

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): Wesley

Wednesday, May 9, 1979

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- 3C. **Wesley** Medical Center has inaugurated its Life Watch emergency helicopter transportation service operating from the roof of the tower building. Details. Photo.

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Tuesday, October 11, 1966

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1. **Wesley** Medical Center will try to raise \$10 million within five years and \$20 million within ten years to finance a major expansion project. Details.

Friday, December 9, 1966

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- 5A. Land clearing for **Wesley** Medical Center's \$4.6 million expansion program started yesterday with demolition of two houses on Pine Street north of the hospital. Another four homes will fall in the next three weeks. The hospital owns about 45 homes in the area bounded by Elm, Rutan, Murdock, and Yale Streets. All 45 should be razed within three years.

Monday, January 8, 1968

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- 2A. Report of ground-breaking for first phase of **Wesley** Hospital's ten year, \$20 million expansion plan. First phase is a 175 bed U-shaped, six floor facility in Hillside north of the present maternity building, to be completed in a year. Architects are Thomas, Harris and Ash. Details.

Sunday, September 29, 1968

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- 3C. The Y shaped, \$3 million, Medical Pavilion at **Wesley** Medical Center, is to be completed January 1st. Details.

Sunday, March 16, 1969

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- 2G. Open house is to be held by *Wesley* Medical Center on Sunday, March 23 at its newly completed \$2.8 million Medical Pavilion. A \$1.9 million Energy Center adjoining the Medical Pavilion is also nearing completion. Architects are Thomas, Harris, Ash and Mason. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, March 19, 1969

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- 1H, 8H. Special Section announcing opening of the new Medical Pavilion at *Wesley* Medical Center. Large diagram of plans for *Wesley* Medical Center expansion on page 4H and 5H. Details. Photo of Medical Pavilion on page 2H.

Sunday, May 4, 1969

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- 4C. Sixth floor of West building at *Wesley* Medical Center is being remodeled for the psychiatric unit. Details.

Sunday, May 25, 1969

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- 2C. Contracts approved last week for the second addition to the *Wesley* Medical Center radiology department at cost, including equipment of \$1,037,233. The first addition was completed last fall and was 30 by 98 feet. The new addition will be 95 by 98 feet. Details.

Friday, December 19, 1969

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1. *Wesley* Medical Center yesterday announced plans for a \$2.4 million fund campaign toward a \$9.5 million building program. The expansion and remodeling is the second and final phase of a \$17.5 million project started in 1968. Receipts from a revenue bond issue will provide \$12.5 million. ¶ The main feature of Phase II will be the first seven levels of the East Tower building on Rutan. Plans are to start construction early next summer and completion in June 1972. Details. ¶ Phase I included the new Medical Pavilion, which opened for patient care in January. Drawings.

Sunday, May 31, 1970

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- 1G. *Wesley* Medical Center this week will start construction of a curved 21 foot driveway which will be built from Hillside to the front entrance of the West Building. An 86 foot long marquee will be installed for protection of patients. ¶ Work will also start this week on relocation of the drainage ditch from Sleepy Hollow which goes across the *Wesley* property, in preparation for building the new seven level Tower building.

Thursday, June 18, 1970

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1. Master plan for *Wesley* Medical Center announced yesterday. Details. Map -- essentially as later built.

Sunday, June 21, 1970**page**

- 2D. Article about the first *Wesley* Hospital building at 1103 North St. Francis, which was razed this spring. Was leased in 1912 by the newly formed *Wesley* Hospital group with an agreement that the owners would spend \$2000 for remodeling. Another \$5000 was donated by Wichitans for furnishings and equipment needed to open the hospital. Prior to the leasing it was known as the Thomas Sanitarium. Details. Photo.

Sunday, November 1, 1970**page**

- 1D. Contracts were approved last week for construction of the second phase of *Wesley* Medical Center's \$18 million expansion program, which includes the \$7 million tower building. Completion of the east tower is expected in mid-1973. ¶ The first phase will be officially completed Monday when the remodeled Hillside entrance of the West building will become the new admissions and dismissals entrance. ¶ Architects are Thomas, Harris, Ash and Mason, of Wichita. Details. Photos.

Sunday, January 3, 1971**page**

- 5B. Construction of *Wesley* Medical Center's seven level, \$9.7 million tower building, facing Rutan, was started during the year. Due for completion in 1973.

Sunday, April 4, 1971**page**

- 2F. *Wesley* Medical Center last week began razing three duplexes and a single family dwelling to provide additional parking space for employes. The buildings are in the 3300 block of East Edgemont and Pine.

Thursday, May 13, 1971**page**

- 13C. *Wesley* Medical Center will open a six bed short-stay surgical unit Monday in the hospital.

Sunday, May 30, 1971**page**

- 4D. The second phase of *Wesley* Medical Center's remodeling and building program has gotten under way, with work started on a new intensive care unit, located on the second floor of the main building. To be completed by September 1. Work on the new \$9 million Tower Building is on schedule, with the walls now rising above the ground.

Saturday, June 19, 1971**page**

- 16A. Photo of crane raising concrete bucket for paving second story framework for the new Tower Building at *Wesley* Medical Center. Scheduled for occupancy in January 1973.

Sunday, September 12, 1971**page**

- 1D. Construction will begin this month on a \$2 million phase of *Wesley* Medical Center's \$21 million building program. A courtyard area bounded by Main, West, and Maternity buildings will be filled in with a two level structure which will provide four new operating rooms, four delivery rooms, six labor rooms, and a recovery room. Details. Construction of the new Tower building is three weeks ahead of schedule and it should be ready for occupancy late in 1972.

Sunday, April 16, 1972**page**

- 1G, 8G. Special Section giving Annual Report of *Wesley* Medical Center. Details.

Sunday, February 18, 1973**page**

- 4D. Photo of new \$10 million, seven story, East Tower of *Wesley* Medical Center, which was occupied in late 1972. Article with details of this and also new projects at St. Joseph and St. Francis Hospitals. Work is under way on the \$2.5 million St. Francis Medical Park, in 1000 block of North Emporia. Details.

Thursday, April 5, 1973**page**

- 17A. Open house to be held Sunday at *Wesley* Medical Center to mark completion of Phase II of *Wesley*'s six year, \$22 million expansion program. The \$12 million building program of past two years includes the \$10 million East Tower and the \$2 million Northwest Courtyard building. Details.

Saturday, April 7, 1973**page**

Special *Wesley* Medical Center supplement announcing Open House to be held Sunday for completion of Phase II of building program. ¶ Articles with details of hospital history, buildings, and Annual Report for 1972. Aerial photo on page 1. Other photos and details.

Friday, October 19, 1973**page**

1. Metropolitan Area Planning Commission yesterday agreed to the final plat for the expanded *Wesley* Medical Center, including closing of some neighborhood streets, etc. Details.

Wednesday, December 19, 1973**page**

1. City commission yesterday authorized a letter of intent to issue \$6 million in hospital revenue bonds to *Wesley* Medical Center for construction of a two level ambulatory care facility, a parking garage, and internal improvements. Details. Aerial photo on page 18A.

Tuesday, January 1, 1974**page**

- 3A. *Wesley* Medical Center's new one day in-and-out surgery unit will open this week. Details.

Wednesday, May 1, 1974**page**

- 10C. City Commission yesterday approved the final plat for expansion of *Wesley* Medical Center, marking an agreement with residents of the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood. ¶ Major provisions include:
- Widening and improvement of Murdock and Vassar around the hospital to a 40 foot width.
 - Holyoke to be terminated in a cul-de-sac on the north side of Murdock.
 - Edgemont and Elm to be terminated in cul-de-sac at Vassar.
 - Vassar will be constructed through the Sleepy Hollow park area to Central, with a bridge over the park. ¶ Details.

Wednesday, September 18, 1974**page**

- 16A. Article about plans to build a condominium medical arts office building and a four story parking garage north of *Wesley* Medical Center across Pine Street. Office building to be six stories, with total area of about 128,000 square feet. Work on both is to begin later this month. Garage will be completed in four to five months and the offices in early 1976. Details.

Saturday, November 9, 1974**page**

- 20C. Aerial photo of *Wesley* Medical Center area showing excavation of the block just north of the hospital, which will be the site of a new medical arts tower and a 1000 car parking garage. Parking garage will be completed in about six months and the medical office tower in about a year. Cost of project is 11 million dollars.

Sunday, September 21, 1975**page**

- 17D. Photo of six million dollar *Wesley* Medical Center office tower building under construction — exterior of six floors completed — this is the office building north of the hospital. To be condominium. Forty percent of space sold to date. Completion by mid-1976. One hundred thousand square feet of salable space.

Thursday, November 20, 1975**page**

- 5D. Report of death Tuesday of Dr. Thor Jager, 93, Wichita's first pathologist and founder of pathology department at *Wesley* Medical Center. Born in Stockholm, Sweden and came to United States in 1903. Studied medicine at Northwestern University. Then moved to

Wichita and began as intern pathologist at St. Francis Hospital. Studied internal medicine at Berlin from 1909 to 1912. Served as pathologist and director of laboratories at **Wesley** Hospital until 1949. Resided at 235 North Belmont. Survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, two sons, Dr. Valdermar Jager, Buffalo, New York, and Eric Howard Jager, Wichita, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Saltzstein, Washington, D. C. Further biography. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.