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NEWSLETTER EDITOR RETURNS: I made the trip to India and it is good to be back in the United States. I lost 18 pounds and for a fellow my size this creates a problem. I now worry about keeping my pants up when I sneeze. It was a real experience for a country boy from Alabama. Aquatic weeds are a tremendous problem in their irrigation system. The irrigation scheme was designed to irrigate 1.4 million acres, but they can only irrigate 40% of this amount because of aquatic weeds. The water is available but it cannot be moved through the canals because of the dense growth of aquatic weeds. The canal water is used for irrigation, fishing, swimming, bathing, drinking and livestock watering. It is very difficult to recommend a control program for this type of system. The canals are very large and some of them are over 200 miles long. I plan to present a paper on the problems of aquatic weeds in this system at the 1969 Society meeting. This will save me from writing a long detailed report in the NEWSLETTER. I will also tell the story of how to lose 18 pounds in a hurry.

1969 MEETING: The 1969 annual meeting will be held at the Palm Beach Holiday Inn at Palm Beach, Florida on June 15-18. If you have not made plans to attend this meeting you are going to miss a good one. The President informs me that he has a full program. The Local Arrangements Committee has rolled out the red carpet.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please make your room reservations for the 1969 meeting immediately. We think there will be plenty of rooms but suggest that you make advance reservations immediately. The hotel is located next to the ocean so you can swim in the ocean or in a large pool.

BRING THE FAMILY: Each year the Hyacinth Control Society meeting is planned for the entire family. Bring the wife and kids along and make it a family vacation as well as a business meeting. They will really enjoy the program that has been planned for them. Hope to see all the wives at the meeting. Husbands, if you can't come, send your wife in your place.

EDITOR'S DESK: Issue 1 of Volume 7 of the JOURNAL should have been received by each member. Issue 2 of this volume is being prepared but will not be out before late July. Our Editor has been busy with research and just could not meet the deadline that he had set. Serving as Editor of a journal is a time-consuming job and we thank LYLE WELDON for serving as our Editor for 4 years. He has done an excellent job. He has informed me that he plans to retire at the end of this Society year. If you have any suggestions on a replacement please inform me.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Your NEWSLETTER Editor is serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1970 and would appreciate your nominations. Please get them to me in the next few weeks.

1969 PROGRAM: The President has done an excellent job with the 1969 program. All phases of aquatic weed control will be discussed during the 2½ day program. The Tuesday, June 17, afternoon session is being arranged to give the spraymen some background information on identification, application and elementary herbicidal chemistry. Please plan to have your spray foreman present for this session.

MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION: Please have your manuscript ready to turn in when you present it at the 1969 meeting. If you have not received information on how to prepare your manuscript for publication in the JOURNAL please check the inside back cover of the last issue of the HYACINTH CONTROL JOURNAL. You should plan to publish your paper.

AQUATIC WEED RESEARCH FACILITY RELOCATES: The Aquatic Weed Research group at Fort Lauderdale has moved lock, stock and buildings. The mailing address is still P.O. Box 9087, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33310. The phone number is still the same as at the previous location, 305/583-5541. However, the office, greenhouse and laboratory buildings are now located at 3205 SW 70 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314, just north of the Nova educational complex in Davie, Florida. We are already discussing how we miss the "good old days" at the old barn.

DATE TO REMEMBER: The 1969 meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society will meet on October 20-22, 1969 at the Admiral Semmes Hotel in Mobile, Alabama.

MODERN DEFINITION: A conservationist is a guy who wants to make sure that the 40 billion gallons of raw sewage going into Lake Erie each year contains no DDT. (Taken from Agrichemical West, May 1969).

1969 DUES: Some of our members have not paid their 1969 dues. As stated in the last NEWSLETTER it costs to mail you a reminder that you must pay up or not be a member. PLEASE help your society by paying your dues immediately.

NEW PUBLICATION: Agriculture Handbook No. 352 "Common Aquatic Weeds" is now available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington DC for 50 cents. Authors of the publication are L. W. Weldon, R. D. Blackburn and D. S. Harrison. The three authors are all members of the Hyacinth Control Society. The handbook describes 50 common aquatic plants that occur in the southeastern U.S. A picture of the plant, and an infestation accompanies the description.

FISH TOXICITY: Several herbicides that are recommended and used for control of submersed aquatic weeds in Florida are toxic to fish. The Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission has put a "cease and desist" order on several agencies and companies applying these herbicides. Before using a herbicide that is toxic to fish check with your local fisheries biologist for approval. This could save you a lot of headaches and possibly a law suit. It is hoped that this problem can be solved in the near future.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: I'm Only Onx Pxrsn

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx of thx kxys. It is trux thxrx arx forty six kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx. Somxtimxs it sxxms that our organization is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr. You may say to yoursxlf, wxll, I am only onx pxrsn. It won't makx much diffxrxncx. But, you sxx, thx organization nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy pxrsn.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrsn and that you arx not nxxdxd, rxmxbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, I am a kxy pxrsn and nxxdxd vxry much.



Robert D. Blackburn
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