

Blondes Really Are 'Eye-Openers'

Washington (Science Service)—Those curly blondes referred to as "eye-openers" really are.

Two University of Chicago scientists reported here a study of six men and women in which the subjects were shown pictures of a partially nude man and a partially nude woman, among others.

The men's pupils, which act like the lens opening on a camera and primarily expand in response to available light, also expanded greatly for the near-nude female, much less for the near-nude male. The women opened their eyes for the man, reduced their aperture for the female. The women, none of whom had children, opened their eyes widest, however, for a picture of a woman and child.

Psychologist Dr. Eckhard H. Hess and James M. Polt reported in the American Association for the Advancement of Science's journal Science that their study was limited to six subjects. To the lines of Guillaume de Salluste—"These lovely lamps, these windows of the soul"—the scientists added that there was increasing evidence that the pupils do register directly certain activities of the nervous system.

Technicians in Satellite Urged

San Diego, Calif. (Science Service)—A technician trained to make spaceship or satellite repairs would make a top-notch astronaut, three engineers told the Pacific General Meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers here.

The U.S. currently is training seven Mercury astronauts, all test pilots with engineering backgrounds. But M. A. Grodsky, Girard W. Levy and Robert D. Sorkin, all of the Martin Company in Baltimore, Md., said a technician in a satellite could detect and repair system malfunctions.

They said such a technician would require extensive training, probably with an earth-bound model of the unit he will later work with in space. But they believe adding a technician could provide a payload saving because of the versatility of such a worker.

PUBLISHER DIES

Chicago—(UPI)—Kingsley L. Rice, 61, resident of the Technical Publishing Co. of Barrington, Ill., publishers of Industrial and business magazines, died Tuesday.

PUBLISHER'S WIFE DIES

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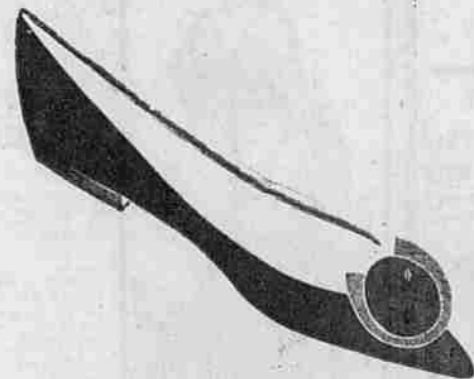
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