

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): Segregated schools

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, November 7, 1911

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11. Board of education last night voted to put the question of separate schools for colored pupils up to the voters of the city. Details.

Wednesday, December 13, 1911

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8. At special election yesterday the city voted bonds for a new \$1,000,000 waterworks and for \$60,000 to build two new separate schools for colored students. ¶ Bonds for a \$200,000 electric light plant were defeated.

Tuesday, February 6, 1912

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8. Plans accepted by Board of Education last night for the new colored grade school at 13th and Mosley. Details.

Tuesday, April 9, 1912

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8. Contract let for new colored school at 13th and Water (sic) for \$32,429. To be completed by August 15.

Wednesday, June 12, 1912

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8. The colored people of Wichita are having a hard time deciding what name they wish to call their new school at corner of 13th street and Mosley avenue. ¶ Touissant (sic) L'Overture is at present leading the list of requests. ¶ Etc. ¶ The new building is rapidly nearing completion.

Wednesday, June 19, 1912

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3. Article describing adoption of the name Toussaint L'Overture for the new colored school.

Friday, October 11, 1912**page**

6. The new school buildings for colored pupils are to be dedicated next Friday night, October 13. The four buildings, L'Ouverture, Douglas (sic,) Seventeenth Street, and Grand, in which nearly 500 negro children study, were constructed as a result of the vote last spring in favor of separate schools for white and black. They were opened for school purposes a month ago. The enrollment to date is: L'Ouverture 311, Douglas 80, Seventeenth Street 30, Grand 20, total 441.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, March 20, 1912

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6. Board of education yesterday accepted plans of architect F. D. Rixse for the new school building for negro children, to be erected at 13th and Mosley.

Tuesday, April 9, 1912

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8. Board of education yesterday let contract to the Wurster Construction Company for building the new negro school at 13th and Mosley, for \$32,429 (not including plumbing and heating).

Monday, August 26, 1912

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5. Wichita's two school buildings for negro children will be completed by the opening day of school the second week of September. They are the L'Ouverture School on 12th Street and the Douglas School on Water Street.

Wednesday, October 30, 1912

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6. Small photograph of the new L'Ouverture School.

Saturday, October 10, 1914

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For the International Dry Farming Congress and 4th Annual Wichita Fair and Exposition:

- C-6. Photograph of L'Ouverture School.