

## MARTIN OPPOSES TAX INCREASE IN STATE'S BUDGET

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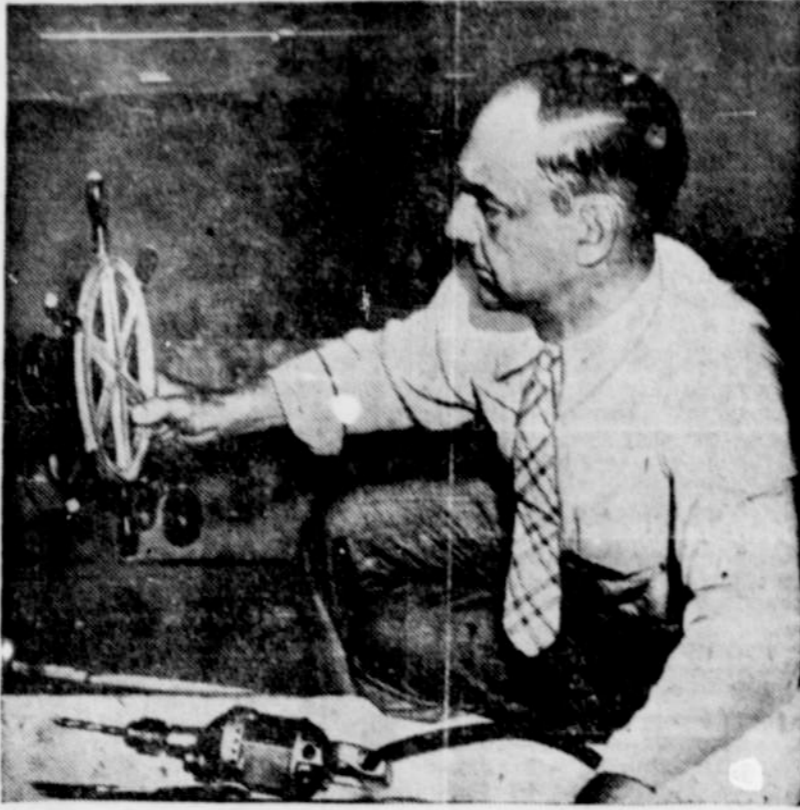
SALEM—Tentative budget requirements of the state's numerous departments, institutions, boards and commissions for the biennium of 1937-38 as reported to Budget Director Wharton exceed \$21,300,000 it was revealed by Governor Martin this week.

Major items in the budget include \$3,600,000 for the state's share of assistance to the poor; \$2,381,400 as the state's share of old age pensions; \$5,054,420.92 for the 11 state institutions; \$5,218,850 for higher education of which \$1,322,048 represents a supplemental appropriation in addition to the regular millage revenues; \$310,000 for orphans and foundlings and \$60,000 for the care of wayward girls.

State revenues from taxes and miscellaneous revenues within the constitutional limitation for the biennium are estimated by the tax commission at approximately \$13,000,000. Liquor profits, now being used to finance assistance to the poor, are estimated at \$3,600,000 for the two year period. The millage levy for higher education outside the six per cent limit will raise approximately \$2,600,000. Total of these three items gives approximately \$19,200,000 with which to finance the budgeted activities for the biennium.

In addition to the budgeted activities included in the \$21,300,000 figure provision must also be made for paying off \$916,667 on the cost of the new capitol out of tax lev-

## Plans to Cross the Ocean in Barrel



Spending about \$1,000 of his bonus money to back his idea, Ernest Biegalski, Buffalo war veteran, is here shown in the barrel with which he plans to make a transatlantic voyage from the United States to Europe.

ies during the next two years increasing the estimated financial needs to more than \$22,200,000.

Governor Martin in announcing the total of the budget requests also took a firm stand against any increases in the tax load or any new bond issues and declared that the state must be operated on a pay-as-you-go basis. That means it is up to the budget

director or the legislature to trim at least \$3,000,000 from the estimates now on file, assuming that all the demands are now in.

Oregon policy holders in the General American Life Insurance company will be interested in the report brought back from St. Louis by Hugh H. Earle, state insurance commissioner to the effect that the company is making a reduction of 22½ per cent in the rates placed against all policies of the old Missouri State Life Insurance company when that company, finding itself in serious financial straits a few years ago, was reorganized under the new name and management.

High school principals of the state meeting here in their annual conference Saturday elected Thomas Fowler of Tigard as president for the coming year; Paul R. McCulloch of The Dalles, vice president, and Charles A. Fry of Portland, member of the board of directors. R. W. Tavener of Salem was retained as secretary-treasurer. Resolutions were adopted by the principals urging the federal government to cut all red tape in rushing financial aid to the schools at Bandon where teachers are going payless because of the impoverished condition resulting of the recent disastrous fire.

In an open letter to the public this week, Governor Martin urged observance of Navy day Tuesday, October 27.

## PENSION BILL TO PUSH SALES TAX IF PASSED NOV. 3

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SALEM—Approval of senate bill 43 of the 1935 special session by the voters at the November election would, in the opinion of state officials who are familiar with its provisions, completely demoralize the state's old age pension set-up. The measure is on the ballot by reason of the referendum invoked shortly after the session adjourned.

Among other things the measure diverts the \$1,000,000 appropriation for old age pensions—or such portion as remains unexpended—to general relief purposes. At the same time it diverts county tax levies for old age pensions to general relief purposes. The effect of these provisions, it is pointed out, would be to leave both the state and the counties without any money for old age pension payments. As a consequence the state would be unable to match federal funds which also would be withheld until this lack was remedied either at the forthcoming regular session or at a special session of the legislature.

These provisions are generally regarded as having been written into the measure by sales tax advocates with a view to forcing adoption of this tax in order to finance old age pensions.

Other provisions in the measure such as the reduction of the age of pension beneficiaries to 65 years and provisions necessary to make the state law conform to the federal act, it is explained, can be enacted by the legislative session which meets in January without exposing the present set-up to the danger involved in stripping the old age pension fund bare of all available finances.

The cash float in the state treasury as of September 30 exceeded \$12,500,000, according to a statement by State Treasurer Rufus Holman. The amount included approximately \$6,250,000 in the general fund and approximately \$1,500,000 of highway funds. The "cash float" reached a peak on May 1 when there was approximately \$14,500,000 to the credit of the several state funds.

The World War Veterans State Aid commission sold 89 properties during September for prices aggregating \$201,476.22 to set a new high record, according to Jerrold Owen, secretary to the commission. During the nine month period to September 30 the commission sold 897 properties for a total of \$2,223,534.56, netting the state a profit of \$47,955.97 above its investment, Owen reports. Demand for Oregon property—both city and farm—has shown a steady increase since February according to Owen, purchasers including many ex-service men who are investing their bonus money in real estate.

Governor Martin has issued a call for a wild life conference to be held at the State college in Corvallis November 19 and 20. All individuals and organizations interested in "husbanding and developing Oregon's wild life resources," are urged by the governor to attend or send a representative.

Harriet C. Long, state librarian, rushed to the aid of stricken Bandon with an emergency library, selecting 500 volumes from the state library and carting them to Bandon at her own expense. Temporary quarters have been set up in a tent. Prior to the fire Bandon had a library of 5400 volumes.

with an annual circulation of 23,000 loans, one of the highest per capita circulations in the state.

Motorists who plaster their windshields with political stickers are violating the law according to Secretary of State Snell, who calls attention to the fact that stickers of any kind are prohibited, not only on the windshield but on the side and rear windows of automobiles.

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Fish requires quick cooking at a high temperature to seal the juices. Fish cooked too long is tasteless.

If a little butter is rubbed on the inside of pan when melting chocolate for cake mixture, it will not stick to pan.

Tomatoes and peppers baked in muffin pans or individual molds keep their shape better than when baked in larger pans.

Never rub soap on flannels or woollens. Wash in soapy water and rinse in clear, lukewarm water if you wish to preserve their softness and fine texture.

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