

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): S. W. Cooper, WAAP Radio

Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, July 5, 1922

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9. Photograph of Wichita's broadcasting station, WAAP; the station took to the air the first time the evening of July 4th. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, July 7, 1922

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7. Advertisement with photograph of radio station WAAP, located in a large alfalfa field between Central avenue and the S. W. Cooper residence on North Roosevelt avenue.

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, May 28, 1938

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1. Federal Communications Commission examiner in Washington today recommended that radio station KFBI be permitted to move from Abilene to Wichita. Article says the station was originally built and operated on College Hill in Wichita by S. W. Cooper in the early 1920s and later was purchased by Dr. J. W. Brinkley and moved.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, April 21, 1940

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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.