

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): Shanty town, Orienta Park

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, November 18, 1980

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- 3Z. Feature article on demise of the "shanty town" Sheridan Park neighborhood in southwest Wichita, bounded by Pawnee, 27th South, Meridian, and Custer. The 80 acres of farmland was subdivided in 1909 into 20 by 100 foot lots, and for three dollars customers could get a lot thrown in with a subscription to the Farm Journal. The area was then known as Orienta Park. The area was two miles from the city limits, streets were never paved, and a shanty town was built. In late 1950s and early 1960s city annexed the land.

Orienta Park

Wichita Eagle

Friday, August 13, 1909

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6. Large map of southwest part of Wichita showing location of Orienta Park addition, ball park south of Kinkaid with South Main line turning one block west of Main on Levy, etc.

Sunday, January 31, 1960

Magazine

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5. Feature article about plans for renewal of the blighted Orienta Park housing district on the southwest side of Wichita. Would be a federally assisted Urban Renewal project.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Wednesday, December 27, 1978

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- 1C. Article about plans to develop Sheridan Park area in Southwest Wichita, which was originally begun in 1909 as Orienta Park, with sale of substandard 20 by 100 foot lots as bonus for purchase of magazine subscriptions to Farm Journal and a 1909 almanac. Details.