

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): Mentholatum, 1300 East Douglas, A. A. Hyde

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, January 8, 1908

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5. Mr. A. A. Hyde has announced plans for a new reinforced concrete building for the Mentholatum company (actually the Yucca company, manufactures of Mentholatum), to be built at northeast corner of Cleveland and Douglas at cost of between \$12-15,000. To be 75 feet wide and 110 feet long. The factory of the concern is now located in a building at 1211 East Douglas. Architect for new building is U. G. Charles. Details.

Thursday, June 4, 1908

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7. Drawing of the proposed new Mentholatum building on corner of Cleveland and Douglas avenues. Architect is U. G. Charles.

Tuesday, June 30, 1908

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6. Contract for the new Mentholatum building at Cleveland and Douglas has been awarded to the Wurster Construction company. Work will begin within a few days.

Monday, November 30, 1908

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10. Building permits during November totaled \$112,750 and included the Mentholatum building at corner of Cleveland and Douglas for \$15,000. Not listed.

Thursday, August 19, 1909

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1. Drawing of the Mentholatum company's new building. The company is moving into its new building today from the old quarters at 1209 East Douglas. Cost about \$20,000. Details. 76 by 110 feet.

Tuesday, February 1, 1910

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12. J. F. Hollicke has sold to M. H. Osborne the new two story brick building on East Douglas adjoining the new Mentholatum building, for \$10,000. The building is just being completed.

Wednesday, February 9, 1910**page**

3. Report of death yesterday of Miss Mary Hyde, sister of A. A. Hyde and George Hyde of Wichita, at her home in Ware, Massachusetts.

Monday, January 31, 1916**page**

4. Short article says the Mentholatum Company may decide to do its manufacturing in Buffalo, New York, rather than in Wichita because materials are cheaper there and freight rates better.

Saturday, May 13, 1916**page**

8. Photograph of Mrs. A. A. Hyde.

Tuesday, January 6, 1920**page**

2. A new heating plant and recreation room building for the Mentholatum Company is to be built at once. To be 36 by 48 feet, two stories, brick, and cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. The architect is Ed Forsblom. Details.

Friday, July 25, 1924**page**

9. Report of death in Los Angeles yesterday of Frederick Wooster (sic -- meaning Wurster), former president of the Wooster (sic) Construction Company, which was for years a leading contractor in Wichita. Among the buildings in Wichita constructed by that company were the Schweiter Building, Boston Store, Caldwell-Murdock Building, St. Mary's Cathedral, Central Intermediate School, Morton-Simmons Building, Mentholatum Building, and L'Ouvuture School. Mr. "Wooster" moved to Los Angeles about ten years ago. He has no relatives in Wichita. One adopted son is in Los Angeles.

Sunday, May 30, 1937**page**

15. Advertisement says consolidation of the Mentholatum Company's offices necessitates the prompt sale of all the Hyde properties in Wichita including plant at 1300 East Douglas, building at 108 Cleveland, and residences at 3728 East 2nd and 348 North Roosevelt. Details. Photographs.

Monday, September 7, 1942

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2. The Mentholatum Building in the 1300 block of East Douglas has been purchased for \$35,000 by the board of county commissioners to house the county welfare agency. The present offices of the welfare agency at 300 South Broadway have been purchased by Santa Fe Trailways.

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Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, March 19, 1907

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5. Northeast corner lots on Cleveland and Douglas to be sold soon to A. A. Hyde, of the Yucca company, which will build a new building there for the manufacture of Mentholatum.

Sunday, March 22, 1908

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3. The Mentholatum building for which Mr. Hyde is now excavating will cost probably \$25,000.

Sunday, July 19, 1914

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5. The old Mentholatum building in 1200 block on East Douglas was bought yesterday from James Grady by O. P. Shearer, an officer of a hail insurance company. Mr. Grady had bought the property from A. A. Hyde five years ago for \$14,000, and the sale yesterday was for \$16,000. The building is 50 feet wide, 120 feet long, and three stories high. It contains three store rooms on the first floor and 22 living rooms on the upper floors.

Saturday, September 30, 1916

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5. Fred Shuman, truck farmer of North Hydraulic avenue, bought the old Mentholatum building at 1213-15 East Douglas Thursday for \$20,750. It is a three story brick structure with frontage of 50 feet, built in 1887 and occupied by Lewellen and Bissell, who operated a creamery there until 1890. After that year A. A. Hyde rented the building for his Mentholatum factory.

Sunday, November 27, 1927

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13. Article with brief history of A. A. Hyde's development of the Mentholatum company.

Sunday, May 16, 1937**page**

31. Ad offering for sale the Mentholatum Co.'s properties in Wichita, with photos.

Thursday, August 18, 1960**page**

20A. Article about the old Mentholatum Building at Douglas and Cleveland, which has been vacant for several months since the County Welfare Department, which had occupied it for 17 years, moved to new quarters in the Welfare Department wing of the new Sedgwick County Courthouse. The County, which purchased the building September 28, 1942, has offered it for sale. Bids to be received by August 26. Details. Photo.

Thursday, December 22, 1960**page**

5A. County Commission yesterday tentatively accepted bid of \$30,010 for purchase of the old county welfare building at Cleveland and Douglas (old Mentholatum building) by C. E. Olander, 254 North Battin, a developer of business property. The sale is subject to approval by the County Counselor, Ralph Gilchrist.

Sunday, June 4, 1961**page**

7B. The old Mentholatum Building at Douglas and Cleveland is being remodeled for use as the new home of the Wichita Drafting College. The building housed the Sedgwick County Welfare Department before the new courthouse was completed. Cost of remodeling is \$100,000. The Wichita Drafting College was founded five years ago and is now at 2200 East Central. It has 260 students. Move of the college is expected about the middle of the month, according to James H. Shelton, owner and director. Photo.