

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

Subject(s): Kress**BEACON 1906****Thursday, March 15, 1906****page**

6. The new "**Kress**" 5, 10 and 25¢ store will have its opening tomorrow. The building occupied by the **Kress** store at 125 East Douglas has been remodeled by Mr. E. A. Bolte. Details.

BEACON 1908**Friday, May 29, 1908****page**

12. The enlarged **Kress** store opened its doors to the public yesterday. It is enlarged to double its original size.

BEACON 1912**Friday, January 12, 1912****page**

9. Article about controversy over lease of buildings at 224, 26, 28 East Douglas, now occupied by the Redfern Cloak company and the Golden Eagle Clothing company. S. H. **Kress** and company says it has a lease to take possession of the Redfern building, owned by Mr. Draper, in February 1914, but Redfern manager claims he has option for a five year extension of the lease (F. J. Seymour is manager). ¶ The Golden Eagle building is owned by Mrs. J. J. McNamara and leased to I. Gross and company, who have been its tenants for 21 years. It is two stories and runs back 130 feet to the alley. The Draper building has a two story front and is one story in the rear. Details.

Thursday, October 31, 1912**page**

6. The S. H. **Kress** and Company has contracted for \$25,000 in improvements on the two buildings leased by them at northwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas, previously occupied for some fifteen years by the Golden Eagle and Redfern stores. The wall separating the two stores will be torn out and the entire 75 foot frontage made into one store room.

BEACON 1913

Friday, January 24, 1913**page**

6. S. H. Kress Company is arranging to let contracts next week for the complete reconstruction of the Golden Eagle building and the building adjoining it at Douglas and Lawrence. The present buildings will be razed and a modern two story brick building, 73 by 130 feet, built at cost of about \$30,000. The Kress Company has leased the proposed building for fifteen years. Mrs. J. J. McNamara, 1146 North Emporia, is owner of the Golden Eagle building.

Friday, September 26, 1913**page**

9. The formal opening of the new S. H. Kress store building was held today. The old Kress store at 123-125 East Douglas will be continued. Details.

BEACON 1917**Wednesday, June 13, 1917****page**

4. S. H. Kress and Company has leased the Queen's Lodge Odd Fellows building at 119 South St. Francis for use for its mail order business. Details.

BEACON 1928**Tuesday, December 18, 1928****page**

7. Article about plans for the new Kress Building. Details.

BEACON 1929**Wednesday, February 27, 1929****page**

3. Building permit issued yesterday for new Kress Building at Lawrence and Douglas.

Sunday, December 15, 1929**page**

- C-11. Photograph of the new Kress Building. The erection is completed and store expected to open January 11.

BEACON 1930**Sunday, January 5, 1930****page**

- B-6. Full page advertisement with photograph of the new Kress store building. Informal opening to be held Wednesday, January 8. Article with details on page B-7.

Wednesday, January 8, 1930**page**

18. Formal opening of new Kress store to be tomorrow.

Eagle 1906**Friday, March 16, 1906****page**

6. Grand opening of Kress' new store at 125 E. Douglas takes place today. The building was remodeled by Mr. E. A. Bolte for the Kress firm.

Eagle 1908**Friday, May 29, 1908****page**

10. New Kress store opened yesterday.

EAGLE 1912**Friday, January 12, 1912****page**

5. Two story brick building at northwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas occupied by Golden Eagle Clothing company, and adjacent Draper block have been leased by S. H. Kress and company of New York City and will be remodeled for that company's 5-10-25¢ store. Details.

EAGLE 1913**Tuesday, September 16, 1913****page**

12. The new Kress store at northwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas was completed a month ago and the general opening will be on Saturday, September 27.

Friday, September 26, 1913**page**

9. Article about open house at new Kress store this afternoon followed by opening for business tomorrow. Building is three stories in rear and two in the front part. It is equipped with electric and gas lights.

EAGLE 1914**Friday, April 17, 1914****page**

6. The old S. H. Kress company store at 123 East Douglas, established in 1894, will close after next Thursday night, and the new Kress store at Douglas and Lawrence will take care of the business of the older store.

EAGLE 1927**Sunday, March 27, 1927****page**

2. Drawing of the new two story Reese-Aley building in second block on East Douglas between the alley and the Kress building on north side, which will incorporate the present one story Whitney Jewelry Company building. The new building is being

remodeled from an older one. Details.

Sunday, April 25, 1927

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1. Article reports Wichita will get a fine new Kress store as soon as a site can be selected.

EAGLE 1928

Sunday, December 9, 1928

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2. Article reports the Kress store will be moved to temporary quarters at 142-44-46 North Lawrence soon after first of the year and the company's two story building at Lawrence and Douglas razed to make way for their permanent new five story building to be erected on the same site. New building to be 73 by 140 feet. The corner 50 feet is owned by the McNamara estate and the west 23 feet by C. Draper of Wichita. The Kress company holds a lease for 49 more years.

EAGLE 1929

Sunday, February 10, 1929

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3. Work of razing the old Kress building at Lawrence and Douglas is under way.

Sunday, March 3, 1929

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7. Photograph of excavation under way for new S. H. Kress building.

Monday, May 20, 1929

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5. Article about difficulties in excavating sub-basement of new Kress building due to quicksand.

Sunday, August 25, 1929

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1. Drawing of the new Kress building, under construction at Lawrence and Douglas. Article with details on page 5.

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3. Photograph of excavation for Kress building basement.

Sunday, November 17, 1929

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7. The exterior of the new Kress building is nearly completed.

Saturday, December 21, 1929

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5. New Kress store is to open January 11. Details.

EAGLE 1930**Wednesday, January 8, 1930****page**

12. New Kress store opens to the public today. Photographs. Article with details.

EAGLE 1959**Wednesday, September 9, 1959****page**

- 9A. Article reports completion of an extensive interior remodeling of the Kress store, Broadway and Douglas. Details.

THE WICHITA EAGLE, THE BEACON, AND THE WICHITA EAGLE-BEACON (WEEKEND EDITION), 1979**Wednesday, November 28, 1979****page**

- 5C. Announcement made yesterday that First National Bank will purchase the Walker Brothers department store building at 123 North Main for expansion. Building is being purchased from the Boulevard Office Park partnership, of Wichita (principals Don Ablah, Farris Farha, and George Farha), who acquired it in September 1978. Details. Photo.

The same Boulevard partnership (above) has purchased the Kress Building at northwest corner of Douglas and Broadway and hopes to develop it as office space. Photo.

BEACON 1909**Saturday, January 2, 1909****page**

8. The Toggery has bought the stock of the Cyclone Dry Goods store at 224 East Douglas and yesterday took possession and will dispose of it with a clearance sale. The Toggery will then move from North Main street to the Cyclone location.

Tuesday, April 6, 1909**page**

10. The Toggery, exclusive shop for ladies, opened today in its new store, 224 East Douglas.

Saturday, February 4, 1911**page**

8. Report of formal opening today of the Redfern Cloak Company, 224 East Douglas. This company is succeeding the old Toggery in its old location. Officers listed.

Details.