

## HINTS FOR STUDENT HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY CLUBS

A scholarship of one hundred dollars each year is what one biology club furnishes a deserving member. The Biology Club of Morgan Park High School in Chicago is the club that does this particular piece of work. They raise the money potted plants, cut flowers, and many other similar activities. Much of the growing material is produced in their growing room.

The Beaver Club of Huchins Intermediate School of Detroit maintains a formal garden. This garden is located on a plot of ground on the school campus furnished by the board of education and fenced for the purpose. Each year the club adds a few new shrubs, trees and plants obtained through club finances. The plants are generally the uncommon or the unusual. Money is raised by presenting a yearly vaudeville of student talent.

One biology club is active in making casts of laboratory material. They search through catalogues of biological supply houses for ideas. A particular cast pictured may be duplicated, it may be modified or it might furnish an idea for an entirely different piece of work. Many students become authorities on a particular subject through this activity. The casts are painted and border upon professionalism.

The Bird Club of Bowen High School, Chicago, felt the need of a bird sanctuary for their community. The members drew

up a petition and secured thousands of signatures. The formal petition was presented to the park authorities. Since this activity they have had a very popular place to study birds. The park authorities were glad to comply with such a worthy request when backed by such a large petition.

A common practice in a number of clubs is to "start" bulbs at school. They are timed to bloom just before a holiday if possible. They are taken home to their parents perhaps as a pleasant surprise to them.

Painting of flowers by the artistic minded club member becomes an interesting display in a number of instances, after a few months effort.

Does your local biology teachers organization sponsor an annual club exhibit, fair or congress? Do they give the officers of the clubs an opportunity to get together or do the teachers that sponsor the clubs get together and pass the ideas along? Could your local biology teachers organization sponsor joint membership meetings of the biology clubs furnishing them with appropriate programs?

An interesting activity is to furnish a nearby hospital with at least one plant for their poorer ward. Perhaps an aquarium might be permitted in the solarium by the hospital officials.

Chicago has lilac day in the spring. All institutions are flooded with lilacs. Newspapers, womens clubs, and school children help with this service—either furnishing or distributing them.