dutch) and sister, Mrs. Jessie Lent, both of Wichita. Burial in The Maize Park Cemetery, Maize, Kansas.

Photo of construction under way on the Kellogg and Hillside interchange.

The Schweiter Building has been sold to Quick Print Inc. as an investment, according to Bill Gravley, Quick Print president. The building was built in 1911 by Henry Schweiter, and heirs of Schweiter held it until 1967 when the first of four owners in ten years took control of it. Quick Print bought it from Graham-Michaelis Drilling Corporation.
Sunday, November 6, 1977
page 1C.

Drawing of renovation being undertaken on Lawrence Stadium.

Monday, November 7, 1977
page 1D.

MacArthur Road is closing today between Hydraulic and K15 for nine months for widening from two lanes to four, etc.

Tuesday, November 8, 1977
page 1.

Pizza Hut Inc. stockholders yesterday approved a merger of the company into PepsiCo, Inc. Details.

6A.

Article giving chronologic history of Pizza Hut, beginning in 1958. Details.

3B.

Wichita Airport Authority yesterday approved an application for $4.3 million in federal funds to help finance a new road system at Mid-Continent Airport. Details.

Thursday, November 10, 1977
page 8C.

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

Friday, November 11, 1977
page 1C.

The Urban Renewal Agency yesterday approved razing of the old Salvation Army building at 619 East Douglas. Final decision will be made by the City Commission. Details. Photo.

Saturday, November 12, 1977
page 1.

The Veterans Memorial Park on east bank of the Arkansas River at 2nd and Greenway Boulevard was yesterday dedicated and named John S. Stevens Veterans Memorial Park. Details. Photo.

5C.

Feature article by aviation writer Lew Townsend about 79 year old Earl Rowland, a legendary test pilot since the halcyon Wichita aviation days of the 1920s, and winner of
a 1928 coast-to-coast air race in a Model AW Cessna. Forty-eight AWs were built during late 1928 and the first six months of 1929. He learned to fly during World War I and came to Wichita in the mid 1920s, taking a test pilot job with Swallow Airplane Company. He stayed with Cessna until the stock market crash in October 1929, and now lives in Waggoner, Oklahoma. Details. Photo.

Monday, November 14, 1977

Wednesday, November 16, 1977

7C. Photo of a 25 passenger mini-bus built locally by Chance Manufacturing Company, which the city may consider buying for the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Thursday, November 17, 1977
page 1C. Photo of a new pedestrian crosswalk over Kellogg near Sunnyside Elementary School, 3003 East Kellogg.

6D. Article about the original Phillips Petroleum service station at 805 East Central which opened 50 years ago. Details. Photos then and now.

Wichita’s fourth Kmart store, at 21st and Oliver, will be officially opened today.

Saturday, November 19, 1977
page 28A. Report of death of Courtney B. Davis, 82, independent oil and gas operator and owner of Courtney Davis Lake Resort, Thursday at Newton, Kansas. A Texan, he came to Wichita in the early 1920s. He developed Yentruoc Lodge, in southeast Harvey County, where he resided in the 1930s. The lake area was opened as a public recreation spot in the early 1940s. Survived by his widow, Marcallette. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

5C. Bede Aircraft Inc., evicted earlier from its headquarters at Newton, Kansas Airport for non-payment of rent, will be without even a temporary home in Kansas starting Monday, when Jim Bede, company president, will move out of his private home in Wichita where the company has been handling its business the past few weeks. The firm’s new location remains uncertain. Bede Aircraft is in the process of moving to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania where there will be a warehouse to handle the homebuilt aircraft orders. Long article with further details.
Sunday, November 20, 1977

E. C. McAllister recently sold his Midway American Motor Corporation dealership to Joe Stout and Burris Crawford.

Dahlinger Pontiac, 5800 West Kellogg, has been sold to Les Donovan, San Antonio, and an unnamed partner from Houston.

La Quinta Motor Inns Inc., San Antonio, has begun construction of a 200 room motel at Kellogg and Rock Road.

Fidelity Savings Association has moved its Marina Lakes shopping center across the street to Twin Lakes shopping center in a substantially remodeled service station.

Tuesday, November 22, 1977

The city’s bus system is going to test a new name and new look. It is going to be called “The Bus,” and will have a new color scheme on signs and buses, of white with blue and green trim, according to Elmer Karstensen, Metropolitan Transit Authority executive director. Buses will be painted the new colors as they need repainting. The first bus with the new colors is in the shop and may be on the street next week. Drawing. Beginning in January the Metropolitan Transit Authority will provide a new transportation service for the handicapped. It is contracting with Specialized Transportation Services, Inc. to provide “dial-a-ride” service for the handicapped using up to eight new vans equipped with wheelchair lifts. Handicapped persons must apply to Metropolitan Transit Authority for authorization to use the service and the contractor is authorized to charge a fare of up to 50 cents for each trip. Details.

Wednesday, November 23, 1977

Twenty-nine past and present members of the Friends University board of trustees have agreed to make donations to pay off Friends’ long term debts of $2,125,145 to insure that
it will keep its doors open next fall. Details.

Thursday, November 24, 1977

1E. Article about proposed new three story multipurpose sports complex at Wichita State University to replace the 50 year old Henrion Gymnasium. Would cost $8.8 million. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, November 26, 1977

5C. Martin K. Eby Construction Company has moved into its new five story office building at 510 North Main. Cost over $500,000. Eby is occupying the first three floors and reserving the top floors for future expansion. Photo.

Sunday, November 27, 1977

1. Long article giving history of the financial downfall of Wichita real estate developer Jack P. DeBoer. Details.

1D. Feature article about plans of Phil Kassebaum for renovation of the Eaton Hotel and other buildings in the same block on East Douglas. Details. Photos.

7F. Photo of construction of a 5200 square foot addition to Southwest Federal Savings building at 130 North Market. The present building will also be refaced and renovated. Scheduled for completion next summer at cost of $700,000.

Saturday, December 3, 1977

22A. Report of death Thursday of Helen Irene (Mrs. R. Worthy) Babcock, 71, of 938 North Dellrose. Survived by widower, son, Raymond W., of Sattuck, Oklahoma, and daughters Mrs. Dorothy I. Crawford and Mrs. Lois E. Helms, both of Wichita. Old Mission Cemetery.

Sunday, December 4, 1977

7F. Work is nearing completion on the 15,000 square foot office building at 9th and Main being built by Frank Aksamit for $375,000. Architect is Sid Lane. Drawing.

3H. Photo of Globe Oil and Refining Company building at 301 South Main. The land on which it stands was purchased for $15,000 in 1918. The Elks Lodge built on it in 1920 but sold it two years later. Globe Oil and Refining Company acquired the original building in 1940. It was remodeled in 1968 to the present appearance. Architect was Thomas G. Sanders of Hanney, Sanders and Associates.

Monday, December 5, 1977


The J. C. Penney store at 132 North Broadway will close its doors next month, as the Fourth National Bank has purchased the four story building for bank purposes. The store opened there in 1920. Details.

Report of death Thursday of M. J. (Mike) Casado, 75, 517 South Vine, brother of Mayor Tony Casado and retired real estate broker. Born in Barcelona, Spain and moved as a child to Cuba with his parents. At age 12 he was sent by his parents to live in LaHarpe, Kansas with Quaker missionaries for his health. Graduated from Friends Academy at Haviland, Kansas and taught high school for two years after graduating from Friends University. Later entered the retail food business. Survived by his widow, Pauline, a son, Manuel, brothers Luis and Tony, all of Wichita, and two sisters, Mrs. Delores Cordovez and Mrs. Suncia Alonso, both of Miami. Maple Grove Cemetery.

Photo of helicopter lifting a new cooling unit to top of Douglas Towers Building, southeast corner of Broadway and Douglas, yesterday. Work done by St. Louis Helicopter Airways.

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

Ad announcing opening today of new Dillon’s food store at 21st and Oliver.
Friday, December 16, 1977

1D. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to discontinue the “Downtowner” a bus operated free of charge in the central core area, effective January 1. It has operated for two years, with a ten cent fare until last August. Details.

Saturday, December 17, 1977

1B. The Kansas Board of Regents decided Monday that the Wichita branch of the University of Kansas medical school will remain in E. B. Allen Hospital rather than move into the new health sciences building under construction at Wichita State University. The branch moved from Wichita State University’s Fairmount Towers to the E. B. Allen Hospital in mid-July. Details.

Sunday, December 18, 1977

1D. Feature article about Dr. John Shellito’s interest in wine and his wine cellar. Photos.

1F. Construction is 80 percent complete on the Kansas Coliseum, which is scheduled to open next August. Details.

Thursday, December 22, 1977

4C. Kwik Shop, Inc., of Hutchinson, has opened its 15th convenience store in Wichita at 2809 East Douglas.

Saturday, December 24, 1977

1C. Report of the annual Sam Amidon Christmas Dinner held yesterday at the Salvation Army Citadel Center, 136 North Emporia, and attended by 1300 persons. The tradition started in 1902. Details.

Sunday, December 25, 1977

8H. Report of 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Groe on December 29. Groe and Stella Nelson were married December 29, 1927 in Lake Mills, Iowa and have lived in Wichita 50 years. He is retired from Wichita Board of Education. Have two daughters, Joanne (Mrs. Ted) Hartenstein, Wichita, and Karen (Mrs. Herbert A.) Cooper, Berne, Switzerland.

Thursday, December 29, 1977

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4C. Aerial photos showing runways at Mid-Continent Airport in late 1953 and today. The annual passenger count has risen from 159,000 in 1954 to more than one million this year. Article about economic impact of the airport and future plans, including extension of one runway to 10,300 feet. Details.

4C. Chance Manufacturing Company has begun construction of a four million dollar expansion of its Wichita plant. It will build Minibus vehicles and assemble high ride amusement devices in the expansion. New plant will have 60,000 square feet. Minibus production started earlier this year after Chance purchased the assets of a California based subsidiary of MCA Inc. About eight vehicles have been delivered so far. Details.

Friday, December 30, 1977

3C. Renovation is under way on the old Lawrence Photo Supply building at 149 North Broadway, designed by architect J. Craig Mann in 1910. It has been vacant since Lawrence Photo moved out in the 1950s. Building is now owned by Bruce Jacobs of Wichita. Photo.

5C. Beech Aircraft Corporation is planning a ten million dollar expansion program next year. Details are undecided. The company’s last expansion in Wichita was in 1968 with construction of a $350,000 43,500 square foot paint facility. More recently the company has leased additional space the past two years, including the former Pizza Hut headquarters building. Details.