

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

Wednesday, December 6, 1916

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11. Architect Lorentz Schmidt is completing plans for Wichita's new intermediate school, which will contain eighteen classrooms and an assembly room used also as a gymnasium. The building will face Market Street on a site south of 13th Street between Market and Main.

Monday, February 5, 1917

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2. Report of fire late Sunday night which badly damaged the Vilm Flouring Mill at Douglas and Waco. Details.
3. Drawing of the proposed new Horace Mann Intermediate School. Frontage of 148 feet and depth of 102 feet. Lorentz Schmidt is architect. Details.

Friday, November 16, 1917

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4. Hereafter the Barnes Building will be known as the Hoyt Building. F. C. Hoyt, president of the Union State Bank, bought the building last January from Mr. Barnes.
10. The Building Grounds Commission of the Board of Education has instructed architect Lorentz Schmidt to draw plans for a four room addition to the Waco School.

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4. Article about plans for remodeling the City Building as prepared by Lorentz Schmidt, architect. To cost \$15,000 to \$16,000. Largest change is in the south part of third and fourth floors, where the two story council chamber with gallery will be reduced to a one story room with the fourth floor part remade into offices, etc. Details.

Thursday, April 4, 1918

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4. Suit of the Wichita Union Terminal Railroad Company against the Orient Railway for \$68,833 is being heard in District Court today. The suit alleges that this sum is rental due as a tenant company under the contract when the elevated tracks and union station were built. Details.

6. City commission Tuesday approved plans of Lorentz Schmidt for the Forum annex and decided to advertise for bids. To cost approximately \$130,000. Details.

Saturday, April 13, 1918**page**

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4. The property at 237 West Douglas owned by Mrs. Charlotte P. Ross has been purchased by O. G. Eikenberry and A. A. Reiff for \$20,000. They will tear down the present one story frame feed barn and build a new two story brick building 46½ by 291 feet extending through to William Street. Building will cost about \$30,000.

City commission yesterday let contract for the new Forum annex and exposition building to George H. Siedhoff Construction Company. Work is to start next Monday so it will be ready for the International Wheat Show in October. Plans were prepared by Lorentz Schmidt. New building to be 150 by 300 feet, two stories, and cost approximately \$140,000. Details.

Tuesday, October 8, 1918**page**

6. Board of education yesterday ordered Lorentz Schmidt, architect, to draw plans for a new Washington School ,to be erected at 3rd and Pennsylvania on a tract 600 by 300 feet To have sixteen rooms. ¶ The Board also accepted the contract for building the new Skinner School for \$14,000 and for an annex and lighting and ventilation systems for Waco School.

Monday, January 27, 1919**page**

6. Building commission of Board of Education has accepted plans of Lorentz Schmidt, architect, for the new 20 room Washington school, to cost \$120,000. Details.
Emerson School will also be built within the next year or so for \$45,00 to \$50,000.

Saturday, July 12, 1919**page**

8. Contract let today for the Watson Motor Company warehouse building at Waco and Douglas. To be built on the old Vilm mill site, with 67 foot frontage on Douglas, five stories, and cost \$150,000. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt.

Tuesday, November 18, 1919**page**

2. Work is underway on about \$5000 of remodeling and modernization of the Sedgwick Building by its owners, Messrs. Hupp and Barnes. Rewiring, much new plumbing, redecoration of the Board of Trade rooms, etc.
3. Drawing of the proposed new Theodore Roosevelt Intermediate School. To be 98 by 247 feet, with 22 classrooms. Lorentz Schmidt, architect.

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3. Glen H. Thomas, architect, associated for three years with Lorentz Schmidt, has opened an office of his own in the Central State Bank.

Saturday, June 12, 1920**page**

2. Three thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars has been contributed toward the new Baby Camp, including \$1,000 by City Mgr. L. W. Clapp. Work on the new camp house, to be built in N. Riverside Park on the site of the old camp, will be started at once. Lorentz Schmidt has drawn the plans free of charge and George Siedhoff will superintendent the construction without profit to himself. Mrs. Arthur S. Parks has contributed 12 new hospital beds, which have been ordered.

Wednesday, June 1, 1921**page**

2. Earl C. Elliott took charge of the office of city manager today. Details.
7. Contract let to O. A. White for construction of Harry Dockum's home on Roosevelt

Ave. Lorentz Schmidt, architect.

Tuesday, June 7, 1921

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7. Board of education officially named the former McKnight tract "Theodore Roosevelt Field."

Board of education yesterday let contract for construction of the new Park School. Details. ¶The use of coal for heating the school buildings is likely to be discontinued as rapidly as equipment for oil burning can be installed.

Will G. Price has decided to build a home in the 1100 block on Riverside. Lorentz Schmidt and Co. are preparing plans. Will cost \$30,000.

Wednesday, August 10, 1921

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2. Plans for the club house for Crestview Country Club are being prepared by Lorentz Schmidt and Co., architects. It will be frame, 1½ story, 75 x 40 ft., and cost about \$30,000. Details.

Monday, September 19, 1921

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7. Ground was broken this morning for the new hotel at Waco and Douglas by George Theis, Jr. Incorporators of the hotel building company include George Theis, Jr., Warren E. Brown, John H. Engstrom, J. Ed Petrie, and George H. Siedhoff, with Mr. Siedhoff named president and Mr. Theis vice-president. The hotel will be called the Hotel Broadview.
8. W. O. Van Arsdale is having plans drawn by Lorentz Schmidt and Co. for \$45,000 house to be built at northwest corner of 1st and Broadview. Details.

Thursday, September 22, 1921

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1. Photo for Arkansas Valley Interurban observation trailer car 102. The car has no motor and is not self-propelling, but is used in making a two or three car train. Among the Arkansas Valley Interurban officials who made the trip yesterday were George Theis, Jr., president, C. M. Morrison, traffic manager, R. B. Campbell, general manager, and Allie Martin, superintendent of transportation.
2. Report of death last night of Dr. Clarence S. Sargent, former pastor for seven years of Plymouth Congregational Church, at home of his daughter in Little Rock, Arkansas. Left Wichita three years ago. (Obituary September 23, page 11.)

16. Lorentz Schmidt and Co. have prepared preliminary plans for a proposed Women's Home to be built by the Salvation Army in the northwest part of the city, standing back about 200 ft. from 11th St., which it will face.

Sunday, January 8, 1922**page**

1. Three people were killed at 4 p.m. Saturday when their car was struck by a southbound Arkansas Valley Interurban car at the 11th street entrance to Sim Park. Details.
- B-3. An injunction against the Wichita Railroad and Light company has been sustained by the Kansas supreme court. It was obtained by Mr. Clara Updegroff Foulke on ground that a loop, which the street car company proposed to build on land at the end of the University street car line, would damage the Foulke property.
- B-7. Dr. Ernest M. Seydell has purchased yesterday the Henry Lassen residence at 345 Belmont from W. S. Young, of Larned, who recently traded a large western Kansas ranch for it. Price was \$52,000.

Magazine

1. Drawing of new home of Will G. Price on Riverside Drive and Riverside Boulevard. Article with details and ground plan. Lorentz Schmidt and Company are architects

Sunday, January 29, 1922**page**

1. The special bond election for Wichita's new high school yesterday carried by approximately 3,146 to 2,262, in a light turnout. Details.
- B-1. The Maple St. bridge is half finished and will be completed by about July 1.

Magazine

1. Drawing of new home of Mr. Harry Dockum just completed in first block on North Roosevelt. Lorentz Schmidt and Company, architects. Details.

Sunday, March 26, 1922**page**

8. Missouri Pacific engine No. 1207 from the Colorado Division was received here last week for service.
- B-2. Photo of Crestview Country Club's new clubhouse, which will be completed this week.
- B-1. Article reports consideration of removing the street car loop line on 1st and Market if 1st street is repaved. Details.

Two lions will be added to the Riverside Park Zoo on Tuesday. Details. Two mountain lions (panthers) will be added later.

Magazine

4. Drawing of new W. O. Van Arsdale residence at 1st and Broadview. Lorentz Schmidt, Architect. Details.

Sunday, May 21, 1922

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- C-5. Drawing of proposed new Wichita High School (appears as it was built). Architect: Lorentz Schmidt and Company.

Thursday, June 8, 1922

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2. Contract was let Wednesday to H. I. Ellis Construction Company for new three story brick building for St. John's Academy for \$200,000. Plans being drawn by Lorentz Schmidt Company, architects. Will be just east of the old academy building and north of the structure built a few years ago. Details.

Sunday, November 5, 1922

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- 7-A. Four of the new street cars for the Wichita Railroad and Light Company have arrived from St. Louis and are now in service. They come equipped ready for service except for lights, signs, and fenders. The signs and fenders are made in the company's shops in Wichita and were made up ready for the cars several weeks ago. The signs were designed by the company and are different from those in use elsewhere. They can be more easily read than the usual street car signs. The wooden signs used on the Wichita cars are also more durable than the usual cloth signs. They are placed above the front of the car, with a spotlight thrown upon them so they can often be read at a distance of two blocks or more.

Magazine

7. Drawing of Salvation Army Rescue Home, north of Sim Park. Lorentz Schmidt and Company architects. Article with details.

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- 7-A. Construction will start the first of the week on the new Riverside Christian Church at Litchfield and Harrison.
- 1-B. The city will take possession of Oak Park in about one month as result of sale of the bonds for purchase of the park Friday. The issue is for \$39,000, the purchase price of the park, and sold at 4½% with a premium of \$2.65 per thousand.

Magazine

1. Drawing of new Woolf Brothers store. Lorentz Schmidt and Company, architects. Siedhoff Construction Company. Details.

Sunday, February 25, 1923**page**

Magazine

1. Article about Lorentz Schmidt, architect, with photo.

Thursday, March 29, 1923**page**

7. Another story is to be added to the Petrie Clothing Company's Building, 112 West Douglas, and a new front will be built for the building adjoining it on the east, which has been occupied by the Cummins restaurant but has been leased by Mr. Petrie, who will sublet the lower floor and use the second floor for the Clothing Company.

Earle W. Evans, attorney, has let contract for fine home at 3rd and East streets. Lorentz Schmidt and Company, architects.

Thursday, May 3, 1923**page**

7. After being closed for several months, the old Frisco passenger station on East Douglas will be reopened and used for the Near East Relief as a central bundle depot starting May 7. Its use has been donated by the railroad for this purpose.
12. Contract has been let for construction of the rectory for St. Mary's Catholic Church. To cost \$70,000. Plans prepared by Lorentz Schmidt and Company.

Sunday, January 11, 1925**page**

2. Architectural firm of Lorentz Schmidt and Company has been reorganized as Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend. Mr. Schmidt opened offices in Wichita in 1915 and was joined in 1917 by Mr. Boucher and in 1919 by Mr. Overend. Article lists a number of buildings in Wichita designed by this firm.

Wednesday, March 11, 1925**page**

2. Robert Campbell, secretary of the Guarantee Title and Trust company, has purchased the Lorentz Schmidt residence at 138 North Roosevelt.

Wednesday, June 2, 1926**page**

9. Charters were granted in Topeka today to the Metropolitan Building Company, C. L. and Frank Brosius, et. al (named), capital \$350,000, which will erect a six story office building at Lawrence and Douglas, and to the Douglas-Rutan Building Company, incorporated by Lorentz Schmidt, G. F. Schmidt, Herman Hoffman, C. F. Boucher, and L. B. Hoffman, capital \$100,000, who plan erection of a million dollar apartment building at Douglas and Rutan.

Wednesday, June 2, 1926**page**

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Saturday, March 4, 1939**page**

1. A new movie theater is to be erected at 115, 119, and 121 East William, between the Wichita Eagle building and the Wichita police station, with front of 72 feet and depth of 140 feet. Two small buildings on the site occupied by the Klondike Cafe and the A. J. Busch shoe repair shop are to be razed, and work should start on the new building within a month. It is being constructed by the Midland Building Company of Wichita and will be leased to T. H. Slowthower, who will operate the theater. Cost of building estimated at \$35,000. Plans drawn by Lorentz Schmidt, Wichita architect. Seating capacity will be 900.

Sunday, July 13, 1941**page**

8. Announcement by the Midland Building Company of plans for extensive remodeling and modernization of its two story building at 124 South Market (northeast corner of Market and William), the lower floor of which is occupied by Garfield's Women's Wear store. Work is to start November 1. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. Building fronts 75 feet on Market and 132 feet on William. Exterior is to be refaced. Drawing. ¶ Garfield's Store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Leichter, opened in 1931 at 316 East Douglas. It moved in 1933 to the second block on East Douglas and five years ago occupied its present quarters.

Sunday, September 14, 1941

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15. Photos of the new Kellogg, Irving, and Franklin schools. Article with details.
Architects: Kellogg, Overend and Boucher; Irving, Lorentz Schmidt; Franklin, Ed
Forsblom and Wendell Parks.

Wednesday, March 18, 1942

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18. Ground will be broken Thursday for Wichita's new million dollar St. Joseph's hospital.
Details.

Work has been started on additions to the convent and chapel of St. John's, of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, at McCormick and Sheridan in West Wichita. To cost \$100,000. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. The new addition will provide a larger dormitory, a small clinic and operating room, a small theater, large dining room, and other small rooms.

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5. School board yesterday employed Lorentz Schmidt, architect, to draw plans for new \$75,000 intermediate school at 12th and Market streets. To contain fifteen rooms.

Saturday, March 31, 1917**page**

2. Notice of death of Albert R. Glazier, 68, who said he was engineer on the first train into Wichita. ¶ Article quotes reminiscences of Mr. Glazier on his first night in Wichita, etc.
5. Drawing of proposed Forum annex (showing tower not built), designed by Lorentz Schmidt. Bond issue to be voted on in city election next week.

Thursday, June 19, 1919**page**

2. Article reporting Arkansas Valley Interurban is seeking standard steam railroad freight equipment that can be interchanged with other roads for long hauls. Wheels and trucks at present in use are not up to steam line travel.
5. Preliminary plans for the new Mark Twain intermediate school are completed by Lorentz Schmidt. To have sixteen class rooms and 500 seat auditorium. ¶ Hamilton intermediate school will be completed in time for the first of coming school year.

Sunday, June 13, 1920**page**

11. Rebuilding of the baby camp in North Riverside park will begin tomorrow. Plans provided voluntarily by Lorentz Schmidt, architect.

Tuesday, May 3, 1921**page**

5. Contract for completion of Roosevelt Intermediate school was re-awarded yesterday to the Eberhardt Construction company of Salina for \$176,179. To have 28 rooms and an auditorium. Total cost when completed around \$500,000. ¶ Contract also let for erection of the new Harry St. school, a 12 room building, for \$88,641. Heating and plumbing contrast were \$27,090 and electrical contract \$3,080. ¶ Plans for the proposed Park School as presented by Lorentz Schmidt, architect, were also adopted.

Tuesday, April 4, 1922

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2. General plans for Wichita's new million dollar high school were accepted by the board of education last night, as described by the architect, Lorentz Schmidt.

Sunday, June 17, 1923**page**

1. Article about new How printing press bought by the *Eagle* for \$100,000.
15. Dedication of new \$200,000 convent building at St. John's Institute on the West Side is to be June 24. Drawing of the building--three stories, red brick, 232 x 148 ft. Designed by Lorentz Schmidt.

Tuesday, August 23, 1938**page**

5. Building permits issued yesterday to Walker Brothers for \$41,000 for remodeling and building new fronts to its store at 123-133 North Main. Granite will be used in facing the front of the store. Lorentz Schmidt, architect, designed the new store front.

Sunday, March 5, 1939**page**

2. Announcement made yesterday that "Prairie Improvement Company" of Wichita has leased the lot just west of the Eagle building from the Victoria Murdock estate and will erect there a new theater, the "Sandra," to be operated by Mr. and Mrs. Truman C. Slothower, who own and operate the State and Southern theaters in Wichita. Building to be 70 feet wide by 110 feet deep and cost about \$50,000 and will require razing of the Klondike Cafe. Seating capacity to be 700. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. Drawing.

Tuesday, December 3, 1940**page**

5. Board of education yesterday approved plans for new schools to be built with \$52,000 bond issue, and bids are to be opened December 30. Architects are: Kellogg -- Overend and Boucher, Irving -- Lorentz Schmidt, and Franklin -- Forsblom and Parks.

Saturday, January 24, 1942**page**

5. Building permit issued to Coleman Lamp and Stove company for a one story factory addition 140 feet long and 72 feet wide at 223-29 North Santa Fe, with total of 10,080 square feet of floor space. Lorentz Schmidt is architect and Hahner and Foreman contractor.

Friday, December 31, 1943**page**

5. Construction was started last Thursday on a two story \$44,000 annex building to Wesley Hospital, which will be used as a warehouse for supplies and living quarters for interns. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. It is expected to be completed in the next four months.

Sunday, March 24, 1946**page**

5. Announcement of plans of Central Christian Church to proceed with construction of a new church building at Central and Market. Details. Lorentz Schmidt is architect.

Sunday, September 12, 1948**page**

1. J. Earl Schaefer, Boeing vice-president and general manager here, announced yesterday that when the B-47 production starts, it will be produced at the Wichita plant. Details.
8. The new Wesley hospital maternity wing will be opened Tuesday. Details. Architects were Lorentz, Schmidt, McVay and Peddie. Full page ad with photos on page 12A.

Sunday, February 20, 1949**page**

11. Article describing the new 17 room W. H. Isely grade school to be built at 18th and Poplar at the cost of \$350,000. Architects are the firm of Lorentz Schmidt, McVay and Peddie. Details. Drawing.

Sunday, April 16, 1950**page**

3. Photo of a well known palatial home at 5740 West Maple known as the Springer place, which has been purchased by a group of three associates and is to be converted into a deluxe dining place known as "The Farm." Details.
5. Work started yesterday on installation of new "white way" lights on Douglas Avenue from the bridge to the railroad tracks. These will be bigger and brighter than the ones in residence area, and the work will take about a month.
12. Construction is expected to be under way by early summer on the new \$500,000 Blessed Sacrament church at northeast corner of Roosevelt and Douglas. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. Details. Drawing.

Wednesday, February 6, 1952**page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Lorentz Schmidt, 67, 3619 Elinwood, widely known Wichita architect, of cancer. Born in Clyde, Kansas April 25, 1884. His parents came to United States from Denmark. Received Bachelor of Science degree in architecture in 1913 from University of Illinois. Came to Wichita in 1915. Married the former Gladys E. Magill on May 6, 1919. Survived by wife, one daughter, Mrs. Howard F. Harris, 5224 Plaza, and one son, Lorentz Schmidt, Jr. and by four grandchildren, three sisters and four brothers. Long biography. Photo. Burial to be in Maple Grove Cemetery.