

Airport Bond Issue Submission in Sight

A bond issue for airport improvements and possibly for storm sewers will be submitted Dec. 28, when the new power company franchise is scheduled to be voted on, if the City Council can decide in time on the amount of emergency money needed.

A decision by the Council is due by Wednesday on how far ahead to provide for airport improvements, including Love Field expansion, and for funds with which to start an airport program after the war, Acting City Manager V. R. Smitham said Saturday.

The amount needed for additional land for Love Field will depend on the plans of the Army, Smitham said. It also is planned to reimburse the general fund with \$250,000 used from this fund to buy more land for Love Field.

City to Furnish Army Land.

Acting City Atty. A. J. Thuss conferred in Austin Friday with the members of the Attorney General's staff in regard to whether the city

can vote bonds to reimburse the general fund for money used to buy land for public improvements.

Storm sewers costing \$3,000,000 are needed over a period of years, but Smitham said it yet is to be determined what part of the plans is to be classed as pressing.

Any bonds submitted Dec. 28 will be of an emergency nature and will be presented as only a part of the money to be needed in the future, said Mayor Woodall Rodgers and Mayor Pro Tem J. B. Adoue Junior.

City officials have announced that the city will furnish what land is needed by the Army to expand Love Field.

Recent developments have indicated that Love Field may be expanded largely through extending the more heavily used strips, instead of by expansion in all directions. One strip is to be extended as far as Grove, and may be continued parallel to Lemmon as far as Mabel or Mockingbird Lane. "Full Speed Ahead."

A possible extension of the Love Field area east across Lemmon has been talked of, but city officials are inclined to believe the Army will not attempt to cross either Lemmon or Denton Drive.

Lemmon would be closed to vehicular traffic if a runway crossed it, and a tunnel probably would be dug from Midway Road to give access to the administration building. Closing of Lemmon would be necessary if it should be decided to extend a runway along Lovers Lane toward Bluff View Estates.

Mayor Rodgers, on his return from Chicago Saturday, said the city will go full steam ahead on completing its new master plan and preparing for its fulfillment after the war.

"The road is cleared with the power company franchise and rate reduction out of the way," the Mayor said. "The city's big push is just ahead. American cities are getting their plans ready for the postwar period, and clamoring for priorities in consideration, and Dallas must be prepared."

County Gain Is 58,000 in Three Years

With Dallas County registering an estimated population gain of almost 58,000 in three years, there has been a notable shift in a few months from the city proper to smaller county towns, ration book figures showed Saturday.

The Census Bureau at Washington announced that a Ration Book 2 registrations showed a population increase as of April 1 for Dallas County of 42,417 more than the official 1940 count total of 398,471, to give the county a total of 440,888.