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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: Since the last Newsletter your Secretary has been busy trying to assist the Society's President in organizing the 1967 Hyacinth Control Society Program. The volume of correspondence would indicate that we both have been busy trying to arrange a top-notch program. We believe we have come up with a well-diversified program that will please the membership. Most of this Newsletter will pertain to the 1967 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Along with the February Newsletter you received a bill for your 1967 membership dues. With this Newsletter you will find either your 1967 Membership Card indicating your dues have been paid or another invoice for your delinquent 1967 dues. The response to the first request to pay your dues early was only fair. I appreciate the prompt payment by some, but again I must send out bills to a large number of members. This second bill is not only an unpleasant task but typing them a second time wastes a tremendous amount of time. I certainly hope that all of you will pay up after this reminder. Please include your ZIP CODE with your payment.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Those who have paid your dues will find a membership card included with this Newsletter. We would like your opinion as to whether or not we should continue issuing this card.

REVISED APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP & INCREASE IN DUES: The Board of Directors at their January meeting voted to revise the application for membership form. A suggested revision is attached to this Newsletter. The By-laws of the Society require that you be notified before the meeting of such a change. You will be requested to vote on this change at the Annual Business Meeting. The revised annual dues affects ALL MEMBERS. Active Membership dues after June 1967 will be \$8 per year if the revision is adopted at the meeting. The cost of printing the Journal, operating the Society, and holding the annual meeting has risen steadily during the past few years. This is the reason for the increase in the cost of membership. Please consider this carefully and come prepared to discuss it and vote on it at Fort Myers.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Attached to the Newsletter is an information sheet on hotel reservations for the 1967 meeting in Fort Myers. I would suggest that you make reservations as early as possible since we are guaranteed only a limited number of rooms.

LADIES PROGRAM: Arrangements are being made to have some planned activities for the ladies during the meeting. In the past this meeting has been well attended by the ladies, so this year we plan to give them some attention.

COMPANY EXHIBITS: It was voted by the Board of Directors that for the 1967 meeting Sustaining Members would be given an area in which they could display their products and pass out literature if they so desired. The companies who have joined as Sustaining Members in 1967 should contact me in the next 2 weeks if they desire a display area at the meeting. Thus far in 1967 we have the following Sustaining Members: Anchem Products, Inc., Chevron Chemical Co., Florida Agricultural Supply Co., Hercules Powder Co., and Pennsalt Chemicals Corp.

BANQUET SPEAKER: There is a very distinct possibility that Florida's Governor Claude R. Kirk Jr. will be the banquet speaker for the 1967 meeting. As we all know he is very interested in conservation and particularly in the control of noxious aquatic weeds. He or a member of his office will be present.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: Attached is a list of papers that will be presented at the 1967 meeting. I had hoped to have a complete program by this date but several authors have expressed a desire to present information and have not sent in a title for their papers. The final program should be completed by June 1st.

EDITOR'S DESK: Our distinguished Editor would like you to remember when you present your paper at the 1967 meeting to hand him two copies of your manuscript for inclusion in the Proceedings. Also, if you are not going to present a paper but have some information that you feel would be of interest to fellow Aquatic Weed Warriors, please contact him concerning publishing this information in the Journal. Please READ AND HEED directions for manuscript publication which were included in the 1966 Journal. If you do not have these directions available a copy is available upon request.

STATE LEGISLATION: Efforts are presently being made to introduce a bill to the present state legislature on control of importation and distribution of exotic aquatic plants in the state of Florida. There is a good possibility that such legislation will be considered this session of our legislature. Your Secretary, Editor, plus other members of the Society are cooperating with state officials on such legislation.

WEED SOCIETY OF AMERICA: I attended the Weed Society of America meeting held in Washington D.C. February 14-17, 1967. There were 11 papers presented on aquatic weed control. I was somewhat disappointed in the number of papers presented and the subjects covered. I believe that we who attended the Southern Weed Conference had the opportunity to hear more papers on aquatics. The next Chairman of the Aquatic Section of WSA is our Editor and he promises a first-class program at New Orleans next February. The Executive Committee of the WSA adopted a resolution to ask the appropriate government agencies to proceed as rapidly as possible in the clearance of 2,4-D to be used in potable water.

NEWSLETTER OPINION: I have had several members write during the past few months pertaining to our Newsletter. All replies thus far have been in favor of continuing the Newsletter. We will discuss this at the business meeting in Fort Myers. We earnestly solicit your contributions to the Newsletter.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE: A report will be submitted by this Committee to the Board of Directors prior to the Fort Myers meeting. There will probably be a Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, June 18 at Fort Myers. This Committee must present its recommendations before the Directors meeting.

ONE PLUS ONE: Remember that you all promised to contact a potential new member. Please be sure to do so before the Fort Myers meeting. Better yet, bring him along to the meeting - it is going to be a really good one.