

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 Eagle

Friday, July 2, 1943

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5. Report of death yesterday of Henry Kersting, 80, father of Wichita opera singer Kathleen Kersting, who is now in Germany. Born in Germany and came to United States as a boy. Came to Wichita from Enid, Oklahoma in 1909. Wife died in 1935. Survived by a daughter and a son, Fred, of Derby.

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5. Miss Kathleen Kersting, well known Wichita soprano, has been selected to sing before President Harry Truman at the opening of the March of Dimes campaign today in Washington D.C. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kersting, who built the Kersting Hotel here. She was sponsored by the Wichita Rotary Club and left here when she was 13 to study under Madame Calve, of France. She has made several trips to Europe since then, the last in 1938, from which she returned to the United States July 27, 1946. She was in Wichita about two months ago as a special guest of the Rotarians. At present she is studying opera in New York. ¶ She has a half brother, Fred Kersting, in Derby, and a niece, Mrs. Paul Harper, of the Kersting Hotel here.

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5. Miss Kathleen Kersting, former Wichita resident and well known star of European opera, returned to Wichita Thursday for a short visit. She arrived in New York on Christmas eve after a rough voyage on the Ile de France. She spent Christmas on the train and arrived in Wichita in time for the New Year holidays. ¶ She will return to Germany by plane next week to sing for the American high command in Germany for cultural relations, with her first job at Hannover on January 18. ¶ She has been singing mostly in Germany and Italy for the past four years and considers Milan, Italy as her "little home" away from Wichita. She has appeared both in opera and concert. Details. Photo.

Thursday, August 5, 1965**page**

- 4B. Report of death Tuesday of former Wichitan, and well known European opera star Kathleen Kersting, 57, in Salzburg, Austria, where she had lived since this spring. She was born in Enid, Oklahoma and came to Wichita as a child with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kersting, who opened the Kersting Hotel at 320 North Market in 1931. She went to Europe to study when she was only 13. Worked with the Chicago Civic Opera Company several years on the 1930s. Toured Europe many times with opera companies and regarded Milan, Italy as her home. Recently she maintained studios in Yonkers, New York and New York City where she taught voice. Survived by a brother, Fred Kersting, of Derby. Services will be today in Mattighousen, Austria.