

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.

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Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, March 13, 1928

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5. Bids to opened April 13 on site for new post office.

Sunday, May 13, 1928

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7. Article reports on proposed sites for new post office.

Thursday, May 31, 1928

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4. Photograph of northeast corner of 3rd and Main (showing a small hamburger stand, etc.), on which new Wichita post office may be built.

Saturday, June 2, 1928

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3. Report from Washington yesterday states that the site at 3rd between Main and Market will be the location of Wichita's new post office and federal building. Article reviews the history of the site.

Wednesday, August 29, 1928

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5. Transactions being closed today for purchase of the new federal building site at 3rd street between Main and Market. Details. Buildings on site to be razed beginning October 1.

Wednesday, September 5, 1928

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3. Clearing of the site of Wichita's new federal building is under way and should be completed by the end of the month.

Sunday, September 9, 1928

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32. Photograph of three small houses on site of new post office, sold at auction for \$962.

Sunday, October 21, 1928

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8. The site for the new post office will be cleared by November 1.

Sunday, June 29, 1930

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1. Drawing of Wichita's new \$1,200,000 federal building. Bids to be received July 30.

Tuesday, August 19, 1930

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2. Article reports ground broken yesterday for Wichita's new \$1,250,000 federal building. To be completed within 20 months.

Sunday, September 21, 1930

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3. Photograph of large excavation for new federal building in Wichita.

Sunday, October 26, 1930

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5. Excavation for the new federal building will be completed this week.

Tuesday, November 18, 1930

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7. Photograph showing basement walls and foundations of new federal building.

Sunday, December 14, 1930

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1. Photograph shows beginning of steel framework for the new Wichita federal building.

Monday, December 29, 1930

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2. Photograph of steel skeleton of new federal building.

Sunday, January 25, 1931

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1. Photograph of framework of new federal building -- steel skeleton nearly complete.

Sunday, February 1, 1931

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3. Photograph shows start of stone laying at base of steel framework of new federal building.

Wednesday, April 15, 1931

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3. Photograph of new federal building with about two thirds of exterior stone completed.

Sunday, May 3, 1931**page**

30. Photograph of progress on new federal building.

Monday, June 8, 1931**page**

5. Photograph of new federal building, with exterior nearly complete.

Monday, July 6, 1931**page**

1. Photograph of new federal building -- exterior completed but windows not in. Article about progress on page 5.

Sunday, December 13, 1931**page**

14. Article gives details of progress on new federal building -- to be occupied in February.

Monday, March 14, 1932**page**

5. Last session of United States District Court to be held in the old federal building at William and Market opens today. United States court has been held on third floor of the building since it opened.

Monday, March 21, 1932**page**

2. Small photographs of Wichita's old and new federal buildings.

Friday, April 1, 1932**page**

5. New federal building and post office at 3rd and Main is to be dedicated and opened today. Details include previous locations of Wichita post office.

Saturday, April 2, 1932**page**

3. Article reports dedication of new federal building yesterday. Moving has started, but business will be carried on at old post office until closing time today.

Sunday, April 3, 1932**page**

5. Equipment being moved yesterday and today from old post office to new one, which will open tomorrow.

10. Article giving history of decision regarding location of new post office at 3rd and Main. Details.
11. Photograph of new federal building.

Saturday, April 30, 1932**page**

10. Furniture from the last office was removed from the old federal building at William and Market yesterday, and the building is deserted except for a lone custodian. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals finished its session there Thursday, and on Friday its furnishings and records were moved to the new building.

Sunday, March 25, 1934**page**

3. Three bronze disc bench marks have been placed in Wichita the past two days by a member of the United States coast and geodetic survey. The official Wichita benchmark has been placed on the west bank of the Big Arkansas river just north of the Douglas avenue bridge in a cut limestone base implanted in the ground. Another benchmark is in the granite slab on the steps at the west entrance of the federal building at 3rd and Main. The third disc has been placed at the intersection of the Midland Valley and the old Orient Railroad tracks on the west bank of the river.

Monday, June 24, 1935**page**

5. Weather bureau at municipal airport is being abolished and moved to downtown office in federal building. Details.

Thursday, July 25, 1935**page**

5. Article about panels to be painted in lobby of the federal building. Details.

Sunday, June 14, 1936**page**

- 7-B. Article about the murals in lobby of Wichita federal building. Photos. The one on east wall depicts early days in development of postal service and is by Ward Lockwood, of Taos, New Mexico, a native Kansan. The one on Wichita wall "The Transformation" -- depicts a Kansas farm scene and is by Richard Haines, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sunday, June 26, 1938**page**

- 6-A. Wichita Weather Bureau has completed 50 years of service. Original location was on northwest corner of roof of Sedgwick block. On April 9, 1904 it was moved to southeast corner of roof of the Sedgwick block. On March 31, 1908 it was moved to top of the Caldwell-Murdock building and on June 30, 1911 to the top of the Beacon building. On

April 26, 1932 they were moved to southeast tower of the new federal building at 3rd and Market.

Sunday, April 15, 1962

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15A. The Transportation Division of the Wichita Regional Post Office will move to its new location at 447 North Main tomorrow. Remodeling of the building was completed last week. It contains 4450 square feet of office space and 2160 square feet of storage space. The office has been located on the third floor of the Federal Building.

Wednesday, March 18, 1964

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5A. The Federal Building, 401 North Market, is getting its face sand-blasted from top to bottom. The process will take approximately five weeks.

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Wichita Beacon

Saturday, April 7, 1928

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3. Article discusses sites being proposed for planned new Wichita post office. Details.

Tuesday, June 5, 1928

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3. City commission yesterday accepted the proposed site for Wichita's new post office in the south 250 feet of the block between Main and Market and between 3rd and Central. Details.

Sunday, October 28, 1928

page

7. Completion of clearing of site for new post office at 3rd Street between Main and Market was finished yesterday. When the site was purchased there were seven frame buildings and four brick or stone buildings on the 250 by 300 foot tract.

Sunday, December 15, 1929

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10. Drawing of planned new Wichita post office.

Monday, August 18, 1930

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1. Report of ground breaking today for Wichita's new federal building and post office at 3rd and Main. Details. To cost \$1,150,000 with equipment. Photograph on page 4.

Sunday, September 6, 1931

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- B-6. Photograph from court house tower showing the nearly completed new post office.

Friday, February 19, 1932

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14. The new post office building is expected to be completed about April 1, and the move of the post office to the new building will probably be early in May. Details.

Sunday, March 27, 1932**page**

2. Photograph of the newly completed post office building, which is ready for official government inspection. Article with details

Tuesday, March 29, 1932**page**

1. Wichita's new post office will be formally dedicated Friday.

Friday, April 1, 1932**page**

1. Report of formal opening of Wichita's new federal building today. However the old post office will continue to be used until next week. Details.

Sunday, April 3, 1932**page**

- B-6. The post office will operate from the new building beginning tomorrow. Details.

- B-7. Large photograph of new federal building.

Sunday, June 7, 1936**page**

1. Article about murals painted by young Wichita artist, Felix Jones and intended for the new post office building but which were rejected for that building, but which now will be installed in the airport administration building. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, July 10, 1940**page**

2. The United States Weather Bureau office located on the fifth floor of the federal building will be moved to the administration building of the municipal airport during August.