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## **Subject(s): Plymouth Congregational Church**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Wednesday, June 18, 1879**

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3. Rev. S. D. Storrs, Congregationalist, will hold services in Russell Hall next Sunday morning. The Congregationalists of this city are about perfecting an organization, and to that end have engaged Russell Hall as a place of worship for the ensuing year.

**Wednesday, June 25, 1879**

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3. Report of Congregational church service last Sunday at Russell Hall, with Dr. Storrs, of Topeka, preaching. Details.

**Wednesday, August 15, 1883**

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3. Letter says Congregationalists propose to hold meetings in Eagle Hall on Sunday, August 26 and every alternate Sunday thereafter, to organize a Congregational church. Details.

**Wednesday, September 19, 1883**

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3. Rev. Dunlap, a Congregationalist, preached last Sunday morning at the Opera House. We learn that it is his intention to organize a church of this sect in this city.

**Friday, January 2, 1885**

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4. Letter to editor: "Arrangements have been completed for the commencement of mission work in Wichita early in January, under the auspices of the American Home Missionary society, that may soon lead to the organization of a Congregational church. Rev. Joel Harper, of Burlington, Kansas, who is highly esteemed by all who know him, both as a preacher and a pastor, has consented to take charge of the work, and I heartily commend him to the confidence and christian fellowship of the people of Wichita, and all who love our Lord Jesus Christ." S. D. Storrs, Superintendent of Missions in Kansas, Topeka, December 27, 1884.

**Monday, January 12, 1885****page**

4. The Congregationalists of this city met yesterday for services for the first time, in the Episcopal church. Rev. Mr. Harper, who recently came here to abide with us, preached an able sermon.

**Saturday, February 14, 1885****page**

1. Rev. J. Harper, Congregational minister, will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the Russell hall. In the evening he will preach in the Baptist church.

**Thursday, March 19, 1885****page**

4. The Congregationalists will hold services regularly in Russell Hall (known also as the court room, on west side of Main street) on Sabbath afternoons at 3 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday morning at public school building on South Lawrence, at 11 o'clock.

**Tuesday, April 21, 1885****page**

4. Resolution passed by the Congregationalists in Wichita Sunday to formally organize a Congregational church in this city forthwith, the organization to be effected on May 1st. Details.

**Friday, October 9, 1885****page**

4. The Congregational church has changed its place of meeting to the rink. Plans are in hands of contractors for their new church at Lawrence and 2nd.

**Saturday, October 31, 1885****page**

4. The contract for the Congregational church has been let to Mr. Sternberg, and work will commence immediately.

**Thursday, November 12, 1885****page**

4. The Congregationalists have begun work on their church building on southeast corner of 2nd and Lawrence.

**Friday, April 9, 1886****page**

1. Members of the Plymouth Congregational church will hold services next Sunday in their beautiful new house of worship, corner of 2nd and Lawrence.

**Wichita Beacon, continued****Monday, April 12, 1886****page**

4. Article about Plymouth Congregational church with details. Says they held their first service in their new church yesterday.

**Saturday, May 1, 1886****page**

1. The dedication of the Plymouth Congregational church will take place May 2, 1886. Details.

**Monday, May 3, 1886****page**

1. Report of the dedication of Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Details.

**Saturday, September 4, 1886****page**

4. The subscription for the Mayflower Congregational church in the extreme northern part of the city is getting a strong lift.

**Thursday, December 2, 1886****page**

1. Plans by architects Proudfoot and Bird for the new Mayflower Congregational church on North Fairview avenue were adopted today. It is of brick, about 40 by 50 feet, with a tower, 75 feet high, and will cost \$4000, and with the lots, \$5000. The material is all on the ground. Plans for the Olivet Congregational church on the South side, are also being pushed. It is to be frame, 45 by 70 feet, and cost \$5000, or including the lots, \$7000.

**Wednesday, January 12, 1887****page**

1. Article describes the plans drawn by Proudfoot and Bird for the new Female Seminary to be built under auspices of the Congregational church. Details (i.e., Fairmount).

**Monday, November 20, 1893****page**

4. Article gives some history of Plymouth Congregational church, at 2nd and Lawrence on southeast corner. The church was organized in October 1885 by Rev. Joel Harper. The present minister is Rev. F. A. Bissell and congregation numbers 109. Since organization of the church there have been three Congregational churches organized in the city - Olivet church in south part of town, the May Flower (sic) church on Fairview, and the Fourth church on Fairmount. Ministers at Plymouth since its founding have been Rev. Joel Harper, Rev. J. H. Parker, Rev. Mr. Millikan, and the present Rev. F. A.

Bissell. Trustees are listed. Details.

### Wichita Beacon, continued

#### Saturday, December 14, 1895

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8. Article with some details about Sunday schools in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Quotes the Western Methodist statistics of Wichita's church membership:

Methodist	1,898	Friends	125
Baptist	440	Christian	890
Colored churches	307	Congregational	175
Presbyterian	1,535	United Presbyterian	175
Catholic	1,000	Episcopal	215
Reformed	100	Unitarians	85

#### Thursday, December 16, 1896

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5. The Congregational church at Fairview avenue, between 14th and 15th streets, is being moved to Fairmount.

#### Saturday, April 15, 1899

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5. Article reports ground breaking a few days ago for the new Plymouth Congregational church at southeast corner of 2nd and Lawrence. To be completed by September 15. Plans drawn by F. E. Kidder of Denver. ¶ Apparently the new building is an enlargement of the present building. Long article with details. Drawing. To cost over \$10,000.

#### Thursday, June 29, 1899

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6. The cornerstone of the enlarged Plymouth Congregational church will be laid Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, July 1, 1899

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6. Article describes program for laying of cornerstone for the enlarged Plymouth Congregational church tomorrow afternoon.

#### Saturday, September 2, 1899

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6. Brick work on the Plymouth Congregational church is finished and it should be ready for occupancy in six weeks.

**Friday, October 6, 1899****page**

6. All the exterior work on the Congregational church building is finished, and painters are working on the interior.

**Saturday, November 11, 1899****page**

5. The enlarged Plymouth Congregational church is to be dedicated tomorrow. Details.

**Monday, November 13, 1899****page**

6. Report of dedication services at Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Details.

**Monday, December 2, 1901****page**

5. The members of Plymouth Congregational church yesterday decided to call Rev. Clarence S. Sergeant of Omaha, Nebraska, to the pastorate of the church and to offer him a salary of \$2,000 a year and grant him six weeks vacation during the year. He is 46 years old. Details.

**Thursday, February 18, 1904****page**

5. Report of installation of Dr. Clarence S. Sargent as new pastor of Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Details.

**Thursday, April 28, 1904****page**

5. Work has started on a mission chapel being erected at corner of Kellogg and Pattie avenues by the Plymouth Congregational church. The building is nearly half finished. Will have seating capacity of about 200 and will cost \$1,500-2,000.

**Saturday, May 21, 1904****page**

5. The dedication of Fellowship Chapel at corner of Pattie and Kellogg, a mission chapel of Plymouth Congregational church, will take place tomorrow afternoon. Details.

**Monday, July 4, 1904****page**

5. Contract has been let for a new pipe organ for Plymouth Congregational church to cost \$4,000 and be built by the Estey Organ company of Brattleboro, Vermont. Details.

**Saturday, October 8, 1904****page**

5. Report of annual meeting of Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Long article with some history of church membership, etc. Past year was successful, with about \$10,000 raised for the church and organ funds. Membership has almost doubled in the three years that Dr. Clarence S. Sargent has been pastor. Present membership is 405. Details.

**Saturday, December 10, 1904****page**

8. Beginning January 1, Fellowship chapel, which has been under direction of Plymouth Congregational church, will have a pastor of its own. The congregation has called Rev. M. W. Wood, who has been pastor at Overbrook, Kansas for several years, and he has accepted.

**Saturday, April 27, 1907****page**

12. Fellowship Congregational Church was last night welcomed to the body of Congregational churches. It is located at corner of Kellogg and Pattie and was started in May 1904 as a mission Sunday school of Plymouth church. In 1905 M. W. Woods came to the church and started church services. It has grown and prospered so that Plymouth church, of which it had been a branch, decided to make it a separate church. At present the church has 124 names on the membership roll. ¶ The church building is largely the result of the philanthropy of H. W. Darling, of Plymouth church.

**Tuesday, February 16, 1909****page**

10. Article gives history of Fellowship Congregational church at corner of Kellogg and Pattie avenues. Church was built in 1905.

**Thursday, April 29, 1909****page**

1. The site committee of the Congregational church yesterday purchased the northeast corner of 1st and Clifton for \$2000. It is hoped to build a chapel at once with the main church building to be added later. The new church will have 75 to 100 charter members. Chairman of the committee is W. F. Bort.

**Monday, June 28, 1909****page**

16. Plans for the new College Hill Congregational church to be erected at 1st and Clifton are now finished and ready to be submitted to the contractors. Main building will be 40 by 42 feet. It faces east with arched porticoes on both north and south sides leading to the tower entrance at west side. William R. Stringfield is the architect. Estimated cost \$6000. Details.

**Tuesday, November 16, 1909****page**

3. Report of the initial service held past Sunday at the new College Hill Congregational church. Details.

**Monday, January 10, 1910****page**

3. The Rev. N. O. Bartholomew, of Denver, Colorado, has accepted the pastorate of the Plymouth Congregational church in Wichita, succeeding the Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, who resigned to enter the Episcopal ministry at Hutchinson, Kansas. Details.

**Friday, September 16, 1910****page**

4. The new building of the College Hill Congregational church is completed and the auditorium will be used for the first time for services Sunday. The church has used the basement of the structure, at Clifton and 1st streets, for some months now.

**Saturday, October 7, 1911****page**

18. Dedication services for the College Hill Congregational church, at the corner of Clifton and 1st, will be held tomorrow. The new \$12,000 church is modeled after the old Spanish Mission of California.

**Wednesday, April 10, 1912****page**

10. The Fellowship Congregational Church has voted to build a new church building adjoining the present building at Kellogg and Pattie. To cost \$30,000. Details.

**Saturday, May 10, 1913****page**

5. Article about Wichita Congregational churches, which are hosts to Kansas Congregational Annual Conference May 13-16. Details. Photographs of three churches. ("All Sessions in Plymouth Church")

**Saturday, June 10, 1916****page**

3. The new parish house of the College Hill Congregational Church is to be dedicated tomorrow. It is at the rear of the church lot and faces north. Built of concrete and stucco, three stories, and is 34 by 66 feet. Details and photograph.

**Thursday, February 22, 1917****page**

9. A visitor to the city this week will be the Rev. H. C. Herring, of Burlington, Wisconsin, whom the College Hill Congregational people hope to persuade to become their new

pastor.

**Saturday, April 14, 1917****page**

12. Rev. Hubert C. Herring will assume his duties tomorrow as the new pastor of the College Hill Congregational Church, which was formed eight years ago July 1st. Article with history of church. Photograph of Herring.

**Thursday, March 14, 1918****page**

2. The United Congregational Church will be the name of the new organization formed by the merger of the present membership of College Hill and Plymouth Congregational Churches. Details.

**Saturday, October 18, 1919****page**

3. Plymouth Congregational Church and College Hill Congregational Church are to be merged next month to form the new United Congregational Church. Details.

**Thursday, November 6, 1919****page**

4. The United Congregational Church is going to inaugurate a church bus line next Sunday morning to bring members to church from over the city. Two buses are to be furnished by the Perry bus line for this service, the first of its kind in this area. Details.

**Saturday, November 8, 1919****page**

12. The first service of the new United Congregational Church will be held tomorrow at the College Hill church. Details.

**Wednesday, December 3, 1919****page**

10. Lots have been purchased at northeast corner of 1st and Clifton for a new \$100,000 church for the new United Congregational Church. The old building and lots of the former Plymouth Congregational Church, at 2nd and Lawrence, will be sold. Details.

**Thursday, January 8, 1920****page**

1. Drawing of the proposed new building for the United Congregational Church.

**Sunday, March 13, 1921****page**

5. Members of the United Congregational Church have decided to go ahead with their building plans this year. The building committee has been authorized to advertise for



bids. Shepard and Wiser, of Kansas City, are the architects. To cost approximately \$150,000. Details.

**Wednesday, March 16, 1921****page**

7. A temporary stucco building will be erected on the site of the Plymouth Congregational Church at 2nd and Lawrence, purchased a few days ago by S. G. Bond, who paid \$30,000 for the 60 by 140 foot corner. ¶ Men were put at work today removing the useable salvage material from the interior of the church, after which the church will be torn down. A part of the brick will be used in the temporary building which Mr. Bond will erect on the east end of the lots.

**Friday, April 29, 1921****page**

15. Building permit: Church, 67 by 103 feet, 201 North Clifton, \$120,000, United Congregational Church.

**Sunday, June 26, 1921****page**

7. Cornerstone of the new United Congregational Church is to be laid this evening. Details. Report June 27, page 7.

**Thursday, September 22, 1921****page**

2. Report of death last night of Dr. Clarence S. Sargent, former pastor for seven years of Plymouth Congregational Church, at home of his daughter in Little Rock, Arkansas. Left Wichita three years ago. (Obituary September 23, page 11.)

**Monday, November 21, 1921****page**

5. Report of death yesterday at Athol, Kansas, of Rev. Henry E. Thayer, former pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church beginning in 1885, and president of Fairmount College beginning in 1907. Obituary.

**Sunday, December 18, 1921****page**

8. The United Congregational Church is taking the unusual course of issuing about \$45,000 in five year, seven percent bonds to complete the construction of their new Carthage stone church building at 1st and Clifton. Details.

**Sunday, January 1, 1922****page**

- C-8. Article lists major new buildings erected last year in Wichita or under construction. Also photographs. ¶ Includes among others:

Orpheum Theater	-	\$700,000
Miller Theater	-	\$600,000
Hotel Broadview	-	\$400,000
Fourth National Bank addition	-	\$500,000
First Methodist Episcopal church	-	\$200,000
Park School	-	\$120,000
Harry Street School	-	\$115,000
United Congregational Church	-	\$150,000
St. Francis Hospital Nurses Home	-	\$150,000
Mt. Carmel Girls' Dormitory	-	\$150,000
Residences:		
Warren E. Brown	-	\$200,000
Harry Dockum	-	\$35,000
R. D. W. Clapp	-	\$75,000
Will G. Price	-	\$45,000
W. O. Van Arsdale	-	\$50,000
Dr. R. W. Hissem	-	\$25,000.

¶ Total building permits issued in 1921 set record at \$7,388,109. Previous record was \$4,849,831 in 1919. 1918 was \$3,064,731 and 1920 was \$3,806,503. ¶ Photographs include Orpheum building, United Congregational Church, Miller theater.

#### **Thursday, September 28, 1922**

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6. The new United Congregational Church is to be dedicated the week of October 8 to 15. Details.

#### **Sunday, October 1, 1922**

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4. Article about new United Congregational Church with photographs.

#### **Monday, October 9, 1922**

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6. Report of dedication of new United Congregational Church yesterday. Details.

#### **Friday, June 13, 1924**

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13. Rev. J. Henry Hornung, of Cleveland, will preach this Sunday at the United Congregational Church.

#### **Monday, July 7, 1924**

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7. Rev. J. Henry Hornung of the Collinwood Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted the pastorship of the United Congregational Church in Wichita, replacing

Rev. Hubert C. Herring, resigned. Will preach his first sermon September 7.

**Thursday, September 4, 1924**

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7. The Rev. J. Henry Hornung, new pastor of the United Congregational Church, arrived in Wichita last night. He will preach his first sermon in the church Sunday. He comes here from Cleveland, where he was pastor of the Collinwood Congregational Church for seven years.

**Saturday, August 3, 1929**

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3. Photograph (rather faint) of the Fellowship Congregational Church at Pattie and Kellogg.

**Friday, November 17, 1939**

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14. The Little Theater of Wichita, Inc., organized little more than a year ago, has just completed negotiations for a three year lease on the community house of the United Congregational Church at 1st and Clifton. Details.

**Tuesday, March 18, 1941**

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7. Report of a fund drive launched yesterday by the United Congregational Church to pay off the church's \$48,000 building debt. Pledges of \$19,491 already received. Details.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, August 16, 1883**

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3. Article says Congregationalists in Wichita propose holding meetings in Eagle Hall every other Sunday with object of organizing a Congregational church in Wichita and locating a pastor.

**Tuesday, December 30, 1884**

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1. Report that mission work will start in Wichita early in January by the American Home Missionary Society leading to the establishment of a Congregational church in this city.

**Friday, January 23, 1885**

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4. Article reports on the Congregational service held in the Episcopal church last Sunday. Details.

**Thursday, July 23, 1885**

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4. Lots have been secured for the Congregational church at 2nd and Lawrence.

**Tuesday, November 10, 1885****page**

4. The stakes were put in yesterday for the Congregational church. The site is on the first corner south of the Methodist Episcopal church, right south and opposite the residence of H. L. Taylor.

**Wednesday, February 16, 1887****page**

4. The board of directors of the ladies Congregational college, located some weeks ago near the corner of Hillside and 17th street, have decided to call that institution the Fairmount college. Details. ¶ Yesterday Mr. G. C. Strong filed an addition of 80 acres called Fairmount addition, lying near the college. It contains between 700 and 800 lots but will not be placed on the market for some weeks. ¶ Mr. Atkins also filed an addition of 80 acres yesterday lying near that of Mr. Strong and called Fairmount addition No. 2. ¶ The streets running east and west are located in both additions in conformity with the rest of the city and given the same names. The streets running north and south bear the names of leading female educational institutions in the United States. The central ave. is called Fairmount avenue.

**Tuesday, May 3, 1887****page**

4. Yesterday was second anniversary of the establishment of the Congregational church in Wichita. The membership then was but 16. Since then they have erected the beautiful building on 2nd st. between Lawrence and Topeka ave.s and have increased the membership to 117. Details.

**Saturday, May 7, 1887****page**

4. Men were yesterday engaged on the cupola of the new Congregational Church.

**Wednesday, September 28, 1898****page**

6. Article about plans of the Plymouth Congregational church to build a new church building on their lot at Lawrence avenue and 2nd street, fronting on Lawrence avenue. Details. The old brick building occupies only a small portion of the church lot and will be retained and the new church building connected to it. The old building will be used for banquets and social functions.

**Saturday, July 1, 1899****page**

6. Corner stone for the new addition to Plymouth Congregational church, at 2nd and Lawrence, is to be laid tomorrow.

**Sunday, July 2, 1899****page**

4. Article gives history of the Congregational church in Wichita, was first organized January 8, 1885 and recognized as a church on May 1, 1885. The old church building was built in 1885 and dedicated early in 1886. Corner stone of the new church building at same site, 2nd and Lawrence, is to be laid this afternoon. Drawing.

**Wichita Eagle, continued****Tuesday, July 4, 1899****page**

6. Article reports on laying of corner stone of the new building of Plymouth Congregational church on Sunday.

**Friday, November 10, 1899****page**

5. The new Plymouth Congregational church building will be completed today and the dedication will be Sunday. Details.

**Thursday, March 23, 1905****page**

6. Article reports on concert on new pipe organ just installed at Plymouth Congregational church.

**Friday, July 23, 1909****page**

10. Work on the new College Hill Congregational church at 1st and Clifton started yesterday. Chapel is to be built initially of cement and stucco at cost of \$10,000. Later this will serve as a lecture hall when the completed building is finished some time in the future. Chapel is 40 by 42 feet.

**Friday, September 16, 1910****page**

6. The new church edifice of College Hill Congregational church at corner of Clifton avenue and 1st street is completed, and the auditorium will be used for services for the first time Sunday, September 18. The church group has used the basement of the structure for services for several months past.

**Wednesday, October 4, 1911****page**

9. The new College Hill Congregational church at 1st and Clifton, in the extreme eastern part of the city, will be dedicated next Sunday.

**Friday, July 9, 1915****page**

9. Article reports death in Oklahoma of Rev. J. H. Parker, the founder of Fairmount college. In 1886, when pastor of Plymouth Congregational church in Wichita, he proposed founding a ladies' college in Wichita, to be the "Vassar of the West." The site was chosen where Fairmount college now stands. The next year he decided to enlarge the board from five to fifteen and to change the name to Fairmount college, under which the state charter was obtained in 1887. ¶ Forty thousand dollars was spent on the building, but then financial troubles caused the property to be sold to satisfy claims. The school was later re-established in 1892.

**Saturday, March 16, 1918****page**

2. The Plymouth Congregational church and the College Hill Congregational church have voted to re-unite the two churches, which have been separated for the past ten years. The name of the new church is to be the United Congregational Church of Wichita. The two churches will continue, the downtown one being known as the Plymouth Congregation of the United Congregational church and the one on the Hill as the College Hill Congregation. One pastor and an assistant pastor will preach interchangeably in each church.

**Sunday, December 15, 1918****page**

5. During the past week workmen repairing the Plymouth Congregation of the United Congregational church have removed the old bell tower erected about 30 years ago when the first church was built. When the present church was erected the tower was allowed to remain, but recently it has been leaking badly and it was decided to remove it.

**Thursday, January 8, 1920****page**

5. Article reports the United Congregational church will build a new structure to cost over \$100,000 at northeast corner of 1st and Clifton. The present church building will be converted into a Sunday school.

**Friday, February 20, 1920****page**

2. Campaign of the United Congregational church has raised \$102,350 toward the \$145,000 goal for building of a new church. Bids have been advertised for.

**Sunday, January 2, 1921****page**

23. Chronological list of major events in Wichita in 1920.  
Summary page of Wichita events of 1920.
- January 7 - United Congregational Church accepts plans for \$100,000 building.
  - February 2 - pay of Superintendent L. W. Mayberry advanced to \$6000 per year.
  - February 18 - Jones Motor Car company has \$200,000 fire.
  - February 20 - jitney and street car collide -- five seriously injured.
  - March 1 - West Side Intermediate school named James Allison.
  - March 8 - Innes Wholesale Furniture Company's monster warehouse is opened.
  - March 9 - lobby of Manhattan hotel made over into store room.
  - May 4 - Mrs. W. C. (Elizabeth) Woodman dies in Poughkeepsie, New York.
  - May 19 - Six cent street car fare is asked.
  - May 25 - high school graduates 231.
  - June 2 - raise \$100,000 for new gym at Fairmount.
  - July 3 - interurban car held up near Wichita and passengers robbed.
  - July 7 - tourists park in South Riverside is established.
  - August 3 - Peabody couple gives \$30,000 home for Wesley nurses.
  - August 23 - Orient Railroad given government loan and shops will remain in Wichita.
  - August 29 - George Siedhoff announces plans for five story hotel near interurban station.
  - September 19 - Wesley hospital is dedicated.
  - September 28 - six cent street car fare agreed upon by commission.
  - October 5 - E. M. Laird announces plans for huge airplane factory.
  - November 23 - B. F. McLean buys Fidelity Sate Bank.
  - December 5 - George Theis, Jr. to build skyscraper on North Lawrence avenue.
  - December 21 - to erect \$100,000 home for St. Francis hospital nurses.

**Thursday, March 3, 1921****page**

2. Article says Joel Tucker, real estate dealer, has offered \$30,000 for the old Plymouth Congregational church at southeast corner of Lawrence and 2nd.

**Friday, March 11, 1921****page**

2. Plymouth Congregational church has sold its old building and site at southeast corner of 2nd and Lawrence to S. G. Bond, architect, for \$30,000. The corner stone, pipe organ, and some of the stained windows of the old building will be used in the new \$150,000 church to be built this spring at 1st and Clifton. ¶ The old property has frontage of 60 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on 2nd street. The original chapel of Plymouth church forms part of the building. It is 40 by 60 feet, facing east on the rear of the building, and was built in 1886. The cornerstone was laid in 1889 when the new part was built. Rev. Henry E. Thayer, now of McPherson, was pastor at that time and

later became president of Fairmount College.

**Thursday, April 14, 1921****page**

1. Contract was let yesterday for the new \$150,000 United Congregational church at northeast corner of 1st and Clifton. To seat 800. Drawing.

**Friday, April 15, 1921****page**

5. Article lists trustees and building committee of Plymouth Congregational church.

**Monday, June 27, 1921****page**

5. The cornerstone for the new United Congregational church at 1st and Clifton was laid yesterday. Details. The new church is the consolidated congregations of Plymouth church, established in 1885, and the College Hill Congregational church, established in 1909.

**Wednesday, July 26, 1922****page**

11. The interior of the new United Congregational church at 1st and Clifton has been completed except the placing of pews, pulpit, and organ, and the scaffolding in the interior was torn down this week. Dedication is planned for September 1st.

**Thursday, September 7, 1922****page**

14. The new \$140,000 United Congregational church at 1st and Clifton will be complete in a few days and dedication services will be held the week of October 8 to 15.

**Monday, October 9, 1922****page**

5. Article reporting dedication of new United Congregational church yesterday.

**Monday, March 31, 1924****page**

5. Reverend Hubert C. Herring yesterday submitted his resignation as pastor of United Congregational church effective June 1.

**Wednesday, June 18, 1924****page**

10. Reverend J. Henry Hornung, of Cleveland, will likely succeed Reverend Hubert C. Herring, resigned, as pastor of the United Congregational Church. Details.



**Monday, July 7, 1924****page**

5. Dr. J. Henry Hornung, of Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted the call of the United Congregational church in Wichita, and will preach his first sermon here on September 7.

**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.

**Wednesday, August 1, 1928****page**

10. United Congregational church yesterday voted to accept the proposed purchase of the old church building at 155 North Clifton by the Second Church of Christ, Scientist.

**Friday, September 14, 1928****page**

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.

**Saturday, September 6, 1947****page**

5. Plymouth Congregational church officials have announced a proposed \$100,000 education building which will be constructed at a later date. A campaign has been planned to raise funds for the new building. Details.

**Wednesday, July 13, 1949****page**

5. Dr. Walter Horace Upton yesterday resigned as executive secretary of the Wichita Council of Churches effective October 31, to become pastor of Plymouth Congregational church effective November 1, succeeding Dr. J. Henry Hornung, who will retire October 31 because of his health. Biography. Photo.

**Friday, July 6, 1951****page**

5. Contracts let yesterday for new educational building for Plymouth Congregational Church at First and Clifton, to adjoin the church on the north and cost \$235,000. Details.

**Monday, July 23, 1951****page**

2. Report of ground breaking ceremonies yesterday for the new Plymouth Congregational Church educational building. To be completed by next June. Architects Art E. Leaper and E. E. Gilbert. Details. Drawing.

**Monday, October 13, 1952****page**

7. Report of dedication yesterday of the new education building at Plymouth Congregational church. Details.

**Wednesday, January 2, 1957****page**

- 3C. Report of death yesterday of Reverend Dr. John Henry Hornung, 77, of 3614 Oneida, at his home. He was the retired former minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, having come to Wichita in 1924. Burial to be in Old Mission Cemetery. Further biography.

**Saturday, April 11, 1959****page**

- 5B. New pipe organ at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 North Clifton, installed just before Easter Sunday, is to be dedicated with a recital tomorrow afternoon. It was built by the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas. Details.

**Monday, September 26, 1960****page**

- 3C. Members of Plymouth Congregational Church yesterday rejected a proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church by a vote of 528 to 275. Details.

**Wednesday, February 12, 1964****page**

- 11A. Report of death yesterday in Muskegon, Michigan, of Mrs. Jane R. Kirk, 58, wife of Dr. George Ogden Kirk, who was pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church here from 1954 to 1960. Obituary.

**Wednesday, August 11, 1971****page**

- 4C. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Walter G. Couch, Jr., 53, of 630 North Hampton Road, senior minister at Plymouth Congregational Church, after a long illness. Born in Hartford, Connecticut. Came to Wichita in 1961. Survived by widow, Lucile, two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Lynn Elgar, Hampden, Maine, and Mrs. Cynthia McElroy, Wichita. Cremation.

**Saturday, May 25, 1974****page**

- 2B. Report of death Wednesday of Dr. George Ogden Kirk, of Olivet, Michigan, former pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita from 1954 to 1960. Survived by his widow, Loretta M., four sons and two daughters (named). Further biography. Burial in Holland, Michigan.

**Saturday, August 28, 1976****page**

- 15A. Report of death Thursday in Brooklyn, New York of Rabbi Harry Richmond, 85, former Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in Wichita. Born in Russia. Came to United States at age 16. Came to Wichita in 1930 from Paducah, Kentucky as rabbi for Temple Emanu-El, then worshiping at Plymouth Congregational Church. Under his direction the congregation built a new temple on North Fountain. In 1936 he married Helena Rittenberg, of Brooklyn. He served in the Army in World War II and returned to Wichita in 1945. In 1955 he retired, and afterwards he moved to New York. Survived by his widow, Helena, a daughter, Yonah Chervitz, and a brother, Sol, of Jerusalem.