

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): PAYNE'S PASTURE, PAYNE'S PARK, CHARLES PAYNE**WICHITA EAGLE**

Sunday, April 22, 1900

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13. Article about Charles Payne, Wichita's animal dealer. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Thursday, July 5, 1900

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5. Letter to editor from J. R. Mead about the little lake in Griswold park, which he says has always been there since Wichita was founded, and to which Captain Payne has now donated a colony of swans. ¶ Article describes the growth of various trees in Riverside park area in early days of Wichita.

WICHITA BEACON

Saturday, May 4, 1901

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8. A spray fountain is being placed in the center of the swan lake which has recently been completed at Riverside park (i.e., South Riverside). In it are 11 swans, donated by Charles Payne, and 40 ducks and geese of all varieties.

WICHITA EAGLE

Wednesday, November 13, 1901

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5. The city yesterday purchased from Charles Payne, the animal man on the West Side, three fine elk for Riverside park. They are all cows, and a bull elk will be added in the spring.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, April 25, 1902

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6. A zoological garden is to be established by Mr. Charles Payne, the naturalist and dealer in living wild animals, on the west bank of the Arkansas river between Maple street and Douglas avenue.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, December 8, 1911

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7. Article about possibility of obtaining a Western league ball team for Wichita again next season. Mentions that there is ample room for a ball park south of Wonderland Park, on the island. A site could also probably be obtained at Payne's park, just west of the river.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, June 12, 1914

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2. Settlement reached of Charles Payne's suit against Midland Valley Railroad for his land on West Side appropriated by the railroad for yards and trackage. He was awarded \$10,000 by the board of appraisers but appealed to the district court and a jury has awarded him \$15,000. He is owner of Payne's park in West Wichita.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, February 14, 1919

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3. Payne's park, a tract of about 20 acres on west side of the river, has been offered to the city of Wichita for \$200,000 by the owner, Charles Payne. It extends from Sycamore street east to the Midland Valley tracks, between Maple street and Douglas avenue. An adjacent tract of four acres was sold several years ago for a boulevard and railroad right-of-way.

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, June 24, 1921

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13. Article about Charles Payne, well known Wichita naturalist. Bought grove of timber in sand hills east of Sycamore and north of Maple about 18 years ago.

WICHITA EAGLE

Sunday, February 11, 1923

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8. Fourteen lots in Payne Park addition, west of the Midland Valley station, were purchased Thursday by the Midland Valley for \$10,000. To be used as location for a water treating plant the railroad plans to build.

WICHITA EAGLE

Saturday, June 2, 1923

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5. Payne's pasture, the last close-in large tract of land in Wichita, is up for sale, and its owner, Charles Payne, will move to San Antonio. It is a tract of 20 acres bounded by Maple and Sycamore streets, Southwest boulevard, and Douglas avenue. Mr. Payne

has owned the ground for 20 years, and his home at 308 South Sycamore will also be sold.

WICHITA EAGLE

Sunday, February 9, 1930

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4. Charles Payne has offered to sell the city 162 lots in Payne's pasture for \$100,000. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Tuesday, July 8, 1930

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5. City commissioners voted yesterday to buy Payne's pasture for \$50,000 providing the lots on Maple are included in the sale.

WICHITA EAGLE

Thursday, July 10, 1930

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5. The purchase of Payne's pasture by the city was completed yesterday.

WICHITA EAGLE

Thursday, February 1, 1934

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5. Plans are now being drawn for a new sports stadium to be built on Paynes's pasture if Civil Works Administration funds become available. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Thursday, February 8, 1934

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2. Article describes plans for new athletic field to be built on Payne's pasture, as drawn by engineer Godfrey Hartwell. Details. Cost to be about \$60,000, paid by Civil Works Administration funds. To be of concrete stands with wooden seats. Twenty-three rows of seats, with total seating capacity of 6432. Temporary stands can be added along east side if necessary. Distance from home plate to eight foot fence to be 336 feet to left field foul line, 320 feet to right field foul line, and 360 feet to center field.

WICHITA EAGLE

Sunday, March 4, 1934

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5. Ground will be broken tomorrow for the new athletic field at Payne's pasture. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Monday, March 26, 1934

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2. Photograph of the start of Wichita's new athletic stadium at Payne's pasture -- under construction by Civil Works Administration workers. First unit will seat approximately 3600.

WICHITA EAGLE

Tuesday, July 25, 1944

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5. Report of death yesterday at age 92 of Charles Payne, widely known Wichita naturalist and propagator of wild life, at his residence in the Shirkmere apartments, where he spent the later years of his life. ¶ Born in Campbell County, Kentucky June 14, 1852. Came to Wichita in 1888, making his home for many years on South Sycamore, where the area known for years as Payne's pasture, existed. It is now the site of Lawrence stadium. ¶ He married Miss Elizabeth Jane Jackson, who survives, at Denver in 1919. Other survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Miriam B. Hudson, Windsor, Missouri; Mrs. Lois Payne Young, Hollywood, California; and Mrs. H. Nelson Gilbert, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Four grandsons and four granddaughters named, including one in Wichita (Mrs. H. Otis Garth). Further biography. Photo.