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**Interview County Judges on Behalf Of ADC New Bill**

County judges throughout Illinois are being interviewed on behalf of an Aid to Dependent Children bill by members of the Board of Directors of the Illinois League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Florence Bohrer, state chairman of its Department of Government and Social Welfare explains in the November "Illinois Voter" that "An amendment is being prepared which would bring the Illinois Mothers' Pension law into conformity with the Aid to Dependent Children provisions of the Social Security Act. The amendment will be presented to the state legislature when it convenes in January and its passage would mean that Illinois would start receiving Federal grants for the care of dependent children. It is estimated that the loss to mothers and children of Illinois has been about \$6,000,000 in federal funds a year.

"To qualify for ADC," Mrs. Bohrer states, "the program in Illinois must be state-wide instead of optional as it now is. There must also be a single state agency to supervise the administration of the ADC program. There must be provision for the granting to any individual whose claim with respect to ADC is denied, an opportunity for a fair hearing before such state agency. The mothers' pension program is now administered by the Juvenile Court of Cook county and the county courts elsewhere. Since acts of judicial officers cannot be reviewed by executive officers, Illinois cannot qualify while the administration of mothers' pensions remains with the county courts. It is proposed that the supervision of the ADC program shall be with the Illinois State Department of Public Welfare and that the administration shall be with the county departments of public welfare.

If the same amount of righteous indignation expressed by groups of Chicago citizens in the eleventh hour before a presidential election in requesting senatorial investigation of vote frauds had been expended on constructive steps to prevent fraud over 365 days a year, would not the accomplishment be more solid and permanent, queries Mrs. George G. Bogert, president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, in the November "Illinois Voter."

The citizens charging chain balloting, colonizing in precincts thirty days before election, padded registration lists, buying votes, fraudulent assistance to voters and intimidation admit that nothing tangible or permanent could be accomplished this late but believed dramatizing the situation would discourage fraud at this election.

For the future, Mrs. Bogert believes that numbering the ballots would be effective in preventing chain balloting, an administrative change requiring no legislation. Local election officials have been eager to effect it, but public opinion, not understanding and suspicious, has blocked it to date. Voting machines would stop chain balloting and fraudulent counting, but require further legislation.

Mrs. Bogert believes that "charges like those made operate like a blind man with a shotgun who does not know where he aims. By their lack of discrimination they are not always fair to election officials and confuse public opinion further. Colonizing, for example, may not be within the spirit of the law but it, certainly is within the letter, and and election officials can do nothing to prosecute it. Furthermore, inaccuracies found in a September canvass of an April registration list have little significance: only irregularities on the new list have significance. Unquestionably the buying of votes is serious and should be prosecuted vigorously whenever encountered. But the utmost vigilance cannot always detect it and only a higher state of public opinion can really rout it."

MRS. G. K. HARDACRE,  
 Publicity Chairman of League.

**County Committee Plans the Largest Xmas Seal Sale Held**

Members of the Christmas Seal Sale Committee have had two meetings in the office of the Lake County Tuberculosis Association, making plans for the largest Seal Sale in the history of the Association.

Those present on Monday afternoon, November 3, were: Mrs. Austri H. Niblack and Mr. Edward L. Baker, Lake Forest; Mrs. Francis M. Knight and Mrs. Howard Detmer, Highland Park; Mrs. Earl Kane, Diamond Lake, Mundelein; Mrs. Homer T. Cook, Wauconda; Mr. Carl Baylor, Libertyville; Mrs. Joseph Sikes, Grays Lake; Mrs. Sidney Barnstable and Mrs. Al B. Maier, Lake Villa.

Other members of the committee unable to attend Monday's meeting were: Mr. Harry A. Hall, Waukegan; Mrs. Mabel McCullough, Gurnee; Mr. Carl Nielsen, Lake Bluff; Mrs. Barney Trieger, Antioch; Mrs. Joseph Welch and Mrs. Robert W. Buckley, Barrington, and Mrs. Gerard Fosslund, Winthrop Harbor.

The committee has chosen Mrs. Austin Niblack of Lake Forest as general chairman of the 1940 Christmas Seal Campaign.

This will be the thirty-fourth Christmas season that voluntary workers have cooperated with state and local tuberculosis associations to raise funds to carry on the nationwide campaign against the disease. The campaign this year opens on November 25 and extends through Christmas.

"Lake county, like all other communities, has its tuberculosis problem," said Mrs. Niblack, "and at least once a year we should intensify our efforts to help solve the problem.

"Tuberculosis still leads causes of death between the ages of 14 and 45. Christmas Seals have helped fight a good fight, but as an enemy the disease is far from being vanquished. This is the time to pile up more ammunition for further attack."

Mrs. Uiblack announced that the next meeting of the Seal Sale Committee would be held on Monday, November 18, 2 p.m., in the office of the Lake County Tuberculosis Association, Court House, Waukegan.

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