

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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THE WICHITA EAGLE AND THE WICHITA BEACON 1968

Sunday, June 23, 1968

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- 1C. Announcement of expansion planned for Shepler Saddle and Leather Company, 6501 West Kellogg. Details.

Sunday, April 27, 1969

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- 4G. Grand opening of the recently completed Shepler's of Wichita store, 6501 West Kellogg, is to be held next Sunday. Details. Photos.

Saturday, April 3, 1976

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1. W. R. Grace and Company, New York City, yesterday announced an agreement in principle to buy Shepler's, Inc. western store. Details.

Friday, September 24, 1976

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1. Report of death yesterday of Harry L. Shepler, 61, founder of Sheplers, Inc. Had Parkinson's disease the last 30 years of his life. Born in Wichita October 23, 1914. In 1940s he owned a ranch at Piedmont, Kansas. In 1946 he bought out J. W. Gibson Harness Shop, 452 North Main, and renamed it Harry Shepler Saddle and Leather Company. In 1961 he built a 10,000 square foot store at 6501 West Kellogg. He sold the store for more than \$250,000 to Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Dry, of Wichita. Shepler retired at that time. W. R. Grace and Company, New York City, bought the store from the Drys' last fall. ¶ His wife of 44 years, Hazel, died just over a month ago on August 20, 1976. Survived by sons C. E. (Buddy) of Abilene, Texas and James F., of Towanda, Kansas, a daughter, Mrs. Melva J. Sankey, of Sterling, Kansas, his mother, Mrs. Cora Bazzle, of Wichita, a brother, D. F. Shepler, Latham, Kansas, and three sisters, Mrs. T. H. Hill, Frances Shepler, and Mrs. William Bugner, all of Wichita. Photo. Services at St. Mark Catholic Church. Burial in Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

WICHITA EAGLE

Tuesday, February 17, 1959

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8A. "Wichita Silhouettes"-biography of Harry L. Shepler, owner of Shepler's Saddle and Leather Store at 452 North Main. Born in Wichita in 1914 and attended North High School. Acquired his present store in 1946. Married in 1932 and has two daughters, Melva, 24, and Hazel, 23, and one son, James Floyd, age seven. Photo.

Saturday, February 4, 1961

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11A. The Harry Shepler Saddle Company is moving from 452 North Main to 6501 West Kellogg to allow for expansion. Grand opening of the new building is scheduled for the first four days in March. ¶ Mr. Shepler has operated his business at the North Main location for the past fifteen years. It previously was known as the John Gibson Saddle Store and had been conducted at that location under the Gibson name since 1927.