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## **Subject(s): William B. Harrison, Gerson Stearns**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Saturday, October 26, 1918**

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5. W. B. Harrison has purchased a large interest in the Union National Bank of Wichita and will likely become active in the management about January 1. Details.

**Monday, November 28, 1927**

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1. The Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company's factory and flying field at 21st and Hillside was purchased today by a group of Wichita business men for approximately \$125,000. The purchasers are J. W. Craig of the Craig Grain Company, C. A. Noll, dealer in building supplies, J. H. Turner of the Turner Coal and Building Material Company, W. B. Harrison, president of the Union National Bank, and W. M. Moore, of Ritchey and Moore, oil producers. ¶ The change in ownership followed a receivership of three and a half months during which time the concern was under the management of George R. Bassett. The receivership was a friendly action brought August 12 when the health of J. M. Moellendick, president of the company, broke down. Details. ¶ The new owners will reorganize the corporation under the same name. For the next 60 days Mr. Bassett will remain as manager. Wavey Stearman will remain as chief engineer. The company has already contracted for 127 planes to be delivered during the coming year, totaling nearly half a million dollars worth of business. The plant is turning out three airplanes a week.

**Sunday, December 11, 1927**

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11. Photograph of Charles Noll, M. W. Kirkpatrick, pilot, and W. B. Harrison in front of the Swallow plane flown Friday to the Chicago Aeronautical Show.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, July 1, 1928**

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2. Article reports G. A. Stearns has purchased 320 acre tract eleven miles north of Wichita for \$45,000 with plans to build a stable and race track there. Details. He is an

oil operator.

**Sunday, April 27, 1930**

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4. Article about G. A. Stearns horse farm and race track north of Wichita. Details and photograph.