

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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Wichita Beacon

Saturday, January 24, 1903

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6. Schollenberger Brothers, are agents for the Oldsmobile and sold a number last year. Heretofore when one was wanted they ordered it, but from now on they will be kept in stock. Yesterday they received their first new machine for the season, with many improvements over last year.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, July 11, 1906

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6. A carload of Maxwell automobiles arrived in Wichita this morning for the Wichita Automobile company, Morris Schollenberger, manager. There is a heavy demand for swift light and durable runabouts. It is estimated Wichita residents are driving almost double the number of autos this summer than were operated in 1905.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, April 13, 1908

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5. The Kansas Steam Laundry company has purchased the northeast corner lots on English and Market streets and will build a \$10,000 two story brick building there. The new building has been leased for five years to the Schollenberger Brothers Automobile company, which will occupy both floors of the new building. The lots are 50 by 140 feet. The house on the lots will be moved and work on the new building will start within ten days.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, October 25, 1909

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8. The old Carey homestead at southeast corner of Lawrence and English was sold today to the Schollenberger Brothers, who operate the Wichita Automobile company, for \$15,000. It was sold by Mrs. M. S. Dowden who is the daughter of John B. Carey (deceased,) and a sister of Charles W. Carey, president of the Little Bank of Commerce. Mr. Carey bought

the ground in 1880 and built a brick house on it, the most imposing home in the city at that time.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, October 27, 1909****page**

6. The Wichita Automobile company, owned by the Schollenberger Brothers, is having an architect draw plans for their new building on the recently purchased Carey homestead at South Lawrence and English. The lot faces 140 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on English. Construction will begin in the early spring. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, September 3, 1910****page**

5. The Cone-Cornell hall, at northwest corner of Lawrence and William, was sold yesterday to E. D. Wood for Mrs. Earle Evans for \$40,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cone and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cornell. Building has frontage of 50 feet on Lawrence and extends back to the alley. At present the Schollenberger Brothers automobile business occupies the ground floor, the A. G. McCormick printing establishment is on second floor, and the upper floor is occupied by the Hartman dancing school.

Wichita Beacon**Saturday, August 16, 1919****page**

14. The Schollenberger Brothers this week purchased the northeast corner of Lawrence and 2nd from Mrs. Bessie Taylor Bennett and Mrs. Ellen C. Ohmart. It is the old Colonel Taylor home place with frontage of 78 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on 2nd. Price was \$25,000. The house will be vacated at once and they will build a new three story building for their Wichita Automobile Company, to cost \$60,000. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, February 4, 1920****page**

2. Report of death last night of one of Wichita's pioneer motor car dealers, Harvey H. Schollenberger, of pneumonia at age 34. He and his brothers George H. and Morris H. started the first motor car agency in this section in 1902 and handled the Oldsmobile. Survived by wife, the former Maude Gowen, by one daughter, Mary Beth, age eight, three brothers, and two sisters (named). Photograph.

Wichita Eagle**Tuesday, February 10, 1920****page**

2. Work progressing rapidly on the three story Schollenberger garage at corner of Lawrence avenue and 2nd street.

Wichita Beacon**Saturday, May 15, 1920****page**

4. The Schollenberger Brothers moved their Wichita Automobile Company into its new home on northeast corner of 2nd and Lawrence today. Article with history of the company. Drawing.

Wichita Beacon**Saturday, October 2, 1920****page****Special Section**

8. Says the Wichita Automobile Company, of the three Schollenberger brothers, opened the first exclusive automobile store here in 1900. Previously they had been in the bicycle repair business. They received their first gasoline driven car in 1900 and after almost a year of effort sold it to a Mr. Meredith. In 1902 the firm sold five cars in Wichita. Since then growth has been continuous and this year they will bring more than 2000 cars to Wichita.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, February 19, 1922****page****Magazine**

3. Interview with George H. Schollenberger regarding the first gasoline auto in Wichita. Says his company is the oldest auto company in the southwest. They started in 1899 as a bicycle company and in December 1900 brought the gasoline automobile to Wichita. In 1901 they sold only one car, and that was to George Meredith, who was then connected to the company. There was an auto before that one, but it was a steam driven vehicle owned by A. S. Parks. ¶ In 1902 the company sold five cars and in 1903, 19. Now there are 17,000 autos listed by the county treasurer.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, July 26, 1925****page**

- 2A. Photograph of Schollenberger Brothers three story Reo automobile agency building at northwest corner of 2nd and Lawrence, which they moved into in June 1920.

Wichita Beacon**Thursday, October 22, 1925****page**

2. Report of death yesterday of Morris H. Schollenberger suddenly at age 47. Was president of the Wichita Automobile Company. Obituary and photograph.

Wichita Beacon**Monday, November 16, 1925**

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8. The Wichita Automobile Company, the oldest motor sales firm in Wichita, is today in the hands of a receiver. A petition for declaration of bankruptcy was filed Saturday. It is said to be a friendly suit and that the company will be reorganized and retain George E. Schollenberger in its management. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, November 18, 1925****page**

1. Article says investigation has revealed that the recent death of M. H. Schollenberger was due to suicide from cyanide poisoning, resulting from the deep financial troubles of his company, the Wichita Automobile Company, now in bankruptcy. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Thursday, January 7, 1926****page**

11. The Wichita Reo Motor Company has taken over the business of the Wichita Automobile Company, of George H. Schollenberger, and has taken a long time lease on the company's property at 2nd and Lawrence. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Tuesday, August 21, 1928****page**

2. The three story Reo building at 2nd and Lawrence, built in 1919 by Schollenberger brothers, who then had the Reo agency, was sold yesterday to A. J. Christman, Jr., head of the Christman insurance agency, by Robert Campbell, president of the Guarantee Title and Trust Company, for \$140,000.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, January 24, 1959****page**

- 3A. "Wichita Silhouettes" -- biography of Maude G. Schollenberger, head of the Wichita Art Association. Came to Wichita in 1897, married Harvey H. Schollenberger in 1917 and he died in 1919 flu epidemic.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, May 10, 1962****page**

- 5A. Report of death yesterday in Wesley Hospital of Mrs. Maude Gowen Schollenberger, founder of the Wichita Art Association, at age 82. Born February 8, 1880 in Nevada, Missouri. Her husband, Harvey H. Schollenberger, died in 1920. Survived by two grandchildren (named). Further biography. Photo.