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Hazel Branch

Dr. Hazel Elizabeth Branch, professor and head of the zoology department of the municipal University of Wichita, is one of the most outstanding women in Kansas scientific and educational circles. Able to interpret and elucidate scientific lore in terms the layman can understand, she is popular with the students at the university and is in great demand as a speaker before women's clubs and other organizations. Her lifework has been the study of science; her hobby is the collection and study of insects.

Dr. Branch was born in Concordia, Kans., October 1, 1886, the daughter of Vernon Harris Branch, a banker, and Luella Brown Branch, a prominent club woman. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Kansas in 1908, her Master of Arts degree in 1912. Altho she received much of her schooling and her research experience in the West, Miss Branch has made her home with her family in Wichita since 1904. While acting as a graduate assistant at Cornell University during the years 1918-22, she received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1921. She served as curator at the Cornell Entomological Museum in the years 1918-19.

She is the author of several technical books on insects and enjoys a national reputation as an authority on the subject. During the World War period, Dr. Branch served in the motor corps, teaching a course in home nursing. In the years 1920 to 1922, she acted as a research assistant with the Milk Conference Board of New York City. From 1922 until 1926 she was professor of biology at old Fairmount College, then, when the new University of Wichita was created, was appointed to her present position as professor of zoology.

Dr. Branch wears a Phi Beta Kappa key, is a member of Sigma Xi and

Sigma Delta Epsilon sororities. She attends the St. James Episcopal Church and is a member of the Entomological Society of America, the Kansas Academy of Science (was first vice-president 1929-30), the American Public Health Association, the Society of American Parasitologists, and the American Eugenics Society. She resides with her parents at 3756 East Douglas Ave., in the College Hill residential district.

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