

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 EAGLE

Tuesday, August 8, 1911

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8. The county commissioners yesterday voted a tax levy of 23/100 mill to raise \$25,000 for a monument in recognition of the soldiers of the Civil War. ¶ It is to be erected on the court house lawn at the south side and in it will be placed flags and souvenirs of the war. It will be surmounted by statuary representing artillery, infantry, cavalry, and navy, each figure seven feet high. Above the will be a statue of Peace, ten feet high. The entire monument will stand 50 feet high, and the building serving as a pedestal will be fourteen feet square. ¶ The monument is being designed by E. M. Viquesney of Marietta, Georgia.

Sunday, October 13, 1912

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19. Granite for the base of the Soldiers and Sailors monument south of the courthouse, was shipped from Vermont last week. The monument arrived last week. The work will probably be completed by the middle of November.

Thursday, October 24, 1912

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9. Work on the foundation for the sailors and soldiers monument will begin today.

Friday, February 21, 1913

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7. The soldiers memorial (on Court House lawn) having been completed and accepted by the county commissioners, the secretary of Memorial Association gives report of total cost. ¶ Building paid for by 23/100 mill levy by Sedgwick County commissioners in 1911. ¶ Design and plans for the memorial drawn by E. M. Viquesney of Americus, Georgia. ¶ Contract for monument proper awarded to low bidder, Woodbury Granite Company of Hardwick, Vermont. ¶ The four figures of soldiers were designed and cast by Frederick C. Hibbard, a rising young artist of Chicago. The figure on top, representing Peace, was furnished by W. H. Mullins of Salem, Ohio. The foundation was built under separate contract by J. W. Burton

Saturday, June 14, 1913

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12. Ceremonies attending the unveiling of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument to be held this morning. Details.

Sunday, April 25, 1915

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5. The treasure room in Soldiers and Sailors monument in court house square is too damp, so local Grand Army of the Republic posts have decided to move the paper records and relics from there to the new Carnegie library.