

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): McKenzie

Wichita Beacon

Monday, September 1, 1884

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2. Editorial on re-inauguration of the *Daily Beacon*. Says the *Beacon* was the first daily paper south of Emporia and west of Ft. Scott, issued by Millison and Sowers from October 1872 until December 1872 when it was merged into a weekly. In 1873 the daily was again published briefly during the fall cattle trade. ¶ In the summer of 1879, W. S. White and Frank B. Smith purchased the evening franchise and it has been continued as a weekly until now. Details.

Mr. McKenzie has laid the foundation for his carriage shop on lots bought from Mr. G. Grebe on corner of 1st and Water.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, February 12, 1886

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1. Reporter describes visit to McKenzie Carriage works. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, June 21, 1886

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1. Article describes the Wichita Carriage works of M. M. McKenzie.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, September 30, 1886

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4. The post office is now settled for a brief season at the corner of 1st and Water in the building known as the G. A. R. building in the rear of Masonic Temple, directly west of the McKenzie carriage works and south of the old rink building, now occupied by Dr. Snooke as a livery and feed stable.

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, November 18, 1886

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4. Article describing visit today to the Wichita Carriage Works of Mr. M. A. McKenzie, corner of 1st. and Water. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Friday, March 25, 1887

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1. Mr. M. A. McKenzie of the Wichita Carriage works is moving his shops to larger premises at the corner of River and 2nd streets. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, October 23, 1889

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3. City council on Monday ordered two new hose wagons for the department from M. A. McKenzie and Company, of Wichita, for \$400 each.

Wichita Eagle

Saturday, November 2, 1889

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5. Manager of Arkansas Manufacturing company of Cincinnati thinks the steamer (fire engine) for Wichita will be finished in time to reach Wichita by January 1st. The fire alarm extending to the water station is working all right. McKenzie carriage works are rushing the work on the two hose carts, which are to be finished by the first of next month.

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, December 14, 1889

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4. Bishop Hennessy was surprised yesterday by the gift of a carriage purchased by his friends from the McKenzie Carriage company.

Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, January 22, 1890

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5. Yesterday the new hose cart No. 1 hose house was completed. It is a home production, being built entirely in the McKenzie carriage works of this city. Description.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, January 22, 1890

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1. The recently completed hose house No. 4, on the West Side, was taken possession of by the fire department yesterday. ¶ Hose house No. 3, at 13th street and 4th avenue, will probably be ready for occupancy in a few days. ¶ The new hose car No. 1, manufactured by the McKenzie carriage works, of Wichita, was delivered to the fire department yesterday. The running gears are painted vermilion, while the body is dark green and beautifully lettered. ¶ The new fire engine will be here in a few days.

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, June 22, 1890
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5. Article describes the Wichita Carriage Works of W. A. McKenzie and Company on southwest corner of 1st and Water. Drawing

Wichita Eagle
Sunday, February 27, 1916
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5. Contract let yesterday for new two story brick building at corner of 1st and Water streets to be the home of the Wichita Carriage Works, Mrs. M. A. McKenzie, owner. To be erected on the lots in the rear of the present home of the company, and will face 1st street Will be 75 feet long and have frontage of 60 feet. Building to be completed in 60 days. The old building will continue in use as a storage house.

Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, March 22, 1916
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9. Jitney No. 17, owned by W. J. McKenzie and Henry W. Freeman, has paid the six month license fee of \$162.50 for operating on streets having street car lines. There are now nine jitneys which have paid this \$162.50 fee. The eight others of the seventeen have paid only the \$12.50 six months fee for operating on streets without car lines.

Wichita Beacon
Saturday, February 12, 1921
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2. Photograph of Sam's Auto Stage bus, operated between Wichita and Conway Springs. Operated by S. H. Flanigan since 1917, starting with a Ford touring car. A larger car has been put on the first of each year, and the latest is mounted on a Reo Speed Wagon chassis, with the body having been built by the McKenzie Carriage and Body Company, of Wichita. Details. There are three seats, each of which holds four persons. The service operates daily except Sunday by way of Viola and Clearwater and leaves Wichita at 5:00 p.m., returning from Conway Springs at 8:00 a.m. with arrival in Wichita at 10:00 a.m.

Wichita Beacon

Monday, October 2, 1922**page**

2. A new bus line has been opened on the West Side by the White Star Company. Fifteen minute service will be established as soon as the Murry Bridge is completed. Loading points will be Market and Douglas, 1st and Market, 1st and Lawrence, and Lawrence and Douglas. The buses were constructed by the McKenzie Carriage Works on Reo Speed Wagons.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, June 24, 1923****page**

7. Photograph of the new Allen's Auto Stage bus, operating between Wichita and Eldorado. Details. Body built by M. A. McKenzie Carriage Works, Wichita.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, March 16, 1924****page**

5. Three story building on northwest corner of 1st and Water, 29 feet by 140 feet, has been purchased by Roland-Speh Leather company, which occupies it, from John Greby, Wichita contractor, who erected the building in 1884. ¶ Two story building 40 by 50 feet at southeast corner of 1st and Water has been purchased by McKenzie Carriage and Auto Body works from Newton Garst, who recently moved his laundry from that building to his new building at Wichita and Murdock.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, April 6, 1924****Magazine**

3. Article by Bliss Isely giving history of the McKenzie Carriage Works. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, August 24, 1924****page**

12. Photograph of bus built on Cadillac chassis by M. A. McKenzie Carriage Works in Wichita for the Allen Auto Stage Line. The bus will operate between Wichita and Newton.

Wichita Beacon**Sunday, August 9, 1925****page**

- C-7. Small photograph of a large bus being operated by the Wichita Bus Association and having a body built by the McKenzie Carriage Works, 200 West 1st Street, in Wichita. It is a White Star Line Bus. No. 145 (?).

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, January 9, 1926**page**

8. District court has given a temporary injunction against Fire Chief Brownell's order to tear down the old frame building of the McKenzie Carriage Works at southeast corner of 1st and Water. The order was at request of George R. Bassett, receiver for the McKenzie property, which has been the subject of dispute for several months among the heirs, Donald and Leo McKenzie, brothers. It adjoins on the east a large brick building in which the McKenzies have their principal shops and factories.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, January 15, 1926****page**

9. The McKenzie brothers, Don and Leo, today agreed on a settlement of their dispute over the McKenzie estate. Don becomes the owner of the carriage works and Leo receives the rest of the estate, including some valuable real estate in the city. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, February 4, 1926****page**

5. The old two story frame building of the M. A. McKenzie Carriage Works at 1st and Water, built in 1884, is being torn down. Details.

Wichita Beacon**Friday, March 26, 1926****page**

7. Workmen began razing the old McKenzie carriage shop at 1st and Water Streets this morning. It was built by M. A. McKenzie in 1884 and was recently condemned as a fire hazard.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, April 7, 1926****page**

13. An old Wichita landmark is being torn down -- the old two story frame building of Wichita carriage works, operated by A. M. McKenzie. Photograph.

Wichita Beacon**Tuesday, June 21, 1927****page**

16. Workmen are wrecking the old D. F. McKenzie home at 1st and Water to make a way for construction of a new service station there. Details

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, June 22, 1927****page**

8. The old McKenzie home, a landmark at 155 North Water, is being torn down to make way for a new filling station to be built by Don McKenzie. The old house was built by John Gribi and later purchased by Dan F. McKenzie, founder of the McKenzie Carriage works.

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, February 7, 1929

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1. Report of major fire about 6:30 a.m. today that destroyed the Dotson Produce Company at 219 West 1st. and the McKenzie Body and Carriage Works at 209 West 1st. Apparently caused by a gas explosion. One hundred seventy-five thousand dollar loss. Details. Photographs.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, February 8, 1929

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3. The McKenzie Carriage Works building at 1st and Water was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Photograph with details.

Wichita Eagle Beacon

Monday, January 31, 1977

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- 2B. Report of death yesterday of Leo L. McKenzie, 90, of 2450 North Belmont, retired owner of L. L. McKenzie Body Works. Old Mission.