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## **Subject(s): 1918 Flu Epidemic**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Monday, October 7, 1918**

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9. The Red Cross Flu Hospital was opened last Saturday at 2146 North Topeka.

**Friday, October 11, 1918**

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5. Report of death last night of Donald I. Hayworth, construction engineer of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, of influenza, at his home, 901 Carter, at age 30.

**Friday, October 18, 1918**

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7. There are now 147 patients at the Red Cross Flu Hospital, 2146 North Topeka. Details.

**Tuesday, December 3, 1918**

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7. Influenza is causing problems in keeping the street cars running on schedule. Yesterday 28 motormen and conductors did not report for work, and today 25 are absent.

**Monday, July 19, 1920**

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4. The Community House at 2146 N. Topeka operated by the Wichita Social League was opened this morning. Remodeling has been completed. It was formerly used as the Red Cross flu hospital. Details.

**Wichita Eagle****Tuesday, October 8, 1918****page**

5. Wichita's Red Cross flu hospital has been established in the former Wichita Manual Training Association building at 2146 North Topeka avenue.

**Thursday, October 10, 1918****page**

1. Wichita's fall fair closed early after last night because of flu epidemic. Partial quarantine declared for city.

**Friday, October 18, 1918****page**

5. The Red Cross Influenza hospital at 2146 North Topeka is almost filled with 145 patients now being treated.

**Sunday, November 10, 1918****page**

5. A total of 194 deaths occurred in Wichita in October, the largest number ever recorded here in a single month. Of these 109 were caused by influenza or pneumonia.

**Sunday, November 17, 1918****page**

5. No more patients will be received at the Red Cross flu hospital after noon today. The 20 patients there will remain until cured.

**Sunday, January 26, 1919****page**

- B6. Article about the Red Cross flu hospital in Wichita established in the Wichita Manual Training Association building at 2146 North Topeka, with first patient admitted on October 6, 1918. Photograph of interior. Six hundred and fifteen patients have been cared for there.

**Sunday, February 23, 1919****page**

5. Pneumonia and flu caused 403 deaths in Wichita in 1918. The total number of deaths in Wichita was 1282 compared with 946 in 1917. There were 63 deaths from tuberculosis and 21 from typhoid fever.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, March 13, 1919****page**

5. The Red Cross flu hospital will close in a week unless it is taken off the hands of the

Red Cross. Funds are nearly exhausted. Thirty-four patients in hospital now, with 20 nurses and five attaches also there. The daily expenses will exceed \$100, as salary alone averages about \$3.00 per day for each person.

**Friday, January 30, 1920****page**

2. The "flu" hospital in the North End will be reopened by the Red Cross in view of the appearance of the 1920 flu epidemic in Wichita a week ago with 36 new cases reported yesterday. It will be ready for patients by Saturday.

**Sunday, March 14, 1920****page**

2. G. A. King, owner of the property at 2146 North Market occupied by the Flu hospital, was paid \$300 by the city commission Friday as the city's share for the rent on the structure. Sedgwick County paid a like amount.

**Saturday, January 24, 1959****page**

- 3A. "Wichita Silhouettes" -- biography of Maude G. Schollenberger, head of the Wichita Art Association. Came to Wichita in 1897, married Harvey H. Schollenberger in 1917 and he died in 1919 flu epidemic.