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## **Subject(s): Shirkmere Apartments**

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, March 19, 1922

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- B-1. Oscar S. Shirk is said to be planning a seven story apartment house, to be built at southeast corner of 2nd and Topeka at cost of \$350,000. It will be immediately north of the Crescent Apartments, also owned by Mr. Shirk. Details.

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5. Plans for the new family hotel to be erected by O. S. Shirk at southeast corner of 1st [sic] and Topeka avenue now being drawn and will be given to the contractors for bids in about six weeks. Work is planned to start by March 1st.

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13. Drawing of proposed nine story family hotel to be built by Oscar S. Shirk on southeast corner of 2nd and Topeka in near future at cost of \$500,000. Architects are Ebersson and Weaver, with offices in Orpheum building. Details.

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5. Contract let yesterday to George Siedhoff Construction Co. for construction of the Shirkmere apartment house at 2nd and Topeka by Oscar S. Shirk, owner of the Eaton hotel. To be seven stories, of brick and Carthage stone, containing 105 apartments, and costing approximately \$450,000. Building to be 100 x 140 ft.

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Friday, August 24, 1923

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3. Concrete structure of the Shirkmere Apartment has been poured to the eighth floor,

and exterior brick and stone is now being laid.

Wichita Eagle

Monday, August 27, 1923

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1. Article describing progress and plans for the new Shirkmere apartments to be opened on New Year's Day. Architects are Ebersson and Weaver, who also designed the Orpheum building and are preparing plans for the new York Rite Temple building.

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Sunday, September 30, 1923

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- B-1. New Shirkmere Garage, 114 North Topeka and 115 North Emporia, was opened yesterday.

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Wednesday, January 2, 1924

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5. First building permit taken out for 1924 was by George H. Siedhoff for the new Elks Building at 204-212 N. Market for \$270,000 (for the building only, not including heating, plumbing, electric wiring, or equipment. The total cost will approximate (\$500,000). Building to be 125 x 140 ft., five stories. Excavation is now under way. ¶During the past year Mr. Siedhoff has constructed more than a million dollars worth of buildings in Wichita, including the county jail, Shirkmere hotel, Kaufman building, Western Newspaper building, Luling Laundry, electric plant for Red Star Mill, addition to Beacon Building, W. A. Dye Building, and Dan Callahan's residence.

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9. Formal opening of the new Shirkmere Apartments will be held tomorrow. Photo. The brick used in building was 435,900 brick made by the Noll Brick Co. of Wichita. Architects were John Ebersson and Harry Weaver, with offices in both Chicago and Wichita. Mr. Weaver is in charge of the local office and came here as directing architect for construction of the Orpheum Building some two years ago. At present they are completing plans for the York Rite Temple Building. Articles with details. These architects also draw plans for the Kaufman Building in Wichita.

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Saturday, March 14, 1925

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9. Report of death yesterday in Phoenix, Arizona of Mrs. Cash Henderson, one of the first children born in Wichita, at age 54?, from tuberculosis. Was born January 27, 1871. Maiden name was Anna Gribi. Parents came to Kansas from Switzerland and still live at

431 South Water. Married Cash Henderson in 1889. They lived at 815 South Emporia, where her daughter, Mrs. Carl Mosbacher, now lives. Mr. Henderson died in 1909. Survived by (besides Mrs. Mosbacher), son Cash, Jr., and daughter Miss Barbara Henderson, and by two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Knoblauch, 940 South Lawrence, and Mrs. A. H. Bolte, Shirkmere Apartments.

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Friday, October 8, 1926

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7. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Powell, who formerly lived at 131 Circle Drive, returned this morning for a visit after an extended tour of Europe. For several years he has been a traveling representative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and will now be western representative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce with headquarters in Wichita. They will live temporarily at the Shirkmere Apartments. Photo.

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6. Article about the streets between Washington and Hydraulic with girls' names'. This area was laid out by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hyde. Mr. A. A. Hyde was born March 2, 1848, and on January 19, 1875, he married Miss Ida L. Todd of Wichita, so they will have their fifty-second anniversary on January 19. ¶When Mr. Hyde first came to Wichita in 1872 he bought several tracts of land in what was then the easternmost part of town, including the area in question. ¶East of Washington, the streets are: Ida--named for Mrs. Hyde. Laura--named for Mrs. Frank Todd, of Chicago, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Hyde. Pattie--named for a half-sister of Mrs. Hyde, now Mrs. George C. Strong, of Los Angeles, who once lived in a stone house north of the residence of Dr. S. E. Swartz, on Fairmount Avenue. Lulu--named for a cousin, Lulu McCabe, the late wife of the Rev. Dr. Hewitt, at one time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Ellis--?? Fannie--appears to have been named for Miss Fannie Lewis, a close friend of the family, now Mrs. S. P. Hathway, of Denver. ¶Mr. Hyde owned 80 acres of the 160 which formed the southeast quarter of Section 21, bounded by Hydraulic, Kellogg, Washington, and Douglas. ¶Five of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde's children were born in the house which stood at 2nd and Topeka, where the Shirkmere is now. In 1886 the family moved to its present residence at 2nd and Roosevelt.

## Wichita Beacon

January 28, 1931

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1. Report of death yesterday of Henry J. Hagny, age 66, vice-president of the Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Trust Company, and former owner and editor of *The Beacon*, at his residence, in the Shirkmere Apartments, after six years of illness. Born at Keokuk, Iowa March 18, 1865. Came to Wichita around 1890 (?). Married Mrs. Libby Smith,

of Wichita, on June 3, 1895. Was editor and owner of the *Beacon* until 1907, when he sold it to Henry J. Allen. Survived by wife and one brother and one sister (named). Another brother, R. Given Hagny, died in Wichita July 9, 1930. Obituary. Photograph.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, May 16, 1934

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1. Report of death yesterday at Dodge City of Otto Theis, 49, son of the late George Theis, of Wichita, as result of injuries ten days ago in a fall from a horse on his ranch near Englewood. With his father he had operated extensive land and cattle interests in Clark and Mead County and in Texas. Survived by widow, five children, mother, Mrs. Chester Rice of Portland, Oregon, two half brothers, Charles Theis, of Wichita, student at University of Kansas, and George Theis, Jr., of Shirkmere Hotel, and two sisters, Mrs. David W. Graham of Kansas City, Kansas and Mrs. Ethel Zadegian of Los Angeles, California.

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, July 25, 1944

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5. Report of death yesterday at age 92 of Charles Payne, widely known Wichita naturalist and propagator of wild life, at his residence in the Shirkmere apartments, where he spent the later years of his life. ¶ Born in Campbell County, Kentucky June 14, 1852. Came to Wichita in 1888, making his home for many years on South Sycamore, where the area known for years as Payne's pasture, existed. It is now the site of Lawrence stadium. ¶ He married Miss Elizabeth Jane Jackson, who survives, at Denver in 1919. Other survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Miriam B. Hudson, Windsor, Missouri; Mrs. Lois Payne Young, Hollywood, California; and Mrs. H. Nelson Gilbert, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Four grandsons and four granddaughters named, including one in Wichita (Mrs. H. Otis Garth). Further biography. Photo.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, October 31, 1946

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5. Report of death Monday of John L. Powell, 87, Wichitan for almost 60 years, civic leader, and mayor from 1919 to 1921. Born in Illinois and came to Wichita in February 1887. Active in banking and wholesale business until 1922. Was president of the board of education in 1894. Survived by wife, Clara, at the home in the Shirkmere, a grand-daughter, Mrs. Marie Lorraine Powell, Elmhurst, Illinois, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. G. Gouldner Tritz, of the Shirkmere. Further biography. Burial at Maple Grove cemetery.

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Saturday, March 6, 1948

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5. Report of annual dinner meeting of the Wichita Historical Museum Association last night at the Shirkmere ballroom. The new charter for the group gives its present name, Wichita Historical Museum Association, Inc. Talk by Miss Rea Woodman related her being taken by Indians as a baby and then ransomed by her father near Haysville site for 50 cents. Details. Photo includes Rea Woodman.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, October 5, 1952

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1. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Elizabeth Frawley, 69, of the Shirkmere apartments, daughter of early Wichita mayor, the late John B. Carey. She was the widow of the late Frank L. Frawley. ¶ Born in Wichita, December 27, 1883. Survived by two sons, Richard C., Bismarck, North Dakota, and Dr. John T. Carey, of Houston, Texas, and four grandchildren. Further biography. Photo.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, December 23, 1956

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- 3A. Mrs. George T. Nolley, daughter of pioneer physician Dr. A. H. Fabrique, is ill and a patient in St. Francis Hospital. Lived briefly in Memphis, Tennessee after her marriage to George T. Nolley in 1892, but otherwise has always lived in Wichita. She has resided at the Shirkmere Apartments since 1923. Photo.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, September 7, 1957

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- 3A. Report of death Thursday evening of Cleon A. Whitney, 72, Wichita jeweler, at his home in the Shirkmere Apartments. Born November 2, 1884 in Wichita, the son of George M. and Norma Aley Whitney, who came to Wichita in the 1870s. Married Miss Lilah Hirst, of Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1911. Survived by wife, two daughters, Mrs. Paul Yungmeyer, of Caracas, Venezuela, and Mrs. W. M. McMillan, of Katrine, New York, and by three grandchildren. Small photo.

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Monday, May 18, 1959

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- 4A. "Wichita Silhouettes"-biography of Oscar S. Shirk, Wichita hotel operator and real estate developer. Came to Wichita as a business college student in 1894 from his farm home near Sedgwick. Was son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shirk. Married the former Bessie Swinford, who died shortly after World War II. Built the Crescent Apartments, 240 North Topeka in 1921, and the Shirkmere Apartments two years later. Married the former Mrs. Cora Swarhout about 14 years ago. Photo.

## Wichita Eagle

Friday, August 2, 1963

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- 5A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Mattie L. Nolley, 95, at her residence in the Shirkmere Apartments. She was born October 24, 1867 at Aurora, Illinois, the daughter of pioneer Wichita doctor, Andrew Hinsdale Fabrique. Came to Wichita with her parents when she was three. They came to Topeka by train, and her father then left them and traveled by covered wagon to explore possible sites for location in southern Kansas. Dr. Fabrique brought his family to Wichita in June 1870. They went to Emporia by train and then purchased a pony and Indian buggy to complete the trip. The family purchased land from J. R. Mead and D. S. Munger at 503 North Lawrence to build a home. ¶ She married George T. Nolley in First Methodist Church on November 16, 1892. Their early married years were spent in Memphis, Tennessee, where he worked for an affiliate of Standard Oil Company. In 1902 they moved back to Wichita. They had one son who died at age four. Only several cousins survive, none in Wichita. Dr. Fabrique died in 1928. Further biography. Photo. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

## Wichita Eagle

Friday, April 3, 1964

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- 6C. Report of death yesterday of Earle W. Hellums, 67, of Shirkmere Apartments, Wichita furniture store owner since 1919. Born March 21, 1897 in Beaumont, Kansas. Lived in Wichita most of his life. Survived by widow, Cecile and a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Stuewe, 1207 North Pershing. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

## Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, September 2, 1964

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- 5C. Report of death yesterday of Ellis W. Cookson, 77, Shirkmere Apartments, former Wichita druggist. Born September 10, 1886 in Kiowa, Kansas, and has lived in Wichita since 1903. Operated three Cookson drug stores until 1936. Active in Masonic activities and was recorder of Wichita Midian Shrine from 1937 to 1950. ¶ Survived by widow, E. Marie, three sons, Charles Wesley, 127 North Crestway, Reverend Joseph William, Churchville, Pennsylvania, and Raymond Theodore, Ogden, Utah, a sister, Mrs. Ethel Reed, 320 North Roosevelt, and nine grandchildren. Further biography. Photo. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

## Wichita Eagle

Sunday, May 9, 1965

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- 10F. Feature article about the Shirkmere Apartments.

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Tuesday, October 7, 1969

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- 4C. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Cora Shirk, 88, of 256 North Topeka. Born in Waterford, Illinois. Her husband, Oscar, former owner and manager of the Shirkmere Apartments, died in 1960. Survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. H. D. Gossard, Wichita. Entombment at Old Mission Mausoleum.

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Friday, February 6, 1976

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- 4B. The Shirkmere-Crescent hotel apartment complex has been sold for \$475,000; at southeast corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Topeka, by the Oscar Shirk estate, to Shirkmere Partnership Limited, a company formed by native Wichitan Thomas Luinstra, of Denver, and Samuel Luinstra, owner of Neal Hardware, 722 North Main. Details.