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

NEWSLETTER No. 7
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TENTATIVE PROGRAM: Enclosed is the tentative program for the 1968 meeting. The final program will be completed and delivered to the printer May 20. Titles of papers received after May 7 could not be included in the program. We delayed typing the program as long as possible without affecting the attendance.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: We hope all of you have made reservations to attend the 1968 meeting. All program activities will be at or near the Langford Hotel. If you have not made your reservations please do so Today! The hotel is giving us an excellent rate - take advantage of it. The same room rates are in effect from June 15-21. Take some vacation time - it is a beautiful area.

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES: We have a program for you this year. It is not listed in the tentative program but we have planned several activities. Please register at the desk and check the final program for dates and times. Our Local Arrangements Committee is working hard to make this a Big Year. Encourage your husband to Take You Along!

PRESIDENT'S DESK: It has been a pleasure serving as Program Chairman this year because of the wonderful cooperation that we have received from the membership. I believe we have a program that the Hyacinth Control Society membership can be proud of. The titles and abstracts of the paper indicate that not only do we have a greater number of papers but they are of high quality. Those members that miss this meeting will miss out on a lot of good information on aquatic weed control. We have papers on almost all phases of aquatic weed control. I believe some of the authors even became somewhat sentimental in their papers. Maybe if you can't beat the weeds - join them.

REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD GURNEY: Representative Gurney will address the Society during the first day's session. As stated in the last NEWSLETTER he introduced House Bill HR 15621 for an additional 5 million dollars for research on aquatic weeds. We are very pleased that Representative Gurney has accepted our invitation to address the Society and we look forward to hearing his talk. This Society appreciates his sincere interest in aquatic weed control.

1968 DUES: Please pay your 1968 dues. The bills were mailed out to the membership several months ago and many of you have not paid. It will assist the Society and your Secretary-Treasurer if you pay your dues before the June meeting.

WEEDS, TREES AND TURF: Editor Art Edwards will address the membership at Winter Park. He has selected a topic that should be of interest to all of us. He will also be covering the meeting. We received excellent coverage of the 1967 meeting in his magazine.

AQUATIC APPLICATION IN FLORIDA: During March, Florida Attorney General Earl Faircloth ruled that the Pest Control Act, Chapter 482 of the Florida Statute does not cover any weed, noxious or living plant that is aquatic in nature. Thus, the Florida Pest Control Commission does not have responsibility in aquatic weed control. Governor Claude Kirk has designated the Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and the State Board of Health to regulate aquatic weed applicators. The staffs of these three agencies have been asked to review the problem and make a recommendation for the necessary legislation for presentation to the 1969 State Legislature. This ruling will be discussed during our 1968 Business Meeting at Winter Park. Plan to be present.

PURPOSE OF THE NEWSLETTER: The NEWSLETTER was originated to keep the membership of the Society informed of what is happening in aquatic weed control. Thus far, Yours Truly has contributed nearly all of the information published. What should be included in a NEWSLETTER, cost to the Society, who should be the Editor, and how to get editorial assistance will be discussed at the Winter Park Business Meeting. Please give this some thought before the meeting.

HYACINTH CERTIFICATES: The Certificate of Membership in The Hyacinth Control Society that several of you have requested for display in your office will be ready by the June meeting. These are available through the Society for \$3. If you are interested in one ask the Secretary-Treasurer when you register for the meeting.

HERBARIUMS: The Society would like to encourage you to purchase one of its herbariums. New species are now available for addition to your present herbarium. Fifty-six species are now available with an additional 5 or 6 to be added in the near future. A number of favorable comments have been received on the quality and usefulness of the herbarium. Can you identify Sacciolepis striata? It is a common aquatic in North Florida. It is one of the plants included in the herbarium.

COMMERCIAL BREAKFAST: The commercial breakfast was such a success last year that we plan to try it again this year. All commercial representatives interested in the breakfast please sign up at the Registration Desk. It will be Dutch but it will give all of the commercial people a chance to gripe to the officers of the Society about the meeting and other Society matters. Plan to attend - we think you will enjoy it.

DISPLAY AREAS: All Sustaining Commercial Members will be given an opportunity to display products, literature, or other material during the meeting. This area will be adjoining the meeting room.

NEW EQUIPMENT: Amchem Products, Inc. will present a paper on their new Microfoil Boom and have it on display at Winter Park. This is certainly a new technique for aerial application of herbicides.

NEW CONCEPT: The 3M Company will present a paper and demonstrate their new concept of applying herbicides to submersed weeds at Winter Park.

THANK YOU: This is probably the last NEWSLETTER that I will write while serving as President of the Society. It has been a pleasure serving as your President and I thank you all for your support. As one looks back in life he sees many things that he could have done differently and this is true as President of a Society. The success or failure of my term as your President will be the Winter Park meeting. The program is nearly complete. Now the final proof of your support will be your attendance at the Langford Hotel June 16-19, 1968. Invite others to the meeting and help make this our biggest year. Remember the ONE PLUS ONE concept! Pass the program on to someone else who may be interested in attending.

SEE YOU ALL IN WINTER PARK NEXT MONTH

Bob Blackburn

President