

# LOWER MERION BOARD SUIT IS THREATENED

### Commissioners Order \$150,000 New Debt Despite Protest of Taxpayers OFFICIALS ARE ASSAILED

There is talk today in Lower Merion township of an injunction suit against the township commissioners to restrain them from carrying out provisions of an ordinance passed last night over protests of delegations representing various Main Line towns.

The ordinance provides for a \$150,000 bond issue for purchase and improvement of a seven-acre tract in Ardmore for a new township building. The vote was 10 to 3.

A resolution to postpone action on the ordinance for two weeks, until the opponents of the measure were in a better position to show its undesirability, had been previously defeated by a vote of nine to four.

Edgar Gardner, president of the Bala-Cynwyd Neighborhood Club, who headed the protesting delegations, said after the meeting that the action of the commissioners would be discussed at a special meeting in the near future.

The desirability of seeking an injunction restraining the commissioners from carrying out the ordinance is being discussed. The Rev. Albert Holt, of St. Andrew's Chapel, and the Neighborhood House, of West Manayunk, who was the first speaker, said that the repair of roads was a greater need than the new governmental building.

The clergyman described sections in Belmont Heights and Ashland Heights in which residents were compelled to travel nearly a mile to obtain ice and vegetables because wagons and other vehicles could not pass the uneven streets.

In this section alone three horses have been killed within a year and other accidents which might have proved more serious have repeatedly occurred," said the clergyman. "To my mind the remedy of this condition is more important than handsome buildings."

Mr. Gardner, who followed, also said that the need of road repair was greater than that of the proposed township property improvements.

Harry Peebles said the proposed purchase was "unwise and too expensive." Mr. Peebles said the \$150,000 bond issue would ultimately cost the citizens of the township a round sum of \$271,812 at maturity, with interest and other taxes.

The question of the legality of the project was raised by Frank H. Mancill, solicitor of the Bala-Cynwyd Neighborhood Club. Mr. Mancill said that the state law specifically said that the township commissioners had power only to erect a "suitable building." He contended that the present site was "suitable."

At the invitation of Mr. Kerbaugh, president of the commissioners, Alfred M. Collins, president of the Main Line Citizens' Association, spoke in behalf of the ordinance. Others who spoke in favor of the ordinance were Joseph N. Knipe, president of the Ardmore Improvement Association, and Major John L. Evans, a commissioner from Haverford.

"This project is an important one," said Mr. Collins. "If the commission decided to improve the tract there would be several acres left for a park. This would be a great improvement for Ardmore. Ardmore is developing now and in years the desirability of the purchase will be apparent."

At this point Mr. Gardner asked: "I don't see why the commissioners

want to give Ardmore a park at the expense of the township." **Economy Emphasized** Mr. Mancill had emphasized the fact that the delegations were not opposed to a new building for the commissioners. "We want them to have a new structure, but we want it done in the most economical and practical way. Under the ordinance, the buildings would cost \$400,000 and present a staggering blow to the finances of the township. The tax rate would be increased and we would be burdened for years to pay off the bonds." The three commissioners who opposed the ordinance at the final vote were Martin P. Glynn, of Bala; William F. Hamilton, of Cynwyd, and W. A. L. Barker, of the Gladwynne section.

## NAMES BUREAU HEAD

Dr. C. J. Marshall, of This City, to Direct State Animal Industry

Dr. C. J. Marshall, of this city, has been appointed director of the state Bureau of Animal Husbandry and Dr. T. E. Munce, Washington, assistant director. Dr. J. W. Boyd, Pittsburgh, was named superintendent of the Pittsburgh office; Dr. Joseph Johnson, West Chester, superintendent of the Lancaster office, and Dr. G. L. Bushong, Dover, superintendent of the Allentown district.

Doctor Marshall had been head of the state livestock sanitary board with Doctor Munce as his assistant. This board now passes out of existence with the organization of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry. The former board was composed of the Governor, secretary of agriculture, state veterinarian and the dairy and food commissioner, but the new bureau is directly under the control of the secretary of agriculture.

Doctor Marshall was state veterinarian under the old system and, during the war, was in charge of the veterinary service for the United States army in France.

## UNLOAD ALL CARS OF COAL, IS PLEA

### Thayer Issues Warning in Move to Avoid Shortage in Freight Carriers

### EASTERN LINES HARD HIT

Walter Thayer, general coal freight agent of the United States railroad administration, has issued an appeal to receivers of coal to unload all cars as quickly as possible so as to avoid a shortage in freight cars. The shortage will especially hit the Pennsylvania Railroad's eastern lines, according to the statement of Mr. Thayer, who also says that the demand for open-top cars is constantly increasing. He points out that it is essential that every car be as efficiently used as possible.

Three suggestions have been offered to shippers and receivers of coal to provide more cars, in order to assure greater distribution of coal. The first is that all open-top cars loaded with coal or coke or any other commodity be unloaded upon delivery; the second, that mechanical devices be installed to facilitate unloading of coal wherever possible, and the third, that every effort be made to accumulate a stock of coal for future requirements.

The railroad administration also points out that a shortage in box cars is at hand now, and that unless every effort is made to load and unload box cars promptly there will be serious interference with commerce throughout the country.

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