

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): Stearman

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, December 9, 1923

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19. Article reports the New Swallow airplane, designed by Lloyd **Stearman**, made its first flight Friday. Details and photo.

Sunday, December 30, 1923

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8. Article about the new Swallow airplane, designed by Lloyd H. **Stearman**, designing engineer for the Swallow Airplane Co. It is in many ways superior to the old Laird Swallow planes.

Sunday, April 19, 1925

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24. Photo of the first commercial airplane produced by Travel Air, Inc., designed by Walter Beech and Lloyd **Stearman**.

Friday, May 22, 1925

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13. New officers named recently by Travel Air, Inc., include Clyde Cessna, president, Walter Beech, vice-president and general manager, and Lloyd **Stearman**, treasurer. Fifteen planes have been ordered from the new company, which is producing one plane every two weeks.

Thursday, August 12, 1926

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1. Photo of Lloyd **Stearman**, who designed the plane being flown by Walter Beech on the Ford reliability tour.

Saturday, August 14, 1926

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1. Article reports George Theis, Jr. was killed at 6:20 p.m. yesterday when struck by the propeller of a Travel Airplane piloted by Lloyd **Stearman**. Age was 64. Photo.

Sunday, October 3, 1926**page**

1. Article reports Lloyd **Stearman** will resign from Travel Air the last of the week and go to California to go into the airplane manufacturing business there.

Sunday, August 28, 1927**page**

5. Article reports Lloyd **Stearman** has notified a group of Wichita backers that he will move the **Stearman** Aircraft Company of Venice, California, to Wichita by October 1. Details and photo of the type of plane he will build.

Sunday, September 4, 1927**page**

Magazine

7. Article about the **Stearman** brothers, Lloyd, Wavey, and Ivan. Details.

Wednesday, September 21, 1927**page**

13. It has been decided that the **Stearman** Aircraft company plant, which is being moved here from Venice, California, will be located in one of the buildings of the Bridgeport Machine company in the North End. There will be 14,000 square feet of floor space in the building, which is to be occupied by October 1. About 30 men will be employed in the new factory. Although not located on an airport, a runway has been prepared of sufficient length to permit takeoff and landing of unloaded planes.

Saturday, October 1, 1927**page**

5. Article reports return to Wichita yesterday of Lloyd **Stearman** from Venice, California.

Sunday, October 2, 1927**page**

26. Article about the **Stearman** Aircraft Company and its return to Wichita. Details.

Friday, October 28, 1927**page**

5. The **Stearman** Aircraft company is now in operation here with 20 new employes and five more scheduled to start next week. The first plane will be an air mail craft for Varney Air Line, which operates between Pasco, Washington and Salt Lake City. The plane is scheduled to be completed by November 15.

Sunday, November 6, 1927**page**

32. Ads with photos of Wichita plans, including Swallow, Travel Air, **Stearman**, and Cessna.

Saturday, December 10, 1927**page**

8. The first **Stearman** biplane ever built in Wichita will depart this morning from the **Stearman** airport near 35th street and North Lawrence for delivery to the Varney Airways, Inc., operating the air mail in between Pasco, Washington and Salt Lake City.

Sunday, December 11, 1927**page**

1. Photo of first plane produced in Wichita by **Stearman**, which flew to Cheyenne yesterday.

15. Article lists officials of the **Stearman** Aircraft Company. The factory is located in Y building of the Bridgeport Machine Company group, with a payroll of 40 persons. Within a short time it is expected to produce six planes monthly.

Friday, December 16, 1927**page**

- 3 Because of loss of a plane in a crash, the **Stearman** plane intended for Varney Airways was delivered instead to the Western Airways for use in the air mail service between Cheyenne and Pueblo. Varney Airways still has orders placed for three **Stearman** planes.

Sunday, April 1, 1928**page**

3. Article reports J. Earl Schaefer will assume his duties at **Stearman** Aircraft Company tomorrow after past four years as sales manager for E. J. Rodda Motor Company (Chrysler dealer).

- 1-A. Another article about Julius Earl Schaeffer, who joins **Stearman** Aircraft tomorrow. Photograph. Says his first flight to Wichita from Fort Sill was on June 2, 1919, and he landed then on race track on the West Side.

Sunday, June 17, 1928**page**

5. Photograph of the newest **Stearman** plane.

Thursday, August 2, 1928**page**

2. The **Stearman** Aircraft company is leasing a second building at the Bridgeport Machine Company plant, just across the driveway to the east of the former "Y" building, which is now occupied by the company.

Sunday, August 12, 1928

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5. **Stearman** Aircraft, now employing ninety men, is putting on a double shift to keep up with the demand for its planes.

Sunday, August 19, 1928**page**

6. Wichita aircraft firms delivered 31 new planes during the week, including sixteen Travel Air, eight Swallow, four **Stearman**, two Cessna and one Swift.

Friday, September 7, 1928**page**

5. Article reports **Stearman** Aircraft Company plans to build a new brick hangar 75 by 130 feet at the new municipal airport.

Sunday, September 30, 1928**page**

4. The new unit of the **Stearman** factory, giving 15,000 additional square feet of floor space, will be ready for occupancy tomorrow.

Friday, October 26, 1928**page**

4. Walter T. Varney, of San Francisco, yesterday ordered five more **Stearman** planes for his Varney Airways.

Friday, November 2, 1928**page**

20. Photograph shows a **Stearman** mail plane of Varney Air Lines.

Tuesday, November 27, 1928**page**

1. Article reports re-capitalization of **Stearman** Aircraft company, to increase the capital to \$600,000 and permit expansion plans. Details.

Thursday, January 10, 1929**page**

2. Travel Air plans to increase production to four planes a day when its new addition is completed. **Stearman** plans increase from 90 planes built last year to about 150 this year.

Wednesday, January 16, 1929**page**

2. Photograph of new **Stearman** mail plane with Wright Cyclone engine. Article with details. Plane made first flight yesterday.

Sunday, March 3, 1929

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8. Photograph of J. E. Schaefer, who has been elected to the board of **Stearman** Aircraft Company because of the record he has made in the sales department.

Monday, March 25, 1929

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2. Article about Lloyd **Stearman** with biography and photograph. He is now only 30.

Sunday, March 31, 1929

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Rotogravure section

Photograph of Lloyd **Stearman**.

Wednesday, May 8, 1929

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5. Report of annual meeting of **Stearman** stockholders yesterday. Sales for the fiscal year were \$1,113,000.

Saturday, May 25, 1929

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5. Work has been started on the **Stearman** hangar at the new municipal airport. To be 80 by 140 feet and cost \$36,000.

Sunday, June 2, 1929

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5. Article says **Stearman** company will buy the two buildings of the Bridgeport Machine company it is now leasing. Details

Saturday, June 22, 1929

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3. Photograph of new **Stearman** biplane, the company's most costly at \$23,000, with 525 horse power Wright Cyclone motor.

Monday, July 22, 1929

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2. Report rumors of connection between **Stearman** company and the big aviation holding corporation, United Aircraft and Transport Company.

Thursday, August 1, 1929

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5. Word was received here yesterday that the **Stearman** Aircraft company has joined with

the United Aviation Corporation, one of the largest holding companies in aviation, through an exchange of stock.

16. Photograph of the first **Stearman** LT-1 mail and passenger plane, ready for delivery to Continental Airways of Cincinnati.

Monday, August 5, 1929

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5. Announcement made yesterday of the merger of the **Stearman** Aircraft Company with the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation. The latter company now includes, besides **Stearman**, the Boeing Airplane Company, Boeing Air Transport, Boeing Schools corporation, Pacific Air Transport Company, Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company, Chance-Vought Corporation, Hamilton Aero Manufacturing Company, Sikorsky Aviation Corporation, and Canadian Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company. Details.

Saturday, August 24, 1929

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1. Photograph at new municipal airport shows **Stearman** Aircraft Company hangar to be completed.
3. Aerial photograph at municipal airport showing **Stearman** and municipal hangars both completed.

Monday, September 23, 1929

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2. Photograph of new **Stearman** hangar at municipal airport, which was opened with a party Saturday night. Also photograph of a new **Stearman** plane being delivered to the department of commerce.

Sunday, January 12, 1930

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5. Lloyd **Stearman** was re-elected president of the **Stearman** Aircraft company at a directors' meeting yesterday. Details.

Saturday, February 15, 1930

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3. Photograph of the Skylark, product of Watkins Aircraft Company, which has been given its approved type certificate by the department of commerce. Article with details. It is the fifth Wichita company to receive approved type certificate for its product, the others being Travel Air, **Stearman**, Cessna, and Swallow.

Tuesday, May 6, 1930

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16. Reports circulated yesterday that United Aircraft and Transportation Company, of which **Stearman** Aircraft company is a unit, has secured an option on 30 acres of the Swift Aircraft Company's holdings just west of the municipal airport. It is said to comprise the south 30 acres of the 40 acre tract and does not include the plant.

Monday, June 2, 1930**page**

1. Work is to start within ten days on a new factory for the **Stearman** Aircraft company to be erected on a 30 acre tract purchased recently from the Swift Aircraft company through Arch E. Merrian, receiver. Cost will total \$330,000. Factory proper will have 80,000 square feet. To be completed by early fall.

Tuesday, June 10, 1930**page**

5. Mooney Aircraft company has purchased the factory and ten acre tract of the Swift Aircraft company west of the municipal airport for \$25,000 and yesterday moved to the new site from its former quarters at Bridgeport Machine works. The company has a second low wing monoplane near completion. The new Mooney site adjoins the new site of the **Stearman** Aircraft company.

Sunday, June 29, 1930**page**

4. Drawing of new **Stearman** factory, to be built on 30 acre tract of land just west of municipal airport. Designed and to be built by the Austin company, Cleveland, Ohio. Work to start tomorrow. Factory building proper is 200 by 420 feet, giving 84,000 square feet. Administration building to be 54 by 184 feet. Details.

Tuesday, July 1, 1930**page**

5. Excavation for the new **Stearman** factory started yesterday and that for the new administration building at municipal airport will start today.

Monday, August 11, 1930**page**

3. Photographs of progress on construction of new **Stearman** factory -- most of framework completed.

Wednesday, September 3, 1930**page**

4. Photographs showing construction progress on two new fire stations and on **Stearman** factory.

Wednesday, October 8, 1930**page**

3. Photograph of new **Stearman** plant, nearly completed. Equipment to be moved from old factory into new one starting next Monday and will take two weeks. Operation in new factory expected to start Monday, October 27.

Wednesday, November 26, 1930**page**

3. Article says **Stearman** company will go into production in its new plant on December 8. Main building is 420 by 200 feet with maximum capacity of 60 planes a month with payroll of approximately 500. At present there are 125 on the payroll.

Wednesday, December 24, 1930**page**

5. Board of directors of **Stearman** Aircraft has been revised at request of United Aircraft and Transport Corporation, the parent firm. Lloyd **Stearman** will devote full time to research problems and production methods, and business management will be headed by Walter P. Innes, Jr., who has been named president and treasurer of the firm.

Sunday, March 1, 1931**page**

3. Photograph of new YPT-9 primary training plane completed by **Stearman** Aircraft for U.S. Army and to be delivered tomorrow.

Monday, March 23, 1931**page**

2. Photograph of new **Stearman** Cloudboy training plane.

Friday, June 19, 1931**page**

1. American Airways has ordered seven planes from **Stearman** at cost of \$126,000.

Tuesday, July 7, 1931**page**

3. Photograph of new **Stearman** mail plane for American Airways, Inc..
5. Lloyd **Stearman** yesterday resigned as consulting engineer and technical adviser for the **Stearman** Aircraft division of United Aircraft and Transport Company. He will leave soon for the West Coast. Article gives his work history.

Friday, July 24, 1931**page**

2. Article reports United Aircraft and Transport Company has announced that **Stearman** Aircraft company will consolidate with Northrop Aircraft Corporation of Burbank, California, another United Aircraft division, and will take over all its assets and engineering personnel, which will be transferred to Wichita in September.

Sunday, July 26, 1931**page**

2. Announcement made yesterday by Walter P. Innes, Jr., president of **Stearman** Aircraft company, that the new Northrop Beta all-metal monoplane will be built this winter by **Stearman** here in Wichita. The Northrop Alpha will be built and serviced by the Boeing Aircraft Company of Seattle, another United Aircraft division. Photograph of Northrop Beta on page 12.
5. It was announced yesterday that the Northrop Alpha mail plane will be built exclusively by the **Stearman** Aircraft company here. Details.

Friday, September 11, 1931**page**

4. Photograph of Northrop Alpha plane which arrived here yesterday for use by **Stearman** Aircraft as a demonstration ship. The plane is to be built and serviced here. Transcontinental and Western Air uses twelve as mail planes.

Sunday, October 4, 1931**page**

4. Lloyd **Stearman** announced yesterday he will leave Wichita next week to become a partner with Walter Varney and Robert Gross in the newly organized **Stearman-Varney** Aircraft Company at Alameda, California. Details.

Thursday, October 15, 1931**page**

3. The first Northrop Beta all-metal sport plane arrived here yesterday for tests and use as a demonstration plane by **Stearman** Aircraft company. It is the second of the Beta model to be built, some fifteen of the Alpha model having been built and in service on Transcontinental and Western Air mail routes.

Tuesday, January 26, 1932**page**

5. The Northrop Beta all-metal monoplane was demonstrated by **Stearman** Aircraft company yesterday.

Sunday, June 19, 1932**page**

1. Article reports tornado struck municipal airport at 8:45 p.m. yesterday. **Stearman** hangar was badly damaged and about one fifth of municipal hangar unroofed. The

Mooney factory to the west was demolished and five planes damaged, three of which were owned by Clyde Cessna, including the famous "Miss Wanda." Details.

Tuesday, July 19, 1932

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8. Article says Lloyd **Stearman** and associates have bought the assets of the Lockheed Aircraft Company which had gone into receivership, and will reorganize (or did so on June 16) it as the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. Details.

Tuesday, September 6, 1932

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5. The **Stearman** Aircraft company has received an order for the landing gear, control column, and tail wheel parts for the 60 new Boeing transport planes being built for United Air Lines. The factory force, presently about 50, will be increased to 100 to fill the order.

Tuesday, October 11, 1932

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5. Complete rebuilding of the **Stearman** Aircraft company's hangar at municipal airport, which was half demolished by high wind last summer, will go forward at once.

Friday, December 16, 1932

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2. Article reports signing of contract for construction of a new **Stearman** plane, Model 80, with 420 h.p. Pratt and Whitney Wasp Junior motor. To be delivered next Monday to John V. Vette, Jr., Oak Park, Illinois, for \$17,181.

Friday, February 24, 1933

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5. Article reports visit to Wichita yesterday by Lloyd **Stearman**, now president of the Lockheed Aircraft Company of California.

Wednesday, March 1, 1933

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2. Photograph of new Boeing 247 transport plane, the first of which was completed three weeks ago and made its first flight February 8. **Stearman** plant here is building the landing gear, tail wheel, pilots control stands and control columns, rudder and elevator flap controls, aileron motor assemblies, radio masts, and pilot's and co-pilot's seats.

Monday, April 10, 1933

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3. First flight of the new **Stearman** Model 80 was made yesterday at municipal airport. It

was taken up by Eddie Allen, Los Angeles test pilot, formerly with **Stearman**. Details.

Saturday, September 2, 1933

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3. Announced yesterday that recent meeting of **Stearman** board of directors elected J. Earl Schaefer as president of the **Stearman** Aircraft Company. Details. He previously was executive vice-president.

Sunday, September 3, 1933

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17. Photograph of glider target with twelve foot wingspan being built by **Stearman** for U.S. Army. One hundred being built.

Tuesday, September 5, 1933

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2. First of 34 United Air Lines Boeing 40-B planes arrived in Wichita yesterday, where they are to be sold for United by the **Stearman** Aircraft company. United is replacing them with the new twin-motored Boeings.

Sunday, September 10, 1933

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4. The Straughan Aircraft Corporation, Wichita's newest aviation enterprise, has completed its first plane, a two place biplane, at its plant on East Franklin road. Plane is powered with a standard Model A Ford motor. First flight was last Sunday. Plane was designed by Glenn **Stearman**, a cousin of Lloyd **Stearman**. Frank Straughan is president of the company. Details and photograph.

Thursday, September 14, 1933

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3. Article clarifies the 34 United Air Lines planes being received by **Stearman** Aircraft for resale. Fourteen are Boeing 40 B-2 models and twenty are Boeing B-4 models carrying four passengers and cargo. Three arrived last week and four more are expected in next few days. All will be here soon.

Friday, September 15, 1933

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12. First of six new Lockheed Orion planes was recently delivered to American Airways by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation of Los Angeles, of which Lloyd **Stearman** is president.

Monday, October 16, 1933

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3. Photograph of crowd (of cars) at air show yesterday at municipal airport (shows only **Stearman** hangar).

Sunday, January 21, 1934**page**

3. Photograph of **Stearman**'s new model 70 trainer.

Thursday, May 17, 1934**page**

5. **Stearman** Aircraft company has received a contract for 41 planes to be built for the U.S. Navy.

Thursday, May 24, 1934**page**

8. Plans announced yesterday for reorganization of the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation. Three new corporations are to be formed: the United Air Lines Transport Corporation; United Aircraft, to include the eastern manufacturing units including Chance-Vought, Hamilton Standard, and Sikorsky; and the Boeing Airplane Company will become the Boeing Aircraft Company and take over the present Boeing concern and the **Stearman** Aircraft company. A stockholders meeting on June 20 will consider the plan.

Tuesday, September 18, 1934**page**

5. Article saying that in the reorganization of the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation, the **Stearman** Aircraft company is to be a subsidiary of the Boeing Airplane company of Seattle, but will retain its name and build its own line of planes. Details.

Friday, November 2, 1934**page**

5. Article reports annual meeting of stockholders of **Stearman** Aircraft company. J. E. Schaefer was re-elected president. Details.

Sunday, December 9, 1934**page**

3. Buildings of the old **Stearman** Aircraft plant, directly north of the Bridgeport Machine Company, were purchased yesterday by the Rotary Farm Equipment Company, a new Wichita corporation, William C. Edwards, Jr., president, which will build combines there. The two larger buildings are 80 by 254 feet and 60 by 245 feet, with total floor space of 56,000 square feet. Photograph.

Monday, February 11, 1935**page**

5. A Boeing 40-B-4 biplane purchased from the **Stearman** Aircraft company here by the

Westinghouse Electric Company of Albany, New York, was delivered yesterday. It was one of the fleet used for air mail and passenger flying by United Air Lines before the new twin-motored Boeing transports came into service. Eight of the Boeings were brought to Wichita for resale and four are left. They are powered by 500 h.p. Hornet motors.

Tuesday, June 4, 1935**page**

3. Article says 200 men are employed at **Stearman** Aircraft.

Thursday, July 4, 1935**page**

5. **Stearman** Aircraft yesterday received contracts for 46 more training planes, 26 for the army air corps for \$243,578, and 20 for the navy for \$150,373. Details.

Wednesday, October 21, 1936**page**

5. Six grand ocean clippers are to be built by Boeing Aircraft Co. at Seattle according to J. E. Schaefer of **Stearman** Aircraft. Details. Engineering work is well advanced.

Saturday, October 31, 1936**page**

5. The Army has ordered 30 more **Stearman** training planes, bringing the total ordered by then to 110.

Saturday, December 5, 1936**page**

3. Announced yesterday that Army has ordered 30 more **Stearman** training planes in addition to the 50 ordered some time ago on which delivery is to start in January. Cost will be \$146,720.

Sunday, December 27, 1936**page**

5. Article reports activity in Wichita aircraft plants during past year. **Stearman** is increasing employment from about 400 to 500. Cessna built over 50 planes in 1936.

Monday, January 25, 1937**page**

5. A total of 123 **Stearman** trainers have been ordered during the past six months and approximately 250 during the past two years.

Sunday, February 21, 1937**page**

30. Ad with photo of building at southeast corner of 9th and Santa Fe, 711 E. 9th st., in ad saying it was built by **Stearman** Aircraft Co. in 1929 but subsequently not needed by

them and now for sale.

Wednesday, March 24, 1937

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3. Photo of armed advanced trainer built by **Stearman** for the Philippine army. Has three machine guns.

Wednesday, July 7, 1937

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11. Aerial photo of downtown Wichita from **Stearman** plane at height of one mile.

Thursday, July 15, 1937

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2. Mac Short, chief engineer and vice-president of **Stearman**, has resigned effective August 1 to take a position with an aviation company on the Pacific coast.

Sunday, September 19, 1937

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5. The U. S. Army ordered an additional 20 **Stearman** training planes last week, increasing the original order for 72 planes in the present lot to 92.

Sunday, November 14, 1937

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6. Photo of **Stearman** factory office building with planes flying over.

Sunday, March 27, 1938

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14. Article about new Boeing Stratoliner says the control surfaces are being built at **Stearman** plant in Wichita. Aerial photograph of **Stearman** plant.

Wednesday, March 30, 1938

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5. Annual report of Boeing Airplane Company, received here yesterday, contains announcement that J. Earl Schaefer, president of **Stearman** Aircraft Company, has been elected first vice-president of the Boeing Airplane Company of Seattle. Says **Stearman** Aircraft Company delivered 91 planes during past year.

Wednesday, April 20, 1938

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5. Directors of Boeing Airplane Company of Seattle yesterday voted to incorporate the **Stearman** Aircraft Company into the Boeing Airplane Company effective June 1, the new title to be "**Stearman** Aircraft, a division of Boeing Airplane Company." The Boeing Company already owned 100 percent of the **Stearman** Aircraft Company stock. No change to be made in personnel.

Monday, June 13, 1938**page**

5. New enlargement of engineering department of **Stearman** division of Boeing Airplane Company has been completed at cost of \$25,000. Room has been doubled in size to more than 5000 square feet and is air-conditioned. Photograph of interior.

Wednesday, March 15, 1939**page**

5. The new twin-engined **Stearman** attack bomber was flown to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio yesterday.

Sunday, March 26, 1939**page**

6. Photograph of the new **Stearman** twin-engined attack bomber.

Friday, August 11, 1939**page**

3. War department yesterday announced contract for purchase of \$688,888 worth of **Stearman** trainers, with option on \$2,000,000 more.

Thursday, September 21, 1939**page**

5. Final signature yesterday on army air corps' contract for \$3,000,000 worth of **Stearman** trainers, the largest ever signed by any Wichita plane manufacturer. Employment, now about 600, will be increased to about 1000.

Tuesday, September 26, 1939**page**

5. City commission yesterday authorized park board to purchase the **Stearman** hangar at municipal airport for \$21,000.

Sunday, November 5, 1939**page**

11. Dim aerial photograph of central part of Wichita and Arkansas river from high altitude taken from new **Stearman** attack bomber.

Tuesday, December 12, 1939**page**

3. New final assembly area addition to **Stearman** plant is progressing rapidly and will be ready for occupancy by January 1. To be 126 by 205 feet of unobstructed floor space.

Sunday, June 9, 1940**page**

11. Article about increasing aircraft production in Wichita estimates 2300 are employed in

the aircraft plants and related industries and that probably 1000 planes will be built this year in Wichita, to break the former record set in 1928. Aerial photo of **Stearman** plant.

Thursday, June 27, 1940**page**

5. **Stearman** division of the Boeing Airplane company yesterday was awarded a \$3,779,628 order for planes by the United States Navy, the largest contract ever placed in Wichita. Expansion of the plant is probable. Details.

Sunday, July 7, 1940**page**

5. The Cessna company during the week moved into its new unit, started several months ago. ¶ Plans have been drawn by Boeing engineers for new units at **Stearman** to cost over \$250,000.

Sunday, July 14, 1940**page**

5. Ground breaking started yesterday for a new \$250,000 unit at the **Stearman** division of Boeing Airplane Company, which will give 40,000 square feet of additional factory space

Thursday, August 22, 1940**page**

5. It was announced yesterday in Washington that \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 will be spent on an immediate expansion of the **Stearman** division of the Boeing Airplane company at Wichita. Details. ¶ Last week more than 1100 were on the **Stearman** payroll, the highest in history.

Sunday, September 1, 1940**page**

5. The **Stearman** Aircraft division of Boeing Airplane Company is producing a new training plane every three hours during two eight hour shifts, or nearly six planes every day.

Tuesday, September 17, 1940**page**

5. Another \$7,000,000 order for **Stearman** planes announced. Article give summary of orders at Wichita aircraft plants, totaling about \$40 million.

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12. Ground level photo of **Stearman** aircraft plant.

Sunday, September 29, 1940**page**

1. Ground to be broken tomorrow for a \$545,000 expansion of the **Stearman** plant, which will be made by taking out the west wall of the present factory and extending the floor space to the west along the entire length of the plant, making the main plant approximately 420 feet long north to south and 350 feet deep, east and west.

Sunday, October 6, 1940**page**

5. Article about probable further expansion of Wichita airplane plants. Details. Mentions plans for a new Boeing plant costing around \$3,500,000, discussed before the city commission recently. Says the first group of Culver workmen being brought from Columbus, Ohio, are due to arrive this week. A total of 160 employes or family members are moving from Columbus to Wichita. Photos of construction on **Stearman** and Cessna plants.

Thursday, October 10, 1940**page**

5. Work on the main addition to the present **Stearman** factory started yesterday. It will increase available manufacturing space from around 200,000 square feet to more than 300,000 and should be finished by the end of the year. Details.

Saturday, October 12, 1940**page**

5. Photo of construction on **Stearman** plant addition.

Wednesday, October 16, 1940**page**

1. Boeing Airplane Company yesterday announced plans to double the floor space of its plants in Seattle and Wichita. Includes construction of a new 330 by 1000 foot plant in Wichita employing 4000-4500 men. Details and drawing. The company has an option on 120 acres south of the **Stearman** plant. Entire expansion is due for completion in 140 days.

Saturday, October 19, 1940**page**

5. Article about reports yesterday by aviation leaders on growth of the aircraft industry in Wichita. Details. ¶ A year ago 1461 were employed in factories here having 355,000 square feet of floor space. ¶ Now there are 3782 employes and 685,000 square feet of floor space. ¶ By mid-January there are to be 8750 employed and 1,562,000 square

feet of floor space.

<u>By Plant:</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>		<u>Now</u>	<u>Mid-January</u>		<u>June</u>	
Beech	675	125,000 sq ft	1650	150,000	2400	500,000	
Cessna	100	55,000	550	230,000	1500	230,000	
Stearman	556	157,000	1522	205,000	4500	205,000	6500 732,000
Culver			60	100,000	350	100,000	

Tuesday, October 22, 1940

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5. Ground broken yesterday for the new \$3,400,000 **Stearman** factory Number 2 south of the present **Stearman** plant. Railroad workers have also arrived to start construction of a spur on the Santa Fe Railroad from the present station at Clonnell, southwest of the old **Stearman** factory, to the site of factory Number 2. The spur will be about a mile long.

Sunday, October 27, 1940

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14. Photo of construction site for new **Stearman** plant Number 2 and of new railroad spur to the plant.

Sunday, November 3, 1940

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6. Photo of new monoplane **Stearman** trainer. Dim aerial photo of **Stearman** factory.

Monday, November 4, 1940

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3. Aerial photo of new **Stearman** plant site.

Sunday, November 17, 1940

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11. Article about **Stearman** expansion, with aerial photo.

Sunday, December 1, 1940

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6. Photo of new **Stearman** plant Number 2 under construction.

Wednesday, January 1, 1941

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7. Photo of **Stearman** plant Number 2 under construction.

Sunday, January 12, 1941

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3. Aerial photo of new **Stearman** plant Number 2 under construction.

Sunday, January 26, 1941**page**

6. Aerial photo of new **Stearman** plant Number 2 under construction.

Friday, February 28, 1941**page**

5. Photo of about 70 **Stearman** trainers waiting to be flown away. The plant is producing them at the rate of 10 or 12 a day.

Wednesday, March 12, 1941**page**

5. The 1000th **Stearman** trainer will be delivered Saturday.

Sunday, March 16, 1941**page**

8. Report of delivery of 1000th **Stearman** trainer yesterday.

Sunday, April 6, 1941**page**

5. Photo (aerial) of new **Stearman** plant Number 2 nearing completion.

Sunday, April 13, 1941**page**

5. Employment has reached the 8000 mark in Wichita's aircraft plants and allied industries. Employment passed 3000 for the first time this past week at the **Stearman** division of Boeing. The big new **Stearman** plant Number 2 is almost done, and contractors expect to turn the factory over to Boeing about May 1.

Sunday, April 20, 1941**page**

15. Aerial photo of new **Stearman** plant Number 2.
22. Article about J. Earl Schaefer, of **Stearman** division.

Thursday, May 29, 1941**page**

1. Article about plans for expansion of the new **Stearman** plant Number 2 to build bombers in Wichita. Aerial photo of plant Number 2 on page 3.

Friday, June 6, 1941**page**

1. Defense Plant Corporation, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, is setting aside for the large addition to the **Stearman** Plant Number 2, \$12,131,272 for land and buildings, and \$5,368,728 for machinery and equipment, a total of

\$17,500,000. This apparently includes the \$3,500,000 already spent for the completed first unit of the new plant. Article with details. Aerial photo of plant Number 2 on page 3.

Sunday, June 8, 1941**page**

5. Aviation employment in Wichita approaching 12,000, with about 5000 at **Stearman**, slightly over 4000 at Beech, over 2000 at Cessna, and 400 at Culver.

Thursday, June 12, 1941**page**

5. Contract for the large new addition to **Stearman** plant Number 2 was signed June 6 and calls for completion in ten months, or by next April 6. Details. When completed, the plant Number 2 will employ 18,000 to 20,000 workers.

Sunday, June 15, 1941**page**

5. Employment at Wichita plane plants is reported to be 5025 at **Stearman**, 4300 at Beech, 2180 at Cessna, and 200 at Culver.

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15. Photo of heavy traffic on South Oliver looking south from **Stearman** plant Number 1. (Two lane road.)

Saturday, June 21, 1941**page**

5. Article about plan to extend present east -- west runway at municipal airport, now 2700 feet long and 100 feet wide, by 1800 feet to west edge of field and build a parking ramp and taxi strip in front of the **Stearman** plant. Map.

Sunday, June 29, 1941**page**

2. First work started last week on the new addition to **Stearman** plant Number 2.

Thursday, August 14, 1941**page**

2. Aerial photo of construction on addition to **Stearman** plant Number 2.

Sunday, August 24, 1941**page**

5. **Stearman** plant Number 1 will deliver its 2000th trainer next Wednesday. It was only last March 15th that the 1000th trainer was delivered.

Thursday, August 28, 1941**page**

2. The 2000th **Stearman** trainer was delivered yesterday.

Sunday, September 28, 1941**page**

7. Cessna employment at present is about 2800, that at Beech is 5381 and at **Stearman** about 6000.

Saturday, July 25, 1942**page**

8. A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager of the new Emergency Transportation Company, announced yesterday that this company's huge new buses will be named in honor of aviation pioneers of Wichita. A partial list of the aviation pioneers whose names will be honored includes: Jake Moellendick, Walter Beech, Lloyd **Stearman**, Buck Weaver, Clyde Cessna, Matty Laird, Mac Short, Fred Hoyt, A. O. Payne, and Bill Burke. Other names will be chosen later. ¶ The names will appear on the buses in a few days.

Sunday, April 25, 1943**page**

10. The 7000th Boeing Kaydet trainer plane was delivered to the armed forces the past week. History of **Stearman** plane development. Photo.

Saturday, August 14, 1948**page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Mac Van Fleet Short, 51, aeronautical engineer and former Wichitan, of a heart attack at Burbank, California, where he was vice-president of the Lockheed Aircraft company. He helped organize the **Stearman** Aircraft Company in 1927. ¶ Born in Wichita December 25, 1896, the son of Richard H. and Jessie McBride Short. Entered the army air corps in 1917. Graduated from Kansas State in 1922 and took masters degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1926. Married Mae B. Siefkin in Wichita September 6, 1924. Survived by wife, a son, Richard, and a daughter Mary, of Glendale, and another daughter, Mrs. Sally Schenk, Richmond, California. Further biography. Photo.

Thursday, June 15, 1950**page**

19. Photo of a leather license plate -- Number 1223 W -- issued by the city of Wichita in

1912 to the father of L. R. Ridgeway, 3901 East **Stearman**.

Monday, January 12, 1953

page

2. Report of death of Fred C. **Stearman**, 78, formerly of Wichita, at La Habra, California. He spent much of his life in Kansas and was associated with the United Sash and Door Company until moving to California in the early 1930s. He was the father of the famous aircraft designer, Lloyd **Stearman**, and of another son, Waverly, who was also an official in the **Stearman** Company. He is survived by the two sons, both in California, and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Metzger, also of California.

Thursday, July 2, 1953

page

- 3A. Article about pioneer aviation designer and former Wichitan, Lloyd C. **Stearman**, now living in Dos Palos, California. For about three years he and his partner William E. Hamel have been working on design of several new types of farm implements. Details.

Monday, March 29, 1954

page

1. Report of death yesterday of George Siefkin, 59, well known Wichita attorney, of a heart attack. Resided at 1450 Spring Drive. Born January 25, 1895 in Meriden, Iowa. Family later moved to Newton, Kansas. Came to Wichita in 1917. Married Dora Timer August 26, 1924. Was a founder with Lloyd **Stearman**, George Innes, Jr., and Mae Short, of the **Stearman** Aircraft Company. Survived by wife, a son, Robert, of Wichita, and a daughter, of Lawrence, Kansas. Further biography. Photo.

Tuesday, January 31, 1956

page

- 5A. School board yesterday accepted bids totaling \$236,977 for construction of the new Lloyd C. **Stearman** Elementary School at Gilbert and Mansfield Drive. This was nearly \$24,600 higher than bids for the Price-Harris school submitted earlier this month. Details.

Wednesday, February 29, 1956

page

- 9A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Lloyd C. **Stearman** Elementary School, 8103 East Gilbert.

Wednesday, August 22, 1956

page

- 5A. Article about progress on completion of new schools under construction. Price-Harris school is completed and to be inspected this week. Estimated completion date for

Stearman school is September 1 and for the Wells school is September 21. Bryant school is expected to be finished about the middle of November. Priority in construction is being given to the Cleveland and Sims schools, which will use portable units at the beginning of the school year. Details.

Sunday, November 11, 1956

page

- 5A. Three new school buildings which opened at the start of the fall term are to be dedicated this week: Truesdell Intermediate, 2464 South Glenn, Buckner Elementary, 3530 East 27th, and **Stearman** Elementary, 8103 East Gilbert.

Saturday, November 17, 1956

page

- 11A. Report of arrival in Wichita yesterday for a visit of former Wichita aviation pioneer, Lloyd C. **Stearman**, now associated with the engineering department of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California. He is here for the dedication tomorrow of the new Lloyd C. **Stearman** Elementary School, named in his honor. **Stearman** is a native of Harper, Kansas and brought his small aviation firm from California to Wichita in 1927 when a group of 30 local businessmen put up \$2000 each for his operating capital. The company grew rapidly and sold planes worth \$1,113,000 in the fiscal year ending May 1929, before being sold to the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation in August 1929. Photo.

Monday, November 19, 1956

page

- 5A. Report of dedication of new **Stearman** Elementary School yesterday with Lloyd **Stearman** present. Details. Photo.

Saturday, September 28, 1957

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- 1D-24D. Special section commemorating 30th anniversary of Boeing in Wichita, beginning with move of **Stearman** Aircraft Company from Venice, California to Wichita on September 28, 1927. Articles. Photos.

Sunday, June 11, 1961

Special Centennial Edition of the Wichita Sunday Eagle and the Wichita Beacon.

- 19AA. Biographical article about the late Howard V. Wheeler, Wichita business man and founder of Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny. Came here from his native Interlaken, New York, in 1894. Helped found **Stearman** Aircraft Company. Died in 1951. His partner, John Kelly, died in 1956. Son, Winston Wheeler, is now chairman of board. Further biography.

Sunday, January 20, 1963

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1A, 14A. Continuation of series of articles on early Wichita aviation history -- discusses Lloyd **Stearman** and Walter Beech, etc.

Sunday, January 27, 1963**page**

1, 16A. Continuation of aviation history series. More on Cessna, Beech, and **Stearman**.

Wednesday, January 30, 1963**page**

1, 3A. Continuation of aviation history series. More on Beech, **Stearman**.

Tuesday, March 19, 1963**page**

1, 2A. Continuation of series on Wichita aviation history, including departure of Lloyd **Stearman** from Wichita.

Friday, March 29, 1963**page**

1, 7A. Continuation of series on Wichita aviation history. Photo of **Stearman** (Northrop) Beta on page 7A.

Saturday, March 30, 1963**page**

1, 3A. Continuation of series on Wichita aviation history. Discusses views on merger of **Stearman** with United Aircraft.

Sunday, March 31, 1963**page**

14A. Another article by John Zimmerman on Wichita aviation history continuing discussion of **Stearman** merger with United Aircraft.

Thursday, May 9, 1963**page**

3A. William Lloyd **Stearman**, son of Wichita aviation pioneer, Lloyd Carlton **Stearman**, is to address the Boeing Supervisors Club this evening. Born in Wichita June 22, 1922. ¶ For several years he has served in the State Department, and presently is public affairs advisor for Soviet affairs. ¶ His father presently is associated with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and lives at Northridge, California.

Friday, May 10, 1963**page**

7A. Report of talk given yesterday by Bill **Stearman**, son of Lloyd **Stearman**. Details.

Monday, September 30, 1963**page**

- 7C. Continuation of series on Wichita aviation history. Chronology of **Stearman** and Boeing milestones.

Wednesday, October 16, 1963**page**

- 7A. Continuation of series on Wichita aviation history. Lists all **Stearman** production by individual model.

Sunday, November 3, 1963**page**

- 15A. Continuation of series on Wichita aviation history. Biography of Lloyd **Stearman**.

Sunday, January 24, 1965**page**

- 1B-7B. Long article about Lloyd **Stearman**, 66, who returned to work in engineering department at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California, nine years ago. Details. Born October 26, 1898 in Wellsford, Kansas. Photo.

Wednesday, June 30, 1965**page**

- 10A. City Commission yesterday gave one year franchises to two school bus firms. Fisher Bus Service to provide lines to St. Jude School, Bishop Carroll High School, and St. Patrick's School, and to Bruce Jones, operating Meyer's Bus Service, for service to **Stearman**, Sunnybrook, and Mary Magdalen schools. Details.

Friday, December 31, 1965**page**

- 7A. Report of death yesterday of Wichita aviation pioneer, William R. Snook, 69, of 140 South Chautauqua. Born in Ford, Kansas. Came to Wichita in 1919. Worked at Laird Swallow Company and later at Travel Air Company, where he became factory manager and secretary-treasurer. Later at **Stearman** and Cessna (until 1940). Further biography.

Monday, March 27, 1967**page**

- 3B. Article about visit to Wichita last week of one of the only two **Stearman** Model B Airels built by Glenn A. **Stearman** in 1942 at Coffeyville, Kansas, where **Stearman** had his plant during the early war years. Details. Photo.

Sunday, April 16, 1967**page**

- 1B. Feature article on Walter Beech and Beech Aircraft on 35th anniversary of Beech

Aircraft this week. In the 35 years since Beech moved into the depression-closed Cessna Aircraft Company factory on East Pawnee to start his company it has produced 25,885 planes and sold total volume of \$2,705,344,761. ¶ Born on farm near Pulaski, Tennessee January 30, 1891 and had designed and built his own glider by age 14. Made his first solo flight in a Curtiss pusher biplane in Minnesota ten years later. Served as an Army flight instructor during World War I. Then toured the country in an OX5 powered surplus Jennie. In 1923 he staked his Jennie in the Swallow Airplane Company's pasture at 29th and Hillside and joined the young firm as "design, test, and demonstration pilot and the only salesman they had." In less than two years he became general manager of Swallow. ¶ In 1925 he left Swallow and joined Clyde Cessna and Lloyd **Stearman** to form Travel Air Manufacturing Company. Olive Ann Mellor, the future Mrs. Beech, was hired the same year as the new firm's secretary. The company reportedly built and sold 19 Travel Airs the first year and 46 the next. In 1927 **Stearman** left the company to start his own venture on the West Coast, and in April 1927 Cessna left to form his own company. The big year for Travel Air was 1929 when the company produced 547 airplanes and at one time were coming off the line at a rate of 25 per week. Further fame came from the Model R "Mystery S" racers. Further details -- sale of Travel Air to Curtiss -- Wright, etc., return to Wichita in spring of 1932, and first flight of Model 17 "Staggerwing" on November 4, 1932, and first flight of Model 18 on January 15, 1937. Photos.

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3B. Article about Lloyd **Stearman**, 70, who now lives at Northridge, California. Born in Wellsford, Kansas October 26, 1898. Was architectural student at Kansas State University and a naval aviator before joining the Laird Airplane Company here in 1920. Left Wichita in 1926 to form own company at Venice, California, but returned in 1927. Resigned from **Stearman** Aircraft Company here in June 1931 and returned to California. Last year he launched a new aircraft design project, the **Stearman M P** (multi-purpose). Details. Photo of Lloyd **Stearman**.

Friday, May 1, 1970

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1. Article commemorating the start of Wichita's golden air age 50 years ago this spring with the flight of the Laird "Swallow," manufactured by the E. M. Laird Airplane Company. The first flight on April 8, 1920 was at a field near 29th and North Hillside, with E. M. (Matty) Laird, now of Boca Raton, Florida, at the controls. ¶ The plane was built in the Watkins Grain Building near William and Water, on what was then called "Tractor Row." A total of 45 Laird Swallows were built in Wichita, 43 of them while Laird was with the company. Laird sold his interest to Jacob M. (Jake) Moellendick in 1923. On January 22, 1924, the company became the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company, owned by Moellendick, **Stearman**, and Beech. Their company built the "New Swallow." The company later went into receivership

August 12, 1927. ¶ Since then at least 138,661 planes have been built in Wichita by companies which survived or built more than one or two airplanes. List includes:

Travel Air -- 1396	Beech -- 27,828
Culver -- 2363	Boeing -- 14,250
Mooney -- 251	Lear -- 261
Swallow -- 450	Rawdon -- 36
Cessna -- 91,826	

Sunday, February 8, 1976

page

- 5C. Long article by aviation editors Lew Townsend about early history of Cessna, Beech, and **Stearman** aircraft companies in Wichita. Details.

Monday, May 2, 1977

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- 11A. Report of death Saturday of Walter P. Innes, Jr., 74, of 105 North Armour, long time Wichita civic leader and investor. During the 1950s he was vice-president and secretary of the George Innes Company, Inc., now Macy's. Earlier he helped organize and served as director and president of the **Stearman** Aircraft Company, now Boeing Wichita Company. ¶ Survived by his widow, Betty, and sons Walter Innes III, of Wichita, and William D., of Sun Valley, Idaho, and a sister, Mrs. Lee Phillips, of Wichita.

Friday, November 24, 1978

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- 16E. Report of death yesterday of J. Earl Schaefer, 85, Wichita aviation pioneer and long time director of the Boeing Company. Lived at 5005 East 21st Street. Retired from active duties as vice-chairman of the Boeing Company in 1959. Born June 11, 1883 in Wichita. Attended United States Military Academy at West Point beginning in 1914. Elected aviation training as a lieutenant at Post Field, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Joined **Stearman** Aircraft March 15, 1928 as sales manager. Directed Boeing-Wichita during World War II. Relinquished his position as general manager of Boeing-Wichita division in 1957. Survived by son, Robert J., of Wichita, and daughter, Betta Bartlett, of San Diego. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Saturday, October 13, 1979

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1. Boeing Wichita company has offered to pay \$44.8 million for the 573 acre government-owned facilities that it has used for more than 30 years, the General Services Administration said yesterday. The purchase is subject to congressional approval. For many years Boeing's co-owned property amounted to 30 acres of land and facilities that once belonged to the **Stearman** Aircraft Company. **Stearman** was acquired by Boeing in 1934. In the last 18 months Boeing-Wichita bought a 250,000 square foot warehouse adjacent to its property that it had leased for years. The buy expanded co-

owned property to 43 acres. Details.