

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): Lyceum Theater Fire

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, April 1, 1913

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1. Report of fire about 3:30 a.m. today that destroyed the Lyceum Theater at William and Topeka, known previously for many years as the Crawford Theater. Details. Photograph.

Wichita Eagle

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1. Lyceum Theater, formerly known as the Old Crawford, destroyed by fire early this morning. Located apparently at southwest corner of Topeka and William, just north of new Crawford theater. Photograph of ruined front wall on page 1 on April 2, 1913.

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1. Photograph of smouldering ruins of Old Crawford theater, known recently as the Lyceum, which was destroyed by fire beginning at 3:30 a.m. yesterday. It is at corner of Topeka and William, and New Crawford theater is on Topeka just to the south.
2. Article on history of Old Crawford theater. Building collapsed while under construction in 1887 and had to be rebuilt, total cost of \$140,000. After June 1911 the theater was remodeled into the Lyceum.