

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): Schmitz, Boucher and Overend

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, January 11, 1925

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2. Architectural firm of Lorentz Schmidt and Company has been reorganized as Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend. Mr. Schmidt opened offices in Wichita in 1915 and was joined in 1917 by Mr. Boucher and in 1919 by Mr. Overend. Article lists a number of buildings in Wichita designed by this firm.

Saturday, February 28, 1925

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7. Mr. T. M. Deal has purchased the home of Mrs. W. O. Van Arsdale, at 205 Broadview, on northwest corner of 1st and Broadview. The Italian style home, designed by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects, cost \$60,000 to build nearly four years ago. Mr. Deal now lives at 1247 North Emporia and is president of the Deal Lumber Company.

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2. Plans are being drawn by Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend, architects, for addition of towers to St. John's Episcopal Church, at 3rd and Topeka. The church was started in the 1880s and is constructed of Cottonwood Falls limestone. Funds ran low at the time of its construction and the towers were not added. The main tower, at the southwest corner, will be extended to a height of 45 feet. The other will be much lower. The expense will be borne by C. A. Magill, of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods Company, and will be about \$7000.

Thursday, February 4, 1926

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9. Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend have been employed to prepare plans for completing the Hillside Christian Church building. The basement and foundation were built three years ago and roofed over and used for services since then.

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2. Drawing (accurate) of the million dollar apartment building to be built at Rutan and Douglas. Plans are being prepared by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend.

Wednesday, April 28, 1926**page**

1. C. L. and F. C. Brosius will begin work by July 1 on a six story building at southwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas. Plans are being prepared by Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend. Details.

Monday, May 24, 1926**page**

8. The new \$60,000 factory building of the Johnston and Larimer Company opened for business today. It was planned by Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend and is a one story, L-shaped building, with each angle being 161 by 50 feet. Details.

Wednesday, June 2, 1926**page**

9. Charters were granted in Topeka today to the Metropolitan Building Company, C. L. and Frank Brosius, et al. (named), capital \$350,000, which will erect a six story office building at Lawrence and Douglas, and to the Douglas-Rutan Building Company, incorporated by Lorentz Schmidt, G. F. Schmidt, Herman Hoffman, C. F. Boucher, and L. B. Hoffman, capital \$100,000, who plan erection of a million dollar apartment building at Douglas and Rutan.

Tuesday, April 19, 1927**page**

8. The new Brown Building is to be formally opened tomorrow. Details. Photograph. Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend are architects.

Friday, July 1, 1927**page**

11. A new Catholic parish, school, and church are to be built on East Douglas between Quentin and Bluff. Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend are preparing plans for the new building, which will serve as both church and school for a time. It will be east of the bishop's residence, and facing Douglas Avenue. A permanent auditorium will be built later. First building to cost \$80,000 and be ready for occupancy about January 1st. Details.

Thursday, March 8, 1928**page**

6. Board of Regents of Wichita University yesterday let contract for drawing of plans: for new science hall to Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend; for addition to Henrion Gymnasium to Glen Thomas; and for the new heating plant to Ed Forsblom. Details.

Thursday, April 12, 1928**page**

1. Five additional stories are to be added to the Brown Building, southwest corner of Douglas and Lawrence, at once. Plans were approved at a meeting of directors of the Brosius Investment Company, owners of the building, today. To cost about \$250,000. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. Details.

Tuesday, April 17, 1928**page**

8. Board of education yesterday accepted plans for addition to Riverside School drawn by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, and for additions to Martinson and Allison Schools drawn by Ed Forsblom.

Thursday, February 28, 1929**page**

11. Report of incorporation of the Ellis and Singleton Building Company for construction of a \$350,000 office building and ramp garage in the second block on South Lawrence. Schmidt, Boucher and Overend are architects. Details. Photographs of Ellis and Singleton.

Tuesday, August 27, 1929**page**

10. Two large brick veneer residences are to be built at once on the bank of the Little Arkansas River, by Charles H. Hatton and Harry W. Stanley, at cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 each. The Hatton house was designed by Robert Mayberry and the Stanley house by Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend.

Sunday, March 2, 1930**page**

- D-8. The Ranney-Davis Mercantile Company will soon erect a new building on 2nd Street between Mosley and Rock Island at cost of over \$100,000. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, March 30, 1930**page**

- D-6. New two story building is to be erected at northeast corner of Douglas and Hydraulic and leased for ten years by the Etchen Auto Company, Studebaker distributor. Building company investors maned. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend. Details.

Wednesday, June 25, 1930**page**

7. J. Arch Butts is to build a new building at corner of Fannie and Douglas for the home of his Packard auto agency. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. To cost \$75,000. Contract let and excavation has begun.

Saturday, May 30, 1931**page**

3. Drawing of proposed new Central Christian Church. Schmidt, Boucher and Overend are architects.

Overend and Boucher (no Schmitz) begins here**Sunday, December 6, 1936****page**

- C-6. The Evans Motor Company yesterday announced plans to build a new two story building at northwest corner of Topeka and English, to be completed about March 1. To front 125 feet on Topeka and be 140 feet in depth. Contracts let to Ellis and Vollmer Construction Company. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details. Drawing.

Wednesday, March 17, 1937**page**

7. Report that work started today on a seventh floor to be added to the George Innes Company building at Broadway and William to provide a large fur storage and sales department. To be completed within 30 days and will be on the north and Broadway sides of the building. To cost over \$15,000. Plans drawn by Overend and Boucher. Contract let to Ellis and Vollmer Construction Company. Details.

Tuesday, January 25, 1938**page**

6. Building permit issued yesterday for remodeling of tenth and 11th floors of Hotel Lassen as a new home for the Wichita Club. Contract let to Hahner and Foreman Construction Company. General contract amounts to \$89,143 (?). Architects are Overend and Boucher. Details.

Friday, August 19, 1938**page**

1. Drawing of proposed new Sears, Roebuck and Company store to be located at 151 South Market, site of the old post-office building. Drawing by Overend and Boucher, architects, shows 13 story building which was never built to this design.

Sunday, October 30, 1938**page**

6. Contract has been let to Wilson and Donnell Construction Company for erection of the new residence for the president of University of Wichita, to be located on the campus. Low bid was \$20,547. Forty-five percent of the cost will be paid by the federal government. Work expected to begin by November 3. Architects Overend and Boucher. Drawing.

Sunday, April 21, 1940**page****Special section**

Special Section announcing the opening of radio station KFBI, 1050 kilocycles, in Wichita, after moving from Abilene. Opening in Wichita is today. Article on page two gives history, refers to it as Kansas' pioneer radio station -- says it was founded as a non-commercial station in Wichita on College Hill as WAAP by Wilbur Cooper in July 1923. Cooper and his associates sold the station in 1925 and it was moved to Milford, Kansas as KFKB. The Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company of Wichita bought it in January 1931 and moved the studios to Abilene under call letters KFBI on July 10, 1932. Remote studios were opened in Salina in August 1935. Drawing on page 1 of the new transmitting station at 42nd and North Broadway. Architects were Overend and Boucher. Power is 5000 watts. Studios are on fifth floor of Farmers and Banker Insurance Company building at 1st and Market. Photos.

Wednesday, September 11, 1940**page**

8. Building permit signed yesterday for the new north wing to be added to the Mount St. Mary's convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 3700 East Lincoln, at a cost of \$90,000 for both the north and south wings. The north wing will cost \$45,000. The south wing, costing a similar amount will be located outside the city limits. Overend and Boucher are the architects. Details.

Thursday, December 5, 1940**page**

3. The Wichita Transportation Company announced today that it will build a third garage as part of a \$92,000 expansion program. It will house the ten new buses recently ordered by the company and the fleet of Checker Cabs. Cost of the new building will be \$25,000. It will be constructed on 50 feet of ground recently purchased by the company directly north of the original garage at 10th and Fairview. It will be 100 feet by 30 feet and of stone construction. Saturday it was announced that the company had ordered ten new buses at a cost of \$67,000. The three garages will accommodate 114 vehicles in addition to necessary machinery. Overend and Boucher are architects. Work on the new building will start immediately. Drawing.

Tuesday, March 18, 1941**page**

8. Contract let yesterday by board of education for the new Kellogg grade school building to Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company for \$113,980. Overend and Boucher are the architects. Construction will begin in a few days. To be erected north of the present school at Kellogg and Laura. Two additional lots were purchased to enlarge the Kellogg school grounds.

Tuesday, March 18, 1941

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20. Overend and Boucher, architects, are working on plans for a new million dollar hospital for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Details.

Friday, April 25, 1941

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20. Drawing of proposed new hospital for Sisters of St. Joseph as designed by Overend and Boucher, architects. Shows ten story building -- never built as such.

Saturday, September 6, 1941

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10. The board of education today inspected and formally accepted the new \$160,000 Kellogg school building. Overend and Boucher were architects. Building has 13 classrooms and a modern kindergarten. Other details. It will be ready for opening of school on Monday.

Friday, December 4, 1942

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20. Drawing of new chapel to be erected by Woodland Methodist Church at 15th and Payne Streets. To be Silverdale limestone. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Ground breaking ceremonies will be held Sunday. Details.

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Sunday, August 7, 1927

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14. The Hillcrest Apartments will be ready for occupancy September 1, the architects, Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend, said yesterday.

Thursday, March 8, 1928

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5. Board of Regents of University of Wichita yesterday selected as architects to draw plans: Schmidt, Boucher and Overend to draw plans for new \$150,000 science building; Glenn Thomas to draw plans for new gymnasium building with east end to serve as first unit of a stadium, at cost of \$100,000; and Ed Forsblom to draw plans for new \$50,000 heating plant. Sketches of a plan for landscaping the campus are expected to reach here this week from a Denver landscape firm.

Thursday, March 22, 1928

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2. Preliminary plans by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects for new science building at University of Wichita, to cost \$150,000, were approved yesterday by Board of Regents. To be three story building in colonial style. ¶ Landscape plans for the campus were also presented. Details.

Tuesday, April 3, 1928

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13. Board of education yesterday ordered architects plans drawn by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend for addition to Riverside school, and by Ed Forsblom for additions to Allison and Martinson schools.

Thursday, February 28, 1929

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1. Drawing of planned new Ellis and Singleton Building. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend.

Tuesday, April 2, 1929

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5. Board of Education yesterday approved plans by Schmidt, Boucher and Overend for a \$60,000 addition to Horace Mann School.

Thursday, May 2, 1929

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9. The gift of the Class of 1929 to the University of Wichita will be an ornamental gateway at the entrance of the campus on Fairmount avenue. Plans are being drawn by Overend, Schmidt, and Boucher. Cost will be about \$1500, half furnished by the last Board of Regents of Fairmount College and half by the present senior class, which was the last

freshman class of old Fairmount college. The work is expected to be started this week and finished by Commencement.

Sunday, August 25, 1929

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1. Drawing of proposed new hotel at southeast corner of William and Lawrence. Article with details -- to be built by the Progressive Building Company, Walter P. Innes, president, and leased to the Allis Hotel Company of Kansas City, Barney L. Allis, president. To have 350 rooms and cost \$1,000,000. The building company has 99 year lease on the site. Building will be rented unfurnished to the Allis Hotel Company for 30 years for \$90,300 per year. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. ¶ The building site is occupied by the Minnich building, formerly occupied for some years by the E. J. Rodda Motor company.

Thursday, September 26, 1929

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13. Drawing of new Immanuel Lutheran church, to be built at Market and Indianapolis. The basement unit of the church was built three years ago. Smith, Boucher and Overend are architects.

Friday, February 7, 1930

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3. Drawing of proposed campanile to be erected on site of old Fairmount hall as a memorial. Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, architects. Article with details.

Sunday, March 30, 1930

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5. Work will start Tuesday or Wednesday on a new two story building at northeast corner of Douglas and Hydraulic, to be occupied by the Etchen Auto Company, Studebaker dealer. Building to be erected by the Progressive Building company, of H. V. Wheeler, Walter P. Innes, George M. Brown, Earle W. Evans, and others, which has leased it to the Etchen company for ten years. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend, and Ellis and Singleton Construction company is contractor.

Sunday, October 12, 1930

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11. Photograph of new home of Ranney-Davis Mercantile company on East 2nd between Santa Fe and Rock Island, which is nearly ready for occupancy. Architects Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend.

Tuesday, May 5, 1931

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2. Drawing of new auditorium addition to be erected this summer by the Twentieth Century Club at the east end of the club's building at Lawrence and Elm. Will seat 550 persons.

Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend.

Tuesday, June 9, 1931**page**

1. Work on the new Montgomery Ward store at Douglas and Topeka will be started today. Details. Architects are Schmidt, Boucher and Overend. Drawing on page 12.

Overend and Boucher**Sunday, May 30, 1937****page**

6. Drawing of new garage and repair shops to be built by Wichita Transportation Corporation at 10th and Fairview at cost of \$40,000. Building will be across the street from the present garage and have accommodations for 35 buses. To be completed August 11, 1937. Overend and Boucher, architects.

Friday, August 19, 1938**page**

5. University of Wichita has received approval of a \$9818 allotment of Public Works Administration money to assist in constructing the new residence for the university president. Total cost to be \$21,818 including some furnishings. C. F. Boucher is architect. Work expected to start in 60 days and will take about five months to complete.

Sunday, October 30, 1938**page**

2. Drawing of new president's home to be built on Wichita University campus. Overend-Boucher are architects.

Tuesday, March 18, 1941**page**

5. Contract let by Board of Education yesterday for construction of the new Kellogg grade school. Overend and Boucher are architects. New building to be erected immediately north of the present school.

Thursday, September 4, 1941**page**

7. Drawings of new Dillon's store east of Oliver on north side of Douglas and new Dockum drug store at Glendale and Douglas, both under construction. Overend and Boucher are architects for both buildings.

Tuesday, December 2, 1941**page**

2. City commission yesterday let contract for Wichita's new fire station Number 9 at

Dellrose and Kellogg for \$47,800. Overend and Boucher are architects.

Friday, December 4, 1942

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3. Drawing of new chapel to be erected by Woodland Methodist Church near the corner of 15th and Payne. To be of Silverdale limestone. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Ground breaking ceremony to be held Sunday.

Tuesday, March 23, 1943

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5. Way was cleared yesterday for construction of a new 150 bed, two story hospital by the Sisters of Saint Joseph when word was received that the Work Projects Board had approved a request for 155 tons of steel. It will be erected on a 19 acre tract at Clifton and Zimmerly and will be financed by a federal grant of \$360,000 to match the building fund raised by the sisters. Construction is expected to start around May 1st. Overend and Boucher are architects. Details.

Friday, October 22, 1943

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2. Drawing of new Woodland Methodist Church, which is under construction at 15th and Payne. Cornerstone is to be laid Sunday afternoon. Architects are Overend and Boucher. Article with details on page five. Exterior walls of Silverdale limestone. To cost \$35,000. Further report October 25 on page 10.