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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1931 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

#### Sunday, January 4, 1931

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5. Report of municipal airport statistics for the year 1930. Seventeen thousand four hundred thirty-three air passengers passed through, including 15,195 paid air passengers. Of these 3592 arrived in Wichita, 4324 departed from Wichita, and 7279 passed through the city. 3193 landings were made by transport planes. Fifteen thousand transient planes visited the airport.

The huge Neon sign on top the Allis Hotel was turned on for the first time New Year's Eve.

#### Monday, January 5, 1931

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14. Report of death yesterday of pioneer Wichita business man, Howard E. Case, president of the Davidson-Case Lumber Company, at age 68, at his residence, 1145 North Lawrence. Born in Fulton, New York June 10, 1862. Came to Wichita in 1884. Wife, Sarah Davidson Case, died last March. Survived by one son, Howard E. Case, Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. Thor Jager, Mrs. Morris Neff, and Mrs. William Brookman, all of Wichita. Further biography. Photograph.

#### Tuesday, January 6, 1931

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10. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Charles Lawrence, a resident of Wichita for 53 years, at her home, 841 North Emporia. She was the wife of Charles Lawrence, president of the Lawrence Photo Supply Company. Born in Herkimer County, New York. Came to Wichita in 1878 and was the first principal of the Wichita High School. Survived by husband and one son, Henry, who resides at the family home.
17. The Holmes Clothing Company, 211 East Douglas, will move to a new location, 117 North Market, about March 1.
18. School board yesterday authorized construction of a new intermediate school on College

Hill, to cost \$276,000, with Ed Forsblom, architect, and several additions to other schools (listed).

**Friday, January 9, 1931****page**

6. Preparations are being made for extension of the Western Air Service Corporation line to Wichita Falls, Texas and eventually Ft. Worth and Dallas, from Oklahoma City, and from Omaha to Sioux City on the north, but this new service has evidently not yet started. Details.

**Sunday, January 11, 1931****page**

7. Missouri Pacific Railroad has appropriated approximately \$300,000 for laying of heavier rails on the Wichita Division, including replacement of old 75 pound rails with 90 pound rails between Tonovay and Reece, between Summit and Rosalia, and between Maize and Colwich.
  
- B-11. Article about desertion, destruction and vandalism at the former Green Gables roadhouse which was closed down after a raid last September. All windows broken, etc. Details. Photographs.

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3. Feature article on street transportation system in Wichita, with history (many inaccuracies) and photographs.

**Monday, January 12, 1931****page**

13. Two changes were made today in Wichita bus lines by the Wichita Transportation Company. The West Douglas line, which has heretofore run west on Douglas to St. Paul, will hereafter turn south at Edwards to Maple, thence east to Meridian, and thence north to Douglas again. The Harry Street bus line, which has heretofore run west to Wichita and thence south, will hereafter run two blocks farther west to Palisade, thence south to Skinner and west to Gold.

**Saturday, January 17, 1931****page**

1. Report of death today of Frank C. Wood, president and general manager of Jett and Wood Mercantile Company, at age 72, of acute appendicitis. In business in Wichita 36 years. Survived by one son and one daughter. Obituary. Photograph.

**Sunday, January 18, 1931****page**

7. Report of opening of new aircraft company in Wichita, the Roydon Aircraft Company, J.

G. Bailey of McPherson, president. The company is now building gliders and expects soon to be building powered aircraft. It has purchased the three and half acre site and factory buildings at 3400 North Lawrence which was formerly owned by the Swift Aircraft Company. Some of the company's equipment was purchased from the Sullivan Aircraft Company and the Ace Aircraft Company. Other officers named.

**Thursday, January 22, 1931****page**

10. Photograph of the new home of the Carl Graham Paint and Wallpaper Company, at 2nd and Lawrence, formerly the home of the Reo Motor Company. The Carl Graham Company will move there about March 1. For the past 12 years it has been located at 1st and Lawrence (Butts Building). Details.
18. Meeting of stockholders of the Cessna Aircraft Company yesterday elected some new directors (named). Officers to be elected today. Company will concentrate on two new models to be introduced this spring. Details.

**Friday, January 23, 1931****page**

14. The new 1931 city directory made its appearance yesterday.
17. Photograph of the Snyder Ice Cream Company plant, 307-09 West Murdock.

**Sunday, January 25, 1931****page**

- B-6. Western Air Service, Inc. is absorbing the Wichita and Tulsa division of the United States Airways beginning today. The new service will be provided as a connection of a single engine plane from Blackwell to Tulsa, connecting with the regular Omaha-Wichita-Oklahoma City service provided with tri-motored planes. This will make a change of plane necessary at Blackwell for Wichita to Tulsa passengers. United States Airways will continue to operate its planes between Kansas City and Denver by way of Salina.

**January 28, 1931****page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Henry J. Hagny, age 66, vice-president of the Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Trust Company, and former owner and editor of *The Beacon*, at his residence, in the Shirkmere Apartments, after six years of illness. Born at Keokuk, Iowa March 18, 1865. Came to Wichita around 1890 (?). Married Mrs. Libby Smith, of Wichita, on June 3, 1895. Was editor and owner of the *Beacon* until 1907, when he sold it to Henry J. Allen. Survived by wife and one brother and one sister (named). Another brother, R. Given Hagny, died in Wichita July 9, 1930. Obituary. Photograph.

**Sunday, February 1, 1931****page**

- B-1. Advertisement announces merger on February 2, 1931 of the Merchants State Bank with

the State Reserve Bank, under the name of The Merchants Reserve State Bank. To be located temporarily at 500 East Douglas until the building at 331 East Douglas is remodeled.

**Tuesday, February 10, 1931****page**

9. Report of death in Seattle of Reuben H. Roys, former Wichita insurance and real estate man of the firm of Bunnell and Roys, was received yesterday. After leaving Wichita he went to Chicago and later to Seattle.

**Friday, February 13, 1931****page**

1. Report of death yesterday of George T. Cubbon, age 74, former Wichita chief of police. Obituary. Photograph.

**Monday, February 16, 1931****page**

7. "George Washington Boulevard" is the name proposed by the Eunice Sterling Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the new diagonal highway leading southeast from Wichita to the municipal airport.

**Tuesday, February 17, 1931****page**

7. Advertisement for Allen W. Hinkel Company shows drawing of Boston Store building with the old peaks (decorative) removed from the roofline.

**Thursday, February 19, 1931****page**

17. A. J. Cleary announced yesterday that more than 54 million passengers have been carried by the Wichita Transportation Company during the past 40 months without a single fatal accident. The last fatal accident was a bus accident in October 1927, and the last fatal accident on the street car system was in June 1927.

**Sunday, February 22, 1931****page**

- D-1. Photograph of new home of the E. S. Cowie Electric Company at 230 South Topeka. Article with details.

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

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

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

**Sunday, March 1, 1931****page**

- B-1. Rorabaugh's new store location in the Smyth building at Lawrence and Douglas will open tomorrow. Details. Photograph.
- 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.

**Friday, March 6, 1931****page**

7. The fire department moved yesterday from the old Central Station to the new No. 1 station at 3rd and Water and No. 2 station on South Topeka. Details. The old Central station was turned over to the police department.

**Sunday, March 8, 1931****page**

- B-9. Photograph of new Steffens's Ice Cream plant under construction. To be ready for opening about May 1.

**Special Auto Show Section****Monday, March 9, 1931****page**

7. Report of death yesterday at Stillwater, Oklahoma of former Wichita resident, Mrs. Ella M. Lawrence, at age 82. She was the widow of Dr. James B. Lawrence, a brother of Charles Lawrence and Robert E. Lawrence, and lived in Wichita from the time of her marriage in 1883 to Mr. Lawrence until 1914, since which time she has lived with a son (by previous marriage) in Stillwater. Obituary.

**Sunday, March 15, 1931****page**

1. The Missouri Pacific Railroad will spend more than \$700,000 for improvements on the Wichita division during the coming summer. Preliminary work will start in April and actual track laying will begin in May. Forty-three miles of the track between Wichita and Hutchinson will be relaid with new 90 pound rails at a cost of nearly \$400,000; 20 miles between Wichita and Yates Center will be relaid with 90 pound rails at a cost of more than \$200,000, and seven miles of 75 pound rails will be placed on the line between Eldorado and McPherson for nearly \$50,000 and six miles on the Larned line. In addition the bridges between Wichita and Ft. Scott will be strengthened or rebuilt so they will be safe for the new 1900 series of heavy freight engines which the company has been purchasing

recently and which will be used in handling the 1931 wheat crop.

**Monday, March 16, 1931****page**

11. Interview with Walter Beech, visiting Wichita from St. Louis. He states the Curtiss-Wright Company plans to keep the Travel Air factory in Wichita in operation. Details.

**Tuesday, March 17, 1931****page**

14. Wichita Transportation Company advertisement with photograph of passengers boarding street car.
22. Photograph of Southern Kansas Stage Lines bus chartered for wedding party. Details.

**Thursday, March 19, 1931****page**

1. Announcement from Washington today that Wichita has been selected as the site for a new 150 bed veterans' hospital. Details -- also March 20, page 1.

**Sunday, March 29, 1931****page**

6. Report of death yesterday of Albert Franklin Babb, 1444 North Vassar, at age 50 of a stroke. Was son of W. J. Babb, former Wichita mayor, who died in 1923. Survived by wife and one daughter, and also by one brother, William J. Babb, Jr., 1743 South Waco, and three sisters (named -- includes Miss Virginia E. Babb, 1432 Fairmount).

**Tuesday, March 31, 1931****page**

1. Report of crash about 11:00 a.m. today of Transcontinental and Western Air passenger plane near Bazaar, Kansas, killing football coach Knute Rockne and seven others.

**Sunday, April 5, 1931****page**

- B-8. Photograph of new Kansas Gas and Electric service building on East Central, which will be opened early in May. Details.

**Wednesday, April 8, 1931****page**

1. Report of results of city elections yesterday.

**Thursday, April 9, 1931****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of early Wichita newspaper publisher John Hoenscheidt, at his home, 2024 Jackson Avenue at age 82. Came to New York City at age 17 from Germany and later to Atchison, Kansas and to Wichita in 1885, where he started the *Wichita*

*Herald*, a German language newspaper. Survived by a brother, nieces and nephews, etc. Obituary.

### Sunday, April 19, 1931

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G-5. Article compares Wichita street car and bus fares with those of other mid-west cities:

	<u>Bus</u>	<u>Street Car</u>	<u>Tokens</u>
Wichita	7¢	7¢	15 for \$1.00
Topeka	10¢	8¢	3 for 25¢
Oklahoma City	8¢	8¢	2 for 15¢
St. Joseph	10¢	10¢	3 for 25¢
Denver	10¢	10¢	3 for 25¢
Kansas City	10¢	10¢	3 for 25¢
Topeka	8¢	8¢	2 for 15¢

Despite the low fares A. J. Cleary states the company has barely been hanging on the first four months of this year, with a big decrease over the first four months of last year and a tremendous loss over the first four months of the year before that. Part of the decrease, of course, is due to the business slowdown we are now in.

### Monday, April 20, 1931

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2. Wichita Transportation Company advertisement states that 50,000 people ride the street cars and buses every day.

### Tuesday, April 21, 1931

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2. The first flight of the new Transcontinental and Western Air mail planes arrived in Wichita westbound at 10:54 p.m. yesterday. The eastbound flight arrived at about 4:00 a.m. today. The planes used in the new mail service are low-wing all-metal Northrop planes. With this new service mail crosses the continent in approximately 24 hours.

### Monday, April 27, 1931

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8. Bishop J. Henry Tihen recently resigned his post as Bishop of Denver and will return to Wichita after an absence of 20 years to make his home at St. Francis Hospital

### Thursday, April 30, 1931

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7. Radio station KFKB, of Milford, Kansas, which began broadcasting in September 1923,

and which was recently purchased by the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company from Dr. John R. Brinkley, of Milford, has been authorized by the federal radio commission to change its call letters to KFBI effective Friday, May 1.

**Monday, May 4, 1931****page**

1. All Fokker tri-motored planes of the F-10 AF 1 type, have been grounded by order of the Department of Commerce pending further investigation of the wreckage of the plane in which Knute Rockne died. The order affects approximately 35 planes in use on four of the nation's leading air lines. Details.

**Tuesday, May 5, 1931****page**

13. Board of education yesterday decided to name the new intermediate school in the eastern part of the city for Charles Robinson, first territorial governor of Kansas.

**Wednesday, May 13, 1931****page**

5. Kathleen Kersting, Wichita operatic star, will sail for Europe today on the *S. S. Bremen*.

**Thursday, May 21, 1931****page**

16. Report of formal dedication of Wichita high school North last evening. Details.

**Sunday, May 24, 1931****page**

1. Construction of the new building for Montgomery Ward and Company at southeast corner of Douglas and Topeka is to start this week. Clearing of site will begin immediately. To cost \$500,000.

Walter Beech yesterday denied the persistent rumor that the Travel Air factory in Wichita is to be closed down and moved to St. Louis. Details.

- D-5. Article says the five new buses required by the new franchise of the Wichita Transportation Company are being built in the local company shops apart from the motor, chassis, etc. They are powered with Mack motors and seat 29 persons. Total cost is about \$7500 each, or a total of \$37,5000. The first of the new fleet has just been completed and is ready to go into service. Four others will be completed within a short time. Equipment and parts are being bought locally. Details.

**Tuesday, May 26, 1931****page**

1. Plans have been approved for the proposed new \$250,000 Central Christian Church at Central and Market. Details.

**Saturday, May 30, 1931****page**

2. The Western Air Service is continuing its efforts to obtain an air mail contract for service between Omaha and Oklahoma City through Wichita despite the temporary refusal of the federal department since its budget for the present year has been entirely used by old contracts.
3. Drawing of proposed new Central Christian Church. Schmidt, Boucher and Overend are architects.

**Tuesday, June 2, 1931****page**

12. United Air Lines yesterday announced formation of the largest air transport corporation in the world with the merger of four eastern and western air mail, passenger, and express lines. These include National Air Transport, Boeing Air Transport, Pacific Air Transport, and Varney Air Lines. P. G. Johnson, president of the Boeing companies, will be elected president of the new group. General headquarters will be maintained in Chicago.

**Friday, June 5, 1931****page**

12. Advertisement announcing opening tomorrow of new Goodrich-Silverton Tire service station at southwest corner of 1st and St. Francis. Photograph. Article with details and photograph on page 13.

**Sunday, June 7, 1931****page**

1. Report of annual picnic of the Pioneer Society yesterday at the Forum. Details. Those attending included O. C. Daisy, Kos Harris, Dave Leahy and many others.

**Tuesday, June 9, 1931****page**

1. Razing of the old building at southeast corner of Douglas and Topeka started today to make way for the new Montgomery Ward and Company building. Details.

**Wednesday, June 10, 1931****page**

9. Photograph of crowd at Riverside Boat House taken at the *Beacon* water carnival in 1930.

**Thursday, June 11, 1931****page**

1. The old Brosius Building at corner of Douglas and Topeka is rapidly being torn down to make way for the new Montgomery Ward building. Part of the old Richland Block adjoining the Brosius Building will also be torn down. The old buildings are expected to be razed by Sunday morning and George Siedhoff Construction Company expects to move in next week to start on the new building.

**Sunday, June 14, 1931****page**

- B-7. The last of the old Brosius Building at corner of Douglas and Topeka was torn down by the close of the day yesterday. The west half of the adjoining Richland Block will be torn down by Wednesday if the weather remains good.

**Tuesday, June 16, 1931****page**

1. Report of death today of Edward Vail, Jr., age 78, at his home, 1018 North Market. He was president of the Perpetual Building and Loan Association, and formerly in the jewelry business until selling this out in 1924. Born in La Porte, Indiana November 18, 1853. Came to Wichita in 1884. Survived by wife, Julia, and two daughters (named). Further biography. Photograph.

**Sunday, June 21, 1931****page**

- B-10. Photograph of the new home of the Steel Sign Service Company, 1st and Glenn, in the former home of the Cessna Aircraft Company. Article with details.

**Wednesday, June 24, 1931****page**

9. Advertisement announcing opening on the new Shanklin's Grocery store, 1601 East Douglas, this evening. Photograph on page 8.
11. Transcontinental & Western Air advertisement.

**Wednesday, July 1, 1931****page**

1. Report of marriage today of Allen W. Hinkel to Mrs. R. Given Hagny in the study of the First Presbyterian Church at Newton, Kansas. Details. Attending were the bride's mother, Mrs. J. O. Davidson, and her brother, J. O. Davidson, Jr., as well as Nancy Hagny, daughter of the bride. They will reside in the L. R. Hurd home at 401 North Belmont, which was built by H. J. Hagny, brother of the late R. Given Hagny, and later purchased by Mr. Hurd. After Mr. Hurd's death, Mrs. Hurd moved to Minneapolis and placed the home up for sale.

**Sunday, July 5, 1931****page**

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

**Sunday, July 5, 1931****page**

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

**Sunday, July 5, 1931****page****Magazine**

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

**Tuesday, July 7, 1931****page**

2. Board of education yesterday let contract for the new intermediate school at 2nd and Oliver for \$156,780.
4. List of teachers assigned to each school 1931-32.
16. Lloyd Stearman has announced his resignation as consulting engineer and technical adviser of the Stearman unit of the United Aircraft and Transport Company. He will return to the Pacific Coast in a short time.

**Saturday, July 11, 1931****page**

3. Photograph of the Harry Street Methodist Episcopal church.

**Sunday, July 12, 1931****page**

13. Report of the opening yesterday of Stevenson's News Stand at 125 North Market. Details.

**Monday, July 13, 1931****page**

6. Photographs of scenes at Missouri Pacific depot yesterday morning as special train carrying Midian Shrine members left for meeting of Imperial Council at Cleveland, Ohio. Local No. 6438.
7. Photograph of crowd at Missouri Pacific depot yesterday for departure of special Shrine convention train.

**Sunday, July 19, 1931****page**

12. Announcement of extensive re-routing of Wichita street car lines which takes effect today. College Hill is combined with Stockyards (no change)

Fairmount is combined with Orient Shops (no change)

Cleveland is combined with Riverside

South Emporia is combined with South Main

Pattie is combined with University

Waco is combined with Topeka.

Former combinations were:

Cleveland with South Main

Riverside with South Emporia

Pattie with Waco

University with Topeka.

The changes will permit reduction of running time as follows (from end of line to Main and Douglas):

	<u>Former Time</u>	<u>New Time</u>
Fairmount	32 minutes	26 minutes
Orient	16 minutes	14 minutes
Cleveland	17 minutes	14 minutes
Riverside	16 minutes	14½ minutes
South Emporia	14 minutes	11 minutes
South Main	14 minutes	12½ minutes
Pattie	15 minutes	12½ minutes
University	14 minutes	11½ minutes
Waco	16 minutes	14½ minutes
Topeka	16 minutes	14 minutes
College Hill	16½ minutes	14½ minutes
Stockyards	17½ minutes	17½ minutes

15. The new John Mack bridge on South Lawrence Avenue will be opened and formally dedicated Wednesday. Construction began in January 1930. Named for late John Mack, highway commissioner for this district. Total cost \$191,000. Details. Eight hundred feet long. Thirty foot roadway. Photograph.
12. The Wichita Municipal Tourist Camp, which opened in 1924, will likely be closed by the city. It is operating at a deficit, with the smallest patronage this year since it was opened. This is due to decreased travel, but also mainly to the fact that there are now 21 other tourist camps within a 12 mile radius of Wichita which was not the case when the Municipal Camp was built.

**Wednesday, July 22, 1931****page**

1. Report of formal ceremonies at Colwich yesterday conferring the rank of Monsignor on Father Godfrey Birenbach, of that town. Details.

**Thursday, July 23, 1931****page**

1. Report that part of the activities of the Northrop Aircraft Corporation, of Burbank, California, including manufacture of a new all-metal sport model, will be transferred to the Stearman plant at Wichita. Details. Followup report with photograph July 26, page 6.

**Sunday, July 26, 1931****page**

8. Announcement of formal opening tomorrow of Stinson's News Stand, 125 North Market. Photograph.
- B-11. Photograph of new Montgomery Ward store under construction. Framework completed. Article with details. First work on the site was done June 10.

**Tuesday, July 28, 1931****page**

8. Photograph of South End Market, 501 East Harry, newly opened (?).

**Tuesday, August 4, 1931****page**

12. City commission yesterday ordered the Forum Garage to be closed. It has been operated for 12 and a half years by O. E. Cooley, but since it opened a number of private garages have opened and owners complained about competition from the city.

**Wednesday, August 12, 1931****page**

9. School census of the Wichita school district for 1931 shows population of 112,672 compared with 115,793 in 1930.

The last of an order for seven mail planes for American Airways will be shipped Saturday. These planes are to be used in mail service between Chicago, Evansville, and Atlanta and from Evansville to St. Louis.

**Sunday, August 16, 1931****page**

- 6-7. Large Southern Kansas Stage Lines advertisement with two page map of routes and drawing of a bus.
- B-6. The Missouri Pacific track gang is now laying about a half mile a day of new 90 pound rails to replace the old rails on the Wichita to Hutchinson line.

- B-10. The 1932 Kansas license tags will be orange with black numerals. Photograph of one of them together with a 1910 Wichita license tag made of leather.

**Sunday, August 23, 1931****page**

11. J. Arch Butts has been newly appointed as the Cadillac-LaSalle distributor in Wichita beginning tomorrow. Photograph of his building at 1525 East Douglas.
- B-10. Photograph of the new Stackman Bridge across Little Arkansas River on West Central, which will be opened by October 1. Article with details. Contract let October 1, 1930. Bridge is 425 feet long and 56 feet wide, with 40 foot roadway. It was designed by P. L. Brockway, city engineer. Cost approximately \$103,000.

**Wednesday, September 2, 1931****page**

- 10 Steffens's new plant on East Central has recently been completed and is now open for public inspection. Details and photographs.

**Thursday, September 3, 1931****page**

7. Photograph of the new Montgomery Ward store building, which was completed in record time of just 68 working days. The fence was built around the site on June 10 and building is now completed. Built by Siedhoff Construction Company.

**Friday, September 4, 1931****page**

13. Photograph of Kansas Poultry Market, 1200 East Central.

**Sunday, September 6, 1931****page**

- B-6. Photograph from court house tower showing the nearly completed new post office.
- B-7. The Wichita Transportation Company has applied to city commission for changes in bus routing on three lines. East Central and South Lawrence lines would be operated in combination. At present South Lawrence and Riverside are operated together. East Central is looped in the downtown district. Under the new plan the Riverside line will be looped in the downtown area. Service on South Lawrence would be increased from present ten minutes during rush hours and 15 minutes during the day to every eight minutes during rush hours and 12 minutes during day.
- B-16. Photograph of new Conoco service station at northwest corner of Waco and Murdock, which was opened yesterday.

**Monday, September 7, 1931****page**

1. Photograph of Labor Day parade in first block of West Douglas.

**Tuesday, September 8, 1931****page**

14. Photograph of newly remodeled front of Goldsmith's Book and Stationery Store, 116 South Topeka.

**Wednesday, September 16, 1931****page**

12. Internationally famous sculptor, Phimister Proctor, visited Wichita today and inspected his work of art here, the bronze figures of the McKnight Memorial Fountain on the grounds of Wichita high school East. The work will be dedicated Friday. Details. Photograph.

**Sunday, September 20, 1931****page**

7. Photograph of new sewage disposal plant south of Wichita under construction. Details.

**Tuesday, September 22, 1931****page**

3. Plans are being made for opening of new air line service between Wichita, Topeka, and Kansas City by Skyway, Inc., headed by Earl Smith and associates. Service is scheduled to begin tomorrow with one round trip daily using a Ford tri-motored plane. Details.

**Thursday, September 24, 1931****page**

16. Report of inaugural flight yesterday of new Skyway, Inc. air service from Wichita to Kansas City by way of Topeka (see above). The tri-motored Ford was piloted by Earl Smith. Photograph of six passengers and pilot. Details.

**Thursday, October 1, 1931****page**

14. Opening of the Stackman Bridge over Little Arkansas River on Central Avenue is to be held at 4:00 p.m. today. Fred Stackman came to Wichita in 1872 and settled on a homestead which land is now part of Riverside Park and the residential section westward. His death occurred 36 years ago. His widow is now Mrs. Marie Steinbuchel.

**Wednesday, October 7, 1931****page**

1. The new Montgomery Ward store in Wichita will open Friday morning. Details. Report October 9, page 1.

**Friday, October 9, 1931****page**

20. Photograph of old building at Topeka and Douglas torn down for Ward's new store.

**Saturday, October 10, 1931****page**

2. Report of death early this morning of Wichita pioneer, Kos Harris, age 79, at his home 801 North Emporia. He would have been 80 on December 3. Born December 3, 1851 at Centerville, Iowa and came to Wichita in March 1874. Married in December 1876 to Miss Ida Udall, of Centerville, Iowa. Wife died about ten years ago. Survived by one son, Vermillion, a lawyer in Wichita, and two daughters, Mrs. W. V. Frazier and Miss Nourma Harris. Obituary. Photograph.

**Sunday, October 18, 1931****page**

1. Report of talk by retired Bishop J. Henry Tihen at the Catholic Rural Life Conference urging a movement back to the soil. Details. Photograph.

**Sunday, November 1, 1931****page**

- B-16. Announcement of revision of schedule of Western Air Service planes between Wichita and Tulsa. There are two round trips daily. Both Blackwell and Ponca City are flag stops. One flight continues north from Wichita to Salina, Lincoln, Omaha, and Sioux City.

**Monday, November 2, 1931****page**

1. The Commerce Mill at 300 Commerce Avenue was badly damaged by fire about 11:00 p.m. yesterday. Details. Announcement of plans for rebuilding. It formerly was the Imperial Mill and had a previous serious fire on December 8, 1925.

**Monday, November 9, 1931****page**

7. Dim photograph of street car decorated for Community Chest campaign. Car number not visible. Car has rear door, front corner window, and seven side windows.

**Tuesday, November 10, 1931****page**

4. Report of city commission discussion yesterday of possible changes in downtown terminal of some Wichita Transportation Company bus lines. Details.

**Thursday, November 12, 1931****page**

8. New home of Landrum's Pure Food Market at 3033 East Douglas will open tomorrow. Details. Photograph.

**Sunday, November 15, 1931****page**

9. Building permit issued for remodeling and enlargement of the Standard Oil Company service station at southeast corner of William and Water Streets. Additional ground to the

south of the present service station was purchased and the brick apartment building on the site has been removed.

**Monday, November 30, 1931**

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1. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer, Colonel E. E. Bleckley, at his home, 141 North Bluff, age 70. Born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania May 11, 1861. Lived in Wichita 50 years. Survived by wife and one son, Clarence, of Wichita. Another son, Erwin R. Bleckley, was killed in France in the World War. Obituary.

**Sunday, December 13, 1931**

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2. Article reporting that Clyde Cessna is building a new racing plane at his factory southeast of the city and that it is nearly completed. Details.

**Friday, December 25, 1931**

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12. Recollections of Wichita's first Christmas from old files of Fred Sowers, editor of the *Vidette*, in 1870.