

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): Marple

WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, April 3, 1908

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6. Mrs. Emma Dodd on May 1st will commence the erection of a three story brick building, to contain a new theater 130 ft. long and the full width of 415 and 417 E. Douglas, for Mr. W. H. Marple. Seating capacity will be 650. The Douglas ave. facade will be lighted with 200 electric lights. ¶ The building will be directly west of C. S. Daniel's furniture house.

Wednesday, September 21, 1910

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6. The Marple moving picture theater, 421 East Douglas, has changed hands.

Saturday, May 1, 1915

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5. William Marple, who opened the first motion picture house in Wichita, the "Elite" in 1906, died several weeks ago at Aurora, Illinois. After opening the "Elite," he later built the "Marple," which is still being operated. He sold out his business here in 1911, with a profit of \$20,000.

Thursday, May 27, 1915

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5. A southern syndicate yesterday bought the Holland and Marple theaters and took an option on the Empress for more than \$15,000. ¶ The Holland theater, in first block on East Douglas, was opened last August by J. G. Holland. ¶ The Marple theater was built in 1910 by William H. Marple. ¶ The Empress theater is owned by Professor Henry Samuels and the building has been used as a theater since the fall of 1912.

Tuesday, December 9, 1919

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7. Advertisement saying Wichita theaters are complying with fuel regulations due to coal miners' strike. Includes Wichita, Star, Princess, Marple, Palace, Holland and Novelty

theaters.

Thursday, December 6, 1923

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3. Approximately 21,400 people paid admission to Wichita play houses yesterday, as follows:

Forum	-	6,500 (matinee and evening)		
Miller	-	2,500	Kansas	- 1,100
Palace	-	2,500	Marple	- 1,000
Orpheum	-	2,100	Holland	- 1,000
Crawford	-	1,100	Wichita	- 1,000
Princess	-	1,700	Novelty	- 900.

Thursday, June 4, 1959

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4A. "Wichita Silhouettes"-biography of Mrs. T. E. Slothower, who with her husband own and operate ten movie theaters in the Wichita area. Age 59. Born at Belle Plaine, Kansas August 20, 1899. Married at age 17. Attended Fairmount College. Maiden name was Marta Lora Grogg. Came to Wichita in mid-1920s and operated the old Marple Theater, now the State Theater. Photo.

Sunday, January 15, 1978

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1C. Wichita's former Marple Theater at 417 East Douglas is to be renovated and reborn by April. For the past decade or so it has been notorious as the Vogue Art Theater. Before that it was known as the State Theater. Details. Photo.

Saturday, September 23, 1978

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3B. Report of reopening last night of the Marple Theater, 417 East Douglas, as a dinner theater. Details. Photo of interior.

Friday, January 9, 1981

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1B. The Wichita Association for Repertory Arts has ended its lease with the Marple Theater and closed its cabaret theater there Sunday with the last performance of "Godspell." However it will reopen with most of the same cast on January 22 but will be produced by the Marple instead of the Wichita Association for Repertory Arts. The Marple Theater is for sale for \$275,000 according to Linda Powell, president of Ms.

Marple Production Inc., owner of the theater. Details. Photo.

WICHITA EAGLE BEACON

Friday, November 18, 1966

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7C. Report of death yesterday of retired Wichita theater owner and operator Charles C. McCollister, 87, of 2124 Park Place. Was lifetime resident of Wichita. Was owner of Nomar Theater and former owner and operator of the Wichita, Empress, Marple, and West Theaters, and of the Star Theater, the first nickel theater in Wichita.

WICHITA BEACON

Thursday, May 20, 1909

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5. Three local theaters were sold yesterday: the Novelty, 410 East Douglas, the Elite at 409 East Douglas, and the Marple at 417 East Douglas. The Novelty is the old Cameraphone, renamed when Berry and Barrety took charge a few years ago. Mr. John A. Berry has now sold his interest to his partner, Frank Barrety, Lederman and Amos, of Omaha, have bought out the interests of W. H. Marple, who owned the Marple and the Elite. Mr. Marple leaves today for Arizona for his health. ¶ The sale of the theaters does not include the buildings in which they are located.

Saturday, June 26, 1915

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12. Mrs. E. M. Dodd, of 303 Circle Drive, has refused an offer of \$50,000 for the 25 foot Marple Theater Building at 417 East Douglas.

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WICHITA EAGLE

Friday, February 11, 1977

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