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
Wednesday, May 13, 1908
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The Dunkards are preparing to build a church on lots 48 and 50 on St. Francis avenue, to be one story and cost $4000. Building permit obtained today.

Wichita Beacon
Monday, June 1, 1908
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Article says foundation has been built by the Dunkards for a mission chapel at the corner of 11th and St. Francis and the frame is about to be raised. The Dunkards now have a church on 15th street and about 100 members. The chapel will cost about $4000, of which $2500 is on hand.

Wichita Beacon
Monday, July 27, 1908
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The Dunkards held their first evening meeting last night at the new chapel on corner of 11th and St. Francis. The chapel is not yet completed.

Wichita Beacon
Sunday, September 18, 1938
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Article with history of Wichita’s Church of the Brethren now at 11th and St. Francis (photograph). Congregation established in Wichita about 1890 and obtained an abandoned Friends meeting house on East 17th in February 1893 and occupied it for two years. Then on February 18, 1895, an abandoned Congregational church at 15th and Tyler (now Grove) was purchased for $420 (photograph). In 1905 mission services were started on Murdock avenue just west of Santa Fe tracks and then moved to an abandoned Baptist church at 10th and Emporia, but this was soon condemned by the city and the present building was built, after which the services at the 15th street church were discontinued. Details.
The First Church of the Brethren and the West Side Church of the Brethren have consolidated and hereafter will worship in the First Church of the Brethren at 11th and St. Francis. The West Side church held its last service at 1700 West 2nd yesterday. Details.

Ground-breaking ceremony was held yesterday afternoon for the new First Church of the Brethren at Jefferson and 10th Streets. Architect is Ted Mason. Photo.

Report of dedication yesterday of the new $100,000 First Church of the Brethren at West 10th and Jefferson. The building was started May 1, 1949 and completed December 10. It has a seating capacity of 400 and is constructed of buff brick trimmed with Silverdale stone. Details.

Report of dedication yesterday of the new educational building at First Church of the Brethren, 10th and Jefferson. Work was begun in July and completed in April. Details.