

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.

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Friday, September 15, 1922

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6. Jack Vickers, president of Vickers Oil Company has bought 320 acres of farm land five miles east of the court house on Central Avenue Road from James Canon for \$60,000. James Canon has owned it for the last 17 years.

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Sunday, January 24, 1926

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10. Article about Jack Vickers, of Vickers Petroleum Company. Biography and photograph.

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Wednesday, October 4, 1933

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1. Construction already has been started on the palatial new residence on the Jack Vickers country estate east of Wichita on Central Avenue. It is estimated to cost \$100,000 and will contain 12 bedrooms and nine baths. To be constructed of rough native stone, with a tile roof. House to be 200 by 40 feet. Architect is Mr. Forsythe, of Tulsa, and general contract awarded to Walter Wells, of Tulsa. Mr. and Mrs. Vickers plan to maintain their town home at 444 North Belmont, as well. Some biography of Mr. Vickers business ventures. Mrs. Vickers was Miss Helen Brown, of Chicago, before their marriage. They are parents of six children. Further details.

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Sunday, November 19, 1933

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3. Photograph of new Jack Vickers \$100,000 home under construction on East Central north of Eastborough.

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Monday, November 11, 1940**page**

1. Report of death today of John A. (Jack) Vickers, age 49, president of the Vickers Petroleum Company, after an illness of several weeks. Born in Lowell, Kansas in 1891. In early boyhood he moved with his parents to Liberal, Kansas. Attended University of Kansas and from there went into the grain commission business in Kansas City, Missouri. When oil was discovered in Butler County in 1918 he immediately went there and became active in oil production and refining, establishing a refining plant at Potwin, Kansas. He became a Wichita resident at the time he began the development of his Butler County interests and in 1934 built one of the largest and most modern suburban residences in Kansas at 6500 East Central on Highway 54. It is known as "Vickridge." He was married to Miss Helen E. Brown in Chicago on December 28, 1916. In addition to her he is survived by five sons and three daughters (named) as well as a sister, Mrs. Irene Vickers Baker, a department head at Friends University, and his father, W. H. Vickers, of Liberal, Kansas. Further biography. Photo.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, April 29, 1959****page**

- 4A. "Wichita Silhouettes" -- biography of J. A. "Jack" Vickers, president of Vickers Petroleum Company, Inc. Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado 32 years ago. His father, J. A. Vickers, Sr., who died in 1941, founded the family firm in 1918, when he, with others, struck oil in Butler County and then built a refinery at Potwin, Kansas. Married Doris Hutchinson in 1948. They have two sons and three daughters (named). Photo.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, December 31, 1961****page**

- 5A. The new Mount Carmel Academy adjacent to Vickridge on East Central, will be dedicated today by Bishop Mark K. Carroll. The new \$1.5 million building program includes a new school building and remodeling of Vickridge into a residence home for the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, operators of the school. The new Mount Carmel replaces the academy at 3100 West Douglas, which will become a boys High School operated by the Christian Brothers.

Monday, January 1, 1962**page**

- 5A. Report of dedication ceremonies yesterday of the new Mount Carmel Academy in its new location on the grounds of the former Vickridge estate on East Central. Bishop Mark K. Carroll gave the address. The school is operated by the Sisters of Charity, Dubuque, Iowa. Ground was broken for the modern new school in July 1960 near the former Vickridge home at 8500 East Central that was the office of Vickers Petroleum Company. Project cost approximately \$4,500,000. Photo of people. The former Mount Carmel

building at 3100 West Douglas will become a boy's high school, operated by the Christian Brothers. The former Vickridge home has been reconstructed into a residence with 27 bedrooms for the sisters. The new academy will have a capacity of 600 students but will have no housing facilities for them. Present enrollment is 300.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon**Sunday, March 10, 1968****page**

8B. Announcement of preliminary plans for construction of the Wichita Mall, largest shopping center in Wichita, on the Sports Center — Kiddieland site at 3833 East Harry. First proposed in August 1965 by developer Melvin Simons and Associates, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Cost estimated at five to six million dollars. Construction to start the middle of this summer on the 29 acre site. Occupancy to begin in spring of 1969. Details. Aerial photo showing planned location of buildings.

Announcement of plans to develop 140 acres of vacant land between Douglas and Central, and between Rock Road and West Parkway. The land was bought in late 1922 by the **Vickers** family. Details.