

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 inter-library loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

Subject(s): Frank Isbell

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, February 18, 1905

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5. About 15 leading business men of Wichita yesterday purchased the Pittsburg franchise on the Western Association and turned it over to Frank Isbell, who will have full management. ¶ The question of a park has not been definitely settled.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, July 5, 1907

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6. Negotiations are being carried on for Frank Isbell, second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, to purchase the Western association franchise of the Wichita Jobbers and manage the team next year.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, September 27, 1907

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7. The name of the Wichita baseball team is to be changed this winter, according to Managers Holland and Isbell. The present management dislikes the name of "Jobbers," which was adopted during the first year of the baseball association.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, January 6, 1908

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6. The United Gas company has moved its offices from the corner of William and Main streets Saturday to the corner of Main and English streets. The new quarters are in the building recently vacated by the Boston store (which was there temporarily while its new building was constructed). Messrs. Holland and Isbell will put in an up-to-date billiard and pool hall and a smoke house in the building on South Main vacated by the gas company. It will open about January 15.

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, January 7, 1908

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8. Article about some changes in press box location, etc., to be made at the baseball park by the proprietors, Messrs. Holland and Isbell.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, February 26, 1909****page**

8. The Wichita Baseball company, Frank Isbell, president, has signed a five year lease for what is known as Association Park, for \$1000 per year. Owner of the grounds is A. M. Weinschenk. Article describes changes to be made in the stands.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, July 16, 1911****page**

15. Article reports Association park is to be abandoned. Tony Weinschenk, owner of the grounds and equipment, is ending the lease of Frank Isbell, owner of the former Wichita Jobbers, this fall, and the fence, grandstands, bleachers, and club house will be torn down and the lumber sold. The ground will be subdivided into lots and sold for residences. ¶ Association park is located on South Mains street, near the old fair grounds. It was fenced and equipped for the old Wichita team of the Western association in the spring of 1905. Since then a second grandstand has been built and the park remodeled.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, October 4, 1916****page**

9. Frank Isbell yesterday took a 30 day option on purchase of the financially troubled Wichita Western League baseball franchise. Purchase will depend on the terms on which he can obtain the use of Island Park from the former owners of the franchise. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, December 29, 1916****page**

1. The Wichita baseball franchise and lease on Island Park were purchased today by Frank Isbell. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, February 1, 1917****page**

7. Frank Isbell yesterday signed a five year lease renewal on Island park, at \$250 more in the early rental than in the last lease.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, September 22, 1920****page**

5. Frank Isbell, owner of Wichita club in the Western league, is asking city for a ten year renewal of his lease on city land occupied by Island park. Present lease expires within a year.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, April 7, 1921**

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5. The city commission Tuesday gave Frank Isbell, owner of the Wichita club of the Western League, a six year lease on Island Park, for a monthly rental of \$132. The lease is retroactive to nearly a year ago, and the contract can be canceled on 90 days notice.

Wichita Eagle**Friday, November 6, 1925**

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16. Article says Frank Isbell proposes to build new steel and concrete stands at Island park seating between six and eight thousand. The present stands seat but 4500 and are of wood and need repairing badly.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, November 11, 1925**

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1. Frank Isbell has sold the Wichita base ball club of the Western League. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, November 12, 1925**

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14. The Wichita Western league baseball club was sold yesterday by Frank Isbell to John Holland, owner of the Oklahoma City club, and James Crawford, owner of the Tulsa club. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Tuesday, November 30, 1926**

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5. City commission today granted Frank Isbell, owner of the Wichita baseball club, a six year lease on that part of the Island Park occupied by Isbell's baseball field. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Tuesday, March 29, 1927**

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9. Article says contest being held for nickname for Wichita's new Western League baseball team. It used to be "Jobbers" in old Western Association days. When the Western League was installed here the name "Wolves" was adopted for a time. Later it was known as the "Witches," but that name was never used here much. The "Izzies," from owner Frank Isbell, has been used for the past several seasons, but Isbell is gone, so a new

name is needed.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, April 16, 1932**

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15. The first night baseball game ever played in Wichita by a Western League club will be tonight under the new lights at Island Park, installed by Frank Isbell at cost of several thousand dollars. The Wichita Western League team will play the Paul Buser Lumbermen, a local semipro team.

Wichita Eagle**Tuesday, July 11, 1939**

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2. Article says county commissioner Frank Isbell yesterday suggested removing both the north and south stone stairways on the exterior of the courthouse and convert the space at the north and south ends of the hall on second floor to office space. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Tuesday, July 15, 1941**

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1. Report of death today of Frank Isbell, Sedgwick County commissioner and former baseball player and club owner, at age 65. Born in North Branch, Minnesota and came to Wichita from there. Biography. Photo.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, July 16, 1941**

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3. Report of death yesterday of Frank Isbell, 65, 3211 Oakland, well known Wichita baseball figure. Obituary.