

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): Wichita Vidette newspaper

Wichita Eagle

Friday, August 30, 1872

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2. Article notes the suspension of the *Wichita Vidette*. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, May 6, 1875

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2. Article gives a history of Sedgwick County newspapers. Says the first newspaper printed in this valley was the *Wichita Vidette*, whose first number appeared August 15, 1870. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, June 6, 1878

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3. Mr. F. A. Sowers and Mr. W. B. Hutchinson, the two pioneer editors and publishers of this valley, who, as partners, established the *Wichita Vidette*, a spicy paper of spicy days and lively times, are both in the harness again, the one on the *Herald* and the other on the *Beacon*.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, February 4, 1918

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5. Report of death Saturday of Fred A. Sowers, pioneer newspaperman, at his home, 875 Spaulding. Born in Canton, Ohio in 1838. Was on staff of *Leavenworth Times*, and then came to Wichita in 1870 and started *The Vidette*, bringing a small press and some type overland. In 1872 he and David Millison started *The Beacon*. Editorship changed in 1873 and Mr. Sowers wrote for the *Eagle* for some time. Later changed to the real estate business in partnership with John Fisher. Survived by his wife, and two sons, Clarence Sowers, of Wichita, and Claude E. Sowers, of Kansas City. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, August 9, 1928

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7. Article reports death yesterday at Waynesville, Ohio of Rev. Albert Waldron Yale, founder of Wichita's first newspaper, the *Vidette*.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, December 25, 1931

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12. Recollections of Wichita's first Christmas from old files of Fred Sowers, editor of the *Vidette*, in 1870.