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## **Subject(s): YMCA**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Tuesday, November 10, 1885**

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1. The YMCA was organized in Wichita last Friday night in the vestry room of the Presbyterian church. Details.

**Thursday, November 19, 1885**

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4. The YMCA have rented rooms over the Bank of Wichita.

**Monday, June 7, 1886**

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4. Finlay Ross sold his residence, corner of 1st and Topeka, to Rev. J. D. Hewitt for \$9000. We understand this ground is bought for the YMCA.

**Saturday, September 25, 1886**

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4. Messrs. Proudfoot and Bird were busy today completing the plans and specifications for the new YMCA building.

**Friday, December 3, 1886**

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4. The former City library is being transferred, in trust, to the YMCA rooms.

**Friday, January 28, 1887**

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1. The YMCA are now having the excavating done on the site of their future building.

**Tuesday, April 5, 1887**

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1. The YMCA are driving piles for the foundation of their new building at 1st and Topeka.

**Monday, May 28, 1888****page**

4. The YMCA building is completed to the third story.

**Thursday, September 20, 1888****page**

4. The roof is being placed on the YMCA building.

**Thursday, July 18, 1889****page**

3. Drawing of YMCA building (I believe the first illustration to appear in the *News-Beacon*).

**Thursday, August 1, 1889****page**

1. Report of test of fire department's response and water pressure at YMCA building yesterday. Details.

**Friday, September 20, 1889****page**

1. Report of annual meeting of the YMCA in the new building Tuesday night. Details.

**Monday, October 28, 1889****page**

1. Report of fourth anniversary meeting yesterday of the YMCA in Wichita. Details.

**Thursday, August 28, 1890****page**

1. The plumbing, gas, and steam fitting contract for the YMCA building was awarded to the Bennett Brothers at \$3235.

**Tuesday, December 30, 1890****page**

4. The YMCA of this city held their first meeting in the new building on corner of 1st and Topeka last night.

**Monday, April 20, 1891****page**

4. The gymnasium of the YMCA is nearly completed, the floor being two-thirds finished.

**Tuesday, February 9, 1892****page**

4. M. W. Levy will preside at a discussion of Modern Methods of Education at the

YMCA tonight.

**Wednesday, February 24, 1892**

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4. Report of discussion by M. W. Levy at YMCA last night.

**Tuesday, April 26, 1892**

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4. City council yesterday gave several of the city's old desks to the YMCA.

**Saturday, June 2, 1894**

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4. The fourth annual commencement of the city Normal school took place last evening at the YMCA auditorium. Details.

**Monday, July 16, 1894**

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4. A canvass for subscriptions will be made this week in an effort to put the finances of the YMCA in proper condition.

**Friday, August 31, 1894**

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4. The third floor of the YMCA is being fitted up for the use of the Commercial College.

**Tuesday, October 2, 1894**

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4. The rooms in the YMCA building occupied by the Western School of Elocution and Oratory have been remodeled.

**Thursday, September 5, 1895**

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5. J. D. Houston this morning filed a petition in chancery asking for the foreclosure of the mortgage on the YMCA building, on which \$20,000 was loaned by the Presbyterian board of relief for disabled ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. ¶ The petition set forth that the interest has been defaulted in payment since May 20, 1894, and that the association receives rentals from the building in addition to having use of the same, and that an accounting should be had. Interest was paid on the \$20,000 up to November 20, 1893. ¶ W. J. Corner, W. A. Crusenberry, M. E. Crowell, H. Imboden, F. W. Whitlock, C. L. Davidson, J. R. Snively, and J. C. Rutan are made parties to the suit.

**Wednesday, September 18, 1895**

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5. Board of directors of YMCA met Monday night and new directors were elected. Names given.

**Friday, December 10, 1897****page**

5. The Scottish Rite Consistory today received a telegram from the owners at Philadelphia accepting the Consistory's offer to purchase the Wichita YMCA building for \$20,000. The building will be remodeled for use as the Scottish Rite Temple. Details.

**Friday, February 4, 1898****page**

5. Contracts for remodeling the YMCA building for the new Masonic Temple were let yesterday and work is to be completed by April 15. W. H. Sternberg has the carpenter and plaster contract for \$5,000. Details.

**Wednesday, May 4, 1898****page**

5. Article describes in detail the new Scottish Rite Temple (in old YMCA building).

**Tuesday, May 10, 1898****page**

8. The YMCA will soon occupy rooms in the building at 213 North Main. In the meantime their goods and property are stored in the old wholesale grocery building on South Market.

**Tuesday, June 7, 1898****page**

5. Since the YMCA building passed into the hands of the Masons, that society has had no home, although its property has been stored in the old wholesale grocery building on South Market. Today the YMCA commenced moving their property into the Valley Block, 213-215 North Main, the second floor of which is to be their new home. Details.

**Saturday, January 17, 1903****page**

4. Article with early history of the YMCA in Wichita. Details.

**Monday, March 26, 1906****page**

5. Article reports the YMCA has offered \$40,000 to buy the Scottish Rite Temple building at 1st and Topeka, which was bought by the Scottish Rite Consistory from the YMCA nine years ago when the YMCA was not in a financial position to utilize the

building. If sold, the Scottish Rite group would build a new temple. Details.

**Saturday, June 9, 1906****page**

13. Twenty thousand dollars has been subscribed toward erection of a new \$75,000 YMCA building. A. A. Hyde, president of the association, contributed \$5000. Details.

**Saturday, June 16, 1906****page**

5. Report of YMCA fund raising campaign. Details.

**Tuesday, June 19, 1906****page**

10. YMCA fund drive nears \$28,000. Details.

**Thursday, June 21, 1906****page**

5. YMCA fund drive has reached \$32,900.

**Saturday, June 23, 1906****page**

8. YMCA fund nearly \$40,000. Details.

**Thursday, June 28, 1906****page**

6. YMCA fund has reached \$55,000.

**Friday, June 29, 1906****page**

10. YMCA building fund has reached \$58,000.

**Tuesday, July 3, 1906****page**

6. YMCA building fund has reached \$76,000.

**Friday, August 24, 1906****page**

6. The building occupied by the YMCA at 1st and Emporia is to be sold.

**Thursday, May 16, 1907****page**

3. Report on construction progress on major buildings in Wichita. Excavation nearly completed for YMCA building at 1st and Emporia. Working on first story of new Eagle building. Building at Lawrence and William to be occupied by Domestic Steam

Laundry is nearing completion. L. Hays building on West William street is finished on exterior.

**Wednesday, July 3, 1907****page**

5. The foundation of the new YMCA building is being laid. Article gives detailed description of building.

**Saturday, September 14, 1907****page**

11. Full page about buildings under construction in Wichita with list, and photographs of new Innes store, addition to Consistory, Caldwell-Murdock building, new YMCA building, and Central fire station. Details.

**Tuesday, September 17, 1907****page**

5. Corner stone of new YMCA building is to be laid tomorrow evening. Details.

**Thursday, September 19, 1907****page**

5. Report of laying of the corner stone of the new YMCA building last evening. Details.

**Saturday, October 5, 1907****page**

3. Article of progress of the YMCA in Wichita. Details.

**Monday, December 9, 1907****page**

3. The walls of the new YMCA building at 1st and Emporia are completed and the roof is nearly on. Details.

**Monday, December 23, 1907****page**

7. Report of an address yesterday by William Jennings Bryan to the YMCA at the Auditorium on "The Prince of Peace." Large crowd. Details.

**Tuesday, January 14, 1908****page**

3. Report of annual meeting of YMCA yesterday. Details.

**Wednesday, July 1, 1908****page**

2. Article about new YMCA building with drawing and details.

**Friday, July 3, 1908****page**

6. The new YMCA building will open its doors to the public next Monday and Tuesday.

**Monday, August 10, 1908****page**

9. The new YMCA building was opened to the public this morning.

**Friday, January 8, 1909****page**

6. A colored YMCA was organized yesterday in a meeting at the African Methodist Episcopal church on North Water street. Details.

**Monday, May 24, 1909****page**

10. Manager Nuttle of Wonderland park has given the YMCA the use of the south end of the island for a baseball diamond. Grading has begun and seats will be erected.

**Friday, June 18, 1920****page**

2. The manual training building at 2141 North Topeka, purchased recently by the Wichita League for Social Work, will be given over to a number of organizations which will equip and use it as a center for community work. The YMCA, YWCA, and Public Health Nurses' Association are represented. The baby clinic was started by the nurses there Tuesday and a day nursery is to be started. A swimming pool has also been opened.

**Sunday, April 2, 1922****page**

5. The North End Branch of the YMCA was organized Friday at a meeting at the North End Community House, 2146 North Topeka. The equipment was purchased two years ago by the League for Social Work to prevent it being turned into a hay barn. This group conducted a limited program with its limited financial resources, until February 1 this year when the YMCA took charge of the program for young men and boys and hired E. E. Altick as executive secretary. Details.

**Thursday, March 22, 1923****page**

3. R. T. Ingels plans to build a three story apartment building at 211-217 North Emporia, adjoining the YMCA building on the north, to cost \$80,000.

**Thursday, December 10, 1925****page**

15. The new Water Street Branch of the YMCA for colored, at 502-506 North Water, will be opened next week.

**Wednesday, November 23, 1927**

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14. Article about plans for improvement by the YMCA of the North End Community House. Details.

**Saturday, June 8, 1929**

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2. Ernest E. Altick has resigned after eight years as boys' secretary at YMCA to organize a country day school to be located on the George Hyde farm on the Little Arkansas north of the city. Details.



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## **Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, November 12, 1885**

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4. Rev. Mr. Hewitt informed us yesterday that the backroom in the Masonic building has been rented by the YMCA, which will hold its meetings and activities there.

**Thursday, November 19, 1885**

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4. The YMCA has rented rooms over the Bank of Wichita, in Roys' building, corner of Lawrence and Douglas avenues.

**Saturday, November 28, 1885**

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4. The first meeting of the YMCA in their new rooms was held last evening. Details.

**Friday, January 29, 1886**

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4. The charter of the YMCA will be filed with the secretary of state tomorrow.

**Tuesday, June 8, 1886**

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4. The board of the YMCA has purchased from Mr. Finley Ross 75 x 100 ft. of ground fronting on 1st st. and Topeka ave., immediately opposite and west of the Levy residence, as a location for a permanent building.

**Wednesday, December 8, 1886**

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4. Proudfoot and Bird have completed plans for the YMCA building to be located on northwest corner of 1st and Topeka. To front 75 ft. on Topeka and 90 ft. on 1st st.

and be three stories high with tower near 80 ft. high on the southeast corner over a circular bay. Details of interior given.

**Friday, January 28, 1887****page**

4. The street force commenced to clean off the grounds for the YMCA building on northwest corner of 1st st. and Topeka ave. yesterday. ¶Excavating will be commenced today.

**Saturday, February 12, 1887****page**

4. Article describes a meeting last evening at which \$15,000 or \$20,000 was pledged for the new YMCA building in less than half an hour. Details.

**Friday, April 15, 1887****page**

4. The YMCA yesterday moved their reading rooms and library from their old quarters in the Roys block to the cottage owned by them on the same lots on which they are erecting their building.

**Sunday, April 17, 1887****page**

4. Pile driving for the foundation of the YMCA building is progressing rapidly.

**Friday, July 1, 1887****page**

4. Work on the foundation of the YMCA building is progressing.

**Friday, September 2, 1887****page**

4. Contract for YMCA building awarded yesterday to Mr. O'Neil of Leavenworth. He is to do all stone work and woodwork, and finishing for \$36,000. It was first intended that the building should be of brick with heavy stone trimmings, but it has been decided to use no brick, and make it a solid stone building. The contract calls for completion of the basement, first and second stories, and is thought to be completed by the first of January next.

**Saturday, September 3, 1887****page**

4. The stone for the YMCA building will be finished by McLean, Martinson, and Company, and comes from Towanda. It is said to be very superior building stone.

**Thursday, September 29, 1887****page**

4. The contract for erecting the YMCA building was signed yesterday by contractor Thomas O'Neil of Leavenworth. The stone work has been sub-let to Mr. Gus Johnson.

**Tuesday, October 11, 1887****page**

8. Report of second anniversary exercises of the YMCA yesterday. Details.

**Sunday, November 20, 1887****page**

1. Drawing of the YMCA building.

Article gives history of the YMCA building. Many details. The YMCA building was organized here in November 1885 and site for building purchased in June 1886.

**Sunday, March 18, 1888****page**

1. Long article gives text of addresses on occasion of opening of the new board of trade rooms last Tuesday in Sedgwick block.
5. Article reports on building activity in Wichita. The basement of the Col. B. H. Campbell home of Riverside is already going in, of massive stone. Work has been resumed on Fairmount college and the YMCA building. The Wichita university is nearing completion.

**Thursday, June 7, 1888****page**

5. It is several months since it was announced that the firm of Hyde and Humble had brought an artist from New York for purpose of getting up a "letter" or "pocket" album of Wichita. The sketches were duly made. The work which has been six months in hand, was done in Germany. The album has been received. It contains 16 exquisitely drawn pictures of Wichita, as fine and accurate as a photograph in detail. The first is a comprehensive bird's eye view of the city of Wichita. There are five street scenes, the YMCA building, Crawford opera house, Lewis academy, Garfield university, the first Methodist Episcopal church, and several residences. This little souvenir booklet sells for 25 cents.

**Thursday, June 21, 1888****page**

5. The stone work of the magnificent YMCA building now reaches the 5th story. The trusses for the roof were partially placed in position yesterday.

**Saturday, September 15, 1888****page**

5. The YMCA building is being roofed.

**Wednesday, September 11, 1889****page**

5. The 4th annual meeting of the YMCA is to be held next Tuesday evening in the new building at Topeka and 1st st. This will be the first public meeting held in the building.

**Wednesday, September 18, 1889****page**

6. Article reports 4th annual meeting of the YMCA yesterday evening in the unfinished and chilly new building. Total of \$44,000 from building fund spent thus far including \$9,125 for the lot and \$14,383 for the stone superstructure. \$7,000 was borrowed at 7% interest to complete the exterior and enclose the building, a total of \$37,564 having actually been paid so far on the subscription, leaving a balance of over \$14,000 to be collected. Details.

**Wednesday, January 8, 1890****page**

5. Letter to Eagle by McLean and Martinson, owners of the Towanda Quarries, asking why Augusta stone was selected for city building when Towanda stone was cheaper. Says the Whittaker packing house used Towanda stone exclusively, the Dold packing house used several hundred car loads of the Towanda stone, the YMCA building is all Towanda stone and the watch factory the same. A large quantity of the same stone has been used in Hutchinson, Newton, Conway Springs, and other places.

**Sunday, May 11, 1890****page**

1. Drawing of YMCA building.

**Thursday, June 12, 1890****page**

5. Arrangements were completed yesterday for a \$20,000 loan on the YMCA building, allowing payment of the slight indebtedness on the building and proceeding with work toward completion of the building. Work will be commenced in a few days. The money from the loan and donations should permit completion of the basement, first and second floors. Details.

**Wednesday, August 6, 1890****page**

5. A large force are at work on the interior of the YMCA building. The plastering seems well along and the wood work is being fitted.

**Saturday, September 13, 1890****page**

- Gas connections were being made yesterday with the YMCA building.

**Tuesday, September 16, 1890****page**

5. Article reports 5th annual meeting of the YMCA last night in the assembly room of the new building. Details of building fund, etc. Total spent to date \$55,592 including stone work for \$14,383.

**Saturday, December 6, 1890****page**

5. The YMCA has fitted up some comfortable rooms at 213 N. Market.

**Wednesday, December 24, 1890****page**

5. The steam heat plumbing for the YMCA building was completed yesterday.

**Wednesday, February 25, 1891****page**

5. Eagle editorial urging donations to pay off the last indebtedness of the YMCA building so it can be opened for the use it was built for. Details.

**Tuesday, April 7, 1891****page**

5. On Friday night the furniture in the old YMCA quarters was removed to the new building, and on Saturday morning the doors of the latter were thrown open to the young men of the city. About \$250 is still needed to put a floor in the gymnasium and open this and the baths, and the board of directors still have to provide for the \$1,000 still due on contracts.

**Sunday, April 19, 1891****page**

5. The floor in the gymnasium of the YMCA building is being put in.

**Saturday, May 2, 1891****page**

5. The gymnasium and bath rooms of the YMCA were thrown open to the members yesterday.

**Tuesday, September 22, 1891****page**

5. Article reports 6th annual meeting of YMCA yesterday. The building has been finished including the gymnasium, with about \$400 yet to be paid for and about \$1,200 needed for unfinished contracts or additional work. It was opened on May 1, 1891. The \$600 semi-annual payment on the building loan has been paid. Details.

**Tuesday, August 30, 1892**

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5. A new game called basket ball has been introduced at the YMCA gymnasium and bids fair to become quite popular.

**Saturday, October 1, 1892****page**

8. Last year the aggregate attendance at the various departments for the YMCA was 43,000.

**Wednesday, March 8, 1893****page**

5. Note refers to a game of basket ball at the YMCA gymnasium last night, won by the Lewis academy by a score of nine to one.

**Sunday, October 8, 1893****page**

5. Mr. Andrew Baird, general secretary of the YMCA in Wichita for the past seven and one-half years, resigned October 1st and will become general secretary of the YMCA in Minneapolis.

**Sunday, September 2, 1894****page**

6. The third floor of the YMCA building is rapidly nearing completion and will be occupied by the Commercial College as soon as completed.

**Tuesday, September 18, 1894****page**

5. Report of annual meeting yesterday of the YMCA in the auditorium of the YMCA building. Details.

**Wednesday, September 19, 1894****page**

5. Further note about the financial status of the YMCA. Total of \$889.11 in unpaid indebtedness at present.

**Sunday, September 30, 1894****page**

6. The new rooms of the Wichita Commercial College (in the YMCA building) are finished and will be occupied Monday, October 1.

**Thursday, April 11, 1895****page**

5. Article reports meeting last night at YMCA building asking women to organize and raise at least \$2,500 to apply on the mortgage now held against the YMCA building

and thereby secure an extension of time of payment and a reduction in the rate of interest so that the building might be saved for the YMCA.

**Tuesday, February 11, 1896****page**

3. Note says satisfactory arrangements in regard to the mortgage on the YMCA building have not been accomplished so far, and the result is still uncertain.

**Wednesday, December 11, 1896****page**

3. The boiler is being repaired at the YMCA.

**Friday, November 19, 1897****page**

5. Article reports the Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Wichita are working on arrangements to purchase the YMCA building at 1st street and Topeka. The owner of the building has asked for \$32,000. Details.

**Saturday, November 20, 1897****page**

5. Article reports it is now practically settled that the YMCA building will be purchased by the Scottish Rite Masons. Details.

**Saturday, December 11, 1897****page**

5. The Scottish Rite Masons yesterday closed the deal for the purchase of the YMCA building at 1st and Market for a price of \$20,330. The owners of the building were the Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief of Philadelphia. From five dollars to \$10,000 will be spent on remodeling the building. Details.

**Thursday, February 10, 1898****page**

5. Men are now at work on the interior of the YMCA building completely remodeling it for use as the new Scottish Rite Masonic temple. Details. ¶ The Commercial college, which now occupies the east side of the building, will move into their new quarters in the Sheetz building next Saturday.

**Sunday, April 17, 1898****page**

5. The old Scottish Rite cathedral at 1st and Market was sold yesterday to the Baptist church for \$4,000. ¶ It was the former home of the Baptist church but was mortgaged to secure some other property and when the mortgage was foreclosed during the collapse after the boom, it was purchased five or six years ago by the Masons, who used it for their lodge meetings. They have now secured the YMCA building as a

larger permanent home and no longer need the old church building.

**Sunday, May 15, 1898****page**

11. Long article about the new Scottish Rite temple, now receiving the finishing touches. To the original expenditure of \$75,000 by the YMCA in erecting this building in 1887-90, the Scottish Rite bodies have added about \$12,000 for interior re-arrangement and furnishings since they acquired the property last January 1. Details.

**Sunday, July 17, 1898****page**

6. The YMCA will have an opening reception Friday, July 22, at their new rooms, 213-215 North Main street.

**Saturday, November 5, 1898****page**

5. The YMCA will occupy their new quarters for the first time next Sunday. They have rented the entire second floor of the Morris building, 213 North Main, and will open a new gymnasium and reading room.

**Friday, January 9, 1903****page**

8. Article gives annual report of the YMCA for 1902.

**Saturday, July 23, 1904****page**

5. YMCA yesterday bought from the Masons the old Eldridge property at northwest corner of Emporia and 1st street for \$5,000. It extends 100 feet on Emporia and 140 feet on 1st street and is occupied by two one and one-half story frame dwellings. The YMCA intends to erect a new \$30-35,000 building to cover the entire piece of ground.

**Saturday, June 9, 1906****page**

5. Article reports plan of YMCA to raise total of \$75,000 to build a new building.

**Friday, June 29, 1906****page**

6. Drawings of the present YMCA building and the proposed new one for which fund campaign is under way.

**Wednesday, July 4, 1906****page**

6. The YMCA building campaign closed last night with a total of \$82,578 pledged. One hundred thousand dollars is needed for new building.



**Saturday, December 1, 1906****page**

6. Contract awarded yesterday for designing of the new YMCA building to J. C. Holland, of the firm of J. C. Holland and Squires, of Topeka. Estimated cost \$80,000.

**Sunday, December 23, 1906****page**

4. Plans for new YMCA building were adopted yesterday by building committee. Architect is J. C. Holland of Topeka.

**Wednesday, March 6, 1907****page**

5. Plans accepted for new four story YMCA building with frontage of 140 feet on 1st street and 100 feet on Emporia. Bids to be called for.

**Thursday, April 18, 1907****page**

6. Excavating for new YMCA building now nearly completed. Work will start next week on the foundation. Building to be completed by January 1, 1908.

**Thursday, June 27, 1907****page**

5. Work on the YMCA building at 1st and Emporia is being delayed by late arrival of necessary steel.

**Wednesday, September 18, 1907****page**

5. Corner stone of the new YMCA building at 1st and Topeka will be laid today. The walls of the building are now up to the first floor.

**Thursday, September 19, 1907****page**

5. Article reports on laying of corner stone for the new YMCA building yesterday. Details.

**Saturday, May 2, 1908****page**

6. Construction work on the new YMCA building is nearly completed, and it will probably be ready for use on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sunday, May 24, 1908****page**

- ?. Long description of new YMCA building at 1st and Emporia, which is nearly completed. (Editor's note: Upon reviewing the microfilm, the article can be located on

page 15. The page containing the article and the page directly prior to that are unnumbered, but page 13 is numbered.)

**Thursday, July 2, 1908****page**

7. The new YMCA building is to be formally opened next Monday and Tuesday.

**Tuesday, July 14, 1908****page**

5. Campaign being launched to raise the \$30,000 deficit covering furnishing and equipment for the new YMCA building.

**Wednesday, July 22, 1908****page**

8. Photo of new YMCA building -- cost \$100,000.

**Sunday, August 9, 1908****page**

20. New YMCA building opens Monday morning.

**Saturday, June 21, 1913****page**

5. Photograph of Shrine parade on 1st street between Emporia and Topeka. Shows YMCA building and Consistory with peaked roof on corner.

**Wednesday, February 14, 1917****page**

5. A gymnasium is to be erected in the fifth block on North Water by the YMCA for negro boys in Wichita. Ground for the building will be donated by A. A. Hyde.

**Wednesday, March 13, 1918****page**

5. Article about school board's search for an athletic ground for the high school. Football games are at present held in Mathewson's pasture and basketball games in the YMCA building, which is too small to accommodate the crowds wanting to attend.

**Wednesday, May 15, 1918****page**

5. A. A. Hyde has retired as president of the YMCA board after eighteen years in that position.

**Sunday, June 22, 1924****page**

5. Article says A. A. Hyde will assist financing a new building for the Water street branch

(colored) of the YMCA. Details.

**Saturday, July 18, 1931**

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5. Walter L. Hutcherson, 36, secretary of the Water street branch of the YMCA for a number of years, died yesterday in a Tulsa hospital following an intestinal operation a few days ago. He came to Wichita in 1921 from Buxton, Iowa and had moved to Tulsa last fall to become secretary of the Greenwood branch of the YMCA.

**Sunday, November 16, 1947**

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7. Drawing of proposed new YMCA building for Wichita for which a fund campaign for \$1,000,000 will be conducted beginning January 19 (never built to this design).  
Details.

**Saturday, January 3, 1948**

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2. Photo of group of YMCA boys in front of chartered Wichita Transportation Company bus. Number not visible.

**Monday, January 19, 1948**

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5. Fund campaign for new \$1,000,000 YMCA to be opened today. Details.

**Saturday, January 13, 1951**

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5. Construction will start next week on a new Hutchinson branch YMCA building at 1221 Cleveland. To be 72 by 111 feet.

**Thursday, September 10, 1953**

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- 6A. Building permit obtained yesterday for razing of three houses and three storage garage structures at 404-412 North Market, site of the proposed new YMCA building.

**Sunday, February 17, 1957**

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- 1E. The site for a new eight-story (sic) YMCA Center is being cleared at 420 North Market. An apartment building at the address is being razed to make way for construction of the new center this spring. The site on the northeast corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Market is 250 by 140 feet.

**Saturday, October 12, 1957**

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- 5A. Bids opened yesterday on general contracts for Wichita's new YMCA building. They

were divided into two sections — the basement and first two floors, with low bid of \$844,135, and the top eight floors which would be a dormitory section, at \$532,779, making a total low bid of \$1,376,914. Bids will be evaluated during the next week. Drawing of the proposed ten story building. Total cost of building would be about two million dollars.

**Sunday, November 24, 1957****page**

- 4A. Contracts were signed recently for construction of the first three floors of the new YMCA building. Later when funds become available, seven more stories will be added for use as rooms for young men living in Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, December 8, 1957****page**

- 8A. Report of ground breaking ceremony yesterday for new YMCA building at 3rd and Market. Details.

**Wednesday, December 11, 1957****page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for new \$845,000 YMCA building at 210 East 3rd. Contractor is Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company, 1206 East Lincoln.

**Sunday, February 23, 1958****page**

- 3B. Dedication of the new West Wichita branch of the YMCA at University and Meridian is to be held this afternoon. Photo. Another article with photo on page 8B.

**Monday, February 24, 1958****page**

- 5A. Report of dedication of new West Branch YMCA yesterday. Details.

**Saturday, December 20, 1958****page**

- 13A. Photo of new central YMCA building under construction at 3rd and Market.

**Monday, December 29, 1958****page**

- 7A. Photo of new Central YMCA Building under construction at 3rd and Market. Exterior largely complete. Hoped to be completed by late July, 1959.

**Saturday, March 7, 1959****page**

5C. Photo of new YMCA building under construction at 3rd and Market.

**Sunday, May 17, 1959**

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6. Feature article on new YMCA building. Photo.

**Tuesday, December 1, 1959**

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5A. Report of ceremonies opening the new \$1,700,000 Central YMCA building, 402 North Market, yesterday. Details.

**Friday, October 27, 1961**

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5A. YMCA Board yesterday announced sale of the old Central YMCA property at 1st and Emporia for \$75,000, but declined to name the buyer. Details.

**Tuesday, November 28, 1961**

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11A. Sale of the old Central YMCA building and lots, 424 East 1st, was completed earlier this month. The property was sold to the Ernest V. Yingling estate for \$70,500. Details.

**Sunday, December 9, 1962**

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5A. Work is now underway on the razing of the old YMCA building, 424 East 1st. Work began on November 10 according to Richard J. Burns, 1739 Joann, owner of the Ark Building and Wrecking Company. The building was purchased from the YMCA in November 1961 through the Fourth National Bank and Trust Company for the Ernest V. Yingling estate, for \$70,500. It will take about 60 days to complete the work. The estimated half a million red bricks from the building will be cleaned and shipped to Oklahoma City for use in new construction. Photo.

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**Wednesday, October 24, 1962**

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5A. Building permit issued today for wrecking of the old YMCA from 1908 until it moved to its new central branch at 402 North Market in December 1959. The building was sold some time ago to Yingling Enterprises, which had offered it for rent. Building to be razed by the Ark Building and Wrecking Company, 3801 West Pawnee. Details. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle and Beacon****Monday, March 7, 1966****page**

6A. Article with history of the Hutcherson Branch of Wichita YMCA. Founded in December 1908. In September 1916 property was purchased at Central and Water and it was known as the Water Street YMCA. It officially joined the Wichita YMCA as a branch in 1927. Move was made in 1941 to the present site, 1221 Cleveland. On February 3, 1942 the name was changed to the W. L. Hutcherson Branch. A \$35000 gymnasium building addition was dedicated November 18, 1951. Further details. Photo.

**Sunday, May 8, 1966****page**

8E. Article gives history of the West Wichita branch of the YMCA. Between 1951 and 1954 it was located on the second floor of the old fire station Number 4 at 112 South Seneca. Photo.

**Thursday, December 19, 1968****page**

1. Contract let yesterday for construction of a new Wichita YMCA North Branch building at about 29th and North Hillside. To be on a 9.7 acre tract on east side of Hillside and will replace the present branch at 1221 Cleveland. The old structure was built around a frame residence after the branch, then known as the Water Street YMCA, moved there in 1941 from Central and Water. Cost to be \$296,250. Architect is Charles F. McAfee. ¶ The branch was named the W. L. Hutcherson branch in 1942 to honor a former Negro Y professional executive secretary, and was renamed the North Branch in late 1966. Details.

**Sunday, April 6, 1969****page**

9B. Construction has started on the new \$296,250 North Branch YMCA at 3030 North Hillside. Architect is Charles F. McAfee. Completion is scheduled for September. Details.

**Saturday, August 16, 1969****page**

10A. The new Wichita YMCA North Branch building at 29th North and Hillside will be completed between September 15 and October 1.

**Thursday, December 25, 1969****page**

1. The 59th annual Sam Amidon Christmas dinner yesterday served about 600 persons at the Central YMCA. Details.

