

Willard Library microfilm article, November 28, 1922.

The first official designation of the property as Leila Arboretum and announces the handing over of the property deed to the City.

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CITY FORMALLY ACCEPTS GIFT

**Old Country Club Property In-
cluding 72 Acres, Is Pre-
sented Last Night.**

NAMED "LEILA ARBORETUM"

**Plans Soon Made for Improv-
ing Grounds—Will Spend
\$5,000 Yearly on Park.**

The 72 acres of beautiful hills and dales, known as the old country club now belongs to the city. The deed to the property signed by Mrs. Leila Y. Post Montgomery was formally accepted by the city at the regular meeting of the city commission last night.

The acceptance of the deed to the property carries with it the agreement on the part of the city to spend at least \$5,000 each year in beautifying the grounds, and in maintaining the acreage as a park.

The resolution accepting the deed was drawn up and signed by Harry K. Allwardt, commissioner of public buildings and grounds and is as follows:

Appreciation Expressed

"Be it resolved by the city commission of the city of Battle Creek, that the deed from Leila Y. Post Montgomery for lands for park purposes be approved and that the gift be accepted in accordance with the deed and the conditions therein contained,

and that the mayor be instructed to express to Mrs. Montgomery the appreciation of the commission and the citizens of Battle Creek for her magnificent gift and the splendid spirit which prompted the same.—Harry K. Allwardt."

Now that the plat has become a portion of the park system of the city it is expected that plans will be drawn for the improving of it. Just what these plans will be has not been determined and may not be until after the board of education has acted upon the proposition of managing the building scheme proposed for the arboretum.

Is Given Name

The park has been formally named the "Leila Arboretum" in honor of the donor and hereafter it will be called by that name. No doubt when the park becomes what its boosters intend that it should be a significant name mark will be placed at the entrance in order that all may know it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church will hold a bazaar in the church parlors on December 15. Many hand-made Christmas gifts have been prepared for it by the members of the society. Dinner will also be served at noon and a chicken-pie supper at night.

Miss Helen Branson of 33 Marshall street will entertain the Young People's circle of the First Congregational church at a co-operative supper Friday, December 1. The young ladies are asked to come early in the afternoon prepared to sew.

Everything has its bright side. About 100,000 tons of figs were burned by the Turks.