

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): Lake Afton

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, September 29, 1936

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5. Article about revival of a plan to build a 1,500 acre park with 600 acre lake three miles north of Viola, about 20 miles west of Wichita. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, February 20, 1938

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13. Map of proposed Sedgwick County lake on a branch of Clearwater creek west and south of Goddard.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, August 5, 1938

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5. County commission yesterday purchased 40 more acres of land for the new Sedgwick County lake southwest of Goddard., making a total of 360 acres owned with 226 acres more to acquire. The price paid was \$80 an acre, which is the sum being paid for right-of-way for the lake.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, August 14, 1938

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1. Work on the new lake and recreation park between Goddard and Garden Plain is to begin by September 15. Works Progress Administration officials have approved the program for the 520 ace project which will cost \$500,00 and take two years. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, May 21, 1939

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5. Expect work to start in June on new county lake southwest of Goddard.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, December 29, 1939

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5. Ground breaking for new Sedgwick County lake to be held today.

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, January 2, 1940

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5. Ground breaking to be held today at the site of the new Sedgwick county lake southwest of Goddard. Confirmed on page 3 of January 3. The 4000 foot dam will back up 240 acres of water on Afton creek. It will employ 450 Work Projects Administration workers for a year or more.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, July 28, 1940

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Special section

- B-15. The Sedgwick County lake project located between Goddard and Garden Plain will be named Lake Afton, it was announced unofficially Saturday. This is due to its location in Afton Township. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, April 6, 1941

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9. Photo of 400 foot spillway of new Sedgwick County lake, near Goddard, under construction. To be completed in late summer or early fall.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, August 4, 1941

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14. The conduit was closed and water began flowing into the huge Lake Afton project between Goddard and Garden Plain today. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, September 26, 1941

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5. The last concrete was poured yesterday in the spillway of the new 240 acre Sedgwick County lake on Clear creek. The spillway is 400 feet wide, at the southwest end of the dam, which is 4000 feet in length. The lake was started two years ago after some delay in getting Work Projects Administration assistance, and overall cost is estimated at \$800,000.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, October 5, 1941

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33. Aerial photo of newly completed spillway at Lake Afton (sic). Article with details.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, May 10, 1945

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5. Report of opening of Lake Afton yesterday.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, September 1, 1957

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Magazine

4. Feature article on Lake Afton, with photos.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, April 23, 1960

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5A. Contract last year by Sedgwick County Commission for construction of the Sedgwick County Boys Detention Home at Lake Afton at cost of \$588,155. Details.