

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):German Methodist Church, Calvary Methodist Church

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, January 2, 1878

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5. The congregation of the German Methodist Episcopal of this city, which worships at the school house, is having a healthy growth under Rev. Mathel.

Wednesday, June 12, 1878

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5. Article says the German Methodists here may purchase the Methodist Episcopal Church edifice for \$1580, far below the original cost. Details.

Wednesday, July 17, 1878

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5. The German Methodists have purchased a 50 foot lot on the corner of Emporia Avenue and 1st Street upon which they will soon erect a church.

Wednesday, July 31, 1878

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5. At a business meeting Monday night, the Methodist Episcopal Church resolved to build a new house of worship at once.

Wednesday, August 7, 1878

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5. The German Methodist Episcopal congregation is preparing to build a handsome gothic church on the corner of 1st Street and Emporia Avenue. It will be a frame on a stone foundation, 26 by 40 feet, with a recess in the rear for the pulpit. The ceiling will be 16 foot. It will be lighted by four windows on the east side. The steeple, when completed, will be about 50 feet high. It will have a seating capacity of 150 to 200. The congregation thinks they can build the church for about \$1500.

Wednesday, August 14, 1878

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5. The corner stone of the German Methodist Episcopal Church will be laid this afternoon

at 4:00 p.m., corner of 1st Street and Emporia Avenue. There will be speaking in German and English.

Wednesday, August 21, 1878**page**

5. Report of laying of the corner stone of the German Methodist Episcopal Church at corner of 1st Street and Emporia Avenue Details.

Wednesday, August 28, 1878**page**

5. The foundation of the German Methodist Episcopal Church is ready for the frame work.

Wednesday, October 30, 1878**page**

5. The frame work of the German Episcopal Methodist Church is up and the building will soon be completed.

Wednesday, November 13, 1878**page**

5. The carpenter work on the German Methodist Episcopal Church is about complete.

Wednesday, December 25, 1878**page**

5. The German Methodist Episcopal congregation will give a Christmas supper tonight in their new building on the corner of Emporia Avenue and 1st Street.

Wednesday, January 29, 1879**page**

5. The German Methodist congregation have completed, furnished and painted their church building. It is the only church building in the city with a completed spire or tower.

Wednesday, May 7, 1879**page**

3. The dedication of the German Methodist Episcopal Church on corner of 1st Street and Emporia Avenue will take place Sunday, May 18, 1879.

Wednesday, May 21, 1879**page**

3. The German Methodist Episcopal Church was formally opened on Sunday morning by Rev. Mr. Grievy, Presiding Elder in the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Kansas. Owing to the rain, the afternoon dedication ceremonies were postponed until next Sunday.

Wednesday, May 28, 1879**page**

3. The German Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated last Sunday afternoon. The debt of the church has been reduced to the small sum of \$172. Details.

Wednesday, January 12, 1887**page**

4. Some parties intent on speculation are casting covetous eyes on the German Methodist Episcopal church property on the southeast corner of Emporia and 1st street.

Monday, January 25, 1909**page**

1. The German Methodist Episcopal church plans to build a new church building on southwest corner of Lulu avenue and Prince street, Fred Bissantz has purchased the present church property at southeast corner of 1st and Emporia. The church was dedicated on the present site in 1878.

Thursday, July 29, 1909**page**

10. Contract let today for the new German Methodist Episcopal church at corner of South Ida and Prince streets. Cost \$10,000.

Saturday, August 21, 1909**page**

5. A farewell service will be held at the old German Methodist Episcopal church at 1st and Emporia tomorrow. The church will be moving to its new church now building at Lulu and Prince. ¶ The old church was sold to Mr. Fred Bissantz, who will erect a building on the old church site. The building will be used as a mission chapel by ladies of the Presbyterian church after being moved to the North End.

Saturday, August 28, 1909**page**

7. The German Methodist Episcopal church building at 1st and Emporia has been purchased by the mission of the First Presbyterian church. It is being moved to Riverside where it will be used as a mission.

Tuesday, October 11, 1910**page**

4. The German Methodist church has completed its new church at Lulu and Prince streets at cost of \$20,000. It is of brick, 67 by 51 feet. To be dedicated in a few weeks. Services are being held in the basement awaiting the completion of the auditorium. Details.

Friday, August 28, 1914

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12. Photograph of German Methodist Church on Prince Street. Article with details.

Saturday, December 14, 1918

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4. The former German Methodist Church, at Lulu and English, has recently been transferred from the West German Conference to the Southwest Kansas Conference and will now be known as the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. Photograph.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, August 15, 1878

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3. A telephone line has been put up between the Savings Bank and the Merchants' and Farmers' (sic).

The *Eagle* is indebted to D. B. Emmert for copies of the City Directory and Immigrant's Guide for 1878.

The corner stone of the new German Methodist Episcopal church was laid yesterday.

Thursday, October 31, 1878

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3. The new German Methodist Episcopal Church looms up in pleasing outlines and goodly proportions. All but \$300 or \$400 have been secured for the completion of the building.

Thursday, October 31, 1878

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3. Article about the new German Methodist Episcopal Church, now under construction on corner of Emporia Avenue and 1st Street. Lot and a good foundation costing \$400 are paid for. The contract for the superstructure is let to Messrs. Sullivan and Stillheimer for \$1050. Total cost will be about \$1500 without furniture. Of this about \$1106 has been secured by subscriptions, of which \$640 is paid and \$466 unpaid. About \$300 more needs to be secured.

Thursday, December 12, 1878

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3. The spire of the German Methodist Episcopal church reaches nearer to heaven than any other steeple in the city.

Thursday, January 9, 1879

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3. The German Methodist Episcopal church is nearly completed.

Thursday, May 8, 1879**page**

3. Dedication of the German Methodist Episcopal church at Emporia and 1st Street will take place Sunday, May 18th.

Thursday, January 15, 1880**page**

3. Article lists summary of events in Wichita during the past year by date.

Date Event

March 6th Burning of the Wichita Water Mill

May 8th Dedication of the German Methodist Episcopal church

May 15th Bonds carried for the St. Louis, Wichita, and Western Railroad in Wilson and Labette counties

May 22nd Railroad bonds carried in Sedgwick County

June 19th Contract let for building Methodist Episcopal church

June 26th Dedication of the Episcopal church

July 17th Laying of cornerstone of Methodist Episcopal church

October 9th Meeting of Southern Kansas Medical Institute

October 30th Death of Mrs. Finlay Ross

November 7th Opening of the Opera House

November 20th Dedication of the Methodist Episcopal church

December 1st Death of Judge Munger

December 1st Right of way into Wichita of the St. Louis, Wichita, and Western

December 18th Election of officers to the medical society

Thursday, May 17, 1951**page**

- 5., 25. Calvary Methodist Church, originally established as the German Methodist Episcopal Church, is observing its 75th anniversary this week. Photo. Plans for a new church building were started in 1904 and eventually achieved. The old building was sold and still is being used as a church building on Riverview Avenue.