

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, January 8, 1909

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6. A colored YMCA was organized yesterday in a meeting at the African Methodist Episcopal church on North Water street. Details.

WICHITA EAGLE

Wednesday, February 14, 1917

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5. A gymnasium is to be erected in the fifth block on North Water by the YMCA for negro boys in Wichita. Ground for the building will be donated by A. A. Hyde.

WICHITA EAGLE

Sunday, June 22, 1924

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5. Article says A. A. Hyde will assist financing a new building for the Water street branch (colored) of the YMCA. Details.

WICHITA BEACON

Thursday, December 10, 1925

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15. The new Water Street Branch of the YMCA for colored, at 502-506 North Water, will be opened next week.

WICHITA EAGLE

Saturday, July 18, 1931

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5. Walter L. Hutcherson, 36, secretary of the Water street branch of the YMCA for a number of years, died yesterday in a Tulsa hospital following an intestinal operation a few days ago. He came to Wichita in 1921 from Buxton, Iowa and had moved to Tulsa last fall to become secretary of the Greenwood branch of the YMCA.

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Monday, March 7, 1966**page**

- 6A. Article with history of the Hutcherson Branch of Wichita YMCA. Founded in December 1908. In September 1916 property was purchased at Central and Water and it was known as the Water Street YMCA. It officially joined the Wichita YMCA as a branch in 1927. Move was made in 1941 to the present site, 1221 Cleveland. On February 3, 1942 the name was changed to the W. L. Hutcherson Branch. A \$35000 gymnasium building addition was dedicated November 18, 1951. Further details. Photo.

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1. Contract let yesterday for construction of a new Wichita YMCA North Branch building at about 29th and North Hillside. To be on a 9.7 acre tract on east side of Hillside and will replace the present branch at 1221 Cleveland. The old structure was built around a frame residence after the branch, then known as the Water Street YMCA, moved there in 1941 from Central and Water. Cost to be \$296,250. Architect is Charles F. McAfee. ¶ The branch was named the W. L. Hutcherson branch in 1942 to honor a former Negro Y professional executive secretary, and was renamed the North Branch in late 1966. Details.