

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):

Cafe names: Fairland Cafe, Air Capital Cafe, Nanking Cafe, Pan-American Cafe, Holly Cafe, Mandarin Inn, King Fong Cafe, Mar's Garden

Personal names: King, Mar, Wah, Mah,

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, May 4, 1930****page**

8. The former **Air Capital cafe** has been reopened as the **Nanking cafe** (beginning tomorrow), at 511 East Douglas, Mar Yam, manager.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, August 5, 1934****page**

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6. Photograph of **Holly Cafe**, 119 West Douglas.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, December 22, 1940****page**

23. Photo of front of **Holly Cafe**, 119 West Douglas.

Wichita Eagle**Tuesday, December 24, 1963****page**

- 7A. Annual Sam Amidon Christmas dinner will be held today at the **Holly Cafe**, 119 West Douglas. In recent years the dinners have been held at Wolf's Cafeteria, but they were moved this year because of Wolf's closing. More than 400 expected. The dinners were started by Sam Amidon in 1902. Followup report December 25 on page 5A.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon**Saturday, June 28, 1969****page**

- 5A. **King Mar**, Chinese born owner and manager of the **Pan-American Cafe**, 150 North

Market, will close his cafe and retire at 2:00 a.m. Monday. This will end 51 years of the cafe's operation, at the same location and 42 years of Mar's management. King Mar is now age 73 and lives at 350 North Topeka. His father came from California to Wichita in 1920, two years after the restaurant was founded, and Mar took charge in 1927. He had come to the United States in 1914 at age 19. Wife could not come to United States until 1956. Details. Photo.

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Sunday, June 18, 1978

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Report of death Friday of **Wah Mar**, 90, of 11716 East Douglas, founder and former owner of two restaurants in Wichita. Born in San Francisco in 1888. Worked on railroads in early 1900s. Opened his first restaurant in El Paso, Texas. Near beginning of World War II moved to Junction City, Kansas and opened a restaurant there. Moved to Wichita after the war. Opened **Mar's Barbeque**, 2407 East Harry, around 1952, and two years later it was expanded to become **Mar's Garden**. Also opened the **Mandarin Cafe**, 116 South Broadway, which is now the **Fairland Cafe** under different ownership. Survived by a grandson, Frank, of Wichita. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery. (Was a patient.)

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5C.

Oil and gas producer Donald C. Slawson yesterday purchased the 14 story Douglas Building plus adjacent property. The building was purchased from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for \$2,625,000. He also acquired an L shaped property south and east of the Douglas Building from Bernida (sic) Adair for \$425,000, which includes a one story building on Broadway leased to the Cinderella Shop, a clothing store, and **Fairland Cafe**. The rest of the property is a parking lot fronting on William and Topeka. Metropolitan's ownership of the Douglas Building dates back to 1969 when it bought the structure from the Machinist's Union District Lodge 70. The building was sold again in 1971 but Metropolitan got it back through default. Details. Photo.

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Friday, February 1, 1980

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The **Fairland Cafe**, 116 South Broadway, will close Saturday, February 9. The building has been purchased by oilman Donald Slawson, and restaurant owner **Chuck Mar** will retire. Under one name or another it has served Chinese and American food for 80 years. ¶ In 1919 Mar's father moved to Wichita from Canton, China by way of Seattle. He worked at the **Holly Cafe** on West Douglas until he and partners bought the cafe on South Broadway. At first it was called the **King Fong**, then the **Mandarin**. Thirty years later it became the **Fairland**. Mar joined his father in 1935 after coming from China and has been there ever since. Photo of rear entrance of cafe.

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1C. **Fairland Cafe**, 116 South Broadway, was closed one day early by death yesterday of its owner, **Chuck Mar**, 60, of heart attack. Survived by wife, Fong, son Jim and daughter Dixie McCarty of Wichita and daughter Marie Batier, of Burrton. Burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Photo.