

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.

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WICHITA BEACON

Wednesday, March 15, 1939

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15. The new twin-motored Stearman X-100 bomber flew from Wichita to Wright Field at Dayton, Ohio yesterday for tests by army officials. Details. Photograph.

Sunday, March 26, 1939

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2. Photograph of the new Stearman attack bomber. Article with details.

Thursday, August 10, 1939

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1. The Stearman Aircraft Division of the Boeing Airplane Company has received an order for \$688,000 worth of primary training planes for the U.S. Army with an option for two million dollars more of these planes. With a recent Brazilian order for \$300,000 worth of training planes, this brings Stearman's total orders for the year to \$1,788,000. Details.

Wednesday, September 20, 1939

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1. Announcement today in Washington that Stearman Aircraft Division has been give a three million dollar order for "several hundred" primary trainers. This brings company's total orders to over \$5,000,000. The number of employees will be nearly doubled to more than 1100 by January 1, and the plant is to be enlarged. Details.

Monday, September 25, 1939

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1. Armagost and Son will construct a new building and several additions for the Stearman Aircraft Division of the Boeing Airplane Company at a cost of approximately \$200,000. The work is to be finished within 60 days. The main new building will be 200 by 130 feet, and the additions 40 by 48 feet and 50 by 180 feet. Overend and Boucher are architects for these and also for some work planned at the Beech plant.

Tuesday, September 26, 1939**page**

10. City commission yesterday approved purchase by the city for \$21,000 of the Stearman hangar at the municipal airport. The Stearman hangar was used when the company's factory was located north of the city. ¶ The commission also authorized the park board to construct a control tower on the administration building costing \$5000.

Sunday, November 5, 1939**page**

8. Photograph of bottom side of new Stearman attack bomber in flight.

Sunday, November 19, 1939**page**

8. Photograph of new assembly building at Stearman plant under construction. Shows framework only. To be completed by January 1.

Sunday, July 28, 1940**page**

Special Anniversary Section

20. Aerial photos of Stearman and Cessna plants showing new additions.

Saturday, August 17, 1940**page**

1. The war department today announced awarding of contracts to Stearman Aircraft Division for \$2,041,948 for 404 primary training planes and to Beech Aircraft Corporation for \$3,410,747 for 67 advanced training planes. Details.