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NEWSLETTER DELAYED: When one agrees to take a job with a society he must realize that it will require some of his time and energies. Your editor of the newsletter has run out of time. I apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter written, but it required time that was not available. I'll try to do better in the future.

2,4,5-T SUSPENSION: On April 15, at a hearing of the Subcommittee on Energy, National Resources, and the Environment, conducted by Senator Hart from Michigan, the following announcements were made in regard to 2,4,5-T and its use in aquatic areas:

1. Registration of liquid formulations of the weedkiller 2,4,5-T for use around the home and for uses of all 2,4,5-T formulations on lakes, ponds, and ditchbanks, is suspended immediately.
2. These actions do not eliminate registered use of 2,4,5-T for control of weeds and brush on range, pasture, forest, or rights-of-way.

This action was taken on the basis of information reported to Health, Education and Welfare on April 13, 1970, which indicated nearly pure 2,4,5-T, as well as its contaminant dioxins, may produce abnormal development in unborn animals. The use of "suspension" means that labels are cancelled immediately. This does not effect the use of 2,4-D, MCPA, or silvex.

1970 MEETING: Plans are made for the 1970 meeting of the Society. The meeting is being held at the Sheraton Motor-Inn, Huntsville, Alabama, July 12-15. This is going to be a big meeting and I surely would hate to see some of you miss this one. Make plans to attend if you have not already done so. If you can't attend on official duty take vacation time and join us. As you know, Huntsville is a beautiful area and this Society is considered as a family society - bring your wife and kids, or kids, or your girlfriend!

1970 PROGRAM: I surely hope you have already submitted the title for your paper to the program committee. If you do not plan to present a paper at the meeting, but have information that is ready for publication, submit it to the editor for review and possible publication in the journal.

Please prepare the paper that you plan to present at the meeting for publication in the journal. The information will then be available to those who are not able to attend the meeting. Information in your files will not help the field of aquatic weed science. We now have at least 30 papers that will be presented at the meeting. I believe we will have more by the time the final draft of the program is completed. I've seen the titles and it is going to be a good program. All phases of aquatic weed control are covered this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: A Board of Directors meeting was called by the president on May 8 at Orlando Holiday Inn. The meeting was called for the purpose of making final plans for the 1970 meeting. It appears that the 1970 meeting is progressing on schedule and activities are planned for everyone. Changes in the By-Laws of the Society were also discussed. The following changes are being proposed:

- A. Article I. The name of this Society shall be _____
- B. Article III. Section C. Vice President. The vice president will be changed to president-elect. His duties shall be to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the president in his absence or disability of the President, or in case of a vacancy in the office of the President. He shall also perform as program chairman for the Society and follow as president of the Society the following year. He may also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

NAME CHANGE: The Board of Directors has finally initiated action to change the name of the Society. The hyacinth will continue to be the official seal, and lavender will remain our color. However, the Board feels that the name of Hyacinth Control Society is limiting the membership of the Society. We all have stated in the past that we want the Society to move forward and the Board voted that such would assist in this effort. Please forward all suggestions to this office by July 6, 1970. The Board will then select from this group, 3 names to be voted on at the business meeting July 14. We need your help in making this change.

PROCEDURE: The Board appointed Mr. Bob Gates as chairman of a committee to design a brochure for promoting new membership and the public image of the Society. As you can see from this the Board has made the decision to increase the membership. We hope you will have a chance to see this brochure at the business meeting on July 14. Mr. Gates has already drawn up a tentative design for the Board members to consider.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: The Board of Directors voted to investigate the possibilities of having a part time secretary for the Society. I have been appointed to investigate how much it would cost the Society and possible applicants for the position. The Society needs someone to coordinate all of its activities.

NEW MEMBERS: We need to increase the Society membership and this can be done most efficiently through the old members. Please try and get someone to join the Society and attend the meeting. If you will, discuss the Society and meeting with the various people that you see so we can have a big meeting in Huntsville.

WEEDS, TREES, AND TURF: The June issue of WEEDS, TREES, AND TURF will be the aquatic issue. Art Edwards is doing an excellent job in preparing this issue as a memorial to Dr. Lyle Weldon. It will also promote the July meeting of the Hyacinth Society.

FIELD TRIP: Dr. Gordon Smith of the Tennessee Valley Authority is planning to take the Society on a field trip to Guntersville on the afternoon of July 13. Better plan to be present for the first day's meeting.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Enclosed with this newsletter is information on making hotel reservations for the 1970 meeting. We have only a limited number of rooms so please make your reservations early. Don't wait until the last minute or you may end up staying at another hotel. This happened last year, so please make reservations now.

REGISTRATION: The secretary will be registering members from 3 - 6:30 P.M., on July 12. You will need to register if you plan to attend the cocktail party that evening. The registration desk will also be open on July 13 and 14.

DUES: Please pay your 1970 dues if you have not already done so. It will help the secretary and also mean that you continue to get the journal and newsletter.

BACK JOURNAL ISSUES: If you do not have a complete set of journals you had better order the back issues very soon. The supply of some of the earlier volumes is about exhausted. If you are a member you will certainly wish to have a complete set of journals. I believe the journal will become very valuable in the future.

NOTES: Because of the length of this newsletter I am deleting the notes section but will include it in the next newsletter.

THANK YOU: Mrs. Shirley Weldon has asked me to thank all of you for the flowers, sympathy cards and letters sent in remembrance of Dr. Lyle Weldon. We all are still in a state of shock from this tragic accident. Mrs. Weldon plans to remain in Fort Lauderdale. She and the children thank you for your kindness in this period of sorrow.

RESERVATIONS: MAKE THEM NOW. SEE YOU IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.