

# WOMAN IS GLAD SHE HACKED OFF HAND WITH AXE

## Relief Felt After Mutilation — Refuses to Reveal 'Sin' for Which Deed Atoned — Husband Is Liberated

By ROBERT F. WILCOX (United Press Staff Correspondent) MERCED, Cal., Aug. 25.—(UP)—Mentally alert and apparently unconscious of pain, Mrs. Ola Irene Harwell, 26, today said she was "glad she had followed the dictates of a vision" by gouging out her left eye with a pair of scissors and hacking off her right hand with a heavy chopping axe.

"I feel relieved now," said the woman who came here with her 20-year-old husband, Woodrow, and two small sons from the dustbowl regions of Oklahoma and Texas four months ago.

Two hours after she mutilated herself during a family prayer session last night, physicians said she apparently suffered no shocks. While they worked over her, she described what had taken place.

**Sin Not Revealed**  
Because her eye and her hand had sinned, she severed them, Mrs. Harwell explained.

"I knew the time would come some day. When the moment of the supreme test came, I did not hesitate," she said. She would not reveal what the "sin" was.

After the evening meal, Mrs. Harwell and her husband gathered their two small sons about them in their one-room cabin for the nightly reading of the bible.

After praying, Mrs. Harwell announced she had a vision and was going to cut off her arm. Her husband attempted to dissuade her. They walked out to the woodshed after she had picked up a pair of scissors. Mrs. Harwell asked her husband to cut off her arm. He refused and returned to the cabin.

Mrs. Harwell gouged out her eye with the scissors. Then she placed her hand against a slab of concrete and swung three times with the axe. Her hand fell to the floor.

With the aid of her husband but still in full possession of her mental faculties she returned to the house, and her clothing and body soaked with blood, lay down on the bed.

**Help Summoned**  
After praying for two hours, Harwell sent the oldest of the two boys, who were Mrs. Harwell's by a previous marriage, to a neighbor's house for help. State Highway Patrolman Curtis Farr was summoned.

Farr brought the woman to a hospital, where physicians removed fragments of her shattered eye and amputated her arm near the elbow.

When newspapermen were permitted to see her she talked cheerfully and freely.

Harwell was taken into custody and questioned. He was released after officials said his wife's story exonerated him.

Police described the family as typical of the hundreds of itinerants who have come to California from the dust bowl sections of the middle west.

### Reese Creek

REESE CREEK, Aug. 25.—(Sp.)—Rev. W. E. Stram, pastor of Church of Christ of Medford, called on several families in this locality August 17th.

J. E. Leigh of Valley View district, who formerly owned the place where Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Botts live, was delivering peaches to some of our residents August 19.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook of Medford were out Sunday looking over the real estate situation and hunting a location.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery and little daughter moved on the Johnson place from Evans valley August 18. He intends to farm the land and milk dairy cows. He has a nice herd of cows at present. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery to the community. The little girl will enter school her first year. They came from California a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merritt, Janet and Jimmy, motored to Crater lake and Diamond lake August 21. They saw a beautiful wild deer on the Diamond lake road.

Donna Grieses of Central Point spent last week visiting her cousins, Conrad, Byron and Judith—Lynn Tuedell, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphrey, Ralph and Darlene, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lamb of Derby August 15.

Mrs. Fern Hanford and Evelyn Jack, who are working in the fruit in Medford, were home over the week-end.

J. E. Graw spent the week-end with Mrs. Graw and Eileen, who are working in the fruit in Medford.

Mrs. James Tuedell entertained with a party on her son Bryan's sixth birthday. Ice cream and cakes were served the little guests. Games were played and a general good time enjoyed. Those present were Janet and Jimmy Merritt, Stanley and Donna Grieses of Central Point, besides the three Tuedell children, Judith, Lynn, Conrad and Bryan.

Mrs. Edward Cowden was out from Medford Tuesday looking after her home interest here. She works at Hison's confectionery in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tush, Gladys and Charles, also Viola Jackson, attended there.

# Mother And Daughter Die On Railroad Crossing



A mother and a daughter lost their lives Monday when a northbound passenger train struck an automobile and trailer at a crossing near Oregon City. Mrs. Mayme A. Fletcher, 46, of Portland, Mrs. Lorraine Rex 27, were killed. Mrs. Fletcher's husband, son and granddaughter were injured.—(AP Photo.)

tended the Church of Christ in Medford Sunday.

Calling at the Lamb home during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lamb and son Robert, also Mrs. Edward Scanlin and son Arthur, and niece Margaret Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cook of Medford and C. A. Arthurs of south of Ashland on the Klamath Falls highway.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ball were in Medford August 19 on business and doing their weekly shopping.

### Trail

TRAIL, Aug. 25.—(Sp.)—H. L. Johnson has returned to his home at Sunset on the Rogue after spending several weeks in California where he was engaged in carpenter work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Yancy and son Bob were dinner guests at the Mallery home August 19.

Little Miss Shirley Hutchinson of Klamath Falls is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hutchinson.

Mrs. Ernie Segesman, who was confined to the hospital in Medford for 18 days, was brought home August 22. Mrs. Segesman is slowly

improving but still confined to her bed. Miss Ethel Tullis is helping care for Mrs. Segesman.

Little Mary Segesman stayed with Mrs. Minnie Blasse while her mother was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hutchinson of Oakland, Cal., are here for a week, spending their vacation at Sunset auto camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leigh, who lived on the Boyd Tucker place for the past eight months, have moved to Chiloquin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scott of Klamath Agency are visiting here for a week or more and are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson.

Jim Sawyer and his bride have returned to their home here after spending several weeks visiting different parks and points of interest on route home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hutchinson returned home Sunday after spending a week at Hamaker campgrounds.

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where they camped and fished with Dr. and Mrs. Mallery have returned home from Eureka, Cal., after spending a week looking after their prop-

erty there. Ray Merriman, who accompanied them, remained to do some painting and decorating.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hughes and son Albert and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blasse made a pleasure trip to Klamath Falls, August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young of California are here to spend their annual vacation at Sunset on the Rogue.

Miss Minnie Blasse is caring for little Jimmie Mcabee while his mother is working at packing fruit.

Mrs. Alma Mallery spent Tuesday afternoon visiting her son Guy and family at Eagle Point.

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Traffic Death Flag Files PASADENA, Cal. (UP)—The Pasadena city council is considering a project of providing a white flag with a blue cross that will be lowered to half mast for 24 hours every time there is a traffic death. Long Beach, which already has the plan in operation, believes it has resulted in a decrease in accidents.

When Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson of Botley, England, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary they invited their five bridesmaids who assisted in the festivities 50 years ago.

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**Negro Flees Skeletons**  
BAKERSFIELD, Cal. (UP)—WPA rifle here suddenly lost one worker. He was a negro and was working alone with a grading machine when he turned up two human skeletons. The foreman later found the skeletons and the grading machine but even the sheriff's office has been unable to get any tract of the negro.

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