

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): Old Settlers' Association

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, February 13, 1879

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3. The second annual meeting of the Old Settlers will be held in the Eagle Hall, Friday, February 21st. Those are invited who came to this country before January 1, 1872.

Thursday, March 6, 1879

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1. Text of charter of "Old Settlers Association of Sedgwick County, Kansas," recorded by secretary of state at Topeka on February 4, 1879.

Thursday, March 24, 1881

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1. Detailed article gives history of the Old Settlers Association of Sedgwick County. Organizational meeting was September 27, 1877. By-laws adopted January 22, 1879 -- text given. Details.
3. Revised by-laws of Old Settlers Association given, as adopted at the last meeting.

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Wednesday, February 13, 1878

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5. Long list of names of committee members of the Old Settlers' Association.

Wednesday, January 22, 1879

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5. Report of meeting on Friday, January 17th, of the Old Settlers' Association. Committees appointed (named).

Wednesday, February 26, 1879

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5. Report of the Old Settlers' annual meeting last Friday at Eagle Hall. Officers elected (named). Details. Says Mrs. King's grand-daughter, Floy Simmons, was presented as

the first female child born in the city of Wichita.

Wednesday, June 11, 1879

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3. Report on the Old Settlers' meeting at Eagle Hall regarding preparations for July 4th celebration. Details. Committees appointed.

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Wednesday, January 26, 1881

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3. Report of meeting of Old Settlers Association at Eagle Hall last Saturday.

Wednesday, March 2, 1881

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3. Report of annual meeting of Old Settlers on Tuesday of last week.

Wednesday, March 9, 1881

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3. Detailed report of the Old Settlers' Association meeting at the Opera House on February 22. R. E. Lawrence elected president.

Wednesday, January 25, 1882

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3. Report of meeting of the Old Settlers' Association of Sedgwick County, in Eagle Hall. R. E. Lawrence, president. Details.

Wednesday, March 1, 1882

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3. Report of Old Settlers' annual meeting at the Opera House on February 22nd. Details.

Wednesday, November 22, 1882

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2. Report of meeting of the Old Settlers Association on November 18, J. R. Mead, president. He was re-elected president for the coming year. Details.

Wednesday, January 24, 1883

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3. Report of meeting of the Old Settlers association on January 5th. Committees appointed (named). (Mrs. Sayles is on the committee of general arrangements.) Township committees appointed (named). Sherman Township committee includes C. Miller. Details.

Wednesday, February 28, 1883

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2. Text of J. R. Mead's address to the Old Settlers on the history of this area.
2. Report of the Old Settlers meeting. Details.

Wednesday, February 22, 1888**page**

1. Report of the annual reunion today of the Old Settlers' association of Sedgwick County, whose members must have been a resident of the county prior to January 1st, 1872. Meeting was at the old opera house.

Wichita Eagle**Monday, June 30, 1919****page**

5. Article reporting picnic yesterday of more than 200 members of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society -- their first annual picnic. Founder and president is Mrs. George M. Whitney.

Sunday, February 1, 1920**page**

Section B

1. Special Mid-Centennial page of Wichita -- with article about Pioneer Society and various historical notes.

Sunday, May 9, 1920**page**

5. Article gives history of the Old Settlers' Association, formed here in 1873, which has been merged into the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County, which was organized February 19, 1919 at the home of G. M. Whitney, 1103 North Market.

Sunday, May 1, 1921**page**

Rotogravure

Photograph of the painting of Wichita in 1869, recently presented to the Pioneer Society by business men in the city. It was painted by C. A. Seward, Wichita artist (photograph), from description and data furnished by William Finn, the city's first surveyor (photograph). Mr. Finn declares this picture to be a very true likeness of the city as it appeared to him when he arrived in the late summer of '69.

Sunday, June 12, 1921**page**

32. Article reports speech made by William Finn recently at the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society meeting in acceptance of the painting by C. A. Seward, "Wichita in 1869," which was purchased by popular subscription. Speech describes the buildings in the painting, etc. Details.

Sunday, July 3, 1921**page**

2. C. A. Seward, artist, has left the Southwestern Advertising company and will open an independent studio in the Sedgwick building. He painted the oil painting of "Wichita in 1869," which was exhibited at the Wheat Show last year and later purchased and presented to the Pioneer Society.

Thursday, April 10, 1924**page**

5. Maude English Deam, secretary of the Pioneer Society, says of the origin of the name of William street,

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that her father, the late N. A. English, wanted to name it "Griffenstein" as a monument to the "Father of Wichita," but Mr. Griffenstein himself vetoed that as too cumbersome a name. When Mr. English insisted, they compromised on Mr. Griffenstein's first name, "William."

Sunday, May 30, 1926**page**

24. Report of annual meeting of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday with reminiscences by early settlers.

Friday, April 6, 1928**page**

5. J. P. Davidson was re-elected president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society for the fifth time Wednesday.

Sunday, June 3, 1928**page**

5. Article reports annual meeting yesterday of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum, with short talk by Miss Rea Woodman. Details.

Friday, August 17, 1928**page**

3. Photograph of Finlay Ross with bottle of oil from Wright well which he secured for the Pioneer Society's museum at the court house.

Sunday, June 2, 1929**page**

2. Report of annual meeting yesterday of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County. Details.

Sunday, June 8, 1930

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5. Report of annual meeting of Sedgwick County pioneer society. Details.

Sunday, March 8, 1931**page**

2. John P. Davidson was re-elected president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer society yesterday. Details.

Sunday, June 7, 1931**page**

1. Report of annual meeting yesterday of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County, at the Forum. Details. Six hundred attended.

Sunday, June 5, 1932**page**

1. Article reports annual meeting yesterday of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum. Details.

Sunday, April 9, 1933**page**

5. John P. Davidson was re-elected president of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday for the tenth successive term. Photograph. He has been president since 1924.

Sunday, June 4, 1933**page**

10. Article reports annual picnic yesterday of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County. Details with photographs.

Monday, March 19, 1934**page**

5. Charles S. Lawrence named president of Sedgwick County Pioneer Society to succeed John P. Davidson.

Friday, March 15, 1935**page**

2. Omrah Aley was elected president of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday. Photograph (also shows Rea Woodman).

Sunday, June 2, 1935**page**

12. Article reports annual picnic of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at Forum yesterday. Details.

Wednesday, June 26, 1935**page**

2. Article gives names of the new buses. ¶ The four larger ones are: Murdock, Davidson, Griffenstein, and Mathewson. ¶ The 26 smaller ones are: Mead, English, Jewett, Waterman, Fabrique, Allen, Woodman, Hyde, Ross, Harris, Lewis, Munger, Carey, Schweiter, Gribi, Black, Smith, Lawrence, McCoy, Aley, Sluss, Stanley, Smythe, Sawers, Steele, and Getto. ¶ The names were selected by the Pioneer Society. ¶ The new franchise was placed into effect February 25 this year. Officers of the company are Howard V. Wheeler, president, A. J. Cleary, vice-president and general manager, R. C. Clevenger, secretary-treasurer, and Robert C. Foulston, counselor.

Sunday, February 23, 1936**page**

- 2-B. Tuesday will be the first anniversary of the five cents bus fare in Wichita. ¶ The 46 buses bought last year were named in honor of Wichita pioneers by the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society (names are listed). ¶ Mayor Frank Nighswonger was honored this week by the naming of Wichita's newest city bus for him. It arrived in Wichita last week and is now on the College Hill line and will bear the name "Nighswonger". A. J. Cleary, vice-president of the bus company, said it was only proper that this bus should be named in honor of Mayor Nighswonger as he has been so active in making possible Wichita's new bus system.

Sunday, March 15, 1936**page**

6. Omrah Aley was reelected president of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday.

Sunday, June 7, 1936**page**

1. Article reports annual picnic of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County, at the Forum yesterday. Details and photos on page 14.

Sunday, March 28, 1937**page**

9. Omrah Aley was re-elected president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society yesterday. Details.

Sunday, June 6, 1937**page**

1. Report of annual picnic yesterday of Sedgwick County Pioneer Society at the Forum. Details and photos on page 13.

Wednesday, April 6, 1938**page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Norma Aley Whitney, 77, Wichita pioneer since 1871 and organizer and first president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society in 1918. Survivors listed, including son, Clem A. Whitney, brothers Omrah Aley and Claude Aley and sisters Miss Treva Aley and Mrs. Howard Schroeder, all of Wichita. Photograph.

Saturday, June 4, 1938**page**

2. Annual reunion of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society to be held today at the Forum. Omrah Aley is president. Details.

Sunday, June 5, 1938**page**

17. Report of annual meeting of Sedgwick County Pioneer Society yesterday, with photographs and list of those attending.

Sunday, March 19, 1939**page**

2. John P. Davidson was elected president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer society yesterday at its annual meeting at the Allis Hotel, succeeding Omrah Aley, who has served in that capacity for several years. Photograph. The society's big annual reunion will be held June 3 at the Forum.

Friday, May 26, 1939**page**

16. The exhibits of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society, on view for many years on the second floor of the court house, were moved yesterday to the new museum quarters in the Forum.

Sunday, June 2, 1940**page**

2. Report of annual picnic of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society at the Forum yesterday. Details. Photos, including John P. Davidson, president.

Sunday, June 1, 1941**page**

24. Report of annual reunion yesterday at the Forum of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County. Included photographic exhibit of pioneer scenes collected by John P. Davidson.

Sunday, June 6, 1943**page**

8. Report of the annual picnic of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society at the Forum yesterday. Details and list of those present.

Sunday, June 3, 1945**page**

4. Report of annual picnic yesterday of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum. Details. List of those who attended. Photos. Request for donation of early photos by John P. Davidson.

Sunday, June 2, 1946**page**

4. Report of annual picnic of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum yesterday. Names of those attending listed.

Sunday, June 6, 1948**page**

5. Report of annual picnic of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum yesterday. Lists names of those who attended. Details. One photo shows A. A. Sayles, of 1035 North Emporia.

Sunday, June 5, 1949**page**

2. Report of the annual Sedgwick County Pioneer Society picnic at the Forum yesterday. Details.

Sunday, June 4, 1950**page**

5. Report of annual meeting of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society yesterday at the Forum. John P. Davidson is president. Details and reminiscences.

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3. Report of annual meeting of Sedgwick County Pioneer Society at Forum yesterday. Details. Charles S. Lawrence read some passages from an old diary kept by his father, Robert Lawrence, when he came here from Illinois in 1870. Details.

Sunday, June 7, 1931**page**

1. Report of annual picnic of the Pioneer Society yesterday at the Forum. Details. Those attending included O. C. Daisy, Kos Harris, Dave Leahy and many others.

Sunday, June 5, 1932**page**

4. Report of annual picnic yesterday at the Forum of the Sedgwick County Pioneer

Society. Details.

Sunday, June 4, 1933

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1. Report of annual picnic of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County at the Forum yesterday. Details.

Sunday, May 12, 1935

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10. The Sedgwick County Pioneer Society is planning to hold its annual picnic Saturday, June 1, at the Forum. Details. Names listed.

Friday, June 7, 1935

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19. Proposal of the Wichita Transportation Company to name Wichita's 30 new buses to be put into service July 1 in honor of Wichita pioneers is meeting with public endorsement. Omrah Aley, president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society has sent to the transportation company a revised list of names of pioneers for use on the buses. The list includes : Meade, English, Jewett, Waterman, Fabrique, Allen,

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Woodman, Hyde, Ross, Harris, Lewis, Munger, Carey, Schweiter, Gribi, Black, Smith, Lawrence, McCoy, Aley, Sluss, Stanley, Smythe, Sowers, Steele, and Getto. ¶ The four large double-door buses to be used on the College Hill line will be named Griffenstein, Davidson, Murdock, and Mathewson.

Wednesday, July 24, 1935

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4. Omrah Aley, president of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County announced yesterday that the new 32 (sic) passenger double door bus recently ordered by the Wichita Transportation Company would be named in honor of Judge William C. Little, an early Wichita pioneer. Details.

Sunday, August 11, 1935

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- C-9. Omrah Aley, president of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County, announced today that the ten new buses recently ordered by the Wichita Transportation Company would also be named in honor of Wichita pioneers. ¶ The ten names selected by the society are: Miller, Throckmorton, Caldwell, Bolte, Daisy, Noble, Fuller, Jackson, Powell, and Reese.

Thursday, February 20, 1936

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24. Mayor Frank Nighswonger has been honored by the naming of Wichita's newest city bus for him. The new bus arrived in Wichita last week, and is now on the College Hill line and will bear the name "Nighswonger." A. J. Cleary, vice-president of the bus company, said today it was only proper that this bus should be named in Mayor Nighswonger's honor, as he has been so active in making possible Wichita's new bus system. ¶ The 46 buses bought last year (sic) were named in honor of Wichita pioneers by the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society. Names of the pioneers now on the city buses include: ¶ Throckmorton, Griffenstein, Mathewson, Davidson, Murdock, Mead, English, Jewett, Waterman, Fabrique, Allen, Woodman, Hyde, Ross, Harris, Lewis, Munger, Carey, Schweiter, Gribi, Black, Smith, Lawrence, McCoy, Aley, Sluss, Stanley, Smythe, Sowers, Steele, Getto, Little, Miller, Caldwell, Bolte, Daisy, Noble, Fuller, Jackson, Powell and Reese.

Sunday, June 7, 1936

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1. Report of annual meeting of Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County yesterday at the Forum. Details, with photos on page B-11.

Saturday, June 5, 1937

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1. Annual picnic of the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County is being held at the Forum this afternoon. Details.