

Weather Last Month Much Like Year Ago; Statistics Are Given

The weather last month was practically the same as it was in November of last year, according to the report made today by John O. Laux, official U. S. Weather recorder for the Waukegan district.

The maximum temperature reached during last month was 68 degrees on the ninth. The maximum for November of last year was 63 degrees

on the first.

The lowest temperature last month was on the 28th when the mercury sank to 3 degrees below zero. The coldest day in November of last year was on the 29th when the thermometer registered 4 below zero.

The mean or average temperature last month was 39.3 degrees as compared to 36 degrees in November last year.

The snowfall last month amounted to one inch, being the same as it was in November, 1929. The total precipitation for the month was 1.22 inches.

In November last year it was .91 inches.

Last month there were 13 clear days, 9 partly cloudy days and 8 cloudy days and 9 cloudy days.

Prevailing winds last month were from the southwest. In November a year ago they were from the northwest.

Mrs. Catherine Owens, 72 years old, the widow of Charles C. Owens, who died Feb. 2, 1929, passed away last week at her home in Winthrop Harbor.

LAWYERS FAVOR LAW AMENDMENT

Would Have Statute Altered to Provide Additional Masters in Chancery

Lawyers in 13 counties are considering a proposal to amend section 1 of the Illinois Masters in Chancery Act. The effect of the proposed amendment would be to authorize the appointment of one additional master in 12 counties, namely, DuPage, Kane, Lake, LaSalle, Macon, Madison, Peoria, Rock Island, Sangamon, Vermillion, Will and Winnebago, and two additional masters in St. Clair county.

The amendment, as proposed, provides that "when any county shall contain 75,000 inhabitants or more according to the last preceding federal census, the circuit court for the circuit in which such county is located may appoint one additional master in chancery in such county for every additional 75,000 inhabitants or fraction thereof."

Each county is entitled to one master in chancery under the existing law, and certain special provisions apply to Cook county. None of these provisions would be repealed, but in the larger counties additional masters would be authorized. St. Clair county, being the only one with more than 150,000 population, according to two additional masters before 1940.

"No bill to increase the number of masters in chancery has been introduced in the Illinois legislature since 1889," says Attorney W. G. Moffett of Lombard, who is urging the passage of this amendment. "The present Masters in Chancery Act has been in effect since 1872, having been passed by the first legislature following the adoption of the Constitution of 1870," he adds.

"Inasmuch as an additional master can be provided at virtually no expense to the public (the master's fees being taxed as costs of suit and paid by the litigants), it seems to me that the larger counties should provide this additional service, which will greatly expedite the chancery business in their courts," says Mr. Moffett. "At present in the larger counties the work that a master is expected to do is far more than one man can handle efficiently and expeditiously. The litigant pays the same fee whether there is one master or more, and there would seem to be no good reason for not giving him prompt service when to do so will be no burden to the community."

It is expected that a bill providing for this amendment will be introduced at the next session of the General Assembly, which meets in January.

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