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Inspecting large fresh-water snails, which are being evaluated for biological control of various aquatic weeds, are officers and directors of The Hyacinth Control Society (left to right): President, Dan Gorman, Hillsborough; Vice-President, Zeb Grant, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Blackburn, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Editor of Newsletter, Lyle Weldon, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Directors, Jack Salmela of Brevard Mosquito Control District, Clayton L. Phillippy, Fishery Biologist of Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and Paul Cohee of Hercules Incorporated.

## Kill of All Noxious Weeds, Goal of The Hyacinth Control Society

Goal of The Hyacinth Control Society, Inc., at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is to exchange information on aquatic weed problems at the applicator level. In restating the full scope of this goal, members believed the name chosen at birth of the organization in 1961 led many to believe that interest was limited to hyacinth control. Such is not the case. To make this clear, officers and directors have placed an addendum to the name which states, "The Hyacinth Control Society—Dedicated to the Control of Noxious Aquatic Weeds."

That the group is active in all phases and on all types of aquatic weed control is demonstrated in a listing of papers presented at the Society's meeting last year. Only one of 18 papers pertained directly to water hyacinth control. Others covered the entire spectrum of aquatic weed control.

Charter membership of the Society was 30. Current members number 150 and persons interested in information at a scientific level aimed at the application of specific findings are

being invited to join the group. Both active and associate memberships are available. Each type entitles the member to a copy of Proceedings of the annual meeting and to the quarterly newsletter of the group. The first five annual volumes of the Proceedings are available at a nominal cost. Application forms and other information are available from Secretary-Treasurer Robert D. Blackburn, P.O. Box 9087, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Chief program of the Society during the past year has been preparation and selling of an aquatic plant herbarium. Blackburn says the group has found that a primary problem of individuals or companies beginning aquatic weed control is proper identification of various species of aquatic weeds. The aquatic herbarium that is available includes 52 specimens which occur throughout the United States. These are sold at cost for \$2 per sheet. A complete listing is available from the Society.

Annual meeting of the group for 1967 will be June 18-21 at the Holiday Inn, Fort Myers, Fla.