

BUDGET DRAFTERS MEET TOMORROW FOR ORGANIZATION

The first meeting of the Jackson county budget committee, composed of State Senator George W. Dunn of Ashland, W. J. Freedman of Central Point and A. C. Hubbard of this city, and the members of the county court, is scheduled tomorrow for the purpose of organizing, electing a chairman and discussing preliminary details. Another meeting will be held next week and at regular intervals until November 1, when the budget, under the law, must be completed.

Relief, roads and old age pension funds are scheduled to be the main problems confronting the committee. To meet the requirements of the old age pension, the county court will be required to appropriate between \$20,000 and \$25,000. It is expected that the coming session of the legislature will enact measures providing state funds and relieving the counties of some of the financial strain. The original law made no provision for providing funds. This left many Oregon counties with a mandate to pay the old age pensions but with no money to pay them. The average old age pension in this county is between \$11 and \$12. There are about 200 old age pensioners.

Size of the relief appropriations depends upon improvement of labor conditions and federal and state donations.

For five years the road of Jackson county have received only the barest maintenance, but the traffic has not diminished, and the routes are beginning to show the effects of wear and tear, bringing complaints from autoists and residents of rural districts. Members of the county court hold that unless repairs are made "the county will lose its investment," and that money can be saved in the long run by improvements before the roads are a total loss. Repairs on bridges and culverts are also needed. Most of the rural roads have become "washboards."

The road fund was badly crippled when the administration cut off the Oregon-California road fund money. It amounted to about \$72,000 for last year. Western Oregon counties, beneficiaries of the fund, are now making an effort to secure its return, with back payments.

The general financial affairs of Jackson county are in good shape and there is no chance. The present county court, for more than a year, "has been sitting on the financial lid," and restricted all expenditures to necessities. Most of the county office budgets submitted to date run the same as last year. There are some items calling for the raising of salaries, but these are largely offset by reductions. What increases sought are modest.

County officials predict that the compiling of the 1934 budget will not be the nerve-racking affairs of recent years.

A public hearing on the budget, in accordance with the law, will be called for early in November.

BRIDEGROOM FREED ON DELINQUENCY CHARGE ACCOUNT COURT RULE

Oscar Neeley, Josephine county resident, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl in a complaint sworn to by the girl's father, was dismissed in Justice of the Peace Coleman's court yesterday afternoon. The court ruled that a husband could not contribute to the delinquency of his wife. The case was the outgrowth of a mixup between John Law and Dan Cupid. Records in the case show that Edith Bolding of Central Point, under 18 years of age her parents say, eloped with Neeley two weeks ago from Kerby, Josephine county.

A marriage license was procured at the Jackson county clerk's office, Neeley giving his age as 31 and the girl declaring she was 21. They were married by Justice Coleman, who also received the father's complaint and heard the case yesterday. According to the district attorney's office, Neeley admits he is 35 years old, and the girl's father claims he is 47 years old.

Following the marriage the couple again disappeared and were found by the state police on a ranch near Holman, Josephine county, last Wednesday. They were questioned by the district attorney's office yesterday morning before the justice court appearance. The complaint charged that Neeley had induced the girl to leave home and defy parental authority.

Following the justice court decision, the newlyweds returned to Josephine county.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Parsons of Portland, are the parents of a daughter, Ann Elaine, born September 16, according to announcement received by Medford friends of Mrs. Parsons, who will be remembered here as the former Miss Christine Holt.

Mrs. James Goddard of this city received word today that her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, are the parents of a baby boy, weighing 9 1/2 pounds, born at Minneapolis, Kas., September 12. Mrs. Davis will be remembered in Medford as the former Miss Laura May Gordon, and is in the east visiting at her husband's parents' home. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are expected to return to Medford soon.

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