

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): Scottish Rite Masons

Wichita Beacon

Friday, July 31, 1891

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4. The cathedral of the Scottish Rite Masons, Wichita Consistory Number 2, is fast approaching completion. The interior is so altered one would with difficulty recognize the old Baptist church. Details. It will be ready for use about September 1. Cost of improvements over \$15,000.

Thursday, October 15, 1891

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4. The new Scottish Rite cathedral in Wichita is to be dedicated in four days of ceremonies beginning next Monday, October 19. Details.

Thursday, November 28, 1895

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5. The Scottish Rite Masons are discussing erection of a fine new building for their temple on their ground at corner of 1st and Market. They now have \$40,000 on hand to put into the building. Details.

Friday, December 10, 1897

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5. The Scottish Rite Consistory today received a telegram from the owners at Philadelphia accepting the Consistory's offer to purchase the Wichita YMCA building for \$20,000. The building will be remodeled for use as the Scottish Rite Temple. Details.

Saturday, April 9, 1898

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6. The new Scottish Rite temple is rapidly nearing completion.

Wednesday, May 4, 1898

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5. Article describes in detail the new Scottish Rite Temple (in old YMCA building).

Saturday, May 21, 1898

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5. The Albert Pike Lodge Number 303, A. F. and A. M. held its first meeting in the new Scottish Rite Cathedral last night. Details.

Monday, September 26, 1898

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5. The First Baptist Church was re-dedicated to the church yesterday. For a long time the congregation has been without a home and has held meetings in various places around town. Because of debt the building was sold to Scottish Rite masons for \$10,000, and it has now been repurchased for \$4,000. Details.

Thursday, December 5, 1901

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6. The Wichita Scottish Rite consistory has purchased from Whitney Tucker 75 feet of ground fronting on Topeka avenue just north of the Scottish Rite temple for \$3,700 and will build on it a four story addition to the temple on the west half.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, September 15, 1887****page**

8. The new Scottish Rite headquarters have been completed. They occupy the third floor of the Friend block on East Douglas ave., 50 x 110 ft. The lodge room is in the southwest corner and is 25 x 90 ft. The parlor in the northeast corner of the floor is 20 x 25 ft.

Thursday, January 1, 1891**page**

5. The members of the First Baptist church decided to accept the offer of \$10,000 from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons for the church location on northeast corner of 1st and Market.

Sunday, November 24, 1895**page**

5. Article says the Scottish Rite masons in Wichita propose to raise funds to build a new Scottish Rite cathedral costing \$30-35,000. The membership is now 344. Details.

Friday, November 19, 1897**page**

5. Article reports the Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Wichita are working on arrangements to purchase the YMCA building at 1st street and Topeka. The owner of the building has asked for \$32,000. Details.

Thursday, February 10, 1898**page**

5. Men are now at work on the interior of the YMCA building completely remodeling it for use as the new Scottish Rite Masonic temple. Details. ¶ The Commercial college, which now occupies the east side of the building, will move into their new quarters in the Sheetz building next Saturday.

Sunday, March 24, 1901**page**

13. Drawing of the Scottish Rite Temple in Wichita.

Saturday, September 22, 1906**page**

6. Elaborate plans have been drawn for the addition just north of the Scottish Rite temple at 1st and Topeka. To be 75 feet by 140 feet with first floor used for banquet hall with 20 foot ceiling and second floor constructed as a theater. To be constructed of natural stone and cost \$85-90,000. Article gives history of Scottish Rite masonry in Wichita.

Tuesday, March 12, 1907**page**

5. Article about addition to Scottish Rite temple at 1st and Topeka. Says temple was dedicated May 23, 1898. Addition planned of 75 by 140 feet, giving total 100 feet on 1st and 150 feet on Topeka. Addition will be on Topeka avenue and will contain auditorium on second floor and a lofty entrance on Topeka avenue.

Sunday, March 29, 1908**page**

19. Full page article describing the decorative splendor of Wichita's Scottish Rite Cathedral, the improvements of which were begun in February 1907 and will be completed about June 1st at a cost of about \$175,000. ¶ More than a million of Coffeyville brick were used in the new portion of the building, and for the Topeka avenue front of the building several hundred tons of Towanda stone were used to harmonize with the material in the original building. ¶ Architect was C. W. Terry of Wichita, with the associate architect Mr. Charles Thompson, of Little Rock, Arkansas. ¶ The great organ was built by M. P. Moller, of Hagerstown, Maryland. ¶ The old YMCA building at 1st and Topeka was purchased in January 1898.

Tuesday, June 10, 1913**page**

5. The Scottish Rite Consistory yesterday purchased the 50 foot W. T. Russell property at 215 North Topeka, just north of the Scottish Rite Temple, for \$7500 to hold available for future expansion.

Tuesday, December 26, 1916**page**

5. Twelve hundred people fed yesterday at the fifteenth annual Colonel Sam Amidon Christmas dinner, given at the Scottish Rite temple.