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**Wichita Eagle**

**Wednesday, September 20, 1916**

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5. Contract for the new Henry J. Allen home was let yesterday by Frank Lloyd Wright of Chicago, the architect. To cost \$30,000.

**Friday, May 17, 1918**

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5. Fine new homes in College Hill district have increased assessed value of real estate from Hydraulic avenue east to city limits to \$7,359,00, an increase of \$2,118,000 since 1916 and \$1,654,000 since 1917. ¶ Article lists several prominent homes built since March 23, 1917 including Henry J. Allen home at 249 North Roosevelt worth \$40,000. Skaer home at Douglas and Volutsia worth \$30,000, A. C. Houston home at 315 Circle Drive worth \$25,000, Deering Marshall home at 2nd and Belmont worth \$45,000, and the John L. Powell home at 131 Circle Drive worth \$20,000.

**Sunday, December 23, 1951**

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5. Mrs. Frances Adair was awarded over \$900,000 yesterday in a divorce from Ed Adair, Wichita oilman. Adair was given the couple's home, former residence of the late Senator Henry J. Allen, 253 North Roosevelt. Mrs. Adair plans to move to Dallas. The couple were married here in July 1933 and have no children. Details.

**Tuesday, March 17, 1964**

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- 12A. Report of death yesterday of Edgar H. (Ed) Adair, multi-millionaire Wichita oil man, in the library of his home, the Frank Lloyd Wright designed house at 255 North Roosevelt. He was owner and operator of Adair Oil Company. Born November 24, 1898 at Conway Springs, Kansas, and spent his life in the Wichita area. Survived by widow, Burneta, two sons, Eddie, of the home, and Jack Austin, a student at the University of Oklahoma, his father, D. W. Adair, 3500 East 12th, a sister, Mrs. Marcille Hitchings, at the East 12th address, and two brothers, L. S. Adair, 3507 East 12th, and Pete O. Adair, of Fontana, California. Further biography. Photo.

Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

**Sunday, July 19, 1964**

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- 2C. Feature article about the Frank Lloyd Wright house at 255 North Roosevelt, designed for the late Henry J. Allen in 1917 and completed in 1919. Purchased in 1948 by the late E. H. Adair whose widow and two sons occupy it. Details. Photos.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**

**Saturday, July 10, 1971**

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1. Arthur W. Kincade resigned yesterday as chairman of board of Fourth Financial Corporation, at age 75. He will be succeeded by A. Dwight Button. ¶ He will maintain a residence in Wichita and plans to move in September into the Frank Lloyd Wright house at 255 North Roosevelt. The house, which will be completely renovated, was built in 1917 for the late Senator Henry J. Allen and later was purchased by the late E. H. Adair.

**Monday, September 1, 1975**

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- 2A. Report of death yesterday of Mary J. Kincade, 77, wife of Arthur W. Kincade, chairman emeritus of the board of directors of Fourth National Bank and Trust Company. Born at Wellington, Kansas and came to Wichita in 1937. In 1971 she and her husband purchased the Frank Lloyd Wright house built in 1917 at 255 North Roosevelt. Survived by her widower, a son, A. W., Jr., Wichita, and two daughters, Mrs. Imogene Little, La Jolla, California, and Miss Patricia Kincade, San Marcos, Texas. Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

**Sunday, August 29, 1976**

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