

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

Subject(s): 505, 507 East Douglas

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, November 2, 1902

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7. Mr. E. Bronson yesterday purchased from W. M. Pirtle the vacant lot at 505 E. Douglas for \$6,000 and will immediately begin the erection of a three story brick building to cost about \$12,000. To be 25 x 120 ft.

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, November 13, 1902

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6. Work will start next week on a two story brick building on north side of Douglas just east of Emporia being erected by E. Bronson. To have 25 ft. front.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, January 3, 1904

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10. Buildings started or completed in Wichita in 1903 included:
- St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, N. Lawrence, \$40,000 (started.)
 - Cold storage plant, Rock Island ave., \$35,000.
 - Three story brick and stone, National Bank of Commerce, Main and Douglas, \$23,000.
 - Orient hotel, 2nd block W. Douglas, \$22,000.
 - Three story brick, 4th National E. Douglas, H. Schweiter, \$22,000.
 - Central Christian church, N. Market st., \$20,000.
 - St. Louis and San Francisco station, \$20,000.
 - Two story brick, 2nd block N. Main, H. Steinbuchel, \$17,000.
 - Two story brick, Washington and Douglas, E. Werner, \$15,000.
 - Frisco freight house, Rock Island ave., \$14,000.
 - Two story brick, 2nd block W. Douglas, Naftzger and Moore, \$12,500.
 - Wellington hotel, 1st block S. Main, \$12,000.
 - Three story brick, 2nd block W. Douglas, H. J. Roetzel, \$12,000.
 - Two story brick, 2nd block N. Market, Missouri and Kansas Telephone Co., \$12,000.

Two story brick, 7th and E. Douglas, W. H. Bretch, \$10,000.
 Six story addition, Carey hotel, \$10,000.
 Three story brick addition, Baltimore hotel, \$8,500.
 Two story brick, 4th block E. Douglas, Dr. Dorsey, \$8,000.
 Brick round house, Frisco RR, \$8,000.
 Two story brick, 12th block E. Douglas, Stewart, \$5,000.
 Addition, Turner building, \$4,500.
 Three story brick and stone addition, Rorabaugh Dry Goods company, \$3,700.
Two story brick, 5th block E. Douglas, E. Bronson, \$5,000.
 Two story brick, 5th block E. Douglas, Mabel West, \$2,000.
 Two story brick, 9th block E. Douglas, Jones and Clinesmith, \$1,900.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, April 16, 1903

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5. Article about building projects on E. Douglas. ¶Contract let yesterday for two story brick building being built at corner of Douglas and St. Francis by L. S. Naftzger for \$13,000. To be 50 x 138 ft. ¶Work has already started on Henry Schweiter's three story building west of Emporia on E. Douglas. ¶Dr. Dorsey's three story brick building at corner of Douglas and Emporia is just completed. ¶The building of Mr. Bronson east of Emporia on E. Douglas is almost completed.

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Saturday, September 17, 1904

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8. Building permit let to Henry Schweiter and Jacob Bissantz for a three story brick building 50 x 120 ft., on lots 59 and 61 on E. Douglas in English's addition, for \$8,000.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, October 9, 1904

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7. The brick work has begun on the Schweiter-Bissantz building, just west of the Carey hotel.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, March 12, 1905

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14. Article about buildings to be constructed in Wichita this spring. Says the Bissantz-Schweiter building is almost completed as is the Cone-Cornell building on S. Lawrence. Brick work on the two story Davidson building of Silex brick, is nearing construction. Work on the Barnes building will start in late June or early July.

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, April 25, 1925

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10. The downtown properties of Henry Schweiter were yesterday transferred from his personal ownership to the recently chartered Schweiter Building Corporation whose stockholders are Henry Schweiter and his children, Henry Jr., Will, Otto, John, Mrs. Carrie McNeal, and Mrs. Lillie Lutgen. Real estate involved includes the Schweiter Building and properties at 116 West Douglas, 258 North Main, 423 and 425 East Douglas, and 507 East Douglas. His large tract of land in southeast Wichita is not included in the transfer.
- 1911 505 Harvey Shirk, furnished rooms
 507 Wichita Loan Company, pawnbrokers
- 1917 505 J. W. Brown, furnished rooms
 507 Wichita Loan Company, pawnbrokers
 Mabel Roland, furnished rooms
- 1920 505 Campbell Seed and Supply Company.
 507 Wichita Loan Company, pawnbrokers
- 1922 505 Benjamin Harris, restaurant
 505½ Belmont Rooms, furnished rooms
 John Greenbank
 S. S. Hazzard, physician
 507 Wichita Loan Company, pawnbrokers
 507½ Wichita Hotel
- 1931 505 Wichita Loan Company, pawnbrokers
 505½ White Lily Hotel
 507 Harry's Cafe
 507½ Frank Rew, furnished rooms
- 1936 505 H & H Press Shop
 Shoe shine
 505½ Acme Hotel
 Acme Employment Agency
 507 Fred Goeller, billiards
 507½ Douglas Hotel
- 1941 505 H & H Press Shop
 Shoe shine
 505½ Baker Hotel
 507 Fred Goeller, billiards
 507½ Douglas Hotel

1946	505	Star Tavern
	507	Colonel's Recreation, billiards
	507½	Douglas Hotel
1951	505	White Star Tavern
	505½	Baker Hotel, Ruby Apostol, mgr.
	507	East Douglas Recreation, billiards
	507½	Douglas Rooms
1956	505	Tommy's Place beer
	505½	Ruby Apostol, furnished rooms
	507	East Douglas Recreation, billiards
	507½	Douglas Rooms
1959	505	Vacant
	505½	Vacant? Ruby Apostol, furnished rooms, shows up in directories before and after date.
	507	Vacant
	507½	Douglas Rooms
1961	505	Okie's Bar*
	505½	Ruby Apostol, furnished rooms
	507	Vacant
	507½	Vacant
* Pat O'Connor, local blues historian, remembers Okie's Bar as a "rough place" where bikers and cowboys hung out.		
1965	505	Okie's Bar
	507	Pat's M & O -- clothing and furniture
968	505	Okie's Bar
	507	Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Program
1971	505	Okie's Bar
	507	Vacant
1972	505	Okie's Bar
	507	No return
1973	505	Okie's Bar
	507	Vacant
1978	505	Vacant

	507	Vacant
1983	505	Vacant
	507	Vacant
1988	505	Vacant
	507	Vacant
1990	505	Vacant
	507	Vacant