

*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): Whitney, 1101, 1105**

**WICHITA EAGLE**

**Friday, April 16, 1915**

**page**

2. Big sidewalk clock in front of the Reinhard jewelry on Main street (109 North Main street) for past sixteen years is being moved to a new location in front of C. A. **Whitney** jewelry store at 222 East Douglas. The clock was erected by the late I. F. Varney in 1899 and has been maintained by his successor since then. The Reinhard jewelry is closing and Mr. C. A. **Whitney** bought the clock at an auction sale after spirited bidding.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, January 5, 1917**

**page**

5. The city commission this week awarded contract to C. A. **Whitney**, Wichita jeweler, for installing a \$1500 Seth Thomas clock in the tower of City Hall. Now the proprietor of the Coronado hotel across the street, S. J. Smalley, is seeking an injunction to prevent the clock from striking the hours during the night.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, April 12, 1917**

**page**

5. The new clock purchased by the city from the Seth Thomas Clock company, of Thomaston, Connecticut, for the tower of the City Hall, is being put into place under the direct supervision of Oscar Melinder. The clock was purchased through Cleon **Whitney**, local jeweler, and weighs a total of 5000 pounds including the big 1000 pound bell. Each of the four glass faces with its heavy iron frame weighs 500 pounds and measures seven feet in diameter. The clock will strike only during the day in order that sleeping guests in a neighboring hotel will not be disturbed. It should be ready for business within the next ten days.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Tuesday, February 4, 1919**

**page**

5. Mrs. George **Whitney** is interested in the formation of a pioneer historical society to assist Kos Harris in the preservation of everything of value such as relics, papers, books, etc., which have to do with the early history of Wichita. She plans to entertain the women of the 70s in Wichita in the near future to discuss the society.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, February 16, 1919****page**

7. Article about meeting to be held Wednesday by Mrs. George **Whitney** with Wichita "school girls of the 70s" to organize a society for perpetuation of early Wichita history. Their first school house was in a dugout, and William Finn was the teacher. The next school house, a frame shack of five rooms, two rooms upstairs and three downstairs, was built in 1872 near the place where the present high school is now located. Wichita had a population of 1000 at that time.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, March 2, 1919****page**

3. Article reporting organization of the Pioneer (Historical) society February 19 at home of Mrs. George **Whitney**. Any women who lived in Wichita or its vicinity prior to January 1, 1880 is eligible for membership or the wife or daughter of residents of same date. Reports constitution and list of members of the organization.

**Wichita Eagle****Monday, June 30, 1919****page**

5. Article reporting picnic yesterday of more than 200 members of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society -- their first annual picnic. Founder and president is Mrs. George M. **Whitney**.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, May 9, 1920****page**

5. Article gives history of the Old Settlers' Association, formed here in 1873, which has been merged into the Pioneer Society of Sedgwick County, which was organized February 19, 1919 at the home of G. M. **Whitney**, 1103 North Market.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, March 27, 1927****page**

2. Drawing of the new two story Reese-Aley building in second block on East Douglas between the alley and the Kress building on north side, which will incorporate the

present one story **Whitney** Jewelry Company building. The new building is being remodeled from an older one. Details.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, November 13, 1927****page**

16. Ad with photo of interior of remodeled and enlarged Cleon **Whitney** jewelry store at 222 East Douglas.

**Wichita Eagle****Friday, March 29, 1929****page**

12. Photograph of first street clock in Wichita, placed near Main and Douglas by I. F. Varney in 1899 and purchased in 1915 by Cleon **Whitney**, who moved it to its present sidewalk location in front of his jewelry store at 222 East Douglas.

**Wichita Eagle****Wednesday, April 6, 1938****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Norma Aley **Whitney**, 77, Wichita pioneer since 1871 and organizer and first president of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society in 1918. Survivors listed, including son, Cleon A. **Whitney**, brothers Omrah Aley and Claude Aley and sisters Miss Treva Aley and Mrs. Howard Schroeder, all of Wichita. Photograph.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, March 16, 1939****page**

3. The silver service for the *USS Wichita* will be received here within 30 days. Contract was awarded by city commission to Cleon **Whitney**, local jeweler. The service will include 66 pieces and cost approximately \$3000. Details.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, November 24, 1949****page**

5. Article about the ornate sidewalk clock in front of the Cleon A. **Whitney** jewelry store at 222 East Douglas, which is now 50 years old. It was erected in 1899 at the corner of Main and Douglas. In 1915 it was purchased by Cleon **Whitney** and moved and set in the cement in front of his newly acquired store. Photo.

**Wichita Eagle****Monday, December 1, 1952****page**

5. A familiar Wichita landmark, the sidewalk clock in front of the Cleon A. **Whitney**

jewelry store at 222 East Douglas was knocked from its base and shattered at 9:16 a.m. yesterday when a city bus pulled in to unload in front of a truck parked in the bus loading zone. The overhaul of the front end of the bus extended far enough over the sidewalk to hit the base of the clock and cause it to fall. ¶ The clock was originally placed at the corner of Main and Douglas in 1899 by I. F. Varney and Henry Reinhard, jewelers. It was purchased in 1915 by Cleon **Whitney** for \$50 and subsequently was moved to the present location. Details. Photo-bus in background is Twin Coach-number is faint-perhaps 130 or 136.

**Wichita Eagle****Wednesday, May 27, 1953****page**

5A. An old Wichita landmark, the clock in front of Cleon **Whitney**'s jewelry store at 222 East Douglas, is to be restored. Its base was knocked down last December by a city bus.

**Wichita Eagle****Saturday, September 7, 1957****page**

3A. Report of death Thursday evening of Cleon A. **Whitney**, 72, Wichita jeweler, at his home in the Shirkmere Apartments. Born November 2, 1884 in Wichita, the son of George M. and Norma Aley **Whitney**, who came to Wichita in the 1870s. Married Miss Lilah Hirst, of Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1911. Survived by wife, two daughters, Mrs. Paul Yungmeyer, of Caracas, Venezuela, and Mrs. W. M. McMillan, of Katrine, New York, and by three grandchildren. Small photo.

**SELECTIONS FROM DR. EDWARD N. TIHEN'S NOTES FROM WICHITA NEWSPAPERS  
COPY PROVIDED BY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Keywords: Whitney, 1101, 1105**

**WICHITA BEACON**

**Monday, July 25, 1910**

**page**

3. Drawing of new home of G. S. **Whitney**, of the Fourth National bank, at 9th and Market.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Saturday, January 27, 1917**

**page**

4. Contract was signed this week by city officials and members of the Wichita Rotary Club for the new clock for the tower of the City Building. It is being purchased through Cleon A. **Whitney**, jeweler, of 222 East Douglas and it is hoped to have it here by April 1. Cost will be \$1590. There will be a 1000 pound bell. Details. Drawing.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Friday, April 20, 1917**

**page**

3. The new clock in the tower of the City Building was delivered to the city commissioners yesterday by Cleon A. **Whitney**, Wichita jeweler.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Friday, February 15, 1918**

**page**

5. A new front is being put in Cleon **Whitney**'s jewelry store, 222 East Douglas. Tile will be put on the base up to the plate glass front.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Monday, July 27, 1925**

**page**

10. Cleon A. **Whitney** is planning remodeling of the 75 feet just east of the Winne Building in second block on East Douglas, including a new front in the Reese Building and addition of another story to the Aley Building. The Reese Building is one of the oldest in the block, having been erected by J. F. Reese in 1883. These buildings are occupied by the Whitlock-Allen Market, the Schuyler Jones Shoe Store, and the **Whitney** Jewelry Store.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Thursday, March 16, 1939****page**

6. Contract let yesterday to Cleon A. **Whitney**, local jeweler, for the silver service set to be presented to the *USS Wichita*. The set will be received here within 30 days and will cost approximately \$3000. The Salem pattern was selected. It will be manufactured at Providence, Rhode Island. Details. The city appropriated \$2500 for the service set.

**Wichita Beacon****Sunday, December 15, 1940****page**

2. Omrah Aley, 1515 Fairview, yesterday released the names of the ten Wichita pioneers whose names will appear on the sides of the ten new city buses recently ordered by the Wichita Transportation Company. They will be named Sawyer, Royal, McAllister, Stuart, Cartwright, Diver, J. Edgar Allen, Cook, Dave Lahey(sic), McComas, and Dotson. ¶ The new buses have left the Twin Coach factory in Kent, Ohio, and are due to arrive in Wichita by Monday. ¶ Names now appearing in gold leaf on the sides of the Wichita Transportation Company's fleet of city buses include Fitch, Payne, Fees, Mitchell, Corn, Bissantz, English, Mead, Smith, Allen, Jewett, Fabrique, Crawford, Hyde, Lawrence, Stanley, Getto, Aley, Schweiter, Israel, Gribi, Black, Woodman, Steele, Sowers, Waterman, Cottman, Sluss, Ross, Munger, Carey, Smythe, McCoy, Lewis, Harris, Little, Coleman, Mathewson, Davidson, Griffenstein, Vegus, Heller, Ackerman, Fuller, Throckmorton, Caldwell, Miller, Daisy, Jackson, Bolte, Noble, Reese, Powell, Nighswonger, Royes, Bone, McFarland, Gardener, Cogdell, Appleby, Sayles, Taylor, Dyre, Barnes, **Whitney**, Tuttle, Hunter, Pierce, Parrott, Menefee, Fisher, Root, Phillips, Imboden, Wells, and Niederlander (note -- bus named Weaver -- not shown on this list).