

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): Mid-Continent Tire Company, Bemis Brothers Bag Company

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, November 2, 1915

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1. Report that a company is being organized for the manufacture of automobile tires in Wichita. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, December 27, 1915

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8. Long advertisement soliciting investment in the new Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Capacity of the Wichita plant is to be 300 tires and 500 inner tubes per day. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, February 6, 1916

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2. Article about the design adopted as a trademark by the Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing company.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, March 26, 1916

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17. Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company yesterday purchased a site for its new plant on 13th street between Washington and Wabash avenues.

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, September 26, 1916

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5. The Mid-Continent Tire Company met last night and authorized the building of the plant and the purchase of the machinery. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, October 18, 1916**page**

5. After less than a year's work in organizing the Mid-Continent Tire company, all the \$300,000 in stock has been sold and work on the building will start in the next ten days. Henry Lassen yesterday was elected president of the new company. Plant will cost \$160,000 and have a capacity of 300 casings and 500 inner tubes a day. Building to be on 13th street between Washington and Wabash, 300 by 60 feet, two stories high.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, November 24, 1916****page**

1. Drawing of the proposed Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing Company plant for which contract was let yesterday. Article with details. Contract let to George H. Siedhoff and Company for \$65,000. To be 280 by 60 feet, two stories and to be completed in 60 working days. To be located on north side of 13th Street between Washington and Wabash. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, December 9, 1916****page**

2. Notice of building permit to Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 13th and Wabash, for two story reinforced concrete building, 90 by 280 feet, to cost \$80,000.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, February 4, 1917****page**

- B8. Photograph of Mid-Continent Tire factory under construction. Kanita Refining company building, Wichita Terminal elevator company, and Western Oil and Refining company at 21st and Washington are also under construction in the North End.

Wichita Beacon**Thursday, March 22, 1917****page**

8. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing plant is progressing and will be under roof in a few weeks.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, June 3, 1917****page****Section B**

5. Factory building of Mid-Continent Tire company, at 13th street and Wabash avenue, will be completed by August 1. Cost approximately \$56,000 and machinery to make tires will cost about \$100,000. Photograph (this is Bemis Company building). Said to be the largest factory building under one roof in the state of Kansas.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, June 27, 1917****page**

5. Factory of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company will open August 10 with 200 employes. All the machinery is in the building, at corner of 13th street and Wabash avenue. Six hundred ninety thousand dollars worth of crude rubber has been ordered from a New York concern, according to Charles D. Dorrigrand, general manager.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, July 28, 1917****page**

5. Opening of new plant of Mid-Continent Tire company here is being delayed at least until September 1 because of strike that has tied up the building trades here for more than three weeks.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, August 9, 1917****page**

2. September 10 is the date now set for the opening of the Mid-Continent tire factory.

Wichita Eagle**Friday, September 14, 1917****page**

5. Machinery will start turning for the first time today at the Mid-Continent Tire factory, although it will probably not be possible to start the manufacture of tires for two weeks.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, September 30, 1917****page**

Special issue for Southwest Fair and Exposition. Many photographs and articles about local businesses.

10. Photograph of new tire factory, etc.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, October 19, 1917****page**

3. The Mid-Continent Tire factory expects to turn out its first tire next week. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, December 2, 1917****page**

13. Article reporting that the Mid-Continent Tire company has manufactured 200 automobile tires thus far and expects to be making 75 tires a day by January 1 and 100 tire casings

and 500 inner tubes a day by April 1.

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, March 5, 1918

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6. The Mid-Continent Tire Company factory on East 13th Street is now turning out 70 tires and 200 inner tubes a day. This is to be increased in three months to 100 tires and 300 tubes daily. Two carloads of tires left Wichita last week.

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, July 20, 1918

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4. Full page advertisement for Midco Tires.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, July 21, 1918

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9. Full page advertisement for "Midco" Super Service tires -- made by the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company in Wichita.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, August 18, 1918

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5. Long article describing the new Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company plant at 13th and Wabash. Photograph.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, November 15, 1918

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5. The Mid-Continent Tire Company has been given permission to increase its production four times to its full capacity. It has been restricted by the war industries board to production of not more than 1000 tires a month, which has caused a financial loss. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, April 5, 1919

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18. Advertisement for Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, July 9, 1919

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8. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company yesterday shipped \$20,000 worth of Midco tires to a firm in New York city. A large shipment was also made recently to

Connecticut.

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, July 15, 1919

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8. Midcontinental Tire Company advertisement.

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, August 26, 1919

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5. A distributor has been appointed for Mid-Continent tires in Washington and Oregon and has placed an initial order for one car load, approximately 1400 tires.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, September 21, 1919

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- B11. Advertisement for Mid Continent tires with drawing of plant.

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, November 22, 1919

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14. Mid-Continent Tire Company directors have declared a 20 percent dividend to stockholders of record November 8, and are planning to increase the present output of the factory two and a half times, to 500 casings and 1000 tubes per day, with increase in employment from present 140 to 200. The company's distribution includes 350 dealers in Kansas and Oklahoma, and thirteen wholesale distributors covering practically the whole U.S.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, November 23, 1919

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5. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company has increased its capital to enable it to increase its output of tubes and casings two and a half times from the present daily output of 200 casings and 500 tubes to 500 casings and 1000 tubes a day. A stock dividend of 20 percent was declared to the stockholders of record November 8.
- C15. Advertisement by Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company soliciting investment in its capital stock. Gives some history of the company.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, January 23, 1920

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2. Advertisement with photograph of Mid Continent Tire Manufacturing Company

Wichita Beacon

Friday, February 13, 1920

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12. Article says the Zenith Tire and Rubber Company of Cleveland, Ohio, has purchased a controlling interest in the stock of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Several months ago the latter company increased its capitalization from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, February 21, 1920

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9. Midco Tire Manufacturing Company advertisement.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, June 26, 1920

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5. Article says an American made airplane sold to the Mexican government last week was equipped with Midco tires made in Wichita. ¶ Under the reorganization of the Mid-Continent company last February, the Zenith Tire and Rubber company, of Cleveland, purchased \$561,000 worth of the company's \$1,000,000 capital stock, giving them a controlling interest in the Wichita factory.

Wichita Eagle

Monday, July 5, 1920

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5. Article reports a carload of the latest tire manufacturing machinery has been received at the Mid-Continent Tire company, and 26 men were let off. With the new machinery about 100 men will now be employed to produce a large number of tires than before.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, May 29, 1921

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4. Note says the Mid-Continent Tire company reports a 25 percent increase in business and its factory is running at full capacity.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, July 10, 1921

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- C-7. Article about the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company with details and photographs. Says 350 tires and 500 tubes are made there daily.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, October 7, 1921

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14. Full page article on the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, December 16, 1921****page**

7. The Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing Company has just completed the installation of a new mould for a 30 by 3½ inch tire. The new size will soon be on sale at the retail store, 214 East 1st.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, March 18, 1922****page**

6. Article reports the Midcontinent Tire Company has announced plans for issuing of \$700,000 worth of first and second mortgage bonds. Details. Will allow expansion of output. The plant is producing about 125 tires a day now.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, April 2, 1922****page**

- B-8. Article reports a reorganization of the Mid-Continent Tire Company. Details. First mortgage bonds are to be issued to permit expansion of production from the present 125 tires a day to at least 250.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, April 5, 1922****page**

2. Article reporting that expenditure of \$25,000 to increase its manufacturing capacity to 1000 tires a day is one of the first steps of re-organization of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company according to H. B. McMasters, who last week succeeded David S. Jackman as general manager. A working capital of \$200,000 is to be obtained by issuance of first mortgage bonds. The debt on the company building has been liquidated by directors who took second mortgage on the property.

Wichita Beacon**Thursday, June 15, 1922****page**

2. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company now is operating at about 50 percent of its full capacity. The distribution of Midco tires now is restricted to the six states contiguous to Kansas.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, July 1, 1922****page**

12. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company will resist the bankruptcy claim filed

against it in federal court yesterday. Details.

Wichita Beacon
Saturday, July 15, 1922
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6. The Mid Continent Tire Manufacturing Company is now building 1 50 tires daily.

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, September 12, 1922
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2. A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 1008 East 13th, by rubber dealers of the East. The plant has been shut down for several weeks.

Wichita Beacon
Saturday, September 30, 1922
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5. Article says bankruptcy proceedings are pending in court against the Mid Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, October 1, 1922
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6. Suits filed by creditors of Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company will be dismissed according to settlement reached yesterday by which they will receive second mortgage bonds and stock in the company.

Wichita Beacon
Thursday, December 7, 1922
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7. District court today appointed a receiver for the Mid Continent Tire Company. Says the company was organized by Wichita capital, and on January 27, 1920 the Zenith Tire Company of Cleveland, Ohio bought one share more than half the stock, but the latter company has since gone into a receivership and has been unable to assist in financing the Mid Continent Tire Company.

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, January 16, 1923
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5. Article lists main Wichita creditors of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company and amounts owed them.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, May 13, 1923

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20. Article regarding suit in district court alleging fraud in distribution of bonds among creditors of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, which went into receivership last December 7.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, June 14, 1923****page**

5. Foreclosure of two mortgages, aggregating \$700,000, and sale of the plant and all assets of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 13th street and Wabash, was ordered by the court yesterday.

Wichita Beacon**Thursday, June 14, 1923****page**

7. The court yesterday ordered sale of the plant and assets of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company to satisfy claims of creditors totaling \$647,000, following foreclosure of two mortgages on the property. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Friday, June 29, 1923****page**

5. The Bemis Brothers Bag company of St. Louis has purchased the main building and south 300 feet of the property of the defunct Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company for \$110,000 and will open a factory here.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, June 29, 1923****page**

7. The plant of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company, at 13th and Mosley has been sold to the Bemis Brothers Bag Company, of St. Louis, by the receiver, for \$110,000. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Friday, July 27, 1923****page**

2. Sale of the buildings and property of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company, 13th and Wabash, to the Bemis Brothers Bag Company of St. Louis, was approved yesterday by Judge Sargent of the district court. Sales price is \$110,000, and the deed will be transferred in a few days.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, August 12, 1923****page**

- B-4. The Bemis Brothers Bag Company has started moving into the old Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company building. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, January 18, 1924

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22. Machinery is being shipped for the Bemis Bag Company's new Wichita plant at 1008 East 13th. Equipment used previously by the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company is being removed. The Bemis factory should be in operation by June 1.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, July 21, 1962

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- 6A. Ground to be broken next week for a \$50,000 office building for Bemis Brothers Bag Company, to be built adjoining the company's plant at 13th and Wabash. To be completed by December 1. Schaefer, Schirmer, and Eflin are architects. Plant owned and operated by Bemis since 1924 and employs 78 persons. Details. Drawing

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Sunday, March 15, 1970

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- 12E. Report of death Friday of Glenn E. Trapp, 61, of 1202 Luther, engraver for Bemis Company, Inc. Born at Carthage, Missouri. Was a longtime Wichitan. Survived by widow, Anna, a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Dooley, Hutchinson, Kansas, a brother and three sisters (named). Burial in Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. (Was a patient.)