

AIRPORT LOSES Farm Tax Right

An order was entered in County Court Friday by Judge Harlin M. Steely, disconnecting practically all farm land from the Vermillion County Airport Authority. This includes land not laid out in subdivisions or town lots.

Petitions asking that their lands be disconnected were filed by several hundred land owners, the acreage being estimated at more than 100,000. These were combined into one case for the hearing before the court. The petitions comprised 86 pages of typewritten land descriptions.

The airport authority law, passed by the State Legislature, provides that owners of more than 20 acres of land may petition the court to have their land disconnected, providing such disconnection does not destroy the contiguity of the remaining land in the authority.

The airport authority may petition to have land reconnected if it is shown at a public hearing that some of the conditions alleged in the original petition no longer exist. Land within a radius of three miles of the airport may not be disconnected.

The law firms of Acton, Acton, Baldwin & Bookwalter and Bookwalter, Carter & Gunn represented the majority of the petitioners, several petitions being filed by other attorneys. Nearly a year was spent in completing the petitions, it was stated Friday. The townships which are included within the bounds of the Vermillion County Airport Authority are Pilot, Blount, Newell, Oakwood, Danville, Vance, Catlin, Georgetown and McKendree.

The site for the airport was selected last August, the location being approximately 400 acres at the northeast corner of the Bowman Ave.—Poland Road intersection. It was estimated that the airport would cost slightly more than a million dollars.

USE OF NON-UNION

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Union electrical workers at a Vermillion County Airport project walked off the job Friday afternoon, leaving the airport runway lights disconnected.

Airport Authority chairman Jack Songer said the action would not affect airport operations and that the lights would be restored, probably with the aid of an auxiliary generator. Flights were expected to continue as normal.

The electrical workers walked out when members of the Operating Engineers Local 841 of Danville — the heavy-equipment union — set up pickets to protest the use of non-

union labor federally funded system.

The action continuing labor union electrical Stanley Grubbs the member engineers local

Members of picketed the few days workers were controversy union workers reported for work project.

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