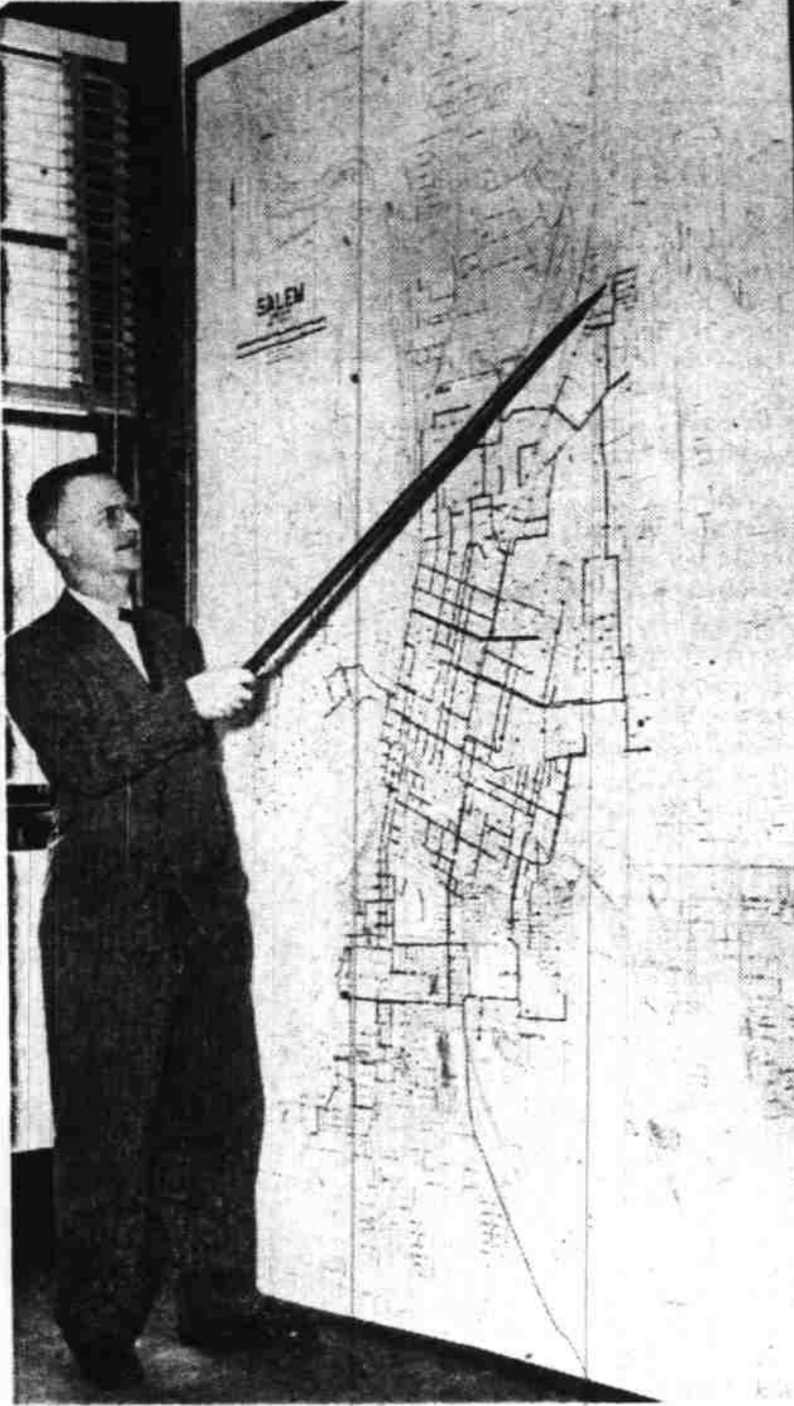


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The committee, engaged in a sweeping revision of the nation's tax laws, also voted to remove the tax exemption from municipal bonds issued for other than public purposes.

Rep. Forand (R-R.), who reported approval of that provision by a 16-7 vote, said it would require payment of taxes on income from revenue bonds issued by cities in some Southern states to induce industries to locate there. The provision was made retroactive to require tax payments on all income from such funds after last Dec. 31.

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MEDFORD (AP) — Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg, Klamath Falls, sitting in the Jackson County Circuit Court, late Wednesday denied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus by a life-term convict seeking freedom.

The convict, Gerald T. Macomber, 30, was expected to appeal to the State Supreme Court within 60 days. He was sentenced in 1950 for the shooting of a state policeman in a fight. He escaped in 1952, but was captured near here after being wounded three times by police.

Macomber charged in his petition that he was sentenced illegally, that his rights were violated because he did not get a grand jury hearing and that he was mistreated in the county jail here.

Judge Vandenberg said he could not see where any of the convict's constitutional rights had been violated. He asked Macomber, who acted as his own attorney during the three-day hearing, if he had any additional arguments to present.

Macomber replied that he was afraid it would be hopeless to argue further at the hearing and expressed regret he had not had an attorney.

Wolf von Otterstedt, assistant state attorney general, said Macomber will be billed for the expenses of the hearing. He estimated these at about \$1,000.

### Accident Suits Ask \$35,000 From Pastor

DALLAS, Ore. — Auto accident damages totaling \$35,000 are sought from the Rev. Brooks H. Moore, 636 State St., Salem, in two complaints which were on file Wednesday in Polk County Circuit Court.

Plaintiffs in separate complaints are William Gary Brewer and Roger A. Brewer, both minors represented by Sam Brewer as guardian ad litem.

The complaint alleges the accident occurred on Aug. 24, 1953, on Highway 221. News accounts at the time listed the place as the intersection of Wallace and Oak Knoll Roads just north of Lincoln store.

Sam Brewer was listed as grandfather of the boys, aged 12 and 14, who are listed as plaintiffs. Their address at the time of the accident was Salem route 1.

General damages of \$15,000 and \$20,000 are sought in the two complaints.

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### Congress to Receive Ike's Budget Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower sends to Congress Thursday a trimmed down federal budget to finance the government through the 1955 fiscal year starting next July 1.

It will be the first complete budget in 21 years from a Republican administration and congressional leaders are predicting it will be around three billion dollars out of balance. Sen. Bridges (R-NH), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said Jan. 3 that Eisenhower was aiming at holding the deficit within that figure.

Once again, the budget is bound to be heavy with expenditures for national defense, which now accounts for roughly two-thirds of all federal spending. But even this big program has been slashed substantially.

Eisenhower himself has said the administration can get more fighting power for less money through a "new look" defense policy placing the emphasis on airpower and an assortment of atomic and other new weapons. As the administration sees it, this will make it possible to spend less for manpower and equipment.

A high administration authority disclosed last November that the Eisenhower team was working toward lopping between five and six billion dollars from next year's budget and it was obvious national security must share in any such reduction.

This official mentioned 3 1/2 or 4 billion as the likely slash in security spending.

He figured at that time — with final decisions on the budget still to be made — that spending would be held to perhaps 66 or 67 billion, against slightly more than 72 billion projected for this year when the current budget was revised last August.

He put government income at about 63 billion for the year ahead, compared with the August estimate of a little over 68 billion for this year.

Eisenhower had indicated in advance some of the things that might be expected in his budget — cancellation, for instance, of reductions in corporation income and sales taxes on such things as gasoline and liquor, set automatically for next Jan. 1 under present law.

### Tests Made on New Berry

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State College is completing tests on a new high-yielding strawberry.

Earl Price, director of the college's experiment station, said Wednesday a decision on whether to release it for use this year will be made within 10 days.

According to Price, the new variety produced eight tons of berries an acre last year in the Corvallis area's relatively poor soil. He said it is highly resistant to the red stele disease and fairly resistant to viruses.

He added that another new strawberry with even greater promise also is being tested and might be available to growers in a year or two.

### W.U. Student Places in Speech Meet

CORVALLIS (AP) — Lorene Christensen of Linfield College and LeRoy Hershiser of Northwest Christian College at Eugene won the top prizes Wednesday in the Intercollegiate Forensic Association after-dinner speaking contest.

Miss Christensen won the women's contest. Second place went to Gwen Lowrance, Northwest Christian College, and third to Gay Kent, Willamette University student from Deadwood, S. D.

Behind Hershiser in the men's contest were Paul Fillingier, Oregon State College, second, and Karl Harshbarger, University of Oregon, third.

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