

## The Budget Director Explains Why New Taxes Are Urged Now

PAUL W. HARVEY, JR., director of the State Tax Commission's recommendations for increased taxes raised the question of why the state needs more money, and State Director George Alken said some of the answers are:

1. These reasons, which the legislature its biggest when it meets here Jan. 1, are placing the retirement program for state employees into effect, increased commodity costs, and duties of state departments, higher salaries, higher

operating costs, increased welfare needs, and the vastly bigger load being borne by the state university and colleges.

**49 Million Needed**  
State activities which are dependent upon legislative appropriations got \$30,691,000 this biennium, which ends next July 1. They say they need \$49,000,000 for the next biennium, and Alken is chewing his pencil trying to prune this amount down so the budget will balance.

The state spent \$15,500,000 for public welfare this biennium, and the requested amount for the next biennium is \$26,110,000. The reason is that old age pensioners must be increased so the pensioners can keep body and soul together in these days of inflated rents and food prices, and that the number of pensioners is expected to take a big jump as old people can't get jobs as easily as they did during the war.

**College Costs Up**  
The State Board of Higher Education, which got \$12,735,000 for the current biennium, wants \$17,720,369 for the 1947-49 biennium. It says it needs the increase because college and university en-

rollment in the state is up 233 per cent from the wartime low point, and 500 more staff members are needed.

The state employees retirement system, which will go into effect the next biennium, requires the state to plunk up nine per cent of its payroll, or \$3,600,000 during the two years. State officials think salaries must be increased to keep state employees from looking for jobs in private industries. The cost of food for state institutions is up 33 per cent from two years ago, and the same goes for other supplies needed by the institutions.

The state institutions, which got \$9,234,000 this biennium, ask \$13,491,000 for the next one.

### Sears Store to Employ About 150 Local People

The new Sears, Roebuck retail store, under construction in Eugene, will employ approximately 150 local persons after its opening which is tentatively set for March 15, according to C. F. Eminson of Seattle, assistant store manager.

Eminson arrived in Eugene early this week. He is former assistant manager of the Sears store at Seattle. Joe Kipper, former manager of the Aberdeen, Wash., store, will manage the Eugene store.

Eminson said marble-like flooring is being laid on the main floor of the building now, and that asphalt flooring and fixtures are being installed in the full basement.

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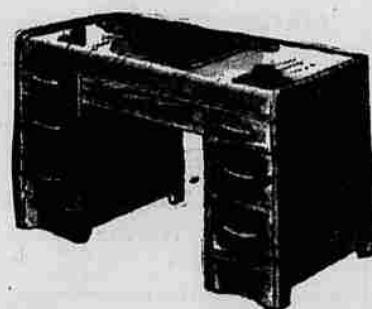
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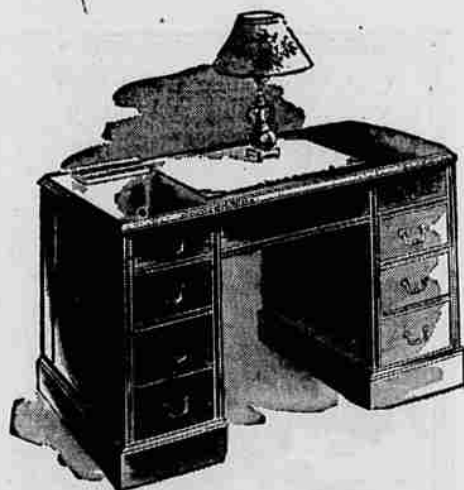


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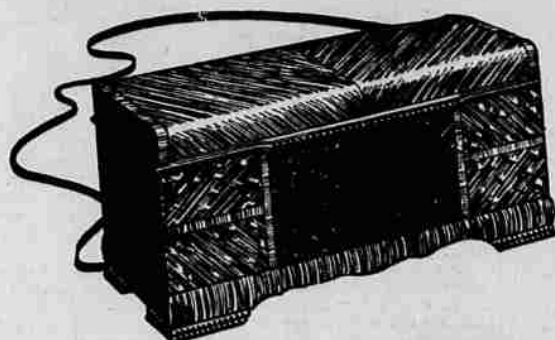
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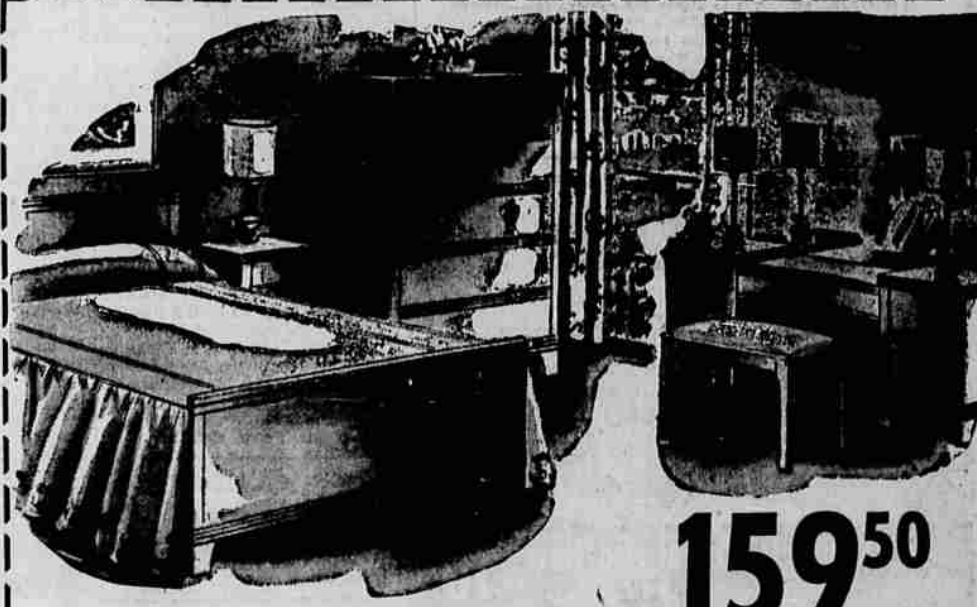
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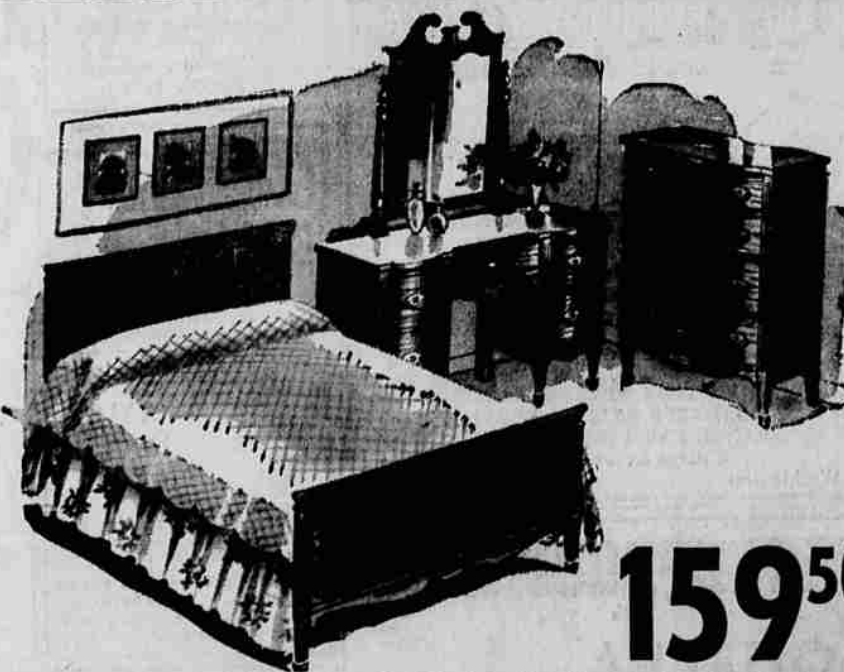


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