

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 Beacon

Saturday, January 11, 1908

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5. Advertisement for first piano recital of Mr. Rafael Navas at Philharmony Hall, College of Music, Thursday, January 16. Photograph.

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3. Rafael Navas will teach with the Wichita College of Music.

Friday, February 28, 1913

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6. The executive board of the YWCA today voted to purchase the Lewis Academy Building in third block on North Market for \$40,000. It is owned by the College of Emporia. A campaign to raise \$125,000 will be commenced in April and was started off today by a gift of \$20,000 from A. A. Hyde. Fifteen thousand dollars will be spent in remodeling the building, which will be used as a boarding home by the YWCA. Details. Building at present is occupied by the Power, Myers and Navas Conservatory of Music.

Tuesday, June 30, 1914

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8. Mrs. Yvonne Navas filed suit today for divorce from Rafael Navas, alleging cruelty, non-support, and adultery. They were married in Wichita in 1908 and have one son, John, age four and a half. Details.

Saturday, June 23, 1917

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13. Report of marriage today of Miss Elizabeth Stubblefield to Mr. Rafael Navas at the Stubblefield home, 2510 East Douglas. Details. Photograph of bride and groom.

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Sunday, July 12, 1925**page**

19. The Wichita Public Library has been redecorated. Article gives some history -- and says Mrs. Louise Caldwell Murdock persuaded Arthur Sinclair Covey, a famous Kansas artist, to paint three murals for the interior walls of the dome of the building, entitled "Promise," "Fruition," and "Afterglow." Details. These were described in an article on murals in *Scribner's Magazine* in 1921. She also designed and secured, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Stubblefield Navas, the Tiffany windows with sunflower designs which are in the dome of the building.

Saturday, July 11, 1964**page**

1. The Caldwell-Murdock Building, 111 East Douglas, which has been in trust with the profits going to the Wichita Art Museum, has been sold to a group of Wichita investors. Names of the purchasers and sale price were not revealed. The property was purchased from Elizabeth S. Navas and Garner E. Shriver, trustees of the Louise C. Murdock estate. The 50 by 120 foot, seven story structure was built in 1907. Photo.

Saturday, November 13, 1965**page**

- 5A. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Navas is to be honored today in observance of 25th anniversary of presentation of the Roland P. Murdock collection to the Wichita Art Museum. Mrs. Navas, 70, was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Stubblefield. Was associated with Mrs. Louise Caldwell Murdock in interior designing when Mrs. Murdock died in 1915. At that time she was named co-trustee of Mrs. Murdock's estate. In 1939 she started assembling the Murdock collection when the trust established in Mrs. Murdock's will came into being. On November 8, 1940 the first ten pieces were presented to the city. The collection now totals about 150 works. Details. Follow-up article November 14 on page 1.

Saturday, March 31, 1979**page**

- 1B. Report of death Friday in a New York hospital of Elizabeth Stubblefield Navas, 84, former Wichitan and trustee of the Murdock art collection at Wichita Art Museum. In 1925, at age 20, she was named trustee for planning and acquisition of a city art collection, as requested in the will of her friend and employer, Louise Caldwell Murdock. She had moved to New York City in 1917 and began preparing herself as an art expert. Her husband, Rafael, died in 1939. ¶ She was the daughter of Elmer E. and Carrie Stubblefield and was born in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1895. Grew up in Independence, Kansas and moved to Wichita with her family after completing high school there. Her older sister, Josephine, was a pianist who studied at Oberlin (Ohio) College. The sister, Josephine, was the mother of a surviving nephew, Ed Turner, president of Head's Shoe Company, located in the Caldwell-Murdock Building in

Wichita. The sister died on February 26 this year. Survived also by a sister, Frances Kendrick, and a niece, Virginia Hisel, both of Santa Ana, California. Further biography. Photo. Cremation.