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Subject(s): Eastborough

WICHITA BEACON

Tuesday, July 17, 1923

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11. Wichita's newest realty venture is to be undertaken by H. T. Lynch and Alton Smith in the platting of a 160 acre subdivision lying four miles east of Main and Douglas with 80 acres north and 80 acres south of Douglas. The property belongs to Mr. Lynch and will be divided into one and two acre tracts. Winding streets and lanes will be paved this fall. Mr. Smith plans to extend Douglas at the start of the project. (i.e., future Eastborough location).

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Saturday, November 17, 1923

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2. A new town, incorporated under its own name, is to be started just beyond the east limits of Wichita. It will be east of Kellogg and Oliver on a tract platting by H. T. Lynch and A. H. Smith into acre tracts. There are 160 acres in the proposed townsite, 80 north of Douglas and 80 south of Douglas. Suggested names for the town include the following: Eastland Gardens, Eastland Heights, Bancroft Hill, Douglas Heights, Sunrise Terrace, and Fair Acres. The lots will be placed on the market in the spring.

WICHITA EAGLE

Wednesday, December 30, 1925

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1. Article reports proposed developments on Douglas avenue for nearly a mile east of the city. A syndicate is being organized by Alton H. Smith to develop the 215 acre Lynch tract which reaches from 2nd street to Kellogg east of Woodlawn Heights and which has been optioned by H. C. Lynch for \$130,000 or nearly \$650 an acre. Douglas avenue will be extended past Woodlawn Heights in the form of a double drive for half a mile, bisecting the Lynch property. ¶ The sale of 320 acres of land just east of the Lynch tract to Howard Wheeler for \$100,000, or more than \$300 an acre was reported the first of the week. It is part of the Sankey estate, and was sold by A. T. Butler, business manager of the Beacon.

WICHITA EAGLE

Sunday, January 10, 1926

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9. Article about plans for 215 acre Lynch tract one mile east of Oliver. Includes 75 acres north of Douglas and 140 acres between Douglas and Kellogg. Douglas avenue through the tract will form two driveways 600 feet apart, with residence sites between them. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, December 3, 1926

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5. A new exclusive, restricted residential section is being developed a mile east of the end of the pavement

on East Douglas avenue by the Alton H. Smith Realty Company. The tract extends three-fourths mile north from Kellogg towards Central and is half a mile wide. At present the north 40 acres opening from the end of the Douglas is being laid out with winding streets and landscaped under the direction of F. Donald Gordon, landscape architect. ¶ The new section of Eastborough will be an exclusive restricted village of homes. The smallest lots will be 150 by 175 feet, and every house must cost at least \$10,000 and on some streets at least \$25,000. Details.

WICHITA BEACON

Sunday, May 15, 1927

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- B-6. Article about the opening of the Eastborough tract of 215 acres for home building by the Alton H. Smith Company. The company has begun work on a large modern residence, to cost about \$50,000. Details. Map.

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Sunday, July 31, 1927

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5. Long article about new Eastborough suburb. The first demonstration home is now being built at No. 4 St. James Place. Details.

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Sunday, March 18, 1928

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4. W. M. G. Howse plans to build a new home in the Eastborough addition on Mission road, just south of Douglas. Dr. George Weight has already built a \$25,000 home there while the Alton H. Smith company has completed a \$20,000 home at 4 St. James place. As soon as thirty homes have been built in the new addition it is planned to incorporate it as Eastborough village.

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Thursday, April 4, 1929

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3. Wichita's first suburb, to be called Eastborough, will be incorporated as soon as its population has reached the required number. The present "Eastborough Estates" subdivision will be placed on sale April 10 by the Alton H. Smith company. Details.

WICHITA BEACON

Sunday, April 7, 1929

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11. Eastborough, Wichita's suburban subdivision, will be formally opened and the estates placed on sale next Wednesday morning. Details. Advertisement page B-23.

WICHITA BEACON

Wednesday, March 12, 1930

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11. A new company, the Eastborough Estates Company, has been organized to take over the business of the Alton H. Smith Company for the purpose of developing the Eastborough properties. Company to be incorporated at once with capitalization of \$100,000. George H. Siedhoff is to be president. Other officers and directors listed. ¶ Development of this property was started about a year ago by the Alton H. Smith Company, but the drilling of an oil well adjacent with a showing of oil put a decided check on the enterprise and this coupled with the effects of the stock market crash in the East made it impossible for the original company to carry out its plans. The proposition now seems to be in an excellent way to succeed. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, June 20, 1930

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- 1. Article reports oil struck yesterday in the Eastborough district yesterday just east of the Wichita city limits. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Tuesday, August 8, 1933

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- 5. Article gives history of oil production in Sedgwick County since No. 1 Wright discovery five years ago. Approximately 43 million barrels of oil produced since then in Sedgwick County from the Goodrich, Valley Center, Eastborough, and Greenwich fields. ¶ There are approximately 170 wells still producing, but only about 10,000 barrels daily. Details

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Wednesday, July 24, 1935

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- 5. Two new homes are nearing completion in Eastborough and three more are being planned. Eight homes have been built in Eastborough since its inception in 1928.

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Sunday, June 27, 1937

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- C-8. The Eastborough board of directors is planning \$120,000 in residential construction. Details. Says the Eastborough addition was recently incorporated with the Woodlawn Heights addition to form Eastborough Village, a third class city.

WICHITA BEACON

Wednesday, September 18, 1940

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- 1. Report of death today of Alton H. Smith, prominent Wichita real estate developer, at age 71, after a long illness. Born in Berkshire, Ohio and came to Wichita in 1895. After six years here he went to California for a time but then returned here with his idea of developing Wichita suburban areas with his California bungalow. He developed much of the Riverside district before and after World War I and also built many homes in Wichita's eastern sections before laying the foundations for Eastborough Village. Survived by his wife. No other relatives in Wichita. Further obituary. Photo.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, June 5, 1964

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- 1. Sedgwick County assessor has reported Wichita's population as of June 1, 1964 as 264,542, up from 263,595 in 1963, largely due to annexation. ¶ Sedgwick County population is 320,445, down about 1600 from 322,113 in 1963. Table on page 2A gives population of smaller towns in Sedgwick County:

		<u>1963</u>
Andale	484	478
Clearwater	1240	1180
Colwich	785	788
Derby	6675	6575

Eastborough	849	855
Haysville	4905	5053
Maize	684	676
Mt. Hope	590	541
Valley Center	2440	2425

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Thursday, April 7, 1966

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- 5A. Paving of Woodlawn from Kellogg to Douglas will begin today after nearly five years of arguing about payment of the costs, between Eastborough, Wichita, and Sedgwick County. Details. To be reopened June 7.