

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): Halloween

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, November 1, 1891

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6. College Hill car No. 6 was nearly derailed last night by Halloween prankster putting a timber across the track.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, November 1, 1899

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5. Report of Halloween pranks played on the street cars. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, November 1, 1910

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Possibly the biggest Halloween undertaking was that of a crowd of boys in the northern part of the city, who attempted to demoralize street car traffic on the Stock Yards car line. They overturned the Park Place waiting station at 13th and Market streets and in so doing were careful to see that it fell directly across the car track. Needless to say, traffic was blocked for some time. Finally an officer with the aid of about fourteen men, managed to shove it off the track.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, November 18, 1910

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6. The street car waiting station at 13th street was tipped over on the tracks by mischievous boys on Halloween. The street car company moved it off the tracks the next morning, but Commissioner Roetzel of public improvements has not allowed his men to place it back in position and it is still lying beside the tracks with loss of convenience to street car patrons. This waiting room and two others on South Main were built about three years ago by the Rock Island Lumber company, supplied with seats by George T. Nolley company and painted by the Hockaday company all at no charge. It cost about \$150.

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, October 31, 1916

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6. Youngsters celebrated Halloween last night by soaping the rails on one of the steepest grades on the Fairmount street car line so the car wheels would not take hold of them. This delayed traffic on the line nearly an hour.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, October 25, 1931

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- 2-A. A. J. Cleary warns of dangers from Halloween practice of jerking trolleys from the wire while street cars are in motion. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, October 30, 1953

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- 3A. Two grade school juveniles, a ten year old boy and his eight year old sister, confessed to police yesterday that they had recently tipped over 30 tombstones in Highland cemetery because "we heard it was getting close to Halloween." Details.