

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

Wednesday, October 16, 1912

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8. **Wesley** hospital, 1103 North St. Francis, the new infirmary of the Southwestern Methodist conference, was dedicated last night.

Tuesday, March 18, 1913

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5. Article about plans of **Wesley** hospital trustees to build a new hospital in November 1915 when the lease on the old Thomas Sanitarium building expires. Plan is for 200 rooms and to cost \$200,000.

Thursday, April 10, 1913

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12. **Wesley** hospital on North St. Francis is full, and members of the hospital board are looking for a suitable site to build the \$200,000 hospital which the conference voted to build.

Thursday, September 9, 1915

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2. **Wesley** hospital is having a Scheidel Western X-ray machine installed. It arrived Tuesday, and is the first X-ray for the hospital.

Tuesday, January 9, 1917

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1. Board of trustees of **Wesley** hospital has received a donation of \$50,000 towards building a new modern hospital, on condition that not less than \$75,000 more be raised in Wichita for this purpose. Donor not identified.

Wednesday, January 10, 1917

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2. **Wesley** hospital board of directors announced the purchase of a five acre site on Hillside at corner of Elm street for \$16,000 for their new hospital.

Thursday, January 11, 1917**page**

6. *Wesley* hospital has installed the first baby incubator in any local hospital. It arrived Tuesday.

Tuesday, May 29, 1917**page**

2. Article about campaign by *Wesley* hospital board to raise \$75,000 needed to meet the conditional gift of \$50,000 made recently by Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Foster, so that the new hospital at the corner of Hillside avenue and Elm street can be built.

Tuesday, May 29, 1917**page**

2. Article about campaign by *Wesley* hospital board to raise \$75,000 needed to meet the conditional gift of \$50,000 made recently by Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Foster, so that the new hospital at the corner of Hillside avenue and Elm street can be built.
7. Drawing of the proposed new *Wesley* hospital building -- basement and four stories.

Friday, June 8, 1917**page**

7. *Wesley* hospital campaign to raise \$125,000 began in earnest yesterday.

Tuesday, March 26, 1918**page**

5. Article reporting ground was broken yesterday for the new *Wesley* hospital, between Elm and Pine streets on Hillside avenue. To be four stories and cost approximately \$275,000.

Sunday, April 21, 1918**page**

7. Article about hospitals in Wichita Kansas Sanitarium has 50 beds, Wichita Hospital has 114 beds and *Wesley* Hospital has 37 now but its new building will accommodate 125.

Sunday, June 9, 1918**page**

1. Drawing of new *Wesley* hospital building, on which work has progressed to the ground floor. Corner stone will be laid tonight.

Monday, June 10, 1918**page**

5. Article reporting on laying of *Wesley* hospital corner stone yesterday.

Friday, August 23, 1918

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2. Photograph and report on progress of construction on new *Wesley* hospital, now up to second story. Work only commenced on March 28. Corner stone was laid June 9.

Tuesday, September 9, 1919**page**

3. *Wesley* hospital to launch \$150,000 fund raising campaign beginning October 20 to provide further completion and equipment of the new hospital.

Sunday, November 16, 1919**page**

13. Article about eight day campaign to be launched for \$300,000 in additional funds for new *Wesley* hospital, to finish and furnish the present building, build heating plant and laundry building, etc.

Tuesday, December 2, 1919**page**

5. Three hundred thousand dollars united hospital fund drive for *Wesley* and Wichita hospitals opens this evening.

Wednesday, April 7, 1920**page**

6. It was announced yesterday that the new *Wesley* hospital will be ready for occupancy by July 1.

Wednesday, July 21, 1920**page**

5. The Blazer estate at Hillside and Central is to be purchased by *Wesley* hospital for use as a nurses home.

Friday, July 23, 1920**page**

5. Article reports new *Wesley* hospital to be ready for formal opening September 15.

Wednesday, August 4, 1920**page**

5. A Peabody oil man has agreed to donate \$30,000 toward the new *Wesley* Hospital Nurses' Home at 3210 East Central. His name is being withheld for the present. The money will be used in remodeling the home, purchased recently from the J. B. Blazer estate.

Friday, September 17, 1920**page**

5. Article reports on dedication yesterday of the new *Wesley* hospital.

Saturday, September 18, 1920**page**

5. Meeting yesterday to plan campaign to wipe out the indebtedness of *Wesley* hospital. Hospital cost \$642,000 of which \$364,000 has been paid. Wichitans will be urged to contribute \$150,000 with remainder to be met by Southwest Kansas conference, Methodist Episcopal church.

Sunday, September 19, 1920**page**

2. *Wesley* Hospital Nurses' home, 3210 East Central, was dedicated yesterday in the presence of the donors, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Burton, Peabody, Kansas. Photograph on page 17. They contributed \$30,000.

Monday, September 20, 1920**page**

5. One hundred fifty thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars pledged by Wichita Methodists yesterday toward clearing the indebtedness of *Wesley* hospital.

Thursday, September 30, 1920**page**

7. A note mentions that *Wesley* hospital opened for patients on September 20.

Friday, September 8, 1922**page**

3. Article on meeting of Southwest Kansas Conference of Methodist Episcopal church on September 19 at which action must be taken on the indebtedness of \$200,000 on *Wesley* hospital or else sell the building and grounds to those who will take up the debt. Catholic church has offered \$400,000 for it. ¶ Neither interest nor principal payments have been made since the opening of the building two years ago. The planned east wing has yet to be started and the power plant is incomplete. Nurses are quartered in various rooms in the main building and in part of the power house.

Wednesday, September 20, 1922**page**

5. Methodists of the Southwest Kansas Conference took steps yesterday to raise \$100,000 within 60 days to start clearing the indebtedness of *Wesley* hospital and insure its remaining a Methodist-owned institution.

Sunday, October 15, 1922**page**

- D8. Full page advertisement soliciting funds for *Wesley* hospital -- \$100,000 to be raised by November 20. ¶ Ward rates as low as \$2.50 per day. Private rooms \$4.00 to \$6.00 per day. Operating room charge \$10.00 per major operation or \$5.00 per minor.

Article gives complete financial statement.

Total income in 1921	--	\$130,674
Total expenses in 1921	--	\$128,628
Total investment to July 1, 1921	--	\$701,152
Number patients since opening	--	4950
In 1921	--	2512.

Saturday, February 3, 1923

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5. Additional nursing home space to be built by *Wesley* hospital.

Sunday, May 6, 1923

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5. Contract for two story addition to the *Wesley* hospital nurses home will be let the first of the week. To be frame structure joining the present structure on the north. To be 73 by 30 feet with two wings 23 by 15 feet each, and will increase capacity of the home from present eighteen to 70 plus space for class rooms.

Sunday, July 22, 1923

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10. Long article about the Fresh Air Baby Camp in North Riverside park. It is usually open from around June 15 until September 15. The first camp was located in the yard at *Wesley* Hospital in August 1918. In 1919 a new camp was built in North Riverside on land donated by the city. In 1921 the camp was burned the night before the opening for that season. The present camp was rebuilt that same summer. Photograph of beds in interior.

Sunday, August 26, 1923

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2. *Wesley* hospital's new nurses' home has been completed and 64 nurses housed in the laundry room and elsewhere have moved in. It is a frame structure and cost \$15,000. The laundry room is now to be equipped for its original purpose.

Sunday, October 7, 1923

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- C9. Article reporting opening tomorrow of the new 32 room dormitory addition to *Wesley* hospital's Burton Nurses' home (photograph). Will give total accommodations for 60 student nurses. The sleeping porches of the original home have been converted into study halls.

Tuesday, October 9, 1923

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3. Formal opening of the *Wesley* Hospital Nurses Home, 3210 East Central, was held yesterday. It will accommodate 75 nurses. Details.

Sunday, March 30, 1924**page**

5. *Wesley* hospital annual reports. Capacity is 112 and it is nearly full, so it will be necessary soon to build proposed East wing. Details.

Sunday, October 19, 1924**page**

5. Work on the new \$100,000 Salvation Army Rescue and Maternity home to be built on a nine acre site at end of 11th street adjacent to Sim park, will be started in the next 30 days. It will replace the one now situated at 1103 North St. Francis, which is the old *Wesley* Hospital building. Details.

Thursday, October 8, 1925**page**

5. Plans for a new wing at *Wesley* hospital costing \$75,000 to \$100,000 were approved by the hospital board yesterday, and construction will begin in a short time.

Wednesday, October 21, 1925**page**

5. Ground was broken Monday for the new addition to *Wesley* hospital. It is an extension of 60 feet on the east wing of the hospital, which is 44 feet wide, and will provide 60 new patient rooms, making 185 in all. Total cost approximately \$75,000.

Monday, February 1, 1926**page**

3. Nearly all the exterior work on the new wing at *Wesley* Hospital has been completed, and it should be ready for occupancy March 15.

Saturday, April 10, 1926**page**

3. The Wichita Fresh Air Baby camp is being moved from Riverside park, where it has been located past six years, to *Wesley* hospital. More to be made as soon as the new quarters are completed, probably in about two weeks. This will enable the work to continue all the year round, instead of only in the summer months. ¶ In summer of 1925, 52 babies were cared for. ¶ Community Chest allows the camp \$1000 a year. Memberships and benefits raise additional funds.

Friday, May 7, 1926**page**

12. The new wing of *Wesley* Hospital was dedicated last night. Details.

Thursday, December 9, 1926**page**

5. A children's hospital and orthopedic ward will be established in a few months on a sixth

floor to be added to the east wing of *Wesley* hospital at a cost of about \$40,000. It will be built by gifts from C. Q. Chandler and T. M. Deal. ¶ Last June the fifth floor solarium of the east wing was changed to a children's ward, with the baby camp room placed here, but there was room for only 30 patients.

Saturday, February 19, 1927**page**

3. Construction on *Wesley* Hospital's new sixth floor east wing orthopedic ward addition will start about March 1 and be completed about June 1. Details.

Friday, May 20, 1927**page**

5. A family hotel for use of those who wish to remain close to friends ill in *Wesley* hospital will be erected at 557 North Hillside by C. V. Snyder at a cost of approximately \$30,000. To be two stories, brick, 36 by 102 feet. Contract has been awarded.

Sunday, May 29, 1927**page**

Special section with articles about Wichita institutions and businesses.

- 5-A. Photograph of east and north wings of *Wesley* Hospital.

Thursday, February 14, 1929**page**

5. Plans announced for addition of a fifth story to the E wing of *Wesley* hospital this summer. Details.

Monday, March 4, 1929**page**

3. Construction will start this week on the \$25,000 addition to *Wesley* Hospital, comprising the fifth floor of the E wing of the hospital. To be completed in sixty days.

Monday, August 12, 1929**page**

2. The new crippled children's ward at *Wesley* Hospital has been completed and patients were moved in on Saturday. The formal opening and dedication will be August 20. It occupies the entire fifth floor of the east wing of the hospital and has twenty-six beds.

Sunday, August 18, 1929**page**

3. Details of dedication of the new crippled children's ward at *Wesley* Hospital, which is to be held Tuesday.

Wednesday, August 21, 1929**page**

4. Article reporting dedication of new crippled children's ward at *Wesley* Hospital last evening. Details.

Friday, January 17, 1930**page**

6. *Wesley* Hospital had 5,089 inpatients in 1929, with average stay of 11.6 days. Four hundred thirty seven births and 3291 operations took place there. Mortality rate was 2.6%. ¶ Hospital was opened in 1912 with 30 beds at 1001 North St. Francis. In 1920 it moved to new building, with 125 beds. In 1925 and 1926 east wing was built and 60 more beds added. In past year the fifth floor, including crippled children's ward, has been completed, giving a total of 267 beds.

Sunday, April 13, 1930**page**

2. Drawing of proposed new *Wesley* hospital nurses' home (not built).

Friday, May 2, 1930**page**

2. Campaign opens tonight to raise \$200,000 for new nurses' home for *Wesley* hospital. Details.

Tuesday, May 13, 1930**page**

2. One hundred twenty-eight thousand six hundred dollars has been pledged in *Wesley* hospital campaign for \$200,000 for new nurses' home.

Sunday, January 21, 1934**page**

9. Photograph of *Wesley* hospital.

Sunday, November 3, 1935**page**

18. Advertisement with photograph of *Wesley* hospital.

Wednesday, June 8, 1938**page**

5. *Wesley* Hospital board of trustees will accept the offer of \$50,000 toward a new nurses' home from an anonymous donor and will undertake to raise the matching \$50,000 needed under terms of the offer.

Sunday, November 13, 1938

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9. **Wesley** will open its campaign for \$50,000 to match the gift of same amount made recently by J. H. Huston, retired Wichita lumberman and provide a total of \$100,000 for a new nurses home. Details.

Saturday, November 26, 1938**page**

5. Report that \$55,632 was pledged by the conclusion of the **Wesley** nurses home fund drive yesterday, thus matching the \$50,000 given by J. H. Huston and insuring construction of the home.

Thursday, May 18, 1939**page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday for new nurses' home for **Wesley** Hospital at estimated cost of \$79,000. To be four story and contain 39 bedrooms. Ground was broken for the project last week.

Saturday, January 6, 1940**page**

5. The new Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huston memorial nurses home at **Wesley** hospital is now being occupied by student nurses. Open house to be held January 18 and 19.

Wednesday, January 17, 1940**page**

12. Open house is to be held Thursday and Friday this week celebrating completion of the new Huston nurses' home at **Wesley** hospital. Details and photo.

Saturday, January 20, 1940**page**

6. Article reports formal dedication yesterday of the new Huston nurses home at **Wesley** hospital. Cost approximately \$125,000, which included a donation of \$50,000 by J. H. Huston.

Monday, June 17, 1940**page**

5. New \$50,000 deep X-ray therapy unit at **Wesley** Hospital was dedicated yesterday. Details.

Saturday, December 6, 1941**page**

2. Building permit issued to **Wesley** Hospital for \$12,150 addition to the Burton Nurses home -- 36 by 36 feet and two stories high on the east side of the building, to accommodate 16 additional nurses.

Friday, December 31, 1943**page**

5. Construction was started last Thursday on a two story \$44,000 annex building to *Wesley* Hospital, which will be used as a warehouse for supplies and living quarters for interns. Architect is Lorentz Schmidt. It is expected to be completed in the next four months.

Wednesday, April 5, 1944**page**

5. Contract let yesterday for a one story addition above the X-ray department at *Wesley* Hospital, to cost \$15,666.

Saturday, June 8, 1946**page**

5. The civilian production administration has approved *Wesley* Hospital's plans for a new \$500,000 addition to house maternity work, and work will start as soon as materials are available. The addition will be joined to the north wing of the hospital on the first and second floors. Lorenz Schmidt is architect.

Sunday, July 27, 1947**page**

Special 75th Anniversary edition of Eagle with many photos of Wichita institutions and special articles.

- 4E. Aerial photo of *Wesley* Hospital with new maternity building under construction.

Sunday, November 30, 1947**page**

12. Report of death Friday of James H. Huston, 89, 141 South Erie, prominent Wichitan. Born January 8, 1858 in Findley, Ohio. Moved from there to Towanda, Kansas in 1900, and to Wichita 32 years ago. In 1881 he married Emma Stonehille, who died in 1937. Was a retired lumber merchant. Donated the ground on which the Huston Home for the Aged is located and donated \$50,000 towards construction of Huston nurses home at *Wesley* Hospital and \$25,000 toward the building of the *Wesley* Hospital maternity building. Survived by two sisters and one brother named. Further biography. Small photo.

Tuesday, December 9, 1947**page**

2. Report of death yesterday of Erwin Henry Eberhardt, 75, prominent retired Wichita business man and president of The Eberhardt-Hays Music Company for 25 years. Was a founder and charter member of *Wesley* Hospital. Survived by two sons and five daughters (named). Biography.

Sunday, September 12, 1948**page**

8. The new *Wesley* hospital maternity wing will be opened Tuesday. Details. Architects were Lorentz, Schmidt, McVay and Peddie. Full page ad with photos on page 12A.

Sunday, July 23, 1950**page**

- 10B. Contracts have been let for construction of a new chapel building at *Wesley* Hospital. Exterior to be Silverdale stone. Architects are Schmidt, McVay, and Peddie. Drawing.

Saturday, August 12, 1950**page**

6. Building permits issued yesterday for the new Dunbar school, 929 Cleveland, and for a \$50,000 chapel for *Wesley* Hospital, 540 North Hillside. ¶ Architects for the Dunbar school are Leaper and Gilbert, 511½ North Hillside, and for the *Wesley* chapel are Lorentz Schmidt, McVay, and Peddie. Details.

Sunday, October 1, 1950**page**

4. Report of laying of cornerstone yesterday for the new chapel at *Wesley* Hospital. Details.

Friday, October 19, 1951**page**

5. Report of the consecration service for the new *Wesley* hospital chapel yesterday afternoon. Cost \$71,000 and was donated by the Women's board of *Wesley* hospital. Exterior is Silverdale stone and roof is of slate. Architect was Lorenz Schmidt. Details.

Sunday, December 14, 1952**page**

5. *Wesley* Hospital is planning a \$2,500,000 building fund drive early in 1953 to finance an addition to house 150 beds and dependent facilities. A central committee of fourteen Wichita citizens to make plans for the fund raising campaign has been appointed-names listed-includes Dr. H. N. Tihen as representative to the hospital medical staff. Details.

Wednesday, February 11, 1953**page**

10. Article about proposed \$2,500,000 168 bed addition to *Wesley* hospital. Drawing and map (addition eventually built was not to this design). Details.

Sunday, March 29, 1953**page**

- 11A. Article about the first *Wesley* Hospital, at 1103 North St. Francis, which admitted its first patient October 16, 1912. Tells about the first patient. Details. Photo.

Sunday, December 13, 1953**page**

- 9A. Photo of physicians committee which obtained pledges of \$251,6000 from physicians towards *Wesley* Hospital building fund. Includes Dr. H. N. Tihen.

Sunday, January 24, 1954**page**

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10. Article about *Wesley* Hospital and nurses training in Wichita. Aerial photo of *Wesley* Hospital.

Sunday, March 4, 1956**page**

- 1E. Photo of *Wesley* Hospital addition under construction, with framework up but exterior facing not yet on.

Saturday, March 17, 1956**page**

- 12A. Photo of new *Wesley* Hospital addition under construction. Framework completed and brickwork nearly half done.

Wednesday, June 6, 1956**page**

- 5A. Further contracts have been let by *Wesley* Hospital in its current expansion program. The new 150 bed addition is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy around November 1, 1957. Details.

Sunday, August 26, 1956**page**

- 1F. Photo of the new addition to *Wesley* Hospital which is scheduled for completion around October 1.

Monday, November 19, 1956**page**

- 3A. Report of open house yesterday at new \$2,000,000 addition to *Wesley* Hospital. Consecration services are to be held this morning. Details.

Thursday, February 28, 1957**page**

- 3A. Armour H. Evans, superintendent of *Wesley* Hospital, has offered his resignation to the hospital board of trustees because of "a clash of personalities." If accepted, it would become effective October 1. He has headed the institution for some eight years. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, March 12, 1957

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- 5A. Board of Trustees of *Wesley* Hospital yesterday accepted the resignation of Dr. Armour H. Evans as superintendent of the hospital, effective October 1. Evans has been at *Wesley* since February 1947, when he came as assistant to the late Dr. H. L. Gleckler. Evans was named superintendent in November 1948. Details.

Sunday, September 8, 1957**page**

- 7A. Announcement made yesterday of appointment of Roy C. House of Marion, Indiana as the new administrator of *Wesley* Hospital, subject to approval by the board at its meeting September 17. House plans to come to Wichita October 14 to assume the position. His age is 40. Biography.

Saturday, August 16, 1958**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued yesterday for \$159,044 remodeling project at *Wesley* Hospital, including new floors, acoustic ceilings, and completion of the hospital's fifth floor.

Saturday, December 13, 1958**page**

- 5A. *Wesley* Hospital expects to complete its new 46 bed care unit for surgical patients on the fifth floor of the west wing early in January 1959, giving the hospital a total of 485 beds for adults and children. The west wing was partially completed in December 1956, but the fifth and sixth floors were left unfinished. Air conditioning of the main building will be an objective for 1959.

Saturday, April 18, 1959**page**

- 5A. Remodeling of the top four floors of *Wesley* Hospital will start Monday. To include a new air conditioning system, with lowered ceilings, modern lighting fixtures, and new hardware. Completion date set for July 1.

Thursday, May 14, 1959**page**

- 18A. Article reports opening of an "intensive care unit" at *Wesley* Hospital. Details.

Thursday, September 10, 1959**page**

- 7A. "Wichita Silhouettes"-biography of Roy C. House, administrator of *Wesley* Hospital. Photo.

Thursday, October 15, 1959

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- 8A. Report of death Tuesday in Marion, Kansas, of Mrs. Bessie B. Burton, 78, of Peabody, Kansas, widow of Alvin G. Burton. She and her husband gave Burton Nurses Home to *Wesley* Hospital and also presented the chapel organ to the hospital. She was born July 15, 1881, in Illinois, and moved to Peabody from Illinois as a child.

Thursday, May 26, 1960**page**

- 5A. Construction of a \$284,431 intern-resident apartment building for *Wesley* Hospital is expected to begin in June. Drawing.

Thursday, July 21, 1960**page**

- 5A. Building permit issued for a new interns' apartment building at *Wesley* Hospital, at 3225 Sleepy Hollow, to cost \$180,930. Architects are firm of Thomas, Harris, and Calvin.

Monday, October 31, 1960**page**

1. Drawing of new 57 unit motor hotel to be erected near *Wesley* Hospital at Central and Rutan at cost of \$500,000. Details. Architects are Kruse and Roberts, 1401 Perry.

Friday, March 23, 1962**page**

1. Excavation started this week for the new nurses' dormitory for *Wesley* Hospital School of Nursing. The new building will extend south from the present Huston Nurses' Home. It will house 156 students and boost enrollment to 250, doubling the present number. Total cost including furnishings will be \$1 million. Half of the cost will be financed by a federal grant through the Hill -- Burton program. ¶ General contractor is Clarence E. Vollmer Construction Company. To be completed by June 1963. Drawings.

Saturday, March 24, 1962**page**

- 8A. Biographical article about Kenneth J. Willard, 936 North Battin, host at *Wesley* Hospital. Born March 2, 1921 at Morrill, Kansas. In Wichita since 1954. A brother, Floyd, works at Institute of Logopedics. Sisters are Mrs. Donna Fry, of Valley Center, and Mrs. Bonnie Brockman, Kansas City. Photo.

Saturday, May 19, 1962**page**

- 12A. Photo of new addition to *Wesley* Hospital Nurses' Training School under construction.

Sunday, June 30, 1963**page**

- 20A. Ad announcing completion of the new nursing home addition at *Wesley* Medical Center.

Photo.

Tuesday, January 7, 1964

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- 7A. *Wesley* Hospital admitted the first patient to the newly completed 54 bed 6th floor of the West Wing yesterday. The building was completed in 1955, but the 5th and 6th floors were left as shells to be finished later. The 5th floor was completed in 1958. Construction on the 6th floor started in June.

Friday, June 5, 1964

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1. Announcement of expansion plan by *Wesley* Hospital. Details. Drawing (not as later built).

Sunday, August 6, 1967

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- 1C. Contracts for a \$650,000 service building for *Wesley* Medical Center will be let this fall and will mark the start of a ten year, \$20 million expansion program. Plans are near completion for a 175 bed extended care unit to be built simultaneously with the service building, at estimated cost of \$2.5 million. Details. Drawing.

Wednesday, December 20, 1967

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1. Contracts totaling \$3,152,589 were let yesterday by *Wesley* Medical Center for the first phase of a ten year, \$20 million expansion program. The first phase includes a Y shaped, six level, extended care unit directly north of the present maternity building, and the shell structure of a new power plant building. Work on the extended care unit is to start in January 1968 and be completed January 2, 1969. The energy center will be started in March, with completion next winter. Details. Drawing.