

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

Friday, March 10, 1899

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3. Ad for the Martha Washington Home, which was formally opened to the public on November 10th. Drawing (it is the old Burleigh residence at 10th and 4th Avenue — later the original *Wesley* Hospital building).

Friday, December 1, 1899

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8. Ad for the Martha Washington Home corner 10th street and 4th avenue (later to be first *Wesley* hospital building).

Saturday, August 24, 1912

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1. The Thomas Sanitarium, 1103 St. Francis Avenue, unoccupied since the death of Dr. Thomas last month, has been leased to the Southwest Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will open a modern hospital there, to be called the *Wesley* Hospital. Details.

Saturday, October 12, 1912

page

6. The new *Wesley* Hospital, located temporarily at 1103 North St. Francis, is to be dedicated Tuesday. Details. Another article October 15, page 6.

Wednesday, October 16, 1912

page

5. Report of dedication of *Wesley* Hospital yesterday. Details.

Wednesday, March 12, 1913

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18. Article giving history of establishment of *Wesley* Hospital, which opened to the public on October 15, 1912. Details.

Thursday, August 28, 1913**page**

Special Southwest Development Number

One hundred pages tabloid size paper boosting Wichita.

84. Photograph of *Wesley* Hospital. Article about Wichita hospitals.

Saturday, May 23, 1914**page**

5. The new maternity addition to the *Wesley* Hospital, consisting of eight rooms, will be dedicated next Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday, January 9, 1917**page**

3. A tract of five acres, known as the Wilson addition, has been purchased from George S. Wilson of 1620 Holyoke Avenue, for \$16,000, as the site for the proposed new \$250,000 *Wesley* Hospital. The site is on Hillside Avenue at Elm Street. Details.

Tuesday, January 30, 1917**page**

1. Board of trustees today decided to advertise for bids on the new *Wesley* Hospital building within the next 30 days. Details.

Tuesday, May 29, 1917**page**

4. Drawing of the proposed new *Wesley* Hospital on College Hill. Article with details.

Monday, March 11, 1918**page**

1. Article says contract for the new *Wesley* Hospital has been approved. To include basement and four stories, 207 by 40 feet, with a wing 45 by 60 feet Site is between Elm and pines on Hillside. Architects are Richards, McCarty, and Bulford, of Columbus, Ohio. The George H. Siedhoff Construction Company has the contract. To cost \$250,000. Details.

Saturday, June 8, 1918**page**

6. Cornerstone of the new *Wesley* Hospital at Elm and Hillside is to be laid Sunday evening. Details. Report June 10 on page 3 with photograph on page 4.

Tuesday, March 4, 1919**page**

8. The doors of the new *Wesley* Hospital will be opened for a "house warming" this evening. Details.

Wednesday, March 5, 1919**page**

6. Article about financial needs for completion of *Wesley* Hospital. Details.

Thursday, December 4, 1919**page**

3. Photograph of the unfinished new *Wesley* Hospital building (poor quality photograph) -- shows exterior essentially complete with some scaffold.

Monday, June 14, 1920**page**

4. Work on the interior of the new *Wesley* Hospital is being pushed rapidly. The top floor and solarium are now almost completed.

Thursday, August 5, 1920**page**

5. Report of donation of \$30,000 by Mr. and Mrs. A. Burton of Peabody, to *Wesley* Hospital for a nurses' home. The property purchased is the J. B. Blazier home at northeast corner of Hillside and Central, adjoining the hospital grounds on the south. In addition to the twelve room two story house there is a tract of ground 360 by 364 feet. Article with details. ¶ *Wesley* Hospital will be formally opened on September 17, 18, and 19.

Saturday, August 7, 1920**page**

5. Photograph of the J. B. Blazier residence at southeast corner of Central and Hillside which has been purchased as a nurses' home for the new *Wesley* Hospital by means of a gift of \$30,000 from Mr. and Mrs. A. Burton, of Peabody.

Thursday, September 16, 1920**page**

10. Opening services for the new *Wesley* Hospital and Nurse Training School will be held tonight. Details. Another article September 17, on page 2.

Sunday, December 12, 1920**page**

- C-5. Photograph section
Photograph of new *Wesley* Hospital.

Saturday, January 8, 1921**page**

2. The Salvation Army opened Wichita's rescue home and maternity center this morning in the old *Wesley* Hospital building at 10th and St. Francis. Formal dedication will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Sunday, January 9, 1921**page**

8. Photograph of new Salvation Army Home at 1103 North St. Francis (in old *Wesley* Hospital Building).

Thursday, September 7, 1922**page**

7. Article says the Catholics would like to buy *Wesley* Hospital, and the Methodists are finding its debts so burdensome, they might decide to sell it. Details. (Denied by Bishop Schwertner -- September 8, page seven.)

Sunday, October 15, 1922**page**

- C-12. Advertisement soliciting donations to *Wesley* Hospital and stating financial statistics. Details. Emergency fund of \$100,000 needs to be raised now.

Sunday, November 19, 1922**page**

1. Ku Klux Klan gives donation of \$8100 to *Wesley* Hospital. Details.

Friday, September 28, 1923**page**

18. The *Wesley* Hospital Nurses' dormitory will be formally opened October 8. It is to be known as the Burton Nurses' Home and is located a block south of the hospital.

Sunday, April 13, 1924**page**

4. The board walk leading from Hillside up to the main entrance of *Wesley* Hospital is to be replaced with a concrete walk this spring. Plans are in hand for landscaping the ten acres of land around the hospital. ¶ The hospital is also negotiating with the city for the widening of Hillside Avenue. At present there is a jog of 27 feet in Hillside at Central, where the hospital grounds begin. The hospital proposes that the city take over fifteen to eighteen feet from the hospital grounds on the east side of Hillside to widen that street. Details.

Wednesday, July 22, 1925**page**

12. Board of trustees of *Wesley* Hospital have recommended building of addition to east wing of hospital to add 60 beds. Details.

Wednesday, October 7, 1925**page**

1. Announcement of a new wing to be built at once at *Wesley* Hospital at cost of \$100,000. Details.

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5. Hillside Avenue will be widened eighteen feet from Central to Pine by virtue of the city's acceptance from *Wesley* Hospital of a gift of that much frontage on the street through those two blocks. This will obviate most of the traffic congestion in front of the hospital.

Tuesday, October 20, 1925**page**

5. Work was begun today on the new \$75,000 east wing to *Wesley* Hospital. Contract is Ellis and Singleton Construction Company.

Saturday, March 6, 1926**page**

8. The Wichita Fresh Air Baby Camp, previously located in North Riverside Park, is to be moved to *Wesley* Hospital April 11. Details. It was founded August 3, 1918 by Mrs. J. Cooper King and Mrs. Howard Norton.

Sunday, April 11, 1926**page**

- B-2. Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Tihen, 1227 River Boulevard, announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Ann, April 1, in *Wesley* Hospital.

Friday, April 16, 1926**page**

11. The new wing at *Wesley* Hospital will be opened May 4. Details.

Sunday, March 27, 1927**page**

Magazine

5. Article gives history of the Wichita Fresh Air Baby Camp, which moved to *Wesley* Hospital from North Riverside Park one year ago. Details.

Sunday, August 28, 1927**page**

Annual Fall Edition

- C-16. Advertisement with photograph of *Wesley* Hospital from north showing added east wing erected in 1926.

Wednesday, April 17, 1929**page**

26. *Wesley* Hospital, which is now building an addition in the form of a fifth story on the east

wing of the hospital, is now making plans to build a similar fifth story addition on the north and south wings of the hospital at a cost of approximately \$35,000. Henry S. Conrow, architect, is working on the plans. Details.

Sunday, June 30, 1929**page**

- D-1. Aerial photographs of courthouse, Forum, city hall, Wichita High School, Roosevelt school, *Wesley* Hospital, and stock yards.

Sunday, August 18, 1929**page**

23. *Wesley* Hospital's new crippled children's ward is to be dedicated Tuesday, August 20. A fifth story has been added to the building. Photograph.

Wednesday, August 21, 1929**page**

2. Report of dedication of new floor at *Wesley* Hospital last evening. Details.

Sunday, April 13, 1930**page**

10. Drawing of proposed new \$200,000 nurses home to be built at *Wesley* Hospital this year. Article with details. Architects are Conrow and Wilkinson. (Was not built.)

Friday, September 23, 1938**page**

32. Report of gift of \$50,000 to *Wesley* Hospital by J. H. Huston, vice-president of the of Huston-Doughty Lumber Company, to be matched by a similar amount raised by the hospital and used for the erection of a new Nurses Home. Details.

Saturday, November 26, 1938**page**

10. *Wesley* Hospital completed its fund raising drive yesterday, with subscriptions totaling \$55,632, more than enough to match the \$50,000 donation of J. H. Huston for the purpose of building a new nursing home. A building committee was appointed. Details.

Thursday, February 16, 1939**page**

17. Ground to be broken in next few weeks for the new nurses' home at *Wesley* Hospital. Plans and specifications are now being completed. Drawing.

Saturday, April 29, 1939**page**

10. Contract let Thursday to Wilson and Donnell for the new Huston Memorial Nurses' Home at *Wesley* Hospital. Details. Building to be 119 feet long and 45 feet wide and four

stories high.