

## Trio Off To Salem For Life Sentence

### Special Representative of Register and News Agency Accompanies DeAutremont Brothers On Trip; Has Story

Editor's note: In response to a long distance telephone request from one of the largest news gathering agencies in the world, the honor of covering the latest developments in the DeAutremont case was conferred upon the Ashland Register. The request that this paper represent that news service came unexpected and is considered one of the greatest honors that could be conferred. Vernon McGee of the Register staff represented the news service and was the only reporter on the train when the three DeAutremonts under heavy guard left Medford for Salem. He filed news stories of the trip from both Grants Pass and Roseburg, in time to catch the early morning editions of the metropolitan dailies. The following story is an exclusive one with the Register and gives some of the details of the trip to the penitentiary.

(By Vernon McGee)

"Some day we expect to get out—that is why we are thankful that we have received a life sentence instead of the noose," Hugh DeAutremont said last night aboard the train in which he and his brothers Roy and Paul, confessed participants in the Siskiyoun tunnel outrage, were being taken to the state penitentiary to serve a sentence of 99 years for the murder of four trainmen.

"That is the vision of every man who faces a life term. What else would there be to live for?" he added.

Painting a vivid picture of the mental and physical agony that followed their sensational escape from the veritable army of searchers that circled about them on every side, the brothers told that they often contemplated suicide as the best and easiest way out of a hell of a mess.

"Ray came up one day and said—'Life has dealt me its last dirty blow—are you with me?' His eyes were cold and hard as steel, and he would have killed himself if we had not urged him to go on with us, make one last effort, and 'die fighting.'" Ray told the press. "That was during the time when we were trying to make our way to the coast. We were starving, cold and scared."

"Living Hell" Ray, hard-eyed and sober described their march into a "living hell."

"We have died a thousand deaths," he said, "but now we are trying to take our medicine like men. I wouldn't go through that again for all the money in the world—and I mean it. We have always looked upon our capture as being a capture of death—in fact when we undertook the hold-up we visioned that as the end. We were discouraged—we wanted to make one last attempt—that was all. We didn't care, and you can tell by what we did afterwards that we didn't care."

### Boys Happy

The boys were happy, with the possible exception of Ray. They laughed and joked, sang and read the papers—papers which reiterated each step of their crime. And they were happy, they said, that the papers had 'shot square.' "Goodbye folks, goodbye to all of you," Hugh called through the window of the compartment to the large crowd which had gathered at the Southern Pacific depot in Medford, to catch the last glimpse of the trio before they passed into history. His brothers cheered loudly, and they waved until they had passed out of sight.

An hour later at Grants Pass, Hugh, in a cracked voice, told a gathering of people at the station that neither he nor his brothers were responsible for the verdict which had spared their necks.

### Didn't Ask Mercy

"We have never pleaded for mercy," he said. "If the jury saw fit to spare our lives, that was their business. If you think that you could restore those lives by taking ours, then go to it."

A few moments later Hugh said that the people of Oregon were the best in the world. He said amiably "I like it in Oregon, and you know I believe I will settle down out here."

"We are everlastingly grateful to the people of this state and in Jackson County for their kind-

## MANY ATTEND GOLF OPENING

### Celebration Brings Many From Valley; Prize Contests Is Big Feature

Friends, visitors and practically the full membership of the Ashland Golf and Country Club were in attendance at the formal opening held at the golf course Wednesday afternoon.

The new greens were in wonderful shape and the fairways need only a few more weeks of treading upon by golf fans before Ashland will have one of the finest golf courses on the Coast. New tee boxes freshly painted white and given by different business houses added to the attractive appearance of the course.

Mr. Fred Engle, as chairman of the sports committee for men, and Mrs. Fred Holmes as chairman of the sports committee for women, arranged several interesting beginners' contests during the afternoon, among them being the drivers contest, mashie contest and putting contest. The driving contest under the direction of Mrs. J. W. McCoy and Mrs. Emil Piel. (Continued on Page 5)

## Former Resident Writes Impression

The many friends of Mrs. James F. Meikle, who has been visiting in Ashland for the past three weeks will be delighted to hear her impressions of Ashland, her former home. She has now returned to her home at Berkeley, California, and from there she writes as follows:

I have just enjoyed three happy weeks among old friends and familiar scenes in Ashland. It has been most comforting to see that the beautiful little city which has always meant so much to me is cherished and fostered by loving friends who are interested in its industrial growth and beautiful development.

The changes which are accepted as a matter of course by those who have watched them come about are of startling and gratifying interest to one who has been away and returns to find them an accomplished fact.

The Lithia Hotel was there, of course, on my last visit. Since then I have heard many tourists from San Francisco talk of pushing on in their trip north until they could reach Ashland where they would be sure of a good sleep and comfortable hotel service.

The park is more beautiful than ever. Its convenience and attractiveness have been added to by recreational facilities of all kinds. It seems that every possible necessity for a good time has either been supplied by nature or furnished by the people of Ashland and centered in that one lovely spot. The only attraction which could possibly take anyone away from the beauties of the park is the new nine-hole golf course which is inspiring dreams of perpetual youth in the minds of even the oldest inhabitants.

Ashland has surpassed the aim of most cities and has attained the rank of an educational center. Her school system boasts not only excellent elementary and secondary school training, but supplies higher education and professional training in the normal school which has been brought back to Ashland through the spirit of loyalty and cooperation of her citizens.

There are two things which I found to be exactly the same in Ashland—unchanged, and to my mind unchangeable. These are the dominating spirit of friendliness which greets you as you step off the train and bids you farewell as you reluctantly depart—and the motivating thought in everyone's mind which is bent upon the question, "How can I make Ashland better?"

With everyone concentrating on this one problem of such vital importance, it is no wonder that such remarkable improvements have been made. Similarly, there is no limit to the distance that may be reached in Ashland's march toward prosperity and splendid achievement.

MRS. JAMES F. MEIKLE.

"ness," confided Ray. "That is one thing that we wish to impress. We did not ask for mercy, but now that we have received it, we are eternally grateful."

Roy, perhaps the most agreeable of the three, told of the brotherly love that had given them encouragement and held them together for so long. Nobody realized that they, he said, how bitterly they had suffered the four years that had separated the twins from Hugh.

Sheriff Ralph Jennings, W. D. Miles, special Southern Pacific agent and W. E. Morris were with the trio on the train. In the compartment the officers handcuffed both of Hugh's wrists together, and manacled Ray's wrist to Roy's left.

## Talent District Canal Is Started

### Five-Mile Now Under Construction by Talent Irrigation District To Be Completed by August First is Hope

Construction work on a new five-mile canal by the Talent Irrigation company has been started, according to an announcement by Mr. Olin Armspiger, superintendent of the company.

This canal will furnish storage water to 900 acres of Wagner Creek land; which now is supplied only by flood water from McDonald creek, and will be supplemental to the flood water rights of the creek, Mr. Armspiger said. The Talent water will be used when the present supply fails.

The canal will be built in two pieces, one with a length of a mile and eight tenths, and the other of three and two tenths. The bid for the construction of the shorter piece has been let to D. M. Lowe, and the rest to Frank Rhodes. A contract for the (Continued on Page 2)

## City Ambulance Voted at Meet

### City Council Has Busy Meeting in City Hall Tuesday Night; Consider Many Issues

The purchase of a new ambulance for the city was authorized by the city council in its meeting in the city hall Tuesday night. This equipment is said to be needed by the community hospital which has formerly had to bring its patients to the hospital in trucks.

Dr. F. G. Swedenburg who presented the proposition to the city, agreed to advance \$600 towards payment on the vehicle which is a used machine formerly operated by a Long Beach, California concern.

The transaction will be made subject to the approval of a representative sent by the city to (Continued on page 2)

Mrs. Frank Wright of Klamath Falls, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. A. L. Harvey on B street, returned home last Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Duffield and two sons, Gordon and Dean, from Bridger, Montana are in Ashland visiting at the home of Mrs. Duffield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coffin on Ashland street. Mr. and Mrs. Duffield are very favorably impressed with Ashland and vicinity.

Miss Nona Hall, who has been in California for the past two or three months, returned home last week.

Mrs. Roy Hasley of Klamath Falls was an Ashland visitor Saturday.

## PHILLIP HALL SPEAKS AT KIWANIS LUNCHEON

"A Trip to Hawaii" was the subject of an illustrated speech by Phillip C. Hall of the Matson Navigation company at the Kiwanis luncheon today. Mr. Hall is speaking before civic organizations at many of the leading cities on the coast.

During the trip to Roseburg the boys were very talkative. At times they became reflective and seemed saddened with the thoughts of the future, but this never lasted.

Hugh said once—"When those prison doors close on us tomorrow, if our hearts don't sink to our shoes, nothing can ever phase them." We may get out in 60 or 70 years—be just young men of 80. We have a long sentence, but we have a long time to live in."

## STEALS FRIENDS BAG, SELLS AUTO

### Robert Williams Arrested On Charge of Grand Larceny and Lodged in Jail

When Robert Williams took advantage of a friend's courtesy, stole his handbag and sold his automobile, he did so without knowing that Ashland police department has a standing record for efficiency.

Today, Williams is lodged in the city jail, charged with grand larceny, while H. O. Robinson his "friend" is waiting for word pointing to the whereabouts of his touring car, and waiting for Williams to vacate a suit of clothing which he "borrowed" from Robinson when he disappeared.

Robinson came here a short time ago from California looking for work, and shortly after his arrival he met up with Williams, age (Continued on Page 5)

## Evening Slippers Out of Place Here

Women golfers should be careful of their dress. This statement is made by certain members of the club, who speak particularly in reference to shoes.

"Shoes," they say, "either make or break a golf course. If a woman wears high heels on the grounds the greens are soon ruined beyond repair, because they sink easily into the ground and make the progress of a golf ball impossible."

Therefore, they advise, women should never, never play golf in high heeled shoes.

## School Board Says "Hands Off" Issue

The school board of district five at a meeting held recently, signified its approval of the "hands off" policy relative to the County Unit System which will be voted on June 28th.

A resolution adopted by the board is as follows:

Whereas, the County Unit measure which comes up in the special election of June 26th does not in any way affect the taxes or administration of the Ashland school district, but is a question which should be decided by the people in the outside districts and by them alone;

The school board of District No. 5 would therefore recommend that the people of Ashland refrain from voting either "yes" or "no" on the County Unit measure,

An Odd Plant—V. O. N. Smith of the Citizens Bank called the Register editor's attention recently to a snap dragon growing without any visible means of support from the wall of the Val Snyder home on the Boulevard.

The plant has attracted considerable attention due to the fact that it grows directly out from the wall, and its roots appear to be imbedded in a small crevice between the bricks.

## APPRECIATE BILLING'S STAND

The following letter has just been received by the Register from the Valley View school board which sets out their position in the matter of the county unit law to be voted on soon. The Register heartily agrees with the members of the board as well as with Mr. Billings. Our position in the matter is set out more clearly on the editorial page.

Valley View District No. 8  
June 20, 1927

The Ashland Register,  
Ashland, Oregon  
Sirs:

In your issue of June 17th appears a letter written by G. H. Billings about Ashland's voting on the County Unit measure. The people of Valley View are glad to see this action taken by a resident of Ashland and so far as we can learn, it was taken without any request from the outside.

The County Unit Law is something which we think should be decided by the folks outside of Ashland and Medford, as we are the only folks affected by it, while Medford and Ashland are exempt. You know it would make a very unsatisfactory condition as to administration if it were carried by the city vote and the outside vote against it.

We believe the people of Ashland will be fair to us and stay off this vote if this is made clear to them.

Please do the necessary and oblige.

SCHOOL BOARD:  
L. H. GALLATIN, Chairman.  
MRS. F. E. GARLE,  
LOUIS WERTH.

RABEL M. LENNOX.

## Banquet Is Set For Senators Tonight

### Congressional Delegation Will Visit Hyatt Dam Tomorrow Morning; Will Be Guests of Chamber Commerce.

The congressional delegation which is visiting Southern Oregon this week-end will be in Ashland this evening, and will be guests at a banquet in the Lithia Springs hotel according to J. H. Fuller, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Those expected are Senators Frederiek Steiwer and C. L. McNary, and representatives Maurice Crumpacker and W. C. Hawley.

The purpose of the delegation is to visit the various irrigation districts of this section, according to Mr. Fuller and Saturday morning they will be shown over the Hyatt dam holdings and other county water projects.

The congressmen were in Grants Pass yesterday, and this morning they were entertained in Medford prior to coming to this city for the evening. They will return to Medford tomorrow night and from there they will leave for the north.

The banquet tonight will be featured by speeches from all the (Continued on Page 5)

## New Accommodations Prepared For Tourists

According to Frank Jordan, park commissioner, the house which stands on the McCormick land, recently donated to the city by the trustees of the C. W. Root estate, is being renovated, and is now nearly ready for furnishing.

The house, which is a large five-room building, will be of two sections, and used for tourist cabins, Mr. Jordan said.

Several men have been kept busy on this property and much improvement has resulted.

Irma Hasley and family of Klamath Falls visited her mother, Mrs. Charles Hasley on B Street recently.

Mr. Ernest Maas, brother of Mrs. Nathan Simpkins is a guest at the Simpkins home on California street. Mr. Maas, Mr. Nathan Simpkins, Mrs. Herbert Toomey and daughter, Patricia are spending a few days at the Lake of the Woods.

Mr. Wm. Briggs and O. Esterling expect to make a business trip to Grants Pass Wednesday. Clatsop County produces 150 tons of honey a year.

## GUARDSMEN TO STAGE PARADE

### All Units Will Participate in Function at Fort Stevens Tomorrow Evening

A huge parade, in which the entire Oregon National Guard system will participate will be held Saturday at Fort Stevens, where Battery S, 249th artillery is encamped together with three other artillery units, according to a letter written especially for the Register by Lieut. J. Q. Adams.

The letter follows:

"The 249th Coast Artillery arrived at Fort Stevens at 12 o'clock noon, June 15. Batteries B and C were assigned to the barracks which were occupied by the third company Columbia during the war, and Batteries A and E to the former second company Columbia barracks. Battery D was disbanded. (Continued on page 5)

## Delegate Returns From National Club Convene

Olin Armspiger, manager of the Talent Irrigation District, returned last week from Memphis, Tennessee, where he attended the national Kiwanis convention as a delegate from Medford.

Mr. Armspiger reports an interesting as well as profitable trip, and is full of choice tales of the big convention.

The convention will be held in Seattle next year, he said, and will bring about four or five thousand Kiwanians to the coast.

## Three Injured in Auto Mishap

### Two Phoenix Residents and Former Ashland Woman Hurt When Car Overturns

Three people were slightly injured in an automobile accident in Phoenix yesterday, when the car in which they were riding stalled on the highway and was run into and turned over by another car traveling south. The injured are Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Matgrin, of Phoenix, and Mrs. A. Ferguson, formerly of this city.

Dr. Matgrin sustained a bruised and wrenched arm when he was thrown against the side of the car. Mrs. Matgrin, the most seriously injured of the trio was thrown against the steering wheel of the machine and received a badly bruised thigh and a sprained right wrist, and Mrs. Ferguson, who was riding in the back seat sustained a fracture of her right wrist.

In the smash, Mrs. Wright's wrist was thrown out of place, and Dr. Matgrin pulled it into shape (Continued on page 2)

## Watermelons On Market

Watermelons made their debut on the Ashland market yesterday according to J. H. Hardy, of the Hardy Brothers grocery. The price prevailing at most of the stores is 3 1-2 cents a pound, and the melons were from the Imperial Valley. They are of very high quality local people declare. Raspberries are all so putting in their appearance at local stores.

Dr. Sidney L. Gulick of Los Angeles is spending the week in this city where he will give several lectures on foreign affairs.

Dr. Gulick is, perhaps, the best informed authoritative on international Relationship Committee of the Federal Council of Churches with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Churches. On the evening of June 24, Dr. Gulick will speak at the Congregational church and following this address will answer questions. On Sunday he will give the morning and evening sermons.

Mrs. J. F. Meikle, a former resident of Ashland, who has been spending some time in the city visiting at the homes of Mrs. Sylvan Provost on Meade street and Mrs. J. P. Wolfe of B street, has returned to her home in Berkeley, California.

Master Jack Enders, son of Mr. Henry Enders, Jr., is expected home Saturday from Klamath Falls, where he has been visiting his cousins for a few days.

## July 4th Function Planned At Dam

### Talent Irrigation Will Join Ashland In Big Celebration; All-Day Program and Fun For All Is Promised.

Definite arrangements have been made by the Chamber of Commerce for a Fourth of July celebration to be held in conjunction with the Talent Irrigation District at Hyatt dam, according to committeemen.

There will be barbecued beef, old fashioned sports, ball games and prizes, and if possible there will be rowboats available. There will be any number of individual features, and entertainment for all.

The entire day will be devoted to the celebration, the committee announces. People will go to the dam in the morning, and in the evening return to Ashland, where it is planned to have either a dance or some other entertainment.

The function will be advertised and a general invitation extended to the entire valley.

"I feel real enthusiastic over this affair being made a success," said J. H. Fuller, secretary of the Chamber.

Committees who are in direct charge of Ashland's part in the affair are: Celebration and Convention—H. L. Claycomb, chairman, O. M. Franklin, W. Walter, R. E. Detrick and Mr. Bergner; Sports—Louis Dodge, chairman, A. C. Ninger, Harry McNair, D. Perozzi and F. F. Whittle; Entertainment, Lou Hanson, chairman. (Continued on page 5)

## Boys Return From Wagner Gap Camp

"One of the liveliest and best short camps we have ever had," is the way Mr. W. P. Walter, secretary of the YMCA describes the three day outing at Wagner Gap from which the party has just arrived. Mr. Walter announced that next year this camp would be held for a week.

The boys were taken to the gap in cars, and were brought home in the same way. Mr. H. O. Anderson furnished a truck to escort part of the boys and the equipment for the camp and Mr. Walter furnished his own machine for the transportation.

The party hiked to Little Applegate yesterday, Mr. Walter said, and during the other days of the encampment the boys were kept busy with short excursions and play.

Those who attended were: Buyer Putnam, Alex Gooding, Lawrence Good, Earnest Waller, Elwin King, Headrick Baughman, Howard Mayberry, Virgil Couter, Wilbur Hocking, Wilbur Sirely, Meredith Durham, Charles Walter, Clyde Baker, Gab Woodworth, Raymond Stennett and Mr. Walter were supervisors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shinn, who have been spending the past week at the home of their son, Dr. C. E. Shinn, are leaving Saturday morning for their home in Lynden, Washington. They have been visiting at Cedar Rapids, Iowa returning to the West via Denver, Salt Lake, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Charles Wies returned yesterday from a three months' trip spent in Oregon, Missouri. This was Mr. Wies' former home years ago, he is going from there to central Kansas. Reaching the point where he wanted to retire he came to Ashland to spend the balance of his life. Crop conditions are good in Missouri according to Mr. Wies, and a general rain over western Kansas has improved the crop outlook there considerably.

Mrs. Sargent of Third street returned from Portland this week where she has been visiting her daughter and attending the Rose Festival.