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PRESIDENT'S DESK: I had anticipated writing a Newsletter before this date but research and office work has been keeping me busy. A Board of Directors meeting was held October 31 at the Langford Hotel in Winter Park. All members of the Board were present and plans were discussed for the 1968 meeting. Several items discussed at the meeting are presented under a separate heading later in this Newsletter.

1967 HYACINTH CONTROL JOURNAL: Congratulations to our Editor, Lyle W. Weldon, on a job Well Done. I feel this is the best journal that our society has published to date. Not only did he do an excellent job on quality and quantity but we are amazed at the speed with which he got the information published. Our society can be proud of its Journal and its Editor.

WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA: WSSA will hold its 1968 meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Jung Hotel on February 6-8. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a copy of the tentative program of the Aquatic Section of the meeting. I think we can all be pleased with the participation and interest being shown in aquatic weeds. The 66 papers being presented on various subjects related to aquatic weed control speaks for itself. The Chairman of this Section, our own Lyle W. Weldon, has done a tremendous job. He has informed me that our appreciation for the program can best be expressed by attending the meeting. Will look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Let us fill the meeting room. The WSSA last met in the southern area in 1957.

OUR SYMPATHY: Our society extends its sympathy to the family of Mr. Virgil Lapham. Virgil, better known to all of us as "Chuck" died of a heart attack several weeks ago. Chuck was well known for his practical approach to aquatic weed research. He joined our society in July of this year but has been in aquatic weed research and control for several years. We will all miss Chuck's words of wisdom at our various aquatic meetings. Again, to you, Mrs. Lapham and the family, we extend our sympathy during this time of great sorrow. If the society can be of any assistance please contact me.

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE! Next meeting at Langford Hotel, Winter Park, Fla., June 16-19, 1968

SOUTHERN WEED CONFERENCE: The SWC will hold their annual meeting at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida on January 16-18, 1968. On the afternoon of Tuesday, January 16 there will be a trip to Fort Lauderdale to tour our aquatic weed laboratory and to see some demonstrations of equipment. There may also be some catfish and hushpuppies served at the laboratory. When you register at the society desk, if you are interested, please sign up for this tour. We plan to have buses to take you to Fort Lauderdale.

1968 DUES: Each of you will be receiving a bill for your 1968 dues soon. Please assist your society by paying your dues before a second billing is necessary. This is a time-consuming job and your secretary, Paul Cohee, will appreciate your cooperation.

PRE-REGISTRATION: The Board of Directors has voted to attempt pre-registration for the 1968 Hyacinth Control Society meeting. The forms will be mailed to you in March or early April. Please pre-register if at all possible. We will make every attempt to hold the registration cost to the same amount as in 1967. More on this subject later.

1968 PROGRAM: The 1968 program needs to be planned early. I hope each of you are thinking about possible papers for presentation and items for discussion. Please let me know what your thoughts are on the subject. The Directors discussed several categories for 1968 papers: 1. Mosquito and insect problems related to aquatic weeds; 2. economics of application and programs; 3. programming control measures; 4. safety of herbicides and applications; 5. pollution and aquatic weeds; 6. adjacent terrestrial weed and brush problems; and 7. equipment. If you have other subjects or a paper that you feel will fit into the program - Start Writing! Remember - the Society is only as good as its membership.

BILL RETIRES: Bill Wunderlich of the US Army Corps of Engineers retired at the end of October. The society sent him a telegram on the day of his retirement. He has informed me that his retirement from the Corps of Engineers does not mean that he will lose interest in the field of aquatic weed control. He plans to attend the SWC and WSSA meetings as well as the Hyacinth Control Society meeting in June at Winter Park.

BRAZILIAN AQUATIC WEED PROBLEMS: Mr. Masima Pe Viani of the Agromax Company in Brazil visited the Fort Lauderdale station in October. He provided us with some interesting facts on the tremendous aquatic weed problems in Brazil. They have some 30,000 kilometers of canals in Brazil. A great majority of these canals are choked with aquatic weeds. They have used mostly mechanical methods of control but are now turning to chemical control.

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL: Dr. Fred Bennett of the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control of Trinidad visited the Fort Lauderdale station in October. He has received approval to initiate research on finding possible biological control agents for water hyacinth. We all support Dr. Bennett in his new research program.

AQUATIC APPLICATORS: We have made little progress towards licensing aquatic applicators in the state of Florida. The Pest Control Commission has been asked to delay action on this subject. We all hope that this can be resolved in the near future because several of our members would like to apply for a license to operate in the state.

ONE PLUS ONE: The 1968 meeting will be held June 16-19, 1968 at the Langford Hotel, Winter Park, Florida. Spread the good word. Plan to attend and bring along another person interested in aquatics. Lets expand the "One Plus One" idea to cover attendance at the meeting as well as membership in the society.

FLORIDA ELODEA: Hydrilla verticillata has become a nasty name throughout the state of Florida. Someone has put a curse on our abundant water resources with this imported aquatic weed. This is the reason why we need regulations on the importation of aquatic weeds into the United States. This would be a good subject for a letter to your Congressman. Put it in your New Year's resolutions.

MY LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS:

Dear Santa,

Last year I did not ask for a Christmas present. This year I have a request that I hope you will place in my stocking. I need a permanent economical control measure for Florida elodea that can be used safely in water used for drinking purposes by man, domestic and wild animals, and fish. Santa, if you place this in my stocking I sure will be the happiest Research Botanist in this whole wide world.

Bob

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