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MELVIN A. HINTZ—Chairman of biology department, South Milwaukee H.S., South Milwaukee, Wis.; 19 years experience in high school biology; B.A. Carroll College; M.A. University of Wisconsin; Member of NABT since its inception; Associate Editor of ABT; Contributor of several articles for ABT and other journals; Member AAAS and Beta Beta Beta; Author of "Modified Biology" (text book for slow groups in biology), "Project Work in Biology."

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Letters

. . . I have received all the back copies of the publication and am enjoying myself reading the various articles. I always like the paper and get many helpful suggestions from it. . . .

Very truly yours,
SISTER M. DOLORES,
*Cathedral High School,
Superior, Wisconsin*

. . . I wish we might be able to send a few sample pages of special appeal to our secondary school prospects when we solicit them. After all, people wish to feel that they are

receiving value for the money they spend and if they do not see the tangible results in the shape of a periodical of interest and benefit they are not likely to pay dues to belong to another organization no matter how much professional good it may do them. Is there not some place in the journal where its supporters can have a forum for problems of common interest? . . .

Very sincerely yours,
CHARLES E. PACKARD,
Alfred University
Alfred, New York

. . . I think the magazine is too high hat. The people who need its help most cannot understand most of the articles that appear in it. The writing should be geared to the level of the average beginning teacher. . . .

Name withheld on request

Editor's note: The article on preserving specimens in plastics, page 250 in the May issue, brought forth an unusually large number of reactions, ranging all the way from highly favorable to highly critical, as the following excerpts will show. In view of the disagreement, *The American Biology Teacher* will be much interested in articles from teachers who have made successful use of such plastics as an aid to biology teaching.

. . . easily the most useful technique for assisting biology teachers that has been developed in the twenty-odd years I have been teaching.

. . . The technique is very difficult and the fumes are terrific. . . .

. . . so that anyone, without any previous experience or training, can produce good results at the first attempt. . . .

. . . found it almost impossible to keep the plastic from cracking while hardening unless the whole mass is very thin, a quarter of an inch as a maximum. . . .

. . . My tenth grade pupils have made several good preparations. Of course they had more failures than successes, but this was to be expected. . . .

. . . The use of plastics in biology teaching and research is just beginning and is definitely an excellent teaching tool. However, from my experiences it is not felt that the

embedding of biological specimens in plastic is as easy as falling off the proverbial log . . . precise laboratory methods are required. . . . The embedding of flowers is one of the most difficult of all procedures. . . .

THE CHICAGO MEETING

The annual convention of THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BIOLOGY TEACHERS will be held in Chicago on December 29 and 30, in conjunction with the regular meetings of THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, with which NABT is affiliated. Business meetings of the *Representative Assembly, Executive Board, Editorial Board, Membership* and other committees will be held on the 29th; the program sessions will occur on the 30th as will the annual banquet. The program of the NABT will be held jointly with that of the AMERICAN NATURE STUDY SOCIETY. The theme of the program will be the biological behaviour of organisms. There will be contributions from psychology, sociology, medicine and other related fields as well as from biology itself. The skeleton program, and perhaps most of the details, will be available in time for the November number of *The American Biology Teacher*, and further details will appear in December.

The headquarters hotel is the Sherman. Rates for the leading hotels in the city are as follows:

For the headquarters hotel and the three nearest:

Sherman—single: \$3.95 to \$8.95, double: \$5.95 to \$10.95, twin: \$6.95 to \$10.95.

Bismarck—double: \$5.00 to \$8.50, twin: \$8.50 to \$12.00.

LaSalle—single: \$3.30, double: \$4.40 to \$8.80, twin: \$7.00 to \$8.50.

Morrison—single \$3.25 to \$6.50, double: \$5.00 to \$8.00, twin: \$7.00 to \$8.50.

The remaining downtown hotels, with their rates for minimum single and double rooms (with bath) are as follows: