

### Landmark Coming Down



Once this building, at 558 State st., was in the midst of a residential district of Salem, but for several years now it has been surrounded by business buildings, and as a rooming house has become part of the city's expanding business district. Now it is to be razed to make way for a parking lot. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff)

### Aged Salem Residence to Fall Victim to Parking Space Need

One more of Salem's old-time residences along State street, used for some years as a rooming house known as Washington hotel, is due to yield this week to the encroachment of the automobile age. An undetermined number of years older than this century, the building, at 558 State st., is to be replaced by a parking lot. Last transaction on the 41 by 150-foot property was Aug. 6, 1909, when the late William Brown bought it for \$6,500 from the late Henry W. Meyers, whose residence it had been for some years after the turn of the century. The lawyer handling the sale was the late U. S. Sen. Charles L. McNary, then district attorney here, according to Chandler P. Brown, grandson of William Brown and trustee of his estate. Earlier residents had been Mr. and Mrs. Edes, parents of Mrs. Meyers, and a Donaldson family. Meyers was the brother of Milton L. Meyers, a member of the present city park board. Since 1943, John H. Chastain

has rented the building for hotel purposes, and previous to that it was operated for approximately a decade by G. D. Buntin. A small lunch stand occupies a leased corner of the lot and will not be disturbed, Brown said. The proposed parking lot will be operated by his brother, Werner Brown, who owns the adjoining service station and parking lot. The entire quarter block is owned by the estate of William Brown, whose residence occupied the present service station site.

### Nominations For Lions Club Officers Made

First nominations for Salem Lions club officers announced Thursday by the nominations committee. Additional nominations from the membership will be accepted at the May 29 meeting, it was stated. E. Burr Miller was sole nominee for president. Others nominated: First vice president—Dr. W. W. Baum, George Kingan, Edwin Schreder; second vice president—Charles McElhinny, Fred Starrett and Henry Kropp; third

vice president — Denver Young, Floyd Bowers and Howard Jenks; for two directors — Wesley Stewart, L. J. Young, Don Brazie, Joseph Felton, Vernon Gilmore and Robert S. Fischer. N. Morrill Cray, editor of *You* Town, was inducted as a member of the Salem Lions club Thursday at the club luncheon in the Mar- lion hotel.

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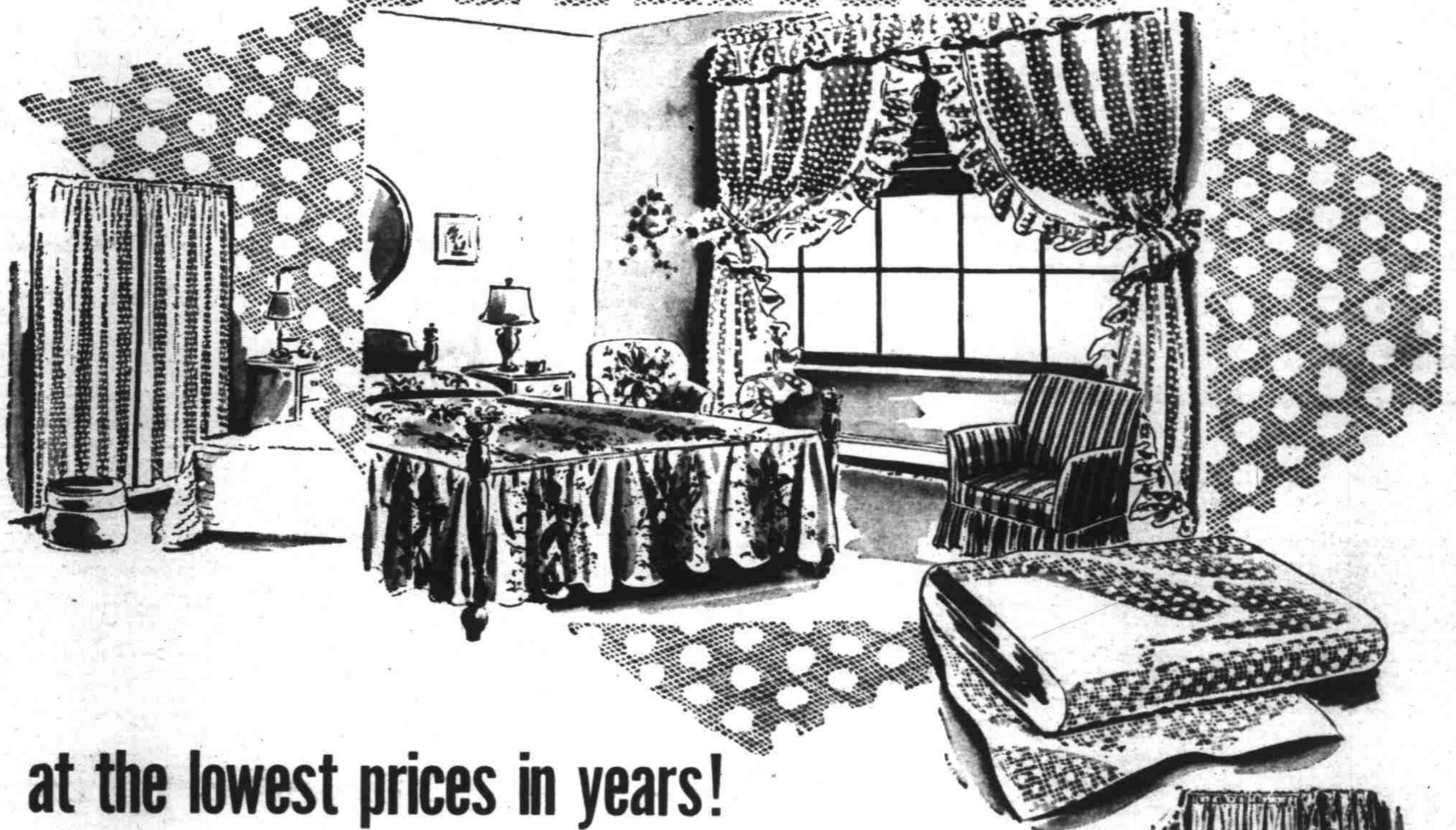
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