

Williams Being Paroled After 38 Years

By HALE SCARBROUGH
A parole has been ordered for a man who has served half a normal lifetime in the Oregon State Penitentiary for a Klamath County murder.

He is Frank Williams, sentenced to life imprisonment Jan. 18, 1915, for killing a homesteader in the Midland area several months earlier.

County officials were notified last week that a parole has been granted Williams. He is in his 60s and has spent almost 38 years behind bars, including the time he was incarcerated here before being taken to Salem.

He was about 26 years old when he admitted shooting and killing Allen C. (Scottie) McLeod at the latter's shack on land he was attempting to homestead.

McLeod, 33, was killed Aug. 23, 1914, and his body was buried in a gulch a short distance from the cabin. Williams and his family moved into the cabin a few days later, and the killing was not suspected until friends of McLeod began inquiring about him. Williams exhibited a postal card, supposedly written by McLeod, saying that he had gone to Portland, would be back sometime later and that Williams was taking care of the place.

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Why was Williams kept in the penitentiary so long?
Court officials, the District Attorney, Sheriff and possibly the circuit Judge of the county from which the prisoner was sentenced, often are asked whether or not they will recommend a parole for an eligible convict. Williams never got a recommendation.

RECORD
Williams was considered for parole Feb. 12, 1921; May 1, 1924; Jan. 10, 1935; Aug. 28, 1939; and

Nov. 5, 1942. On each occasion the parole was denied.

During his first few years in incarceration, Williams did not have a good record, according to Warden V. J. O'Malley, but he finally became adjusted to prison life and

for 25 years or more was a good prisoner. Most of that time he was a trustee, often working on prison property outside the walls.

Only one inmate, O'Malley reports, presently in prison spent more time there than Williams.



PHEW!—David Kerr dangles upside down from top of this 110-foot flag pole he was painting (left) at Everett, Wash., after he slipped out of his boson's chair. His foot caught in a safety rope, saving him. He hung for half hour before power lineman Bert Justice worked his way up the pole to bring him down. Right, Justice helps Kerr to the ground.

Independents Lead Chains In Grocery Store Business

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Independent stores handled almost two thirds of the nation's grocery business, President Gerard Klompp of the National Association of Retail Grocers said Monday.

In a speech prepared for the grocers' annual convention, Klompp said recent surveys showed that independent retailers have mastered the techniques of business so well they handle up to 85 per cent of the total food sales in some cities.

"Figures like that really are eye-brow raisers," Klompp said. "Especially to those business prognosticators of a few years back who shook their heads sadly over the fate of the independent grocer and said it wouldn't be long before they'd all be out of business."

"The chain stores work hard to hang on to 37.7 per cent of the total grocery store volume. They have shown no perceptible gains in 20 years, while many independent grocers have shown rather startling gains."

Klompp, from Ogden, Utah, said the 75,000 independent retail grocers would spend \$300,000,000 in 1952 to modernize and expand their

stores.

Seven out of each 100 plan to build new stores this year, he said, and 28 per cent will remodel their stores.

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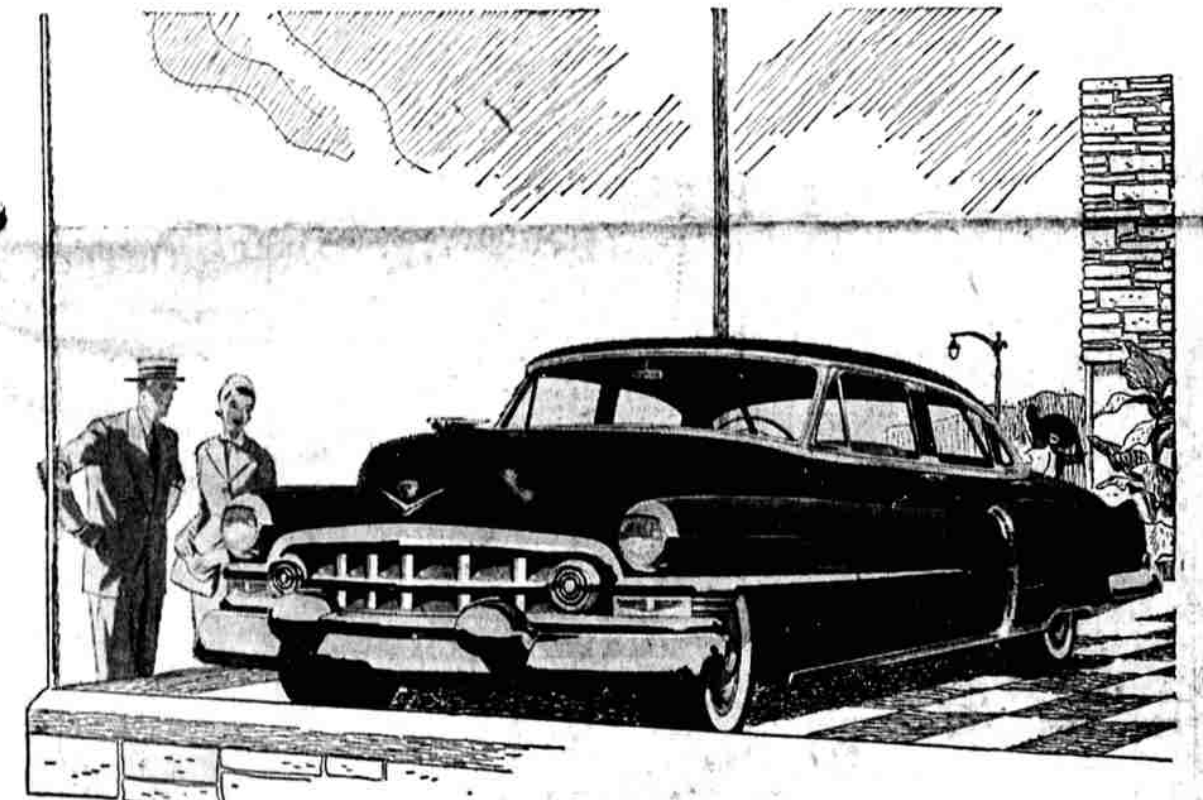
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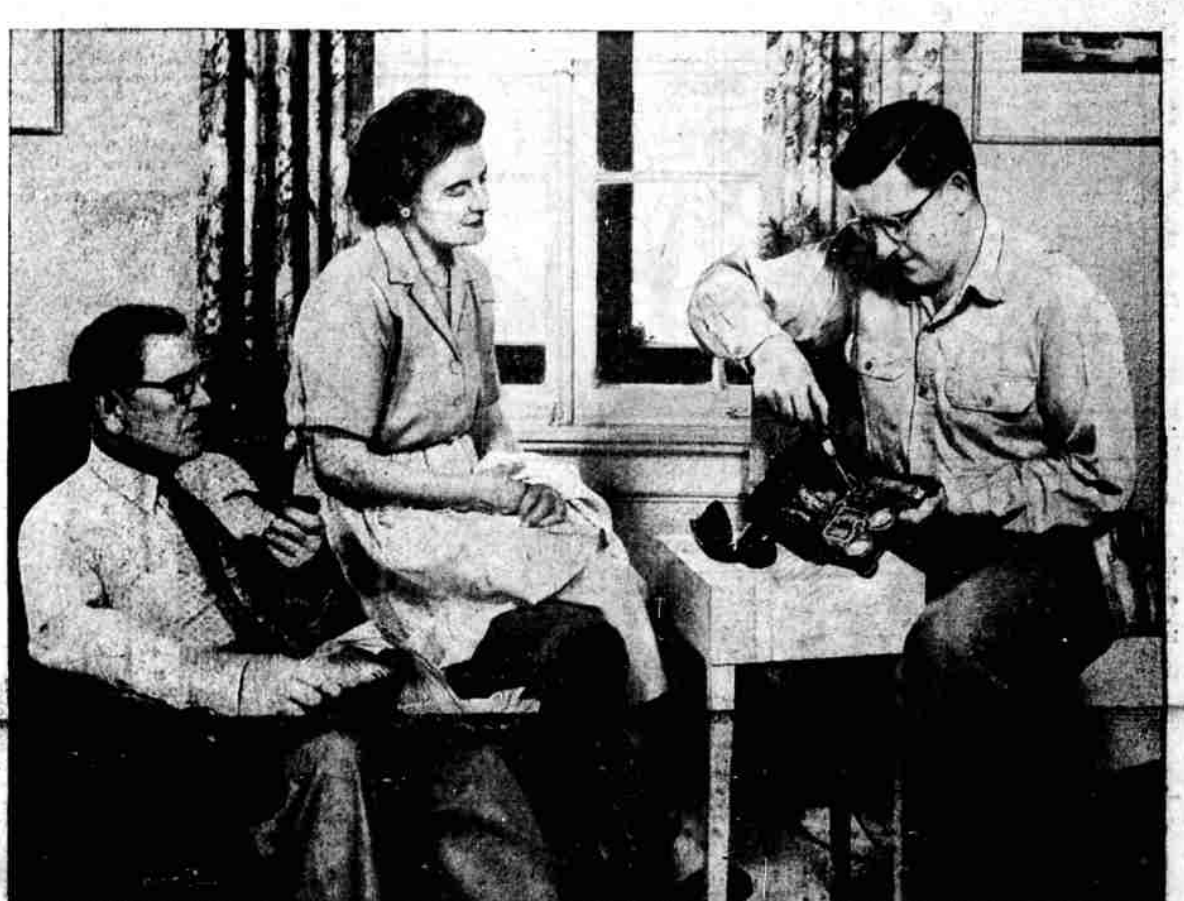
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