

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): Wichita University, Sisters of St. Joseph, Mount St. Mary's

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, November 23, 1886

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1. Report of meeting of board of trustees of Wichita University yesterday. Officers elected (names given). Plans of Dumont and Hayward, architects, selected. Building to be 100 feet long and 60 feet deep, three stories with basement. Details.

Thursday, May 26, 1887

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1. The second floor joists of the Wichita University are now in position.

Tuesday, October 18, 1887

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1. Opening exercises of the Wichita University took place this morning in the Reformed church at corner of Topeka and Lewis.

Tuesday, August 14, 1888

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4. Report of city council meeting yesterday says "Petition of citizens from College Hill asking that Clifton avenue from Douglas to the Wichita University be graded so as to admit of a street railway, and that the hollow in that locality be filled up, was granted."

Friday, August 17, 1888

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1. In view of the reluctance of the Wichita Street Railway company to build a street car line south of Douglas on Clifton avenue, the College Hill people have agreed on a line on Hillside avenue and have assurances of Mr. G. M. Dickson that his company will extend its line on that avenue from Douglas to Harry street, thus giving the Wichita University some accommodation. As soon as feasible this line will be extended west on Harry to a junction with the Linwood Park line, thus completing the circuit.

Monday, August 20, 1888

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4. The Wichita University will open in its beautiful new buildings on College Hill on September 5. Details. The street car line will at once be extended to the university, and a stage line will carry students from the nearest point of the Schweiter motor line, and from Douglas and Hillside to the University and return free until the line to the University is completed.

Wednesday, March 20, 1889**page**

4. Wichita university now has 100 students.

Tuesday, September 3, 1889**page**

4. The fall term of Wichita University will open tomorrow.

Saturday, April 12, 1890**page**

4. A game of football will be played this afternoon between the Lewis academy and the Wichita university elevens, on the university campus.

Thursday, June 10, 1891**page**

4. Closing exercises of the Wichita University will take place this evening. Electric cars leaving Main street at 7:20 p.m. will make connections with the University cars and take passengers through for one fare.

Saturday, June 13, 1891**page**

4. The graduating class of the Wichita University was photographed yesterday.

Friday, August 28, 1891**page**

4. The Wichita University will open September 7.

Friday, November 27, 1891**page**

4. A football game was played yesterday between the Wichita University and the Business college academy in Riverside park. The Wichita University team won 16 to 0.

Thursday, May 18, 1893**page**

4. Commencement exercises of the high school will be on Thursday next week, those of Wichita university will be the second week of June, and those of the Normal school will be in evening of Thursday, May 25 at Crawford Grand. Details.

Wednesday, April 11, 1894**page**

4. The pupils of the Wichita University will give a complimentary recital next Friday evening.

Saturday, May 5, 1894**page**

4. Commencement of Wichita university will be held Friday evening, May 11.

Thursday, May 10, 1894**page**

4. The sixth annual commencement exercises of Wichita university will take place tomorrow afternoon and evening at the University on College Hill.

Saturday, September 1, 1894**page**

4. The Wichita University will commence its school term September 12.

Monday, October 28, 1895**page**

5. At a meeting of the Synod of the Reform church in Abilene last Saturday, the committee on the Wichita university reported in favor of winding up its affairs and turning the property over to the creditors or otherwise disposing of it. ¶ At a second session today, the Synod's final action was an order that the trustees of the Wichita University turn over the buildings and grounds and all property to bondsmen, declaring it hopelessly involved. The teachers' salaries unpaid are \$1,000. It will not be reopened.

Tuesday, May 10, 1898**page**

8. The directors of the Wichita University have tendered their fine building, to the synod of the Reformed Church for an orphans' home.

Monday, December 4, 1899**page**

5. The Wichita university, southeast of the city, owned by the Reformed church, has been sold to the Sisters of St. Joseph of the diocese of Wichita and will be used as the mother house of the order, which has previously been at Parsons. Details.

Saturday, May 26, 1900**page**

5. Remodeling and repairing of the old Wichita university building by the Sisters of St. Joseph is now nearly finished. Details. The order was established in 1692 and first came to Kansas in 1886 and located at Abilene. A few years later the mother house

was moved to Parsons. The grounds include 40 acres of land. Details.

Monday, September 8, 1913**page**

1. Report of fire at 4:00 p.m. yesterday which destroyed the Mount St. Mary's Convent, mother house of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Details. Photograph. The building, formerly the Wichita University, was bought by Bishop Hennessy on December 8, 1899 for \$5000, together with 40 acres of land. The building was repaired and on March 25, 1900 was occupied by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Thursday, April 9, 1914**page**

3. Contract awarded today for the new \$50,000 Mount St. Mary's Convent building for the Sisters of St. Joseph to the H. I. Ellis Construction Company. To be 136 by 120 feet and completed within eight months.

Wednesday, January 27, 1915**page**

3. The new Mount St. Mary's Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph is to be dedicated by Bishop Hennessy Thursday, February 11. It is 132 by 146 feet and four stories, of brick with Silverdale stone trimmings, and cost \$70,000. Architect is A. A. Crowell. Details.

Thursday, February 11, 1915**page**

6. Report of dedication today of the new Mount St. Mary's Convent at 1400 South Hillside. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, February 27, 1915**page**

15. Articles about the new Mount St. Mary's Convent at 1400 South Hillside, built at cost of \$70,000 and recently dedicated. Drawing and details.

Tuesday, August 27, 1940**page**

4. Ground was broken yesterday for the \$110,000 addition to Mount St. Mary's convent on East Lincoln. H. G. Overend is architect. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, September 11, 1940**page**

8. Building permit signed yesterday for the new north wing to be added to the Mount St. Mary's convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 3700 East Lincoln, at a cost of \$90,000 for both the north and south wings. The north wing will cost \$45,000. The south wing, costing a similar amount will be located outside the city limits. Overend and Boucher

are the architects. Details.

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Wichita Eagle

Wednesday, November 10, 1886

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4. The university to be founded by the Reformed church in the southeast part of the city is to be called the Wichita University. The charter has been received. Board of trustees listed. The building is to be erected on the land donated by Mr C. C. Fees 1 ½ miles southeast of the city. Details.

Tuesday, November 23, 1886

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4. Report of meeting of the board of trustees of the Wichita university Saturday night. Officers elected. The plans submitted by architects Dumont and Hayward were adopted. Building to have west front of 100 ft., be 60 ft. deep, and three stories high. To cost something over \$25,000. The first and second stories will have eight rooms each, and in the third story will be the chapel and the two society rooms. The chapel will seat near 600 and each society room half that number.

Wednesday, November 24, 1886

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4. It has been decided to erect the Wichita university building of brick with stone trimmings.

Sunday, December 5, 1886

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2. Article gives long appeal letter of the Reformed Church trying to raise \$15,000 to support Wichita university. Details.

Thursday, December 30, 1886

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8. The contract for erecting the Wichita university building was awarded yesterday to Mr. B. W. Downing.

Saturday, January 15, 1887**page**

4. Deeds of conveyance for the ground to be occupied by the Wichita university were delivered yesterday. Work will commence soon.

Wednesday, February 9, 1887**page**

4. Work has commenced on the grounds to be occupied by the Wichita university. In a short time excavating for the building will be started. All the stone and brick necessary for the building have been contracted for.

Saturday, February 26, 1887**page**

4. Article reports meeting of trustees of Wichita university yesterday. Details.

Friday, March 11, 1887**page**

4. The foundation of the Wichita university will be completed within 30 days.

Saturday, April 9, 1887**page**

8. The building for the Wichita university has been completed up to the second story.

Sunday, May 22, 1887**page**

4. The university building of the Wichita university has reached the second story.

Saturday, July 23, 1887**page**

8. Trustees of Wichita University met yesterday and elected chancellor and faculty members. Details. University to open about September 1st.

Saturday, September 3, 1887**page**

4. Trustees of the Wichita University met yesterday and decided to open the school on Tuesday, October 4. Details.

Wednesday, October 19, 1887**page**

4. Article reports formal opening yesterday of the Wichita university, held at the Reformed church, Lewis and Topeka, since the university building is not yet completed.

Sunday, December 11, 1887

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5. The walls of the Wichita university are now up and the roof timbers being put on.

Friday, February 24, 1888**page**

5. Article reports interview with Rev. W. B. Hendryx, former pastor of Pres. Garfield and business manager of Garfield University, about Wichita schools. Says "I was down at the Judson university building only a few days ago and was surprised at the magnitude of their improvements. They have in a foundation fully as large as the Garfield building but perhaps not quite so heavy." The people are building Wichita University are now putting on the roof.

Saturday, August 18, 1888**page**

5. It has been decided to begin the first school year of the Wichita University in the new building on College Hill September 5. At least six of the faculty will be on hand to begin work at that time. A street railway fare will be given from any part of the city at three cents. The company will lay a track south from Douglas ave. line to the University as soon as the work can be done. If the street cars do not run to the building by the opening day, a hack line will take students without extra cost, both from Douglas ave. and from where

Tuesday, September 4, 1888**page**

5. The opening exercises of Wichita university will take place Wednesday, September 5th, in the beautiful new university building on College Hill.

Thursday, September 6, 1888**page**

5. Yesterday was a very successful opening of the Wichita university. Over 100 students were enrolled in the various departments.

Sunday, October 21, 1888**page**

5. Improvements are still going on in and around the Wichita university. The grounds are being graded, a new cistern is being put in, and sheds for horses have been put up. The furnace for the heating system are on the way.

Saturday, August 31, 1889**page**

5. Wichita university will open September 14. The street railway to the college will begin next week and the line will be in running order in two weeks.

Sunday, June 1, 1890

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1. Drawing of the Wichita university.

Friday, June 13, 1890**page**

5. Article reports commencement exercises of Wichita university yesterday.

Sunday, June 15, 1890**page**

1. Drawing of Wichita university and article with details of history, etc.

Thursday, September 4, 1890**page**

5. Wichita university opened yesterday. The electric line will be complete, it is believed, at least to the top of the hill, in a week.

Friday, August 28, 1891**page**

5. The Wichita University will open on September 7 with a full complement of teachers for the different departments. Street cars will make regular trips between the university and Douglas avenue.

Thursday, March 10, 1892**page**

5. A book reception will be held next Tuesday in the chapel of the Wichita University.

Tuesday, March 15, 1892**page**

5. The spring term of Wichita University will open next Wednesday. The university street car is doing good service this year.

Sunday, June 5, 1892**page**

5. The Baccalaureate sermon of the Wichita University will be at three o'clock this afternoon. The university car will make connections with the Douglas avenue cars at 2:40 and 3:00.

Thursday, June 9, 1892**page**

5. Commencement exercises of the Wichita University will be held tomorrow. There will be four graduates from the academy department and three from the commercial department.

Sunday, September 18, 1892

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5. Students in the new boarding hall at Wichita University paid average of \$1.38 last week for each boarder. The students say the board was better than they received anywhere else. It included meat three times a day and a variety of dishes good enough for a king.

Sunday, November 20, 1892**page**

5. Work has been commenced on a large addition to the new boarding hall at Wichita University. Both boarding houses are crowded and a large number of new students is expected at the beginning of the next term.

Sunday, November 27, 1892**page**

5. The second term of school at Wichita University begins November 30.

Sunday, February 5, 1893**page**

5. Notes about Wichita university during the spring term additional apparatus will be put into the chemical and physical laboratories.

Sunday, June 4, 1893**page**

5. Commencement exercises of Wichita university will be Friday evening, June 9. The university car will make connections with the 7:20, 7:40, and 8:00 p.m. electric cars to College Hill.

Tuesday, June 13, 1893**page**

5. Article reports the commencement exercises of Wichita university last Friday.

Friday, August 11, 1893**page**

5. The board of trustees of Wichita university have completed arrangements for a full teaching force under the same management as the past two years. The schools will be open the first week in September.

Sunday, September 17, 1893**page**

5. The fall term of Wichita university will open next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Good street car service has been arranged.

Sunday, November 12, 1893**page**

5. The Wichita University football team will play the high school team tomorrow on the

Garfield campus. The university's colors are pink and white.

Saturday, May 12, 1894

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5. Article reports sixth annual commencement exercises of Wichita university last night, with four graduates.

Tuesday, March 19, 1895

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5. Article gives details of the financial history and indebtedness of Wichita university.

Sunday, October 30, 1898

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13. Article gives the history of the Wichita university and its building.

Tuesday, December 27, 1898

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5. Article says the trustees of the Reformed Church are offering to sell the Wichita university building, which cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, to the state for \$15,000 to \$16,000 for use as a state normal school.

Sunday, March 4, 1900

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4. The Sisters of St. Joseph hope to open their training school for novitiates in the old Wichita University building by May 1. Extensive repairing and remodeling of the building, which has been empty and neglected for several years, is being carried out.

Thursday, May 3, 1900

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5. Article about closing out of the corporate affairs of the former Wichita University. ¶ The board of trustees of the Wichita university, formerly property of the Reformed church, met yesterday afternoon at the church and closed up the business of the corporation. The building and property was sold to the Catholic church on the 1st of last December for \$5,000. After transferring this sum to the trustees of the synod, the corporation of the Wichita university came to an end. ¶ The university was one of the numerous outgrowths of the boom. It was opened in 1888 and closed in 1893. The building itself cost more than \$30,000. A horse car line used to run from the end of the College Hill trolley line. The material for the line was furnished by the street car company, and it was built and maintained by the university corporation. As soon as the school was closed, the line was turned up and now not the least trace of it remains. ¶ The Catholic church bought the property for the sisters of St. Joseph, who will maintain it as a sisters training school and orphanage.

Saturday, June 23, 1900

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5. Mount St. Mary's, on south College Hill, is already occupied and will be dedicated next Thursday.

Friday, June 29, 1900**page**

5. Article about dedication yesterday of Mount St. Mary's, the convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph, on College Hill. The building has been repaired from top to bottom. Details. They have recently purchased a number of acres of land around the building and now have a campus of 50 acres.

Tuesday, September 9, 1913**page**

1. Fire Sunday afternoon destroyed the Convent of Mount St. Mary's in the southeast part of Wichita. This building was erected in 1887-88 by the Reformed church and for six years was known as Wichita University. For the past thirteen years it has been the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Joseph. ¶ The building is east of Hillside and south of Kellogg in the extreme southeastern part of Wichita. It was consumed entirely except for shells of the exterior walls. ¶ Photograph and drawing.

Sunday, September 14, 1913**page**

2. Article giving some history of the former Wichita University, whose old building burned down last Sunday.

Friday, February 12, 1915**page**

2. Article reporting dedication yesterday of the new Mount St. Mary's, mother house of the sisters of St. Joseph. Article describes the building.

Wednesday, March 9, 1955**page**

- 5A. City commission yesterday voted to condemn five houses and to route the extension of Lincoln from Hillside to Oliver in a roundabout route north to Morris so as not to divide the property owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph and already the site of Mt. St. Mary's Academy. Details.