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.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1895 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, January 1, 1895
page 5.
Note reports introduction by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company of an entirely new telephone which can be operated without a battery and consequently will be cheaper than the regular instruments now in use. The residence charge will be about $2.50 per month.

Thursday, January 3, 1895
page 5.
A deal was completed yesterday by which the insurance real estate, and loan business of Major N. F. Niederlander, organized 18 years ago, passed into the possession of Fred H. Burke, resident manager of the Western Land and Abstract company.

Tuesday, January 8, 1895
page 5.
The Street Railway company will begin this morning to tear up the old narrow gauge street car track that runs from Douglas avenue to the Wichita university. They have sold the rails and will sell the old ties for firewood.

Friday, January 11, 1895
page 5.
A new car built in the Wichita Street Railway company's shops here was put on the north Topeka line yesterday. It is an elegant car and Superintendent O'Neill says they intend to build more just like it. Every car on the line will either be rebuilt or newly painted. The company have a few good cars but most of them will have to be rebuilt. The lumber to rebuild the Douglas avenue bridge over the Arkansas river is expected to arrive today and a force of men will be put to work to complete the job.

Tuesday, January 15, 1895
page 5.
City council yesterday decided to abolish hose house number 3 after April 1 until such time as the council should deem it advisable to re-occupy it.
Tuesday, January 22, 1895
page 5. The 2nd street bridge over the Big river was reopened today. New planks have been put down and it is now in good condition.

Sunday, January 27, 1895
page 5. Long article about a bill up before the legislature to ban advertising by doctors, with arguments from an opposing doctor.

Saturday, February 2, 1895
page 5. Article mentions Joseph H. McEntire, Esq., of St. Louis, appointed by Judge Caldwell receiver of the Wichita and Western railway.

Sunday, February 3, 1895
page 5. Skaters will be happy to know that Charles Hoff has transformed his immense ice pond at 2nd and Hydraulic into a skating rink which he has christened Hoff's Crystal Lake and opened it for skating.

Friday, February 8, 1895
page 5. President of board of education John L. Powell says prior to this year the total cost of conducting the public schools of Wichita aggregated $80,000 per annum. At the beginning of the present school year a sweeping reduction of expenses in every department was inaugurated, including salary cuts on an average of 20%, and the board expects to carry the schools through the year for about $60,000.

Sunday, February 10, 1895
page 5. The city library located in the city building now contains about 3,000 volumes.

8. Ad says the Southwestern Business college has been purchased by a joint stock company of leading business men of the state.

Wednesday, February 20, 1895
page 5. The waterworks people report that they are now pumping 2,500,000 gallons of water per day.

Sunday, February 24, 1895
page 5. Article discusses the new Welsbach gas lamp.
Article reports a telephone conversation yesterday between Wichita and Blackwell, Oklahoma Territory.

**Sunday, March 3, 1895**

Article relates some of the history of the St. John's Episcopal church building which was reopened last Sunday after being closed several weeks receiving the finishing touches on the interior. This will be followed shortly by rearing the stone steps on the south side and frescoing. Details.

Article gives more history of St. John's Episcopal church building.

**Sunday, March 10, 1895**

The Wichita chemical cold storage house on north Water street above 10th is now completed and will be ready for business by the end of next week. The brick building is 30 feet wide, 70 feet long, and 50 feet high, with capacity of 40 cars of ice and 40 cars of perishable goods. Cost was $12,000. It is the finest cold storage building in the state.

The Rock Island road is going to make its station here a regular eating house, and supper and breakfast will be served in Wichita instead of Caldwell.

Article about Wichita hospital, a substantial three story building at 1021 south 4th avenue, with 30 beds. The hospital was first established September 9, 1885 under the name of Benevolent Home. In June 1891 the name was changed to the Wichita Hospital. The establishment has been moved several times. Details.

Councilman Frank Oliver discusses Wichita's tax burden. Details. Real estate appraisement in Wichita:

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**Tuesday, March 12, 1895**

The dry goods firm of Munson and McNamara has been dissolved by the withdrawal of A. S. Munson, and it will now be known as McNamara and Company.

**Thursday, March 14, 1895**
5. Yesterday was the 25th anniversary of the organization of the First Presbyterian church in Wichita. Article gives history of this church. First church home, the "dug out," a log cabin partly under ground, was built in summer of 1870, on the present site of the Missouri Pacific passenger depot at southeast corner of Wichita and 2nd streets. It was largely of cottonwood, about the only available lumber at the time. After two years use it was sold to the Catholics, who removed it to the northeast corner of 4th avenue and 2nd street and used it for their services until the building of their brick edifice now standing on the opposite corner. The old building was then sold by the Catholics to some colored people and removed to the west side of Main street just north of Elm, where it now is in use as the "Hotel Centropolis," a popular hostelry for colored folks. ¶ After selling this building, services were held for about four years in Eagle hall, on the second floor of the old Eagle building at Douglas and Main where the Boston store is now located. ¶ The corner stone of the eastern portion of the present church building was laid July 4, 1876 and it was completed and dedicated on September 16, 1877. The new transept or main body of the present church was completed in 1883 (date?).

Friday, March 15, 1895
page 8.

Ad and drawing of Wichita hospital.

Sunday, March 17, 1895
page 5.

Article lists the number of church members of the various denominations in Wichita. Of total of 7,545 adult members, 1,898 are Methodist, 1,535 Presbyterian, 1,100 Catholic, 890 Christian, 440 Baptist, 215 Episcopal, and 307 in colored churches. Details.

Tuesday, March 19, 1895
page 5.

Article gives details of the financial history and indebtedness of Wichita university.

Wednesday, March 20, 1895
page 5.

Note comments that that the safest unobstructed street for high speed stepping by horses is on Emporia from Oak street north for a mile. There is no convenient track for speed testing since the abandonment of Riverside.

Scott E. Winne of Hutchinson was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Thursday, March 21, 1895
page 5.

Article reports on another retrenchment mass meeting yesterday evening in the old board of trade rooms in the Sedgwick block. Long speech by L. W. Clapp. Many details.

J. O. Davidson, of Chicago, was in the city yesterday.
Friday, March 22, 1895

J. O. Davidson, with his cousin, C. H. Davidson, of Austin, Minnesota, yesterday purchased from A. C. Jobes $60,000 of the stock of the Kansas National bank. Mr. J. Oak Davidson was then elected president and Mr. C. H. Davidson vice-president. Mr. C. H. Davidson expects to make Wichita his home. He was previously president of the Austin National bank of Minnesota. ¶ We hope to see J. O. Davidson settled permanently among us again in the near future.

Article lamenting the loss of the old leaders from Wichita during the period of financial adversity.

Wednesday, April 3, 1895

Report on city election yesterday. L. M. Cox re-elected mayor.

The Wichita Stove and Iron Works now occupy their new foundry building between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks with north frontage on 1st street. Building is 108 by 100 feet with east front on Rock Island and west on the Santa Fe.

Tuesday, April 9, 1895

Annual report of city engineer: In 1893 Douglas avenue was repaved with Trinidad asphalt from east line of Wichita street to west line of Washington avenue, 28,173 square yards at cost of $78,884. Twelve catch basins were constructed to take storm water, thereby eliminating all ditches on north and south sides of the street. ¶ In 1894, 1,574,189 feet of permanent sidewalk was constructed, mostly of cement, at an average of 12½¢ per square feet. ¶ The corporate boundary lines of Wichita include 17½ square miles, covered by over 900 different additions. ¶ Wichita has 56.17 miles of sanitary and about nine miles of storm water sewers.

Wednesday, April 10, 1895

Ad with better drawing of Wichita hospital.

Thursday, April 11, 1895

Article reports meeting last night at YMCA building asking women to organize and raise at least $2,500 to apply on the mortgage now held against the YMCA building and thereby secure an extension of time of payment and a reduction in the rate of interest so that the building might be saved for the YMCA.

Saturday, April 13, 1895

Report from Pratt newspaper says the Wichita and Western Railroad from Pratt west will
be abandoned and a connection made at Pratt between the Wichita and Western and the Rock Island roads.

Friday, April 26, 1895

6. Article describes the newly invented Wickes street car fender. Drawing.

Saturday, April 27, 1895

5. The Friends church of this city have bought lots at Ida and Kellogg streets and moved a building onto them for temporary use. They hope to erect and church there in the near future.

Sunday, April 28, 1895

5. Article reports that the Citizens Bank of Wichita has closed and transferred its money and accounts to the Kansas National bank, which will move and open tomorrow in the old Citizens Bank building at Main and Douglas. The Citizens bank was organized in 1883 with J. O. Davidson as its president. Arthur Faulkner has been its cashier the past two years, during which time he has had almost entire control of the bank. The Kansas National bank was organized in 1876 as a private bank by H. W. Lewis and was incorporated as a state bank in 1877 and nationalized in 1882.

The Wichita Street Railway and Electric Light company have held their annual election with election of officers: President, A. T. Batchelor; Vice-president, Arthur Faulkner; Treasurer, G. A. Litchfield. The president does not live here, so Arthur Faulkner will be the senior officer in Wichita.

Thursday, May 2, 1895

5. Chester Firebaugh has moved to Chicago.

Friday, May 3, 1895

5. The new Polk building on north Main street is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy inside of ten days.

Sunday, May 12, 1895

5. The brick block at corner of Hillside and Douglas is about halfway torn down. The material is being sold in job lots.

Wednesday, May 15, 1895

5. Article reports it is 25 years today since J. P. Allen opened his drug store business in
Friday, May 17, 1895

The new Wichita Iron Works building erected by Moore Brothers corner of 5th avenue and 1st street is completed.

Thursday, May 23, 1895

Article reports commencement exercises of high school last evening at the Auditorium.

City assessor reports Wichita's population as 21,255 including 1,307 colored.

Tuesday, May 28, 1895

Board of education yesterday did not re-elect Dr. Richardson as superintendent but in his place elected Prof. Dyer who will also be principal of the high school. His salary will be $2,000.

Thursday, May 30, 1895

Report of commencement exercises of Fairmount Institute yesterday. Details.

Report of city assessor: Details. Population 21,256, increase of about 700 including 1,307 colored; lists churches and value of their property; 18 school houses containing 102 rooms; lists newspapers and their circulation.

Tuesday, June 4, 1895

Article lists schools and teachers for coming year and salaries.

Friday, June 7, 1895

Article reports graduating exercises of Lewis academy yesterday.

Wednesday, June 12, 1895

Receiver McEntire and Superintendent Hartman made a trip over the Wichita and Western yesterday in special car number 325 which has just been remodeled in the Topeka shops.

Thursday, June 13, 1895

Trustees of Fairmount college met yesterday and selected Dr. N. G. Morrison, of Marietta College at Marietta, Ohio, as president of Fairmount. It is the intention to develop Fairmount into a college as rapidly as possible. There were 80 students enrolled at
Fairmount during the last school year, and not less than 150 are expected next September.

Saturday, June 15, 1895

The brick building on College Hill (i.e., at Hillside and Douglas) is now torn down to the last story.

From Chisholm creek east to the top of College Hill there is enough garden truck to feed the whole state for a month.

There are three clock towers in Wichita that have no clocks in them — Garfield university, the City building, and the Federal building.

The term "motorneer" is just coming into use in New York City. It was used in Wichita five years ago and may have originated here.

Tuesday, June 18, 1895

A bullet was fired into the vestibule of car number 21 Saturday night on the north Topeka avenue line.

L. M. Crawford, of Topeka, owner of the Crawford opera house, completed arrangements on a recent trip east with the bondholders of the opera house for an extension of time for five years. The foreclosure case pending in the district court will be discontinued.

Wednesday, June 19, 1895

The street car company has erected a large car barn at the 10th street station.

Sunday, June 23, 1895

Last evening a wreck occurred at the curve, west of the Pine street bridge on the Riverside electric street car line. The place is one of the most dangerous on the entire system as the curve is sharp and the embankments on either side high. Someone had placed a piece of iron on the track and when the car came to it it was thrown off, but the speed was slow and not much damage was done.

Thursday, June 27, 1895

Article reports eighth annual commencement exercises of the Pro-cathedral parochial school yesterday.

Tuesday, July 2, 1895

City council yesterday accepted a previous report of the fire marshal recommending the
closing of the hose house on the West Side and the one on 13th street.

Friday, July 5, 1895
page 5. Article reports 4th of July celebrations yesterday at Griswold park and Riverside park.

Tuesday, July 9, 1895
page 5. A new flouring mill is in process of erection at 705 east Oak street. The new company is the Wichita Union Mill Company, with J. E. Howard, president. The boiler is now in place and the machinery will all be here next week. The capacity will be 100 barrels a day. Details.

Tuesday, July 16, 1895
page 5. All the street force except for two or three men were dismissed last night, as there is not sufficient money in the city treasury to pay them.

Wednesday, July 17, 1895
page 5. Interview with Chief Justice Dale of Oklahoma. Judge Dale while growing more portly is growing more handsome also, and he now looks like a fine, fat, jolly priest.

Sunday, July 21, 1895
page 5. Article says Wichita's old hook and ladder fire truck number 1 has been sold to Stillwater, Oklahoma and was shipped there yesterday. Details.

Sunday, July 28, 1895
page 6. Article reports Stillwater people ridiculed Wichita's old hook and ladder truck number 1. Details.

Tuesday, July 30, 1895
page 5. English's park was closed yesterday by an injunction. It is south of the city outside of the city limits, but within easy reach of the street car line, and since the publicans were shut off in town great crowds of people have been visiting English's park at all hours of day and night to get themselves on the outside of the beer which was dispensed there.

Tuesday, August 6, 1895
page 5. A deal was closed yesterday whereby Mr. Eaton, present proprietor of the Manhattan hotel, secured a lease on the Carey hotel for five years and paid $6,000 for the furniture. Mr. Eaton will take charge of the hotel on August 5th.
Thursday, August 8, 1895
5. The Epworth league chartered four of the open street cars last night to take its members for a ride up to Fairmount.

Saturday, August 10, 1895
5. Two houses being moved in from Fairmount reached north Topeka avenue yesterday.

Thursday, August 15, 1895
5. The Carey hotel will be taken charge of today by B. L. Eaton, who has leased it for five years.

Friday, August 23, 1895
5. J. W. O'Neil, formerly manager of the Electric Street Railway and Light company, will leave Wichita today for his future home in New Haven, Connecticut, where he will be business manager of a newspaper. He has been in Wichita six years, all of which time he has been manager of the Electric Light company, and for two years past the street railway has also been under his management. Mr. Fred Sweet will take the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. O'Neil.

Wednesday, September 4, 1895
8. Ad gives schedule of courses at Fairmount College for the fall term opening Wednesday, September 11.

Thursday, September 12, 1895
5. The Ladies Library association of Fairmount has decided to undertake finishing off at once a basement room in the college building especially for the library.

The manager of the telephone company in Wichita was arrested yesterday because of failure of the company to pay a license fee of ten dollars on each telephone recently ordered by the city council.

Sunday, September 15, 1895
5. Article reports a trolley party in Wichita.

Saturday, September 28, 1895
5. Interview with Dr. Morrison about the status and prospects of Fairmount college. Details.
Wednesday, October 2, 1895  
5. Article reports opening of the State Fair in Wichita yesterday. Details.

Friday, October 11, 1895  
5. Joe B. McMahon's circus has rented the Gilbert Plow works for their winter quarters.

Sunday, October 13, 1895  
2. The new Union Mill was formally put into regular service yesterday. Details. On east Oak street.

Thursday, October 24, 1895  
6. Article reports census of state board of agriculture for 1895. Wichita was 20,841 a decrease of 778. Topeka is 30,151.

Sunday, October 27, 1895  
6. The work of putting in the heating apparatus at Fairmount college is nearly completed.

Friday, November 1, 1895  
5. Article reports an earthquake occurred in Wichita yesterday. Details.

Saturday, November 2, 1895  
5. Death notice of mother of J. Oak Davidson.

Thursday, November 7, 1895  
5. Article reports David Dale was elected district judge in Tuesday's election.

Sunday, November 10, 1895  
6. Article reports progress at Fairmount, which was organized as a college in September this year. Details.

Tuesday, November 12, 1895  
5. Street car number 30 was struck by a Santa Fe freight Sunday evening at 20th and Topeka and badly damaged.

Wednesday, November 13, 1895
Work started yesterday on rebuilding the east end of the Missouri Pacific bridge over the Arkansas river. This will take six to eight weeks. The west end was rebuilt some time ago.

Thursday, November 14, 1895

The managers of Wichita Hospital have completed arrangements to add a training school for nurses, giving a two year course of practical and theoretical training.

Tuesday, November 19, 1895

Report of another interview with Dr. Morrison, who is trying to raise money for Fairmount college.

Wednesday, November 20, 1895

The fire department was re-established on the West Side yesterday in the hose house on south Seneca.

Sunday, November 24, 1895

Article says the Scottish Rite masons in Wichita propose to raise funds to build a new Scottish Rite cathedral costing $30-35,000. The membership is now 344. Details.

Article discusses the prospecting well to be drilled in Wichita to ascertain whether there is any coal oil or gas under this area. Discusses the heavy flow of water to be found within 40 or 50 feet down. ¶ Says the Santa Fe company in an early day attempted to sink a common open walled well on 5th avenue between 1st street and Douglas avenue. At a depth of 12 or 14 feet the flow of water became so great that the water could not be kept out for the purpose of sinking the foundation curbing. A powerful steam pump was obtained, but it also utterly failed to exhaust the inflow of water, so the attempt was abandoned and the well walled up, since which time it has been used for a tank station.

Sunday, December 1, 1895

Article reports the city's prospecting well has reached 137½ feet. Details.

The board of trade hall in the Sedgwick block has been recently remodeled and converted into a concert hall, to be known as Sedgwick Music hall.

Wednesday, December 4, 1895

New banquet hall recently added to the Odd Fellows temple on north Main street was dedicated last night. It is on the south side of the main hall and can accommodate 100
Saturday, December 7, 1895
page 5. Receiver McEntire of the Wichita and Western Railroad has announced that the road will stop service temporarily on 30 miles of the road from Cullison to Mullinville but will now run a passenger train from Wichita to Cullison. The reason for the abandonment is to save expenses. During the last year the receipts of that part of the line were only about $25,000, leaving a loss to the company of $22,300.

Judge-elect David Dale is preparing to move to the city. He has taken temporary rooms until his own house is ready for him on March 17.

Tuesday, December 10, 1895
page 3. The city's prospecting well has reached 200 feet.

Wednesday, December 11, 1895
page 5. Nine hundred sixty-eight hogs were killed at Dold's yesterday.

Sunday, December 15, 1895
page 6. The city's prospecting well has reached 337½ feet. Details.

Saturday, December 21, 1895
page 5. Mass meeting of Fairmount residents to be held Monday for discussion and soliciting contributions to the college. Circular says "after years of disappointment since the collapse of the 'boom' in Wichita, during which many houses in Fairmount addition' and the neighborhood have been sold and removed bodily to the city or elsewhere, there is now a fair prospect that under Dr. Morrison's management both the college and the 'addition' may become permanently prosperous."

6. The city’s prospecting well has reached 450 feet. Details.

Sunday, December 22, 1895
page 5. The city's test well has reached 535 feet. Details.

15. Long article on "Why Great Britain has no friends."

Tuesday, December 24, 1895
page 5. The city's test well yesterday struck a six to eight foot deep river of brine at 556 feet.
Saturday, December 28, 1895

5. Article says the Thomas Milling company of Wichita, has recently been incorporated at Topeka with J. C. Thomas of Wellington as its leading stockholder. It has purchased the Hydraulic flour mill and will commence operating it shortly. The mill is being thoroughly overhauled.

Sunday, December 29, 1895

2. Note says the Topeka avenue line of the street railway company has a new car (rebuilt?).

Tuesday, December 31, 1895

3. An average of 2,500 calls a day are made through the central telephone office in Wichita.