

# '55 Legislature Faces Tough Budget Problem

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Gov. Paul L. Patterson and his department of finance are worried about the state's financial outlook.

With income tax receipts dropping, the 1955 Legislature probably will have a very rough time trying to make ends meet.

At this early stage, the state's financial brains say that the people of Oregon either will have to accept a tax increase, or make a drastic reduction in school and public welfare spending.

Gov. Patterson issued the first storm warning about this situation in a speech he made last week.

Yes, we know that for the past 10 years, the state's financial authorities have been predicting whopping budget deficits that never materialized. The reason the experts were proved wrong was that income tax receipts kept on soaring to heights that couldn't even be imagined.

This time, though, the picture is different. Let's look at the facts.

The 1953 Legislature was able to balance the state's budget for the current two-year period only by using up all of the 30 million dollar surplus that was on hand. This surplus will be wiped out by the end of next year.

The decline in income tax receipts is alarming. Total receipts for the four months ended Nov. 1 were \$16,872,000, which is two millions less than the record total of the similar period of last year.

Personal income tax receipts totaled \$11,450,000, which was the same amount as a year ago. But corporation income tax receipts were only \$5,423,000, a drop of two millions.

## Narcotic Evil Topic Of Woodburn Film

Woodburn—"The Assassin of Youth" is the title of the color motion picture to be shown Monday, Nov. 30, at the Woodburn Free Methodist church, beginning at 7:30 p.m., according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. George Norsworthy. A second picture to be shown is entitled "Terrible Truth."

These pictures have been produced under the auspices of the Anti-Narcotic League of America for the purpose of combatting the narcotic traffic by educating the public concerning its evils. The public is invited to attend this program.

Miss Julia Mae Webber of Ashland, child evangelist, will hold a series of services at the Woodburn Free Methodist church, Dec. 1-13. The two daily meetings will be held at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Miss Webber is a former Woodburn resident, having attended the public schools here. She has returned to Woodburn each fall for several years to conduct children's meetings at the Free Methodist church. All children of the community are invited to attend the meetings.

**NEW PASTOR DUE**  
Hubbard — The Rev. Virgil Wolfemerge, his wife and small daughter of East Haven, Conn., are expected to arrive here about Dec. 15. Rev. Wolfemerge has accepted the call from the three churches of the greater Hubbard parish for a minister.

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## Carriers Will March Today

The "march" of 100,000 letter carriers across the country starts today as the postal employees begin collection of \$9,000,000 contribution envelopes in the muscular dystrophy fund drive.

The letter carriers, who distributed the envelopes before Thanksgiving, will call on virtually every American home, hoping to collect \$5,000,000 to further research into the mysterious disease.

The "march" is being conducted under the auspices of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America with active support from William C. Doherty, president, National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL).

There are more than 300,000 known victims of the disease in the United States. Most of those suffering from muscular dystrophy are children, who are doomed to die unless a cure is found.

The disease, called America's "most mysterious malady," wastes the muscles of its victims, crippling them until they are completely incapacitated, and then finally kills them. Children afflicted with muscular dystrophy usually die in their teens.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summ field is honorary national chairman of the drive, which was launched in Washington by Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower early this month.

## Ava Gardner to Go Ahead With Divorce

Los Angeles—Ava Gardner is en route to New York City and Rome, where she will make a movie. A studio spokesman said last night she will go ahead with plans to divorce Frank Sinatra.

The actress' spokesman quoted the actress as saying the crooner's latest visit with her at the Hollywood home of her sister, Bea Gardner, was merely to say goodbye.

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## Red Cross Still Needs Blood; Salem Is Lagging

By PAT McLEAN

Do you wonder why the Red Cross is still asking for your blood though the shooting in Korea is over?

I'll tell you why. Here are the facts. From your blood comes gamma globulin, our greatest defense against polio. From your blood medical science is able to continue its research against disease. Thus, more blood is needed for the vast discoveries now being made, and still more blood will be needed to encourage and enable research to continue.

Here are more facts that pertain to Salem. The Red Cross supplies the Salem hospitals with blood and also has a commitment to the armed forces for half of the quota which should be 550 pints per month. This quota is needed to meet the above demands.

Why is the Red Cross asking for your blood? Here are more reasons. Last month 366 (not 550) pints of blood were drawn. The Salem hospitals used 200

pints. The armed forces did not receive their necessary 275 pints, since we did not meet the 550 quota. The Salem area has not met this quota since July, 1952.

This month the city only donated 139 pints and Willamette University helped the quota by making an outstanding drawing of 332 pints, more than double the amount drawn from the city. If the Woodburn drawing gets 75 pints on November 20th, the Salem Red Cross will make its quota for the first

## New Pump for Rural Firemen

Woodburn — The new Woodburn rural fire protection district pumper arrived this week from Concord, Calif., and is being tested before being sent into the Wacanda-Mission Bottom - Eldridge district. The truck is the fourth to be put in service in this district.

Those are the facts. Now you know why the need still exists and why the Red Cross needs your pint.

The pumper, purchased through Kilian Smith of Woodburn, was built by Coast Apparatus Inc., on a 162-horsepower chassis. It will deliver 60 gallons of water at 600 pounds pressure with the 4-inch booster lines or 300 gallons per minute with the 1 1/2 inch hoses at 150 pounds pressure. The truck is equipped with 200 feet of booster hose on two reels and 300 feet of 1 1/2-inch line. Other equipment includes a 500-gallon water tank, 14-foot aluminum roof ladder and 24-foot aluminum extension ladder and four pump cans for field fires, a two-way radio is to be installed.

The unit is located in Woodburn at present and will

be stationed in the south part of the district as soon as quarters can be arranged.

**U. S. SOLDIER FLEES**  
Heidelberg, Germany (AP) — The U. S. Army's European headquarters here said Friday a Polish-born soldier who the Communists claim fled to East Germany has been absent without leave from his unit in West Germany since Nov. 1. The soldier is Pvt. Stanislaw Zdanowski, 25, of Batavia, N. Y.

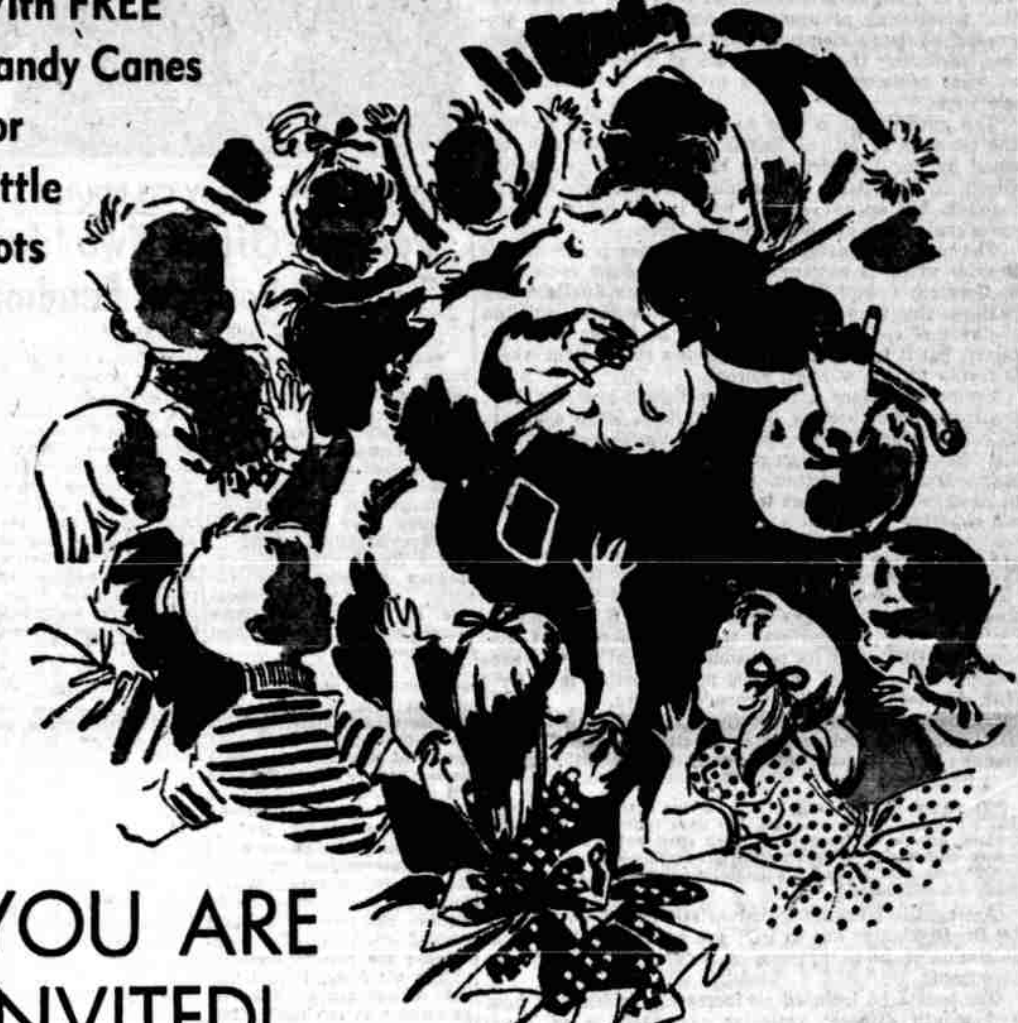
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