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## **Subject(s): 412 East Douglas**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, March 23, 1913**

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13. Article and drawing of new three story building to be built at 412-414 East Douglas by J. R. Mead, formerly of Wichita and now of Chicago, to cost about \$30,000 and be completed by September 1. Will be 50 feet by 130 feet. C. W. Terry of Wichita is architect. Mr. Mead is connected with the Mead Cycle company of Chicago, and is son of J. R. Mead, a founder of Wichita, who died three years ago.

**Friday, February 6, 1914**

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10. James L. (Bunnie) Mead announces plan to construct a three story building at 412-414 East Douglas to cost about \$25,000. Building will have a front of terra cotta and glazed brick and will extend north to the alley. ¶ The present building at 412 has been occupied by the Rosenbloom Dry Goods company and the building at 414 by the Missildine grocery. These two story buildings will be torn down beginning March 1.

**Wednesday, March 25, 1914**

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5. Contract let yesterday by J. L. (Bunnie) Mead of Chicago for new three story building at 412-414 East Douglas to cost about \$36,000. Work will start at once and be completed by September 1. Building is 50 by 140 feet, with a front of terra cotta. Work of razing the present building on the site will start this week. C. W. Terry is the architect. The front of the building will be similar to that of the building at 506 East Douglas, which was remodeled by Mr. Mead last year.

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Thursday, April 24, 1913**

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5. Bunny Mead, of Chicago, is in Wichita working on plans for a new three story building at 412-414 East Douglas, to cost \$35,000. C. W. Terry is architect.

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8. Contract let yesterday for new three story building of J. L. "Bunnie" Mead, of Chicago, at 412-414 East Douglas, to H. I. Ellis Construction Company. To cost \$36,000 and be completed September 1. Architect C. W. Terry.

**Wichita Eagle-beacon**

**Saturday, April 20, 1974**

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- 20D. Report of a fire yesterday morning which caused extensive damage to the renovated building at 412 East Douglas which was to house Dr. Redbird's Medicinal Inn restaurant. Damage estimated at more than \$150,000. Photo with fire engine and hoses.

**Thursday, March 1, 1979**

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- 1C. Three Wichita buildings were nominated yesterday for historic landmark designation by the Wichita Historic Landmark Preservation Committee: ¶ (1) Mead Building, 412 East Douglas, built in 1915 and now home of The Looking Glass restaurant. ¶ (2) Lawrence Building, 149 North Broadway, built in 1911 and now home of Watermark Books. ¶ (3) Petroleum Building, 221-225 South Broadway, built in 1929. Details.