Reports of the Georgia Clean Acres Weed Control Program were read by Georgia Weed Control Society president Virgil H. Young, Jr., (left), of Fort Valley. With him was visitor Dr. D. E. Wolf, president of the Southern Weed Conference. Dr. Wolf, from Wilmington, Del., is sales manager for duPont agricultural chemicals. He gave keynote address for the Georgia conference.

Georgia Weed Controllers Meet to Hear
Results of New "Clean Acres" Program

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Some crack Georgia weed controllers assembled February 24-25 in Macon to hear results of the "Clean Acres Program" launched by the Georgia Weed Control Society in 1963, at the same time the Society was organized.

Meeting at the Dempsey Motor Hotel, the Georgians learned more about Clean Acres, a project directed by the Extension Agronomy Department of the University of Georgia. Weed control specialists James F. Miller and W. H. Hogan are spearheading the project. Clean Acres is designed to saturate from 25 to 30 counties a year with the latest technology and research findings on chemical weed control. County agents use newspapers articles and pictures, radio and TV programs, banners, and other means to get the weed-destroying story across.

Keynoter for the conference was Dr. D. E. Wolf, president of the Southern Weed Conference and sales manager for the agricultural chemicals section of E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co. in Wilmington, Del. Dr. Wolf cited the dramatic advances in weed control which have marked our times and said, "There's no question of the tremendous interest in weed control, and likewise, there's no doubt that weed science is a healthy and dynamic field, particularly here in the South."

Looking to the future, Dr. Wolf stated that "the science of weed control is occupying some of the best and most creative minds in research, extension, commercial agriculture, and industry. No one branch of science and certainly no individual or business firm is going to have a monopoly on all the know-how."

New herbicide research was subject for two slide-illustrated talks delivered by these weed controllers. Left is Dr. Jack Thompson, agronomist with the Georgia Experiment Station. With him is Dr. E. W. Hauser, USDA researcher from the Coastal Plain Experiment Station.

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