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## **Subject(s): College Hill**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Saturday, June 20, 1925**

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20. R. R. Vermillion, who is building a new residence on College Hill, has sold his present house at 1204 North Topeka to Frank L. Carson, cashier of First National Bank.

**Friday, July 8, 1927**

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18. The Church of the Blessed Sacrament is the name chosen for the new Catholic parish recently established in the College Hill district of Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, October 30, 1927**

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11. Article with extensive history of the old College Hill school, which has recently been torn down. ("The Passing of a Landmark")

**Sunday, April 28, 1929**

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3. Map of planned development of new College Hill Park. Article with details.

**Tuesday, January 6, 1931**

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18. School board yesterday authorized construction of a new intermediate school on College Hill, to cost \$276,000, with Ed Forsblom, architect, and several additions to other schools (listed).

**Tuesday, April 28, 1936**

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12. Work started today on the development of the new College Hill Park by the park department. It is located between Circle Drive and Clifton Ave. on a 23 acre site purchased by the city 12 years ago. Grading is the first work, to be followed by a swimming pool and bath house to be started in about three weeks.

**Monday, January 4, 1937****page**

3. The new swimming pool and bathhouse at College Hill park have been completed.  
Details

**Sunday, May 23, 1937****page**

14. The new swimming pool and bathhouses in College Hill Park will be dedicated Tuesday evening. Details. Photograph.

**Sunday, December 26, 1937****page**

- C-2. Chronology of main events in Wichita in year of 1937.

List of new buildings erected in Wichita in 1937. Includes:

Evans Motor Company, 229-33 South Topeka, \$43,500

General Electric Supply Corporation, 902 East 1st, \$17,000

Allsteel Products Manufacturing Company, 801 South Wichita, \$15,200

National Guard Armory (remodeling), 151 North Waco, \$13,000

354 one family dwellings, \$1,485,000

eighteen two family dwellings

nine apartment houses

Several additions to school buildings -- listed

Eastborough now has a total of 53 houses and twelve houses have been built in  
Forest Hills

23 of the 53 Eastborough houses have been built in the past year and five  
more are scheduled to start in the spring.

New swimming pool and bath house in College Hill Park.

**Saturday, May 28, 1938****page**

1. Federal Communications Commission examiner in Washington today recommended that radio station KFBI be permitted to move from Abilene to Wichita. Article says the station was originally built and operated on College Hill in Wichita by S W. Cooper in the early 1920s and later was purchased by Dr. J. W. Brinkley and moved.

**Monday, April 22, 1940****page**

7. Report of death yesterday in New York of Mrs. Victor Murdock three hours after a heart attack. Was visiting relatives there, i.e., her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Delano. Born in Greencastle, Indiana and came to Wichita with her family in 1886. Parents were Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Allen and Mr. Allen was a pioneer in the development of the east part of the city known as College Hill. Survived by husband, two daughters, Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Howard Fleeson, 225 North Bluff, and a brother, Dr. Will H. Allen of Fort Smith,

Arkansas, and two grandsons, Victor Delano and Allen Fleeson. Further biography. Photo. ¶ Funeral plans April 23 on page 6 -- say burial is to be in the mausoleum at Old Mission Cemetery.

**Wichita Eagle****Friday, April 30, 1926****page**

2. The park board will probably recommend that work start this summer on improvements to College Hill park.

**Wednesday, January 5, 1927****page**

4. Excavation has started for the College Hill Baptist church, to be erected at southeast corner of Erie and Central.

**Monday, June 13, 1927****page**

3. Article says park board will spend about \$15,000 on improvements to College Hill park. "At the time the park ground was condemned, College Hill park was considered a weed patch. As soon as the city took it over, home owners commenced to build residences facing the park. Now there are dozens of residences facing the barren ground."

**Tuesday, April 3, 1928****page**

2. Article reports details of park commissioners plans for improvements this summer. ¶ Over \$20,000 will be spent on Central Riverside with completion of the zoo and construction of a walk on the south side of Murdock boulevard from Buffum avenue to the Central entrance to Sim park. ¶ Oak park will be finished this summer--landscaping and rock work will be completed. ¶ The road from Nims to Buffum along the river will be curbed, guttered and paved, and pavement will be laid in North Riverside park from the fountain to Forest avenue. ¶ College Hill park will be improved this summer. ¶ Work will start on improving Northeast parkway, an area of fifteen acres north of Central between Rutan and Yale.

**Wednesday, July 18, 1928****page**

3. Article reports a plan for purchase of the old College Hill Congregational Church building at 155 North Clifton by the Second Church of Christ, Scientist. The building was erected in 1909 and since completion of the present United Congregational Church building in 1921 has been used for the Sunday school. The community house which stands next door is not included in the proposed sale.

**Friday, September 14, 1928**

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4. Drawing of remodeled building of Second Church of Christ, Scientist at 1st and Hillside, formerly the building of the College Hill Congregational Church. Work will start this week and be finished by October 1st.

**Thursday, April 18, 1929**

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4. Work has started to change College Hill park from a barren piece of ground to a modern beauty spot, according to Alfred MacDonald, director of parks. The park land was acquired three years ago. Details.

**Sunday, April 28, 1929**

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28. Map of improvements planned for College Hill park. Article with details.

**Tuesday, June 25, 1929**

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3. Long article about further discussion by city commissioners yesterday of proposed franchise for Wichita Transportation Company. No decision was reached. Details. College Hill residents filed a petition opposing proposed extension of the College Hill street car line east on Douglas.

**Friday, July 25, 1930**

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16. Photograph of College Hill grocery, 3060 East Douglas.

**Sunday, May 3, 1931**

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3. Drawing of new Tower of Music under construction at College Hill Memorial Lawns cemetery, 17th and Oliver. Article with details.

**Monday, January 4, 1937**

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3. Photo of new swimming pool and bath house at College Hill park, built as WPA project. Article with details.

**Sunday, May 23, 1937**

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2. The new College Hill park swimming pool and bathhouse will be dedicated Tuesday. It was built as a Works Project Administration project at approximate cost of \$25,000. Photo.

**Wednesday, June 2, 1937**

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12. The new swimming pool in College Hill park was opened yesterday.

**Saturday, April 2, 1938**

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5. Article summarizes annual report of city park board. Municipal beach had 61,018 swimmers and the neighborhood pools a total of 125,575. There were 64,100 golfers at Sim park. There were 100,168 landings and takeoffs at municipal airport. Progress in development of College Hill park, with opening of the new swimming pool there.

**Tuesday, September 6, 1938**

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5. Attendance at municipal beach pool this past summer was 64,825. Neighborhood pools: Woodland 22,600, Lincoln 28,000, McKinley 15,100, Seneca 24,600, and College Hill 25,500.