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**Subject(s):** L. W. Clapp, 1847 Wellington Place, Clapp House

**WICHITA BEACON**

**Monday, August 9, 1886**

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4. Mr. L. W. Clapp of Iowa City, Iowa, who has been here for several days, is so pleased with Wichita that he has decided to return in a few months and make it his future home. He will open a large loan office here with branches in Wellington, Kingman, and other points.

**Thursday, March 21, 1895**

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5. Report of citizens' meeting last night in the board of trade room to discuss needed retrenchment in the city government costs. L. W. Clapp presented a detailed review of the finances of the city and the school board. Details.

**Saturday, November 16, 1895**

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5. L. W. Clapp is having a two story house moved from Riverside to South Market.

**Thursday, August 4, 1898**

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5. Letter from L. W. Clapp restating his position on the street railway franchise ("Timely Truths").

**Friday, July 1, 1904**

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6. Material is being placed for the new double two story brick building being built at 105 W. Douglas by Dr. J. G. Dorsey and at 107 W. Douglas by Mr. L. W. Clapp. Each will be 25 x 120 ft. Dr. Dorsey's to cost about \$7,000 and Mr. Clapp's \$8,000. Kos Harris, who owns building at 103 W. Douglas will rebuild the brick front of his building to harmonize with the other two.

**Saturday, August 4, 1906**

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6. The downtown office of the Pacific Express company and the telegraph office of the Postal Telegraph company will be moved to the Clapp building on northeast corner of 1st and Main by the latter part of next week.

**Wednesday, August 22, 1906****page**

6. The Postal Telegraph company has located its office in the remodeled L. W. Clapp building at Main and 1st street. It was formerly located across the street on the southeast corner.

**THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE ARE FROM THE WICHITA BEACON****Saturday, September 15, 1906****page**

10. Miss Sidney Clapp and Mr. Marc Clapp leave Tuesday for the east to resume their studies. Miss Clapp will be a junior at Wellesley, while Mr. Clapp will be a senior at Harvard.

**Monday, May 20, 1907****page**

7. L. W. Clapp is remodeling the Fletcher block and fitting it up in modern flats.

**Monday, December 28, 1908****page**

1. George E. Theis, Jr. today bought the Topeka avenue hotel and its 50 foot lot in first block on South Topeka from Judge Haymaker and L. W. Clapp for \$21,000 as an investment.

**Thursday, September 9, 1909****page**

5. L. W. Clapp is having the present building at 316 North Main wrecked and will build there a modern two story building to cost about \$5000.

**Saturday, May 6, 1916****page**

3. Full page advertisement for sale of lots in Oak Park Addition, by Savings Realty Company, with map. Says the property is now owned by L. W. Clapp, Charles G. Cohn, C. H. Smyth, J. D. Houston, and C. H. Brooks.

**Saturday, March 10, 1917****page**

6. A deed giving the city fifteen acres along the east side of Little River north of 11th Street, to be known as North Park, was approved yesterday by Improvements

Commissioner James Murry and City Engineer Bert Wells and will be filed with the city clerk for formal acceptance at once. ¶ The gift is from L. W. Clapp, C. H. Brooks, C. G. Cohn, and C. H. Smyth, owners of Reserve A along the river and the ten acre Oak Park Addition. A plat of the river reserve will be filed at the court house and the city commission will pass on the deed, probably Monday. ¶ The commission and engineering department pressed upon Mr. Clapp, who submitted the deed, the moral claim of the city to the rest of Oak Park in order to save what is the finest Oak grove in the state. Mr. Clapp said that his associates might make the city a proposal which would enable the city to buy the grove for less than would be derived from sale of lots. He said he would take the matter up with the others.

**Saturday, July 28, 1917****page**

6. Photographs of L. W. Clapp residence taken soon after it was built in 1887, and again this week by L. G. Whittier, now surrounded by trees. Article with details.

**Wednesday, May 22, 1918****page**

9. Mayor L. W. Clapp presented to the city commission yesterday blueprint plans for a system of drives through Sim Memorial Park. The drives are to run on the higher ridges on the park and if carried out will give Wichita one of the most beautiful systems of park drives in the Southwest.

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5. The city has purchased a strip of ground from 50 to 200 feet wide and half a mile long of the Steinbuchel property west of the Little Arkansas river and about a block north of Central avenue, on which will be built a boulevard drive to the new Sim Memorial Park. Cost was seven to eight thousand dollars. Making the new drive will require considerable grading, cutting, and filling, as the ground is rough. It will connect with the river drive that will be made on the outer edge of the park, the entire drive covering more than two miles. The half mile connecting drive, to be started probably next week, will run in curved lines along the edge of what was at one time a part of the Arkansas river, forming the island off Central Street Bridge. This is now filled in. ¶ The Memorial Gate to Sim Park is nearing completion. It is a half circle with two immense cut store pillars at each side. Mayor L. W. Clapp is the landscape designer for the new park.

**Saturday, October 4, 1919**

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5. Photographs of L. W. Clapp home soon after they moved in, about 31 years ago, with few trees, and now, surrounded by trees.
13. City commission yesterday elected L. W. Clapp as City Manager to replace Louis Ash. Details.

**Monday, November 10, 1919****page**

3. "Not until the street car company is able to give a little better service will it be of any use to ask the Wichita city commission for a raise in rates," according to L. W. Clapp, city manager. Article complains about the "bunching" of cars followed by long gaps in service, etc.

**Tuesday, May 4, 1920****page**

2. Petitions are being circulated asking the city commission to permit the street car company to build a new loop around the block bounded by Douglas, South Main, William, and Water Street to replace the present loop bounded by 1st, Market, Douglas and North Main. City Manager Clapp wants the loop extended on 1st Street from Main to Topeka, including three blocks, but the company says this would cause too much loss of time in making the trip around the loop.

**Saturday, June 12, 1920****page**

2. Three thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars has been contributed toward the new Baby Camp, including \$1000 by City Manager L. W. Clapp. Work on the new camp house, to be built in North Riverside Park on the site of the old camp, will be started at once. Lorentz Schmidt has drawn the plans free of charge and George Siedhoff will superintendent the construction without profit to himself. Mrs. Arthur S. Parks has contributed twelve new hospital beds, which have been ordered.

**Monday, September 20, 1920****page**

2. City manager L. W. Clapp suggested a change in the plan for loading street cars and jitneys at a conference with city commission Saturday. Wooden platforms four or five inches high and the length of a street car will be provided at the intersections of Douglas Avenue with Main, Market, and Lawrence. The platforms will be close to the street car tracks. The parking space for autos will also be shortened near the street intersections to permit the jitneys to approach the curb for loading back of the street intersection so that street car passengers can reach the loading platforms without having to dodge the jitneys.

**THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE ARE FROM THE WICHITA BEACON****Wednesday, March 16, 1921****page**

6. The North End is to have a 25 acre park along the Little River just south of 21st Street according to plans worked out by City Manager L. W. Clapp and approved by the City Commission last night. A portion of the grounds has been offered to the city by W. F. Schell for \$3000. That portion lies between the river and Chestnut Street. The city will negotiate for purchase of other property along the river between 21st and 19th Streets. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway runs through the south end of the new park grounds and turning north, passes to the east side of the grounds along Chestnut Street.

**Monday, April 18, 1921****page**

7. L. W. Clapp has announced that he will retire as City Manager not later than June 1, and earlier if possible. Successor being sought.

**Monday, May 16, 1921****page**

2. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, 1106 Larimer Avenue, who was arrested last week on a charge of putting a drive from her garage to the street without a permit, did not cut a curb to put down the drive as was erroneously reported. Mrs. Buckwalter says she had a verbal permit from City Manager L. W. Clapp to put down the driveway. Judge Carl Davis fined her ten dollars in police court last Friday night, but he withheld assessing the penalty pending a conference with the city manager.

**Sunday, November 13, 1921****page**

5. Work on the new bear den was resumed at Riverside Park yesterday with the arrival of a fence for the bears. The fence and masonry work will be completed in about two weeks. The bear den is built of stone and paving blocks and will look like a bit of mountain transported here from the west. ¶ The entire group of old ugly animals buildings will be removed as soon as we can take the bears away, Mr. Clapp said.

**Thursday, April 6, 1922****page**

4. L. W. Clapp replies that the city will not lose the south end of Ackerman Island. He says the work required to be done in 1921 has been executed and describes work to be done in 1922. Details.

**Sunday, April 9, 1922****page**

2. Wichita's beautiful granite fountain erected years ago at William and St. Francis for

watering of horses was removed a few days ago and has been lying neglected and unseen in the rear of an abandoned animal cage in the park. Then it came under the eye of L. W. Clapp, head of the park board, who is now having it set in place on a grassy plot in Riverside Park. Photograph.

**Wednesday, May 17, 1922****page**

8. City commission yesterday applied to district court for appointment of appraisers for valuation of Oak Park Addition -- 23 acres of thickly wooded timber north of 11th Street -- often referred to as "No Man's Land." It is owned by C. H. Brooks, L. W. Clapp, J. D. Houston, C. G. Cohn, and Charles H. Smyth, and the city proposes to acquire it for park purposes.

**THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE ARE FROM THE WICHITA BEACON****Sunday, May 28, 1922****page**

## Magazine

6. Article by L. W. Clapp (from May issue of *Kansas Municipalities* magazine) discussing the City Manager Plan.

**Sunday, January 20, 1924****page**

## Magazine

7. Long article about the work of the city forestry department, organized three years ago in November, when L. W. Clapp, then city manager, employed Alfred MacDonald for the position.

**Monday, August 11, 1924****page**

10. Razing of the old Park school was started Saturday and is being criticized by a number of residents of that section of the city. L. W. Clapp and others protest. The old Washington school was also torn down some time ago (within the last four years). Salvaged building material will be used in construction of the new Levy and Meridian schools. Details.

**Sunday, May 17, 1925****page**

## Magazine

6. Photographs of Clapp children with horse and wagon in 1896 and in White steamer

auto in 1904. Article with details.

**Sunday, May 24, 1925****page**

- C-1. Article describes the transformation and beauty of Oak Park, under direction of L. W. Clapp. Details.

**Sunday, December 12, 1926****page**

## Magazine

5. Feature article about the L. W. Clapp home. Details.

**Friday, April 1, 1927****page**

3. Oak Park is undergoing further beautification with the construction of two lakes. One is to be on the north side of an east and west road. It has been excavated. The other, a lake between 200 and 300 feet long, is being excavated at this time. It lies in the central western section of the park immediately north of 11th Street. L. W. Clapp, president of the park board, is responsible for the design of the lakes.

**Sunday, June 19, 1927****page**

## Magazine

- 5.,12. Feature article on Oak Park and L. W. Clapp's part in developing it ("Oak Park -- A Sylvan Paradise").

**THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE ARE FROM THE WICHITA BEACON****Wednesday, January 4, 1928****page**

1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Carrie Hutchinson Clapp, wife of L. W. Clapp, suddenly from heart disease at her home, 1845 Wellington Place. Born at Iowa City, Iowa on April 4, 1862. Married L. W. Clapp, also of Iowa City, on September 12, 1882. They came to Wichita in 1886, and their home was built soon after the arrival of the family here. Survived by two sons, Marc C., of Wellington Place, Robert D. W., 320 North Belmont, Mrs. Sydney Holmes, 204 West 18th, and Mrs. Carolyn Millison, 102 East 17th. Further obituary. Photograph.

**Sunday, March 4, 1928**

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Magazine

11. Article by L. W. Clapp about the new animal building just completed at the Riverside Park Zoo. Details and photographs.

**Sunday, January 6, 1929**

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Magazine

5. Feature article about L. W. Clapp. Biography and photograph.

**Sunday, October 14, 1934**

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1. Report of testimonial dinner at Lassen Hotel last evening sponsored by Wichita Art Association in honor of civic leader, Mr. L. W. Clapp. Details and photograph.

**Saturday, December 15, 1934**

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1. L. W. Clapp is critically ill with a severe heart attack suffered yesterday evening.

**Sunday, December 16, 1934**

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1. Report of death yesterday of L. W. Clapp at age 76. Born in Dover, New York September 23, 1858. Married September 6, 1885 to Carrie Hutchinson, who died January 4, 1928. Survived by two sons, Marc C. and Robert DeWitt, and one daughter, Mrs. Winn Holmes. Many tributes. Photograph.



**THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE ARE FROM THE WICHITA EAGLE****Friday, June 3, 1887****page**

8. Architects Terry and Hayward have completed plans for a fine ten room brick residence for Mr. L. W. Clapp to be located near corner of 18th and Park Place and cost near \$10,000.

**Thursday, March 21, 1895****page**

5. Article reports on another retrenchment mass meeting yesterday evening in the old board of trade rooms in the Sedgwick block. Long speech by L. W. Clapp. Many details.

**Friday, November 5, 1897****page**

5. Article gives details of plans to purchase new park land under the \$14,000 bond issue approved in the election Tuesday. ¶ The total number of acres to be purchased in the two parks is 106. Mr. Coler Sim is manager of 90 acres of the property, 52 acres in Riverside and 38 in Griffenstein. Mr. O. G. Nims of Keene, New Hampshire, is the owner and has asked \$9,000 or \$100 an acre. Mr. L. W. Clapp has charge of the other 16 acres in Griffenstein, which is owned by Mr. Whitecomb, of Massachusetts. At \$100 an acre for the 106 acres, it will cost the city the sum of \$10,600. The other \$3,400 will be used in constructing bridges and approaches to the parks and improving the grounds. ¶ Both of the gentlemen were loath to part with the property at \$100 per acre, but they own considerable property in that part of the city, and as a fine park would increase the value of their other holdings, they agreed to part with the property along the river front at a greatly reduced price.

**Sunday, May 14, 1899****page**

15. Article about the many attractions of the improved Riverside park, including the band stand between the drives approaching south end of Griffenstein bridge, the 60 foot flag pole in old Riverside, the cannon in old Griffenstein, and the Ross fountain for children in the old Griffenstein. ¶ Says L. W. Clapp has put 20 boxes in the lagoon by the boulevard, just down the boulevard from the B. H. Campbell place, and water lilies will be placed in the boxes. ¶ The old street car track will be put in shape and used as a walk through the grove where it ran.

**Thursday, April 14, 1904****page**

5. L. W. Clapp, Dr. J. G. Dorsey, and Kos Harris will begin erecting a brick building about May 1st on the 75 ft. of ground immediately west of the new Bank of Commerce

building. Building is to be three stories.

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#### **Thursday, September 14, 1905**

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5. Work has been started on a four story building of pressed brick trimmed with granite, being built by L. W. Clapp on a 25 ft. lot just north of the Fletcher block on N. Main st.

#### **Saturday, December 7, 1907**

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5. Article about fight between L. W. Clapp and street car conductor after Mr. Clapp pulled the bell on street car No. 142 on stock yards line Thursday night after the car had passed the corner where he wanted off.

#### **Saturday, July 29, 1911**

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5. The North End Realty company, offers to give to the city a strip of land about 300 feet wide and 900 feet long along the bank of the Little Arkansas river north of 11th street. The land belongs to L. W. Clapp, C. G. Cohn, J. D. Houston, Charles H. Smyth, and C. H. Brooks, of the Realty company. Part of it is sandy and below the level of the river bed. It will be leveled and on it will be constructed sunken gardens and ponds for gold fish and lilies. The main expense in making a park of this land will be the cost of constructing drives.

#### **Sunday, August 25, 1912**

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7. Article about proposal by L. W. Clapp to name extension of Park Place north of 17th street "Wellington Place."

#### **Sunday, May 4, 1913**

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18. L. W. Clapp has made plans for cleaning up and beautification of the vacant part of the block between Otis and Market and 13th and 14th streets. This ground is owned by Mr. Clapp.

#### **Sunday, July 5, 1914**

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11. Article giving history of Northern building at 2nd and Main, which has been rebuilt and remodeled and modernized from the former Fletcher block, the first five story brick building in Wichita, built by William Fletcher in 1887. L. W. Clapp bought it in 1905, and built an addition on lots to the north, increasing its size from a 50 foot frontage to 75 feet.

**Friday, August 18, 1916****page**

5. Article about plans of Mr. L. W. Clapp to build \$50,000 home -- location not announced.

**Sunday, March 11, 1917****page**

14. A fifteen acre tract of park land along the east side of Little River, north of 11th street, was presented to the city of Wichita by Charles H. Smyth, Charles G. Cohn, C. H. Brooks, and L. W. Clapp. On the land are fine oak trees. Commissioner James Murry suggested to Mr. Clapp that he make it possible for the city to buy the remainder of Oak Park addition on which are also fine oak trees, in order to preserve them.

**Saturday, April 6, 1918****page**

2. A sketch by Mayor L. W. Clapp for the \$5000 entrance to Sim park was presented to the city commission Thursday.

**THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE ARE FROM THE WICHITA EAGLE****Sunday, June 16, 1918****page**

5. Mayor Clapp suggests opening Waterman through with a subway under the elevated tracks would be more feasible than opening William street through to provide for relief of east-west traffic on Douglas.

**Saturday, July 27, 1918****page**

5. Mayor Clapp has issued warrant for arrest of A. M. Patten of the Illinois Traction System and manager of their Kansas street car systems if he returns to Wichita. He is tired of the delays and dilatory methods of the street car company in complying with the terms of their contract with the city agreed to last fall.

**Wednesday, January 8, 1919****page**

5. All restrictions on operations of jitneys, motor buses, etc. were removed Tuesday by resolution of the city commission for a period of 30 days, provided they carry passengers for fare of five cents. This action was taken in order to give better transit facilities to the public. The street car company, declares the resolution, has failed to give "reasonable and satisfactory service." ¶ Mayor Clapp said, "This is a public emergency. The street car system has seemed unable to provide adequate transportation for the public. The resolution aims to encourage jitneys, buses, cabs, and others to enter the field and help out the situation."

**Sunday, April 20, 1919****page**

2. Article giving Mayor Clapp's telegram of response to above message from Illinois Traction company.

**Tuesday, April 22, 1919****page**

5. City is building a new driveway from Murdock avenue through the annex to the West entrance to Central Riverside park. This drive crosses the double tracks of the street railway at the cinder platform built to accommodate park passengers. Criticism has been heard that permitting motorists to drive across the street car tracks at this point will endanger passengers getting on or off the cars. Mayor Clapp explains that the city expects to persuade the street railway to move its park platform south of the present location, leaving a clear right-of-way to motor cars across Nims avenue into Central Riverside.

**Saturday, July 26, 1919****page**

5. H. E. Chubbuck of Illinois Traction company has written Mayor Clapp calling attention to recent shipment of six new street cars to Wichita Railroad and Light company and mentioning ten more new cars now under construction for the company at the St. Louis car company works.

**Saturday, August 23, 1919****page**

5. A Wichitan in St. Louis sent a telegram to Mayor Clapp yesterday saying that trucks for Wichita's ten new street cars, Numbers 256 to 265 inclusive, have been delayed in East St. Louis as of Wednesday, but should be mounted on the cars for shipment in ten days.

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2. Tentative agreement reached between L. W. Clapp, city manager, and Arkansas Valley Interurban regarding right of way. A villa is to be constructed by the company north of the Murdock avenue entrance to Riverside (sic) Park, and a rest station will be built where the right-of-way crosses Seneca street on waterworks island.

**Tuesday, September 21, 1920****page**

2. Work on improvements of park property including repairing and straightening out the park drives will begin soon according to L. W. Clapp, city manager. The trees are to be trimmed and thinned out, probably for the first time in the history of the city parks.

**Wednesday, October 13, 1920****page**

5. Officials of the Wichita Railway and Light company (sic) have been requested by the city commission to appear before that body at a hearing to be held October 19 and explain why the street car loop at Hiram street and University avenue has not been removed. ¶ According to L. W. Clapp, city manager, the street car company agreed some months ago to remove the loop, directly in front of Friends University, and build a "Y" a block further south. The failure of the street car company to remove the loop is delaying paving work in that vicinity, the city manager stated.

**Sunday, October 17, 1920****page**

Article in Sunday paper about a number of prominent homes with photographs of eleven of them. ¶ Photographs:

W. E. Edwards	1505 Fairview -- built 1870 by J. H. Aley (barn built first)
M. C. Campbell	1313 North Emporia
A. W. Bitting	1157 North Topeka -- built early 90s
C. W. Bitting	715 North Lawrence -- built 1888
Walter Morris	11th and Riverside -- built 1888
C. W. Brown	1104 North Lawrence -- built 1892
Dr. Fabrique	503 North Lawrence -- begun July 1870
Gilbert Tucker	1105 North Lawrence -- built 1886
L. W. Clapp	Wellington Place -- built 1887
H. W. Lewis	305 North Emporia -- completed January 1884 by A. W. Oliver
A. A. Hyde	3723 East Second -- built 1889.

Dr. Fabrique's daughter, Mrs. George Nolley, and husband live with him. Mentioned: C. M. Jackson home built by George Strong; Mrs. W. B. Buck home on North Topeka built by the late S. L. Davidson, and Oak Davidson, Charles L. Davidson, and Mrs. Sam Woolard grew up there; Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Ross 821 North Waco built 1886 on the old Munger site; Walter Morris home -- built 1888 by B. H. Campbell built of Kansas stone. In laid oak floors. The woodwork was brought entirely from Chicago, and the home was the work of a Chicago architect.

**Sunday, February 13, 1921****page**

2. L. W. Clapp, city manager the past year and eight months announces he will retire from

this office at expiration of his term following the April election.

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#### **Sunday, May 1, 1921**

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1. Police chief S. W. Zickefoose was discharged last evening by city manager L. W. Clapp. Details.

#### **Saturday, May 7, 1921**

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1. City commission yesterday elected Earl C. Elliott, vice-president of the Wichita Water Company, as new city manager to succeed L. W. Clapp beginning June 1st.

#### **Monday, August 15, 1921**

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5. The shelter house at Riverside park has been completed and is now occupied by the park superintendent's office and a concession. Street cars will now stop at the main entrance to the park opposite the shelter house. ¶ Plans for the house were drawn by L. W. Clapp. The stone is old paving taken from alleys and old streets.

#### **Sunday, January 29, 1922**

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2. L. W. Clapp, chairman of the park board, says the park board will not allow use of South Riverside park as a tourist camp this year. Details.

#### **Monday, June 12, 1922**

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5. L. W. Clapp, president of park board, will go to Hutchinson early this week to select birds for the new bird house in Riverside Park which will be completed Monday.

#### **Wednesday, September 20, 1922**

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5. The city commission voted three to two yesterday to reconsider its action of two months ago when it voted not to accept the appraisers' estimate on the Oak park tract, 23 acres of wooded land in the northwest part of the city. ¶ Reconsideration followed a lengthy explanation by L. W. Clapp, chairman of the park board, to the effect that the property is valuable for park purposes and is worth twice as much as the \$39,000 valuation by the appraisers.

#### **Sunday, September 24, 1922**

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Special Anniversary Issue: Stockyards-Packing Section

4. Article on Wichita's oldest park, Hyde park, by L. W. Clapp.

**Monday, January 22, 1923****page**

3. Article reports L. W. Clapp, chairman of park board, favors acquisition of Ackerman Island by the city. Details.

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5. Park board asked city commission for dirt from widening of the canal for use in Central Riverside and Sim parks, where the soil is so sandy it is difficulty to get any turf to grow. Mr. Clapp stated that the area now constituting North Riverside park was the place where all of the sand for building in Wichita prior to 1892 was taken. As a result the only loam there is that which has formed since from rotting leaves and other sources. He said the area near the baby camp was low because of the immense amount of sand hauled, and after removal of one shovelful of dirt, pure sand will be found. The same condition exists near the birdhouse in Central Riverside park, because that section was once a huge bar where the river threw sand.

**Tuesday, October 19, 1926****page**

14. L. W. Clapp, president of park board, proposed to city commission yesterday the preservation of the trees along the Chisholm creek bed south of Douglas paralleling Waterman street from Hydraulic to the High School shops. Details.

**Sunday, September 18, 1927****page**

Magazine

4. Article about L. W. Clapp's mapping of properties around Wichita by horse and buggy in the early days. Details. Photograph.

**Thursday, January 5, 1928**

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2. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. L. W. (Carrie) Clapp at age 65. Married September 22, 1882 and moved to Wichita in 1886. Survivors include two sons, Marc C. and Robert D. W. Clapp, and two daughters, Mrs. Sydney Holmes and Mrs. Carolyn Millison.

**Sunday, March 4, 1928****page**

7. Final work on the beautification program for Oak park was begun yesterday under the direction of Alfred MacDonald. The 40 acre tract will be planted with grasses, shrubs, trees, and perennials. ¶ Park employees built a lagoon, bridge, and spring with rocky ledges last summer and improved the road ways. The plans for beautifying the park were designed by L. W. Clapp, president of the board of park commissioners, and are designed to exploit the natural appearance of the wooded tract without any artificial appearing work.

**Friday, July 27, 1928****page**

4. A ninety-nine year lease was signed yesterday with the six property owners for rental of the southwest corner of Main and Douglas by the Central Building company. Yearly rental is \$99,000. The property owners are W. H. Stanley, Tex Jones. the Edmund Stanley estate, Kos Harris, Dr. J. G. Dorsey, and L. W. Clapp.

**Sunday, November 25, 1928****page**

24. Map of airport plans for California section. Article by L. W. Clapp gives details.

**THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE ARE FROM THE WICHITA EAGLE****Sunday, April 13, 1930****page**

6. Plans are nearly completed for the McKnight Memorial fountain, and work will probably start in the next month. Details. ¶ Mr. Clapp plans to go to Fall river or Walnut river valley for the weathered and picturesque lime stone outcroppings to be used for the lodge for the waterfall at base of the statue.

**Sunday, October 14, 1934****page**

1. Article reports banquet at Lassen hotel last night in honor of Lewis W. Clapp's many years of civic leadership. Details.



**Wednesday, October 17, 1934****page**

5. Article gives the eulogy for L. W. Clapp given by David D. Leahy at recent banquet in Mr. Clapp's honor.

**Sunday, December 16, 1934****page**

1. Article reports death yesterday of L. W. Clapp at age 76. Photograph and obituary. Came to Wichita in 1886. Survived by two sons, Robert and Marc, and two daughters, Mrs. Winn Holmes and Mrs. Willbert Millison.

**Sunday, March 31, 1935****page**

7. Article about the Lindbergh panel over entrance to airport administration building. Says it was made under supervision of L. W. Clapp and is the largest piece of colored cast stone ever made in this area, 37 feet by 5 feet 4 inches and 5 inches thick. Was made by Cement Stone and Supply Company, of Wichita. Photograph and details.

**Tuesday, December 6, 1938****page**

3. Notice of death yesterday of Mrs. Winn E. Holmes, daughter of Mr. L. W. Clapp.

**Friday, June 21, 1946****page**

7. The Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood have recently purchased the spacious residence at 204 West 18th Street from W. E. Holmes, attorney, for use next fall as a Sacred Heart College residence for students. The building was planned by L. W. Clapp, father-in-law of Mr. Holmes, and was built in 1918. Photo.

**Monday, May 29, 1950****page**

5. Report of death last night of Marc C. Clapp, 60, of 1817 Wellington Place, Wichita financier and president of the Clapp Mortgage Company. He became ill Sunday and died suddenly. ¶ Born in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clapp, and came to Wichita at age two. Was preceded in death by his wife in August 1949. ¶ Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kip Robinson, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Will Bantzer, of Seattle, a son, John C. Clapp, 249 North Bleckley Drive, and several grandchildren.

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3. Followup article on Marc C. Clapp says he was born September 6, 1885 in Iowa City, Iowa. Graduated from Harvard University. Was a noted stamp collector. Other survivors include a brother, R. D. W. Clapp of Colorado Springs, and a sister Mrs. Bill Millison, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and three grandchildren. Entombment in Highland cemetery mausoleum.

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## Magazine

2. Feature article reporting the renaming of the Meadow Lark Golf Course as the L. W. Clapp Park. Details.

**Tuesday, November 13, 1956****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Winn E. Holmes, 69, prominent Wichita attorney, at his home, 102 West 17<sup>th</sup>, of what was believed to be a self-inflicted bullet wound. He was said to have been in poor health. He was associated with his son, Richard W. Holmes and Donald I. Mitchell in the firm of Holmes, Mitchell, and Holmes, with offices in the Beacon Building. The firm was established in 1890 by Holmes' father, the late Robert Holmes. ¶ Born in North Dakota March 3, 1887 and moved to Wichita with his parents in 1890. Received law degree from University of Kansas in 1913. He was married in 1911 to Sydney Clapp, eldest daughter of the late L. W. Clapp. Mrs. Sydney Holmes died in 1937. He was later married in 1951 to Nell T. Musselman, who survives. Survived also by two daughters, Mrs. Wytze Garter, Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. James Yarnell, 1024 West 15<sup>th</sup>, and by two sons, Robert L., Laguna Beach, California, and Richard W., 139 South Dellrose. There are five grandchildren. Further biography. Entombment in Highland Mausoleum.

**Friday, January 22, 1960****page**

- 2A. "Wichita Silhouettes"-biography of Richard W. Holmes, Municipal Court Traffic Judge. Born in Wichita in 1923. Attended North High School, Kansas State University, and Washburn Law School. He and his wife, Gwen, have two sons, Bobby, 7, and David, 2. Photo. Maternal grandfather was L. W. Clapp.

**Sunday, July 9, 1967****page**

- 12A. Article about L. W. Clapp. Says his block between 17th and 18th Streets was replatted in 1913, an alley closed, and a curving unpaved street (Wellington Place) built to connect 17th and 18th Streets.



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*Please note: The "Tihen Notes," as we call them, provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle or Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Library, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.*

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1G. The old Northern Building at northwest corner of 2nd and Main Streets, is to be razed some time this winter in clearing of the site for the city-county-federal building complex. Ownership of the building was transferred to the Wichita Urban Renewal Agency on August 1, and the building is to be vacated by October 31. The original building was built by an Iowa farmer and designed by a Kansas City architect in 1887. L. W. Clapp later acquired the building and built a 25 foot addition to the north in 1909. Details. Photos.

**Tuesday, November 23, 1976****page**

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

**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.

