



DISAPPOINTMENT REIGNS as Calvin Hoffman (bottom with Mrs. Hoffman), gazes through bars of tomb that he hoped would disclose Christopher Marlowe authored the works attributed to Shakespeare. Opening of tomb of Sir Thomas Walsingham, Chislehurst, England, patron of Marlowe (top), revealed nothing but dust rather than proof of the American's theory. (International Soundphoto)

SCIENCE AT WORK

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New York —(U.P.)— With sex under constant criticism and periodic attack it may reassure a lot of people to know sex can be justified fully scientifically—but not at all for the reason you think.

There is no basis for the superstition that sex is necessary for "the continuance of a race." Dr. Robert Platt, a professor of medicine, made a point of that in a recent lecture.

He reminded his hearers that the drone bees has no father. Nature's accomplishment, that. But Dr. Gregory Pincus, as recently as 1939, by purely scientific means, produced three fatherless rabbits in his laboratory.

"Many primitive organisms divide and reproduce without sexual differentiation," he said.

Why, even in "higher animals" sex is not indispensable for reproduction. Back in 1899, a scientist made unfertilized star fish eggs develop, and another scientist produced tadpoles artificially in 1911.

Transmission Belt

So "continuance of a race" is no justification. Scientifically speaking, the scientific justification is that sex is a marvelously effective transmission belt for life, and "one of the most fascinating things" is that it "applies equally well not only to mice and men and monkeys but also to plants and, in fact, to anything which reproduces sexually." That is why "sexuality has been adopted by all the higher species."

"The union of two individuals has two major effects," he said. One is that "separate characters previously found in two different individuals may meet in the next generation and appear together in the same individual. Sexuality thus produces the new variants on which the process of evolution can act by natural selection."

The other major effect is "somewhat in the opposite direction."

"It provides that all individ-

April Traffic Fatal To 35 Oregonians

Salem—(U.P.)—Thirty-five persons were killed in Oregon traffic accidents during April.

The State Traffic Safety division said Friday the April toll wiped out the state's previously reported reduction in traffic deaths and brought the four-month count to 115—10 more than for the same period last year.

Safety officials warned that the sharp upsurge of deaths in April was "only a forerunner of what might happen during the coming months of heavy vacation traffic."

The April record brought the state more closely in line with a national trend which shows deaths running about 11 per cent ahead of last year.

uals are diploid—that is, they have a double set of genes and chromosomes," Dr. Platt explained. "This makes for stability in the race, for new mutations, which are usually disadvantageous, are usually recessive and are not immediately apparent."

"It has, in fact, been calculated that a new mutation occurring today, either spontaneously or as a result of all the radiation at present being released in the world, would be unlikely to show itself for some 500 years."

"But this is no reason why we should neglect the problem. And of course a cousin marriage might bring two mutant recessive genes together much more quickly. One hesitates to think what might be the result of a cousin marriage in Hiroshima, or for that matter a marriage of cousins whose common grandmother had been a radiographer."

Dr. Platt is a member of the medical faculty in the University of Manchester, Eng. His witty discourse on "Life" is currently bemusing scientific circles in this country.

Eugene Man Dies While Making Citizen's Arrest

Eugene—(U.P.)—Funeral services are pending here Friday for Uriel M. Bobinette, 50-year-old Eugene resident who died, apparently of a heart attack, as he attempted to make a citizen's arrest of a woman driver.

State police reported that Bobinette was forced off Highway 58 by an unidentified woman motorist. He gave chase and stopped her and then collapsed while in an overwrought condition as he started to make an arrest.

Salem's Sacred Heart High School for Girls

Salem—(U.P.)—Sacred Heart high school this fall will again become an all-girls school.

It will make the first time in 20 years that the school has not had boys enrolled although it started as a girls school many years ago.

The Rev. Augustine Meyer, pastor of St. Henry's church in Gresham, will give the commencement address May 31. He was the first boy graduated from Sacred Heart, in 1929.

Walla Walla Prison Escapee Captured

Hood River—(U.P.)—Sheriff R. L. Gillmouthe late Thursday captured Paul L. Stelle, 39-year-old convict who escaped from the Washington state prison in Walla Walla Monday.

Gillmouthe said Stelle was captured in a hobo jungle east of here.

After Stelle escaped, Mrs. Nadine Norton, a Milton-Freewater taxi driver, said she was forced to drive him as far as Hood River where the cab ran out of gas.

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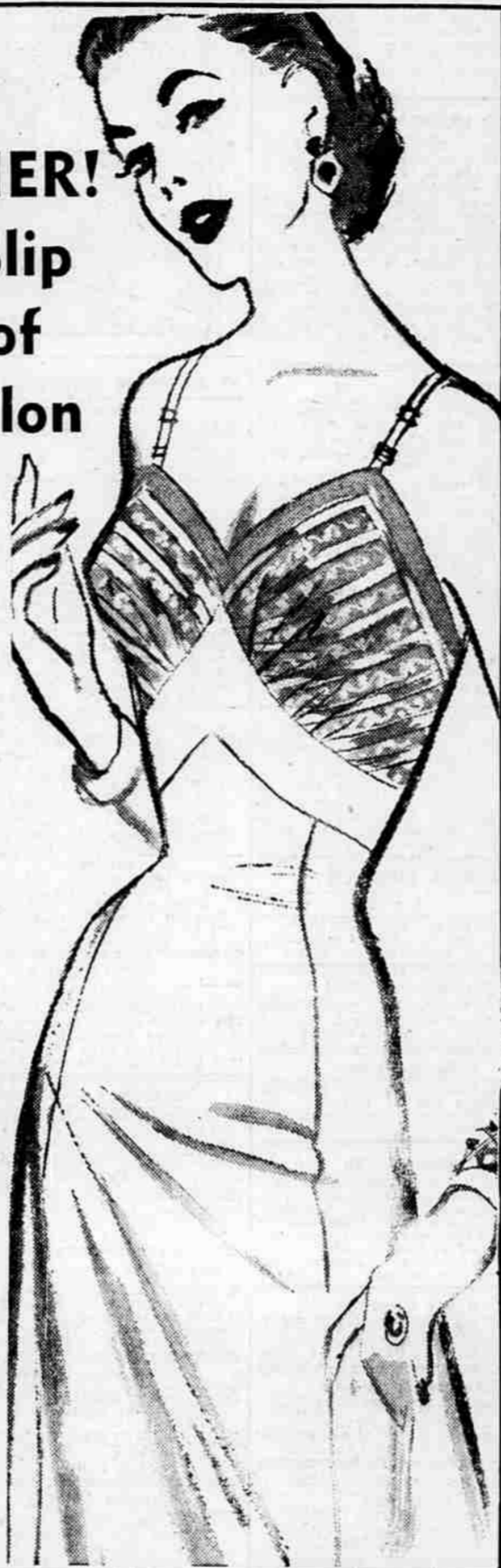
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