

Father Given 20-Year Term On Rape Count

Guy Richmond Harrison, 40, a Scotts Mills route 1 farmer, was sentenced, on a charge of rape, to 20 years in Oregon state prison

Saturday by Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan. Harrison, arrested two weeks ago by a Marion county sheriff's deputy, pleaded guilty to the charge in circuit court and waived grand jury action. The charge was brought by his daughter who alleged he is the father of her 20-month-old child. No action was taken Saturday on a charge of incest also lodged against him at the time of the other action.



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Gardening Today

Walnut leaves are just as good as oak or maple and will not leave as much acidity as will fir needles, but about the same as oak. This is one of the many things I learned on a visit to our state college at Corvallis this week. Perhaps one of the most important things I learned, however, was that the college does much more than teach young folk various professions they will later follow.

The experiments being carried on there to make living easier and more pleasant, no matter what you do, are most remarkable. Eventually the results creep into our way of life, but too infrequently do we know where they were first discovered.

I was interested in the laboratory experiments being carried on as to the usefulness of waste materials for mulches, a matter not only farmers throughout the state are interested in, but gardeners. I found Dr. W. B. Bollen buried in a mountain of test tubes and glasses.

"The place is a little crowded," he said, as he showed me how the investigation in moisture retention of mulches was done. Peat moss has much higher moisture holding content than sawdust, Dr. Bollen said, as he explained peat moss would hold from two to three times its weight while sawdust holds only its own weight in water content. In that way, peat is more valuable, but it is also much more expensive, he pointed out.

Sawdust Tested Laboratory experiments show that sawdust removes much nitrogen from the soil in its decomposition. But it is only in the spring that it is undesirable to take this material away from the roots and the danger can be overcome by adding nitrogen to the sawdust. Also this will decompose the sawdust much more rapidly.

Experiments with the waste from the alcohol plant at Eugene show that this is a good mulch but must be neutralized by the addition of lime. It holds twice its own weight in moisture and would be a cheap and very effective mulch for big gardening projects if treated correctly. When the plant runs, the output is something like 50 tons of waste material a day.

Nut Leaves Not Poison There doesn't seem to be any support for the theory that walnut leaves are injurious," Dr. Bol-

len stated, adding that he knows it is a generally accepted theory. They are a little thicker and thus will make a heavier mat if put on before composted, he explained, but too heavy a layer of oak leaves will act the same and a heavy layer of fir needles if packed down will be worse. If any of these three are to be used as mulches on plants which like a neutral or alkaline soil they should be treated with lime.

"There are many false ideas in gardening which science will not uphold," Dr. Bollen said. "Too frequently it is the method of application of the material or the wrong use of it, and not the material that is wrong."

So don't burn your walnut leaves this fall if you have any. Keep them in your compost heap, adding lime if the compost is to be used for neutral soil plants and simply letting them decay if it is to be used for azaleas, rhododendrons or laurels. One of the biggest dangers in the garden, scientists tell us, is to let the soil lack in humus.

Garden Calendar March 10—Mt. Angel Garden club. March 10—Providence Garden

club, Scio, 2 p. m., at home of Mrs. Neva Strode.

March 10—Independence Garden club, 7:30 p. m.

March 11—Men's Garden club, Salem YMCA, 7:45 p. m.

March 11—Little Garden club of Salem Heights.

March 12—Jordan Garden club; Betty Westenhause, hostess; roll call; "Care of Primroses"; program: "Flowers for Fragrance," Crystal Linbeck; spring flower show.

March 26-27—Oregon Camellia show, 2 to 10 p. m. Portland Art Museum.

March 30-31—Annual Oregon Primrose society show, Masonic temple, Portland.

April 2-3-4—Men's Garden club of Portland spring flower show, armory.

April 4—Mt. Angel first annual primrose show.

Questions and Answers

Is it too early to plant garden peas now, G. B. T. asks.

Ans.: This depends greatly upon the soil. If you have a heavy clay soil you must have had difficulty in getting it worked properly by this time. If your soil is of a lighter texture you may be able to plant. In fact, several gardeners already have their peas in -- have had them in for a week or two. Frequently it develops, however, in unfavorable springs, that the later planted peas catch up and pass those planted too early.

J. C. S. asks if her Earliham montbretia bulbs could have been

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injured by the winter cold. Said she had always left Montbretias in the ground over winter but someone has told her that the Earliham are not hardy.

Ans.: The Earliham are not claimed to be as hardy as the old-time types. Usually these hybrids are treated more like gladiolus bulbs. However, I do not believe the winter we have had this year will have greatly harmed the bulbs.

N. N. asks if it is too early to plant green onions.

Ans.: If your soil can be worked properly, it never seems too early to plant green onions in this country. We are a natural-born onion country.

D. D. asks when rose cuttings can be taken.

Ans.: Now, when you prune your roses. Make a slanting cut just below an eye on a four to six inch section and insert in sharp sand to within an inch and a half of the top. Keep well watered until the cuttings are rooted and ready to move.

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the proposal that flight training be dropped from the veterans administration program has been received here by L. J. Demers of the Ace Flying service. Demers and 58 local veteran flying students had appealed to Senators Wayne Morse and Guy Cordon and Rep. Walter Norblad for help to prevent their training being canceled.

A wire received Saturday from Morse said "I intend to look into the matter very thoroughly and

discuss it with the veterans administration" and legislative representatives of veterans' groups. A letter, from Norblad said that hearings on the proposal are now underway and that while he felt "some of these programs, such as the dancing instructor, blackjack dealer, horseback riding and similar subjects, are an improper expenditure of taxpayers' funds, it is my firm belief that the flight training program is valuable to us."

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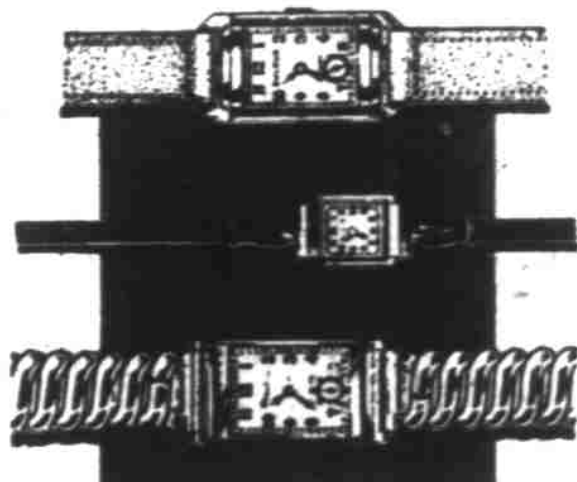
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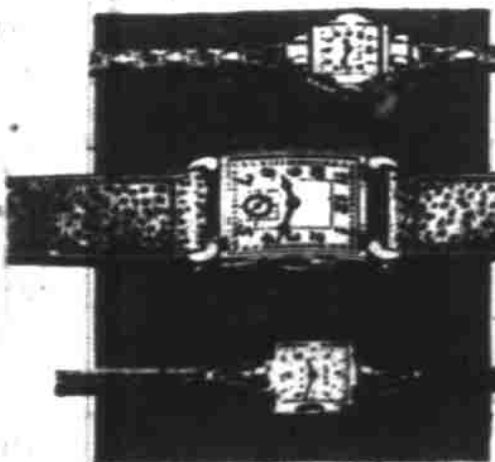
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