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**Wichita Beacon**

**Tuesday, December 2, 1924**

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7. Belmont Avenue is to have a residential "white way" lighting system paid for by the property owners, extending from Central to Douglas, and at the entrances to the street at Central and Douglas ornamental arches are to be erected.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Wednesday, March 25, 1925**

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9. Ellis Charles, architect, is to prepare plans for two entrance arches to North Belmont, at Douglas and Central, which will be built by residents of that street at cost of approximately \$10,000.

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**Tuesday, July 21, 1925**

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9. Contract has been let for erection of two ornamental arches across Belmont Avenue at Douglas and Central. Plans prepared by Ellis Charles and Company.

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**Saturday, August 1, 1925**

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5. Building permit issued yesterday for construction of two ornamental arches across Belmont avenue, one at Douglas and the other at Central. The arches will cost \$11,700 and be built by George Siedhoff Construction Company. The cost will be borne by property owners on Belmont. The arches of metal will be supported on pillars of Carthage stone.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, February 24, 1928**

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18. Drawing of the new West Side Christian Church, Glenn and Douglas, Ellis Charles,

architect, which will be dedicated Sunday.

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**Tuesday, January 21, 1930**

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3. Drawing of new fire station to be built at 3rd and Water. Ellis Charles is architect. Details.

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**Sunday, March 1, 1931**

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- B-10. Photograph of new fire station No. 1 at 3rd and Water. Article with details. Architect is Ellis Charles. Tentative plan to occupy the building March 5.

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**Tuesday, February 28, 1939**

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4. Photograph of snow scene this morning at the ornamental arch over Belmont Avenue at Douglas Avenue.

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**Friday, April 12, 1940**

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5. Ground was broken yesterday by the Sorosis sorority for the first home on sorority row at the University of Wichita. To cost \$6500 and be located on the campus. Architect is Ellis Charles. Details. Drawing.