

# Closing Lemmon Nears To Enlarge Airport

Closing of Lemmon Avenue from Midway Road north to Bachman Creek as soon as Army officials request it, possibly during 1944, was under discussion Wednesday as City Councilmen prepared for a gigantic expansion and safety program for Love Field.

Councilmen also predicted that up to \$3,000,000 would be spent acquiring property around the field in the next twelve months, much of it for safety zones at the ends of principal runways.

Early action to clear hazards at the north end of the north-south runway in the vicinity of Lemmon and Love Field Drive was predicted, with similar work at both ends of the east-west runway near Lemmon and Lovers Lane on the east, the old administration building and cotton mills residential district at the west. Ten or more homes in the vicinity of Grove Street at the lower end of the northwest-southeast runway, which parallels Lemmon, also will have to be removed.

## Business Section to Remain.

Acting City Manager V. R. Smitham said latest developments

show that by clearing the north end of the north-south runway the theater and small business section on Denton Drive will not have to be molested for the time being.

Fate of the city's new administration building and the new branch post office, a new telephone branch office and several large business buildings along Lemmon Avenue will depend on later developments.

Several predicted the city soon will have to close Lemmon at Midway and create a new route to the north probably using Midway as a basic line. Then much property east of Lemmon would be acquired to make way for extending runways and creating a safety zone, officials said.

## Safety Zones Proposed.

Principal runways will be extended to 6,000 feet soon, Smitham said, and some may go up to 7,000 feet. At each end of the principal runways the city is expected to create safety zones 1,000 feet long and 1,500 feet wide.

Love Field can be made a \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 superairport in place of a \$15,000,000 superairport east of the city if the city will spend \$3,000,000 at Love Field in the next year, Mayor Rodgers said. The city has been requested to stand in readiness for a program of expansion now largely a military secret, and that quick action could be expected.

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