

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): Telephone Company building, 152-156 N. Lawrence

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Sunday, January 16, 1916

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- B5. Work on the new building for Missouri and Kansas Telephone company at 1st and Lawrence will start as soon as weather permits. To be four stories initially, with foundations for seven.

Sunday, February 13, 1916

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1. New four story building to be built by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company at corner of 1st and Lawrence for \$375,000 including equipment. Foundation will support an eight story building. Drawing. Building to be 60 by 140 feet and will employ 350 persons.

Friday, April 21, 1916

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5. Contract for new building of Missouri and Kansas Telephone company at 1st and Lawrence has been awarded to a St. Louis contractor, William Sutherland. Cost of building over \$100,000, and equipment to be installed will cost about \$282,000.

Saturday, May 5, 1917

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2. The splendid new four story reinforced concrete and steel building of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company at the southeast corner of 1st and Lawrence is nearing completion. The company moved its business offices into the new home on May 1. The building cost in excess of \$200,000. Switchboards connecting 12,000 phones will be on the third floor.

Sunday, May 6, 1917

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1. Article giving reported origin of many street names in Wichita.

Photograph (or drawing?) of new four story Bell Telephone company building.