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THE HYACINTH CONTROL SOCIETY, Inc.

Dedicated to the Control of Noxious Aquatic Weeds

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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK: Since the last Newsletter your secretary has been promoted to president. I enjoyed serving as secretary for this organization and look forward to working with all of you this society year. As your secretary I initiated the Society Newsletter and have been granted the privilege to continue as its editor. The membership approved the Newsletter as an official document of the Hyacinth Control Society at its business meeting in Fort Myers. (I had been given approval to publish the Newsletter temporarily by the board of directors). I appreciate the many kind comments that many of you have sent pertaining to the Newsletter. The continued success of it will depend on the membership contributing items of interest. If you have things that you feel may be of interest to other members, please send them to this office.

PRESIDENT LETTER: Attached is a letter from your new president. Please read it carefully. Many of you are on committees that will determine the success of this organization during the next year. I have also appointed a few new committees. Please help make this year another banner year for the society. The president can not do this without your assistance. Please help him (me).

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE: At the 1966 meeting of the society held in Lakeland it was agreed that an all out effort would be placed toward increasing our membership. I am happy to inform you that in Fort Myers the membership committee reported a double in the society membership in one year. We now have 200 members in the society. We must continue our efforts toward obtaining additional members. We should not congratulate ourselves to the point that we sit back and forget others interested in aquatic weeds. Remember the slogan "One Plus One".

1968 MEETING: The next meeting of the society will be at the Langford Hotel in Winter Park, Florida, June 16-19, 1968. We congratulate the Site-Selection Committee on the fine job that they did in evaluating the various areas. We believe that they have selected an excellent site and everyone will enjoy the area. I have personally stayed at the hotel several times and was impressed with their service and hospitality. The 1968 meeting is planned as a family meeting so I encourage you to bring the family along. Plan this as part of your 1968 vacation. The family will enjoy the meeting and the city of Winter Park. You will be hearing more about this as the year progresses.

WEEDS, TREES AND TURF: Many of you at the 1967 meeting had the opportunity to meet Mr. Arthur Edwards, Managing Editor of this magazine. He has informed me that each member of the Hyacinth Society as of June 20, 1967, will receive all future copies of his magazine. (I sent to him a membership list of the Hyacinth Control Society). He also informed me that he is running an article on the 1967 meeting of the society. Art, the society appreciates your interest and will look forward to seeing you in Winter Park.

COMPANY EXHIBITS: We had three of our sustaining members with exhibits at the 1967 meeting. We think it is a good idea and hope all of the companies will participate



in 1968. We have an excellent area for exhibits at the Langford Hotel.

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBER: Webster Martin Inc., South Burlington, Vermont has joined as a sustaining member to the society. Many of you had the opportunity to meet George Starbuck and Bill Countryman at Fort Myers. Welcome aboard fellows and we look forward to seeing you in Winter Park next year.

INCREASE DUES: The membership voted in Fort Myers to increase the active membership dues to \$8.00 and the associate membership to \$5.00. The cost of printing and operating the society has increased to the point that dues must be increased. I hope you were present at the meeting because everyone had the chance to discuss the increase.

COMMERCIAL MEMBERS BREAKFAST: In Fort Myers a breakfast was arranged with all commercial members present and the officers of the society. I believe this was a tremendous success and probably will be continued in the future. I hope that the commercial men better understand the operation of the society and the vital role that they each play in our society. Congratulations to Paul Cohee for coming up with this excellent idea.

NEW OFFICERS: The 1968 slate of officers for the society is as follows:

President:	Robert Blackburn
Vice President:	Dan Gorman
Secretary:	Paul Cohee
Directors:	Fred Johs
	Fred Zurburg
	Frank Wilson
Editor:	Lyle Weldon

Fellows, we have a big task ahead and I look forward to working with you. I apologize for the old officers name still appearing on the stationery but we are trying to use up the supply on hand. The new will be printed very soon.

CERTIFICATE: Many of you expressed a desire to obtain a certificate of membership to the Hyacinth Control Society that can be displayed in your office. These are now available through the society for \$3.00. You who have already signed up for these certificates will be receiving them in the near future.

FORT MYERS REGISTRATION: We had 152 people register for the Fort Myers meeting. We had many present complement the society on the program and equipment demonstration. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the meeting.

REEDS' APOLOGY: Nathaniel Reed, Administrative Assistant to Governor Kirk recently sent a letter of apology to the society for not being able to attend the Fort Myers meeting. He also wrote: "The program of weed control is vital to Florida's future". We appreciate Mr. Reeds' interest in our society.

NEED INFORMATION: We need information on the cost of aquatic weed control. If you have an aquatic weed program using mechanical and chemical methods of control please keep records of each method so they can be compared. We need to have several papers present at our next meeting on cost of weed control. To date this information has