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**SPENCER, IOWA**

A state park for Clay county in the beautiful wooded lands along the Little Sioux River immediately south of the town of Peterson appeared assured this week as it was learned that the board of conservation, members of which inspected the site recently, had agreed to accept approximately 235 acres of land and convert it into a park for the use of the public.

**NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.**

Richard M. Lederer, president of the Standard National Corporation, building construction and mortgage bankers, has purchased a large estate in Westchester County. He has bought, through William J. Yates and the Dodds Associates, as brokers, the place at Pleasantville known as "Hardscrabble Farm."

The estate contains 140 acres of land and a seven-acre lake fronting 1,800 feet on Hardscrabble Road. It was sold by Fritz J. Frank, president of United Publishers, Inc.

**ATHENS, GEORGIA**

Construction of a modern airport in Athens and Clarke County will likely begin within the next few weeks, with the city council and county commissioners appearing favorable to the proposition.

**ESCANABA, MICH.**

Representatives of the parks division of the state department of conservation and the national parks service stopped off in Escanaba while on tour of the various state parks in the upper peninsula, where improvements are being made by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

They were: S. W. Olcott, Chicago, who is inspecting the various park improvement programs to determine whether these are eligible for federal aid; R. M. Schenck, Lansing, assistant superintendent of state parks; and R. B. Herrick, Lansing, member of the Emergency Conservation Work staff, who are laying out the programs of work.

**ASTORIA, WASH.**

The port of Astoria requested the county court for a deed to a large tract of land on Youngs bay, with provision that the port develop it as an airport.

**SAINT LOUIS, MO.**

The East St. Louis Park District has applied for Federal aid to assist in financing its $1,030,000 improvement project at Lake Park, near East St. Louis.

**COLUMBIA CITY, IND.**

Word was received recently from sponsors of the Whitley-Noble County State Park, who are now in Indianapolis, that the proposed bond issue of $70,000 should be advertised to finance the park.

**DEARBORN, MICH.**

At the regular meeting of the council the Dearborn Kiwanis club was authorized to proceed with the acquiring of as much land as possible, either through grants or exchange for other land for the proposed new Ford park, which is to extend from Brady street to Military avenue along the banks of the Rouge River.

In charge of the Kiwanis project is Harry Vicary and Jamie L. Johnson, both of whom have been working with city officials on the plan ever since its inception nearly a year ago.

**AKRON, OHIO**

First step toward getting city support and federal finances for a projected park in the Airport area west of the port service road and near Washington boulevard, has been taken by club women and members of city council.

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