

## Scott Urges Half of Tax Surplus Saved for 'Rainy Day'; Proposes Reduced Income Taxes, Surtax

A plan of income tax legislation, surplus fund expenditures and use of future revenues was urged by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott Saturday.

"I urge that a large part of the so-called surplus funds be set aside as a reserve against future shrinkage of the income tax," Scott declared. "Let's not spend the state poor. Common sense warns that we hold a substantial part of these surplus funds for hard times."

Scott's suggested program of tax legislation:

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holding tax. It will produce not to exceed \$1,500,000.

2. Increase state income tax exemption from \$500 to \$750, its former figure. Revenue reduction estimated at \$5,000,000 annually.

3. Reduce surtax from 8 to 7 or 6 per cent. Eight per cent on top bracket is too high for competition with other states, Scott contends.

4. Repeal community property law. Federal tax amendments, for sharing income tax between husband and wife, make the Oregon law superfluous, he said.

5. Reject sales tax until income tax shrinks seriously.

**Spending Program**  
In suggesting a program of expending surplus state income tax revenues, Scott said:

Expend \$50,000,000 surplus (after \$6,000,000 deficit) only in part. Reserve half for "rainy day." Expend \$25,000,000 in two years for salaries of state employees, education (higher and local), relief, cities and towns, veterans benefits and other sources.

Current expenditures from income taxes should be limited to \$40,000,000 yearly. After suggested repeals and other changes, Scott continued. This provides for expansion of expenditures of 25 per cent. This should be ample and should be carefully safe-

guarded against excesses, he stated.

### Law Suits Pending

Scott said the suggested procedure of expending income tax surplus through general fund appropriations, beyond the 6 per cent limitation on annual increase, depending upon court actions now pending, and upon further acts of the legislature and the electorate. "Meanwhile the surplus," Scott said, "is held in the state treasury in short term securities, drawing interest at from 1 to 1 1/2 per cent, some \$30,000 a month."

Scott estimated this surplus would exceed \$56,000,000 less \$6,000,000 deficit by July 1, 1949. The deficit was caused by excess appropriations over the 6 per cent limitation, he said.



### MUNICIPAL COURT

George W. King, Monroe, Wash., violation of noise ordinance, posted \$5 bail.

Delmer L. Webb, Turner, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

Robert B. Putnam, Salem route 9, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Clyde Kunze, Salem route 3, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

George Hughes, Turner, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Roy B. Stewart, Monmouth, violation of basic rule and driving with void operator's license, posted total of \$12.50 bail.

Wayne E. Kimple, 448 Water st., violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

Henry A. Barnett, 435 Locust st., failure to leave name at accident scene, fined \$25.

Leroy J. Cornwell, Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$25 bail.

Gilbert Polanski, 1595 Berry st., violation of basic rule, fined \$15.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

W. Shields Belline, 41, sawmill employe, Gates, and Rosamond K. Thorn, 30, bookkeeper, Mill City.

### CIRCUIT COURT

Kingsley S. Thurston and Elmina H. Thurston vs. Christian E. Swetzer heirs and others. Suit to quiet title.

### PROBATE COURT

Frank N. Derby trust estate: Trust share appraised at \$104,901.

George E. Martin estate: Order closes estate.

Elizabeth Seifert estate: Order authorizes sale of personal property.

John M. Gooding estate: Order approves final account and directs distribution.

Harvey R. Smith guardianship estate: Order approves first annual account of guardian.

### DISTRICT COURT

Walter Paul Brokus, charged with burglary, bound over to grand jury following plea of guilty; held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

John Walter Hall, Salem route 6, no operator's license, fined \$5 and costs.

Chester Ernest Skelton, Portland, allowing an unlicensed person to drive, fined \$3 and costs.

Louise Marie Perlich, Salem route 6, no operator's license, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

John Carlton Smith, Jefferson, no motor vehicle license, fined \$25 and costs.

Harry Albert Staples, 138 West Owens st., no operator's license, fined \$10 and costs.

Clarence Peter Bagger, Salem route 8, no operator's license, fined \$5 and costs.

Edwin Leroy Shaw, Portland, no operator's license, fined \$5 and costs.

The walls of many residences and public buildings in Buenos Aires and other Argentine cities are covered with multi-colored glazed tile.

### Engineering Aide Exam Date Extended

Last filing date for engineering aide I, engineering aide II and civil engineer I examinations has been extended one week to May 15, 1948, Robert Johnson, director of the state civil service commission announced Friday. Examinations will be conducted May 22.

### Hall Appoints Committee on Children, Youth

Appointment of Gov. John H. Hall's committee on children and youth was announced Saturday. Request for the committee came from the child welfare agencies, in order to provide a means for coordination of state-wide organizational activities in the fields of child care, health, welfare and education. The committee will carry the major responsibility for such state projects as may develop from the program of the national commission on children and youth.

The 64-member committee includes, from the Salem area: Mrs. Fred Gast, Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs; Dr. Henry M. Gunn, Monmouth, president Oregon College of Education; Dr. Rex Putnam, Salem, state superintendent of public instruction; Florence Beardsley, Salem, state director of elementary education; Mrs. Kathryn Loasia, Salem, superintendent of Hillcrest school for girls; Eleanor Stephens, Salem, state librarian; M. D. Woolley, Woodburn, superintendent of state boys' training school; W. E. Kinsey, Salem, state labor commissioner; Dalbert Jepsen, Salem, assistant Marion county probate officer; and president of the Oregon juvenile council; Mrs. L. I. Muckey, Salem, state junior leader for Farmers Union.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE GROVE STREET FROM BROADWAY STREET TO 4TH STREET

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, deems it necessary and expedient and hereby declares its purpose and intention to improve Grove street from the west line of Broadway street to the east line of 4th street, in Salem, Oregon, Marion County, Oregon, at the expense of the abutting and adjacent property, by bringing said portion of said street to the established grade, constructing concrete curbs, and paving said portion of said street with a 2 1/2-inch asphaltic concrete pavement thirty feet wide, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor which were adopted by the common council April 26, 1948, which are now on file in the office of the city recorder and which by this reference thereto are made a part hereof.

The common council hereby declares its purpose and intention to make the above described improvement by and through the street improvement department.

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ALFRED MUNDT, City Recorder

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### Final Plans for State DeMolay Conclave Laid

Final plans for the annual Oregon conclave of DeMolay youths, to be in Salem May 21 and 22, will be made by the Chemeketa chapter in a meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the local Masonic temple.

Committees were announced Saturday.

The state's 40 chapters may send five delegates each, and several other visitors are expected, according to Bob Seamster, chairman of the general committee.

Boys and advisers assigned to head the committees are Neil McCrary and Dr. Estil Brunk, registration; Bill Rock and John McConville, program; Beidon Owens and Jim Darby, housing; David Turnbull, publicity; Wilford Logan and Bob Sharp, advised by

Roy Stewart, entertainment; Louis Lorenz and John McConville, advertising; Richard McFullen, transportation.

Owens asked that anyone able to take boys into their homes for Friday and Saturday nights call him at 6954.

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