

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): Davis Manufacturing

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, April 4, 1948

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11. Aerial photo of Davis Manufacturing, Inc. plant at 1521 South McLean Boulevard, with recent expansion. Article with details.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, June 26, 1949

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5. United States District Court yesterday appointed a trustee for the Davis Manufacturing, Inc., to give it an opportunity for reorganization in lieu of a formal declaration of bankruptcy. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, June 16, 1972

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- 14A. Report of death yesterday of Roy O. Yarnell, 81, of 942 Woodrow, retired chief of security for Davis Manufacturing Company. Survived by widow, Ruby, three sons, R. James, Wichita, Duane A., Springfield, Missouri, and Captain Rex Yarnell, United States Navy, Coronado, California, and two sisters, Mrs. W. T. Fredrick, El Paso, Texas, and Mrs. Allie Denison, Sacramento, California. Burial at Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Saturday, November 10, 1973

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- 3A. Davis Manufacturing Division of J. I. Case Company yesterday broke ground for its new 240,000 square foot factory building at 31st South and Hoover Road. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, June 9, 1974

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- 1B. Feature article about construction projects in Wichita.
Thirty-five million dollar Towne East Square -- to open next year.

Twenty million dollar Fourth Financial Center -- to open late this summer.
Davis Manufacturing Company nearing completion of a 240,000 square foot facility at 31st Street South and Hoover Road.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, February 4, 1979****page**

- 4B. Feature article about Charles J. Davis, 64, and the Davis Manufacturing Company. Last month the company introduced a new line, including a forklift, a loader-backhoe, and a multi purpose street repair machine. In 1950 Davis bought Mid-Western Industries, a small subcontractor for the aircraft industry, and introduced his own line of tractor mounted loaders and backhoes. Within eight years they became an industry standard and he sold the company to Massey-Ferguson Ltd. of Canada. By 1959 Davis was back in Wichita and established Davis Manufacturing Company to improve the design of trenching machines. In 1969 he sold the company to Tennecco, Inc. Davis Manufacturing continues making trenchers in Wichita as a division of J. I. Case Company. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, January 8, 1980**page**

- 5B. Wichita's Davis Manufacturing Company, which was bought out by the J. I. Case Company 12 years ago changed its name effective yesterday to the J. I. Case Light Equipment Division. It employs about 800 people in Wichita, mainly at a 24,000 square foot plant at Hoover and 31st Street South. Details.