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

NEWSLETTER No. 9
February 7, 1969

1969 MEETING: The 1969 meeting will be held June 15-18 at the Holiday Inn in Palm Beach, Florida. Plan to attend and pass the word along to others who may be interested in attending. Many of you may remember our last meeting in the Palm Beach area. The Local Arrangements Committee is planning another REALLY BIG meeting.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Enclosed with this NEWSLETTER is a reminder that it is time to prepare your paper for the 1969 program. Each of you should get the title of your paper in to Frank Wilson, Program Chairman, as soon as possible. Last year many of you said you would wait until this year to present your information. We need that information prepared for presentation and publication this year. We had a good program last year and hope to have another good one this year.

NEW MEMBERS: We have signed up few new members since the last meeting. I hope that you all are trying to get new members for the Society. Many of you come in contact with potential new members in your daily work. Invite them to attend the 1969 meeting and to become members of our growing and dedicated Society.

1969 DUES: Yes, it is that time of the year again. Billing is now going out for the 1969 dues. Please pay as soon as you receive your bill. Help the Secretary by paying promptly.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Your NEWSLETTER Editor is Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1970. If you have names you would like to have considered by this Committee please write or call me before the 1969 meeting.

EDITOR'S DESK: Issue 1 of Volume 7 of the JOURNAL should be in the mail to you by March and Issue 2 by late April. This is the first year that a volume of the JOURNAL has been large enough to publish in two parts. The JOURNAL has grown under our capable Editor's direction. A number of papers are being published in the JOURNAL that were not presented at the 1968 meeting.

BOUND VOLUME OF JOURNALS: Volumes 1 through 6 of the HYACINTH CONTROL JOURNAL have been bound into one volume. It is a hard back, lavender bound volume that you would be proud to display in your office. There is a hyacinth plant embossed in gold on the front cover. You may purchase it through the Secretary's office for \$30.00. This means that you get the binding free. Better hurry - the supply is limited.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Our President called a Board of Directors meeting in Palm Beach on November 1, 1968. Tentative plans were made for the 1969 meeting. Everyone present had excellent ideas for the program. Lengthy discussions were held on how to improve the company and equipment displays and the field

demonstrations. Several new ideas will be tried at the meeting this year. A fish fry on Monday evening may be added in place of a barbecue. How does catfish and hush puppies sound to you Yankees from up North? I know all you Southerners will enjoy it.

SOUTHERN WEED CONFERENCE: The 1969 meeting was held in Dallas, Texas on January 21-23. It was a very good meeting with papers in the Aquatic Section presented on a number of subjects. Our Society was well represented at this meeting. The 1970 meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, January 20-22.

WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA: The 1969 meeting is being held at Las Vegas Nevada on February 11-13. They have a large program planned in the Aquatic Section. One of the half-day sessions will be a panel discussion on how to obtain registration of aquatic herbicides. This should provide a very interesting session. We will report on this meeting in the next NEWSLETTER.

NEW APPLICATOR: We have a new company in the State applying aquatic herbicides. Art Barrett now has his own company in Orlando called - National Weeds. Congratulations Art on your new company. He formerly was with Aqua Weed Control which is now headed up by Mr. Gentry Gray.

COMMERCIAL USE OF AQUATICS: A private company has bid on the harvesting of aquatic weeds in Orange County, Florida. They have offered to take over the City of Winter Park's aquatic program for commercial harvesting. The company plans to harvest and dehydrate the aquatic plants. The dried material will be made into poultry pellets and shipped to Japan. This is a brand new field that may someday revolutionize our thinking on aquatic plants.

HYDRILLA: This plant continues to spread over the state. Chuck Zeiger has found the first infestation in the Jacksonville area. This is the first positive identification of the plant that far north on the east coast of Florida.

NAVY FIGHTS BACK: In the last NEWSLETTER I discussed the diquat + copper sulfate treatment for hydrilla control in the two lakes on the Orlando Naval Training Center. The treatment was successful and observations made in January, 1969 using SCUBA equipment showed no regrowth from turions. We all are very impressed with the success of this treatment. We will keep our fingers crossed and hope that regrowth is delayed even longer by this combination treatment.

LEGISLATION: The state and federal legislatures are becoming more conscious of the need for research, control and regulatory legislation on aquatic plants. This could be a Big Year for legislation on aquatic plants. Let your legislative delegation know of your problems with aquatic plants.


SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE: Paul Cohee has been promoted and is now District Manager of the Agricultural Chemicals Division, Hercules, Inc. His new address is 136 Catoma Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. We congratulate Paul on his well deserved promotion. We are pleased that he will be able to complete his current term as Secretary-Treasurer of the Society.

BILL WUNDERLICH RETIRES: A flower-killing, wing-walking, mini-car racing 71-year-young Army Engineer has traded a very active career for an equally active retirement. Bill has retired from the US Army Corps of Engineers after more than 39 years of service. Bill has handled the difficult problem of aquatic plant control in Louisiana for more than three decades. He plans to continue as a Consultant "on call" when the Corps needs help. He is also on the New Orleans Mayor's Commission on Mosquito Control and Civil Defense. Bill jokingly states that "Retirement will allow me to become more active and more old". This Society honored Bill in 1967 by making him our first Honorary Member. Congratulations Bill on a job Well Done.

TRAVELING MEMBER: One of our Society members, Dr. F. L. Timmons, Leader, Weed Investigations, University of Wyoming, University Station Box 3354, Laramie, Wyoming, 82070 represented the US Department of Agriculture at a meeting in Paris, France on December 16-18, 1968. It was a meeting of experts called together to discuss "Ecology and Control of Aquatic Vegetation". The meeting was requested by the Coordinating Council of the International Hydrological Decade. Dr. Timmons stated "The meeting was one of the most efficiently conducted and productive of the many State, Regional, National and International Weed Meetings that I have attended in my 33 years of research in weed control". (Sounds like it was a great session.) Congratulations Dr. Timmons, perhaps you would consider presenting a talk about this meeting at our 1969 meeting in Palm Beach.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR TRAVELS: There is a good chance that I will be accepting a temporary assignment with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations next month. I will be traveling to Rome, Italy and from there on to India. My mission will be to assist in solving the problems of aquatic weeds in the irrigation canals of India. I am particularly looking forward to this trip since this is one of the areas of the world in which hydrilla is a native species. I will probably learn a lot more from the Indian people than they will learn from me. I will return to the US sometime in April.

I GOOFED: For some reason time has passed by so fast that this NEWSLETTER is late. I apologize but I just am not as efficient as I have been in the past. Write me a nasty letter. Next issue will contain notes from far off India.


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*** CALL FOR PAPERS ***

1969 MEETING

June 15-18, 1969

Holiday Inn, Palm Beach, Florida

You are invited to submit papers for presentation at the 1969 meeting of the Hyacinth Control Society. The title of your paper and a brief abstract should be sent to Program Chairman, Frank Wilson, PO Box 458, Eaton Park, Florida 33840.

The basic theme of the 1969 meeting is "Submerged Aquatics", however, papers will not be limited to this category. You have some information on some aspect of aquatic weed control that would be interesting to the Society membership. A gimmick, a new wrinkle in an application technique, modifications that you have made to equipment in order to accomplish a job, these and many other similar subjects are of interest to someone in our Society. In brief YOU have something to contribute to the meeting. Our Society has become a success by mutual sharing of information. Lets help it continue to grow.

PAPER SUBMISSION FORM

Title:

Author(s):

Time Required:

Type of projection equipment needed:

Deadline: May 1, 1969

Prepare your paper for publication in the Society JOURNAL. I will send you the information on how to prepare your paper when I receive your title.

Frank Wilson
Program Chairman