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Wichita Eagle-Beacon
Sunday, January 1, 1978

Monday, January 2, 1978
page 1C. A $16,302 grant has been awarded to the Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority by the Kansas Energy Office for a one year study of an improved rush hour service on seven of the 16 city bus routes. Buses on these routes will begin running at 30 minute rush hour frequency at 3:45 p.m. rather than the present 4:45 p.m. The grant will cover the cost of additional fuel, drivers’ wages, and maintenance necessary to make the more important runs.

Sunday, January 8, 1978
page 2C. Feature article about the old L. W. Clapp house on Wellington Place, which has been proposed as an official guest house for Wichita. Details. Photo.

1F. Contents of Watkins Sundries, at corner of Douglas and St. Francis, were auctioned off yesterday. Store has been owned by Albert and Lena Watkins since end of World War II. It is to be demolished to make room for Naftzer Memorial Park. Photo of interior.

Monday, January 9, 1978
page 9A. Article about old Phyllis Wheatley Children’s Home, with photo. Home was begun in 1920.

1C. Wichita’s school bus firm, B. W. Jones and Sons, has been docked $11,687 because of poor service. Details.

Tuesday, January 10, 1978
Article about Urban Renewal’s renovation of the Union Station complex. Restoration of the 11 acre complex began in March 1976 and could be finished in August if City Commission approves $2.3 million for the project. Details. Amtrak plans to move to upper level by spring.

City Commission yesterday deferred further financing for the Union Station renewal project. Details.

Report of arrival yesterday at Union Station of three surplus Amtrak passenger cars purchased last year by Wichita’s Urban Renewal Agency at auction for $3000 each. They will be kept behind the Santa Fe locomotive that was moved to the Union Station from Friends University in April. Eventually they will be located around the Rock Island Depot for use as specialty shops. Details. The cars include a 72 seat car built in 1948, a 64 seat coach built in 1946, and a 54 seat coach built in 1949. They were hauled to Wichita from Beech Grove, Indiana. Photo.

Report of death yesterday of Robert C. Suellentrop, 44, Colwich, vice-president of State Bank of Colwich. Survived by wife, Joyce, one son, one daughter, mother, and brothers John F. and Clem, all of Colwich.

Wichita’s former Marple Theater at 417 East Douglas is to be renovated and reborn by April. For the past decade or so it has been notorious as the Vogue Art Theater. Before that it was known as the State Theater. Details. Photo.


City Commission Tuesday will consider building a new dam at Lincoln Street for two million dollars to replace the inflatable fabric dam dedicated in 1970 and abandoned in 1973. Details.

Artificial turf is being installed at Lawrence Stadium.
A written history of the Wichita school system — “Our Common School Heritage: A History of the Wichita Public Schools,” written by Sondra Van Meter and printed in late 1977, has been slow in selling and will cost the Board of Education $43,000. Of 5000 copies printed 700 have been sold. Cost of book is $9.50. Details. Photo of Van Meter.

4C. Report of death Sunday of Jesse Chisholm, 90, grandson of the Chisholm Trail founder, of 1722 South Santa Fe. Born in Oklahoma in 1887 and moved to Wichita in 1948. Had been a farmer. Survived by three sons, Calvin and Louie of Wichita, and Frank, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and six daughters (all named — only two, Mrs. Marie Mather and Mrs. Teannie Dye, are in Wichita). Burial at the Beaver Cemetery, Paden, Oklahoma.

Wednesday, January 18, 1978

11C. Report of death Monday of Mrs. Catherine Rockwell Schaefer, 81, of 115 South Roosevelt, wife of J. Earl Schaefer. Survived by husband, a son, Robert J., of Wichita, a daughter, Mrs. Betta C. Bartlet, of San Diego, California, and a brother, Ed Rockwell, of Mulvane. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Friday, January 20, 1978


Saturday, January 21, 1978

7D. Report of death Thursday of Benjamin Michael Conrardy, 12, of 967 Back Bay Boulevard, son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter A. Conrardy. He was student at St. Patrick’s School. Survived by parents, brothers Tony and John, at home, and grandparents John T. Conrardy, Saratoga, California, and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Warnock, of Menlo Park, California. Burial in Resurrection Cemetery (death was suicide by hanging).

Monday, January 23, 1978


1C. Report of death yesterday of Leo B. (Buddy) Levitt, 76, president of Henry’s, Inc., of leukemia. He was one of four sons of Bernard Levitt, a Russian-born immigrant, and his wife, Rose. His father operated a clothing store in Chiles, in eastern Kansas, and then in Kansas City, Missouri. Leo was born in Kansas City and with his brothers worked at Levitt’s Clothing Store, founded at 610 East Douglas when the family moved to Wichita.
soon after turn of the century. The store moved to 420 East Douglas in 1923 and was then named Henry’s. Leo’s brother, Henry, died in 1968 and Leo then became president of the company. Further biography. Survived by widow, Rochelle, a sister, Mrs. Edith Goldschmidt, and a brother, Isadore, both of Wichita. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

**Wednesday, January 25, 1978**


**Thursday, January 26, 1978**

**page 5B.** Table showing deposits, assets, and loans of all Wichita area banks as of December 31, 1977 and December 31, 1976.

**Friday, January 27, 1978**

**page 5C.** Bede Aircraft, Inc., Newton, Kansas, will be sold today at a sheriff’s auction at Newton. The bankrupt company was evicted from its headquarters at the Newton Airport in November. Details.

**Saturday, January 28, 1978**

**page 8C.** Boeing Wichita Company will head a seven and one-half year, $1.6 billion program to upgrade 250 B-52 G and H model bombers. Actual work of modification will start in June 1981. Details.

**Sunday, January 29, 1978**

**page 1B.** J. C. Penney’s downtown store closed yesterday after 57 years of business at 132 North Broadway. The building has been bought by the Fourth National Bank for expansion. It will be remodeled as an operations and computer center for the bank, with completion scheduled by January 1979.

A number of special articles for Kansas Day, with some history and photos. Many statistical tables.

**9L.** Article by Forrest Hintz about the former Arkansas Valley Interurban. No new info.

**10M.** Table of yearly Wichita area employment (total and in aircraft industry) each year from 1949 (total 91,450, with 12,650 in aircraft) through 1976 (total 180,900 with 29,550 in aircraft).

**20M.** Aerial photo of Derby Refinery.
Tuesday, January 31, 1978

5B. Eight Peter Pan Ice Cream Stores in the Wichita area and one each in Arkansas City and Newton will be auctioned “intact” between today and Friday. This will result in closing of half of the Peter Pan stores in the Wichita area. Peter Pan is a subsidiary of the Steffen Dairy Foods Company. Wichita stores being auctioned are at:

7310 West Central 2011 South Seneca
3302 West Central 5602 East Harry
1601 East Pawnee 5017 East 21st
2330 North Ohio, Augusta 209 North Park, Valley Center

Wednesday, February 1, 1978

4C. Downing Mortuaries and Lahey’s Crest Hill Mortuary have merged the management announced. The Lahey Crest Hill Mortuary will transfer its operations, effective today, to the two Downing facilities, located on East Central near Woodlawn and at 329 North Broadway downtown.

4C. Darrell Deck, vice-president of Steffen’s, said the decision to close eight of the 16 Peter Pan Ice Cream stores in the Wichita area was made because of lack of sales and increased cost of operating small stores. Details.

Sunday, February 5, 1978

1B. George F. Neavoll, 39, has been appointed editor of the editorial page of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon. He has been an editorial writer for the Detroit Free Press since 1975. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from University of Oregon. Details. Photo.

2C. Feature article by a Chicago Tribune writer about photographer W. Eugene Smith, former Wichitan, who has just turned 59. Details.

Wednesday, February 8, 1978

1C. Board of Education yesterday voted to close Meridian Elementary School after the current school year. Details.

Sunday, February 12, 1978
3F. Photo of dome of St. Mary’s Cathedral at Broadway and Central. The dome was restored, along with the bell tower domes, about a year ago, to its original oxidized copper hue. The renovation of the 66 year old church has recently been completed.

Monday, February 13, 1978

7A. The $10.3 million Kansas Coliseum complex is scheduled to open next August on a 243 acre tract at 85th Street and I-35W.

Tuesday, February 14, 1978

5B. Table of general aviation aircraft deliveries by company and type in January 1978 compared with January 1977.

Wednesday, February 15, 1978

13B. Ad for grand opening of new Safeway supermarket at southeast corner of Central and West Streets.

10C. Doug Champlin, a third generation member of the Oklahoma family that founded Champlin Oil Company, says he wants to sell his Great Lakes Aircraft Company, with plant at 138 South Washington, “because it has become too successful.” It was founded by Champlin six years ago to build replicas of the 1929 open cockpit Great Lakes biplane. Seventeen planes were delivered three years ago, nearly 30 in 1976, and 44 in 1977. Details.

Thursday, February 16, 1978

10B. Photo of grandstand at Lawrence Stadium covered with snow.

Friday, February 17, 1978

3D. Metropolitan Transit Authority board yesterday voted to eliminate the 75 cent family fare on Saturdays because of abuses. The fare entitled members of a family to unlimited rides on Saturday, and has been in effect for several years. Details. Chairman of Metropolitan Transit Authority board is Graham Hatfield. The pass will be discontinued after this Saturday according to Metropolitan Transit Authority executive director Elmer Karstensen.

Sunday, February 19, 1978

1B. The Orpheum Theater is empty again. The latest attempt to use the ornate theater at 200 North Broadway — showing Mexican movies — has been abandoned because of dwindling attendance. Mann Theater Corporation, of California, which owns the
Orpheum, is asking $100,000 for the building. Details. Photo of marquee.

1C. Feature article about Historical Museum’s exhibit on Wichita history, “Peerless Princess of the Plains.” Details. Photos.

Monday, March 6, 1978


Thursday, March 9, 1978

4C. A new city magazine, The Wichitan, will make its debut next month with the May issue, which will be on newsstands April 27. Publisher is Howard Inglish, 31, a former reporter for the Wichita Eagle. A circulation of 7000 is hoped for. Details.

Friday, March 10, 1978

7C. Table of general aviation aircraft deliveries in February and year to date by company and model type.

Tuesday, March 14, 1978

1. Gates Learjet Corporation announced yesterday that it has picked Tucson, Arizona as the site of a new plant to assemble its models 54/55/56 business jets now under development. The new aircraft are to go into production next year. Details.

1C. The Model, a long time retailer of women’s clothing, has closed its downtown store at 121 East Douglas, owner Ronald Greenberg said yesterday. His family established the Model Clothing Company in the 100 block of North Main in 1922. Details.

Wednesday, March 15, 1978

9C. Photo of girders erected for the new parallel bridge over the railroad tracks on Kellogg. When the new viaduct is completed, the old one will be reconstructed to give four lanes across the railroad tracks in each direction.

Thursday, March 16, 1978

4C. Aircraft Instrument and Development, Inc., will spend $350,000 to expand its Wichita operation with a 27,000 square foot addition between Lewis and Dewey Streets. To be
completed by August 1. Don Lynch is president. Details.

Friday, March 17, 1978

1. The Civil Aeronautics Board yesterday approved new non-stop airline routes from Wichita to Little Rock, Arkansas, by Frontier Airlines, to Memphis by Southern Airways, and to Atlanta by Trans World Airlines. The service would be the first to Wichita by Southern Airways. Details. New lines also approved for Wichita to Denver service, now provided only by Continental Airlines.

1E. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday decided to draw plans for order of 31 new buses accessible to wheelchairs, at cost of $3.7 million. The order would include 26 Advanced-Design Buses and five Minibuses, to be delivered in 18 to 24 months. The Metropolitan Transit Authority has 46 buses, many of them nearing the end of their economic lives. The Advanced-Design Buses, seating about 47 persons, cost $105,000 each, and the 25 passenger minibuses cost $80,000 each. Wheelchair lifts add $10,000 to the cost of each vehicle. Of the present 46 buses, 32 are 11 years old. Since January the Metropolitan Transit Authority has been using special vans that provide door-to-door rides for the handicapped, at a cost this year of $116,000.

Wednesday, March 22, 1978

1C. The Wichita school district’s bus contractor, B. W. Jones and Sons, Inc., was placed in receivership yesterday by District Court Judge Howard Kline. Wichita businessman Richard Martens was appointed receiver. The firm has been unable to pay leasing payments and current bills. It transports 19,000 students to schools each day. Long article with details.

4C. The Navy yesterday awarded a follow-on $11.1 million contract to Beech Aircraft Corporation for 34 more T-34C single-engine turboprop trainers, bringing to 150 the number ordered. Details.

Friday, March 24, 1978

1D. Article about the delays in Urban Renewal Agency’s renovation of Union Station, under way now but being delayed because of lateness in issuing of bonds to finance construction. Work probably won’t be completed until end of year. Details.

Saturday, March 25, 1978

1D. Photo of pedestrian walkway being constructed over Kellogg at Pattie.

Sunday, March 26, 1978

8D. Feature article about progress on construction of new baseball stadium at Wichita State
University. Details. Photos.

1F. List of all the daily newspapers published in Kansas, with daily and weekend circulation figures for each.

**Monday, March 27, 1978**

13A. Full page ad by Chamber of Commerce urging a yes vote on the coal gasification referendum on March 28. Details.

4D. List of polling places in Wichita. Ours is Ward VII, Precinct 13, Riverside Christian Church. (Editor’s note: Dr. Tihen resided at 1227 North River Boulevard.)

**Tuesday, March 28, 1978**

1C. Article about continuing financial problems of Sedgwick County’s E. B. Allen Memorial Hospital. Details.

**Wednesday, March 29, 1978**

1. Wichita voters yesterday defeated the proposed revenue bond issue to finance a $910 million coal gasification project by 20,489 against to 16,417 for it. Details. Article on page 10A details history of the project.

**Thursday, March 30, 1978**

1C. After nearly a year and a half, Harry Street between Hydraulic and Grove was reopened to traffic this week.

5C. Boeing Wichita Company’s employment, at present 7800, will probably increase to about 10,000 by this time next year. Details.

**Saturday, April 1, 1978**

1. Announcement of increase in home delivery price of Wichita Eagle and Beacon effective tomorrow. ¶ Morning Eagle (Monday through Saturday) — 55 to 65 cents per week. ¶ Evening Beacon — 50 to 55 cents per week. ¶ Sunday Eagle and Beacon — 45 to 50 cents per week. ¶ (Daily Eagle single copy is 15 cents. Sunday Eagle-Beacon single copy is 50 cents).

12A. Metropolitan Transit Authority bus schedules are now available in Braille for benefit of the blind. Details.

**Sunday, April 2, 1978**

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**Wednesday, April 5, 1978**

12A. Zale Jewelry announced yesterday that it will close its downtown store at northwest corner of Market and Douglas by the end of the week because of declining sales. The firm, with headquarters in Dallas, has another store in the Wichita Mall. It has been at its present downtown location since 1961.

**Thursday, April 6, 1978**

1B. Feature article about an old 20 inch cast iron water main which has been mounted on pedestal in front of the water department’s Robert H. Hess High Pressure Pumping Station. It was made in 1891 and was installed by the old Wichita Water Company. It was found three years ago when the old pumping station was being razed to build the new one. Details. Photo.

1C. Photo of interior of the Kansas Coliseum under construction.

10C. Report of death Tuesday of Sam T. Bushong, 85, of 8212 Maple, retired owner of Bushong Candy Company. He immigrated from Greece when he was 14 and worked for the Santa Fe Railway in Topeka until 1911, when he moved to Kansas City and opened a candy shop. He moved to Wichita in 1920 and opened his firm at 624 West Douglas, where it remained until he retired in 1946. Survived by his widow, Faye. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

**Friday, April 7, 1978**

4C. Article about visit to Wichita this week of aviation pioneer E. M. “Matty” Laird, 82, now retired in Boca Raton, Florida. He was founder of the E. M. Laird Airplane Company which built airplanes in Wichita from 1919 to 1923 and was succeeded by the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company. This is his first visit to Wichita in more than 50 years. Details. Photo with Olive Ann Beech.

**Saturday, April 8, 1978**

3D. Photo of stage and interior of Orpheum Theater. Letter with reminiscences about it.

7D. Photo of workmen installing a new large window frame for a new six and one-half by 11 foot window in the old Sedgwick County Courthouse.

**Wednesday, April 12, 1978**
1. City Commission yesterday elected Connie Peters to her second term as mayor (was previously mayor in 1975-76 after being the first woman elected to City Commission in 1976). Details.

20A. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in March and year-to-date. Year-to-date:

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1C. Photo shows repaving under way on Market from 18th to 21st Street. Old brick paving has been removed and will be replaced with concrete.

**Friday, April 14, 1978**

7C. Report of death Tuesday of Mattie M. (Mrs. John H.) Engstrom, 98, of 4700 West 13th. Survived by son, John J., of Wichita, and daughters Mrs. H. N. Carber of Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. Fred L. Dold, of Wichita. Survived by five grandchildren: Mrs. John Jaedicke, Mrs. Al Higdon, Mrs. J. D. Gebert, and Eric Engstrom, of Wichita, and Mrs. Georgia Edmondson, of Colorado Springs, and ten great grandchildren. (Editor’s note: Upon checking the microfilm of the newspaper, the last sentence that Dr. Tihen wrote was not on the microfilm.)

**Saturday, April 15, 1978**

5C. Great Lakes Aircraft Company, which builds replicas of the 1928 Great Lakes biplane, is about to be sold and moved to Florida because of a lack of interest from the Wichita area, Bob Smith, general manager said yesterday. It is being sold by its founder, Doug Champlin, of Enid, Oklahoma, a third generation member of the Champlin oil family and an aviation buff. The small company employs 45 persons in Wichita, where the airframe of the plane is built, and 25 more at Enid, where the wood and cloth planes are covered, assembled, test-flown, and delivered to customers. The Wichita plant is a small building at 138 South Washington and is building about four planes per month. They sell for
Company was founded in 1972 and delivered its first airplane in 1974. In 1976 the company delivered 28 planes and last year 44. Schedule calls for about 60 to be delivered this year and about 72 next year. Champlin is willing to sell the company for about $1.2 million, with about $300,000 down and a long term note for the balance. Details.

Sunday, April 16, 1978
10A. Report of death Friday of Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins Martz, 67, of 4701 East English, former Garden City resident and former Wichita school librarian. Survived by the widower, Henry E. Martz, and a daughter. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.


Monday, April 17, 1978
6A. Photo of residence at 1058 Coolidge and its occupant, 95 year old Mrs. Cora Bartlett.

Wednesday, April 19, 1978
1C. Photo of grandstand section of Lawrence Stadium, which is undergoing some renovation.

Thursday, April 20, 1978
1. Photo of workmen putting finishing touches on the overhead footbridge at Pattie and Kellogg which will enable students at Kellogg Elementary School to cross Kellogg.

Friday, April 21, 1978
2C. Editorial about the recycling of paving bricks under way on North Main between Elm and 13th Streets (to be re-used in the Union Station and Naftzger Park area and for sidewalks on Douglas from Topeka to Washington, etc.). Similar renovation is going on on Market Street between 18th and 21st Streets, and a similar reconstruction project is planned this summer on Fairmount Street between 13th and 17th Streets. Photo of Birney car with College Hill sign at the Stock yards turnaround (number not visible) and of street car tracks being removed in 1935 near library site.

Tuesday, April 25, 1978
7C. Report of death Sunday of Ruby Anna (Mrs. Edward S.) Covault, 76, of 9420 Maple. Survived by widower, daughters Mrs. Betty Jo Green, of Valley Center and Mrs. Donna
Ruth Ricord, of Houston, Texas, brother Glenn R. Rowe and sister Mrs. Myrtle Chitwood, both of Wichita. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.

Sunday, April 30, 1978


Tuesday, May 2, 1978

Parking charges at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport will be increased tomorrow, according to H. Jay Setter, airport authority director. Prices in the long-term lot will increase from $1.75 to $2.00 a day, and in the short term lot the rate per half hour will increase from 30 to 40 cents, with a maximum of $3.50 per 24 hours. The Airport Parking Company has operated the parking lots since 1966 and pays about 75 percent of its profit to the airport. The increase will help offset the cost of a proposed parking lot enlargement planned for summer. Lighting will also be upgraded. Before 1966 cars were parked free. Rate increases followed in 1971, 1973, and 1975.

Wednesday, May 3, 1978

Photo of sandblasting of a well at Union Station, 701 East Douglas, which is undergoing extensive renovation.


Thursday, May 4, 1978


Aerial photo of bridges under construction to carry four lane K-96 highway across
Arkansas River in northwest Wichita near interchange with I-235. Project should be completed in early 1980.

Sunday, May 7, 1978

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Southern Airways will inaugurate service to Wichita on July 1 with two daily non-stop round trips between Wichita and Memphis and between Wichita and Denver, using DC-9 aircraft. Details.

Payless Cashways has opened its first building material store in Wichita at 29th and Hydraulic.

Supplement Section containing 1977 annual report of Wesley Medical Center. Details. Financial report.

Monday, May 8, 1978

Article about plans of the Wichita Historical Museum to move its antique Jones Six auto to the fourth floor of the new downtown museum. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, May 9, 1978

Salvation Army yesterday began a two month campaign to raise $750,000. Part of it will be used to renovate and enlarge the old Bridgeport School Building for its Men’s Social Service Department. The Urban Renewal Agency purchased the present building at 619 East Douglas used for this department, and the Bridgeport School, 3601 North St. Francis, was received in exchange. Details.

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

Wednesday, May 10, 1978

Wichita voters yesterday overwhelmingly defeated the city’s proposed gay rights ordinance by a vote of 47,246 to 10,005. Details.

Unable to obtain Wichita financial backing, Great Lakes Aircraft Company is being sold to Colonel Moser’s Air Circus and Aero Sport, Inc., at St. Augustine, Florida. Production of the company’s 1929 open cockpit biplane will be moved to St. Augustine, probably starting some time in July according to Bob Smith, general manager. Details.

Monday, May 15, 1978

Report of death yesterday of William P. Lear, 75, of leukemia, at Reno, Nevada, where he has lived since leaving Wichita in 1968. Long biography. Survived by his widow,
Moya Marie Olsen, three sons and three daughters (named). Photo. Cremation.


**Wednesday, May 17, 1978**

page 12A. Direct flights by Frontier Airlines between Wichita and Topeka which were discontinued in February 1977, will be resumed June 1 using 50 passenger Convair 580 turboprop planes. Details.

3C. Photo of construction under way at Cowtown on a new office and reception center building which will be a recreation of W. C. Woodman’s “Lakeside” house, located near 8th and Waco in the 1880s.

**Friday, May 19, 1978**

page 1C. The Metropolitan Transit Authority voted yesterday to ask the city for a 25 percent increase in its budget for 1979, from $2,012,149 in 1978 to $2,517,256. The increase is mainly for possible increased personnel costs, including a $50 per month pay raise for bus drivers plus increased health and welfare benefits. The drivers’ annual salaries average $13,760. The request seeks $159,476 for improvements including hiring three more employees to help handle 31 new buses that Metropolitan Transit Authority expects to receive in late 1979 and early 1980. Details.

**Saturday, May 20, 1978**

page 2A. The Postal Service will increase the rate for first class letters from 13 cents to 15 cents effective Memorial Day (May 29). Details.

**Wednesday, May 24, 1978**

page 3C. City Commission yesterday decided to rename “Lawrence Athletic Field and Stadium,” as it is referred to in Parks Department records, as “Lawrence-Ray Dumont Stadium.” Details.

**Saturday, June 3, 1978**

page 5C. Transamerica Investment Properties Inc. announced yesterday it will begin construction this month on a three million dollar office park at Central and Rock Road. The development will include five two-story buildings, the largest of which will have Xerox Corporation as the main tenant. Complex to be known as Mill Creek Office Park. Details.
Sunday, June 4, 1978

1C. Feature article about Historic Wichita Cowtown with details and map of buildings.

Saturday, June 10, 1978

1B. Wichita’s system of bike trails should be completed by end of the month. Details. Map.

Tuesday, June 13, 1978


8C. Photo of reconstruction of North Main Street between Elm and 13th Street, where paving brick are being removed and will be replaced by a modern asphalt street.

Wednesday, June 14, 1978

16A. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in May and year-to-date.

Friday, June 16, 1978

1D. Board of Education yesterday studied the school district’s proposed budget of $103,583,642 for 1978-79 school year, an increase of about $7.3 million over the 1977-78 budget. Details.

Sunday, June 18, 1978

1B. A section of Kellogg Freeway from Pattie to Roosevelt will probably be opened to traffic on Tuesday. Details.

2D. The Victorian Society will show the newly restored Sternberg House at 10th and Waco this weekend as a benefit for the Victorian Society House Museum. Admission is $1.75. The house is owned by Sally and David Dewey, who will move into it this summer. Details.

5E. Report of death Friday of Wah Mar, 90, of 11716 East Douglas, founder and former owner of two restaurants in Wichita. Born in San Francisco in 1888. Worked on railroads in early 1900s. Opened his first restaurant in El Paso, Texas. Near beginning of World War II moved to Junction City, Kansas and opened a restaurant there. Moved to Wichita after the war. Opened Mar’s Barbeque, 2407 East Harry, around 1952, and two years later it was expanded to become Mar’s Garden. Also opened the Mandarin Cafe, 116 South Broadway, which is now the Fairland Cafe under different ownership. Survived by a grandson, Frank, of Wichita. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery. (Was a
3F. Photo of Central Avenue Dam across Little Arkansas River.

Tuesday, June 20, 1978

8B. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Harold Hyndman, 67, of 7015 Rockwood, retired anesthesiologist. Survived by his wife, Roberta, two daughters, Mrs. Judy Meredith of Wichita and Mrs. Virginia Wright of Nacogdoches, Texas and a sister, Mrs. Carl Richardson of Wichita. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

Thursday, June 22, 1978

1C. Report of death yesterday of James W. Buck, 91, Wichita business man for more than 50 years and president of Buck’s department store for 31 years until it closed in 1967. Born in Hutchinson, Kansas on August 2, 1886 and raised in Emporia. Moved to Wichita with his family in 1901. In 1902 his father, Walter B. Buck and a partner, A. O. Rorabaugh, opened a dry goods store at 119 North Main, known as the A. O. Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company. Buck became president of the company in 1936 when Rorabaugh died, and the store changed its name to Buck’s Inc. in 1943. In 1931 the store moved to Douglas and Broadway. His wife, Catherine, died in 1975. Survived by two sons, James W. Buck, Jr., and John A. Buck, of Wichita. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum. Photo.

3C. A new section of Kellogg Freeway, from Bluff to Pattie, is open to traffic. Photo.

Friday, June 23, 1978

4A. Photo of north side of 600 block of East Douglas — with article about Old Town.

1B. Feature article about renovation by David and Sally Dewey of the Sternberg House at 10th and Waco. Built in 1886. The Dewey family plans to move in next month. Details.

Wednesday, June 28, 1978

20A. Boeing Wichita Company employment has risen steadily to 8600, a 62 percent increase from a depressed level of about 5300 15 months ago and a net gain of 1700 since the start of the year. Details.

Thursday, June 29, 1978

5C. Announcement yesterday that Hinkel’s, Inc. will close its Twin Lakes department store by the end of July. Hinkel’s store in Parklane shopping center will remain open. Executive vice-president is Allan Buzzi, son-in-law of Allen W. Hinkel, who established the firm in 1924 by taking over the Boston Store. Hinkel died in 1959.
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page 8B. The Hickory House restaurant has closed its Snack Shop luncheon operation at 1623 East Central, next to the main dinner restaurant, to make way for more parking and a major remodeling effort. Myron Green's, Inc. is owner of the Hickory House and purchased the small shopping center in which it is located, earlier this year. The Snack Shop building is to be torn down. Details.

Monday, July 10, 1978
page 3D. Table of Wichita Board of Education budget, number of pupils, teachers and administrators.

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76-77  89.7 million  49,955  2892  227
77-78  96.2 million  47,820  2923  222
78-79  102.7 million  45,875*  NA  NA

*estimated

Article with details and discussion beginning page 1D.

Tuesday, July 11, 1978
page 5B. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and plane type in June and year-to-date. Great Lakes four in June to 24 this year.

Thursday, July 13, 1978
page 15A. Report of death Sunday of William Earl Forster, 80, San Jose, California, former Wichitan. Survived by one son and two daughters (named — none in Wichita).

Friday, July 14, 1978
page 5C. Southern Airways, which inaugurated service at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport July 1, yesterday announced plans to merge with North Central Airlines. Details.

Duke Printing Inc., a 36 year old printing firm at 1329 South McLean Boulevard, will close July 28, owner Earl Duke, Jr. announced yesterday. The business was started by his father, Earl Duke, Sr. and employs about 20 persons. Earl Duke, Sr. started in the printing business in Wichita in 1916 when he joined Western Lithograph Company. Duke Printing was formed in 1942, and Earl Duke, Jr. has been president since 1959. Details.

Sunday, July 16, 1978
page 4B. Frontier Airlines will inaugurate service to Denver and Atlanta from Wichita on August 1, replacing its Convair 580 turboprops with Boeing 737 jetliners, and flying three daily round trips to Denver and two to Atlanta. This will give Wichita its first nonstop flights
to Atlanta. Details.

Tuesday, July 18, 1978


Friday, July 21, 1978

1B. The Chester I. Long home at 3401 East 2nd, owned by Dick and Virginia Morgan, has become Wichita’s 11th national historic landmark. Built in 1885-86, originally as a farmhouse, and expanded several times since and remodeled. Most changes occurred when Senator Long owned it before his death in 1934. The Morgans purchased the home in 1975. Details. Photo.

4C. The new Nims Street Bridge over the Little Arkansas River is scheduled to be opened today after being closed for 13 months. Cost $577,000. Details. Photo. (See article on July 27.)

Sunday, July 23, 1978

1C. Feature article about sculptures placed on Wichita State University campus. Details. Map.

Monday, July 24, 1978

1D. Article about placing of a renovated railroad handcar at Cowtown yesterday. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, July 25, 1978

5B. Melvin Simon and Associates, of Indianapolis, today will mark the official start of construction of Towne West Square Shopping Center. Details.

8B. Report of death Saturday of Dr. Thomas C. Hurst, 64, of 7 Hillcrest, Eastborough, pediatrician, while on a trip in Germany. Began practice in Wichita in 1941. Further biography. Survived by his wife, Margery, and a son, Dennis, of Wichita. Cremation.

Thursday, July 27, 1978

1D. Photo of new Nims Street Bridge which was opened to traffic yesterday after numerous delays.
Wednesday, August 2, 1978

1. Report of results of primary election yesterday.

28B. Air Capital Cable Vision, Inc., Wichita, is buying a former convenience store building at 701 North Broadway for use as its headquarters building. Details. Photo.

Monday, August 7, 1978


Wednesday, August 9, 1978

4C. Six year old Great Lakes Aircraft Company will halt production of its 1929 Great Lakes sport biplane in late September. Plans to sell the company to a company dealer and move production to a new facility in St. Augustine, Florida have fallen through. The company has about 53 workers at its plant at 138 South Washington, and another 20 are employed at the company’s plant in Enid, Oklahoma. When the last plane is finished late next month the company will have built 145 of the planes since it went into production in 1972. It hopes to continue some subcontract work here. Details.

Thursday, August 10, 1978


Friday, August 11, 1978

5C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in July and year-to-date. ¶ Great Lakes delivered four planes in July and 28 in year-to-date. Mooney 34 in July and 250 in year-to-date.

Monday, August 14, 1978

1. Article about improved financial condition of Friends University. Details. Has occurred
since trustees paid off $2,125,145 debt.

Tuesday, August 15, 1978
page
1. MBPXL Corporation, of Wichita, and Con Agra Corporation of Omaha, yesterday announced agreement in principle to merge. Details.

Wednesday, August 16, 1978
page
1. City Commission yesterday adopted a $31,146,643 general operating budget for next year. Details.

Thursday, August 17, 1978
page
1. MBPXL directors have decided not to merge after all. Details.

Friday, August 18, 1978
page
1C. Metropolitan Transit Authority will hold a public hearing September 21 to consider an increase next year in the 30 cent bus fare. Increase may be needed because of City Commission’s proposed $50,000 reduction in the city’s contribution to the 1979 budget. Metropolitan Transit Authority proposed a city contribution of $783,616 in 1979 with a federal share of $837,466. With income from fares and other sources, the total proposed 1979 budget is $2,518,156. This is $506,007, or 25 percent more than the total 1978 budget of $2,012,149. The main reason for the increase is an anticipated rise in the cost of personnel, according to Metropolitan Transit Authority Executive Director Elmer Karstensen. Drivers’ contracts expire November 30. ¶ The $50,000 cut in the city’s contribution would be automatically matched by a $69,965 reduction in the federal contribution to the budget, making a total reduction of $119,965.

Sunday, August 20, 1978
page
11D. Announcement of 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Lawrence on August 25. Lawrence and Grace Ewing were married August 25, 1928 in Iola, Kansas and have lived in Wichita since then. He is retired from operating the Lawrence Lumber Company. Have one daughter, Lou Ann (Mrs. C. B.) Irvine and one son, Richard, both of Wichita. (Editor’s note: Upon looking at the 1978 city directory, the names of the couple were actually Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Lawrence, not Lawrence and Grace Ewing.)

Friday, August 25, 1978
page
5C. Koch Industries, Inc. yesterday announced plans to build a three story, 90,000 square foot office building adjacent to its present corporate office complex at 4121 East 37th North. To cost $2.3 million. Construction to start by November with completion a year later.
Saturday, August 26, 1978

Sunday, August 27, 1978
1. Cardinal Albino Luciani, 65, elected yesterday as Pope John Paul I. Details.

Tuesday, August 29, 1978
1C. The new Wichita High School Northwest opened yesterday with the first day of school. Details.

Wednesday, August 30, 1978
1C. City Commission yesterday approved a lease of the old Rock Island Depot to The Portobelo Road restaurant. Owner Larry Frasco hopes to open the restaurant by December 1. Details.

3C. Report of trial in Federal Court over fees paid to attorney Paul Kitch in sale of Eagle and Beacon newspaper. Paul Kitch and Britt Brown are defendants in lawsuit brought by stockholders Victor Delano and Victoria Bloom over terms of the sale. Details.

Thursday, August 31, 1978
1D. Article about hopes to establish an aviation building in the old municipal airport terminal building at McConnell Air Force Base. Details.

Friday, September 1, 1978
1C. Report of verdict in above trial over terms of sale of Eagle and Beacon newspaper. Details.

Wednesday, September 6, 1978
9C. Aerial photo of the Kellogg-Canal Route interchange under construction, looking east. Across ramps about half completed.

Saturday, September 9, 1978
9A. Luis Casado yesterday celebrated the 50th anniversary of his arrival in the United States from Cuba — on September 8, 1928. Details.

1B McCormick Elementary School, 855 South Martinson, has become Wichita's twelfth
national historic landmark. Main building, of natural sandstone, built in 1889-90, was designed by architects Proudfoot and Bird. Details.

Sunday, September 10, 1978
1B. Feature article about School Superintendent Alvin Morris’ collection of owls. Details. Photo.

4B. Photo of replica of Clyde Cessna’s 1912 “Silver Wings” on display for two weeks in lobby of Fourth Financial Center. The replica was built in 1959 by Burrell Tibbs of Oklahoma City.

Wednesday, September 13, 1978
12C. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in August and year-to-date. Great Lakes delivered two planes in August and 30 in year to date.

Thursday, September 14, 1978
1C. Article about Frank Tarlton, who has driven Wichita buses for 32 years and now is at top of Metropolitan Transit Authority’s seniority list of drivers. The last 28 years of his 32 years have been free of accidents. He is now 54 and was originally hired by Wichita Transportation Corporation. He now is driving the East Central line from 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., making ten 18 mile trips, a total of 180 miles. He started driving Wichita buses on April 14, 1946 at 70 cents per hour. Lives at 3428 East Skinner. In 1946 there were 150 drivers and he was fifth from bottom of seniority list. Details. Photo.

Portobelo Road restaurant’s plans for old Rock Island depot have fallen through owing to failure to obtain financing. Details.

Sunday, September 17, 1978
4B. Grand opening ceremonies to be held today at newly remodeled Southwest Federal Savings and Loan building at 130 North Market. Was a $700,000 project. Architect was David Haines. Photos.

Tuesday, September 19, 1978
1C. Walker Brother’s Inc., 91 year old downtown Wichita department store, has been sold to a Wichita investment group that plans to convert the building to office space. The store will remain open at least through Christmas, according to Don Ablah, who heads a partnership with Ferris Farha and George Farha, M.D. Future plans for the store are indefinite. The store has been owned by Eileen Walker, widow of David V. Walker, Jr., whose father founded the store in 1887, and who died in 1970. He and his brother, Insley Walker, jointly owned the store after the death of their father, David V. Walker, Sr., in
Wednesday, September 20, 1978

Annex census reported by State Board of Agriculture gives Wichita’s population as 261,862, down about 1700 from last year. The loss was similar to that recorded in 1977. The city had increases in population in 1975 and 1976. The highest ever recorded was 282,989 in 1969, when Sedgwick County’s population was 354,223.¶ The Sedgwick County population in 1978 shows an increase of 221 to 341,881.¶ Population of other cities in the county given — includes Derby 8667, Haysville 7368, Valley Center 3281, Mt. Hope 744, Maize 1332, Andale 555, Colwich 932, Clearwater 1673, Mulvane 2788.

Wichita public school enrollment this year is about 43,200, down 3.3 percent from 44,665 last year (i.e., full time equivalents).

Friday, September 22, 1978

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to increase the base bus fare from 30 to 35 cents beginning November 6. Per-fare ride for buyers of 20 ride passes will increase from 25 to 30 cents. Base fare for senior citizens and the handicapped — 15 cents — and for students — 20 cents — will remain the same. However, they will be charged five cents for a transfer, which they do not pay under the current fare structure.¶ The last Metropolitan Transit Authority fare increase of five cents was in 1972.¶ Details.

Saturday, September 23, 1978


Monday, September 25, 1978

Photo of Kansas Coliseum as it appeared shortly before completion last month. Article with details.

Wednesday, September 27, 1978

City Commission decided yesterday that the city will get out of the trash collection business by March 1, 1979. Details.

Friday, September 29, 1978

Report of death during the night in his sleep of Pope John Paul I, age 65, only about one month after being elected Pope. Details.

MBPXL directors yesterday reversed their previous decision and accepted a bid by Con
Agra Inc., of Omaha, to merge the two companies. Details.

Monday, October 2, 1978
page 1C. Article discussing personality of Wichita’s Catholic Bishop David Maloney. Was appointed by Pope Paul VI in December 1967 and installed as bishop of Wichita on January 25, 1968, succeeding Bishop Leo Byrne, who was appointed coadjutor archbishop of the St. Paul-Minneapolis arch diocese. A native of Littleton, Colorado and was pastor of Church of the Divine Redeemer when appointed and had been auxiliary bishop of Denver since 1960. Is now age 66. Some parishioners consider him inaccessible. Details, biography, interviews, photo.

Thursday, October 5, 1978

Friday, October 6, 1978
page 3B. Article about three historic homes which will be open for tours this weekend to benefit the Victorian Society and Wesley Medical Center. They are (1) Cubbon-Jacques Home, 1955 North Market (2) Wey Mansion, 1751 Park Place (3) Basham House, 1063 North Market. Article says Cubbon-Jacques home was named for former owners George Cubbon and Arthur Jacques, was built on north Fairmount in 1888 and moved by mule team in 1900 to its present location by Cubbon. It was owned by Jacques, who was clerk of the district court in the 1930s. It is now owned by Lee and Marvin Cone. The Wey Mansion was built in 1909 by hardware entrepreneur Herman Wey and is now owned by the M. L. Raymond family. The Basham house was built in 1906 and is for sale by the Urban Renewal Agency. Details. Photos.

Sunday, October 8, 1978
page 8D. Construction has started on a 78 unit apartment complex for the elderly near 21st and Oliver. Called Shadybrook Estates and will cost $2.1 million. Completion expected by August. Architect is Jim Albertson. Drawing.

Wednesday, October 11, 1978
page 16A. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type in September and year-to-date. Great Lakes delivered three in September, 33 through September 1978, and 34 through September in 1977.

The 500th Cessna Citation built since 1972 was rolled out of the Wallace Division plant on Tuesday.
Thursday, October 12, 1978
page
1C. Article about problems with Wichita school buses, operated under contract by R. W. Harmon and Sons. Fleet includes about 350 vehicles. Lack of maintenance, frequent mechanical failures, etc. Details.

Monday, October 16, 1978
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1. Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, 58, has been elected Pope and has taken the name of Pope John Paul II. Details.

Tuesday, October 17, 1978
page
16A. Workers began construction Monday of Wichita’s cable television system. Air Capital Cablevision, Inc. will make service available to about 2000 homes a month as its installation moves ahead. Initially 18 channels will be provided, with six more added within a year or two. Monthly fee will be $7.95 a month. Details — location of areas being wired first, etc.

5B. Boeing Wichita Company yesterday announced plans for a six million dollar expansion project. A 300 by 450 feet, 135,000 square foot production building will be built on Boeing’s 30 acres in Southeast Wichita. Completion is expected by January 1, 1980 or earlier. It will be a one story building located south of Boeing-Wichita’s Plant I on South Oliver. Details.

Thursday, October 19, 1978
page
11B. Cessna Aircraft Company announced record sales of $759 million for the fiscal year ended September 30. Earnings were $35.6 million or $4.10 per share. Details.

Friday, October 20, 1978
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1C. Mill levy for Wichita property taxpayers will total 113.37 mills for coming year including City of Wichita — 38.061 mills, USD 259 — 55.486 mills, Sedgwick County — 16.823 mills, Wichita State University — 1.5 mills, State of Kansas — 1.5 mills.

Saturday, October 21, 1978
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1C. The Grove Street-Kellogg interchange was opened to traffic yesterday. Details. Photo.

Sunday, October 22, 1978
page
1. Report of visit of President Carter to Wichita yesterday on campaign tour. Details. Spoke at Century II.
1B. Article about plans for renovation and a $4.9 million clinical support wing at the Wichita Veterans Affairs Hospital. Details.

28E. Report of death Friday of Willis Lloyd Hartman, 88, oil producer, horse breeder, and polo player, of 1001 North Rock Road. Began his career with Gulf Oil Corporation in Tulsa. Later he and his son Ralph formed the Lonita Oil Company. Around World War II he bought 1700 acres of land just east of Wichita. All but 160 acres of that land was eventually sold and taken into the city. The 160 acres was known as Hartmoor Farms and included two polo fields. Hartman was active in polo from 1928 until last March, and he was founder of the Fairfield Polo Club. Survived by his son, Ralph, of Wichita. Photo. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Tuesday, October 24, 1978
Page 3C. Article about family reunion of the Wentz family, which owned a grocery store at 10th and Waco in the early 1900s. Details. Nine brothers and sisters attended, ages 68 to 82. Their parents, Loyd and Margaret Mueller Wentz, owned the store.

Thursday, October 26, 1978
Page 1. Long article about the bankruptcy of the B. W. Jones and Sons school bus firm, which may cost the Wichita school district over $500,000. Bruce W. Jones retired to his 160 acre farm near Sedan, Kansas in the spring of 1977, and in his absence the company’s finances collapsed. Details. Photo of buses.

Saturday, October 28, 1978
Page 5C. Great Lakes Aircraft Company, 138 South Washington, is assembling the last model of its 1929 Great Lakes sport biplanes, and will close its doors December 1, Doug Champlin, president, announced yesterday. The last plane will be delivered in two weeks. With the last delivery, the company will have built 138 of the biplanes since it started building them in Wichita six years ago. Tooling will be stored in Enid, where a small parts supply outlet will be maintained to support Great Lakes customers.

Monday, October 30, 1978
Page 1. Feature article about dispute between Urban Renewal Agency and the Ava Johns family over valuation of the Super Refined Oil Company, on 21st Street near Mosley. Details. Photos.

1C. Report of dedication ceremonies for the new Wichita High School Northwest, held yesterday. Details.

Friday, November 3, 1978
Page
1C. Pass fare on Wichita city buses will be increased five cents to 35 cents effective Monday, and transfers from one bus route to another will cost five cents. The fare for senior citizens and handicapped persons will be held at 15 cents and the student fare will remain 20 cents, but these riders will have to begin paying five cents for transfers. Under the new fare structure 20 ride punch passes will increase from five dollars to six dollars. Student punch passes for 25 rides cost $4.50.

Weather permitting, Wichita’s Canal Route expressway could be completed by July or August 1979. Details.

4C. Riverside Airport, between 29th and 37th Streets on Hoover, near the Sedgwick County Zoo, has a new asphalt overlay on its 3000 foot runway. About 30 additional T-hangars are to be constructed. Tom Sanders, of Sanders, Inc., which owns the 200 acre field, said it was established by his family in the early 1960s (1950s?). Details.

Sunday, November 5, 1978

1D. Feature article about the changing status of Roman Catholic nuns — in dress and other respects. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, November 7, 1978

1. Dr. Harold Cope has announced his resignation as president of Friends University effective July 1979. Now age 60. Health reasons cited. Will have been president at Friends for seven years. Details. Biography.

8B. Report of death yesterday of Ernest C. Balay, 71, former Wichita postmaster, in Neosho, Missouri. Was postmaster here from 1958 to 1970. Survived by wife, Alice, a son, Ernest L., a daughter, Mrs. Joan Cofer, and a sister, Mrs. Cordie Culkin, all (except wife) of Wichita.

Wednesday, November 8, 1978


4B. Ryan Aviation Corporation, a jet charter, aircraft management and air ambulance firm at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport, has announced a one million dollar project to construct a 90 by 150 foot, two and one-half story building that will approximately double the size of the firm’s facility. The firm was founded in late 1976 from its predecessor, De Boer Aviation Corporation. Ron Ryan is president. Details.

Thursday, November 9, 1978

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1C. Work has started on the two million dollar steel and concrete dam across the Arkansas River at Lincoln Street. Previous inflatable dam ruptured repeatedly, the last time in July 1973. New dam being built by Utility Contractors. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, November 14, 1978


16A. Table of general aviation shipments of aircraft by company and type for October and year-to-date. None listed for Great Lakes. Mooney 30 in October and 353 year-to-date.

Thursday, November 16, 1978

1C. Cargill Holdings Inc. is purchasing more than one-fourth of the outstanding stock of MBPXL Corporation and will make a tender offer for all remaining shares. MBPXL has previously agreed to a takeover by Con Agra Inc., of Omaha, but this plan has yet to be approved by stockholders. Details.

Tuesday, November 21, 1978

5B. Announcement of plans to build a three story medical office building, called The Cedars, on northeast corner of 10th and St. Francis, at cost of about two million dollars. Construction to begin next month. To have 30,000 square feet with offices for about 12 doctors. Architect is Thomas D. Jacob. Drawing.

Wednesday, November 22, 1978

3D. Aerial photo of Vulcan Chemical plant. Article about pollution hazards. Details.

Thursday, November 23, 1978

4C. Continental Air Lines Flight 432, Wichita’s only same-plane jetliner service to Florida, will be discontinued after January 14 because of low passenger demand. Has operated about 18 months. Details.

Friday, November 24, 1978

II. Relinquished his position as general manager of Boeing-Wichita division in 1957. Survived by son, Robert J., of Wichita, and daughter, Betta Bartlett, of San Diego. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

1G. Wichita Historic Landmark Preservation Commission yesterday recommended the Cubbon-Jacques house, 1955 North Market, for historic landmark designation. Built in 1888 on Fairmount Avenue and was left vacant in 1890 during a severe financial depression. In 1900 it was moved to its present location. First occupant at its new location was George T. Cubbon, Sr., Wichita’s police chief for three terms (1899-1902, 1905-1907, and 1911-1913). Arthur Jacques, clerk of the district court, lived in the house in the 1920s. Photo.

Wednesday, November 29, 1978

Dick Spraker Volkswagen has purchased the Bruce Brown Porsche-Audi dealership at 1501 East 1st and will combine the two car dealerships at 7017 East Kellogg. Details.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority has inspected Wichita school buses and has pronounced the fleet to be in “average condition.” Details.

Friday, December 1, 1978

Central Avenue from Ridge Road west to Woodchuck was opened to traffic yesterday as a new four lane roadway. The road was closed about five months ago. The section of the new road from Gilda, near I-135, to Ridge Road is to be opened to traffic Monday. Details.

Sunday, December 3, 1978

Photo of interior of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Andale, Kansas during church service.

Monday, December 4, 1978

The salary of Sedgwick County commissioners will be increased on January 1 to $30,395, nearly double what it was five years ago. The biggest single increase in their salaries was in 1976 when the commissioners voted themselves a $7000 raise for the next year. This year they received $27,810. Previous salaries have been:

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Wednesday, December 6, 1978

Report of death Monday of E. V. “Vic” Yingling, 63, after an extended illness. His father came here from El Dorado in 1928 and founded Yingling Chevrolet Company. The son returned from World War II as an Army pilot and founded Yingling Aircraft, the Wichita Cessna dealership, in 1946. The local firm is now headed by his son, Vic III. ¶ E. V. Yingling was president of the family Chevrolet dealership when his father died in 1960. In 1966 he sold his interest to others in the family. The firm closed in 1974 after a disastrous fire in November 1968. Survived by his wife, Doreen, son E. V. III, daughter Mrs. Patricia White, St. Louis, and sisters Mrs. Martha Gartung and Mrs. Mary Pat Lamar. Photo.

Thursday, December 7, 1978

In less than two weeks about 700 homes in Riverside will be the first in Wichita to be offered cable TV by Air Capital Cable Vision, Inc. Map of area served. Details.


Sunday, December 10, 1978

Feature article about Mrs. Olive White Garvey. Garvey empire began with a wheat field in Phillips County and moved to Wichita in 1928. Husband Ray Garvey was killed in a car accident in June 1959. Today Olive Garvey is 85 and is chairman of Garvey, Inc. Children are Ruth Garvey Fink, Topeka, Willard W. Garvey, Wichita, James S. Garvey, Ft. Worth, Texas, Olivia Garvey Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska. Long biography. Photo.

Full page ad announcing dedication today of the new $4.2 million South Wing Addition to the Osteopathic Hospital of Wichita. Details with history of the hospital. Photos.


Monday, December 11, 1978

Report of death Saturday of Mrs. Ruby C. Yarnell, 86, of 1300 North West. Survived by sons, James, of Wichita, Duane A., of Springfield, Missouri, and Rex, of Coronado,
California. Resthaven Gardens of Memory.


Friday, December 15, 1978

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

Monday, December 18, 1978

Effective Monday, January 1, the weekly rate for home delivery of the morning Eagle will be increased to 75 cents a week (Monday through Saturday) and the evening Beacon (Monday through Friday) plus the Saturday Eagle-Beacon will be increased to 65 cents a week. The price of the Sunday Eagle-Beacon and newsstand or single copy price will be unchanged.

Wednesday, December 20, 1978


Thursday, December 21, 1978

Wichita’s Historic Landmark Preservation Commission yesterday recommended that the interior of the Orpheum Theater be designated as a historic landmark. Details.

Pawnee Plaza Mall, a financially troubled mall at Pawnee and South Broadway, has been sold for the second time since it opened in 1973. The sale by Pawnee Associates, a group of investors headed by Kansas City real estate broker W. B. Kessinger, who bought it in 1977 from the original developer, Kroh Brothers, of Kansas City, Missouri, was to W. A. Michaelis, Jr., a Wichita oil man with cattle and real estate interests. Details.

Friday, December 22, 1978

Wesley Medical Center yesterday received state approval for an emergency helicopter transport service for critically ill patients. A helicopter landing pad is to be located on top of its tower building, which is now undergoing the addition of four more stories, with construction to be completed in March. Details.

Saturday, December 23, 1978
Braniff Concorde service from Dallas-Ft. Worth to Washington, Paris, and London will be inaugurated on January 12.

Wichita Mid-Continent Airport is to receive a new three to five million dollar air traffic control tower to handle growing air traffic. Construction date not yet established but could start as early as next October. Details.


Sedgwick County Commission will vote Wednesday on purchase by the county of the Calvary Baptist Church and the Ark Valley Lodge, historic remnants of Wichita’s original black community. Details. Photo of church.

Article about plans to develop Sheridan Park area in Southwest Wichita, which was originally begun in 1909 as Orienta Park, with sale of substandard 20 by 100 foot lots as bonus for purchase of magazine subscriptions to Farm Journal and a 1909 almanac. Details.

County Commission yesterday agreed to spend $136,000 to buy Calvary Baptist Church and the Ark Valley Lodge. Details.

Photo of Douglas Avenue looking west from Emporia during snowstorm yesterday.

Article about boom in Wichita’s aviation industry in 1978. Eleven thousand employees added. Other major industries also reviewed. Details.