RESIGNATION

THE TECH regrets to announce the resignation of Miss Lida Rovano as Associate Editor. Miss Rovano has controlled regularly the TECH's editorial policy, but the pressure of her duties as correspondent of The Boston Post has necessitated her withdrawal.

VISIBLE SPACES IN THE PARKING LOT

Earlier in the year, the Institute was confronted with a critical parking situation which it partially relieved by requesting the employees to park their cars in the spaces well away from the main building. This did a lot of good, as did the signs asking that cars not be parked in the passage ways, but we cannot get around the fact that the spaces are overcrowded and must be used to the best of our ability.

We once asked that men be more careful in using the spots, and our suggestion was followed by a student of Technical Journalism at the Institute. Unlike most articles of this nature, this one is designed not only to arouse monetary interest, but also to guide, through the bibliography that accompanies every comment, to future reading.

Not trying to compete with the sources of these articles, we intend them as head lines to suggest events that might otherwise pass unnoticed. While these "briefs" are available and of interest to students, we are pleased to admit them, and also to call attention to them, not only for themselves but as an example of an original enterprise of an ambitious student.

SCIENCE IN BRIEF

By Arthur M. York, '38

Rocks Flow

Rocks under great pressure frequently break and crumble; but recent surveys have shown that they "also flow" when they are under stress and have been compressed. Of course the "flowing" process takes place slowly but the results are similar to those of a liquid of a shape such as a saucer of caramel candy or of molten rock. For some time it has been believed that it is possible to determine the nature of the motions which could be explained only by the fact that the solid rock had flowed at normal temperatures; recent experiments in the laboratory and conclusions obtained by microscopic studies of the compressed specimens revealed characteristics typical of a flow process. In each case there was a lack of fragmented crystals.

"Reproductive Rhythm"

An English scientist has made a study of the birth rates in a number of European countries and has come to the conclusion that the greatest number of births actually occur in the warm winter season when the infants are most likely to survive. He attributes this "reproductive rhythm" to a number of factors, but one particular emphasis is on temperature; it is his theory that the most favorable atmospheric temperature for conception to take place is 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

Self-Raining in Rain

Scientists say that normal adults can easily be educated to read at the rate of 500 words per minute, whereas the average reader has been found to read 200 words per minute. What more, we can train ourselves to read more rapidly by introducing not to "recite" the words but to say the words to oneself, by trying to recognize whole phrases at a glance, by looking over the material read at a perusal than is comfortable, and by assuming an attitude of nonattention while reading. (3)


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