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THE HYACINTH CONTROL SOCIETY, INC. dedicated to the control of noxious aquatic weeds

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1969 MEETING: If you missed this one you missed a REALLY GOOD meeting. President Wilson rolled out the red carpet for all present. Papers were presented on many subjects related to control, application, equipment, and legislation. Those present for the first time probably summed up this meeting best "We had no idea that this Society covered such a wide variety of aquatic problems and is so sincere in trying to solve the problems". Of course, we old members have known this for a long time but we sure like to hear these kind remarks. <u>LESSON LEARNED</u>: When you say you are a member of the Hyacinth Control Society you can say it with pride.

NEW OFFICERS: The 1969 Slate of Officers for the Society is as follows:

President:

Paul Cohee

Vice President: Frank Wilson

Secretary-Treasurer: Stan Abramson Directors:

Jay Blanchard

Andy Price Lyle Weldon

Editor:

Robert Blackburn

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL: I am sure most of you know our new President Paul Cohee. Paul is District Manager of the Montgomery, Alabama office of Hercules, Inc. He has been a member of the Society for several years and has served as Secretary-Treasurer for the past 2 years. Many of us remember Paul as the one who plays the guitar at our annual Society barbecue. He does an excellent job of playing but those that join in to sing along with Paul!!! Paul will do an excellent job as President but his success will depend on the membership. He needs YOUR help this next year. The presidency of this organization is demanding and success is usually achieved at the annual meeting each year. Write Paul and offer your assistance. His address is: 136 Catoma Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Phone 205/264-7394.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Enclosed with this NEWSLETTER is a short note from the President and a list of Committee appointments. If you CANNOT accept the appointment please notify the President. Please take your appointment seriously. Each committee has a specific duty.

ART EDWARDS DOES IT AGAIN: Art gave the Society an excellent write-up in the August issue of WEEDS TREES AND TURF. He has attended our annual meetings for a number of years and each year he has given the Society a good write-up. We thank Art and his magazine for this news coverage. The October issue of WEEDS TREES AND TURF will be dealing entirely with aquatic weeds.

1970 MEETING: The 1970 meeting of the Hyacinth Control Society will be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Huntsville, Alabama, on July 12-15. PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR. The theme of the meeting will be "Aquatic Weeds and Your Dollar". This is the first attempt of the Society to hold a meeting out of the state of Florida. The success of the meeting will depend on your support. The dates of the meeting have been changed to July to assist those who have not been able to attend in June. The Board of Directors is trying to make this our most successful meeting. Members in the northern states should spread the word that the Society meeting will not be as far away in 1970. The TVA milfoil program will certainly receive a lot of attention at the 1970 meeting. Dr. Gordon Smith's help will be invaluable in making this meeting a success. SEE YOU IN HUNTSVILLE!

FISH TOXICITY: The Florida Department of Air and Water Pollution Control stopped the use of fish toxic herbicides in the state last May. A Committee was appointed by the President of the Hyacinth Control Society to meet with the Department, to try to resolve the problem. Mr. Robert Blakeley was appointed Chairman of the Committee and through his Committee's efforts guidelines have now been established for applying fish toxic herbicides. This Committee is to be commended for the many tiring hours of effort and expense to the committee members in obtaining a solution to this problem. We in aquatics appreciate the cooperation of Mr. Vincent Patton, Executive Director of the Air and Water Pollution Control Department in resolving this problem to the mutual benefit of all parties concerned.

THEY DID IT: House Bill 364 an act relating to the Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission; amending Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, by adding Section 403.271, prohibiting the importation, cultivation, or transportation of certain aquatic plants without a permit, passed the 1969 State legislature. We commend the State for its efforts in this area. We hope the federal legislatures will follow suit. Florida waters have certainly suffered from the introduction of exotic aquatic plants into the State. Hydrilla, water hyacinth, egeria, milfoil and alligatorweed are a few of the plants that have been introduced into state waters by man.

HYACINTH CONTROL JOURNAL: Past Editor Lyle Weldon is near completion of the next issue of the Hyacinth Control Journal. This will be Volume 8, No. 1, 1969, which will include the rest of the papers presented at the 1968 meeting. Papers presented at the 1969 meeting will appear in Volume 8, No. 2, 1969 of the Journal and will be edited by Yours Truly. We commend the past Editor for the outstanding job that he has done on the Journal. We hope to continue the high quality of editorship that he has put into the Journal.

MANUSCRIPTS FOR THE JOURNAL: The Hyacinth Control Journal is an official publication of your Society. A successful Journal helps the Society to be a success. PUBLISH YOUR MANUSCRIPTS IN THE JOURNAL. We would like all members to publish in the Journal.

NEW BROOM IN ACTION: A new section "NOTES" will be added to the Journal. This will include short papers or ideas that are not usable in a regular manuscript. If you think about a new technique, problem or control procedure please send your ideas to your Editor.

<u>DUES ARE DUE</u>: We have a number of members who have not as yet paid their 1969 dues. Your name will be dropped from the Society membership as of October 1. Please pay your dues.

NEW MEMBERS: The Society is growing but there is still a large number of people who would join the Society if they knew about it. Please speak to or write to these people and invite them to join.

<u>REMEMBER!!!</u>: Huntsville, Alabama July 12-15, 1970. This is going to be a REALLY BIG ONE. Start thinking about your presentation. Call for Papers will be going out very shortly. Plan to Participate.

The owl asks Who?
The Stork knows who!

Robert D. Blackburn, Editor

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1969-70 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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Johnnie Frizzell, Chairman Gordon Smith Bob Gates

I am hopeful that each of you serving on the above committees will give your Society 150% effort and cooperation this year. This will be particularly necessary for those committees which will be directly involved in making the Huntsville meeting as successful and well attended as previous meetings.

May I also ask at this time, the support and cooperation of members not designated above. Your help is always needed and as with all organizations, those members contributing the most effort will get the most benefit from being a member.