

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): Riverside

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, May 13, 1886

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1. Long article reports the opening at 3 p.m. today of the new Oak street bridge leading to the beautiful Riverside addition. The iron bridge was made by the Canton (Ohio) Bridge Company and placed in position by Mr. J. K. Sawyer, the well known bridge contractor of Wichita. Its actual length is 140 feet, i.e., two spans of 70 feet each, the driveway being 18 feet with a foot walk on each side five feet wide. It has the celebrated "tubular" piers, filled with concrete. The bridge connects "Riverside" addition with Wichita, and joins to our city a natural paradise such as few cities can boast of. ¶ For years the dark, dreary, wooded peninsula, adjoining the city on the west, has been as isolated as though separated by an ocean. At times it was impossible to reach it. Less than one year ago Mr. Oak Davidson conceived the idea of making this the fashionable suburban residence portion of the city. He looked the land over carefully and then formed a syndicate of city and eastern capitalists. Over 400 acres of the choicest woodland and prairie were purchased, a large force of men was at once set at work clearing out the undergrowth, unsightly trees were cut down, others trimmed, beautiful walks, romantic drives, and saddle roads laid out, while traversing the entire tract at right angles broad avenues and streets appeared, while around the whole, following the course of the two Arkansas rivers, runs a magnificent boulevard, level as a floor, and 90 feet wide. Low places were filled up, high places cut down; everywhere may be found the work of the most skillful hands, basked by unlimited capital, good taste and that energy which ever marks the work of the wide awake western builder of cities. As a brief sketch of this future residence paradise will be of interest to the *Beacon's* readers, a reporter was detailed this morning to call upon Mr. L. G. Lapham, the efficient and genial general manager of the company. On first crossing the bridge, the visitors enter upon a full half mile private trotting track, which has no superior in any city, and is said to be the only one of exact level grade in the state. It is made of natural sand, with a heavy top dressing of soil, well rolled. In the center of the park will be a lovely lake, 150 by 250 feet, which will be stocked with choice fish. Around the lake will be numerous comfortable rustic chairs, benches, and tables, while a magnificent fountain will, in the near future, be placed in the center of the lake. ¶ Before entering the park, turn to the right and drive along the broad boulevard, on the

banks of the Little River, fringed with green sod and beautiful flowers with seats scattered here and there. Rolling away toward Riverside to the Arkansas river is a beautiful stretch of land. Over 200 acres of as beautiful lots for the home of man as the glorious sun ever cast its shining face upon. Fifty teams and 75 men are working early and late, everywhere under the careful eye of Manager Lapham. Over \$50,000 have already been expended and many more thousands will be until Riverside shall be known the land over, as one of Wichita's rarest gems. The lots are of the same size as city lots, being 25 by 140 feet. The drainage is perfect as the water runs off both ways to the Big and Little Arkansas rivers. The land lays high and dry. While even the sand grade is as high as the natural bank at the lower ice house. There is in Riverside nearly 40 acres of natural timber land with 11 different varieties of timber, such as elm, sycamore, box elder, honey and black locust, walnut, oak, mulberry, hackberry, cottonwood, and ash. ¶ In concluding this brief sketch of what must be a favorite residence portion of our city, we would say do not fail to visit the bridle path and driveway along the river opposite Riverside park on the main land, where the levee is built, a handsome substantial structure which will be covered by blue grass. This drive is beautiful in the extreme and will repay a visit. All through the park are placed neat, comfortable, rustic seats and tables. The large two story brick residence near the trotting track will be remodeled into a first-class hotel. Already a large barn 100 by 18 feet with ten commodious stalls for horses has been erected. These stalls will be rented by the season to gentlemen who wish them for their private use. ¶ There are 2100 lots in this suburb, 1900 of which are platted. Although not regularly placed on the market, already the demand for choice locations has been very large. Too much credit cannot be awarded Mr. Oak Davidson and the gentlemen connected with him in thus giving to Wichita a suburb that in time will be one of the coming glories of our city. This addition possesses many natural advantages that no others do. In viewing the wonderful improvements made it seems impossible that work only commenced last January. ¶ The sale of lots in this addition is in the hands of Mr. H. G. Lee, the enterprising real estate agent, who will be placed to give any information required.

Monday, May 31, 1886**page**

4. Mr. F. Cohen, the architect, has the plans for the elegant private residence of Mr. E. E. Lindemuth, which will be erected at once in Riverside addition.

Tuesday, June 1, 1886**page**

1. We learn that Mr. Oak Davidson has made arrangements to place on the Little River a beautiful steam boat, capable of carrying 25 passengers. It will be used for pleasure parties and run up and down the river from a wharf which will be built on the levee on Riverside addition.

Thursday, June 10, 1886**page**

1. A reporter visited Proudfoot and Bird, the popular architects, this morning, and found them running over with business. They received instructions this morning from Mr. M. M. Fechheimer to draw plans for a new four story brick building to be erected on northeast corner of Market and Douglas. They also have plans partly completed for two new churches to be erected in the south part of town one by the Congregational folks and the other by the Baptists. Mr. G. W. C. Jones is also having them draw plans for a \$2000 residence in the Riverside addition.

Thursday, June 17, 1886**page**

4. The Schuyler Electric Light company are now putting up poles on North Main street and will run wires for six electric lights to be placed in Riverside addition.

Saturday, July 3, 1886**page**

1. Comprehensive list of about all residences built in Wichita in first half of 1886. Details. Continues on page four with business buildings included. Total number of buildings is 512 with \$1,386,000 expended. Mentions six residences in Riverside addition for J. E. Lindemuth, M. A. Jones, John Durst, Walter Tucker, G. W. C. Jones, and Mr. Mason, but does not give locations.

Tuesday, August 3, 1886**page**

4. After heavy rains the Little river is very high. A reporter visited Riverside at 10 a.m. and found all the lowest lands under water. However the water was at least six feet below the top of the levee and there was no apparent danger of an overflow on the east bank.

Thursday, January 6, 1887**page**

1. Article describes in detail the new residence soon to be built in Riverside for J. O. Davidson. Mr. Alfred Gould is the architect. It is of Romanesque design and will cost \$25,000. To be heated by steam and have gas lighting.

Thursday, January 13, 1887**page**

1. The Riverside addition is attracting large numbers of our citizens who are looking for good residential property. Mr. J. O. Davidson reports the sale of \$70,000 worth of lots there in the past ten days, all to Wichita men.

Wednesday, January 26, 1887**page**

4. Long article describing Riverside addition and houses being constructed there. Says J. O. Davidson residence is to be constructed of variegated Dunreath sandstone.

Thursday, February 10, 1887**page**

1. A request for a franchise for a street railway will be presented to the council by Mr. J. O. Davidson and others, the motive power to be either electricity or a cable, and the line to run from Market and Douglas north to Oak, and west on Oak to Riverside addition, thence west on Franklin avenue and north on Coolidge to 13th street.

Friday, March 25, 1887**page**

1. Mr. J. O. Davidson, the projector and president of the Wichita and Suburban Street Car Company said today he had heard that the engine and a quantity of material for the line had been shipped from St. Louis. The motor will be electricity and the engine house situated on Riverside adjacent to the stables. Grading along the route will commence next week.
4. Mr. J. O. Davidson has commenced on his new residence in Riverside.

Saturday, April 2, 1887**page**

1. Twenty cars of the celebrated red and blue sandstone from the quarries at Dunreith, Iowa, are now on the track here. They will soon be on Riverside Park in the handsome residence Mr. J. O. Davidson is about to build.

Mr. J. O. Davidson has begun an expensive improvement to Riverside. He has about 80 or 100 teams filling in the banks of the river north and south of the Oak street bridge for a distance of about half a mile, to the height of the banks on this side. The work will cost about \$20,000.

Grading began today on the Riverside end of the line of the Riverside and Suburban Electric railway. The contractors have until the middle of May to complete the road. A bill of lading has been received for part of the ties and iron by Mr. Davidson. The engine is en route, and the Pine street bridge is progressing towards completion.

Monday, April 11, 1887**page**

1. Today Mr. Hughes, in charge of construction of the Davidson Electric Motor line, is laying out the side for the engine house, the contract for the building of which has been secured by Mr. J. V. Magors (sic). The street car bridge will be finished by Mr. J. K. Sawyer within a few days, and this week will see the grading completed in Riverside. Some material has already arrived.

Thursday, April 14, 1887**page**

1. A force of men with about 30 teams is engaged in grading several streets in Riverside

along the route of the new motor line.

Wednesday, April 27, 1887**page**

1. The work of excavating for Mr. B. H. Campbell's mansion on Riverside avenue in Riverside park, has commenced. It will cost not less than \$25,000. Mr. Gould, the architect, takes pride in showing his plans. It will be the first residence wholly built of stone, the body being the Caldwell stone, while the trimmings will be brought from the Strong City quarries. Details. Gas will be used for lighting. A spacious staircase of cherry with panelled dado leads from the hall to the second floor.

Saturday, June 4, 1887**page**

1. The engine for the Wichita and Suburban (sic -- meaning Riverside and Suburban) is now being placed in position in Riverside. Yesterday ten cars of rails were received and the street cars are now on their way here.

Tuesday, June 7, 1887**page**

1. Mr. B. H. Downing commences work today on the handsome residence to be erected by the register of deeds in Riverside Park.

Monday, August 29, 1887**page**

1. Mr. J. O. Davidson's building on Riverside will be one of the finest residences in the entire state. The original contract was in the neighborhood of \$35,000, but since the change of material to the pink Colorado Lava Stone now being used, this has been increased some 12 or 15 thousand dollars.

Friday, November 25, 1887**page**

1. Architects Proudfoot and Bird have now on hand plans for a mansion for Mr. R. E. Lawrence, to be built on the site of his present residence for \$25,000. ¶ They are also preparing for the building of a stone and brick residence in Riverside park for Mr. Finch, of the Citizens bank, at a cost of \$5000, and for a residence on College Hill for Mr. Eno, to cost \$3000.

Monday, December 19, 1887**page**

4. Col. B. H. Campbell is now digging the cellar for the elaborate residence he is about to erect in Riverside. The building will be stone, somewhat after the style of the J. O. Davidson mansion, and will cost not less than \$35,000.

Friday, July 27, 1888

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1. Mr. C. C. Allen, superintendent of the Telephone Company, is now extending the wires to Riverside. All told there will be about 1½ mile of new line built giving connection to the new residences of Messrs. J. O. Davidson, B. H. Campbell, Stanley, Derst, and Dr. Johnson. The poles will probably be painted.

Saturday, July 28, 1888**page**

4. Article urging the establishment of a public park in Mr. Griffenstein's land, about 80 acres, in the bend of the Little Arkansas, which Mr. Griffenstein reserved and platted for park purposes. It is almost entirely covered with timber and lies but a mile and a half from the center of the city. ¶ It is understood it is Mr. Griffenstein's intention to put a bridge across the Little river at Forest avenue at his own expense, thus giving connection with Riverside a block or two east of Mr. J. O. Davidson's residence. ¶ The water mains now reach Carlos and 11th street and could be extended to the park at little expense.

Wednesday, August 8, 1888**page**

1. Mr. C. C. Allen, manager of the telephone company, has instituted preliminary arrangements for extending telephone toll lines to towns north of Wichita. Wires to Valley Center, Newton, and on to McPherson are intended. ¶ The Riverside telephone line is completed except for the phones, which are expected shortly.

Thursday, November 1, 1888**page**

1. The Wichita Waterworks company during October laid about 2½ miles of water mains in different parts of town. The extensions to be completed this month are those to Riverside, Garfield University, and College Hill.

Wednesday, June 26, 1889**page**

4. Announcement of musicale at B. H. Campbell's residence, Riverside, tomorrow evening. The electric motor passes within a block of his house. A special car will return at 10:30.

Saturday, June 29, 1889**page**

1. The consolidation of the Riverside and the Wichita and Suburban Electric lines is the topic of conversation in the city today. J. O. Davidson, who purchased the Suburban line, said the deal was first taken under consideration Monday. For the sum of \$65,000 the interests of the Suburban company were transferred to Mr. Davidson, the idea being to effect an arrangement by which a belt line could be operated. The deed to the property was filed yesterday and the new management took charge today. ¶ It is

understood that only \$15,000 passed between the parties, the new owner assuming \$40,000 of liabilities. ¶ An extension from Alamo to the car works is planned. ¶ Consolidation of the city railway with the electric line is being contemplated. The eastern company which is said to be forming now for the purpose of operating the street car lines of Wichita will not take the management from the hands of the present officials.

Tuesday, September 9, 1890**page**

4. Public schools will open Monday, September 15. Teachers for each school are listed. List includes Riverside school with one teacher, Kate Coffey, teaching B, C, and D primary grades. Also Burton school with four teachers and College Hill with two teachers. Details.

Wednesday, January 20, 1892**page**

4. The palatial residence of Hank D. Heiserman in Riverside addition was destroyed by fire early this morning. Loss is about \$18,000. The house was built during the boom. An adjacent cottage occupied by the A. W. Bell family was also damaged.

Tuesday, February 9, 1892**page**

4. The 11th street bridge across the Little river will be completed within ten days if the weather is fair. The piling has all been driven, the work of placing the headers is about completed and the flooring will soon be begun. The bridge will cost about \$2,000 and will afford a crossing for the residents of the north part of Riverside as well as the country people beyond. J. K. Sawyer is the contractor.

Saturday, July 9, 1892**page**

4. J. O. Davidson is sick in bed at his home in Riverside.

Thursday, August 25, 1892**page**

4. At board of education meeting yesterday, the report of the committee on teachers recommended that the Riverside school be abolished. The report was adopted. Major Powell, chairman of the committee, also was in favor of doing away with the Levy school as a matter of economy, but the other officers of the committee did not agree. ¶ Patrons of the Fairmount school wanted that school left where it is at the end of the car line rather than being moved to Fairmount college as contemplated, so if the building can be had at reasonable rental it will probably remain where it is.

Thursday, October 6, 1892

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4. Article lists enrollment for September in each school in Wichita compared to last year. Total number of 3,992, an increase of 588 compared to the 3,404 last year. High school has 310 versus 292 last year. The Riverside school has not been opened this year.

Tuesday, March 21, 1893**page**

4. The cooking club will meet Thursday with Mrs. B. H. Campbell at her home in Riverside.

Saturday, May 27, 1893**page**

4. Real estate transfers yesterday amounted to \$162,472.32. The largest transfer was that of J. O. Davidson to Cornella K. Witherell for Reserve B in Riverside addition, being the sale of Mr. Davidson's beautiful residence on Riverside avenue.

Tuesday, May 30, 1893**page**

4. The handsome home of J. O. Davidson in Riverside has been turned over to its new owner, E. H. Witherell, who took possession on Saturday. ¶ The following is from the *Kansas City Star* of last evening: "E. H. Witherell of Emporia, owner of the Woodland hotel at corner of 8th and Woodland avenue, this afternoon sold the hotel property to J. O. Davidson. The consideration was \$50,000. Mr. Davidson's purchase was made as an investment."

Friday, December 1, 1893**page**

4. The Riverside school has been moved and now stands on the corner of 13th and Water streets. On Monday it will open with the Riverside pupils, 15 from Park and 30 from Irving.

Wednesday, December 20, 1893**page**

4. A large number of lots were deeded by the county yesterday to the Riverside Land company, the Midland Investment company, and the Citizens bank. The bank was the heaviest purchaser, paying \$5,364, and the next largest was the Riverside Land company, for \$866.

Saturday, June 23, 1894**page**

4. Article reports that Thomas G. Fitch has been appointed postmaster of Wichita by President Cleveland. ¶ Thomas Gear Fitch was born April 9, 1860 in Maine. His parents moved to Chicago, where he lived until age 15, when they moved to El Dorado

for a short time, returning to Chicago. He attended city schools in Chicago and afterwards graduated from the law school at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He practiced law for a short time in Chicago, and in September 1886 came to Wichita and worked for the Davidson Investment company. The next year he married Miss Lizzie Gahogen and built a house in Riverside, where they now live. ¶ Mr. Fitch afterward became manager of the Electric railway of Wichita, which position he held until he resigned a year and a half ago. ¶ He is a Jeffersonian democrat.

Monday, July 9, 1894**page**

4. Article about a suit filed against E. H. Witherell, who resides in the house built by Oak Davidson in Riverside. Suit alleges misrepresentation of some property in Missouri.

Friday, August 16, 1895**page**

4. Thomas G. Fitch's deed to property in Riverside addition to O. G. Nim (sic), was placed on record in the register of deeds' office yesterday.

Saturday, November 16, 1895**page**

5. L. W. Clapp is having a two story house moved from Riverside to South Market.

Sunday, December 5, 1896**page**

8. The committee on buildings and grounds of the School Board are making arrangements to move a school house from 13th and Water streets to Fairmount. The building was formerly moved to its present location from Riverside addition.

Monday, December 20, 1897**page**

5. Article about the improvement in property values in Wichita. Chicago man was surprised when B. H. Campbell would not consider an offer of less than \$20,000 for his Riverside home. ¶ Says a Topeka man asked about the J. O. Davidson residence and was told it had come back into the possession of Mr. Davidson and was not for sale, and that the Wichita banker intended to move into it next spring.

Saturday, January 1, 1898**page**

5. Real estate transfer: O. G. Nims to City of Wichita, Reserve A, Riverside addition; Riverside Park except 12½ acres; that part of southeast ¼, Section 18, Township 27, R I E laying south of 11th street and north of the river. \$7,960.

Friday, April 14, 1899**page**

5. Article reports a mortgage dated September 1, 1898 was filed yesterday by the Moss

Loan and Trust Company The mortgage was given by the Wichita Railway, Light and Power company, which is the Church company, and covered the street railway, the Church franchise and 127 acres of ground in Riverside addition together with Reserve B in Lewellen's addition. Says Mr. Brooks of Boston is the money power behind the Church company. Details. ("Half A Million").

Monday, March 18, 1901**page**

5. William McNaughten and R. K. Isenberg Saturday purchased from Reese and Company seven acres in Riverside fronting on the Little river and known as the Griffenstein reserve for \$1,200 and intend erecting residences there in the near future.

Friday, January 10, 1902**page**

6. Real estate deal: Keene Syndicate to Ezra C. Smith, lots 25-73, Litchfield avenue, Riverside addition, \$75.

Friday, January 24, 1902**page**

5. Real estate sale: Keene Syndicate to Hiram Blake, lots odd 125 to 139, Riverside avenue, Riverside addition, \$6,400.

Thursday, March 20, 1902**page**

6. Work started today on the improvement of the driveway on Riverside avenue, extending from Buffum to the residence of B. H. Campbell. When finished, the avenue will be about 40 feet wide, with a gradual slope of the bank toward the river. The main promoters of the improvement are Mrs. Fred Buckley and Mrs. Paul Mellinger, both of whom live on the avenue. Details.

Thursday, January 1, 1903**page**

7. Real estate transfer: Keene Syndicate to Anna M. Carter, lots odd five to 29, Carter avenue, Riverside addition, \$1,300.

Saturday, July 9, 1904**page**

5. Riverside addition is hemmed in by water on all sides and provisions are being taken into that district by boats today. Tenth street is the only outlet and progress down that street is attended by difficulties and dangers because of the depth of the water and the washouts in the street. Bitting avenue is a swiftly flowing stream from north to south.

Saturday, May 5, 1906**page**

8. Real estate transfer: 1) Lots odd 149 to 159, Dort avenue, Riverside addition sold by D. M. Jones to Edward A. Jones May 2 for \$200. 2) Lots 137 and 139, Riverside avenue, Riverside addition sold by the Keene Syndicate April 23 to Eva G. Shields for \$300.

Saturday, June 9, 1906**page**

13. Real estate sales: Citizens' Land Company sold to Bessie C. Davidson June 6 odd lots 59 to 67, Carter avenue, Riverside addition. Consideration \$1.

Saturday, June 16, 1906**page**

13. Real estate sale: January 6, J. O. Davidson to Jennie S. Martling, odd lots 59 to 67, Carter avenue, Riverside addition for \$550.

Saturday, June 23, 1906**page**

6. The home of W. E. Stanley in Riverside was considerably damaged by fire this morning. Details. Loss about \$5000.

Friday, May 24, 1907**page**

5. Real estate sales: Keene Syndicate to William H. McCune on April 30 for \$200: Lots 50 and 52, Litchfield avenue, Riverside addition.

Tuesday, January 19, 1909**page**

6. City council yesterday granted the petition of Riverside citizens for a sanitary sewer.

Monday, February 1, 1909**page**

7. Drawing of six houses now being built by the Ramsdale Realty company in Riverside Park at a combined cost exceeding \$20,000. The same company built five cottages a short time ago just across the street and have already sold them (shows street car line -- probably Nims avenue?).

Tuesday, March 2, 1909**page**

6. School board yesterday requested submission to voters at April 6 election of issuance of \$206,000 in bonds to build a new high school, three new ward schools, and four room addition to Harry street school. One ward school is to be in Riverside, one in West Wichita, and one in 6th ward.

Saturday, April 3, 1909

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16. Drawing of residence of M. E. Eshelman at 1120 Riverside, one of 1,200 new homes built in Wichita the past year.

Saturday, April 17, 1909**page**

16. Drawing of one of the California Bungalows built by the California Bungalow company in Riverside Park. Location?

Thursday, June 10, 1909**page**

8. Real estate transfer: The Riverside Land Company to The Keene Syndicate, June 5, 1909: Reserve G, Riverside addition, for \$1.

Monday, June 28, 1909**page**

3. Real estate transfers: Henry Dozier to Board of Education of Wichita, June 26, 1909, lots 101, 103, 105, 107, Porter avenue, Riverside addition, for \$2,000.

Wednesday, June 30, 1909**page**

8. Ground has been broken for the new Riverside club house. The porch will sit in Porter avenue, which has been ordered closed at the north end. Directly behind the club house will be the tennis courts. Contract specifies completion within 90 days from June 28th. Details.

Saturday, July 10, 1909**page**

16. Real estate transfer: The Keene Syndicate Company to Mary E. Alexander, April 21, lots 65 and 67, Porter avenue, Riverside addition for \$700.

Tuesday, July 13, 1909**page**

5. J. D. Houston of the Schuyler Jones Shoe company has moved into his new bungalow on Riverside.

Thursday, July 22, 1909**page**

1. Site of two of the three proposed new ward schools has been decided. One will be at Harrison and Porter in Riverside and the other on Athenian avenue two blocks north of Douglas. Each will have four large class rooms and cost about \$13,500. The Riverside site cost \$2000 and the West Wichita site cost \$1800.

Saturday, October 2, 1909

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6. The Riverside Club house will be ready for occupancy by the first of next month.

Tuesday, October 12, 1909**page**

4. Real estate transfer. The Keene Syndicate to Frank Nighswonger, February 189 (sic), even lots 82 to 96, Porter avenue, Riverside addition, for \$1650.

Wednesday, October 20, 1909**page**

5. Article reports on the plan of City Engineer Wells for a sanitary sewer for the Riverside district. Details.

Friday, November 12, 1909**page**

3. Article says the area north of North Riverside park is to be platted and put on the market instead of being saved for a park as long desired. It is between 30 and 40 acres of virgin woodland bounded on the south by North Riverside park, on the north and west by the Little river, and on the east by a residence district.

Thursday, November 18, 1909**page**

5. Article says there are many tracts within the Wichita city limits which have never been platted but rather have been designated by the "metes and bounds" system. This is burdensome to the county clerk, as it is difficult to locate them for taxation purposes. ¶ Hereafter all property taken into the city must be platted, as county clerk was given authority to require this by an act of the 1909 Kansas legislature. The county clerk can also require all owners of "metes and bounds" tracts to have them platted within 30 days. ¶ Several large tracts in various parts of the city have given county officials trouble in this regard. One of the latest is the "triangle" bounded by Riverside Drive, Riverside avenue, and Buffum avenue. It was sub-divided into residence tracts a couple of years ago and has become more and more complicated with every transfer made.

Tuesday, December 7, 1909**page**

3. Contract let yesterday for the new College Hill sewer for \$119,279.81 and for the Riverside sewer for \$36,107.88. Details.

Wednesday, January 5, 1910**page**

4. Real estate transfer: Keene Syndicate to Birt A. Slater, December 18, 1909, Lots 9, 11, Porter avenue, Riverside addition, for \$500.

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3. The new Riverside school building will be ready for occupancy in about six weeks. Already the roof is on, the windows are in, and all that remains to be done is the inside finishing. By the middle of March it is expected that the pupil's can move from the little one story cottage on Litchfield avenue to the new brick structure. When completed the total cost will be about \$15,000. Until the Litchfield avenue cottage was rented last year, Riverside students were obliged to walk to Park school.

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6. Walter Morris yesterday purchased the Campbell residence on Riverside avenue near 11th street for between \$35-45,000. Details.

Tuesday, February 8, 1910**page**

5. Real estate transfer. Keene Syndicate to Melvin A. Thalman, February 2, Lots 13, 15, Porter avenue, Riverside addition, \$550.

Thursday, February 24, 1910**page**

1. Drawing of the new Riverside club house, which was opened today. Site was purchased January 9 (?), 1909. Contract let for club building January 25, 1909, and actual work on it was begun July 1, 1909. Total cost \$30,000. Details on page 5.

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3. Real estate transfers: The Keene Syndicate to Riverside Investment Company, March 3, lots in Riverside addition, \$1.00.

Monday, April 25, 1910**page**

4. Real estate transfer: Robert B. Campbell, executor, to Walker Morris, February 15, even lots 168 to 192, Dort avenue, Reserve D, Riverside addition, \$27,000.

Friday, April 29, 1910**page**

3. Real estate transfer: The Keene Syndicate to A. E. Moore, April 21, lots 17, 19 Porter avenue, Riverside ave., \$550.

Friday, August 5, 1910**page**

4. Real estate transfer: The Keene Syndicate to R. O. Albin, August 2, lots 206, 108 (sic), Coolidge avenue, Riverside addition, \$450.

Wednesday, October 12, 1910**page**

6. Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, of Philadelphia, president of the Midland Valley Center Railroad company, is visiting in Wichita. Details.

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9. Charles Wray is clearing ground for a \$4000 California bungalow on Forest avenue adjoining Riverside park.

Saturday, October 15, 1910**page**

4. Robert B. Campbell is building a thirteen room, two story house at the corner of Riverside and Woodman avenues at cost of \$10,500. It is 45 by 51 feet, the first story of the Ohio brick and the second of lumber. It will have both gas and electric lights and be heated with hot water. It will be ready for occupancy about December 1st.

Special Section for new Beacon building. Photograph. Details.

- B-7. Photograph of new Riverside Club.

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4. The Riverside sanitary sewer has been completed at a cost of \$41,000. Details.

Saturday, December 10, 1910**page**

6. Article about possible street car line extension through Woodland addition, lying between the two rivers north of 11th st. ¶ The street car company has already extended its line one block farther north to the bank of the river on Bitting ave. ¶ The Riverside society at a meeting this week agreed to build a bridge across the river on Bitting avenue if the street car company would extend its line into this addition north of the river, and provided also that the city should build a pile wagon bridge across the river at that point. These bridges would cost about \$1000 each.

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12. Real estate transfer: Riverside Investment Company to J. D. Houston, May 20, lots 210, Dort avenue, Riverside addition \$1.

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- 9A. List of Wichita public schools with date of construction, capacity, and estimated enrollment. ¶ Riverside capacity is 400 and enrollment 362.

Sunday, January 21, 1968

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- 8D. Building permit issued last week to C. S. Ehringer, Kansas City, Missouri, to tear down the old Riverside Boat House, 400 West Murdock.

Sunday, February 7, 1971

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- 1D. Feature article about remodeling of an old Riverside residence at 1121 Pearce, which was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cox in August 1969. Details. Photos.

Thursday, March 25, 1971

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- 5A. Eighteen new mercury vapor lamps are being installed in Riverside Park along Stackman Drive, replacing the old incandescent lights. Photo of one of the street light fixtures.

Sunday, August 18, 1974

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- 6E. Ad with photo of large two story frame house at 1221 Riverside, being offered for sale for \$36,900.

Thursday, May 29, 1975

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- 2B. Report of meeting last evening of more than 150 Riverside residents for purpose of organizing a group aimed at preserving and improving the neighborhood. Details.

Sunday, April 18, 1976

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1E. Feature article about the home being built on triangular lot at intersection of West River Boulevard and Riverside Avenue by architects Roger Bender and Craig Mann. The site formerly was occupied by a Standard Oil service station built in the 1920s, which subsequently was used as a refreshment stand, beauty shop, and ice cream parlor. Details. Photos (houses essentially completed).

Monday, October 18, 1976

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1D. For the tenth straight year, enrollment is down in Wichita public schools-this year by 1952 students. Enrollment in Wichita public schools as of September 15 was 49,955, down from 51,907 on the same date last year. ¶ Table lists enrollment by individual schools in 1976 and 1975. Includes

	1975	1976
Riverside	243	214
Horace Mann	399	398
North High School	1918	1713
East High School	2049	1918

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4. The transfers a few days ago showed a tract of land adjoining this city sold to a prominent capitalist. Since then it has leaked out that a combination has formed to lay it out into an addition to be known as Riverside addition. A bridge will be built across the Little river to connect the new addition with the city, and another across the Arkansas to connect the west side of the river. The \$50,000 tract of land on which the addition is to be laid lies at the door of the city.

Tuesday, March 30, 1886

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6. The material for the bridge across the Little Arkansas to the Riverside addition has arrived, and the bridge will be built immediately.

Tuesday, May 11, 1886

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6. C. T. Buffum, a prominent and wealthy banker of Keene, New Hampshire and F. C. Faulkner, of the same place, friends of J. Oak Davidson, are visiting in Wichita. They are both interested in Riverside addition.

Saturday, May 29, 1886

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6. The Riverside Land company have contracted for three electric lights for the Riverside park.

Friday, June 4, 1886

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6. Note about the beauty of Riverside addition. The new track is as smooth as a floor, and regular.

Wednesday, August 11, 1886

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4. The Wichita boat club has decided on the location for their boat house. They accepted the offer made by the Riverside Land Company which gives them a lot with 100 foot river front immediately south of the Oak street bridge.
4. The Riverside Land Company has applied for a charter to construct a motor line from some central point in the city to the Riverside park.

Sunday, August 15, 1886

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4. The charter recently announced by the *Eagle* for a suburban railway from the center of the city to Riverside reads: "The Riverside and Suburban Railway Co., of Wichita,"

with object to build and operate a railroad from some point in Wichita to the addition of Riverside and to run a line of passenger coaches thereon by steam, electric or motor power. Directors are J. O. Davidson, William Innes, H. G. Lee, C. Davidson, and W. E. Stanley. Capital stock \$100,000.

Thursday, January 20, 1887**page**

4. The firm of Gould and Terry are drawing plans for a residence for Mr. J. O. Davidson which will cost near \$20,000. It will be located on Riverside ave. in Riverside addition, with a front of 88 feet, 50 feet deep, and three stories high. The stairway in both upper and lower hall is lighted by a pane of stained glass 7 by 15 feet. In the third story is the billiard hall which is 15 by 31 feet. Work will be commenced next spring.

Thursday, January 27, 1887**page**

4. Mr. B. H. Campbell has decided to build a residence in Riverside Park. It will cost something over \$20,000. Work will commence in early spring.

Tuesday, February 15, 1887**page**

8. Franchise Granted the Riverside Suburban Street Railway Company. ¶City council met last evening. ¶"It will be remembered that some months ago an ordinance was submitted by the Riverside Suburban Street Railway co., asking the right-of-way along certain streets. The ordinance at that time was considerably changed by the railroad committee and that company did not urge its passage. Last night Mr. J. O. Davidson and the attorney of the road, Mr. E. Stanley, were present at the council and asked that the ordinance as amended by the committee be passed. The ordinance was read by sections and passed without dissenting vote. It was again changed in some particulars. The proviso giving the city one percent of gross earnings was stricken out. The company was allowed the privilege of laying two tracks on any street desired. The company will use electric or some motor power other than steam. Work will commence by the first of April and the line completed by the first of January next. When the ordinance passed Mr. Stanley thanked them and promised to give them a ride on the 20th of May.

Wednesday, March 23, 1887**page**

4. Architect Gould has completed the plans for Mr. B. H. Campbell's residence. It will be located on Riverside avenue, in Riverside addition, near that of Mr. J. O. Davidson. The front will be 54½ feet and 76 feet deep, two stories high with basement. Details.

Thursday, April 21, 1887**page**

4. Architects Dumont and Hayward are drawing plans for an elegant residence for H. D.

Heiserman, a two story frame with 12 rooms, to be located in Riverside addition and cost \$12,000.

Sunday, April 24, 1887**page**

1. Editorial says "the motor lines are going down, the one to the northwest and the other to the southeast. Soon the residents of Riverside can step on the cars at their own doors and off in the center of business. Riverside promises to be one of the most delightful, attractive, and withal secluded and select suburban places to be found adjoining any city.

Wednesday, May 4, 1887**page**

8. Work will commence in a few days on the foundation for the magnificent residence to be erected by Hank Heiserman in Riverside, at the corner of Carter and Riverside avenues.

Sunday, June 5, 1887**page**

4. Foundation of the residence of H. P. Heiserman in Riverside was completed yesterday.

Tuesday, June 7, 1887**page**

4. Contract awarded for frame residence of Mr. H. D. Heiserman in Riverside Park, to cost \$12,000. Work will commence today.

Saturday, November 12, 1887**page**

5. The case of the Riverside Motor Line Company versus the Advance Electric Construction Company will probably be tried in the U. S. circuit court. ¶The latter company agreed to have the line and power station completed by July 1st, and the former company agreed to have the track completed by June 20th. As is known, neither was completed. The company putting in the electric plant were to receive \$18,500 when it was ready for use. ¶As is known the first system tried, failed and a second has been put in, which on exhibition seemed to do the work. The Electric Company are now wanting a settlement. Mr. Davidson claims damages due to delay and offers \$10,000 for the plant and \$8,500 in stock. This stock offer doesn't suit the company, as the Riverside Motor Company and the Riverside Land Company are different. The Construction Company has agreed to take \$16,000 for the plant but no less. In the meantime the road will remain in a state of innocuous desuetude.

Thursday, February 23, 1888**page**

5. A large force are at work on Mr. B. H. Campbell's residence in Riverside park. The

building is being erected according to the plans of Architect Alfred Gould.

Sunday, March 18, 1888**page**

5. Article reports on building activity in Wichita. The basement of the Col. B. H. Campbell home of Riverside is already going in, of massive stone. Work has been resumed on Fairmount college and the YMCA building. The Wichita university is nearing completion.

Friday, May 4, 1888**page**

5. Article describes a party last evening at the new home of H. D. Heiserman at the corner of Riverside and Clark (sic) avenues, in Riverside. It is one of the most elegant in the city, with 11 rooms including a pool and billiard room on the third floor.

Friday, August 3, 1888**page**

5. Harry Maxwell's new residence on Riverside will soon be completed.

Friday, November 2, 1888**page**

5. Mr. Amsberry, superintendent of the water company, stated that he is putting mains across the Little river at Price st. for the Riverside extension. In a few days the company will be able to furnish Riverside with water. As soon as the Riverside extension is completed work will be resumed on the College Hill extension. The people in that vicinity are becoming anxious to have water facilities.

Saturday, January 5, 1889**page**

5. Mr. B. H. Campbell's residence on Riverside will be completed in a few days.

Sunday, January 13, 1889**page**

5. Article describes in detail the Riverside residence of J. Oak Davidson.

Saturday, February 2, 1889**page**

5. Detailed description of the mansion of Col. B. H. Campbell in Riverside. It is built of grey magnesia limestone from Butler county, 75 by 85 feet.

Friday, November 5, 1897**page**

5. Article gives details of plans to purchase new park land under the \$14,000 bond issue approved in the election Tuesday. ¶ The total number of acres to be purchased in the

two parks is 106. Mr. Coler Sim is manager of 90 acres of the property, 52 acres in Riverside and 38 in Griffenstein. Mr. O. G. Nims of Keene, New Hampshire, is the owner and has asked \$9,000 or \$100 an acre. Mr. L. W. Clapp has charge of the other 16 acres in Griffenstein, which is owned by Mr. Whitecomb, of Massachusetts. At \$100 an acre for the 106 acres, it will cost the city the sum of \$10,600. The other \$3,400 will be used in constructing bridges and approaches to the parks and improving the grounds. ¶ Both of the gentlemen were loath to part with the property at \$100 per acre, but they own considerable property in that part of the city, and as a fine park would increase the value of their other holdings, they agreed to part with the property along the river front at a greatly reduced price.

Friday, March 2, 1900

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5. Article about plans for improvements to Riverside park. Flowers, shrubs, and grass will be planted. Large maple trees will be set 100 feet apart along the boulevard from Woodman bridge to Griffenstein bridge. ¶ At Griffenstein bridge there will be a handsome arrangement in the way of a decorative entrance into Riverside. Two large posts will be erected separating the driveways to and from the parks and arched above the bridges will be a large and handsome design with the word "Riverside" printed thereon. ¶ Oak street bridge is to be painted white, and from this bridge to the circle in Central Riverside the driveway is to be filled to a height of 18 inches. A cement walk six feet wide is to be built from the bridge to the circle. ¶ The Dold booth in south Riverside park, presented to the city by the Dold Packing company, is to be remodeled and made substantial with addition of a slate roof to provide protection at times of rain or storm.

Sunday, September 1, 1901

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11. Article lists 42 birds that may be seen from time to time in Riverside park.

Sunday, April 17, 1904

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18. Ad offering sale of lots in Parkview Addition (Riverside avenue to Buffum and along "Parkview avenue" (West River Boulevard).

Parkview Addition to go on sale April 25. ¶ Prices: 1 to 27 on Riverside avenue, \$150 each, 1 to 4 on Parkview avenue, \$250, 5 to 8 on Parkview avenue, \$225, 9 to 18 on Parkview avenue, \$200, 19 to 22 on Parkview avenue, \$175, 23 to 27 on Parkview avenue, \$150. ¶ Block three and Reserve A subject to owner's approval as to price. ¶ For sale by Reese and Company, 112 East First street. ¶ Ad says, "The city has contracted to macadamize Parkview avenue the entire length of this addition, connecting it with the macadam boulevards of Riverside Park."

Tuesday, February 11, 1908

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10. Judge Everett Alexander will start this week to build a pretty two story house on Wiley avenue, facing Central Riverside park.

Saturday, December 5, 1908**page**

8. "The Riverside Club Association" was permanently organized last night with 160 charter members. Its home will be on Riverside Drive, on the banks of the Little river. Two acres of ground are to be purchased and a \$10,000 club house to be built. Arrangements will be made for boating and bathing. Initiation fee is \$25 and annual dues \$20.

Thursday, December 24, 1908**page**

5. A location for the Riverside Country club has been decided on. It is five acres of ground along the river between the residences of B. H. Campbell and S. S. Noble. Work of improving the grounds and erecting a club house will be commenced in a short time.

Saturday, January 16, 1909**page**

7. Purchase of lots has been made for the new Riverside Country club. The grounds consist of 21 lots west of Riverside drive and between the Campbell and Noble residences. Plans for the new club house are to be decided on in a few days.

Sunday, February 21, 1909**page**

- 8C. Illustration of and article about new club house for Riverside club, to be erected on west bank of Little river just north of Briggs avenue, with river frontage of 244 feet and 310 feet on Briggs avenue. Cost estimated at \$15,000.

Thursday, May 20, 1909**page**

5. Article -- work will begin on new \$15,000 Riverside club house June 1st. To be built on three and one-half acres of ground which the club owns along Riverside Drive.

Wednesday, June 9, 1909**page**

6. Work on the Riverside club is to be started at once. Total cost including grounds will be about \$35,000. The city will dredge a channel on west bank of the river from six to eight feet deep and 50 by 300 feet in dimensions. The sand pumped will be used to construct a beach 300 feet long and 150 feet wide and in strengthening of dikes in the park. A boat house with a capacity of 40 to 50 canoes will be built, plus dressing rooms for bathers, springing boards and floating platforms.

Tuesday, July 12, 1910**page**

6. City commission yesterday passed revised ordinance on street names deleting Commissioner Roetzel's plan to change to numbers the names of east-west streets south of Douglas. Article lists all street name decisions -- to remain the same or to be changed. ¶ Includes "Riverside avenue except for the portion from Buffum east to Wiley be changed to River boulevard."

Thursday, September 22, 1910**page**

2. "Riverside Has Its Boosting Club Organized." Motto is: "Anything and Everything for the General Good of Riverside." About 50 of the best citizens of aristocratic Riverside met last evening in mass meeting at the Riverside club to formulate a civic organization and booster propaganda for that residence section of the city. ¶ For a first called meeting, and before organic formation, such an attendance presages a civic dynamic force destined for great usefulness for the residents and that picturesque section of Wichita. The organization was partially perfected, but the selection of a permanent name and legal title was deferred until the next meeting. ¶ The officers of the organization are Robert B. Campbell, president; Dr. E. M. Palmer, secretary and treasurer. Its unofficial motto is: "Anything and Everything for the General Good of Riverside." The boundary line of the section it is desired to benefit that section between 13th street and Murdock avenue west of Waco, including all of Central and North Riverside. ¶ Some of the improvements proposed include better street car service, more concrete walks, more street pavements, digging the unsightly islands and hummocks out of the river, widening the already beautiful but too narrow drives, widening the approaches to the 11th street bridge, etc.

Wednesday, December 7, 1910**page**

7. The Riverside Improvement league will meet this evening at the quarters for the Riverside club. There are many matters to come up before the body, paramount among which are the improvement of street car service, better distribution of lights in the Riverside district. One of the most important matters to come up before the meeting will be the construction of a bridge over Little river from the district known as North Riverside across the river on Bitting avenue to the district known as Woodland. This is to be used as a joint traffic way for the street car service, pedestrians and wagon traffic. The proposition is to make this bridge of extra width and an improved thoroughfare for this neglected district.

Thursday, February 16, 1911**page**

5. W. A. Shuman died Tuesday, February 14, in Kansas City at age 70. He was one of the earliest settlers in Wichita, and was an uncle of Mrs. W. E. Stanley. He at one time owned the part of Wichita which is now known as Riverside. It was then a farm. His

house was near where the Ninth street bridge now spans Little river.

Tuesday, October 17, 1911**page**

5. City commission yesterday let contract for five and a half inch thick concrete pavement to be laid on Riverside drive from Beal to Buffum avenues, a distance of about 2000 feet. To be done by Harry L. Miles at a price of 75¢ a square yard, said to be the cheapest price ever paid for a pavement in this city. The pavement will not be a smooth pavement like asphalt, but will resemble Hassam.

Sunday, April 6, 1913**page**

18. Grand opening of Riverside boat house about 25th of this month. Capacity of boat house and pavilion has been more than doubled. R. C. Israel, owner, has secured 90 steel rowboats costing \$40 each. A number of new launches will be seen on the river this summer. The Wichita Canoe club's boathouse adjoins that of the Riverside company.

Friday, December 5, 1913**page**

5. Notice of death yesterday of Samuel H. Hoover, age 69, who came here in 1869. In 1882 he purchased 291 acres just south of 13th street between the Little and Big Arkansas rivers. Two years later this land was sold to the Davidson Land company, and on it are now located the Riverside Club, Walter Morris place, Tipton Cox residence, R. B. Campbell home, and other splendid residences. ¶ He then purchased the adjoining 80 acre farms of John Exton and (?) Dennis. The latter he sold during the boom, but the former, once a dreary sandy waste, he planted in what is now known as the Hoover orchards. In 1898 he transferred the management to his son, E. G. Hoover, and in 1910 he disposed of all his holdings to his son.