

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

Friday, April 10, 1908

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5. Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company, of Evansville, Indiana, will let contract soon for new factory they plan to build on tract of ground 200 by 260 feet on 15th street, north of the Otto Weiss alfalfa mill. The broom corn warehouse is to be 160 by 110 by 25 feet high. Work is to start in three weeks and be completed by September in time to store the fall crop.

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Tuesday, April 14, 1908

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6. Missouri Pacific surveyors are today setting stakes for the switch of the Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company's factory and warehouse which is to be built this summer at the corner of 15th and Santa Fe. The switch will be 500 feet long and cost about \$1000. It will be an association track paid for and used jointly by the stock yards association.

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Tuesday, April 28, 1908

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1. Contract was let yesterday by August Rosenberger, president of the Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company, for erection of their new broom factory and warehouse at corner of 15th and Santa Fe. To be four story factory building 60 (?) by 117 feet, and ten complete separated warehouses under one roof, with capacity of 1700 tons.

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Monday, May 25, 1908

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12. Building permit was issued Saturday for the new \$35,000 factory and warehouse of the Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company, to be erected on northeast corner of 15th and Santa Fe.

Wichita Beacon**Tuesday, December 8, 1908****page**

3. Drawing of Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company building at 15th and Santa Fe, which will be ready to open about January 1st. Factory is four stories, 65 by 135 feet, and warehouse is 100 by 160 feet. Cost about \$25,000.

Wichita Beacon**Thursday, March 11, 1909****page**

5. The new Southwestern Broom and Warehouse company factory at 15th and Santa Fe will be ready to start operations within two months. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Wednesday, May 12, 1909****page**

4. The new Southwestern Broom and Warehouse company factory in Wichita began making brooms Monday at the rate of 100 dozen a day. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Saturday, June 3, 1911****page**

11. Large advertisement of Southwestern Broom and Warehouse Company.

Wichita Eagle**Saturday, July 1, 1911****page**

1. Article reports the new Catholic Cathedral is to be equipped with a fine pipe organ costing around \$10,000, as the gift of August Rosenberger, president of the Southwestern Broom and Warehouse company.

Wichita Beacon**Saturday, March 1, 1924****page**

3. Photograph of Southwestern Broom and Warehouse Company, 712 East 15th, home of the "Little Lady" broom.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, April 7, 1957****page****Magazine**

- 1E. The 44,000 square foot, four story, manufacturing building at 712 East 15th Street has recently been leased for a long term by the Wichita Manufacturing Company by its owners, Walter Cunningham, Sr., and Jr., and Tillie Rosenberger, trustee. The building is

on a 223 by 440 foot tract and was originally constructed for the Southwestern Broom Company. During recent years it was the Number 2 plant of the Swallow Manufacturing Company. The Wichita Manufacturing Company employs 100 people and makes duct work and diffusers for several air conditioning and heating equipment manufacturers as well as frames for two trailer companies. Details. Photo.

Wichita Eagle**Tuesday, February 27, 1962****page**

5A. Mid-West Mirror and Glass Company, 212 North Waco, has recently purchased a 55,000 square foot set of buildings at 15th and Santa Fe to provide for plant expansion. The main building is four stories and was occupied by Southwestern Broom Company from 1910 to 1930. During World War II it housed an airplane parts plant of Swallow Manufacturing Company. A. J. Safford, president of Mid-West Mirror and Glass, purchased the four acre site and buildings from Walter Cunningham Sr., Walter Cunningham, Jr., and Tillie Rosenberger, trustee of the Rosenberger estate. Mid-West Mirror and Glass was started in 1938 in a small building on West Douglas. Safford purchased it in 1947 when it was located at 122 North St. Francis. The company now employs 30 to 35 persons. Photo.