

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): 2nd Street Bridge

Wichita Beacon

Saturday, October 30, 1886

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4. Lumber for the 2nd street bridge is now all on the ground and work will be pushed at once by Mr. J. K. Sawyer, the contractor. Work is also being pushed on the Maple and Lewis street bridge, which will be completed in about two weeks.

Saturday, December 11, 1886

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4. It is some time since the 2nd street bridge was handed over by the property owners who built it, to the city, and as yet nothing has been done to complete the work and grade the approaches.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, June 14, 1934

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5. The lengthened 2nd street bridge over Big Arkansas river was opened to traffic yesterday. The former west channel is gone and the west bridge has been surrounded by dirt up to the floor.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Monday, January 21, 1974

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1. A 75 foot section of the westbound lane of the 2nd Street Bridge collapsed into the Arkansas River about 8:45 a.m. yesterday. The collapse was blamed on large ice floes in the river. The collapse endangered a large number of telephone lines carried on the bridge. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, January 22, 1974

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- 7A. Article about options for relocation of telephone lines carried over 2nd Street Bridge. Details.

Sunday, January 27, 1974**page**

- 2A. Photo of workmen erecting steel towers yesterday for temporary suspension bridge to carry a 310 foot pipe with telephone cables previously carried over the 2nd Street Bridge.

Wednesday, January 30, 1974**page**

1. Photo of completed temporary suspension bridge over Arkansas River erected to carry telephone cables previously located on the collapsed 2nd Street Bridge. Towers are 50 feet high. Article with details.

Wednesday, April 3, 1974**page**

- 5A. Photo showing demolition of the old 2nd Street bridge over the Arkansas River under way. Part of the bridge collapsed on January 20 from pressure of an ice mass in the river. The bridge will be replaced using \$600,000 in emergency funds.

Saturday, May 24, 1975**page**

- 16D. Large aerial photo of Big Arkansas river and banks from north of 2nd Street to south of Douglas, showing first piers of the new 1st Street bridge, which is under construction, and plans to link 1st Street with 2nd Street on west side of river. Shows city shops and Continental Trailway's garage.

Saturday, July 10, 1976**page**

- 4C. The new 1st Street bridge over the Arkansas River was opened to traffic yesterday, replacing the old 2nd Street bridge which collapsed in January 1974 after being hit by a large ice floe. Aerial photo.

Wednesday, November 10, 1976**page**

- 1D. City Commission yesterday approved a \$200,000 project to widen 2nd Street west of the Arkansas River to Dodge Street and to realign its approach to McLean Boulevard so it will connect with the 1st Street bridge. Currently the street is a two lane brick with a rough shoulder for on-street parking. Work scheduled to start next spring. Details.