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## **Subject(s): Swallow**

### **WICHITA BEACON**

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#### **Real Estate and Building Construction Section**

8. Article about the type of wood used in building the E. M. Laird "Laird Swallow" airplanes, with details. Says a Swallow flown by W. A. Burke powered with an OX-5 engine recently climbed to an altitude of 17,000 feet above the field here in an hour and a half after takeoff.

#### **Manufacturing and Milling Section**

6. Long article describing the Laird "Swallow" airplane, with details. ("Airplanes Are Wichita Built")

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5. Long article reports the Laird Swallow has passed government tests held in Dayton, Ohio the past four weeks. Details. ("Laird Swallow Pass U.S. Tests")

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5. Article reports contract let for new Miller Theater in the first block on North Lawrence. Details.
8. The apartment house at northwest corner of Lawrence and English is being remodeled throughout and will be opened April 1 as a popular price transient hotel, to be known as "Hotel Skaer" for J. H. and J. W. Skaer, owners of the building. Details.
- C-4. Article about E. M. Laird Airplane Company. From 25 to 50 men are employed in the company's factory at 228-234 South Wichita Street. Payroll during the past twelve months was over \$60,000. Factory contains 18,000 square feet of floor space. Two planes are turned out each week. Thirty of the Laird Swallow planes have been completed. A new seven passenger ship is now nearing completion. The company also

maintains a staff of mechanics at its 40 acre landing field. E. M. Laird and J. M. Moellindick operate the company. Photographs.

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5. The E. M. Laird airplane factory at 27th and Hillside is nearing completion and will be ready for the manufacture of Laird Swallows before the first of the year. The necessity of re-assembling the planes after they are moved to the field from the present factory at Wichita and English will be done away with.

**Monday, May 29, 1922****page**

5. Three Laird Swallow planes left Wichita last Thursday for the Durbar Aviation Meeting at Dallas, where they entered race events on Friday and won over Curtiss planes with the same power motors, covering the 30 mile courses in 16½ seconds compares to the Curtiss' 19 4/10 seconds. Those making the trip included E. M. Laird, W. H. Beach (sic) and others (named).

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3. Walter Beach (sic), Laird Airplane Company pilot, has received contract to carry mail by air for one week from St. Joseph, Missouri to Omaha, Nebraska, as part of the government's extended experiments in airplane mail service. He will make a round trip daily during the week. He will leave Monday in a Laird Swallow to start work.

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10. E. M. Laird, aeronautical engineer and manufacturer of the Laird Swallow plane, is planning to leave Wichita and return to Chicago to engage in the manufacture of airplanes for the U.S. Air Mail Service. He will leave within a few days. He disposed of his interests in the Laird Airplane Company here three weeks ago. Laird grew up in Chicago.

**Monday, November 26, 1923****page**

1. Report of first fatal airplane accident at Swallow Field yesterday afternoon killing pilot Harlem Le Baron and passenger Bert H. Davison, flying in a Longren plane owned by William H. Lassen and attributed to stunting too near the ground. Details.

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9. A new bus line between Wichita and Wellington, operating two large Reo buses, will be started the latter part of December by the Sander Motor Company, of Wellington. The bodies of the buses are being built in Wichita. Each will seat sixteen persons, with seats running crosswise. Three or four trips each way daily will be made.

The fastest airplane ever built by the Swallow Airplane Company will be given a public trial this afternoon at the Laird airplane field, J. M. Moellendick, president of the company announced. The plane, completed Friday, has a Curtiss OX5 engine and has been driven at a high speed of 115 m.p.h.

**Wednesday, March 12, 1924****page**

6. Fourteen of the New Swallow airplanes have been ordered from outside Wichita, including one for A. R. Garver, of Attica, Kansas, one of the pioneers in flying in Kansas. Details.

**Sunday, May 18, 1924****page**

6. The Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company is producing an airplane every eight days, or 45 ships a year. The Swallow company now has twelve planes under construction. The one started yesterday will be ready to fly within two months. More than 100 airplanes have been built at the Swallow plant on North Hillside, according to Walter H. Beach (sic), manager.

**Sunday, June 26, 1927****page**

5. Photograph of a plane built in a barn at 2411 East Douglas by Earl Beach (no relation to Walter Beech). Mr. Beach made a trial flight in the machine last Tuesday and reached Arkansas City in 33 minutes. He expects to start construction immediately on another plane. This plane is equipped with a Hispano-Suiza motor, and makes the fifth firm building planes in Wichita -- Travel Air, Swallow, Cessna, C. S. Laird, and Beach.

**Saturday, August 13, 1927****page**

2. Report of request of Swallow Airplane Company yesterday for appointment of a friendly receiver to permit reorganization of the company. Details.

**Wednesday, August 24, 1927****page**

1. George Bassett, receiver, announced plans to increase the capacity of the Swallow Airplane Company within the next 60 days. A new unit will be built on the factory at a cost of \$25,000, giving 4000 square feet of additional floor space, and new machinery and equipment will be added. The present one shift of workers will be increased to two. Capacity will be increased from ten planes every four weeks to 20 planes every four weeks. Details. ¶ J. H. Moellendick, president of the concern, suffered a nervous collapse last week and is in the Kansas Sanitarium; attributed to overwork.

**Saturday, October 8, 1927****page**

1. A \$150,000 moving picture theater is to be built on the south side of Douglas Avenue 50

feet east of Hillside. Details.

3. A monoplane built by T. C. Geselle, a former student of the Wichita Flying School, made its first flight yesterday afternoon. It was taken up for the first test flight by L. L. Lewis, an instructor of Geselle's at the Flying School. The plane was constructed in a temporary factory at Hydraulic and 1st Streets. It is hoped to build a new factory to produce the plane.
7. The landing field for the new Cessna-Roos plant will be where the old West Side race track was formerly. It is rapidly being leveled off and rolled. The field is bounded on the north by the river and on the south by the Missouri Pacific tracks. There are very few trees and these will be cut in a short time, thus furnishing aviators with four-way takeoff runways. Several hangers will be constructed. ¶ The Cessna plane which was to have been in the National Air Races at Spokane but which had a minor accident on its test flight, has been repaired and will fly from the Swallow Airplane Company's field, 23rd and Hillside, Sunday afternoon. It will be piloted by Francis D. Bowhan, chief test pilot.

### **Monday, October 17, 1927**

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1. Article reports that the Laird Aircraft Corporation will build the Laird Whippoorwill airplane in Wichita. Charles Laird, a brother of E. M. Laird, of Chicago, formerly of Wichita, will be associated with the company as an engineer and superintendent of production. He formerly was superintendent of the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company. The first place is expected to be ready for test flights December 1. The building of the Kansas Planing Mill Company at 417 West 1st Street has been purchased and will be used by the Laird Company as a factory. Further details.

### **Monday, November 28, 1927**

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

### **Saturday, December 3, 1927**

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7. The Swallow Airplane Company of Wichita was granted a charter today by the state charter board, with capitalization of \$250,000. It was organized to take over the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company of Wichita, which has been in receivership.

**Wednesday, December 7, 1927****page**

5. Contract has been let for a two story brick and stone parish house for Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, on Maple Street, for \$33,000. To be located just south of the church edifice on lots formerly occupied by the frame patronage building, which is being moved to a site near the Franklin School building. To be 45 by 120 feet.

Continuation of Rea Woodman's article about returning to Kansas.

6. A new store front has just been completed on the building at corner of Douglas and Emporia occupied by the National Savings and Loan Association and the National Savings Finance and Investment Company. A formal opening of the remodeled building will be held Saturday, December 17.
7. Report of arrival today of painter John Noble for a short visits in Wichita. Staying with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Noble, 1025 North Market. Details.
9. Officers of the newly organized Swallow Airplane Company were elected at meeting yesterday. J. H. Turner, of the Turner Coal Company was elected president. Other officers listed. A shipment of Rhone motors is to be sent to Wichita immediately to be used in Swallow planes.

**Sunday, December 11, 1927****page**

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

**Friday, December 16, 1927****page**

3. Reports of activities at Wichita aircraft plants. The first test flight of a Travel Air biplane powered with a Fairchild Caminez motor took place Wednesday afternoon, with Clarence Clerk, chief test pilot, and Walter Beech present, with good results. Beech explained that the government's supply of OX-5 motors is about exhausted, so there is a critical need for a less expensive motor than the Wright Whirlwind to take its place, and he thinks the Caminez will be the answer.
8. Two hundred ninety-five airplanes, almost a fifth of the total production in the U.S., were built in Wichita during the first eleven months of 1927, the total figure for the country having been 1525. ¶ Details. Travel Air production was 171 planes, and the company is

just completing a new building, which will double its capacity. Swallow's 1927 production was 117 planes. ¶ Details.

**Thursday, December 22, 1927****page**

7. Victor Roos, of Omaha, Nebraska, formerly with the Cessna Aircraft Company, is to become manager of the Swallow Airplane Company on January 1. Details.

**Friday, January 13, 1928****page**

7. The new purchasers of the Swallow Airplane Company took over the factory yesterday from the receiver, George Bassett. Three new buildings are planned on Swallow's 40 acre tract of land: a new factory unit 50 by 70 feet for constructing fuselages, a unit 40 by 50 feet for a paint shop, and an office building 28 by 64 feet. Total cost estimated at \$5500.

**Friday, January 27, 1928****page**

13. Contract let for construction of a large dam and reservoir for the Santa Fe Railway five miles northwest of Augusta. It is a half million dollar project.
15. Construction to start at once on three new units for the Swallow Airplane Company plant, to cost \$25,000 to \$30,000. Details.

**Friday, February 3, 1928****page**

6. Construction of three new factory units at the Swallow Airplane Company is well under way. They include a factory unit, a paint shop, and an office building.

**Wednesday, March 21, 1928****page**

1. The state charter board today granted a charter to the DeLuxe Airlines Corporation, with capital of \$100,000, which plans to start air passenger service between Wichita and Kansas City and between Wichita and Tulsa beginning April 10. Two round trips daily are planned on each route. Schedule given. Names of incorporators listed. The company has contracted for three four passenger Buhl planes, one four passenger Travel Air, and a small Swallow. The controlling stockholder is Bert Schmitt, an oil promoter with offices in the Union National Bank Building. Details.

**Thursday, April 5, 1928****page**

8. Long article gives history of Swallow Airplane Company and its recent reorganization and refinancing. The two new factory buildings are now completed. Details.

**Friday, April 6, 1928**

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19. Article estimates current Wichita airplane production as:

Travel Air -- fifteen per week

Swallow ---- six per week

Stearman ---- two and a half per week

Cessna ----- one and a half per week

The other three Wichita factories--Laird, Lark, and Swift -- are just now starting production, and number is less than 1 per week at these.

### **Sunday, April 8, 1928**

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2. Drawing of the enlarged Swallow Airplane Company plant. Additions cost \$35,000.

### **Monday, June 11, 1928**

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3. Photograph of Wichita's newest plane--United No. 1, formerly known as the Lark, a six place cabin biplane, which made its first flight Wednesday on the California section, flying from there to the Swallow field.

### **Friday, June 22, 1928**

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1. Report of crash of a National Air Transport airmail plane in a windstorm near Lebo, Kansas at 4:00 a.m. today, killing pilot Wayne Neville. Plane was flying from Kansas City to Wichita. Was the first fatality since this branch of the airmail was opened two years ago. The plane was a Douglas Transport powered with a 400 h.p. Liberty engine. Neville's home was in Dallas, but before going into the air mail service two years ago he was chief test pilot for Swallow Aircraft Corporation. Details.

### **Thursday, July 12, 1928**

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2. Report that Waverly Stearman, young chief of design at the Swallow Airplane Company for four years, and brother of Lloyd Stearman, has resigned his position to accept a similar position with the Butler Airplane Manufacturing Company at Kansas City. It is said that the Butler Brothers concern has contracted for the purchase of 200 Quick Rhone motors from the Quick Motor Company of Wichita. H. H. Patton, president of the Quick Air Motor Company, stated that the deal had been closed two weeks ago for 100 small type motors of 125 h.p. for \$250,000 and 100 of the larger 180 h.p. motors for \$350,000. All are to be made in the new \$20,000 factory now being built on a site near the California section.

### **Sunday, August 26, 1928**

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6. Photograph of new Science Hall under construction at Wichita University. Article with details. Foundations for the new gymnasium addition have practically been completed.

9. Production of the Supreme Propeller factory will be doubled from the present five a day to ten a day in the next few weeks after addition of new equipment. Twenty-five men are employed in the factory at present.
15. The new Sedgwick County Boys Farm on South Seneca will open September 1 and the boys will vacate their old location at 1211 South Wichita. Details.
20. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines company announces inauguration on September 10 of a scheduled airplane service between Wichita and Kansas City by the Wichita Air Service Provision Company, a subsidiary of Southern Kansas Stage Lines. Dan Sauder, president, announced that the airplane service will be maintained for at least a month on a trial basis, with regular operation of one Travel Air monoplane. The fare will be \$17.95 one way and \$30.00 round trip.
- B-13. Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad advertisement with Orient Lines logo. Photograph.
- B-14. Advertisement of Wichita Park Cemetery with aerial photograph by Edger B. Smith showing Swallow plant.

**Sunday, September 30, 1928****page**

- B-10. Swallow Airplane Company stockholders Saturday voted to increase the company's capitalization from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. The factory is to be enlarged about the first of the year. Board of directors listed. Details.

**Friday, October 5, 1928****page**

7. The Swallow Airplane Company, originally organized as a Kansas firm, today became a Delaware corporation to facilitate its re-organization. Details. Officers and directors named.

**Thursday, November 29, 1928****page**

2. Victor Roos, general manager of the Swallow Airplane Company, retired at the expiration of his year's contract with that concern Wednesday, and George Bassett, once receiver for the company, was named to take his place.

**Tuesday, January 1, 1929****page**

1. Report of development of aircraft industry in Wichita in 1928. Says 847 planes were built here--Travel Air 500, Swallow 205, Stearman 90, Swift 3, and Knoll 1 (note Cessna omitted). Details.



**Monday, January 28, 1929****page**

12. Victor Roos, former general manager of the Swallow Airplane Company, has been named president and general manager of the Lincoln Aircraft Company, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Friday, April 5, 1929****page**

30. Aerial photograph of Swallow Aircraft Company plant.

**Wednesday, May 8, 1929****page**

5. Article reports Wichita plants produced 127 planes in April; including:
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| Travel Air | 52 |
| Swallow    | 27 |
| Cessna     | 24 |
| Stearman   | 18 |

**Monday, July 1, 1929****page**

2. J. M. (Jake) Moellendick, Wichita aviation pioneer, has returned to Wichita and joined forces with the Sullivan Aircraft Company, whose new plane, designed by William P. Sullivan, should fly within the next two weeks. Mr. Moellendick had gone to St. Louis after he severed connections with the old Swallow Company.

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21. Swallow Aircraft Company today announced a new and different plane, a four place, low wing, cabin monoplane, which was test flown yesterday for the first time by L. H. Connell, Swallow's chief test pilot. Details.

**Sunday, October 20, 1929****page**

10. The new beacon light on top of the Beacon Building is to be dedicated tomorrow. Details. Photograph.
12. The addition now being built at the Horace Mann school is expected to be completed by November 1st. ¶ The new Hyde school and William Finn school are expected to be ready for use by January 15.
- B-10. Photograph of the new Swallow low wing monoplane.

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3. New officers elected today by board of directors of Swallow Aircraft. W. M. Moore reelected president. Names listed.

**Sunday, July 6, 1930****page**

6. The George H. Siedhoff Construction Company is setting a new record for rapid construction on the Allis Hotel building. Work began March 4, 1930 and the company is now engaged in pouring the cement for the sixteenth floor. Details. List of many major buildings in Wichita built by the Siedhoff Company.
- B-11. Report of change in Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux air schedules through Wichita. One flight each way has been discontinued. One continues from Wichita to Waynoka to make westward connections with the Santa Fe Railroad. A second plane arrives here at 5:11 p.m. from Columbus, Ohio and remains here overnight before returning east to St. Louis at 3:00 p.m. the next day. The through plane for Columbus to make connections with the Pennsylvania Railroad leaves Wichita at 9:35 a.m.

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25. Photograph of Allis Hotel under construction; framework up thirteen floors and brickwork about six floors.
30. Article about aviation in Wichita. Says within the past 90 days Wichita factories have turned out approximately 140 airplanes "that have been placed in surplus;" although recently aviation has been somewhat topheavy and rather "in the dodoes" as far as the manufacturing end is concerned. Wichita has ten active airplane manufacturing concerns, five of which are turning out products licensed by the government: Swallow, Stearman, Travel Air, Cessna, and Watkins. The others are Mooney, Buckley, Yellow Air Cab, Sullivan and Ace Manufacturing Companies. Three gliders are being made here -- Cessna Aircraft Company was a pioneer and reached a peak of one glider per day; the Skysport, manufactured by the Braley Glider Corporation, and Sullivan Aircraft has also turned out a glider. ¶ Output of planes in Wichita in previous years was 150 in 1926, 300 in 1927, 927 in 1928, and between 800 and 900 in 1929. ¶ Air routes through Wichita include Transcontinental Air Transport-Maddux, National Air Transport, Western Air Express, United States Airways, and Brower Air Services. About 500 passengers board and leave the airplanes here during the course of a month.

**Friday, February 27, 1931****page**

1. Report of death this morning by gunshot, apparently suicide, of prominent Wichita businessman, J. H. (Jack) Turner, in his apartment at the Hillcrest Homes. He was the head of the J. H. Turner Coal and Material Company and has been an active aviation enthusiast, with financial interests in both Travel Air and Swallow. ¶ He was born in Norwich, England March 26, 1877 and came with his family to Runnymede, in Harper

County, in 1893. He made the Cherokee strip "run" and staked a claim, but after six months there he returned to Wichita to live and start his "rags to riches" business ventures. Details. He entered the coal business in 1903. Married Bessie May Ritchie May 6, 1930. ¶ Further biography. Photograph.

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C-1. Photograph of cannon in North Riverside Park.

#### Special Section

Special articles and photographs commemorating third anniversary of present ownership of *The Beacon*.

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B-11. Article on aviation in Wichita. Says Swallow Aircraft still is manufacturing. Travel Air is open but working for the present with only a skeleton force. ¶ Three established air lines operate out of Wichita: Transcontinental and Western Air, flying tri-motored Fords coast to coast; National Air Transport flying mail from Chicago to Dallas; and Western Air Service, carrying passengers and express between Omaha and Tulsa and Oklahoma City, flying tri-motored Stinson monoplanes. ¶ A new concern in the business is Wichita Air Transport, organized by Jack Bridges and M. L. Sifers, between Wichita, Emporia, Topeka and Kansas City, leaving here at 10:00 a.m. and returning at 6:45 p.m.

### Friday, October 7, 1932

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2. Foreclosure judgement against the Swallow Airplane Company was granted yesterday by Judge Williams in district court on the basis of \$21,064 the company owes Wichita capitalist Russell Moore on promissory notes secured by mortgage.

### Friday, October 6, 1933

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7. Photograph of the Kansas Waste Paper Company building at 733 South St. Francis, also known as the Kourt Waste Paper Company, managed by N. Kourt.

18. The Swallow Airplane Company, oldest in Wichita, has been sold to E. B. Christopher, of the Christopher Airplane Service, located at the Wichita Municipal Airport. He has been an independent air operator in Wichita the past six years with large success. ¶ The Swallow plant has been operated in a small way recently. Mr. Christopher purchased the assets from the stockholders. Material for twelve ships, and five planes already constructed, are among the assets. Mr. Christopher hopes to restore the business to a normal operating business and to perfect a sales organization.

### Sunday, February 2, 1936

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- 7 Article about the new Swallow Mirdel C airplane which has been under engineering and construction at the Swallow Aircraft factory for a year and a half and which made its first test flight last week. It is powered with a 125 h.p. Menesco engine.¶ The plane was built under the direction of E. B. Christopher, who become head of the Swallow plant in 1933, purchasing it from the previous stockholders directed by George R. Bassett. In designing the ship Christopher was aided by Sam Bloomfield. Dave Brehm was the superintendent of construction.¶ Details. Photo.

### **Sunday, July 5, 1936**

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16. Photo of new Shadowland Dance Club at 2438 N. Hillside. Cost \$25,000.

#### Anniversary Edition Special Section

30. Photo of TWA DC-2 here for Kansas Diamond Jubilee-it is "City of Philadelphia."
31. Photo of Swallow Aircraft Co. plant from air. Also photos of other Wichita aircraft plants.

### **Friday, April 9, 1937**

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1. Report that well known Wichita pilot, E. B. (Swede) Christopher, president of the Swallow Aircraft Manufacturing Company, was killed today in a plane crash north of Los Angeles. Age 34. Had been resident of Wichita for eight years, being a sales representative with Travel Air before establishing the Christopher Airplane Service and then in 1933 taking control of the Swallow Company. Details. Photograph.

### **Tuesday, April 13, 1937**

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17. Announcement made today that the Swallow Airplane Company will carry on its work despite the death of E. B. Christopher. S. Bloomfield is chief engineer and general manager. O.K. Swope is chief test pilot. Homer Herington is factory superintendent.

### **Sunday, July 4, 1937**

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14. Photograph of Riverside School.
20. Aerial photograph of warehouse district.
21. Article about Wichita Transportation Corporation and A. J. Cleary says seven new 31 passenger buses have been ordered by the company for delivery in September. These are in addition to seven new buses purchased and put in service already this year, making a total of \$150,000 invested. ¶ Also a new garage is nearing completion at 10th and

Fairview, costing \$40,000.

26. Photograph of Swallow Airplane Company plant.

### **Tuesday, June 27, 1939**

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2. Article about plans for a silver air jubilee celebration in Wichita on July 11 in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Walter Beech's first flight, which took place in a made-over Curtiss Pusher plane in a meadow adjacent to Fort Snelling, south of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 11, 1914. Mr. Beech first came to Wichita in 1923 as general manager of the Swallow Airplane Company. Details.

### **Wednesday, August 2, 1939**

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5. Follow up article about the purchase yesterday of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway by John R. Cox, Chicago financier, for \$75,000 plus an agreement relative to cancellation of delinquent taxes. The sale is subject to the approval of federal court Judge Richard J. Hopkins. Mr. Cox says he plans to rehabilitate the line and is already ordering new ties and bridge timbers. He says he plans to move to Wichita. Details. Photograph of Mr. Cox.

Report that a new lightweight airplane is being designed and built by the Aviation Industries Company, 6614 East Kellogg, in the old Yellow Air Cab hangar, and should be ready for its first flight within 90 days. The company is operated by N. R. Cline and E. W. Yockey, and G. R. Morton, formerly factory superintendent at Swallow Airplane Company, is working on the plane's design. Details.

### **Sunday, March 10, 1940**

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12. Article about the Aircraft Training School now operated by the Swallow Airplane Company. Has 125-150 students. School was started by Sam Bloomfield, president of the company, soon after he acquired control of the company in 1937. Routine manufacture of air planes was discontinued and they are now made only on special order.

### **Sunday, June 9, 1940**

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9. Report of planned visit to Wichita soon of actor Sidney Toler, famous for playing part of "Charlie Chan" in the movies, and a former Wichita resident. He was the son of well known early Wichita horse breeder, Colonel H. G. Toler and Mrs. Sallie Toler. Details. Photo.
11. Workers started on a \$30,000 addition on the Cathedral High School. Excavation started Friday. Architect is Lorenz Schmidt. Addition is to be a two story stone building with 54 foot front by 94 foot depth. First floor will have wood work, sheet metal, and sewing

rooms, and second floor will have a large cafeteria, gymnasium and recreation room and a girls' locker and shower.

- B-16. Article about plans of small aircraft builders in Wichita. Aviation Industries, inc. is awaiting action on its application for an NC license for its recently completed two place monoplane with 75 horse power motor. ¶ Glenn Stearman, cousin of the founder of the Stearman Aircraft Company, is completing work on a low wing cabin monoplane which he has been designing and working on for more than three years. It should be ready for its first flight in about a week and is being constructed at Stearman's home, 6720 East Central. ¶ The Rawdon Brothers Flying Service, operated by Herb, Gene, and Dutch Rawdon, also plans to complete its first plane in the late summer. It will be a two place monoplane with a small engine. ¶ The Swallow Airplane Company recently announced plans for starting airplane production at 917 East Lincoln, but no definite date has yet been set for this.

### **Sunday, July 28, 1940**

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- B-9. Ad tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beech and the Beech Aircraft Corporation, with aerial photo of plant.
- B-15. The Sedgwick County lake project located between Goddard and Garden Plain will be named Lake Afton, it was announced unofficially Saturday. This is due to its location in Afton Township. Details.
- C-15. Report of statement by A. J. Cleary about problems Wichita Transportation Company has in running bus service smoothly and efficiently. Says the company transports on average 35,000 passengers daily and has a crew of 86 bus operators.

#### **Special Anniversary Section**

18. Aerial photo of downtown (not recent -- shows old post office building).
20. Aerial photos of Stearman and Cessna plants showing new additions.
21. Ad for training at Swallow Airplane Company, Inc., shows address at 917 East Lincoln. Has small interior photos of students.

### **Tuesday, October 1, 1940**

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1. Further details of Culver Aircraft Company's plans for moving its workers to Wichita.
19. The Swallow Airplane Company, Inc. has been approved by the federal government as an aircraft workers' school, according to Sam Bloomfield, president. Details. ¶ To be used in connection with the training is the first of the new Swallow airplanes recently completed in the company's plant at 917 East Lincoln. The company plans to put this plane in

production in the near future. It is a low wing ship designed to sell for \$1900. It has a 65 horse power motor giving a top speed of 115 miles per hour and a cruising speed of 100 miles per hour. The wing span is 27 feet. Photo.

**Sunday, November 24, 1940****page**

1. Employment in Wichita aircraft factories has reached 4700, more than three times as many as a year ago. A check yesterday showed that Beech now has 2000, Stearman 1800, and Cessna 750. The Culver Aircraft Company will have 145 employes at its Wichita factory early next week.
  
13. Photo of a horse drawn delivery truck being used for Meadow Gold Dairy deliveries in Wichita.
  
- C-4. Photo of Swallow Airplane Company's building on East Lincoln Street.

**Wednesday, April 16, 1941****page**

- 9.. M. J. Stone, head of the new Stone Propeller Company, announced today that his firm received a government contract for construction of four bladed wooded propellers and that construction is to begin in several weeks. Stone said the firm eventually will employ about 100 men. The order is the first of several he expects to receive, but he declined to reveal the number of propellers involved. ¶ The propellers will be designed for engines of up to 2500 horse power. Length of the blades will range from 9 to 14.6 feet. ¶ Stone founded and operated the old Supreme Propeller Company, which thrived during the aviation boom of the late 20s. This company used the building now occupied by the Swallow Airplane Company. ¶ The new company will be operated in the building at 701 Gilbert.

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1. Report of death this morning of George R. Bassett, 65, widely known Wichita investment man and former general manager of the old Swallow Airplane Company, of a heart attack at his home, 121 North Fountain. Born in Newton, Kansas July 23, 1876. Came to Wichita from Sterling, Kansas in 1907. Further biography. Photo. Survived by wife.