

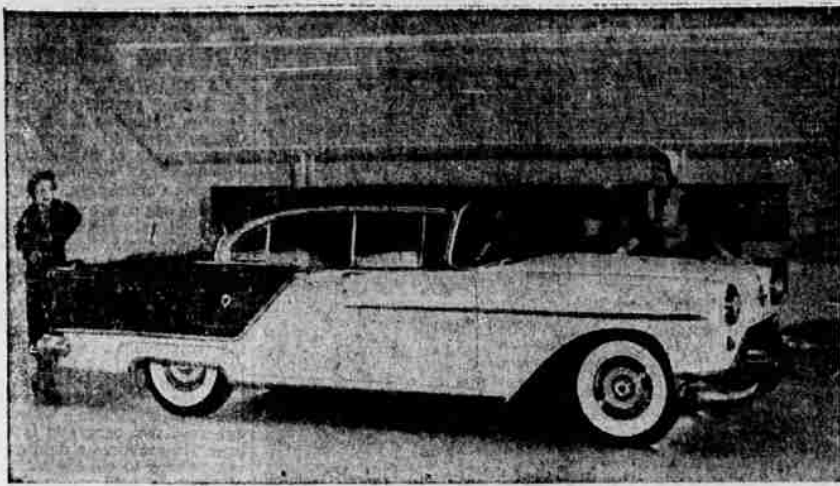
Arsenal Tower Given State Board's Approval

SALEM (AP)—Construction of an arsenal tower outside the state penitentiary walls was approved by the State Board of Control Tuesday to relieve what Warden Clarence T. Gladden calls an "explosive situation."

The present arsenal, which contains the guns and ammunition needed to quell prison disturbances, is located in the hall of the administration building.

Gladden said he fears that trustees or visitors could seize control of it, and thus control the whole prison and prison officials.

The new arsenal tower will cost \$20,000, and will command a view of the whole prison area.



NEW OLDS BOWS IN—Now on display at Smith Motor Co. in Roseburg is the 1954 Oldsmobile "98" above. Brand new features of the car include sweep-cut front fenders and two-tone paint effect. Vital statistics reveal the car is 60.5 inches high, 1,104 square inches of panoramic windshield, 126 inch wheelbase and 214 inches in length. The "98" is driven by a 185 horse-power "Rocket" engine.

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SEATTLE (AP)—A one and a half million dollar damage suit brought by Rayonier, Inc., against the government as an outgrowth of the Forks forest fire in Sept. 1951, was dismissed by Federal Judge George H. Boldt Monday.

Rayonier contended the U. S. Forest Service was negligent in fighting the fire, which destroyed hundreds of acres of timber owned by Rayonier.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Frank Cushman told the court:

"If the government can be found liable in this situation for ordinary mistakes of judgment in fighting a fire, few situations of a similar nature will be found where some act of an official will not be questioned."

The result will be either a failure by officials generally to take prompt decisive action or the placing of the government in a position where it must insure all private property damaged in a public disaster.

Motion was set by Judge Boldt as the date to sign Cushman's motion to dismiss the suit or to hear any new arguments advanced by Rayonier attorneys.



IN NEW JOB—Sen. Thomas A. Burke, Democrat, is Ohio's newest member of Congress. A former mayor of Cleveland, Burke was appointed to take the Senate seat formerly held by the late Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Inventor Of Carrier Passes In Scotland

DRYMEN, Scotland (AP)—The sixth Duke of Montrose, who claimed to have invented and designed HMS Argus, the world's first aircraft carrier, died Wednesday after a week's illness. He was 75.

He served with the army in the Boer War and with the navy in World War I.

Concerning the Argus, he told the House of Lords many years later:

"It was a seagoing ship and carried 20 to 30 planes."

"I completed my plans and laid them before the admiralty in 1912, two years before the war was declared. But the war had been going on 2 1/2 years before my firm was instructed to carry on and build aircraft carriers."

"HMS Argus was finished too late to take part in that war, but she performed just on to 30 years service in the navy."

Two Men Claim Illegal Holding In Institution

PORTLAND (AP)—Suits for more than five million dollars in damages have been filed in federal court here by two Portland men who claim they were illegally confined in the Eastern Oregon mental hospital at Pendleton.

The suits are against several doctors and former and present state and county officials.

They were filed by George Hamilton Gibson, 44, and Adolph G. Hoffman, 52. Gibson asks \$2,501,000 and Hoffman \$2,531,200.

Defendants in Gibson's suit include former Gov. Douglas McKay; Dr. Donald W. Wain, superintendent of the hospital; Secretary of State Earl Newberry; Walter Pearson, former state treasurer; two Bend physicians and C. L. Allen, Deschutes county judge.

Defendants in Hoffman's complaint include Circuit Judge Ashby C. Dickson of Portland and Dr. Wain.

Gibson said he was confined to the hospital from Bend in August, 1952, without a hearing or examination before a judge and imprisoned there 90 days.

Hoffman said he was sent to the hospital from Portland in January, 1952, and kept there illegally for 90 days after he had ignored a threat of confinement unless he dropped a suit against a man for alienation of his wife's affections.

Undertaker Loses Appeal To Avoid Death Penalty

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court has announced the following decisions:

1. Refused to grant a new murder trial to a Florida undertaker who claimed the jury which convicted him might have been swayed by an evangelist's prayers. The undertaker, A. Elwood North, is under death sentence for the bludgeoning of a 37-year-old widow whose will left all her property to him.

2. Granted a hearing to the United Mine Workers and two other labor unions in a case in which they were ordered to pay \$129,326 damages to the Laburnum Construction Corp., of Richmond, Va. The firm charged that interference with its workmen on a construction job in Breathitt County, Ky., in July 1949 caused a work damage to property and reputation.

3. Reiterated by reversing an Alabama Supreme Court action that state courts may not issue injunctions to halt activities banned by the Taft-Hartley law. But the tribunal left for possible later decision whether state courts might be able to step in if the National Labor Relations Board refused to act.

4. Set down for argument early next month the requests by Alabama and Rhode Island for permission to file suits challenging validity of the 1953 submerged lands act.

5. Decided 7-2 the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad could not appeal to federal courts after being dissatisfied with values put on Iowa farm lands in state condemnation proceedings.

Sierra Madre Flood Threats Are Diminished

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Flood dangers in the threatened foothill community of Sierra Madre, where 2,000 persons were urged to leave their homes Tuesday, appeared to be lessening early Wednesday.

County disaster crews remained on a standby basis but the Weather Bureau early Wednesday predicted gradually clearing conditions with a few scattered showers. Sierra Madre city officials estimated that only a few of the 2,000 urged to evacuate their homes actually moved out.

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