

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 inter-library loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

Subject(s): Linwood Park

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, June 28, 1887

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1. Work started today on the Linwood park extension of the street car line.

Wednesday, July 6, 1887

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1. Today the Wichita City Railway company has placed eight new cars on its tracks, five red ones for the Main street service and three blues for Topeka avenue. This will give improved service and enable the company to place another car on the Maple street line and also an extra one on the South Water street line. The laying of the double track on Main street progresses, and the double track will soon be in running order from Rock Island depot to the Ft. Scott freight depot on North Main. It is the intention of the company to put in plank crossings on the double track line and also to line each side of the rails with oak planks leaving just enough space between the rails and the planks to admit the flange of the car wheels. This will do away with the catching of buggy and wagon wheels on the edges of the rails. ¶ The Linwood Park extension is well under way and the Central avenue track is laid from Main street to 4th avenue. On this last line cars will be running in a day or two, the proposal arrangement being that half the Union Depot cars shall travel on Central avenue instead of all going along Oak street. This will also serve to meet the demand for increased facilities on 4th avenue.

Tuesday, July 26, 1887

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4. The Wichita street railway company commenced work this morning on the Linwood Park extension running from Douglas down Ida avenue.

Tuesday, August 16, 1887

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1. The first car ran on the Linwood park extension today.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, September 14, 1887****page**

1. The city authorities show ingratitude to the donors of the 40 acres of Linwood Park in not improving the property.

Friday, August 17, 1888**page**

1. In view of the reluctance of the Wichita Street Railway company to build a street car line south of Douglas on Clifton avenue, the College Hill people have agreed on a line on Hillside avenue and have assurances of Mr. G. M. Dickson that his company will extend its line on that avenue from Douglas to Harry street, thus giving the Wichita University some accommodation. As soon as feasible this line will be extended west on Harry to a junction with the Linwood Park line, thus completing the circuit

Wednesday, May 1, 1889**page**

1. The *Beacon* questions the habit of some enterprising individuals of driving herds of cows to the public parks and allowing them to graze during the day. It is a notorious fact that Linwood park is usually crowded with cows and occasionally a bunch of horses.

Tuesday, February 4, 1890**page**

1. City council last evening received offer from William Griffenstein to give the city a quit claim deed for the opening up of 11th street to the Little river provided the city agreed to build an iron bridge across the Little river on 11th street within four months. Accepted and city engineer directed to draw up specifications for the bridge. ¶ City attorney was requested to prepare opinion as to whether the city could legally improve a park or build a bridge outside the city limits, as Linwood park and proposed 11th street bridge are both outside city limits.

Tuesday, February 11, 1890**page**

1. City council yesterday received and filed estimate of the city engineer of cost of building a bridge across Little river at 11th street using the iron span the city now has on hand. Cost was estimated at about \$2500. He also estimated the cost of building the bridges in Linwood park.

Tuesday, April 22, 1890**page**

1. Work has commenced on improving of Linwood and Hyde parks, and they will soon be placed under the direction of a landscape gardener for completion.

Tuesday, May 6, 1890**page**

1. City council yesterday instructed city clerk to advertise for construction of three bridges in Linwood park.

Friday, May 9, 1890**page**

3. Advertisement for bids to be received by city clerk until Monday, May 12, 1890 for construction of three bridges in Linwood park according to plans and specifications in city engineer's office.

Saturday, May 17, 1890**page**

4. City council yesterday awarded contract for bridges in Linwood park to J. K. Sawyer.

Tuesday, September 23, 1890**page**

4. Council proceedings September 22: Committee on parks recommended a proposition to vote \$60,000 in bonds for park purposes be submitted to voters in November election. To be discussed at next meeting: Proposed is to establish a large city park embracing Griffenstein's, Davidson's, and Shuman's parks. Griffenstein has offered to sell his park to the city for \$20,000. J. O. Davidson offered to donate his park to the city provided the city connects the three parks with bridges (costing about \$9000) and spends at least \$10,000 more in beautifying the grounds. It is estimated Shuman's park at end of Central avenue can be purchased for \$15,000. Combining all three would form a park of 86 acres. The total cost would be about \$54,000, and the remaining \$6000 is proposed to be spent on Linwood park.

Saturday, April 18, 1891**page**

4. The Ida avenue street car line will be operated from now on during the entire summer. Cars will commence running on it tomorrow morning from Douglas to Linwood park.

Friday, May 1, 1891**page**

4. Article describes improvements to Linwood park. Details. Says the street car line runs to the entrance of the park.

Monday, August 31, 1891**page**

4. Note about a picnic in Linwood park yesterday. Says "cars were in waiting for them when they were ready to return to the city about 8:00 p.m." (probably meaning horse cars).

Tuesday, August 17, 1897**page**

5. In the yard of a house near Linwood park there is an old street car, which has been purchased from the company and is used as a children's play house.

Friday, June 30, 1899**page**

6. At his own expense yesterday Father Tihen gave a picnic to 250 school children at Linwood park. Among a long list of refreshments were 50 gallons of ice cream and three bushels of peanuts. It was a great day and the children now rank Father Tihen side by side with George Washington and Admiral Dewey.

Tuesday, February 2, 1904**page**

5. Petition presented to city council yesterday asking that the street railway extend its proposed Pattie avenue line to Linwood park.

Wednesday, August 28, 1907**page**

8. The dredge working on the drainage canal was reported this morning to be within 1500 feet of the creek at the northern limit of Linwood park. ¶ Men are building the approaches to the 13th street bridge over the canal, which is now completed. The 10th street bridge is practically completed and the concrete arch of the bridge at 9th street is being put on. Another gang is making the necessary excavation for the Central avenue bridge.

Thursday, September 19, 1907**page**

5. Digging of the drainage canal was finished at about noon today and the flood of water in the canal was permitted to pour into Chisholm creek at the north end of Linwood park, leaving the dredge boat stuck hard and fast in the bed of the canal. Details. Total cost will be not far from \$100,000.

Saturday, November 27, 1909**page**

5. Twenty-five acres in the south part of Linwood park is to be fixed up as park grounds. South Linwood park, as it is sometimes called, has been used for raising hay, but the men who gave it to the city many years ago, as a park, L. C. Hamilton and J. D. Hutchings, have notified the city that the land must be used as a park, or they will take it back.

Friday, July 8, 1910**page**

3. Petitions are being circulated by members of the Linwood club asking the Wichita Railroad and Light company to extend the Pattie avenue line about five blocks south to

Linwood park.

Wednesday, November 30, 1910**page**

8. Article discusses planning for route of southward extension of drainage canal from Linwood park. Details.

Tuesday, December 20, 1910**page**

4. City Engineer Wells estimates that the proposed extension of the drainage canal will cost \$62,508. It would be about two and a quarter miles long, from the south end of the present canal to the Arkansas river. At present it ends at Zimmerly street, near the north end of Linwood park. Details.

Monday, June 26, 1911**page**

4. The city and county commissions agreed Saturday to extend the drainage canal three miles from Linwood Park to the Arkansas river, with the city and county each paying half of the cost. Total cost estimated at \$70,000. Details.

Wednesday, September 6, 1911**page**

5. City commission yesterday let contract for the drainage canal extension from Linwood park to the Arkansas river, about three miles. To average about 12 feet deep and 25 feet wide, with expenses met jointly by the city and county. Details.

Saturday, July 13, 1918**page**

12. Long article describing size and facilities of individual Wichita grade schools with ten year plan for \$2,135,000 improvements. Details. Addition already built at Martinson but not at Riverside or Linwood. ("That Two Million Dollar School Program")

Thursday, December 19, 1918**page**

5. The tool houses and feed bins have been moved from the newly opened up Nims Avenue in Central Riverside Park to South Riverside park at the former Municipal Beach location. ¶ Central Riverside is more inviting since the yards of the buffaloes and elk have been moved to Linwood Park in the south part of the city.

Wednesday, February 5, 1919**page**

2. Article about Wichita park improvements mentions the removal of the larger animals from Riverside to Linwood park, where there is more room for them to graze. Details.

Wednesday, January 3, 1923**page**

7. Bonds for \$96,500 were issued last year for park purposes. These improvements included:

Rebuilding and paving of drive from Griffenstein Bridge to 11th Street Bridge

Development of Seneca Park and building of swimming pool

Construction of swimming pool at McKinley Park

Completion of bear den and bird house

Building of a concession house, walks and bird pools in Central Riverside Park

Construction of new buffalo pens at Linwood Park

The above were done with first issue of park bonds for \$55,000 on February 1st. The second issue of bonds on October 1st for \$39,000 was used for purchased of Oak Park. The last issue of \$2500 in November was for construction of a flood gate at the Central Avenue Dam.

Friday, July 24, 1936**page**

18. Report of dedication next Wednesday of the shelter house in Linwood Park, built of natural white Carthage stone. Details.

Sunday, July 26, 1936**page**

10. Photo of new shelter house in Linwood Park which is to be dedicated Wednesday night. Report July 30, page 7.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, February 20, 1887****page**

4. Five hundred lots in Linwood park addition were sold by the Niederlander force last week.

Saturday, June 18, 1887**page**

4. The Wichita Street Railway company is contemplating an extension in the southeast part of the city to give service to and from Linwood park. The route has not yet been decided on. Two routes are under contemplation: one leaves the northeast corner of the park and goes south on Swan Street to Levy, west on Levy and connect with the Washington Avenue line. This route is less expensive and would cost near \$3,000 to construct. ¶The other route leaves Douglas at Ida, goes south on Ida to Indianapolis, east on Indianapolis to Harry and south on Harry to Linwood Park. It is over two miles in length and would cost near \$7,000. ¶The company is anxious to give service to Linwood by August 10th. ¶The company has spent nearly \$20,000 on extensions within the past two months.

Thursday, June 23, 1887**page**

4. The Ida Avenue route has been decided upon for the Linwood Park extension of the street railway. Construction will start next Monday.

Wednesday, June 29, 1887**page**

4. Work was commenced yesterday on the Linwood park extension of the Wichita street railway.

Sunday, July 24, 1887**page**

8. The Wichita Street Railway Company now have 36 cars running and four more expected this week from St. Louis. The company yesterday received several cars of ties and iron and work on the Linwood Park extension and other extensions will be resumed tomorrow. ¶The company yesterday received 27 miles from Kansas City. ¶B. F. Wiley and Sons of East Douglas Avenue yesterday finished refitting and repainting one of the street cars. The work was done in a most artistic manner, proving that for a superior grade of work of this kind there is no necessity of leaving Wichita.

Sunday, August 7, 1887**page**

4. The Wichita Street Railway company are constructing a switch on Fourth Avenue near Third Street A 15 minute service on Fourth Avenue from Main and Douglas to the Union Depot will be given, starting today. The arrival of more cars from St. Louis has made this better service on that line possible. ¶The company has been asked to give a 20 minute

service to the cemetery and will grant this request, the car running from Main and Douglas. ¶Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:00p.m. Sundays a 15 minute service will be given College Hill to improve the facilities for going to church. ¶The double track on Main from 13th St (??) to Douglas has been completed. On both sides of each rail is a heavy oak board near the top of the rail. Between the tracks and the rails and outside for two feet it is macadamized, bringing the surface near the top of the rail and allowing wagons and carriages to go over the track easily even though the "T" rail is used. When the weather is better, a double track will be constructed on Douglas from Main to Mead Avenue. ¶The Linwood Park line will be completed by the last of this week. By the time the extension is completed the cars will arrive. They will be painted yellow.

Wednesday, August 17, 1887

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4. The Linwood park extension of the Wichita Street Railway company is completed. It leaves Douglas at Laura Avenue, south on Laura to Gilbert, east on Gilbert to Lulu, south on Lulu to Harry to Swan, south on Swan through Linwood park addition to Levy Street. The first car over the line was run yesterday with Mr. Niederlander and a number of his force and Mr. M. W. Levy as passengers. A 20 minute service will be given that extension by blue cars. The cars arrived a few days ago. ¶The gentlemen who donated the park are now anxious for the city to take steps to beautify it.

Saturday, October 8, 1887

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8. The Wichita street railway yesterday received four new cars. Two of them will be put on the Linwood park extension and will be known as the "blue cars."

Thursday, July 3, 1890

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5. Article on parks says the city council have begun to beautify the grounds which were donated to the city some time ago for park purposes, known as Linwood park. One of the most desirable out door places of amusement is Riverside park and the Little river when there is water enough to float a boat. Ever since the obstruction at the mouth of Little river was destroyed by the storm, there has been but very little water in the river and not enough to make it a desirable stream for boating purposes. It can be made a beautiful stream at little expense by placing a dam at its mouth of sufficient height to raise the water two or three feet. With proper flood gates an even stage of water can be had at all times from the dam north to a point above B. H. Campbell's residence.

Sunday, April 26, 1891

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6. Wichita has two very beautiful parks. Hyde park, between Ellis and Fannie avenues, contains four acres which are fenced. Blue grass has been sown and trees planted. The band stand is about completed and is located in the center of the park. ¶Linwood park is further from the city and considerably larger. It is at the foot of Harry Street, at the

terminus of the Ida Avenue. line, and is about 40 acres in area. Three or four bridges span the Chisholm creek, which gracefully meanders through the park. The place seems a little remote, but a half hour's drive over a good road will take one to the entrance of Linwood park.

Sunday, March 26, 1893**page**

5. Article reports Councilman John Martin has secured from the Electric Street Railway company an extension of its service to Linwood park from East Douglas avenue Details.

Wednesday, July 31, 1896**page**

5. Article describes the beauty of Linwood park and says it would be visited more except for the lack of public conveyance (street railway) to the park.

Sunday, May 28, 1899**page**

13. A handsome bird's-eye view of the business section of the city, taking in the packing houses, all the principal public buildings, churches, and other prominent structures, has just been made by Mr. Searle of Chicago, who has been visiting in the city for a few weeks. It is finished in five different oil colors. He will make a bird's-eye view of Riverside park and one of Linwood park before he leaves the city. Mr. Searle has been the landscape and sketch artist of the Rock Island Railroad for over twelve years.

Tuesday, August 22, 1905**page**

5. Petition presented to city council last night asking for extension of the Pattie avenue car line to Linwood park. ¶ The Pattie avenue line now extends only to Kellogg street.

Saturday, July 3, 1909**page**

- 5B. Commissioners Roetzel and City Engineer Wells are making plans for the extending of the drainage canal from the place near Linwood Park where the work was left off, to the Big Arkansas river south of the city.

Wednesday, May 18, 1910**page**

6. Article quotes the original deed of Linwood Park land to the city in 1887 by Charles S. Aldrich, which says that it can be used solely as a public park, or else will revert to the grantor or his heirs.

Saturday, July 9, 1910**page**

2. Article says members of Linwood club are circulating petitions asking the street railway

company to extend the terminal of the Pattie avenue line to the entrance of Linwood park.

Wednesday, July 13, 1910

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5. H. E. Chubbuck, vice-president and general manager of Illinois Traction System, arrived in Wichita yesterday to confer with Superintendent W. R. Morrison about proposed improvements in the local street car system. Items being considered are:
 - A \$50,000 street car barn;
 - Extension of the West Douglas avenue line;
 - Extension of the West Pattie avenue line to Linwood park;
 - Looping the two Riverside lines;
 - Purchase of electric power from Kansas Gas and Electric company;
 - Proposed steam line across company's property on North Waco avenue.

¶ Superintendent Morrison says company has spent about \$200,000 in improvements in Wichita this year, much of which has been for paving the street car tracks along streets paved by the city this spring.

Sunday, July 27, 1913

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10. Article and photographs on the grading of the new county roads east on Harry street from city limits at Linwood park to the county line, completed yesterday, and west on Maple street beginning tomorrow. The completed east road is described as "the best nine miles of dirt road in the state of Kansas."

Sunday, January 31, 1915

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5. Jitney buses likely will appear on the streets of Wichita Monday morning. They will be operated on paved streets and carry passengers for a "jitney," which is slang for five cents. ¶ A. H. Lewis has three autos to start with and says within a week at least eight will be operated. ¶ Initial routes will be:
 - From Hillside avenue to Market and Douglas;
 - From end of pavement on North Lawrence to end of pavement on South Lawrence; Between Market and Douglas and West Wichita by way of Maple street bridge; Linwood park district and return.

Saturday, August 17, 1918

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5. Article reporting City Manager Ash plans transfer of the buffalo, elk and deer at Riverside park to larger quarters at Linwood park. ¶ Deer and elk have been kept at Riverside for more than a dozen years, while buffalo have been there for more than seven years. ¶ Mr. Ash says another improvement at Riverside park will be some change in the driveways leading to the north entrance to Woodman bridge. There are four driveways approaching the bridge at the north side. This is dangerous, Mr. Ash says, and must be changed.

Tuesday, March 4, 1919**page**

5. School board yesterday voted to request vote on bond issue for \$850,000, to include \$150,000 for sites and \$700,000 for buildings. Includes two new intermediate schools, new Washington and Emerson elementary schools, and additions on College Hill, Harry Street, L'Ouverture, Ingalls, Sunnyside, Lowell, Irving, Park, Linwood, Lincoln, Kellogg and Riverside schools. ¶ Superintendent L. W. Mayberry was re-elected for two years at increase from present \$4500 salary to \$4800 the first year and \$5000 the second year. John Lofty was re-elected principal of the high school with salary increase from \$2900 to \$3500 a year.

Sunday, November 2, 1919**page**

Section B

11. Animals of Wichita's zoo have gone into winter hibernation. The buffalo, deer and elk are all at Linwood park.

Sunday, November 27, 1921**page**

14. Article outlining plans of Park Board for coming year. Says the first of a series of planned neighborhood swimming pools was built in Linwood park last year. New pool and beach in South Riverside park is proposed.

Tuesday, January 13, 1925**page**

5. Reminiscence by Dr. Fabrique regarding Henry Schweiter, who has recently been ill. "At only one time did Henry lose a great deal of money. He built a railroad from Douglas and Emporia avenues to Eldridge's grove, now Linwood park. It seems I can almost see the dinky little engine pulling two cares down the street, and hear the shrill whistle at every corner. The road was laid down Emporia to Kellogg, than across the tracks, down Broadway to Hillside, then through Henry's farm to a point a couple of miles south of the village, and then back to the park. Henry lost money on this deal."

Sunday, June 7, 1925**page**

5. Neighborhood swimming pools at Lincoln, Linwood, Seneca, and McKinley parks will open tomorrow. ¶ The Woodland park pool in the North End is not yet finished and will open early in July.

Wednesday, October 21, 1931**page**

2. A new park department greenhouse is to be built at Linwood park to replace the present worn-out one. Details.

Sunday, August 25, 1935**page**

28. Photograph of new park department greenhouse in Linwood park.

Sunday, July 26, 1936**page**

2. Photo of the new store shelter building in Linwood Park recently completed as a Work Projects Administration project. Built of Silverdale limestone from Cowley county.

Sunday, May 15, 1938**page**

9. O. L. Jacques, Wichita realtor, will open for development in a few weeks 33.48 acres which is a portion of the old Schweiter tract lying between the alley east of Hydraulic and the canal and Lincoln and Linwood park. To be known as Schweiter's sixth addition. ¶ It is a part of a quarter section acquired by Henry Schweiter in 1871. He had traded a pre-empted homestead at 13th and Cowskin creek for a frame business building, and then traded the building and \$1500 cash for the quarter section, which had been acquired from Osage Trust lands by Daniel and Katie Cohee.

Wednesday, December 28, 1938**page**

5. City commission yesterday was asked to vacate streets and alleys platted in the 1886 real estate boom south of Levy and east of Hydraulic. These were never laid out, and the area now consists of the track gardens, orchards, and small farms. It is south of Linwood park and just outside the present city limits. The additions were known as Woodland, Stafford, and Stancer, and Chisholm creek meandered through them before the drainage canal was built.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon**Sunday, December 6, 1970****page**

- 1D. Construction started last week on a new swimming pool and bathhouse in Linwood Park. Expected to be completed by mid-May and is located at the southwest corner of the park, just north of Mt. Vernon. Details.

Tuesday, February 2, 1971**page**

- 5A. Photo of swimming pool and bathhouse under construction at South Linwood Park, Harry and Hydraulic. To be completed by Memorial Day.

Monday, April 19, 1976**page**

- 1C. Photos of pedestrian overpass over the Canal Route (unfinished) near Linwood Park.

