

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

Tuesday, March 18, 1941

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8. Contract let yesterday by board of education for the new Kellogg grade school building to Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company for \$113,980. Overend and Boucher are the architects. Construction will begin in a few days. To be erected north of the present school at Kellogg and Laura. Two additional lots were purchased to enlarge the Kellogg school grounds.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, September 6, 1951

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5. School board yesterday let contracts for an eight room addition to the Arkansas Avenue school, district 120, at 33rd and Arkansas, for \$87,605. Work will begin immediately. General contractor is Dondlinger and Sons.

Tuesday, October 12, 1954

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- 9A. Contracts for new University of Wichita Field House were awarded yesterday to Dondlinger and Sons for \$1,326,156. Work will start in about two weeks and to be completed about December 15, 1955. Details.

Thursday, February 10, 1955

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- 4A. Building permit issued yesterday for the new ten story Union Center office building at 150 North Main, with construction cost of \$1,564,000. Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company are the contractors.

Saturday, October 27, 1956

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- 11A. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Katherine F. Dondlinger, 75, 402 South Oliver, widow of the founder of Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company, now operated

by their sons. Born June 30, 1881 at Claflin, Kansas, and came to Wichita in 1926. Her husband, Nicholas L. Dondlinger, died in 1946. Survived by four sons (named-all in Wichita), three brothers, two sisters, and 17 grandchildren. Burial to be in Calvary Cemetery.

Wednesday, December 11, 1957**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for new \$845,000 YMCA building at 210 East 3rd. Contractor is Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company, 1206 East Lincoln.

Sunday, December 6, 1959**page**

- 10A. "Wichita Silhouettes" -- biography of Martin Dondlinger, head of Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company. Born in Claflin, Kansas, in 1908, where his father was a contractor. Family moved to Wichita in 1926, and he and his three brothers, Joseph, Raymond, and Leo, in turn joined the firm. Is Catholic. Wife, Catherine. Four children, Catherine 12, Elizabeth 10, Virginia 9, and Martin, Jr., 7. Lives at 135 South Ridgewood Drive. Photo.

Thursday, July 16, 1964**page**

- 5A. The sale price of the Caldwell-Murdock Building was \$110,000. The building was purchased by Wichita Builders Inc., 1206 East Lincoln, Martin Dondlinger, president.

Saturday, July 10, 1976**page**

- 1C. Construction began yesterday on the \$6.2 million Kansas Coliseum near I-35 West and 85th Street North. Scheduled for completion in June 1978. Main arena will seat 12,500 persons. Contractor is Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company. Aerial photo.

Saturday, January 6, 1979**page**

- 8C. Report of death yesterday of Leo J. Dondlinger, 72, of 220 Morningside, retired secretary-treasurer of Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company. ¶ The firm was founded in 1925 by Nick Dondlinger, a carpenter who moved here from Claflin, Kansas. With the help of his four sons the firm expanded and built major projects such as Cessna Stadium and Henry Levitt Arena at Wichita State University, Kapaun High School, and the Kansas Gas and Electric Building. Leo joined the firm in 1940 and retired in 1977. Survivors include his widow, Euna Mae, two sons, Patrick and John and a step-son, Jeff Craddock, Jr., of Wichita, a daughter, Mrs. Donna Lou Meador, of Houston, Texas, and two brothers, Joseph A. and Raymond, of Wichita. Calvary Cemetery.

