

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- 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, Beacon or Eagle-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 Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

Subject(s): Glider (World War II)

WICHITA BEACON

Tuesday, April 7, 1942

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1. Cessna Aircraft Company has received a contract of more than \$20 million for the production of gliders, it was learned reliably today, and it will begin construction of a new plant at Hutchinson immediately, on a 110 acre tract east of the city and near the Hutchinson municipal airport. The new plant is to be completed within 30 days. Details.

Sunday, May 17, 1942

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11. The Cessna Aircraft Company is now ready to embark on a large glider construction program, it was announced yesterday by Dwane Wallace, president. Equipment is already being moved into the company's new plant at Hutchinson, construction of which was started only 30 days ago. Details.

Thursday, June 4, 1942

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1. Approximately ten weeks after the first announcement that the Cessna Aircraft Company would build a glider plant, the first of these gliders will come off the assembly line some time next week.

Friday, September 11, 1942

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30. Three Wichita aircraft plants, Boeing, Beech, and Cessna, are engaged in building large transport gliders carrying 15 fully equipped soldiers, the Army Air Forces announced officially today. Details.

Sunday, November 15, 1942

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- B-16. It was officially announced yesterday that Wichita's glider construction program has been cancelled, and Wichita aircraft producers are now returning their full efforts to the construction of aircraft. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Sunday, November 15, 1942

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5. Article about the building of gliders by Wichita aircraft companies since last spring, and saying that the factories are now returning to aircraft production. Details.

Sunday, August 26, 1945

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15. Article summarizes at length the production by Boeing's Wichita plant. ¶ Includes total of 10,346 equivalent primary trainers, or 44 percent of all primary trainers, with 13 other plants combined producing the other 56 percent. ¶ A total of 1665 completed B-29s plus 125 equivalent B-29s in spare parts, making a total of 40 percent of the combined total of all four B-29 plants. ¶ Parts and assemblies for B-17s built at Boeing-Seattle. ¶ A total of 750 CG-4 gliders used in the invasion of Europe.