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**Lewis Carried 89 of
State's 102 Counties**

James Hamilton Lewis, Chicago, democrat, carried 89 of 102 counties in the state in his landslide victory over Mrs. Ruth Hannah McCormick. Byron, republican, his chief opponent in the contest for election as United States Senator from Illinois, official returns by counties disclosed here today. Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill, Downer's Grove, independent dry, was a distant third, running behind both her democratic and republican foes in every county. She failed to win in one county.

Lewis, of course, carried both Chicago and downstate by comfortable majorities in both instances but was given a "horse race" in some downstate counties.

**GRANT REHEARING
IN SEARS CASE**

Supreme Court Decision in Action Appealed from Lake County

The Supreme Court last week allowed a rehearing in the case of the People vs. Anna L. Sears, No. 20,299, involving the back tax case decided at the last term of court in favor of Mrs. Sears. The People filed the petition for hearing. Another opinion will be handed down later.

On Oct. 25, of this year, the Supreme Court reversed the decision of former Circuit Judge Claire C. Edwards, in which a tax of close to \$880,000 was assessed against Mrs. Sears, widow of the late Richard Sears, founder of the Sears-Roebuck company.

In its opinion the court held that the Cook County Board of Review could not assess Mrs. Sears after the death of her husband, as he willed his property to her, and her rights then could not be disturbed. The opinion in effect set aside the tax assessment.

The Cook County Board of Review claimed \$1,703,000 as the amount of the back tax and five per cent as interest dating from 1912 when Mr. Sears died. The total claim was nearly \$3,000,000.

At his death the estate settled with Lake county for certain claims for unpaid taxes on alleged hidden property. Cook county, at the same time, contended that when the deceased had been a resident of Oak Park that he failed to reveal all taxable assets there.

For many years Mrs. Sears lived at Gages corners, near Grayslake, and owned considerable property there. For years his estate paid an enormous tax which was the largest amount to come to the county treasurer from the town of Warren.

**Supervisors Uphold
Operation of County
Hospital, Take Vote**

County supervisors last week ignored the report of the Homer Dah-Waukegan, covering the policy of the county hospital when, by a unanimous vote, the resolution of the vetteringer post of the American legion of erans was tabled.

In it the veterans had charged that a large number of the supervisors had never entered the institution, that there was no budget but a "jackpot" instead, and that one county physician could carry out the work.

"There is a law that governs this board in connection with the county hospital and if we have erred in following the law it is no fault of ours," Supervisor William J. Obee of Highland Park, declared.

Obee, who was made chairman of a special committee to investigate the stated to board members that there grievances against the hospital, had been but one organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to come to that committee for any information.

The foreign war veterans reported favorably on the hospital.

The motion to table the resolution of the Legion was made by Assistant Supervisor E. W. Miller of Libertyville. The policy of operation at the hospital was investigated by most of the civic clubs as well as the veterans.

Supervisors contend that they have complied with the law in every respect and that the per capita cost of operation is far less today than it was 15 years ago when there was no hospital to send patients to.

**State Road Building
Plan Calls for Huge
Expenditure in 1931**

A road building program calling for the expenditure of \$45,000,000 in 1931, is announced by H. H. Cleveland, director of the state department of public works and buildings.

The expenditures contemplated for 1931, as outlined by the highway department, are based upon estimates of funds that will be available from federal aid, from state motor license, and from two-thirds of the state's three-cent gasoline tax. It is figured that this amount will provide for approximately 1,500 miles of standard 18-foot pavement.

Under the tentative financial setup presented to Gov. L. L. Emmerson the \$45,000,000 would be spent as follows:

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Second—\$15,000,000 for completing roads placed under contract this year.

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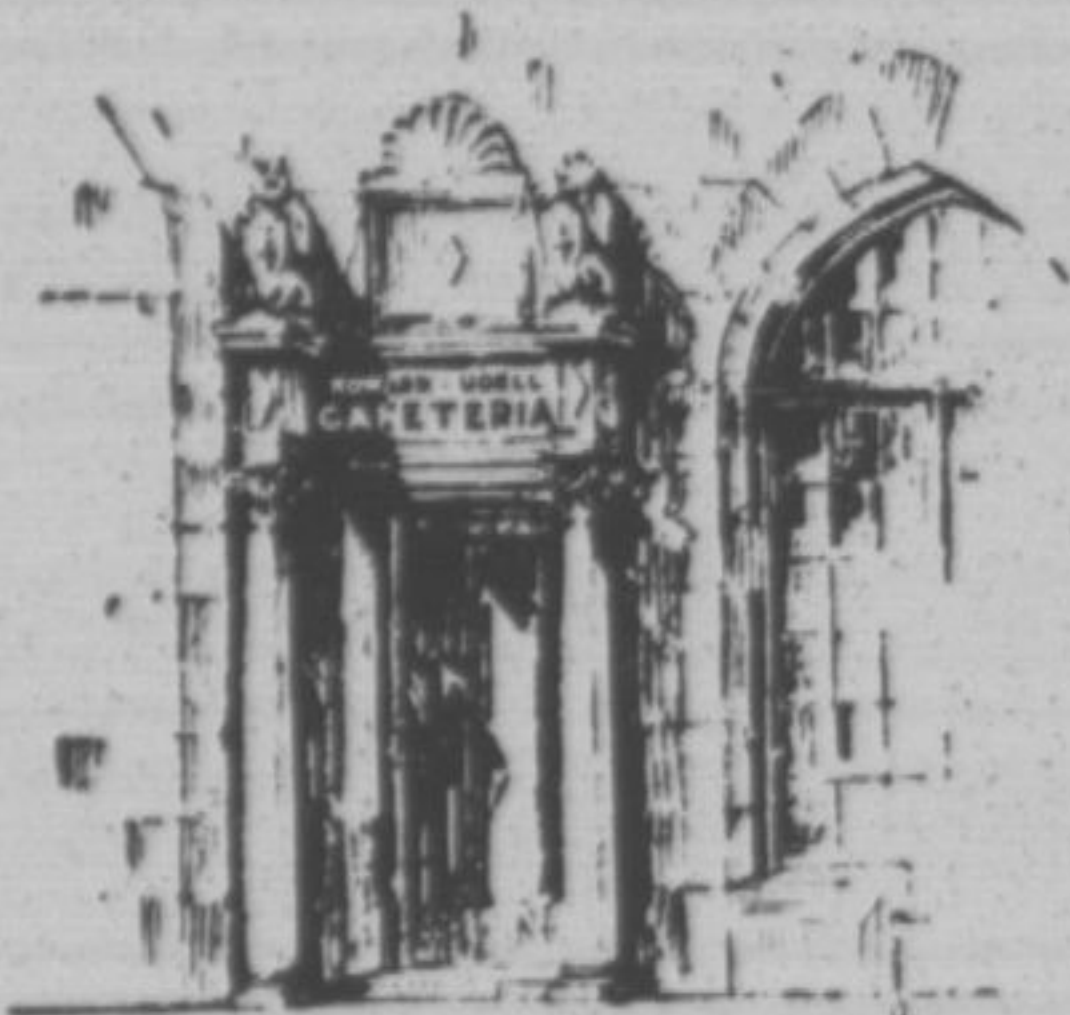
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