Presidential Address
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Distinguished guests, officers, ladies and gentlemen . . . .
I would like to thank the membership of the Hyacinth Control Society for the honor of serving you as President of
the Society for the past year. I believe our fifth year as a
Society has been a most productive one. Your Board of
Directors adopted a policy this year to promote safety in
application. I believe this theme is in accord with the
national programs.

We have brought together specialists from all groups
engaged in weed control from administrators to field appli-
cators. We believe the only way to accomplish our goal of
safe application of herbicides is by using every possible
avenue of communication. We must use our Society to stimu-
late others in the herbicide field to follow our lead. Our
program here this year is outstanding. We all owe a debt of
gratitude to our Program Chairman, Mr. Zeb Grant.

This program emphasizes both proper application and the
practical approach to solving our aquatic weed programs.
Our Society was established to fill this gap between basic
research and field application. Our goal is to provide the
applicator with the most practical tools for his trade, whether
the “tools” are in the form of spray equipment, chemicals or
biological controls. Research is gradually furnishing us with
the answers to many of our weed problems. This research
must continue and expand to meet our needs not only to give
chemicals capable of controlling the weeds but protecting our
valuable recreation resource. Biological controls must be
fully explored. Better communications with the general public
must be established to fully explain the objectives of our
weed control operations. We must conduct our operations
as examples for newcomers to the field to follow.

Let us continue to work together to make Florida a better
place to live through coordination planning, safe operations
and better controls.