

**Eighteen Drown When Schooner Crashes Barge**

BOSTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Eighteen men drowned today, almost within sight of their homes, as the Boston schooner Mary E. O'Hara, homeward bound from a week on the fishing banks, was split open in a collision as it approached Boston harbor, and sank.

**Sanderson Reed, State Land Board Counsel, Dies**

SALEM, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Sanderson Reed, 74, veteran Oregon lawyer and attorney for the state land board for the past six years, died here yesterday.

After graduation from the University of Oregon law school, he was employed many years in the land office of the Northern Pacific railroad.

**Vandervert Supported for Return to Game Board**

PEDMOND, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Three central Oregon sportsmen's club have voted to support Dr. J. C. Vandervert of Bend for membership on the state game commission.

**Justice Bean Expected to Soon Leave Hospital**

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice Henry J. Bean, 87, who underwent an operation a month ago, is expected to recover completely, hospital attaches said today.

**Tacoman Killed in Drop From Bridge to Pavement**

TACOMAN, Jan. 21.—(AP)—John Strand, 50, was instantly killed this morning when he leaped from the 11th street bridge in downtown Tacoma to the pavement 75 feet below.

**British Split on U. S. War Role, Kennedy States**

(Continued from page 1) ...nds put forward by President Roosevelt. Cites Nazi Failures. Questioned as to whether he believed a "crisis" would develop in the next 60 or 90 days, as administrative spokesmen told the committee last week, Kennedy said he did not know exactly.

**Stock and Bond Averages**

STOCKS  
Compiled by Associated Press Jan. 21.

	30	15	15	60
RR's Ind's Ut's Fin.	61.0	17.1	35.1	43.5
Tuesday	61.6	17.0	35.1	43.7
Prev. day	61.6	15.6	34.5	43.2
Month ago	70.6	18.7	39.2	49.6
Year ago	74.2	20.5	40.6	52.2
1940-41 high	52.3	13.0	30.9	37.0

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what was meant and that there were many things in the military situation which he did not understand.

"I have never understood, for instance, why the German army permitted a British army of 300,000 to escape from Dunkerque," he said.

British situation would become "serious and vital," Kennedy said, if British shipping losses continued at anything like the rate of losses prevalent previous to last month.

**British Launch Major Blow at Tobruk Fortress**

(Continued from page 1) capital after a raid-free night throughout the British Isles. British accounts said the Nazi incendiaries were extinguished as

quickly as they fell. A single German plane was said to have made four machine-gun attacks on an east Anglian town, then dumped high explosives. Accounts of these attacks said only one person was injured and only slight damage done.

**French Face Pressure**

In Rome, foreign observers expressed belief that Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, in their secret meeting yesterday, agreed on a plan to get France's cooperation in the war against Britain by direct action if necessary.

These observers forecast a Nazi attempt to gain bases on the French island of Corsica, off the "kneecap" of the Italian boot; Tunisia, in French north Africa, and possibly the British island stronghold of Malta, and Dakar, French West Africa.

The objective, it was said, would be to make the Mediterranean too hot for the British fleet, thereby crippling Britain's campaign against the Italians in Libya and cutting off British aid to Greece.

In Berlin, informed Nazi quarters came up with a belated explanation that the prime motive of the Hitler-Mussolini conference was to insure a 1941 victory over England.

Action supporting belief that Germany is now concentrating

on an attempt to force the surrender of Malta was reported by Hitler's high command, disclosing that Nazi planes attacked airports on the Mediterranean island yesterday for the second successive day.

**Council Awards Contract For Gasoline for 1941**

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A communication was received from the county court stating that the county has taken in approximately 40 acres of land in Terrace park addition because of delinquent taxes. This land, it was stated, would be transferred to the city to be held for park purposes if acceptable by the council. The land lies along the top of the ridge east of town and south of Lane street. No action was taken on the proposal, but further investigation was ordered.

**Sprague's Forestry Plans Offered to Legislature**

(Continued from page 1) 21 and 60 years who have lived 10 years in the state would pay one per cent of their earnings to the old age insurance fund with

a \$15 annual maximum payment, under a bill prepared by State Labor Commissioner C. H. Gram. Such persons at 60 would be eligible for pensions of \$50 per month or more.

Sen. Lew Wallace (D., Multnomah) introduced a bill which would give to each old age pension applicant the maximum pension less any monthly income the applicant has from other sources. Wallace said many needy persons were being denied pensions because they had a monthly income of a few dollars.

A measure to reapportion the state legislature on the basis of 66 2/3 per cent by population and 33 1/3 by area will be introduced in the state legislature, Sen. Lew Wallace (D., Multnomah) said last night.

Two other reapportionment measures previously were drawn. Multnomah county would retain seven senators and 13 representatives under Wallace's proposal. The reapportionment plan of Rep. R. L. Neuberger (D., Multnomah) would increase the Multnomah delegation at the expense of up-state counties. Another offered by Rep. E. W. Kimberling (R., Grant) would not change Multnomah's delegation but would give each county at least one representative.

**Bill On Merit Rating**

The merit rating provisions of Oregon's unemployment compensation law would be made to conform with the federal social security law under a bill introduced by the senate industries committee.

The bill provides that an employer must have been under the terms of the law for three years, instead of one year, before being able to take advantage of the merit rating provision.

This provision, which labor seeks to have repealed in a bill introduced in the house, provides that employers who have dismissed few employees during the past year may make smaller contributions. But if today's bill is passed, the employer's employment record for the past three years would be considered.

**To Alter Death Proof**

Presumption of death after long disappearance must be established to satisfaction of a jury by terms of a bill now being considered by the house committee on the revision of laws.

Seven years disappearance now constitutes reason for having a person declared legally dead.

Another bill would establish that when man and wife are killed in an accident, they can be presumed to have died simultaneously. Under common law, the woman is presumed to have died first, so that the husband's heirs inherit the estate.

**Other Measures**

Bills introduced in the house

yesterday would provide the circuit judgeship candidates shall live in their districts a year before filing their candidacies, reduce interest rates in small loans from 3 to 1 1/2 per cent a month on unpaid balances, increase control of real estate commissioner over collection agencies, provide 10-day fishing and hunting licenses for \$2.50, reapportion representatives by giving at least one to each county, and permit paroled convicts to be employed by the state forester.

Rep. J. D. Perry (D., Columbia) introduced a bill to limit salaries of state officials to \$7,500 a year, and to limit annual traveling expenses of all officials except the governor to \$250.

The only official affected by the salary provision of the bill would be Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter of the state board of higher education, whose salary is \$11,350 a year.

A bill to give the public utilities commissioner power to fix contract rates for hauling of fuel, gravel or logs in special carriers was introduced in the house by Rep. J. S. Greenwood (R., Clackamas).

Greenwood also introduced a bill to authorize the state highway commission to contract with municipalities for construction and maintenance of city streets. It provides that no more than two per cent of the state's gaso-

line tax revenues shall be used for this purpose.

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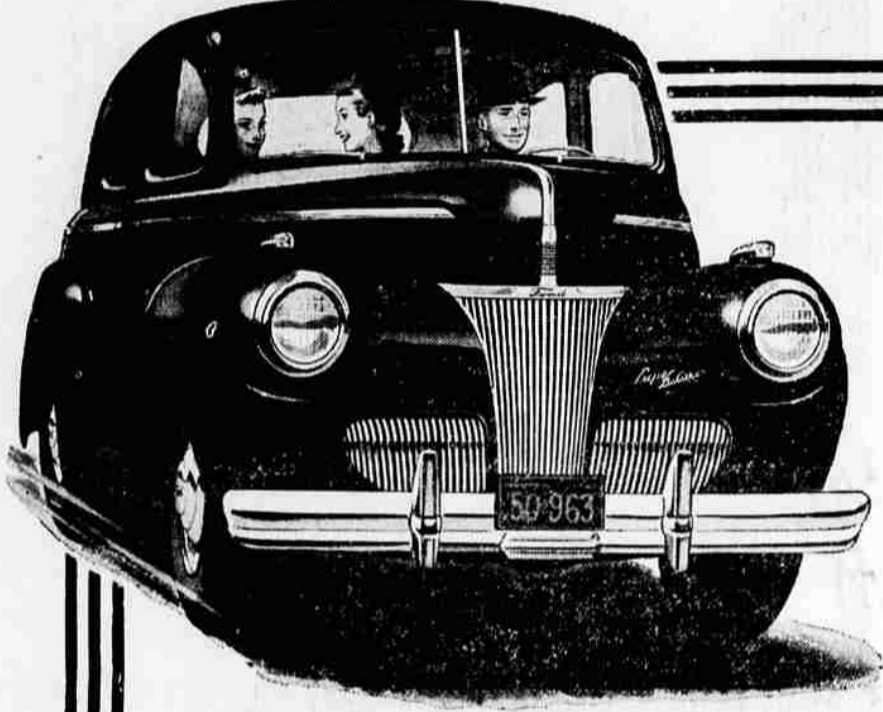
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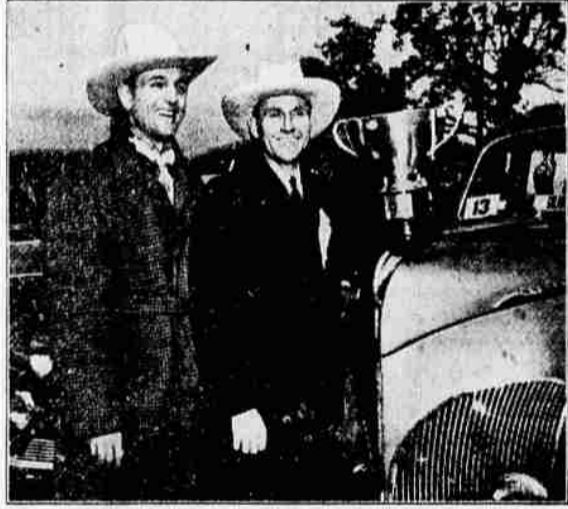


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