

Tar And Feather Incident Turns Out To Be Only Hoax

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A man, his wife and the woman they are accused of tarring and feathering in an elaborate hoax "to stir up a racial incident" were in police custody today on charges of arson and conspiracy.

Mrs. Katherine Harwell, 26, in serious condition at General Hospital with severe burns she suffered when she was left tarred and feathered in a burning house, confessed the hoax Thursday and implicated Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of suburban Walnut.

Firemen rescued Mrs. Harwell from the burning Lewis house Tuesday night. At the time, she told investigators that three white men had burst into the house, applied tar and feathers, bound her and set the place ablaze. She said the men, whom she did not recognize, called her a "nigger lover" and tore off her outer garments.

Mrs. Harwell said Thursday she permitted the Lewis couple to apply tar and feathers to her body. All three were booked Thursday night on the arson and conspiracy charges.

Although the Lewis couple refused to discuss the incident, sheriff's investigators theorized Lewis, 36, had thought he could get a previous condemnation of the house rescinded by creating a "racial incident."

Auto Mishap Injures Two

Two people were in satisfactory condition at the Klamath Valley Hospital today as the result of injuries they received in a one-car accident on Highway 97, near Wecus, about 5 o'clock this morning, Oregon State Police reported.

The injured were Demele Joseph Fitzpatrick, 23, Whittier, Calif., who was admitted to surgery about 9 a.m. with lacerations and a dislocated hip, and Mrs. Joy Ann Crume, 21, Box 212, Chilquin. The extent of Mrs. Crume's injuries have yet to be determined, a hospital spokesman said.

The accident occurred as the car was southbound along Highway 97, near Milepost 269. It went out of control, veered along a ditch bank and into a gravel pit, and went over an embankment, finally coming to a stop upside down about 500 feet from where it left the highway.

Fitzpatrick was pinned in the automobile and remained there until Mrs. Crume, apparently thrown clear of the wreckage, went to the highway and summoned assistance from a passing motorist. The vehicle was removed from the scene by a local towing company and its two occupants were transferred to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance.

Firemen Quell Fire Near Park

City firemen were called Thursday afternoon to two grass fires one of which briefly threatened to spread into Moore Park.

The city's new four-wheel-drive fire truck responded to both calls. The first fire was at 12:03 p.m. in the 4500 block of Bly Street. Firemen battled flames in grass near the lake for an hour before bringing them under control.

At 6:33, firemen went to a field off Lakeshore Drive. A fire had started in grass behind the Marion Ziegler home and was spreading toward the park before it was stopped by the fire-fighters.



HOAX BACKFIRES — Mrs. Katherine Harwell, 26, a woman tarred and feathered and apparently left to die in a flaming house is shown here as she tells newsmen that her "torture" actually was part of a hoax to stir up racial incident. Still in serious condition, Mrs. Harwell had originally said three men tore off her outer garments, tied her and smeared tar and feathers over her. She almost lost her life when a prearranged plan to call the fire department did not attract firemen as soon as she expected.

4-H, FFA Youngsters Prepare For Big Event

By RUTH KING

The kinks are being ironed out. Pieces of the puzzle are falling into place and by Saturday, Aug. 18, the steers, the lambs, the hogs, raised by 4-H Club boys and girls and Future Farmers of America, will be ready for the barns and the pens at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. Fair dates are Aug. 18, 19 and 20.

The best cabbages and the finest blooms from the flower garden will be harvested, and hopes of every young exhibitor at the Klamath Junior Fall Fair will be set on winning ribbons.

It has been a year since the last successful Rotary-sponsored Livestock Show and Sale and the display of the products of a season's effort for the boys and girls registered in garden, flower, forestry, entomology and other divisions.

It has been a year of planning and preparation for the big cooperative event that climaxes the months of hard work on the part of youth, parents, club leaders, and the guiding county 4-H leaders, Francis Skinner and Beverly Bowser.

It will take dollars, a lot of them from the buyers, to make the livestock sale a smashing success for the young exhibitors. The sale is scheduled for the final night, Tuesday, after the barbecue that takes a lot of Rotarian

energy and cold cash. Business firms and individuals have been generous each year with awards and premiums, and 1963 is no exception.

The coordination and the cooperation add up to a worthwhile community job, well done. There are approximately 450 club members enrolled in 34 clubs. Adult men and women leaders in many instances have junior leader assistants. Hundreds of voluntary man hours are given to this work.

Clubs and leaders follow:

BEEF CLUBS

Pioneer Beef Club, John Kerns and Howard Holliday; North Klamath Beef Club, Mrs. Dorothy Buchanan; Malin Beef Club, Earl Wilson and Woody Clark; Gearhart Beef Club, Vincil Rentele and Owen Watts; Merrill Beef Club, Marvin Renterath; Olene Buckaroos Beef, Taylor High and Jim Grimes; Bonanza Beef, John Heyden, Mike Dearborn, Walter Ritter and Don Schooler; Henley Beef Club, Alvin Cheyne, Robert Thompson and Rod Wright; and Beatty Beefers, Dell Smith and Miller Anderson.

DAIRY CLUBS

Midland Dairy Club, Mrs. Ida Scala; Merrill Dairy Club, Ray Hobson, and Olene Dairy Club, Bob Laver.

SHEEP CLUBS

Klamath Lambies Sheep, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan; Langell Valley Champs, Mr. and Mrs. William Landon; Pine Grove Livestock Club, Dr. W. F. Dean, Dr. Fred Wedam and John Horton; Malin Woolies Sheep Club, Emil Tofell, Mrs. Walter Stastny, Mrs. Jim Ottomano; Merrill Sheep Club, Glenn Haskins and Joe Fotheringham; Lucky Lambs Sheep Club, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weaver; Poe Valley Shepherds, Dr. Dave Olney; Bonanza Shepherds Sheep, Glenn Alberts; Henley Sheep Club, Dr. Joe Riker and Arnold Brandt; Shasta Sheep Raisers, Mrs. Raymond Tice, Mrs. Curtis Antley and Robert Norris.

SWINE CLUBS

Shasta Champs Swine Club, Vinton Wagoner; Langell Valley Champs Swine Club, Dick Botens; Pelican Hams Swine Club, Waldo Lasley; Henley Razorbacks Swine Club, Don Manning; Malin Porkers Swine Club, Charles Duncan and Mrs. Jim Fallis; Merrill Grunters Swine Club, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Britton; Dairy Spareribs Swine Club, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers; Henley Rooters Swine Club, Mr. and Mrs. William Parsons.

GARDEN CLUBS

Happy Diggers (vegetables and flowers), Mrs. John Hooper; Malin Flowerettes (flowers), Mrs. Arnold Scott, and Speedy Weedeers (vegetables and flowers), Mrs. Hovey Roberts and Mrs. Arthur Struve.

ENTOMOLOGY CLUB AND FORESTRY

The Bug Snatchers, Mrs. James Reis.

City Briefs

MRS. ELDA BEALE has returned to her home in Long Beach after visiting in Klamath Falls with a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Waters on Homedale Road, and a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Waters in Medford. While here she also visited with old-time friends.

MRS. JOSEPH WILKINS and two sons, Richard, 4, and Robert, 22 months, of El Cajon, Calif., are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bramlett of 6223 Maryland Avenue. While here, Mrs. Wilkins will attend the reunion for the class of 1953 of Klamath Union High School.

MR. AND MRS. LUIS GOMEZ, 3050 Crest Street, have had as guests her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Devito, Everett, Mass. During their month stay, the visitors on their first trip West have visited all points of interest in this area.

Owner Evicts Aged Patients

MONMOUTH (UPI) — Fourteen elderly welfare patients were evicted from a nursing home today after its operator told the Polk County Welfare Commission she could no longer afford to care for them.

The nursing home operator, Mrs. K. E. Drahm, said the state's payments for the care of the elderly patients were not enough to cover costs.

Polk County Welfare Administrator Ruth Hardy said the oldsters would be placed in other quarters.

Mrs. Drahm said that the welfare payments ranging from \$101 to \$179 a month were not enough to meet costs of staffing the Madonna nursing home.

She said, weeping, that her decision to evict the welfare patients came last week after a doctor hired by the welfare commission canceled a prescription of heart medicine for a patient and substituted an antacid in its place.

Weather Roundup

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.

	High	Low
Astoria	73	53
Baker	83	44
Medford	92	55
Newport	65	35
N. Bend	65	35
Pendleton	84	54
Portland	81	57
Redmond	85	44
Salem	85	48
The Dalles	90	59
Chicago	74	64
Los Angeles	90	69
New York	79	59
Phoenix	99	77
San Francisco	78	52
Washington	80	60

The Dalles and Hood River: Fair through Saturday; high 83-90; low 47-55; gorge winds west 8-15.

Bend: Fair through Saturday; highs 67-92; low 43-48.

Baker and La Grande: Fair; highs 82-87; lows 40-43.

Portland - Vancouver: Fair through Saturday with patchy morning clouds; high near 80; low tonight 55.

Western Oregon: Mostly fair with fog patches or low clouds night and morning; highs 80-95; on coast 65-70; low 46-56.

Eastern Oregon: Mostly fair; highs 78-90; low 42-52 except locally 34 some high valleys.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT

Aug. 9

TRAFFIC CASES
Robert Maurice Aldridge, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$20 fine paid.
Erma Lucille Huebner, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Larry Devin Stieling, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$15 fine paid.
Aldo Gonzalez, disobeyed stop sign, guilty plea, \$25 fine or five days in county jail in lieu of fine.

TRAFFIC CASES
Aldo Gonzalez, disobeyed stop sign, guilty plea, \$20 fine or four days in county jail in lieu of fine.
Loman Max Long, 7,400 lbs. gross axle overload (logs), guilty plea, \$235 fine paid.

MISDEMEANOR CASES
Douglas Eugene Wagner, reckless driving, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.

Aug. 12

TRAFFIC CASES
Hawley Harvey Hood, failure to stop at red light, not guilty plea, jury trial set for Sept. 4.

TRAFFIC CASES
Margaret Horning, violate basic rule, not guilty plea, jury trial set for Sept. 13.
Robert Allen Maxwell, operating suspended period, not guilty plea, jury trial set for Sept. 5.

TRAFFIC CASES
Barbara Goetts, violate basic rule, not guilty plea; trial without jury set for Aug. 19.
Doreen Howe Noolin, no vehicle license (expired), \$5 bail forfeited.

TRAFFIC CASES
Richard Ernest McElroy, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Edward Michael McElroy, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
Paul Dean Snodden, failure to yield right of way, \$10 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Floyd Jackson Hall Jr., violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$15 fine paid.
Ernest Edward Walker, no vehicle license (expired), guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Richard Allen Whittemore, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
Leon Dee Mitchell, disobeyed stop sign, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Shelia Mary Chambers, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
Robert Victor Snodden, disobeyed traffic signal, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Leland Robert Winter, no operator's license (expired), guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
Donnie Ray Harper, disobeyed stop sign, guilty plea, \$12.50 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Paul Dean Snodden, failure to yield right of way, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
Hattie Clayton Head, no vehicle license (expired), guilty plea, \$5 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Roger Donald Eisenbeisz, disobeyed stop sign, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
Robin Melven Hawkins, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$15 fine paid.

TRAFFIC CASES
Linda Susan Gunderson, disobeyed stop sign, guilty plea, \$15 fine paid.
Floyd Kenneth Peterson, driving while right to apply for operator's license is suspended, dismissed on motion by district attorney in Oregon State Penitentiary.

MISDEMEANOR CASES
Michael William Murray, assault and battery, not guilty plea; jury trial set for Aug. 22.
Darlene Barkley Sanchez and Frances Colleen Crume, carrying an unlicensed concealed weapon, not guilty plea, jury trial set for Aug. 20.

MISDEMEANOR CASES
Francine Calen Crume, vagrancy, not guilty plea, jury trial set for Sept. 12.
Darlene Barkley Sanchez, vagrancy, not guilty plea, jury trial set for Sept. 4.
Darlene Sanchez, vagrancy, not guilty plea, jury trial set for Sept. 17.

MISDEMEANOR CASES
Philip William O'Neil, assault and battery, not guilty plea, jury trial continued to Sept. 11.

FELONY CASES

Katherine Agnes Baldwin, assault with a dangerous weapon, preliminary hearing Aug. 15.

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