

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 EAGLE

Sunday, May 16, 1920

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- C1. Article about the E. M. Laird Airplane company here, with factory at Wichita and English and an assembling plant in the second story of the Forum annex, employing 30 men and turning out two planes per week. Plane is known as the "Laird *Swallow*." Flying is done from the 40 acre Laird field about one mile north of Fairmount college. Photographs.

Sunday, July 25, 1920

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12. Article gives detailed specifications of the Laird *Swallow* airplane.

Monday, November 19, 1923

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3. Walter Beech, manager of the *Swallow* Airplane Manufacturing company, says the company will probably move to some other city unless a good all-weather road from the end of the pavement on Hillside to the flying field is built this year.

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 photograph.

Monday, December 24, 1923

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5. New machinery being installed at plant of the *Swallow* Airplane Manufacturing company, 27th street and North Hillside, preparatory to stating production of the new model recently designed and completed at the Wichita factory.

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 Company. It is in many ways superior to the old Laird

Swallow planes.

Sunday, December 21, 1924

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7C. Advertisement for the "New *Swallow*," \$3500 Freight On Board, Wichita. Photograph.

Wednesday, February 25, 1925

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5. Article reports J. M. Moellendick has offered the city free use of the *Swallow* airplane landing field at 27th and Hillside. Details.

Wednesday, June 24, 1925

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5. Article reports Kansas City to Wichita air service will start about July 1st from *Swallow* field with fare \$30 one way or \$50 round trip.

Monday, July 20, 1925

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5. Yesterday 309 persons were taken for brief airplane rides at the Travel Air field at this week's special rate of \$1.00, and 106 were taken in *Swallow* planes at the *Swallow* field at the regular rate of \$2.50.

Monday, July 27, 1925

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5. Nine hundred sixty-one persons took advantage of the dollar airplane trips offered yesterday by the *Swallow* and Travel Air companies. Travel Air carried 525 passengers and *Swallow* 436 passengers.

Thursday, December 17, 1925

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4. The *Swallow* Airplane Manufacturing company will begin at once construction of added floor space for about \$20,000 to permit doubling of its output by late spring.

Saturday, April 3, 1926

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5. Contract signed yesterday for delivery of 27 airplanes by *Swallow* Airplane company this year to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania buyers.

Wednesday, October 6, 1926

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5. The *Swallow* Airplane Manufacturing Company has been reorganized and in about a month will have practically a tripled capacity. The factory manager will be Kirk Kirkpatrick, who succeeds C. L. Laird.

Tuesday, November 9, 1926**page**

5. Article describes a plan for expansion of the *Swallow* Airplane Manufacturing Company. Details.

Sunday, November 28, 1926**page**

Magazine

2. Article by Victor Murdock about early day sights in Wichita which have disappeared. Photograph of Lawrence and Douglas in 1877 with windmill and of shortcut paths through early Wichita.

Rotogravure:

Photograph of 1927 model *Swallow* plane.

Friday, December 31, 1926**page**

8. Advertisement with photograph of Dunn Mercantile Company's new store No. 21 at 13th and Hillside.
14. *Swallow* Airplane company has advance orders for 60 planes to be built in 1927.

Thursday, June 23, 1927**page**

3. The *Swallow* Airplane company is preparing to build its first monoplane. Details.

Saturday, August 13, 1927**page**

5. Article says city commission Monday ordered the city attorney to attempt to force the street car company to extend its line on South Emporia half a mile to accommodate residents in the district. Details.
10. Advertisement with photograph of new home of The Wichita Dairy, W. F. Suhm, proprietor, at 1641 East 1st (at Pennsylvania).
11. Article reports the *Swallow* Airplane Company yesterday filed petition for district court to appoint a "friendly receiver," to allow unfreezing of the company's assets and continued production of the company's large number of planes to order. Details.

Sunday, September 4, 1927**page**

5. Article says *Swallow* Airplane company has five month backlog of orders. Details.

Sunday, September 18, 1927

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2. Article about progress on Innes building. Says a water tank holding 50,000 gallons is already in place on the top story.
3. The Hertz Driv-Ur-Self station will open in Wichita today at 221 South Lawrence. Details.
6. Contract for the new Catholic church and school on Douglas between Quentin and Bluff is expected to be let within two or three weeks. Details.
17. Photograph of new Cessna monoplane which made its first flight yesterday from *Swallow* air field and made forced landing due to dirt in gas tank.

Sunday, November 6, 1927**page**

13. Advertisement with photograph of the newly opened Bazaar store in building at 520 East Douglas.
32. Advertisements with photographs of Wichita planes, including *Swallow*, Travel Air, Stearman, and Cessna.

Tuesday, November 29, 1927**page**

2. The *Swallow* airplane company was sold yesterday to a group of Wichita business men (named) for over \$110,000 by the "friendly receiver," George R. Bassett, who has been in charge of the company since August 12 this year. ¶ It is planned to build two new factory units and increase the capacity to one plane a day. Fifty-three men are employed at present. Details.

Sunday, December 4, 1927**page**

2. The newly reorganized *Swallow* Airplane company of Wichita was given its charter in Topeka yesterday. Details.

Wednesday, December 7, 1927**page**

2. Photograph of Dr. Fabrique with new radio donated by friends.
4. Article describes Missouri Pacific's plans for four new team tracks between 1st and 2nd street west of Wichita street, with loading dock approximately 300 feet long. Details.
5. Article reports stained glass windows valued at \$10,000, the work of artists in Munich, Bavaria, have arrived in Wichita for installation in St. Mary's cathedral. The windows are the gift of parishioners and will replace frosted glass windows used since the cathedral was

constructed. There are ten large windows, eight slightly smaller ones, and three rose windows, making 21 all.

10. Article about reorganization of officers of *Swallow* Airplane Company yesterday. Details. J. H. Turner, of the Turner Coal Company, is president.

Friday, December 30, 1927

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5. Article reports Wichita airplane companies have turned out a total of 974 planes since *Swallow* marketed its first ship nearly eight years ago. *Swallow* has built about 700 and Travel Air 266, including 66 prior to this year and an even 200 planes this year. Details.
8. Victor Roos, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Cessna Aircraft Company, this week took up his duties as general manager of the *Swallow* Airplane Company. The company hopes to increase its production next year from three planes weekly to one daily.

Friday, January 27, 1928; Saturday, January 28, 1928

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5. *Swallow* Airplane Company directors yesterday authorized two new factory buildings at cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000. One will be 50 by 150 feet and the other 30 by 60 feet. Details.

Wednesday, February 1, 1928

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3. Article reports the first night air mail flights will come through Wichita tonight. Details.
5. Work is under way on the two new units of *Swallow* Airplane Company.

Thursday, March 22, 1928

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2. Preliminary plans by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects for new science building at University of Wichita, to cost \$150,000, were approved yesterday by Board of Regents. To be three story building in colonial style. ¶ Landscape plans for the campus were also presented. Details.
5. Article reports death yesterday of E. Tom Blodgett, former Wichita merchant and anti-saloon campaigner (in 1907), at Twin Falls, Montana. Obituary.
13. *Swallow* Airplane company will move into its new administration building, 66 by 33 feet, late this week.

Sunday, April 1, 1928

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1. Article reports opening of SangerBrothers department store tomorrow in former Innes

store building at Lawrence and Douglas. Details.

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).
11. Management of radio station KFH changes today from the J. O. Adams Music Company to the Hotel Lassen.
- 1-A. Photograph of Motor Equipment Company's new home at 214-218 West Douglas (five story building). Previous location at 212 West Douglas was recently destroyed by fire.

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.

Magazine

1. Aerial photograph of downtown Wichita from west to east.
6. Article about Wichita's airport.
7. Photograph of *Swallow* air field.

Friday, May 18, 1928

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3. Article reports W. M. Moore named new president of *Swallow* Airplane Company after his purchase of the interest of J. H. Turner, president since last December. Details.

Friday, June 8, 1928

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1. Article reports announcement yesterday that Southwestern Bell Telephone company will build a new building at 2nd and Topeka and spend \$2,500,000 installing a new dial phone system in Wichita. Details. The northwest corner of 2nd and Topeka is the site of the original homestead of the late Hiram W. Lewis. The 100 foot frontage on Topeka was purchased by Southwestern Bell for about \$50,000.
2. Article says National Air Transport plans to start passenger service between Chicago and New York within six or eight months and is increasing its capitalization by \$1,000,000, with \$500,00 of this used to buy a fleet of seven twelve to fourteen passenger multimotored planes, and \$500,000 to be used to buy 50,000 shares of Transcontinental Air Transport.
4. Photograph of slide at municipal beach pool.

5. Charter granted yesterday in Topeka to the new Fred Dold and Sons Packing Company, with capitalization of \$250,000.
10. Photograph of a new Wichita built biplane, the United (*Swallow?*).

Sunday, August 19, 1928**page**

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12. Advertisement with aerial photograph of Wichita Park Cemetery, including *Swallow* plant across Hillside.

Friday, October 5, 1928**page**

5. Article reports Transcontinental Air Transport officials will visit in Wichita in a few days to arrange for that company's use of the airport here. Details.
7. Article reports the *Swallow* Airplane company has been re-chartered in Delaware. Details.

Thursday, November 8, 1928**page**

10. Photograph of new *Swallow* training plane, to be sold for \$1795 less motor (X-6174).

Thursday, November 29, 1928**page**

5. Victor Roos retired yesterday as general manager of the *Swallow* Airplane Company. Succeeded by George Bassett.

Tuesday, April 9, 1929**page**

2. City commission yesterday changed Riverside street names: Parker and Stanley avenues to 13th street, Woodman avenue to 12th street, Beal avenue to 11th street, Briggs avenue to 10th street, Harrison and Riverside avenues to 9th street, Franklin avenue to 8th street.
5. Article gives details on construction progress in expansion of Wichita aircraft plants. Work started April 5 on first of three new units at the *Swallow* factory. An addition is being made to the Swift plant. Work was started last week on the new Knoll factory. Details.

Thursday, April 25, 1929**page**

3. The first of the new units at the *Swallow* aircraft plant is ready for the roof and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Tuesday, June 4, 1929**page**

8. Air photographs of storm damage Sunday at *Swallow* plant, East Central airport, and incomplete Knoll aircraft factory.

Sunday, August 25, 1929**page**

1. Drawing of proposed new hotel at southeast corner of William and Lawrence. Article with details--to be built by the Progressive Building Company, Walter P. Innes, president, and leased to the Allis Hotel Company of Kansas City, Barney L. Allis, president. To have 350 rooms and cost \$1,000,000. The building company has 99 year lease on the site. Building will be rented unfurnished to the Allis Hotel Company for 30 years for \$90,300 per year. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. ¶ The building site is occupied by the Minnich building, formerly occupied for some years by the E. J. Rodda Motor company.

Drawing of the new Kress building, under construction at Lawrence and Douglas. Article with details on page 5.

2. The new flood lights at the municipal airport were used in regular service for the first time last night to light the Western Air Express passenger plane in at 8:30 p.m.
8. Photograph of the Brokers Office and Warehouse Company building at 139-151 North Rock Island including recent addition.
- 5-A. Photograph of new J. S. Brown Ford service building, to be opened in the next week at 116-128 Indiana. Article with details.
- 6-A. The Ritz Garage will open for business Sunday, September 1 in the big new ramp garage being completed just behind the new Ellis and Singleton building. Article with details.
- 2-B. Aerial photographs of *Swallow*, Cessna, and Travel Air plants. Article with details about Wichita's aircraft industry firms.

Saturday, October 19, 1929**page**

2. Photograph of new *Swallow* low wing monoplane in flight.

