

FIXING THE COUNTY BUDGET

Under New Law The County Authorities Must File Budget For Inspection and Publish in Newspaper.

Raleigh, May 18.—Preparation of a budget that will take care of the needs of each county department and active and stand public inspection in the court house and in the county newspaper is the present task of the county officials throughout the state under the new County Fiscal Control Act.

Preliminary budget estimates are now being prepared on forms sent out from the office of the County Government Advisory Commission by the department heads and officers in charge of functions in each county. These estimates must be completed and presented to each county accountant by June 1.

These preliminary budgets will show in detail what the department spent last year, an estimate of what it will spend this year, and what it expects to spend during the year beginning July 1.

Based on the figures submitted to him by the department heads, the county accountant will prepare a budget estimate for the entire county and submit it to the county commissioners not later than the first Monday in July, when the budgets will be finally fixed for the year on the basis of the county's income.

Under the new law all counties will use uniform budgeting system. After the budgets have been finally acted on, the departments will know exactly what they may spend next year. Each line of activity will operate under its own appropriation, as the funds are not transferable from one department to another.

Upon submission of the budget estimate, and at least twenty days before the adoption of the appropriation resolution, the budget estimate shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the board, where it shall remain for public inspection. The law further requires that a copy of the budget estimate be furnished to each newspaper published in the county.

The county officials must also cause to be published in at least one newspaper published in the county a summary of the budget estimate, showing at least the total appropriation recommended for each separate fund or function.

The responsibility for the carrying out the budget system of handling county funds falls to the lot of the county accountant. No purchase is legal until countersigned by the accountant, who is personally responsible for the purchase orders he approves, and personally liable for orders approved without sufficient funds to take care of them.

What Is a Diuretic?

People Are Learning the Value of Occasional Use.

EVERYONE knows that a laxative stimulates the bowels. A diuretic performs a similar function to the kidneys. Under the strain of our modern life, our organs are apt to become sluggish and require assistance. More and more people are learning to use Doan's Pills, occasionally, to insure good elimination which is so essential to good health. More than 50,000 grateful users have given Doan's signed recommendations. Scarcely a community but has its representation. Ask your neighbor!

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Cardui Helpful to South Carolina Lady Whose Health Gave Way.
Mrs. Letha Cabaniss, of Chesnee, S. C., "did too much," and her "health gave way." She writes: "I took boarders and, at the same time, worked in the mill. As a result, I had to stay in bed for overwork for eighteen days. I had had pains... I got clear down and was very much depressed. I had read of where Cardui had helped other women suffering with troubles like my own, so I made up my mind to take Cardui, myself. I sent and got a bottle, and it did me so much good I took it on until I got entirely well. Cardui should also prove helpful in your case. Try it. Ask your druggist."
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STYLES IN CROOKS' WEAPONS CHANGE

Carefully Selected Pistol Is Now Favorite.

New York.—The weapon would have appealed to anyone with a liking for firearms; its long blue barrel looked grim and forbidding, and though its curved butt was inlaid with ivory there was nothing suggestive of a toy about it. On the contrary, this pistol, well oiled and polished, gave the impression that it was ready at all times for action.

A stroke of good fortune had landed both weapon and owner in the hands of the police. A detective carefully extracted the bullets from the chamber, counted them and placed them in an envelope for future reference. He remarked that from his observations the pistol is today the favorite weapon of the crook.

The criminal selects his weapon with great care and does not hesitate to pay a good price for it. Indeed, he seldom buys a cheap weapon; most of the firearms which the police have seized and confiscated are in first-class working condition. The crook usually carries a .32 or a .38, though occasionally he totes a .45. However, as a rule he finds this caliber of pistol too large and unwieldy for his purpose. He prefers a smaller weapon since it is easier to conceal.

"Crooks," said a detective, "use a great variety of weapons. Just as a shoemaker is known by his last a thief is known by the instruments he carries. You can usually tell by a crook's weapon what particular line of criminality he follows. A decade ago crooks used a great many more kinds of weapons than they do now. The average criminal is content with a single weapon.

Pistol the Favorite.
"A large percentage of criminals have discarded other weapons solely for the pistol.

"When hold-ups were quite common detectives intercepted three robbers as they ran from a store. One of them had a formidable magazine gun. He had cut off the rounded points of the bullets and had flattened them out, obviously with the intention of plowing a big hole in the anatomy of a victim he might feel inclined to shoot. The incident suffices to show the callousness and cruelty of the average criminal and how little he cares for human life.

"There are plenty of men in the department today who can recall the time when gun-toting criminals were much more the exception than the rule. Indeed, there were any number of professional crooks who never used firearms in their business. They used other weapons which answered their purpose better, and some of their favorite weapons are seldom seen or heard of now.

"The club was a primitive weapon and was superseded by the sandbag, which worked effectively and left few marks. A short piece of rubber hose was used for the same purpose. The sandbag is out of date, but occasionally crops up.

"The sandbag was discarded for the blackjack. A blow from a loaded blackjack will put anyone quickly to sleep. Akin to the blackjack are brass knuckles, and frequently a victim is unable to say whether he has been hit by one or the other. Both of them are occasionally used today by thugs. They are regarded as deadly weapons and it is as serious an offense to have them in one's possession as a pistol.

"A few years ago a long, sharp-bladed knife or a dagger vied with the pistol in popularity. Indeed, there were far more stabbing affrays than shootings that came under the notice of the police. The wielder of dagger or knife often used these instruments with deadly effect, and occasionally some one would be stabbed to death. In recent years there has been a big falling off in such crimes and instead of being stabbed people are now shot.

Gunman a Weakening.
"The gun-toting criminal is a recent product. He attained his full prominence a few years ago when crime was rampant. He is a different product from the old-type criminal who was strong and robust and did not need a gun. The present-day gunman are invariably puny, undersized men, and are weak mentally as well as physically. You see innumerable examples of them as they dribble into station houses; and they are all alike—sallow, frail, undersized, the sickest-looking lot of criminals the world ever saw.

"They are only daring when they are under the spell of narcotics. A large number of criminals are confirmed drug addicts, and in order to keep themselves supplied with drugs they will often take a desperate chance. Some of these criminal addicts spend \$5 to \$25 a day on drugs. A good many crooks who hold up drug stores do so to get narcotics. It is common for one of them to demand narcotics of a druggist. If they are unable to get their favorite drug they will hold up a store to get money with which to purchase drugs.

"It is seldom criminals get drunk when they have serious work to do. They realize that a drunken hold-up man would not get very far. He would be slow in action and liable to queer the whole works. This happened when a drunken Indian attempted to hold up a Chicago hotel."

Divorces Increase
London.—Divorces are increasing because newspapers are now forbidden to print the details.

BILLY EMERSON LIVES QUIETLY

Golden-Voiced Minstrel Is Now Past Seventy.

Newport, Ky.—Billy Emerson, whose golden voice formerly thrilled thousands of minstrelsy lovers all over America and Europe, is living quietly in Newport. He is well over seventy now, but his voice retains much of the sweetness that brought him fame, when he was a star among all the luminaries. He sings with a haunting lilt that brings back old memories, but there is nothing of the "old-timer" about Mr. Emerson. He is as chipper as he was in the nights when his bounding upon the stage brought as much applause as does the appearance of even the most effete star of the stage in these times.

Mr. Emerson is probably the last of the noted minstrel men of the earlier day. He has made numerous tours of America and has had experiences enough to crowd a book of "memories." But he does not live in the past, though he does talk of the moguls of minstrel times when he is urged.

Mr. Emerson, with Mrs. Emerson, lives quietly here, ever and anon going out for an evening when Mr. Emerson obliges with some of his successes in the days when minstrel men were minstrel men. Mrs. Emerson, upon whose hair snows of age have fallen, accompanies her husband on the piano.

Mr. Emerson's reminiscence of old days in the black-face art brings up names that read like a roll of honor of the men who have amused millions, and most of whom have outstripped "Billy" Emerson on the way to the golden shore. He has known them all—Low Dockstader, Jack Haverly, Al Fields, George Evans, and all the leading funsters of the last 50 or 60 years.

Ship Frozen in Arctic Gets U. S. Radio Bills

Montreal.—The steamer Bay Maude, locked in the frozen waters of the Arctic ocean at Bernard harbor, has been receiving the special Far-North programs, states a wireless message from Aklavik, Northwest territories. Word was sent through this station by the crew of the Bay Maude to Montreal that perfect reception accompanied all the programs.

Aklavik is situated in the delta of the Mackenzie river, which empties into the Arctic ocean, about 600 miles west of Bernard harbor. The latter is a minor bay of Coronation gulf, about five degrees from the North pole. On a schedule arranged nearly a year in advance, four programs sent from as many stations have entertained members of the Royal Canadian mounted police, traders, trappers, missionaries and other inhabitants of the remote Arctic.

The farthest north settlement in the world, Bache peninsula, in Ellesmere land, is included in these posts, which receive the cheering radio entertainment.

Plan to Move Canadian Town to Higher Land

Bella Coola, B. C.—Residents here have decided to tow their village across the river and transplant it bodily on a bluff, where the view of snow-clad Cascade range peaks is better.

Each spring, when the snow melts in the highlands, the Bella Coola river goes on a rampage. The town is inundated in places and even threatened with destruction. It was deemed cheaper and safer to move the town than attempting changing the course of the stream or build barricades.

Townfolk here are optimistic over the exodus. They are certain, anyway, that the scenery will be better and are eagerly awaiting a mass meeting to be held soon, at which they will draw lots for sites of their new homes. The government has given them the new town site free of charge.

Some difficulty is anticipated in moving the town across the river, although a majority of the business houses and homes are frame structures.

Trains Ape

Moscow.—Peter Koslov, explorer, is back from Tibet with a story of training a hideous ape of extraordinary intelligence so well that he became a member of the expedition.

Wed in Lion's Cage

Jersey City, N. J.—Married in a lion's cage, Ernest P. Gervais, chauffeur, and his bride are on their honeymoon with a substantial gift of cash and furniture.

Shortest Railroad in World Sells for \$1,100

Kalama, Wash.—The town of Union, Ore., now owns the shortest railroad in the world, having bid in and purchased the utility at a sale for delinquent taxes. The road, sold by the sheriff, owed many thousands of dollars. It is ten miles long, constructed years ago to connect the territory with the Oregon Short Line at Cove. The purchase price, \$1,100, includes a locomotive, one passenger and three freight cars as rolling stock.

Gracious Lady's Tact in Trying Situation

It took a society leader from Boston to teach me just how gracious a gracious lady may sometimes be. For some incredible reason (in our hotel) there was a door leading from her bathroom into the hall, and, equally incredible, when a husky sweeper mistook his broom closet and pulled at the bathroom door it came open to admit him to the immediate presence of a society leader enjoying her bath.

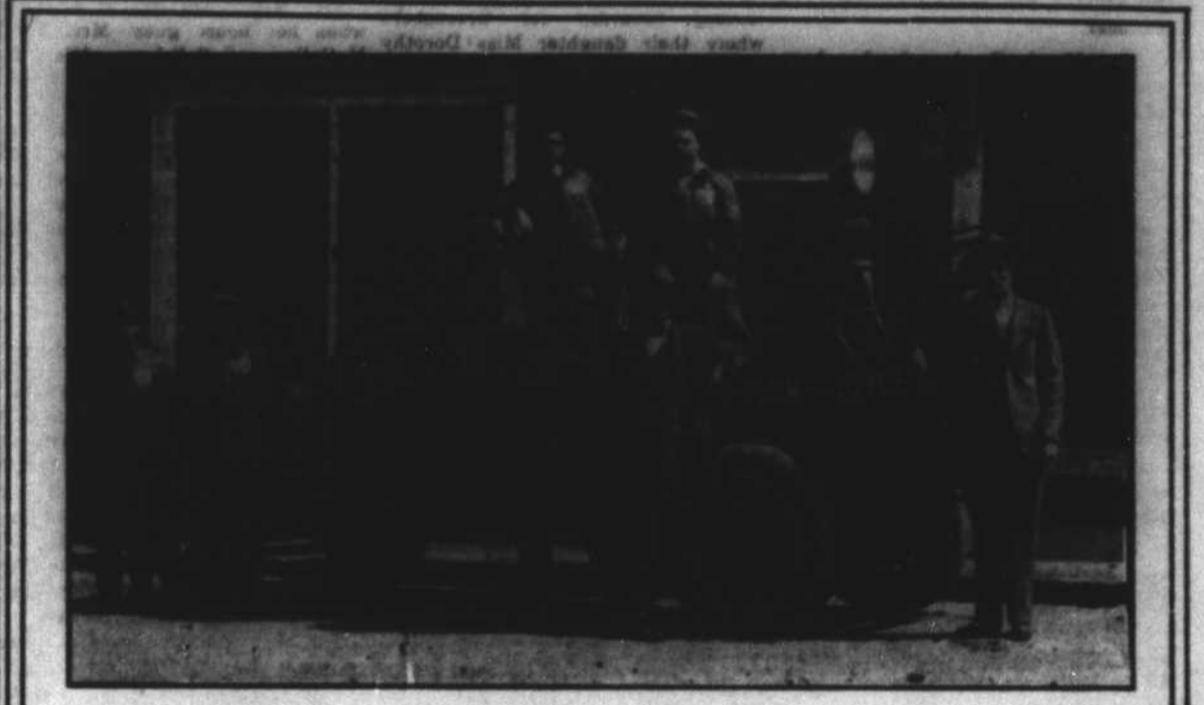
The sweeper's consternation, pulsating through the service channels, was registered at the desk in about three minutes.

By and by the blue-blooded Bostonian, marvelously gowned for dinner, as she always was, entered the lobby, and the young men at the desk prayed that she would pass on into the dining room. When she headed in their direction they stood their ground heroically, but the blood froze in their veins.

She glanced from room clerk to front clerk and back again, smiled sweetly and said: "My mother, taught me to take my bath regularly, but she affixed one rigid requirement—that I should always take it in private. If you'll be good enough to have some one nail up that public entrance to my bathroom I'll be grateful."

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