

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.

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5. Article says case is now being tried in district court to determine whether the city is the rightful owner of the tract of land just west of the Arkansas River at Harry Street. The tract was once known as Elba Island, which in an early day was surrounded by water much of the time. It has, however, now been a part of the main land for many years. The city supposedly bought it as a location for a pest house during the C. L. Davidson administration, but this is now being disputed by a claim that the title was faulty. Details.

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- 14A. Article about health department's old death record book dating back to "pest house" days of 1907. Details.