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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1927 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

**Sunday, January 2, 1927**

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6. Article about the streets between Washington and Hydraulic with girls' names. This area was laid out by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hyde. Mr. A. A. Hyde was born March 2, 1848, and on January 19, 1875, he married Miss Ida L. Todd of Wichita, so they will have their 52nd anniversary on January 19. When Mr. Hyde first came to Wichita in 1872 he bought several tracts of land in what was then the easternmost part of town, including the area in question. East of Washington, the streets are:

Ida            named for Mrs. Hyde.

Laura        named for Mrs. Frank Todd, of Chicago, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Hyde.

Pattie        named for a half-sister of Mrs. Hyde, now Mrs. George C. Strong, of Los Angeles, who once lived in a stone house north of the residence of Dr. S. E. Swartz, on Fairmount Avenue.

Lulu         named for a cousin, Lulu McCabe, the late wife of the Rev. Dr. Hewitt, at one time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Ellis         (?)

Fannie       appears to have been named for Miss Fannie Lewis, a close friend of the family, now Mrs. S. P. Hathway, of Denver.

Mr. Hyde owned 80 acres of the 160 which formed the southeast quarter of Section 21, bounded by Hydraulic, Kellogg, Washington, and Douglas. Five of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde's children were born in the house which stood at 2nd and Topeka, where the Shirkmere is now. In 1886 the family moved to its present residence at 2nd and Roosevelt.

- ?.            "Wichita winters milder now according to old timers."

**Tuesday, January 4, 1927**

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8. Board of education today selected the site for Wichita's new high school. To be located on east bank of Little River between 13th and 15th Streets and west of Rochester Avenue. To cost about \$750,000. Details.

**Sunday, January 9, 1927****page**

2. City manager Earl Elliott announced yesterday that all white stop lines in Wichita are to be replaced with some 400 rubber "flap" markers, the invention of Clayton S. White, 3335 Oakland. The markers are of the same type as the ones used for several months at Central and Lawrence. They stand seven inches high and are two and a half feet long. They will be black with the word "stop" vulcanized in yellow letters. Installation is to start within the next two weeks.
3. The Hyde Mexican Chapel at 907 South St. Francis is to be dedicated this afternoon. Article with details. Photograph.

**Sunday, January 16, 1927****page**

1. Formal proposal for purchase by R. R. Campbell, Howard M. Wheeler, and R. C. Clevenger of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company's street railway properties and its recently acquired bus lines will be presented to the city commission tomorrow. It is proposed to operate the properties as a unified system. Financial arrangements must necessarily await the approval of the commission and the granting of a satisfactory franchise. Complete text of the proposal on page four. ("Ask Right to Buy Car Lines")
5. The Travel Air Company today received the signed contract for the sale of ten airplanes and extra equipment to the National Air Transport company for use in government mail carrying contracts. The planes are of monoplane cabin type with 1000 pounds capacity. The contract amounted to \$1128,000. Plans for the factory building of the Travel Air Airplane Company are nearly completed. They are being prepared by Glen H. Thomas, Wichita architect. The factory will be 50 by 150 feet and cost about \$40,000. It will be built at the Municipal Airport east of the city.

**Saturday, January 22, 1927****page**

1. Report of death this morning of Wichita pioneer attorney, O. H. Bentley, age 73, at his home, 927 Litchfield. Orsemus Hills Bentley was born in Favius, Onondaga County, New York, December 19, 1856. Came to Wichita from Columbus, Ohio in March 1880. Had married Miss Flora X. Harris of Cleveland, Ohio, February 8, 1879. Was mayor of Wichita in 1915-16. Survived by his wife. They had no children. Further obituary. Photograph.
3. Report of death of former Wichitan, R. W. Darling, brother of H. W. Darling, 3755 East Douglas, suddenly, at Lakeland, Florida. Came to Wichita from Chicago in the early 90s and lived here 20 years. Then returned to Chicago, where wife died. Then returned to

Wichita until about ten years ago when he again moved to Chicago and was remarried. Moved to Florida four years ago. Survived by two brothers, H. W. and Nels, and one sister, Mrs. Grace Darling (?), of Milwaukee.

**Tuesday, January 25, 1927****page**

5. Report that Wichita city commission will ask legislature in Topeka to pass legislation giving home rule allowing Wichita to set its own bus fares as well as those charged by the street railroad. Details.

J. C. Fisher, of the J. C. Fisher Investment Company applied to city commission yesterday for a franchise to operate a bus system in Wichita on which he proposes to charge five or six cents fare. Matter to be studied. Details.

14. Report of proposed widening of Douglas avenue by 13 feet to 63 feet from Grove to Hillside. Details.

**Saturday, February 5, 1927****page**

1. Report that Henry Wallenstein, Sr. and Miss Gisele Wiltschek, his housekeeper for many years, were married in Kansas City Thursday. He has two children, Henry Wallenstein, Jr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stettheimer.

**Sunday, February 6, 1927****page**

4. Photograph of buildings at northwest corner of William and Lawrence, which will soon give way to a new building for the George Innes Dry Goods Company.

**Sunday, February 13, 1927****page**

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10. Feature story by Bliss Isely on the correct pronunciation of Wichita -- is it Wich i ta or Wish i ta? Evidence seems to support the pronunciation as Wich i ta. (Wich-i-ta or Wish-i-ta)

**Wednesday, February 16, 1927****page**

9. Report that the Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company plans to build a new garage, to cost approximately \$75,000, within the next few months. The company has two sites in view and will probably purchase one within the next three or four days. Storage has become one of the company's largest problems. It has been operating 37 buses and has recently purchased five new ones. The present garage at 220 South Topeka is not half large enough.

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11. The House committee in Topeka that was considering an amendment to the bus law to give the city of Wichita the power to regulate bus fares in the city today reported adversely on this amendment, thus killing it and leaving regulation of the bus fares in the hands of the Public Service Commission.

**Monday, February 21, 1927****page**

9. Dr. John D. Finlayson, president of the University of Wichita, announced today that he will not be a candidate for re-appointment to this position for the next school year. Details.

**Tuesday, February 22, 1927****page**

16. On or about March 1st it is expected that the Wichita Railroad and Light Company and its subsidiary bus lines will change hands and come under the control of a corporation under the name of the Wichita Transportation Company and being headed by Howard V. Wheeler, Robert B. Campbell, and R. C. Clevenger. New bus equipment has already been ordered, it was learned, including ten large buses of the most advanced type. ¶ The above Wichita men hold an option from the present owners of the street railway and bus systems and are compelled to act promptly if they are to purchase the properties and have decided therefore to exercise the option in advance of the city commission's action on their application filed January 15 for a new 30 year franchise.

**Sunday, February 27, 1927****page**

## Magazine

14. Article on origin of the name of the town of Mt. Hope. Details, but concludes no one is sure of the origin of the name. A new consolidated rural high school was recently completed there.

**Monday, February 28, 1927****page**

2. Takeover of the street railway system by the new owners has been delayed until after March 1st.

**Sunday, March 6, 1927****page**

6. Strip aerial photograph from University of Wichita to near downtown showing route of proposed new diagonal boulevard.
- D-1. Article giving history of the original Central Avenue bridge. County commission on December 12, 1874 decided to spend \$1000 of the county's money to build two bridges on Central Avenue -- one across Little River, which still remains, and the other a half mile west of Seneca over the Arkansas. Contracts were awarded on February 12, 1875 to the Wichita Bridge Company at a cost of \$1500, of which \$500 was raised by popular

subscription. Both bridges were completed the same year and were free bridges and thus harmful to the Douglas Avenue toll bridge. Flood and fire -- probably arson -- destroyed one of the bridges in 1878. Details.

**Tuesday, March 8, 1927****page**

2. Bids will be opened March 28 for two concrete bridges over the drainage canal in Wichita, one to replace the present bridge at Douglas Avenue, and the other on Lincoln Street, where there is no bridge now. The Douglas Avenue bridge is to be 100 feet wide -- 20 feet wider than the street at this time. Work will begin about May 1. Details.
  
12. To reduce congestion at Lawrence and Douglas, all south bound motor buses will unload and pick up passengers on the south side of Douglas, at the east side of the Brown Building, effective tomorrow morning. Ninety percent of all bus lines in Wichita pass Douglas and Lawrence.

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12. The Princess Theater building is now being razed in preparation for erection of the new Innes building.

**Thursday, March 10, 1927****page**

1. The Dahl Chevrolet Company soon will build a new home at the southeast corner of Topeka and English, across the street from the Price Auto Service Company. Details. Glen H. Thomas is drawing plans.
  
2. Article saying the school board paid too much for the old Shrine Club property in Riverside. The Midian Shrine bought the tract and clubhouse from the Riverside Club in 1918 for \$12,000. The Board of Education paid \$35,000 for the same property, more than \$11,000 an acre. The building has deteriorated and was sold for less than \$1000 by the Board of Education after it acquired the property. Details.

**Saturday, March 12, 1927****page**

1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Eva Helen McKnight, widow of the late J. Hudson McKnight, at age 67, of a sudden stroke. Born December 26, 1859. Maiden name was Giltner. Married Mr. McKnight in 1884. Only son, George, is in Mason, Missouri. Came to Wichita in 1891. Obituary. Photograph.

**Sunday, March 13, 1927****page**

- B-1. J. E. Watts, now living at Parshall, Colorado, is a patient at St. Francis Hospital and tells his reminiscences of his first visit to Wichita in 1868. ¶ There was then only a struggling group of shacks and stockades along the east bank of the Little River a few blocks above

Central Avenue. The only hotel was the Vigus Hotel, a house built of slabs standing on end and covered with dirt. There were three small stores, one on the Durfee ranch, another run by L. D. Lewellen, and the third by a squaw man named Greenway. This was all the town there was when I came to Wichita as a boy of 12 with my uncle, M. A. Sayles, and my grandmother, in 1868. My grandmother took up a claim on the east side of the little river and my uncle took another between the two rivers. ¶ Says he saw a statement a few years ago to the effect that William Finn of Sedgwick taught the first school in Wichita. Says this is a mistake. The first person to teach school in Wichita was Nora Yale, who taught a school in Charles Gifford's house, just south of the Munger home on the east bank of the Little River. "That was in the spring of 1869, and I went to school to her." William Finn taught school the next fall in a house farther north, that had been built by an army officer and abandoned when the soldiers left here. ¶ Further details.

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13. Article giving specific details of the will of Mrs. Eva H. McKnight.

### **Wednesday, March 23, 1927**

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2. Plats were filed in the register of deeds office by Walter Morris, realtor for the new "Lincoln Heights" addition, lying between Douglas and Kellogg and between Crestway and Oliver.

A sidewalk is being built in Riverside Park to connect the Murdock Bridge with the park birdhouse on Wiley Avenue. It is of the usual park plan, with a surface made from a mixture of stone dust and gravel, and curbing of sand stone.

### **Thursday, March 24, 1927**

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7. Long article about a court ruling relating to the sale of the Orient Railroad. Details.

### **Friday, March 25, 1927**

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7. The extensive remodeling of the Allen W. Hinkel Company's "Boston Store" has been completed, just three months after it was started, and the formal opening will be held tomorrow. The stairway in the center of the store was removed and placed at the east end of the building. Details and photographs of interior.
11. Passenger service on the Chicago-Wichita-Dallas route of National Air Transport is expected to begin by May 1st. It is expected to be announced as soon as the eight monoplane type ships now under construction at the Travel Air factory are completed. The new airplanes will carry four passengers in addition to the pilot and the regular air mail.

### **Sunday, March 27, 1927**

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5. Article gives history of the Wichita Fresh Air Baby Camp, which moved to Wesley Hospital from North Riverside Park one year ago. Details.

**Monday, March 28, 1927****page**

11. The Missouri Pacific Railroad plans to spend \$175,000 for improvements on the Wichita Division. Of this about \$21,000 will be spent to lengthen each of the Wichita yard tracks from the present capacity of 40 acres to one of 110 cars. Five new passing tracks are being built between Wichita and Ft. Scott, with a capacity of 100 cars each. Further details.
12. Article about the Santa Fe Railroad's plans to build a lake in Butler County about half way between Augusta and Eldorado. Details.

**Tuesday, March 29, 1927****page**

1. Report of results of city primary election yesterday.
6. City commission yesterday let contracts for new bridges over the drainage canal on Douglas Avenue, for \$39,750, and on Lincoln Street, for \$13,500, to the List and Weatherly Construction Company.

**Wednesday, March 30, 1927****page**

7. Installation of about 500 rubber flap stop signs at more than 200 street intersections in Wichita is nearing completion by the Standard Traffic Signal Company, 1711 East 2nd Street. The average cost of installation is \$8.00 per intersection, and the flaps are guaranteed for one year. Clayton S. White, of Wichita, is their inventor. The markers are constructed of rubber and are made in the company's factory on East 2nd.

**Friday, April 1, 1927****page**

3. Oak Park is undergoing further beautification with the construction of two lakes. One is to be on the north side of an east and west road. It has been excavated. The other, a lake between 200 and 300 feet long, is being excavated at this time. It lies in the central western section of the park immediately north of 11th Street. L. W. Clapp, president of the park board, is responsible for the design of the lakes.
24. Wichita's motorcycle patrolmen and traffic officers today discarded their old blue uniforms in favor of new khaki colored uniforms with Sam Browne belt with white caps. ¶ Patrolmen will continue to wear the regulation blue uniforms.
17. Biography of Charles S. Lawrence, city commission candidate. ¶ Married Anna E. Ewing of El dorado in 1903. ¶ Two sons Ewing -- age 22; Robert -- age 20. One daughter

Louisa age 16.

**Sunday, April 3, 1927****page**

- B-14. Photograph of Al Parrott, 1217 North River Boulevard, manager of the Devoe and Reynolds Paint Company, 127 North Market, who is running for school board.

**Monday, April 4, 1927****page**

1. Contract for the eastern section of the transcontinental air mail service -- between New York and Chicago -- has been awarded to the National Air Transport, Inc., of Chicago, for \$1.24 a pound.

**Tuesday, April 5, 1927****page**

9. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines Company today purchased 400 feet of property on West 2nd Street running from near Waco west to the Arkansas River, formerly owned by the Rounds and Porter Lumber Company, for approximately \$20,000. It is to be the site for a new garage for the company. The Southern Kansas Stage Lines has just purchased three new Fageol buses, which will be delivered from Detroit within a short time.

**Wednesday, April 6, 1927****page**

1. Report of results of city election yesterday. Charles S. Lawrence elected to city commission and Dr. T. Walker Weaver to Board of Education. Proposition to build bridge across Big Arkansas River south of Sim Park on extension of Central Avenue was defeated 6889 to 5079.

**Friday, April 8, 1927****page**

14. Newly remodeled home of Midian Shrine Temple, 115 North Topeka, is being dedicated today. Details and photographs. S. S. Voigt was architect.

**Saturday, April 9, 1927****page**

2. The Wichita Transportation company recently received a state charter and now has taken over management of the street cars and buses operating in Wichita. Two subsidiary companies will operate the street cars and buses, the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, and the Wichita Bus Company (sic). Officers of the new company are Howard V. Wheeler (president?), R. B. Campbell, vice-president and general manager, and R. C. Clevenger, treasurer. ¶ Plans have been drawn for a large bus garage and workshop to be built at 10th and Wichita at a cost of \$70,000. The building is to be 127 by 200 feet, of brick with steel trussed roof, and capable of housing 61 large buses. ¶ The new company has purchased five large buses which have been put in service in place of the same number of smaller buses. Five more of the same type have been ordered and are now in transit to the city.

These new buses are of the Fageol type, made by the American Car Foundries Company at Detroit, and will seat 21 passengers each.

**Sunday, April 10, 1927****page****Magazine**

10. Article about Wichita police department with group photograph of police taken in 1911 and showing most of them wearing felt hats with brim. Most in photograph are named.

**Thursday, April 14, 1927****page**

7. Five more new buses for the Wichita Bus Company (sic) are expected to arrive in Kansas City tonight. They are being driven through from the factory in Detroit and will be in this city within a day or two if the roads through Kansas will permit. This will make ten modern city buses to take the place of as many of the older and smaller types that are ready for the discard.

**Friday, April 15, 1927****page**

1. Dr. R. C. Clapp, of Wichita, who was convicted a year ago of using the mails to defraud, today lost his appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and must serve his sentence of a year and a day in prison. Details.
9. F. W. (Woody) Hockaday, who suffered a nervous breakdown two years ago, suffered a relapse yesterday and was taken into custody upon the request of his family and the order of the probate court. He will probably be placed in a sanitarium for treatment.

**Saturday, April 16, 1927****page**

1. Inventory reveals that Mrs. Eva McKnight's estate is worth more than \$500,000. Details.

**Sunday, April 17, 1927****page****Magazine**

5. Feature article about Wichita and the J. Hudson McKnight family. Details and photographs. ("Wichita and The McKnights")

**Monday, April 18, 1927****page**

3. Report of death yesterday of A. G. McCormick, president of the McCormick-Armstrong Press, at age 54, at his home, 137 North Belmont. Obituary and photograph.
6. Work on the Lincoln Street bridge across the drainage canal will begin next week. As soon as it is completed, property owners are expected to petition for paving of Lincoln street from Hydraulic to Hillside.

**Tuesday, April 19, 1927****page**

8. The new Brown Building is to be formally opened tomorrow. Details. Photograph. Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend are architects.

**Wednesday, April 20, 1927****page**

1. Announcement of plan for new six story building for Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company at southwest corner of Main and Douglas. Details.

**Thursday, April 21, 1927****page**

9. The Earle W. Evans building at Lawrence and William has been razed and excavating for the Innes store will be resumed Friday. Two-thirds of the 150 feet of the Innes store site has been excavated and some of the concrete footings have been poured.

**Monday, April 25, 1927****page**

1. Assessor reports Wichita population of 99,659, an increase of over 5000 from 94,179 in 1926.
6. The First Nazarene Church at Kellogg and Lulu, built at a cost of \$90,000, is to be sold at public auction by court order to satisfy claims of about \$72,000 against it. Photograph.

**Tuesday, April 26, 1927****page**

1. Report of death this morning of Lou Rodgers Hurd, chairman of the board of the Red Star Milling Company, at his home at 401 North Belmont, at age 70, of a heart attack. Obituary. Photograph.
8. Inauguration of Chicago-Wichita-Dallas air passenger service by National Air Transport, scheduled for May 1, will be delayed until early fall. The eight monoplanes for the service now being built in Wichita will not be ready until fall.

**Thursday, April 28, 1927****page**

2. Report of death this morning of former Wichita merchant, Tipton Cox, at his home in Little Rock, Arkansas, at age 66, following a stroke one week ago. Says he lived in Wichita from 1902-1913. Survived by wife, three sons and two daughters (named).
7. Harvey County commission will open bids tomorrow for paving of four miles south of Newton, which will complete the last link in paving of the highway between Newton and Wichita. The pavement is to be completed by the end of the summer.

**Sunday, May 1, 1927**

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11. Article about Chisholm Creek and the drainage canal. Photographs and map.
15. *Sunday Beacon*. Article on Chisholm.

**Tuesday, May 3, 1927****page**

23. The Arkansas Valley Interurban is asking permission from the Kansas Public Service Commission to raise its fares from three cents per mile to 3.6 cents per mile, the latter being the same as is charged by the steam railroads. At the same time the number of trains each way daily from Wichita to Hutchinson would be increased from 11 to 15. Hearing to be held in Wichita Wednesday. Details.

**Wednesday, May 4, 1927****page**

6. The Masonic memorial monument in Maple Grove Cemetery was unveiled and dedicated Monday afternoon by the Order of the Eastern Star. Details. Photograph.

**Saturday, May 7, 1927****page**

1. The Kansas supreme court today affirmed the decision of Judge Sargent refusing an injunction requested by J. T. Nuttle, who sought to restrain the Wichita Railroad and Light Company from extending its College Hill line and putting in a "Y" at his corner on Belmont Avenue. The street car company now has no legal restraint against extending its line.

**Sunday, May 8, 1927****page**

- B-9. Photograph of excavation for the new Innes Store building.

**Tuesday, May 10, 1927****page**

1. Announcement of resignation of city manager Earl C. Elliott, effective August 1st. Details. Photograph.

**Wednesday, May 11, 1927****page**

21. Report of hearing today on Arkansas Valley Interurban's request for increase in fares. Many details. ("Rate Increases Are Granted On The Interurban")

**Thursday, May 12, 1927****page**

1. The General Baking Company has purchased a tract 125 by 140 feet on Central Avenue between Rock Island and the Frisco tracks and plans to build at once a large baking plant

there. Details.

### **Sunday, May 15, 1927**

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- B-6. Article about the opening of the Eastborough tract of 215 acres for home building by the Alton H. Smith Company. The company has begun work on a large modern residence, to cost about \$50,000. Details. Map.

### **Monday, May 16, 1927**

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2. The mansion of S. W. Forrester, oil operator, at 1201 River Boulevard, has been leased by Mr. Forrester to Paul H. Polk for the Riverside Conservatory of Fine Arts, for a period of three years. ¶ The house has been unoccupied since the Forrester family moved to San Antonio a year ago. It was bought in 1919 by Mr. Forrester. ¶ Details.

### **Wednesday, May 18, 1927**

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9. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Mary McCormick, age 82, widow of Wichita pioneer John McCormick, in her home at 1007 South Seneca. McCormick Avenue and McCormick School were named for her husband. They came to Wichita May 15, 1870. Mr. McCormick died in 1908. Obituary. Survived by three daughters (named).

### **Friday, May 20, 1927**

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2. The Public Service Commission today granted the Arkansas Valley Interurban's request for an increase in regular passenger fares from three cents to 3.6 cents per mile.

### **Sunday, May 22, 1927**

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5. Report of death Friday night of Wichita pioneer, N. F. ("Nick") Niederlander, at St. Louis, where he lived the past 30 years. Obituary. Survived by five daughters. Photograph. Was over 80 years of age.

### **Sunday, May 29, 1927**

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3. Report of annual meeting of Sedgwick County Pioneer Society at Forum yesterday. Details. Charles S. Lawrence read some passages from an old diary kept by his father, Robert Lawrence, when he came here from Illinois in 1870. Details.

### **Saturday, June 4, 1927**

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1. The Board of Regents of the University of Wichita yesterday voted to increase the university's tax levy by one mill a year from now in order to build a new science hall to relieve overcrowding. Details.

**Monday, June 6, 1927****page**

7. The tribal hut being built on Mead Island in Little River was nearing completion today. Details. Photograph.
  
9. The Douglas Avenue bridge over the drainage canal was closed today, as workmen began tearing it down to be replaced by a new concrete bridge. The work will probably be completed by September 1. ¶ Temporary changes in street car service avenue as follows: College Hill cars run as far as Pattie and Douglas where they are met by buses which go east to Minneapolis, then detour to 1st Street, going back to Douglas at Ash and on east. A feeder line from Hillside and Douglas maintains car service to Fairmount. The Biting Avenue line from Franklin and Nims has been temporarily discontinued so the double end cars (sic) used on that line can be run from Hillside and Douglas to Fairmount. Biting Avenue patrons will be served by the Riverside and South Lawrence bus line.

**Wednesday, June 8, 1927****page**

14. The Indian lodge on Mead Island was completed and dedicated last night.

**Monday, June 13, 1927****page**

10. The aviation commission of the Chamber of Commerce was to appear before the city commission today, asking the city to set aside funds in next year's budget for the purchase of a municipal airport. The last state legislature granted permission for the purchase of land outside the city limits for a municipal field. Since it was illegal before that time, a group of patriotic citizens under the name of the Booster Building Company agreed to purchase the field for the use of the airmail planes. The 160 acres was purchased for \$35,000 and would be turned over to the city at cost.

**Tuesday, June 14, 1927****page**

8. Report of death yesterday of Alden Wakefield Harden, a pioneer Wichita photographer, and father of present Wichita photographer, Homer Harden, at age 89. Born in Indiana April 20, 1838. Took up photography when it was in its earliest stages. Came to Wichita in 1885 and purchased the Lee Ong Studio. Conducted his business here for 34 years in the same room in a building on the present Fourth National Bank site. Retired March 1, 1919 and sold his business to F. A. Wesley. Wife died March 28, 1925. Survived by son, Homer, and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph I. Kirk, 3116 East 2nd. Further obituary. Photograph.

**Wednesday, June 15, 1927****page**

1. City commission today elected Bert Wells as city manager to succeed Earl C. Elliott. He will take office August 1 at salary of \$8000 per year. Details. Photograph.

**Saturday, June 18, 1927****page**

6. The National Air Transport Company has received delivery of the third of their new Travel Air Monoplanes. The ship left for Kansas City, Missouri, where it will be stationed on the Richards Field.

**Sunday, June 19, 1927****page**

## Magazine

- 5., 12. Feature article on Oak Park and L. W. Clapp's part in developing it ("Oak Park -- A Sylvan Paradise").

**Monday, June 20, 1927****page**

7. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. A. M. Ebright, wife of Judge A. M. Ebright, after a long illness. Born in Ohio and came here from Pratt, Kansas 25 years ago with her mother. Married Judge Ebright in 1919. No children. Survived by husband and mother. Obituary.

**Tuesday, June 21, 1927****page**

3. Photograph of new Innes Building under construction -- first story and mezzanine framed.
16. J. M. Moellendick has filed for bankruptcy. Details.  
  
Workmen are wrecking the old D. F. McKenzie home at 1st and Water to make a way for construction of a new service station there. Details.

**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.

**Wednesday, June 29, 1927****page**

6. Employees of the Wichita Transportation Company will be the company's guests at a party in the new bus garage at 10th and Wichita Friday night, given to celebrate the completion of the new \$70,000 garage. The Siedhoff Construction Company has completed the job in 50 days.

**Friday, July 1, 1927****page**

11. A new Catholic parish, school, and church are to be built on East Douglas between

Quentin and Bluff. Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend are preparing plans for the new building, which will serve as both church and school for a time. It will be east of the bishop's residence, and facing Douglas Avenue. A permanent auditorium will be built later. First building to cost \$80,000 and be ready for occupancy about January 1st. Details.

**Sunday, July 3, 1927****page**

## Magazine

13. Article about Wichita's aviator twins -- Monroe Newman Wadlow and Thomas Truman Wadlow. Born in St. Francis County, Missouri June 11, 1907. Have lived in Wichita for some time and graduated from high school in 1926. Details.

**Tuesday, July 5, 1927****page**

1. Board of regents of University of Wichita today elected Dr. H. W. Foght, president of the Northern Normal and Industrial School of Aberdeen, South Dakota, as president of the University of Wichita at a salary of \$8000. Details.

**Thursday, July 7, 1927****page**

14. Contract for the new Southern Kansas Stage Lines garage building at 2nd Street and the Arkansas River was let today to the Henrion Improvement Company, which has just completed the building for the Travel Air Factory. Cost is \$42,300, not including lightning, heating, and plumbing. Contract allows 90 days for completion. No buildings will have to be razed, as the site is vacant ground, used for storage of materials and worn-out parts by the street car company for several years. Glenn Thomas is architect. Details.

**Friday, July 8, 1927****page**

18. The Church of the Blessed Sacrament is the name chosen for the new Catholic parish recently established in the College Hill district of Wichita. Details.

**Monday, July 11, 1927****page**

5. Report of visit to Wichita yesterday of planes of the National Air Reliability Tour. Details.

**Saturday, July 16, 1927****page**

6. The school census for 1927 shows Wichita's population to be 97,871 a gain of 3918 over last year.

**Monday, July 18, 1927****page**

1. Report of death this morning of Fire Chief A. S. Brownwell at age 63, following a stroke.

Came to Wichita 47 years ago and has been fire chief since the death of A. G. Walden in December 1917. Survived by wife, three sons and three daughters (named). Obituary. Photograph.

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6. Article records a letter from a passenger on the first passenger train of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient. The railroad started laying the first rails on the line at Anthony May 10, 1902. The first train was run on the line August 13, 1902 and was an excursion train to Harper and return on the occasion of a Masonic meeting and banquet, with all the passengers and the train crew being Masons. Details -- describes the tickets used.

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13. Feature article with some history of the new Hillcrest Apartments. Details.

**Monday, July 25, 1927****page**

2. Ground breaking ceremony for the new Catholic church at 23rd and Market was held yesterday. Details.

**Tuesday, July 26, 1927****page**

5. Report of death at midnight last night of Mrs. Henry Schnitzler, age 60, Wichita pioneer, wife of Henry Schnitzler, Sr. Born in Pfortzheim, Germany June 27, 1867. Came to United States at age 13. Survived by husband, two sons and one daughter (named). Obituary.
13. H. H. McCall was appointed Wichita's new fire chief today by City Manager Bert Wells. Details. Photograph.

**Wednesday, July 27, 1927****page**

2. Photograph of Clyde Cessna and the ten foot propeller of his new "mystery ship." Plane is expected to fly some time next week.

**Saturday, July 30, 1927****page**

8. Formal opening of the new building of the Dahl Chevrolet Motor Company at 300 South Topeka is to be held this evening.

**Sunday, July 31, 1927****page**

5. Long article about new Eastborough suburb. The first demonstration home is now being

built at No. 4 St. James Place. Details.

7. John W. Gibson, who did not run for re-election, will retire from the school board after Monday's meeting, after completing 14 years service. He is owner of a harness shop at 206 West Douglas. Details. Photograph.
11. Photograph of new home of Dahl Chevrolet Company at 300 South Topeka. Building cost \$50,000 and has 175 foot frontage on English (?) and 140 feet on Topeka. Building is owned by D. R. Lauck. Architect was Glen Thomas. Details.

### **Tuesday, August 2, 1927**

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12. City commission yesterday voted to build a pile bridge across Chisholm Creek on Mosley.
17. The Travel Air monoplane being built for Art Goebel, of Hollywood, California, for the trans-Pacific hop on August 12 has been officially given the name of "Woolaroc" by the Phillips Petroleum Company in honor of the name of Frank Phillips' country lodge.

### **Thursday, August 4, 1927**

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14. Contract was let early this week to the Blaser-Vollmer Construction Company for the brick addition to the Alexander Hamilton School, for \$30,500.

### **Friday, August 5, 1927**

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1. Art Goebel left Wichita this morning in his new plane, the "Woolaroc," for Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he will give the plane its final tuning up before flying to San Francisco for the trans-Pacific race.

### **Saturday, August 6, 1927**

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1. Report of final appraisal of George Theis, Jr. estate. Total value \$1,188,000. Included \$50,000 of Arkansas Valley Interurban stocks or bonds, valued at \$25,000. Details.
2. Regular air passenger service over the Chicago to Dallas air mail route via Wichita beginning September 1 was announced by National Air Transport today. Travel Air monoplanes carrying three passengers besides mail and baggage will be used. The planes have Wright Whirlwind engines of 200 horsepower. The fare will be ten cents per mile, or approximately \$16.80 from Wichita to Kansas City, compared to \$8.56 railroad fare. Details.

### **Sunday, August 7, 1927**

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1. Board of directors of the Travel Air Company decided Friday to double the capacity of its plant here. The company already employs more than 50 skilled men with a weekly payroll

between \$3000 and \$4000. ¶ The present factory building, 75 by 300 feet, will be duplicated and this will increase the production capacity to eight to ten planes a week, or more than one a day. Five ships were completed by the factory last week (details -- included the Woolaroc and one plane for National Air Transport).

12. After years of idleness, the old Frisco Depot, 823 East Douglas, has been transformed into a modern tire service station, the new home of the Jayhawk Tire Company, Goodrich tire distributors. Photograph.

### **Tuesday, August 9, 1927**

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3. Article about plans for the new North End High School, to cost \$750,000 and have capacity of 1550 students. Details.
13. City commission yesterday discussed petition asking the Wichita Railroad and Light Company to extend its South Emporia street car line four blocks south of Harry Street. Details. Action deferred.

The city commission yesterday condemned the old frame building at 1021 South St. Francis, until recently the Mother Lee Memorial Home, and formerly the Wichita Hospital.

### **Thursday, August 11, 1927**

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2. Charles Laird plans to incorporate a new airplane manufacturing company in Wichita within 30 days. He has already built one plane in Wichita. Details. He is a brother of E. M. Laird, formerly of Wichita and now in Chicago.
16. Six cities in four states have recently tried to persuade Clyde V. Cessna to remove his factory from Wichita to their city, but he says he will remain in Wichita. Details.

### **Friday, August 12, 1927**

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1. A group of prominent Wichita business men are holding discussions with Lloyd Stearman, of the Stearman Aircraft Corporation of Venice, California, and expect to put up the capital necessary to induce him to move his plant to Wichita. Since last November he has been head of the Stearman Aircraft Corporation at Venice, California. Another well known man working with Stearman, Max Short, would also be brought here with the new Stearman factory. Details.

### **Saturday, August 13, 1927**

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2. Report of request of Swallow Airplane Company yesterday for appointment of a friendly receiver to permit reorganization of the company. Details.
10. Report of critical illness of Don Motter, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Motter, 1033

Litchfield, of lymphatic disease. Details.

**Sunday, August 14, 1927****page**

1. Clyde V. Cessna's new cantilever monoplane made its maiden flight successfully yesterday afternoon from a 114 acre pasture at 13th and Oliver. The ship was hauled there from the factory in the 15th block on West Douglas early yesterday morning. Homer Weyant was the test pilot. The plane carries two passengers in a cabin. It is powered with a 91 horsepower Anzani ten cylinder radial engine, of French manufacture. Mr. Cessna and Mr. Roos own 70 motors of this design -- the entire supply in the United States. The Anzani will be the standard motor on the Cessna monoplane, but a 200 horsepower Wright Whirlwind can be placed on them at additional cost. The cantilever monoplane is Clyde Cessna's 14th ship. The ship in which Ernie Smith recently flew from San Francisco to Hawaii was also designed by him. Cessna built his first airplane in 1910. Details.

**Tuesday, August 16, 1927****page**

7. Contract has been let for the new General Baking Company plant on East Central between Mosley Avenue and the Rock Island tracks. To cost about \$150,000. Details.
12. Work started yesterday on the new \$21,000 zoo building in Riverside Park. Details.

**Thursday, August 18, 1927****page**

1. Report of visit of Charles Lindbergh to Wichita today. Details.

**Friday, August 19, 1927****page**

1. Further reports of Lindbergh's visit.

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- B-14. Photograph of Clyde Cessna's new cantilever monoplane. Article with details. Test pilot of the plane is Homer C. Weyant.

**Tuesday, August 23, 1927****page**

3. Clyde V. Cessna and associates announced plans for incorporation of the Cessna Aircraft Company for \$200,000 and the immediate beginning of production of a five passenger cantilever monoplane transport plane as well as a three passenger cabin type cantilever monoplane. A new factory is to be built as soon as a suitable site is found. Associates include George H. Siedhoff, of Wichita, and Victor Roos, of Omaha. 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.

#### **Thursday, August 25, 1927**

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12. The Douglas Avenue canal bridge, which was to have been completed by September 15, is behind schedule and will not be opened before October 15. The west abutment is yet to be built, and part of the old abutment must yet be removed before this can be done. Then the arches and roadway are to be constructed. The form for one of the arches has been built for weeks, but no concrete has been poured. Another is nearly ready. Details.

#### **Friday, August 26, 1927**

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2. Report that Lloyd Stearman has definitely agreed to come to Wichita and establish his airplane plant here. He will be here within a short time. Details.
5. A five passenger cabin type custom-built biplane equipped with skis as well as regular landing gear, the product of Irl Beach, was shipped out in crates today to Fairbanks, Alaska, where it is to enter the service of the Bennett-Rorabaugh Airways of Alaska. It is powered with a 150 horsepower Hispano-Suiza motor. Mr. Beach has an order for four more of these ships, which sell for about \$7000.

#### **Saturday, August 27, 1927**

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6. The Beacon Airways, Inc., of Fresno, California, incorporated several weeks ago with a capital of \$100,000, has ordered 12 new Travel Air biplanes and will receive delivery of the first two the latter part of next week. Details.

#### **Sunday, August 28, 1927**

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- C-2. Photograph of completed exterior of new Innes building. Interior work is under way.
- C-16. Advertisement with photograph of Wesley Hospital from north showing added east wing erected in 1926.
- C-20. Southern Kansas Stage Lines advertisement.

#### **Wednesday, August 31, 1927**

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8. Lloyd Stearman is liquidating his assets in Venice, California and will come to Wichita September 5. His equipment will arrive here about September 15 and he expects to be manufacturing planes here by October 1st. Details.

**Thursday, September 1, 1927****page**

8. Regular express and passenger service was inaugurated today by National Air Transport using Wichita-made Travel Air Monoplanes. The first plane, northbound, arrived at Wichita at 12:37 p.m. Two Ft. Worth men were the first passengers. The No. 1 ticket was held by R. B. Kuteman, a business man. R. N. Haythorn, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer representative, held No.2. Each passenger is allowed 25 pounds of baggage, with excess being charged for at \$1.00 a pound. Details.
16. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Dana Wallenstein, age 25, wife of Henry Wallenstein, Jr., in Colorado Springs, of an infection which developed from a carbuncle. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Stevens, 4000 East Douglas. She and Mr. Wallenstein were married five years ago. Survived by husband and two daughters, Nadine and Dana. Photograph.

**Tuesday, September 6, 1927****page**

4. Five locomotives, the last of a lot of 12 purchased by the Orient Railroad from the New York Central, arrived here today. The purchase represents an outlay of more than \$100,000, considerably below the usual cost of such locomotives. The New York road sold them because they were considered too light for the intense service required on the Eastern tracks.
8. Street cars will be crossing the new Douglas Avenue drainage canal bridge Sunday, but the bridge will not be open to other traffic for three weeks or more. Concrete for holding the rails was poured Monday. The center section of the bridge is being rushed because of the large number of students using the street cars to the high school.

**Wednesday, September 7, 1927****page**

3. Contract let for an ornate new facade and front to be built on the old brick structure at 502 East Douglas for \$12,000. Building is occupied by the National Life and Savings Company.
10. Two photographs of flood at Livestock Exchange Building from overflowing Chisholm Creek taken yesterday afternoon.

**Friday, September 9, 1927****page**

1. Report of death last evening of Don J. Motter, age 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Motter, 1033 Litchfield. Born in McPherson. Graduated from Wichita High School in 1922.

Photograph and obituary.

### **Saturday, September 10, 1927**

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2. Interview with Dr. Andrew H. Fabrique yesterday on the occasion of his 92nd birthday. Reminiscences and details. Photograph.

### **Sunday, September 11, 1927**

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- B-2. Two new elementary schools in Wichita will be opened tomorrow for the first time. One is the Ingalls School at 10th and Grove, replacing the old Ingalls School building at 9th and Cleveland, now renamed the Paul Lawrence Dunbar school and used by the Negro pupils in the northeast section of Wichita. The other is the Frances E. Willard School at Broadway and Grove. Details.

### **Monday, September 12, 1927**

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2. Short article about new \$600 propeller being installed on Clyde Cessna's cantilever monoplane with a 200 horsepower Wright Whirlwind engine for the National Air Derby from New York to Spokane September 19-21. Details.
8. Travel Air, Inc., is delivering eight new planes this week. Details.

### **Wednesday, September 14, 1927**

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#### **Special Section**

3. Report that Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company plans to erect a new building at 116-118 North Wichita. Two carloads of Anzani motors are now being unloaded by the company, the first shipment of a purchase of 70 of these French radical type air-cooled motors at cost of over \$100,000.
- 11-20. Special articles, advertisements, photographs, etc. announcing opening tomorrow of the new Hillcrest Apartments. Details.

### **Friday, September 16, 1927**

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4. Travel Air, Inc. has let contract to Henrion Improvement Company for an additional factory building adjacent to the present building, which will double its production capacity. Building to be 75 by 300 feet and cost approximately \$75,000. It will be completed in about three months. The Travel Air Company today is laying the foundation for a boiler plant with which its buildings will be heated. It is at the northeast corner of the present factory building.

### **Saturday, September 17, 1927**

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1. The new Cessna cabin monoplane was damaged in a crash landing today when its Wright Whirlwind motor failed. Pilot Homer B. Weyant was unhurt, but the plane will be unable to take part in the National Air Races at Spokane. Details. Plane had taken off from Swallow Field and crashed in College Hill Memorial Cemetery (sic).

Ground was broken today for the new \$75,000 building of the Mid Continent Engraving Company on St. Francis between William and Douglas. To cost \$40,000 and be completed by December 1st. Details.

### **Sunday, September 18, 1927**

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3. Article about the Wichita men behind the recently organized Wichita Transportation Company. Details and photographs.

### **Monday, September 19, 1927**

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12. Drawing of new one story business building at northeast corner of Douglas and Hillside to be completed by end of year. S. S. Voigt is architect. Dockum Drug to be in corner store. Details.

### **Wednesday, September 21, 1927**

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6. The Stearman Aircraft Company will occupy a large building leased from the Bridgeport Machine Company in the industrial district of North Wichita, it was announced today after the arrival of Mac Short, chief engineer of the concern, from Venice, California. Production of planes will begin early next month. Jigs and machinery for the plant are now in transit from Venice, where the company has been operating. The Wichita factory will be 75 by 250 feet. Mr. Stearman is driving through and is expected here next week. Details.

### **Friday, September 23, 1927**

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12. The last link of the paved highway between Wichita and Newton was formally opened today.
24. All bids on the new Catholic school and church at Douglas and Quentin were rejected yesterday as being too high. Details.

### **Saturday, September 24, 1927**

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8. Report of death yesterday of Mt. Hope pioneer, Mrs. E. W. Jewell, at age 64. Came to Kansas in 1866 with her parents at age three. Survived by husband, one son, Edwin, of Mt. Hope, and five daughters, Miss Nellie Jewell, Columbus, Kansas, Mrs. Lon Mishler of Richmond, Kansas, Ms. Walter Ives of Mt. Hope, Miss Mary Jewell of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Miss Gertrude Jewell of Mt. Hope.

10. During the first 15 days of the new National Air Transport passenger service through Wichita, 95 passengers were carried, an average of more than six a day. ¶ The new air depot at the Wichita airport was completed last week, and passengers now have shelter from the winds and rains. The building is of tin with a porch on the south side where it is easy to see the incoming planes. It is sheltered on the north by a large mock orange hedge.

**Sunday, September 25, 1927****page**

- B-2. Work will start tomorrow on the second unit of the Travel Air Manufacturing Company's airplane factory. It will be completed by December 1 and is to be 100 feet east of the present factory. Dimensions will be the same as the original building -- 75 by 275 feet. The new building will be used as an assembly plant, paint shop, and wing building. Details.

Article with further details of current Wichita aircraft factory activities.

The new Douglas Avenue bridge across the drainage canal will be opened Monday night for automobile traffic. Street cars have been using it since the school year started two weeks ago.

**Monday, September 26, 1927****page**

14. Construction work on the Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company's new building will likely be started this week. It is to be in the third block on South Wichita Street, just south of the Bryan-Southwest Transfer Company's warehouse. Details.

**Thursday, September 29, 1927****page**

6. National Air Transport has temporarily discontinued booking passengers on the Chicago to Dallas route because of unfavorable weather conditions.
11. Wichita Transportation Company advertisement with photograph of five of the 16 new buses which have replaced old equipment.

**Saturday, October 1, 1927****page**

7. The Cessna-Roos Company has decided that the site planned on South Wichita for its new factory was too small and has instead purchased half of the West Side race track and has an option to purchase the other half. The new site lies just north of 1st Street, or Anderson Avenue and has trackage on the Missouri Pacific and space for a testing field. The entire site is 272 acres.

**Sunday, October 2, 1927****page**

- B-10. Lloyd Stearman, president of the Stearman Aircraft Company, arrived in Wichita by car from California this past week, accompanied by his wife and two children, Billy and

Marylyn. Details.

## **Tuesday, October 4, 1927**

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2. Mail and express planes in the Chicago-Wichita-Dallas division of National Air Transport carried 153 passengers during the month of September. A total of 9476 pounds of mail and 460 pounds of express was carried.

George H. Siedhoff Construction Company has begun hauling material to the site of the new Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company factory and actual construction will probably start Wednesday. There will be two buildings, the main one for construction work being 100 by 150 feet, and the other a paint shop 50 by 50 feet, both one story, of brick. Cost about \$35,000.

15. Madison Airways, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, is to receive delivery this week of a Travel Air monoplane for passenger and express service between Madison and Chicago.

## **Thursday, October 6, 1927**

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8. Ground was broken for the Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company's new building located at the old race track grounds on the West Side at a ceremony Tuesday afternoon by Arthur C. Goebel, and work started on the foundation Wednesday morning. The work is expected to be completed within 40 days. Cessna is working on his third monoplane in the old factory at 1527 West Douglas. The plane should be finished the early part of next week.

## **Saturday, October 8, 1927**

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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.

**Sunday, October 9, 1927****page**

4. Article with considerable history of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway since sold at foreclosure sale in 1914. Details.

**Tuesday, October 11, 1927****page**

2. Within the past 30 days the Travel Air Company has sold on contract for 1928 delivery a total of 511 airplanes of all models with a value in excess of one and a half million dollars.
11. City commission yesterday let contract for widening of Central Avenue 20 feet to 56 feet and paving it from Washington to Ash. Tentative plans call for extending the new width as far as the city limits.

**Wednesday, October 12, 1927****page**

2. Equipment and machinery of the Stearman Aircraft Company arrived from the Venice, California factory yesterday. The first plane will be started at the company's factory north of the city on Saturday, October 15 and should be ready for its first test flight by November 1.

**Friday, October 14, 1927****page**

11. Construction of the Travel Air Company's new factory building will begin Monday or Tuesday of next week. Leveling of the ground for the building has been going on for the past two weeks. The first building was finished in February of this year at a cost of \$45,000 and the new one will be a duplicate of it.

**Sunday, October 16, 1927****page**

3. Work of enumeration for the 1928 Wichita City Directory began last week and will be completed the last of November.
- B-1. Rea Woodman is coming back to Wichita to live according to news from King's Court, Poughkeepsie, New York, which has been her home for some years. She is expected to arrive in Wichita this week and will visit her aunt, Mrs. J. O. Davidson, 935 North Lawrence, until she selects a permanent residence.

**Sunday, October 16, 1927****page**

## Magazine

- 11., 15. Article on 45 years of city transportation in Wichita with photographs and details. ("From Mule Car to Motor Bus")

**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 plane 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.
  
3. Al H. Parrott, store manager of the Devoe and Reynolds Paint Company, 127 North Market, announced today is resignation to go into business for himself. He has been Devoe manager for the past seven years and for the previous 24 years was in business in the partnership of Parrott Brothers Paint and Varnish Company.

**Wednesday, October 19, 1927****page**

1. County commission announced plans for a new \$150,000 bridge to be built across the Arkansas River on South Lawrence Avenue. Details.

**Thursday, October 20, 1927****page**

8. The new Cessna cabin monoplane powered by the big J-5 Wright Whirlwind engines will have wings covered by mahogany plywood instead of the cloth covered wings of the Anzani powered models. The first plane with the plywood wing will be ready for test flights early next week. Price of the Anzani powered plane is \$3500 and of the J-5 Whirlwind powered plane is \$9000.
  
9. Production of the first Stearman plane at the Wichita factory will begin Monday morning.

**Friday, October 21, 1927****page**

24. The former Kansas Sanitarium on West Douglas Avenue has been purchased by the Central Union Conference of the Seventh Day Adventists and today was renamed "The Wichita Sanitarium." Details.

**Sunday, October 23, 1927****page**

1. Report of death last evening of Charles W. Carey, president of the First National Bank, at the home, 151 North Roosevelt, age 60. Born in Maroe, Illinois, March 14, 1867 and came to Wichita in 1878 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Carey. Survived by wife, two sons and two daughters (named). Obituary. Photograph.
  
2. Article summarizing aircraft industry in Wichita. Details.
  
5. The new Innes store is to be opened Tuesday, November 8. Details.

8. Announcement of formal opening of new Southern Kansas Stage Lines garage, 435 West 2nd Street, on Tuesday, October 25. Article with details. Article with photographs of bus and garage.

**Monday, October 24, 1927****page**

7. Photograph of first residence completed at Eastborough, at No. 4 St. James Place. To be occupied by dentist, Dr. George E. Weight. Details.
13. Three planes have been started by the Stearman Aircraft Company at the Wichita factory. Nine other planes will be started Wednesday. Two hangars will be constructed on the landing field west of the factory.

**Wednesday, October 26, 1927****page**

8. The third Cessna-Roos monoplane will be given a test flight this afternoon at the new Cessna field in West Wichita by chief test pilot, Francis Bowhan. Details.

**Thursday, October 27, 1927****page**

2. Wichita's newest subdivision, between Douglas and Central east of Terrace Drive, will be formally opened about November 5. Four new building sites have already been sold on Pershing Avenue, which street has been paved.
18. The new Cessna-Roos cantilever monoplane made a successful first test flight from the Swartz field at 1st and Glenn piloted by Francis D. Bowhan, chief test pilot. Details. The new plane has a 200 horsepower Wright Whirlwind motor.

**Saturday, October 29, 1927****page**

8. Letter from Kos Harris discussing location of an early Wichita photograph in last Monday's *Beacon*. Discusses location of United States Land Office in Wichita in early days.
10. Article about a newly chartered Wichita aircraft firm, the Swift Aircraft Corporation. W. R. Ritchey is president. Company will build a two place biplane. C. B. Bennett, now with Travel Air, will be the company's chief engineer and designer beginning about November 15. Company's first ship is expected to be completed in January. Details.

**Sunday, October 30, 1927****page**

- C-7. Southern Kansas Stage Lines advertisement.

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11. Article with extensive history of the old College Hill school, which has recently been torn down. ("The Passing of a Landmark")

**Monday, October 31, 1927****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of William H. Snyder, president of the Snyder Ice Cream Company, at his home at 837 Buffum at age 54. Born at Grundy Center, Iowa. Moved to Leavenworth and then in 1909 to Wichita. Survived by wife, Marie, and one son, W. H. Snyder, Jr., of Wichita.
9. Two all metal airplane hangars, each 50 by 100 feet, are to be built at once at the plant of the Cessna-Roos Aircraft company in West Wichita.

**Tuesday, November 1, 1927****page**

9. Another letter about location of early Wichita photograph in *Beacon* of Monday, October 24, showing Wisconsin Lumber Company, identifies it as being where Manhattan Hotel is now. Details.  
  
Al H. Parrott has purchased the Richards Paint and Wallpaper store at 143 North Market from Carl Richards, of Salina. Details.
12. Mr. A. DeBernardi, former general manager of the Orient Railroad, is visiting in Wichita for the first time since he left here four years ago for Shawnee, Colorado. He now owns a large ranch in the Grand Canyon district at Shawnee and has no interest in returning to the railroad business.

**Wednesday, November 2, 1927****page**

8. Report that Wichita pioneer lawyer, Robert M. Piatt, age 77, is ill with a severe stroke at his home, 830 North Topeka. Came to Wichita 44 years ago. Photograph.

**Thursday, November 3, 1927****page**

2. Report of death this morning of B. L. Whitlock, a pioneer Wichita meat and grocery man, at age 67. Came to Wichita from Vermont in 1887 and established the Whitlock market. Survived by wife, two sons, Lyle H. and Fred G., of Wichita, and a brother, E. E. Whitlock, of Wichita.
11. Wichita aviation news. The first Stearman plane to be completed in the Wichita factory will take to the air about November 19 or 20. It is a mail plane to be delivered to the Varney Airlines, Boise, Idaho, and is the first of an order of three. ¶ Details regarding activities of other Wichita aircraft companies. Cessna is starting work on six cantilever monoplanes this week.

**Sunday, November 6, 1927****page**

6. The Holland Theater, 118 East Douglas, closed its doors Saturday night. Mrs. Sybil J. Platts, who bought the building a few months ago from Charles Bull, pioneer picture house man of Wichita, has sold the theater through her husband, George A. Platts. The building will be turned into a merchandise store later.
  
8. Short article about the Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company, listing the officers and directors of the company.  
  
Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company advertisement.
  
- B-9. Full page advertisement announcing the formal opening of Eastlawn Addition (Pershing to Oliver between Douglas and Central) with plat map and prices of lots.

**Monday, November 7, 1927****page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Robert M. Piatt, pioneer Wichita lawyer, at age 77, at his home at 839 North Topeka. Born on farm in Warwick County, Indiana April 7, 1850. Married Miss Alma Fellows of Bloomington in 1874. Came to Kansas and settled on a claim in Kingman County circa 1882. Moved to Wichita in December 1883. Survived by wife. Had no children. Obituary. Photograph.
  
- 15-20. Special articles, details, etc. regarding formal opening of the new Innes store Tuesday evening, November 8.

**Wednesday, November 9, 1927****page**

5. The Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company will move into its new factory building at 1st and Glenn Thursday or Friday of this week from its present small building at 1520 West Douglas. The landing field has been improved and rolled and leveled. It is 1300 feet long.
  
7. Directors of the First National Bank yesterday elected C. Q. Chandler as president to fill the vacancy left by the death of Charles W. Carey. Details. The new president is 63 years old.  
  
Report of formal opening of the new Innes store last evening. Details.

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4. Report of organizational meeting of the new Laird Aircraft Corporation, chartered with capital of \$250,000. H. D. Cottman is president. Other officers and directors listed. C. L. Laird will be production manager and factory superintendent. Company has purchased building at 417 West 1st.

7. Report of death yesterday of Frank W. Mueller, Wichita florist and brother of Charles P. Mueller, at age 63. Other brothers in Wichita include H. S., A. G., and E. J. and three sisters survive (listed). Wife and one daughter, Mrs. Floyd A. Thomas survive. Obituary.

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3. Work is starting on the new cafeteria building at the University of Wichita. To be 45 by 78 feet and cost \$9000.

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3. The Phillips Petroleum Company will enter the retail field when it opens its first filling station here Saturday. The new station, located at 805 East Central, was built by the Henrion Improvement Company. Details.

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22. The Travel Air Company has received two new types of motors to place in their standard biplanes. One is a 135 horsepower, four cylinder Caminez motor built by the Fairchild Company. The other is a nine cylinder German-made Siemens-Halske motor having the same horsepower.

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2. Report on aviation activities in Wichita. The four steel hangars on the east side of the Cessna-Roos field are rapidly being completed and will be ready for occupancy within the next ten days. Two will be for the Cessna company and the others for visitors and people who want to keep their planes on the downtown field. The first plane to be built by the Stearman factory in Wichita will be completed the latter part of next week. It is a mail plane for the Varney Airways, Inc.
3. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Caroline E. Winne, age 89, at her home, 1043 Jefferson. She came to Wichita from Hutchinson in 1899. Her husband, J. G. Winne, died in October 1909. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Saxe, and a son, Scott E. Winne. In 1908 there was a collapse of the Winne financial institutions and Scott E. Winne left the city, never to return.

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

The first model of the Wichita Blue Streak motor will arrive here from California within the next few days, according to Edgar Bales, general manager of the company. Julius Dusevoir, designer of the motor, has written that he plans to leave California next week and arrive in Wichita about December 1. He has been with the General Motors Corporation for many years, designing automobile motors.

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16. The corporation manufacturing planes designed by Clyde V. Cessna is to be known hereafter as the Cessna Aircraft Company instead of the Cessna-Roos Aircraft Company, this change in name being deemed advisable by the board of directors. Mr. Roos has sold a substantial block of his stock in the company to Mr. Cessna.
17. The Wichita Yellow Cab Company has leased the three story Charles H. Smythe warehouse building at 115-125 North Mead, recently occupied by the United Warehouse Company. Details.

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7. The 1928 Kansas license tags will be white and dark blue letters and numbers. The letters KAN will be on the right hand side over the numeral 28.

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2. The Cessna Aircraft Company will begin business Monday morning in its new \$40,000 factory at 1st and Glenn. All machinery and material was moved Saturday from the old plant at 1520 West Douglas. Details.

The Central Trades and Labor Assembly of Wichita Friday passed a resolution recommending the granting of a 20 year franchise to the Wichita Transportation Company and endorsing an eight cent street car and bus fare, with two rides for 15 cents and five and a half cent fare for students. The resolution is being sent to city officials. Text is given.

**Monday, November 28, 1927****page**

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.
2. The first Stearman airplane to be built in Wichita will be given its preliminary tests

Saturday. Fred Hoyt. chief test pilot, will be at the controls when the plane takes off from the testing field on East 36th Street.

9. Photograph of Gill Mortuary with adjacent house.

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3. The Wichita Transportation Company applied to the city commission yesterday for a new 20 year franchise and for an increase in fares for trolley cars. ¶ The proposed fares would have the same fares for street cars as for buses:

Single fare	8 cents
Two	15 cents
Five	35 cents
24	\$1.50

The two cent transfer charge to buses would be eliminated. Company claimed that during seven months the street cars had net earnings of only \$30,260 on a valuation of \$2,750,723.67. The buses during the same seven months had a deficit of \$55,512.58 on a valuation of \$436,066.27.

11. Contract has been let to George H. Siedhoff Construction Company for the new \$150,000 theater building at 3207-09 East Douglas, and clearing up the ground was started today. It is to have a Spanish type architecture and seating capacity of 1268. To be ready for opening by spring. Details.

### **Wednesday, November 30, 1927**

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1. State board of agriculture census shows Wichita population for 1927 of 99,651, compared with 94,179 in 1926. Topeka had 60,455. All cities over 1000 listed on page 3.

### **Friday, December 2, 1927**

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1. Purchase of a 20 acre flying field and factory site at 33rd and Lawrence by the Swift Aircraft Corporation was announced today. The property includes the old refinery plant and grounds of the Southwest Petroleum Company. Price said to be approximately \$25,000. The Swift Corporation plans to begin producing a two place biplane December 15. Five concrete buildings on the site are being remodeled for use by the Swift Company. President is W. R. Ritchey. Other officers and directors listed. Details.

### **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.

**Sunday, December 4, 1927****page**

2. Article by Rea Woodman giving her impressions on returning to Wichita.

**Monday, December 5, 1927****page**

2. Continued article by Rea Woodman about her return to Kansas to live. ("Pioneer Daughter Observes")

**Tuesday, December 6, 1927****page**

3. A proposed building program for the Wichita schools was presented to Board of Education yesterday. Details. Includes a four room addition to be added to the Riverside school immediately and an addition to Martinson School in the near future. Referred to the buildings and grounds committee.
5. Continued article by Rea Woodman about her early days in Wichita. Details.
12. Building permit issued yesterday to Oliver Mourning for 25 apartment building at 515 South Market.

**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.

**Thursday, December 8, 1927****page**

11. Continuation of Rea Woodman's article on her return to Kansas. Says she and her mother left Wichita in 1897.

**Friday, December 9, 1927****page**

10. The Innes Dry Goods Company has been released from its lease on the Smyth Building at Lawrence and Douglas effective January 1, 1928, after which Charles Smyth will remodel the building and put it in readiness for occupancy by Sanger Brothers, of Dallas, Texas, who are to occupy it with a department store. Improvements will cost approximately \$50,000. Details.

**Saturday, December 10, 1927****page**

10. Reports from Wichita aircraft plants. The first Stearman plane built here made its first flight yesterday at the testing field at 35th and North Lawrence (sic), piloted by Fred Hoyt, test pilot. It will soon be ready for delivery to the Varney Airlines, Boise, Idaho.

**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.
15. A complete working model of the new Wichita Blue Streak motor on a scale one-half the size of the actual motor has arrived in Wichita. The miniature engine is constructed of wood. Working prints sent from California by the inventor, Julius Dusevoir, have also arrived and will be in the hands of mechanics at the Bridgeport Machine Company's plant on Monday. ¶ Detailed description.

**Monday, December 12, 1927****page**

9. The first Stearman mail plane built in Wichita, which was to have been delivered to Varney Airlines, is instead being delivered to Western Air Express Company at Denver to replace a Western Air Express plane lost last week in a crash during a storm. The plane was flown to Cheyenne on Saturday and is to be flown from there to Denver today. Varney Air Lines agreed to wait for the second plane, which is nearly completed.

**Tuesday, December 13, 1927****page**

2. Wichita Transportation Company advertisement urging increase in street car fares to the same level as bus fares. Small photographs comparing old jitney bus to one of the company's 16 new buses.
3. Contract let yesterday for excavating and grading of the University of Wichita's football field and track for about \$4000. To be completed by next spring.

4. City commission yesterday indicated it would not allow Wichita Transportation Company to raise street car fares until the city obtains "home rule" giving it local control over the bus fares as well. Details.

### **Wednesday, December 14, 1927**

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2. Missouri Pacific Railroad announces purchase of large amount of new heavy steel rails, of which about 6500 tons are to come to the Wichita division to replace light steel on 48½ miles of the main line between Wichita and Ft. Scott with 90 pound rails.

### **Thursday, December 15, 1927**

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3. Contract let today for new building to enlarge and improve the Conway Springs Bottling Company's plant on North Waco. It is to be just north of the present plant, 206 North Waco, and cost \$25,000. To be two stories, 75 by 96 feet. Architect is Glen H. Thomas.
7. Construction of the first airplane to be built by the Swift Airplane Company will begin next Monday, according to D. B. Bennett, chief engineer. Details.
14. Advertisement with photograph of the remodeled National Savings Building at northeast corner of Douglas and Emporia.

### **Friday, December 16, 1927**

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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 United States, were built in Wichita during the first 11 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.

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- C-8. Southern Kansas Stage Lines advertisement with bus photograph.

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11. Article about Miss May Neely's private school in Wichita, which is closing with the

Christmas vacation after many years. Details of her 1884 eighth grade class in the Wichita public schools (held in the old high school building on North Emporia) with names of pupils listed. Photograph.

**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.

**Saturday, December 24, 1927****page**

3. Report of death Monday of Rev. G. A. King, formerly of Wichita, in Floral Park, New York after a long illness, at age 67. Born in 1860 at Westfield, Pennsylvania. Was prominent in the Universalist denomination for many years and from 1901-1907 was superintendent of churches for that denomination in Kansas and Missouri. In 1911 he established a recreation center in the stockyards section of Wichita. Survived by wife and one daughter (named).

**Sunday, December 25, 1927****page**

5. Drawing of Wichita's proposed new high school as designed by architect, Glen H. Thomas. Article with details.

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11. Drawing of remodeled National Savings Building.

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12. The second Stearman plane made in Wichita made its first flight this afternoon, flown by Fred Hoyt, chief test pilot. To be flown to Western Air Express at Denver Thursday.

**Friday, December 30, 1927****page**

15. The above mentioned Stearman mail plane was delivered to Western Air Express, which operates a mail line between Cheyenne, Wyoming and Pueblo, Colorado, in Denver yesterday by Fred Hoyt, chief test pilot, and Lloyd Stearman, president of the company.

**Saturday, December 31, 1927****page**

2. Report of death yesterday in Denver, of Frank O. Davidson, son of the late J. O. Davidson, of Wichita. He was born in Wichita in 1877 but had not made his home here for 24 or 25 years. He lived in San Antonio until recently, when he moved to Denver. Survived by wife, Mamie, step-mother, Mrs. J. O. Davidson, of 535 North Lawrence, a sister, Mrs. H.

G. Hagny, of 935 North Lawrence, a brother, James O. Davidson, Jr., also of 935 North Lawrence, and two uncles, Colonel Thomas G. Fitch, 1140 North Lawrence, and Sam F. Woolard, of the Alameda Apartments.