



Two water weed specialists are Hyacinth Control Society president T. W. Miller, Jr. (right), and secretary-treasurer Herbert J. Friedman (left). Both officials have predicted a highly successful inaugural meeting this month in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Hyacinth Control Society's First Annual Meeting Expected to Draw 150

Over 150 persons are expected to gather for the Hyacinth Control Society's inaugural annual convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., July 8-11.

Meeting at the Governor's Club Hotel, delegates to this initial seminar plan to outline basic aims of the newly established group, and roll up their sleeves for a hard working series of conferences.

Program for the kickoff conclave sets a keynote of variety and thoroughness which will be carried on each year, T. W. Miller, Jr., HCS president, told a *Weeds and Turf* reporter. Miller is director of Florida's Lee County Hyacinth Control District, and has been active in the society since its inception in July 1961.

Government research agencies, both state and federal, are joining with suppliers' technical representatives and university leaders in a program which should lay low some of the old phantoms of water weed control.

Delegates are apt to be particularly interested in the Tuesday afternoon excursion to the USDA's Aquatic Weed Research Laboratory in Ft. Lauderdale, Herbert J. Friedman, HCS secretary-treasurer, predicts. Friedman is president of Southern Mill Creek Products Co. in Tampa.

President Miller will preside over Monday's opening session which will highlight both general and specific issues.

Included in the first morning's

lectures is a discussion on control of Southern Naiad and other submerged weeds found in irrigation and drainage canals throughout South Florida. This talk is being presented jointly by Drs. R. D. Blackburn and L. W. Weldon of the Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Ft. Lauderdale.

Then John B. Hussey of Southern Mill Creek Products Co. will discuss control of submerged weeds with Aqualin.

Another chemical for aquatic weed control, Diquat, will be examined by A. C. White, Field Technical Specialist, Ortho Division, California Chemical Co., Orlando. He follows Drs. Samuel D. Faust and Osman M. Aly of Rutgers University who'll cover some effects of 2,4-D on drinking water quality.

On Tuesday, with HCS vice president A. S. Chipley presiding, speakers continue the analysis of specific chemicals being manufactured to ease the woes of weed controllers. John E. Gallagher, Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, Penna., brings the conventioners latest information on Amitrol-T for controlling water hyacinths.

Dr. John A. Mulrennan, of the Florida State Board of Health, points up the relationship between mosquito breeding and aquatic plant production. Then Pennsalt's J. C. Frizzell, who's stationed in Montgomery, Ala., talks about use

of his company's Herbicide 47 for submerged weeds in canals and ditches.

Other talks on at least a dozen more topics round out this first yearly meeting, during which time is set aside for business sessions and a social program that includes a festive banquet Tuesday evening.

Purpose of HCS

According to the articles of incorporation, the Hyacinth Control Society is devoted to improved techniques in control of water hyacinths and other noxious aquatic weeds. Achievement of these improved methods is expected to be reached through research projects encouraged by the society, through scholarships promoted by the group, and through better public understanding of the crucial dilemmas in aquatic weed control.

An office of editor has been created specifically to work up proceedings of each annual meeting, and to issue bulletins to the general and trade press, through which this better informed public may be created. William Dryden presently fills this important post.

President Miller said anyone with an interest in combatting noxious aquatic weeds is eligible to join the Society. Persons who want to join may write him at P.O. Box 1711, Fort Myers, Fla.

Board of Directors of the Society is made up of the 4 officers already mentioned, along with Directors Thomas O. Fultz of Bartow, Fla.; Edwin L. Seabrook, West Palm Beach; and Donald E. Seaman, Ft. Lauderdale.

July 11, 12 USDA Weed Day

Field evaluation of new herbicides, turf weed research, and sessions on growth regulation and general weed control, will be featured at the U. S. Department of Agriculture's annual Field Day Review of Crops Protection Research, July 11-12.

Meeting at USDA's Beltsville, Md., research complex, weed controllers will spend 2 days in close scrutiny of latest developments in vegetation control, according to program chairman Dr. W. B. Ennis, Jr., administrator of weed investigations at Beltsville.