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THE HYACINTH CONTROL SOCIETY, Inc.
Dedicated to the Control of Noxious Aquatic Weeds

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THE SECRETARY'S DESK: The time has come for payment of your 1967 MEMBERSHIP DUES. Each member is being billed with this newsletter. Pay your dues promptly to save the cost of typing and mailing a second bill.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Your Board of Directors for 1967 held their first meeting at Fort Lauderdale on January 12. The meeting was attended by Dan Gorman, Zeb Grant, Lyle Weldon, Jack Salmela, Clayton Phillippy, Paul Cohee, and Yours Truly. The following items of business were discussed:

A. Membership: Ways to increase our membership. The membership application form is being revised along with new dues. The members will be given an opportunity to review these changes several weeks before voting on them at the Fort Myers meeting. The commercial members will be given more for their money in the future. (The Society will furnish each company an area in which to display their products and equipment at each annual meeting.)

B. Program: The Board discussed the 1967 program. Several possible papers were discussed that would be of interest to members of the Society. We hope to present a good program but we need each of you to assist us. If you have information that you think would be of interest, write it up and present it. If you have some ideas on subjects and speakers for the 1967 program contact any of the members of the Board of Directors. A Ladies Program was also discussed for the Fort Myers meeting.

C. Legislation

1. Applicators: The problems of applicator licenses in the state of Florida was discussed. Copies of the 1965 legislation covering pesticide applicators have been obtained for the Legislation Committee to study. The Society is interested in how this law applies to aquatic applicators. If the aquatic applicator is covered by this law the Board of Directors feel the Society should investigate how a new aquatic applicator is licensed.

2. Water Quality: Recently several of our members have been faced with problems when using 2,4-D on hyacinth growing in or on watershed areas that are used for potable water supplies. The Legislative Committee will keep in contact with various regulatory groups on the progress being made on clearing certain aquatic herbicides for use in potable water supplies.

3. Importation of Aquatic Plants: It was resolved at the 1966 meeting that legislation be proposed on restricting the importation of certain noxious aquatic plants into the U.S. This resolution was forwarded to Senator Spessard Holland. The following is a reply from the senator to our president on this legislation: I am happy to advise you that yesterday

(January 23) I introduced S.580, a bill which would amend Chapter 3 of Title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation into the United States of certain noxious aquatic plants."

SOUTHERN WEED CONFERENCE: A large group of the Hyacinth Control Society membership was present at the meeting in New Orleans January 23-27. I hope it was the papers presented and not Bourbon Street that attracted all of our members. Seriously, it was a very good meeting and we had several lively discussions on ways to control certain aquatic weeds. Two of our members, Mr. William Wunderlich and Dr. Fred zurBurg, hosted an equipment demonstration the first day of the meeting. I believe we all enjoyed this demonstration and came away with several new ideas on ways of applying aquatic herbicides. Our President, Dan Gorman, was in attendance putting in plugs for our Society and the Fort Myers meeting in June. The following members of our Society presented papers at the meeting: Dan Gorman, Lyle Weldon, and Bob Blackburn. Zeb Grant showed the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District film "Marisa and the Mermaid". I believe all of us were busy trying to round up papers for the Fort Myers meeting.

"ONE PLUS ONE": Many of you have not signed up your new member for 1967. We are growing but we need your help in getting new members. There are still a number of people that would join our Society if they were invited. I am enclosing a letter for you to pass along to someone interested in the Society. If anyone could use additional copies of this form, please contact me for an additional supply.

FORT MYERS MEETING: June 18-21, 1967 are the dates of the next meeting. Mention these dates to your friends and see if you can't get them to join us at the meeting. You are the Society's best publicity agent.

NEW COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR: We have a new commercial applicator in the state. Arthur E. Barrett, Lake and Pond Aquatic Weed Control is located at 2720 Newark Way, Orlando, Florida. Art has visited Plantation Field Laboratory several times in the last few weeks and says that his first desire is to please the customer. If you have a problem in the future perhaps he can help you solve it.

INVERT EMULSIONS: Several of our members have shown interest in the use of invert emulsions that can be applied from a small boat. A few months ago this laboratory worked with Hercules Chemical Company in testing a new invert pump that may be used with ground equipment or in a boat. Results of these tests looked very promising. You may be hearing more of this unit in the near future. Hercules is also evaluating a new process "Vistik" in aquatic weed control. This process also reduces the problems of spray drift.

During the Southern Weed Conference meeting in New Orleans, the Stull Chemical Company, San Antonio, Texas demonstrated an invert attachment that can be connected to most commercial spray pumps. The attachment is very simple and could most likely be adapted to your present spray pump. I have not

seen any data on the use of the pump for spraying aquatic weeds but it should be satisfactory. Keep your fingers crossed and you may soon have several types of spray pumps to select from when you decide on inverts.

ELODEA: Received several letters on my comments on elodea control in the last NEWSLETTER. It seems that this plant is of interest to all of you. Mr. William Wunderlich wrote that he felt it was very important that when applying the herbicide to submersed weeds that the herbicide be thoroughly mixed in the water. I would certainly agree with Mr. Wunderlich. Correspondence was also received from India and Great Britain on this subject.

EDITOR'S CORNER: Our distinguished Editor did get the 1966 Proceedings out in early January. I think we will all agree that he did a good job. He wants me to remind you that now is the time to get started on your 1967 paper and to follow the Guide For Manuscript Publication which is published in the last Proceedings. Reprints of the papers in the 1966 Proceedings for those who ordered them, are being printed at the present time.

YOUR OPINION: I heard from a few of the members pertaining to the last NEWSLETTER. Most of these were favorable with a few suggestions on things to add. I would like to have all of you comment on the NEWSLETTER. It costs the Society to have this letter printed plus the cost of mailing. I do not mind the writing but if you are not too interested we can give up the idea and save the Society money.

MARK THESE DATES:

1. Florida Anti-Mosquito Association, May 7-10, 1967, Panama City, Fla.
2. Hyacinth Control Society, June 18-21, Fort Myers, Fla.

Aquatic Plant Herbariums: Attached is a list of aquatic plants now available through the Society at a cost of \$2 per specimen. Take the list and mark those plants you wish to add to your herbarium. Have you discussed your herbarium with other people? Display the herbarium in your office and you will be surprised at the number of people that will become interested in where you obtained it.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE: A committee has been appointed by the President to make recommendations on where the Society can meet in 1968. This committee consists of: Paul Cohee, Chairman, Joe Blanchard, Charles Zeiger, and Abe White.

TRAINING PROGRAM: There have been several of our members discuss the possibility of holding a 1-day training program on aquatic applications after the 1967 meeting of the Society. If you have members of your spray crews who will be present or know of other spray personnel interested in such a course, please contact me or other members of the Board. A decision must be made before April 1 on whether enough people are interested to justify the program.

WEED SOCIETY OF AMERICA: I will be attending the meeting in Washington, D.C. on February 14-17. I hope other members of our Society are in attendance. A report will be given on this meeting in the next NEWSLETTER.


Robert D. Blackburn, Secretary-Treasurer

ZIP CODE: The Society needs your zip code number. We cannot use second and third class postage rates until we have your zip code number. PLEASE - the money we save may be your own.

TITLES: Please submit the title of your paper to be presented at Fort Myers by April 15. We want to get the program out early this year so members will have time to make plans for attending. We could use a short abstract by May 15 for publicity purposes.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Some members keep their organization strong
While others join just to belong...
Some dig right in ...some serve with pride
Some go along just for the ride
Some volunteer to do their share
While some lie back and just don't care
While there are those who never go...
Some always pay their dues ahead,
Some get behind for months instead.
Some do their best...some build...some make...
Some lag behind...some let things go
Some never help their organization grow
Some drag...some pull...some don't...some do
Consider... which of these are YOU?