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Dedicated to the Control of Noxious Aquatic Weeds

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CHANGE OF PLACE: The location of the 1971 meeting has been changed from Cocoa Beach, Florida to Tampa, Florida. The time remains the same - July 11-14, 1971.

1970 MEETING: While it is late to be discussing the 1970 meeting, we did have a Really Big meeting at Huntsville, Alabama. The quality of the papers presented was excellent. I have heard many good comments on the 1970 program.

1970 DUES: Some of you have not paid your 1970 dues as yet. If you are delinquent you have been contacted about this. Please remit in the very near future. The 1970 Hyacinth Control Journal will be coming out soon and will be well worth receiving.

NEW OFFICERS: The slate of officers for the 1971 Society Year is listed at the top of this page. We would like to congratulate our new President, Stanley Abramson; and thank our past president, Paul Cohee, for a job well done.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: In July the Board of Directors of the Society voted to hire an Assistant Secretary for the Society. The assistant will help with all secretarial duties of the Society, as well as helping the Editor with the Journal. We welcome Mrs. Blanche Farrow to this new position. Many of you who visited the USDA aquatic weed lab at Fort Lauderdale may remember Mrs. Farrow. She is well acquainted with the operation of the Society. We welcome her aboard and look forward to working with her.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The last page of the NEWSLETTER lists the committee appointments for the 1971 Society Year. Please review this list and if appointed, work hard at making your committee an effective one. These committees can make 1971 a successful year for the Society. I hope each of you will give some of your time and energy to your committee.

NAME CHANGE: The name of the Society was NOT changed in 1970. The membership voted to organize a Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee to again present this to the membership at the 1971 meeting. If the Society name is changed both the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society will have to be rewritten. I am sure this committee will welcome your suggestions.

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE!

Next meeting at: Manger Motor Inn, 200 Ashley Drive, Tampa, Florida July 11-14, 1971

HERBICIDES: Please use herbicides carefully when controlling aquatic vegetation. The public is very concerned when someone mentions "herbicides". I hope you use them wisely and inform the public that herbicides can be used safely in the aquatic environment. We now have several counties in Florida considering the prohibiting of the use of herbicides in water. We feel this would be a step backwards. There is no substitute for herbicides in many cases. I wish we, in aquatic weed control, could sell our story as well as the opposing side is doing on the elimination of herbicides. Please stand up for the cause.

SLOW-RELEASE HERBICIDES: A tremendous research effort is now being placed on slow-release herbicides for aquatic weed control. A formulation of the amine salt of endothall is being marketed in the State of Florida. This is a slow-release herbicide with the trade name "Hydout". A 126 acre lake was treated recently near Orlando, Florida using this product. Evaluations made in mid-December showed excellent control of hydrilla in the lake. Other herbicides are also being developed using the slow-release process. Will keep you posted as they become available.

MECHANICAL HARVESTING: Increased effort is being placed on the mechanical harvesting of aquatic vegetation. If you have any ideas on harvesting aquatics, contact Chuck Zeiger of the US Army Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville, Florida.

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL: A meeting between various State and Federal agencies was held at Fort Lauderdale on October 29 and 30, to discuss the amur (Ctenopharyngodon idella Val.) as a biological control agent for aquatic vegetation. This fish shows outstanding promise, and efforts are now under way to increase research on this fish at the USDA station in Fort Lauderdale and Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. Southern Weed Science Society
January 19-21, 1971
Sheraton-Peabody Hotel
Memphis, Tennessee
2. Weed Science Society of America
February 9-11, 1971
Statler Hilton Hotel
Dallas, Texas
3. 3rd International Symposium on Aquatic Weeds
July 5-9, 1971
Oxford College
Oxford, England
4. Hyacinth Control Society
July 11-14, 1971
Cape Kennedy Hilton Inn
Cocoa Beach, Florida

WELCOME BACK: Zeb Grant of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District is back battling aquatic weeds after a session in the hospital. Welcome Back Zeb.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: 1. The following members have been appointed to the Advisory Committee on Aquatic Weed Control for the Natural Resources Dept. of the State of Florida: Robert Gates, Robert Blackburn, and Stanley Abramson.
2. The President gave a promotion talk for the Society at the Florida Institute of Park Personnel meeting in October.

HERBARIUMS: Through the years the Society has made up a number of aquatic plant herbariums. In an effort to promote proper identification of aquatic weeds the herbariums have been sold at cost. This has become a time-consuming job and the agency responsible for the herbariums has requested that this task be assumed by the Society. This was discussed at the last Board of Directors meeting and until further notice, the Society will NOT have herbariums for sale.

CERTIFICATES: Many of you have ordered certificates of membership in the Hyacinth Control Society. It is felt that in the past some members may have ordered these certificates, but may not have received them. If this be so, PLEASE contact the Secretary so the records can be checked. We would like to have these printed in the near future.

1970 JOURNAL: The Editor is far behind in getting out the 1970 Journal. I hope to get it out in the next few months. Please be patient.

CALL FOR PAPERS: The Board of Directors has already begun to work on the 1971 program. They will be sending out the first "Call for Papers" early in January. Start checking your data and working up your paper.

POLLUTION: It's easy enough to be pleasant
When the water you're drinking is pure
But the guy worthwhile
Is the guy who can smile
When he has to drink out of a sewer

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Robert D. Blackburn, Editor

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1970-1971

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