

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): Lawrence Stadium, Lawrence-Dumont Stadium

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, February 1, 1934

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5. Plans are now being drawn for a new sports stadium to be built on Payne's pasture if Civil Works Administration funds become available. Details.

Monday, March 26, 1934

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2. Photograph of the start of Wichita's new athletic stadium at Payne's pasture -- under construction by Civil Works Administration workers. First unit will seat approximately 3600.

Monday, July 2, 1934

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2. Photograph of new athletic stadium at Sycamore and Maple under construction.

Tuesday, July 3, 1934

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3. Article says new athletic stadium will probably be named after Robert E. Lawrence, Wichita pioneer.

Sunday, July 22, 1934

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5. Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds are now available to add another section to the Lawrence stadium, which will add 700 seats to the present 3600, just completed, giving a total of 4300. Work will start at once.

Tuesday, July 24, 1934

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2. Photograph of new stadium at Lawrence field.

Sunday, July 29, 1934**page**

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7-D. Photograph of Lawrence stadium under construction.

Monday, September 17, 1934**page**

5. Concrete has been poured on two new sections to Lawrence stadium, and workmen are now constructing the third. Seating capacity at time of the Kansas amateur baseball tournament in August was 3600. The three new sections contain 700 seats each, giving the stadium a total capacity of 5700.

Thursday, November 22, 1934**page**

2. Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds for construction of 1500 bleacher seats and for a roof over two more sections of Lawrence stadium were approved yesterday. The portable bleacher seats will rest directly in front of the grandstand, giving a total capacity of 8500, including 4000 seats under roof.

Sunday, August 9, 1936**page**

17. Photo of night game crowd at Lawrence stadium.

Tuesday, October 13, 1936**page**

1. President Franklin Roosevelt to speak at Lawrence stadium today.

Tuesday, April 19, 1938**page**

5. Seating capacity of Lawrence stadium will be increased from 6900 to 7500 with the construction of three additional rows of seats around the base lines from first to third. They will adjoin the present stadium and serve as box seats. Estimated cost is \$6000. Work to be completed before the state semi-pro tournament in July.

Sunday, July 3, 1938**page**

21. Photograph shows crowd in recently enlarged Lawrence stadium.

Friday, July 29, 1938**page**

5. There were 46,710 paid admissions to the recent Kansas semi-pro baseball tournament at Lawrence stadium compared with 38,233 in 1937. Approximately 17,000 additional complimentary tickets were presented, for a total of about 63,000.

Monday, April 28, 1939**page**

12. A new 60 foot flag pole was raised at Lawrence stadium yesterday. Details.

Sunday, July 23, 1939**page**

11. Night photograph of Lawrence stadium.

Sunday, August 31, 1941**page**

10. Photo of large crowd at Lawrence stadium last Sunday night.

Tuesday, July 25, 1944**page**

5. Report of death yesterday at age 92 of Charles Payne, widely known Wichita naturalist and propagator of wild life, at his residence in the Shirkmere apartments, where he spent the later years of his life. ¶ Born in Campbell County, Kentucky June 14, 1852. Came to Wichita in 1888, making his home for many years on South Sycamore, where the area known for years as Payne's pasture, existed. It is now the site of Lawrence stadium. ¶ He married Miss Elizabeth Jane Jackson, who survives, at Denver in 1919. Other survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Miriam B. Hudson, Windsor, Missouri; Mrs. Lois Payne Young, Hollywood, California; and Mrs. H. Nelson Gilbert, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Four grandsons and four granddaughters named, including one in Wichita (Mrs. H. Otis Garth). Further biography. Photo.

Sunday, December 28, 1947**page**

10. Bids will be opened Monday on 173 new sealed type floodlight reflectors for Lawrence stadium. They will be mounted on eight steel towers which will replace the ten wooden ones now used. There no longer will be light poles in front of boxes 12 and 13. ¶ The old lights including the 50 old type reflectors will be moved to the West Side athletic field on McLean Boulevard, one half block west of Vine.v

Wednesday, September 7, 1949**page**

5. City commission yesterday approved an \$82,050 bond issue for city park improvements. These include work at the Swartz field baseball grounds at cost of \$25,000, to include enlarging the bleachers, grading, improved drainage, and installing lights, completion of the new light installation at Lawrence stadium for \$10,000, a new shelter building at Fairmount park, and other projects (listed).

Thursday, January 5, 1950**page**

5. The park board agreed yesterday to the use of Lawrence stadium by Wichita's Western

league baseball team this year. Details.

Thursday, January 29, 1953**page**

5. Paving of the parking lot at Lawrence stadium got under way yesterday. The parking spaces will be paved with asphalt while the driveways will be paved with concrete.

Wednesday, July 29, 1953**page**

- 2A. A new shuttle bus system between the 1200 car parking lot near Lawrence stadium and the downtown area is to go into effect August 1 as the first step in solving the parking problem. The bus fare from the parking lot to downtown will be eight cents one way. In the morning and late afternoon rush periods a bus will run every seven minutes; at other times a bus will run every ten minutes.

Wednesday, September 2, 1953**page**

- 8A. Aerial photo of Lawrence stadium and the adjacent municipal parking lot.

Tuesday, July 16, 1957**page**

- 6B. Photo of Lawrence Stadium yesterday with crowd of 9,939 attending game between Wichita Braves and the American Association All-Stars.

Thursday, November 14, 1957**page**

- 4D. Article about improvements to lighting, etc., to be carried out at Lawrence Stadium this winter. Details.

Tuesday, December 10, 1957**page**

- 5A. Article about bids received yesterday for 108 new floodlights for Lawrence Stadium. To cost \$4221. Details.

Saturday, October 15, 1960**page**

Special "Greater Downtown Wichita" shopping section. Free parking today downtown and at Lawrence Stadium, with free bus rides from Lawrence Stadium. Photo of front of one of the free buses.

Saturday, November 26, 1960**page**

- 2A. Because of the large crowd expected in downtown Wichita to attend the Christmas parade today, the entire Rapid Transit Lines Company bus fleet will be in service all day. A

shuttle service will be maintained from downtown to Lawrence Stadium.

Thursday, September 21, 1961

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- 6A. Ad with aerial photo of Lawrence Stadium, Kellogg Street bridge, and downtown, from southwest.

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Tuesday, July 24, 1934

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13. Photograph of Wichita's new baseball stadium at Maple and Sycamore, which will be dedicated August 1. Has been under construction for the past several months and will take the place of old Island Park. Seating capacity of approximately 4000 with added bleachers to accommodate total of 10,000.

Tuesday, October 13, 1936

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1. Report of visit of President Roosevelt to Wichita today. Speech given at Lawrence Stadium. Details.

Sunday, August 15, 1937

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- B-15. Night photograph of crowd at Lawrence Stadium on opening night of National Semi-Pro Baseball tournament.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Thursday, March 21, 1968

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1. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday announced plans to provide a six to ten minute "shuttle bus service" between downtown Wichita and the 600 car free parking lot at Lawrence Stadium. The announcement was made at a banquet at the Broadview Hotel to honor 31 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority's 44 bus drivers for accident free driving during 1967. Special honors were given to W. D. Cook, 1951 Wellingford, for driving buses on Wichita's streets for 18 years without causing an accident. Drivers cited for 17 accident free years included S. L. Janeway, 2638 Jackson, F. E. Tarlton, 3428 East Skinner, and K. G. Owen, 2159 South Vine. Sixteen year accident free drivers were R. E. Plush, 1938 Ida, and J. A. Russell, 1228 Pearce. Other drivers named.

Sunday, March 9, 1969

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8G. Aerial photo of downtown Wichita in Yingling ad. Taken from southwest, with Lawrence Stadium and Maple Street bridge in foreground. R. H. Garvey building visible but not Holiday Inn or Olive Garvey building. Koch Building still present (Les Broadstreet photo ??).

Sunday, January 3, 1971**page**

1B, 4B. Calendar of major events in Wichita in 1970:
January 5: Board of education approved plan for integration which included closing of Dunbar and L'Ouverture schools and busing of about 2000 black children to other schools over the city.
January 26: Park Board and Wichita Aeros agreed on terms for Lawrence Stadium leasing in 1971.

Wednesday, April 14, 1971**page**

1C. Photo of field and inside of fence at Lawrence Stadium, with downtown Wichita visible in background.

Sunday, June 20, 1971**page**

6D. Photo of infield, grandstand, and lights at Lawrence Stadium.

Friday, August 13, 1971**page**

7B. Article about possible renaming of Lawrence Stadium to Dumont Stadium. Details.

Saturday, April 21, 1973**page**

5C. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday reported that the Lawrence Stadium shuttle bus is popular and paying its way, but the Outer Loop route is losing money. During March 11,956 passengers used the shuttle bus from the stadium parking lot earning a net income of \$139.60. The Outer Loop run lost \$2596.80 in March. The route was established in August 1972 and is aimed at Wichita State University students. The Metropolitan Transit Authority also authorized the sale of a 1960 school bus that is no longer being used.