

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): Jail (rotary)

Wichita Beacon

Monday, October 15, 1888

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4. The 42 prisoners in the old county jail were moved to the new jail yesterday at 6 a.m. The new jail will hold about 160, including 60 in the revolving cage.

Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, September 29, 1915

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5. County commission yesterday voted in favor of a new \$100,000 county jail to replace the dilapidated old one at corner of Elm and Market. To be left up to voters whether to pay for it by a one mill levy for one year only or by a bond issue.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, March 4, 1916

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5. County commissioners yesterday decided to submit the proposal for a new county jail to the voters at the August 1 primary election. A one mill levy for one year would be required to build the new jail.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, March 12, 1916

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3. Article about the poor structural condition of the 30 year old Sedgwick county jail.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, August 6, 1916

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5. Canvass of the vote on school bonds for new \$100,000 intermediate school showed that it carried 5341 to 2633. At the election last Tuesday the voters also voted in favor of a new \$100,000 county jail on the site just north of the court house and just west of the present jail.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, January 13, 1917

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8. Although a large hole has been dug north of the court house already, construction of the new Sedgwick County jail may come to a sudden stop because the state auditor has refused to register the bond issue for \$112,000, saying the call for the bond election wasn't published long enough before the voting.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, January 21, 1917

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2. The county commissioners voted yesterday to cancel contracts for the new jail building, as expected.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, April 8, 1917

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9. The Kansas Supreme court yesterday affirmed that the bond election at which bonds were voted for new Sedgwick county jail was illegal. The previous contracts are thus invalidated, and it is likely that a new bond election will not be held for two years.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, August 18, 1917

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5. Hole in the ground at north end of court house, where it was intended to build a new jail to replace the antiquated and thoroughly inadequate building that is standing on the northeast corner of the court house property, is being filled back in and the ground will be seeded to lawn.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, June 6, 1919

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5. County commissioners are considering remodeling the county jail versus cost of a new one.

Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, January 5, 1921

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5. The rotary section of the county jail is to be closed, as Judge Jesse Wall considers it unfit for keeping of prisoners.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, January 21, 1923

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Magazine

1. Article about Sedgwick County Jail with details and photographs, including one of the "rotary" steel cage.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, March 23, 1923

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5. Photograph of the ill-famed "rotary" of the Sedgwick County jail as it appears with the walls torn away.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, March 25, 1923

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5. The old rotary cell from the old Sedgwick County jail is being given to the park board to house animals at the Wichita zoo.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, January 11, 1924

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18. Bids will be taken this week by the Sedgwick county commission for the razing of the old Sedgwick county jail. It is expected that work of tearing down the structure will commence within ten days.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, March 7, 1924

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7. Photograph of Sedgwick County's new quarter million dollar jail.