

PLATE GLASS FIRM FACES TRUST SUIT

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The justice department filed an anti-trust suit today to strip the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company of its 106 warehouses and retail stores.

The department said its civil suit, filed in Toledo, O., charges Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Pittsburgh, Pa., Libbey-Owens, Ford Glass company of Toledo, seven other glass manufacturers, 116 company officers and a trade association with conspiring to monopolize the production, processing, distribution and sale of flat glass.

The complaint, the announcement said, alleges that in 1928 Pittsburgh and Libbey-Owens-Ford embarked on a program which has resulted in the "complete elimination of competition in the flat glass industry in the United States" through mergers, the purchasing of competing firms, institution of price wars, industrial agreements, control of patents, fixing prices, limiting production and by dividing sales territories.

Other measures were taken, the department said, to eliminate foreign competition.

The complaint asked, in addition to Pittsburgh's divestiture of its warehouses and stores:

That Pittsburgh, Libbey-Owens-Ford and the American Glass company be limited to one flat glass plant each.

That Fourco Glass company of Clarksville, W. Va., described as a selling agent for a number of the defendant companies, and the National Glass Distributors association of Chicago be dissolved.

That all allegedly restrictive agreements between the American and foreign companies be cancelled.

That all existing patents of the defendants be made available on a royalty-free basis and that all patents acquired in the future, including improvements on existing patents, be made available on a "reasonable royalty basis."

Youths Given Two Years' Probation

Dewey R. Pollard and Warren F. Pritchard, 18-year-old Klamath Falls residents charged with burglary not in a dwelling, appeared before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Monday afternoon and were given two years' probation.

The youths were charged with theft of tires, gas coupons and money from the Beacon Service station, 1201 E. Main.

Murder-Suicide Takes Two Victims

SEATTLE, May 23 (AP)—Mrs. Jean Anderson, 50, apartment house manager, and Elmer Cool, 50, one of her tenants, died last night following what police described as a murder-suicide.

Another tenant found the two persons near death in the manager's apartment after hearing two shots, police said.

Flashes of Life

GLAD TO GO WITH THE AMERICAN DIVISION, CEBU, Philippines, May 23 (AP)—When PFC Eugene Weidman, Brooklyn, N. Y., opened a letter recently he found enclosed a summons to report for jury duty in Brooklyn or pay a \$250 fine.

But the specified date had already passed and anyhow the army had other plans for Weidman.

"Well, at least sending a summons to GI's overseas is one way to make jury duty attractive," he commented.

A PLUS GOWEN FIELD, Ida., May 23 (AP)—The order was to simulate flying under "hazardous and unusual conditions." Conditions got almost too unusual for Lt. Albert P. Garret of Fresno, Calif., when the vertical stabilizer and left rudder of the B-24 dropped into space. But Lt. Garret passed his test, bringing the ship in for a perfect landing.

AROUND THE COUNTER ANCHORAGE, Alaska, May 23 (AP)—Mrs. May George, after calling many times at a local store as shopper for Alaska Airlines, bought the store and now waits on her airlines successor, Mrs. Lavada Holman.

So busy is Mrs. Holman with her job of shopping for interior residents that she has drafted as her assistant, Mrs. Theodore Law of Tulsa, Okla., wife of the line's president.

LONE BUSINESS CHICAGO, May 23 (AP)—The young man who entered the Reliable Credit company was greeted by Manager John F. Thomisek, handed an application form.

"I won't need it," said the man Thomisek believed was a prospective customer as he drew a gun. He tied the manager with a cord, took \$300 from a cash box and fled.

A LOT OF SMITHS SPRINGFIELD, Ore., May 23 (AP)—R. C. Bigelow is about convinced all the Smiths have moved into Lane county.

First he sold his house trailer to a man named Smith. Another Smith rented his ranch. An option on some land was taken by a third Smith. Now Bigelow sold some personal belongings. The buyer—yup, another Smith.

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RAIL HAUL TO ATLANTIC MAY ADD STORAGE

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—Crowded wheat storage facilities can be emptied for an expected 1945 bumper crop only by a long distance rail haul to the Atlantic coast and the European market, Mayor Herbert G. West of Walla Walla said today.

West, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways association, said there is little hope of shipment from Pacific northwest docks because all vessels in the Pacific are tied up by the Japanese war.

He appeared cheered by the interstate commerce commission ruling that lowered the transcontinental rate 11 cents per 100 pounds to help the Pacific northwest move its accumulated 1943-44 stocks to Atlantic docks.

West observed this was the only way this part of the country could become competitive in the European market.

"We are not competitive in the domestic market because too much midwestern grain lies between us and that market," West said.

"The Oriental market of course is out until after V-J Day. That leaves only Europe and thus far there appears to be no intention of the government to give us ships for the direct ocean haul to Europe."

SLIPPERY ELM CHICAGO, May 23 (AP)—To a group of neighborhood youngsters who were taking turns showing their ability in tree climbing, William Johnson, 44, a chauffeur, offered to demonstrate the correct technique.

Johnson is in the Illinois Central hospital with a fractured leg. Yes, he fell from the tree.

SAILOR FALLS 60 FEET, HURT LITTLE

SEATTLE, May 23 (AP)—Wilbur V. Ray, 21, a sailor, catapulted through the air over the railing of a viaduct and landed 60 feet below on the top of a moving automobile in a traffic accident here last night—and escaped with a cut on his chin and minor bruises.

Ray was a passenger in a truck with four other sailors and two girls. The truck, driven by one of the girls, collided with another car and overturned, pinning four of the sailors underneath and throwing Ray over the railing. The impact of his fall onto the moving car caved in the roof and smashed the windshield.

Traffic investigators said the two girls left the scene before officers arrived. Ray's four companions suffered minor injuries.

Doughnuts today are three times as popular with the American public as they were 15 years ago.

PLANS AUTHORIZED PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—



Portland dock commission has instructed Chief Engineer A. D. Merrill to prepare detailed plans for modernization and extension of pier B, Municipal terminal.

No. 1, earmarked as a postwar development. Most baseball bats come from New York and Pennsylvania, from 18-inch thick trunks.



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