

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): Rajah Rabbitry

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, November 10, 1929

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E-12. Full page advertisement of the Rajah Rabbitry, 3400 West Douglas, with photograph.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, January 19, 1930

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Special Section

Rajah Rabbitry with articles and photographs. Says the Rajah Rabbitry last week purchased the Wichita Sanitarium, 3400 West Douglas, for \$125,000, for use as a school.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, February 9, 1930

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1-B. Article about the Rajah Rabbitry at 3400 West Douglas with photograph of administration building. Drawing of proposed buildings on page 4-B -- "the largest rabbitry in the world."

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, May 21, 1930

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5. Judge I. N. Williams yesterday appointed Cy Seymor, manager of the Hotel Lassen, as receiver for the Rajah Rabbitry, Inc. J. S. Porter, president of the rabbitry, is said now to be a resident of Enid, Oklahoma, and is not expected to return here. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, May 22, 1930

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16. The Rajah rabbitry was placed in the hands of a receiver on Tuesday. Details. Estimated to be 55,000 rabbits in the company's hutches at this time, with cost of about \$700 per week to feed them.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, May 23, 1930

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11. Receivership action against the Rajah Rabbitry, Inc. was dismissed yesterday after announcement of new officers and directorate who propose to place the company on a firm footing. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, May 31, 1930

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5. Article reports financial difficulties of the Rajah rabbitry. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, October 9, 1930

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5. Article summarizing collapse of the Rajah Rabbitry promotion scheme. Details. The property will revert to W. C. Hoover, who owned the land on which the rabbitry was erected. Company was established by J. S. "Rajah" Porter, who came to Wichita more than a year ago, presumably from Florida.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, February 5, 1932

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1. Report of arrest in Glassboro, New Jersey, of J. S. (Rajah) Porter, whose rabbit promotion scheme cost Wichitans thousands of dollars two years ago and who since has tried to repeat his Kansas financial fiasco in nearly a dozen states. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Sunday, July 31, 1938

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1. J. S. "Rajah" Porter, notorious in Wichita for his promotion scheme of a rabbitry here which allegedly swindled hundreds of Wichitans, has been located again, this time in San Francisco, where he has been promoting an apparently fraudulent knitting business. Details. Photograph. Has apparently absconded with money there and fled from San Francisco.