

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

Monday, April 30, 1888

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4. Besides the regular cars leaving the opera house at ten minutes past each hour, a special car will leave for Fairmount at 7:45 tomorrow evening for the reception at Rev. J. H. Parker's. The special car will leave the corner of Main and 1st.

Monday, November 20, 1893

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4. Article gives some history of Plymouth Congregational church, at 2nd and Lawrence on southeast corner. The church was organized in October 1885 by Reverend Joel Harper. The present minister is Reverend F. A. Bissell and congregation numbers 109. Since organization of the church there have been three Congregational churches organized in the city -- Olivet church in south part of town, the May Flower (sic) church on Fairview, and the Fourth church on Fairmount. Ministers at Plymouth since its founding have been Reverend Joel Harper, Reverend J. H. Parker, Reverend Mr. Millikan, and the present Reverend F. A. Bissell. Trustees are listed. Details.

Tuesday, September 7, 1897

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8. Report of Dr. N. J. Morrison at the opening of the third year of Fairmount College. Says the college has recently purchased the property at corner of 16th and Holyoke, known as the "Parker house," which is being fitted up as the headquarters of the woman's department and will henceforth be known as "Holyoke Cottage." In connection with "Hutchinson Cottage" on the east side of the same block, it will furnish an admirable home for young ladies. Details.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, July 9, 1915

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9. Article reports death in Oklahoma of Rev. J. H. Parker, the founder of Fairmount college. In 1886, when pastor of Plymouth Congregational church in Wichita, he proposed founding a ladies' college in Wichita, to be the "Vassar of the West." The site was chosen

where Fairmount college now stands. The next year he decided to enlarge the board from five to 15 and to change the name to Fairmount college, under which the state charter was obtained in 1887. ¶ Forty thousand dollars was spent on the building, but then financial troubles caused the property to be sold to satisfy claims. The school was later re-established in 1892.