

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): Veterans Field (currently Cessna Stadium)

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, June 8, 1940

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5. Article reports Wichita University plans to build new 7710 seat football stadium at northeast part of the campus if at least half of the estimated \$100,000 cost can be obtained from Work Projects Administration.

Sunday, December 8, 1940

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14. Drawing of planned new Wichita University football stadium.

Sunday, August 10, 1941

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2. Photo of work on construction of first stage of new Wichita University football stadium, south of 21st and one-quarter mile east of Hillside. Work on this Work Projects Administration project started in mid-April. The Work Projects Administration project covers only leveling of the field and construction of foundation for the west stands.

Sunday, July 28, 1946

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12. Photos of construction in progress on the permanent seats of the new Veterans Field on campus of University of Wichita. At least 6000 permanent seats should be ready for the season football opener on September 26. Article with some details.

Sunday, April 3, 1949

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Special 1949 "Progress Edition" with 150 pages

29. Article about Veterans field stadium at University of Wichita. Seating capacity about 15,000. Details.

Saturday, September 22, 1951

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1. The first night game in the history of Veterans' Field at University of Wichita will be played this evening. Details.

Sunday, October 13, 1957**page**

Magazine

18. Feature article on University of Wichita band, with aerial photo of Veterans Field.

Saturday, November 18, 1967**page**

1. Expansion of Veterans Field on the Wichita State University campus was recommended yesterday by a stadium subcommittee. The field, opened in 1946, currently has a bleacher supported seating capacity of 16,000. Details.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon**Thursday, January 4, 1968****page**

1. Article about proposal for \$1.5 million expansion of Veterans Field Stadium at Wichita State University, adding 13,000 seats on each side to the existing total of 12,800 concrete seats plus 1500 bleacher seats at the north end, bringing the total capacity to 40,300. Details. Diagram.

Wednesday, September 4, 1968**page**

- 8A. Article about proposed expansion of Wichita State University's football stadium to capacity of 30,500 from its present 16,000. The stadium would be renamed Cessna Stadium to recognize a \$300,000 pledge from Cessna Aircraft Company. Details. Diagram.

Wednesday, September 25, 1968**page**

1. Article about controversy over financing of enlargement of Wichita State University football stadium. Details.

Tuesday, October 1, 1968**page**

1. The Wichita State University faculty senate yesterday endorsed the proposed \$1.5 million football stadium expansion, which will increase its capacity from the present 14,000 to 30,500. Details.

Saturday, October 12, 1968**page**

1. Wichita State University students have approved expansion of Veterans Field in an election by a vote of 3186 to 2097. Details.

Friday, November 15, 1968**page**

- 5A. Wichita State University's one million dollar fund drive for football stadium expansion is over the \$600,000 mark. Construction will begin February 1 and the new facility is due to open in September 1969. Details.

Friday, February 7, 1969**page**

- 3B. Work will start today on expansion of football stadium at Wichita State University from 14,000 to 30,500 capacity. To be renamed Cessna Stadium. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, August 3, 1969**page**

- 4F. Photos of construction under way on expansion of Wichita State University football stadium.

Wednesday, September 10, 1969**page**

1. Aerial photo of nearly completed 31,000 seat Cessna Stadium at Wichita State University, which will be opened Saturday in game with Utah State. Details.

Sunday, September 14, 1969**page**

1. Report of inauguration of Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium yesterday with crowd of 28,200. Wichita State University beat Utah State 17 to 7. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, May 22, 1973**page**

1. Article about new electric scoreboards at Wichita State University's football stadium and Henry Levitt arena. Details. Photos.