

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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10. Article about the first artificial stone building in Wichita, erected by James Dagner nearly 40 years ago at 115 North Main. It is now being remodeled and receiving a new front to replace the old stone front. Now it is the Mrs. Keck Building. The maker of the early day artificial stone was Martin Hellar, father of Fred Hellar. He also put up the old Russell Hall Block. Details. ("The Romance of Stone in Wichita")

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5. Kansas National bank leased for 99 years the old Keck building and site at 111 North Main street, extending their property to the alley and giving them a frontage of 93 feet on Douglas and 130 feet on Main for their new building.

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5. The Varney and Keck buildings in first block on North Main are being torn down to make way for the new First National Bank building. The Keck building, abutting on the alley, was the first building of any size in Wichita constructed of cement stone. It was built nearly 30 years ago.