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.

Wichita Beacon Wednesday, June 9, 1915 page

11. The Paige Building, at 518 East Douglas was purchased yesterday by Fred Farmer, of West Wichita, for \$18,000. It is a two story building occupied by the Yungmeyer Hardware Store.

Wichita Eagle Saturday, February 7, 1959 page

9A. The Yungmeyer Hardware store, in business half a century at the same location, 518 East Douglas, is to be closed, it has been announced by the present owner, Sam Zuercher. The late J. K. Yungmeyer, with the late C. W. Shoemaker as partner, took over the business in March 1909. It was established in 1876 as Chatfield Hardware and in the late 1880s became Paige Hardware Company. Yungmeyer was one of Wichita's early day blacksmiths. Zuercher has been with the firm 46 years.

Wichita Beacon Saturday, March 11, 1916 page

6. Advertisement for sale by the Orr Book and Stationary Company prior to its move from 520 East Douglas to 327 East Douglas.

Wichita Eagle Friday, March 10, 1916

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2. F. G. Orr of the Orr Book and Stationary company has taken a five year lease for \$18,000 on the three story building at 323 East Douglas formerly occupied by the I. W. Gill Funeral home. After remodeling, Mr. Orr will move in April 1. He will vacate his present location at 520 East Douglas, where he has been for twelve years.

Wichita Eagle Sunday, November 6, 1927

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13. Advertisement with photograph of the newly opened Bazaar store in building at 520 East Douglas.

Wichita Eagle Friday, November 16, 1928 page

3. The Dunn Mercantile Company stores of Wichita have been purchased by the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company of Cincinnati, Ohio for nearly one million dollars. Article gives history of the Dunn firm, which started in 1891 as Lehman and Dunn at 520 East Douglas. Mayor Frank Dunn was later joined in the business by his twin brothers, Harry and Horace Dunn, and Lehman left the business in 1894. There are now 24 Dunn in stores in Wichita.

Wichita Eagle Friday, May 20, 1949 page

5. Report of death yesterday of Frank Gates Orr, 75, of 150 North Pershing, a leading merchant in Wichita for 50 years. He was the founder and owner of the F. G. Orr Book and Stationery Company, 118-20 North Topeka, and Orr's College Hill Book Store, 2220-26 East Douglas. Born in Richland Center, Wisconsin August 4, 1873 and was brought to Conway Springs, Kansas at age two. Moved to Wichita in 1899, became associated with the Tanner Book store, and then went into business for himself in 1907. The first Orr store was at 520 East Douglas. Later he was in the third block on East Douglas and the first block on North Broadway before moving to the present location. The College Hill store was opened in 1926. Survived by his wife, Sarah Ethel, a son, Leslie M. Orr, 293 North Holyoke, a daughter, Mrs. William V. Hirth, 157 South Pinecrest, two brothers (named), and four grand-children.