

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): Ryan Aviation, 2nd & Main

Wichita Eagle

Possible location?

Thursday, January 2, 1873

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3. Article reports meeting held last Monday night for start of organization of a joint stock company or building association for purpose of building a three story brick business block on corner of 2nd and Main streets. Details.

Thursday, July 10, 1890

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5. Article describes the Wichita Newspaper Union, located in Fletcher block at 2nd and Main. Drawing.

Wednesday, February 23, 1887

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4. Excavating was commenced yesterday for the Fletcher building on corner of 2nd and Main

Sunday, May 15, 1887

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4. The foundation for the William Fletcher building at corner of 2nd and Main streets has been completed.

Thursday, July 7, 1887

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4. The rear and north side walls of the Fletcher building at 2nd and Main are almost up to the second story.

THE building

Saturday, March 21, 1959

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5A. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will build a new accounting center to serve the southern half of Kansas. To be located at southeast corner of 2nd and Main, and total cost including site is estimated at \$1,500,000. To be 140 by 200 feet. Work will begin in early April.

Sunday, May 1, 1960

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19C. Photo of new Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's \$1.5 million accounting building at 2nd and Main, which will be occupied in early July.

Wichita Beacon

Possible location?

Wednesday, January 31, 1906

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6. J. O. Gilbert has sold his three story brick building near corner of 2nd and Main, 25 by 120 feet, to A. K. Kemp, president of the Citizens' State bank, for \$11,290. The lower floor is at present occupied by the Lyric theater.