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The activities of Blue Hydra for the current year have been distributed over the entire field of Botany with each branch represented by a scientist of international renown. The lectures interpreted the researches and investigations conducted by these men:

Mr. MacBeth, President of American Propagator's Society on "Propagating and Grafting."

Dec. 6—Dr. Forrest Shreve, Carnegie Institute, Desert Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona; on "Desert Vegetation."

Dec. 13—Dr. A. P. Mathews, University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, on "Oxidation."

Jan. 26—Dr. L. R. Jones, University of Wisconsin, Dept. Plant Pathology, on "Disease Resistance of Plants."

Jan. 27—Dr. B. M. Duggar, Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Mar. 21—Dr. A. C. Noe, University of Chicago, Dept. of Botany, on "The Real Underworld."

Apr. 6—Dr. M. S. Markle, "Collecting in Jamaica."

May 4—Dr. J. H. Rose, Smithsonian Institute, on "Plants of Our Southwestern Deserts."

A feature calculated to arouse interest was the publication of a monthly sheet "The Sneezeweed." At first, it merely dealt in personalities but later included short items concerning alumni, seminars, speakers, and other topics of interest.

A very desirable start with the hope of future growth has been the establishment of closer relations with other scientific societies of the University.

The year's program has also included several social events, the Hallow'een Initiation party, the Christmas party, and a combined Valentine-Anniversary party, the Anniversary feature commemorating twenty-five years of service of Dr. Benedict with the Department.

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