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Southern Weed Conference

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the other four releases highlighted a section of the program. Each magazine, radio or TV station received the general release along with one of the four special releases which was of particular interest to them.

5. Two radio tapes of one and one-half and five minutes were prepared and sent to all extension radio specialists in the conference area and all stations in Louisiana.

6. About 700 copies of the program were mailed to the above mentioned news media.

7. A personal letter of invitation along with a copy of the program was sent to all New Orleans newspapers, radio and TV stations as well as all extension agronomists in the conference area.

8. Extension editors and public relations directors of all colleges and organizations having representation at the conference were asked to prepare a news release on their respective papers. Twenty-five copies of each release were solicited for use in press kits distributed at the conference or mailed to news media upon request. Also, for the general session, 25 copies of each paper and 5 photographs of each speaker were requested.

9. A press room was maintained throughout the conference and assistance was given to various news media personnel covering the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Holmes
Mason Marvel
Richard Almquist
Denver T. Loupe, Chairman

STUDENT INTEREST COMMITTEE - Presented by W. M. Lewis

A placement service for the SWC was initiated this year. Forms for "Position Available" and "Position Desired" were developed jointly by SWC, NEWCC, and WSA. The number of "Positions Available" listed were 40 and of "Positions Desired" 14. Notice of the placement service was included in the call-of-papers. Additional notices were sent to department heads, and a selected state representative of Weed Science personnel, and SWC sustaining members.

Awards of \$50, \$30, and \$20 were presented to the top 3 graduate students presenting the outstanding papers at the 1967 meeting. It is hoped that these awards encourage thorough and thoughtful preparation as well as excellence in preparation. The awards were as follows: 1st prize - R. L. Rogers, Auburn University; 2nd prize - M. M. Sckerel, University of

Arkansas; 3rd prize - T. A. Bryant, University of Tennessee.

A student breakfast sponsored by the Southern Weed Conference will be held Wednesday morning, January 25.

A survey was conducted on the number of graduate students in the SWC, attendance of graduate students at the SWC annual meetings, and travel expenses furnished by the institution for graduate students to attend. The results from nine of the thirteen states reporting are summarized as follows: (1) The number of graduate students in Weed Science pursuing a M.S. is 47 and Ph.D's 43. (2) Of these, 38 M.S. and 30 Ph.D. candidates are on an assistantship. (3) There are currently 14 unfilled assistantships in Weed Science within the SWC area. (4) The average attendance of graduate students at the 1965, 1966, and 1967 (est.) SWC meetings was 23. (5) Graduate students are provided transportation to annual meetings in a state-owned vehicle if accompanied by a staff member in 8 out of 9 states. (6) Only one state provides subsistence and fees to a graduate student not presenting a paper. (7) If a graduate student presents a paper, three states provide expenses equal to that provided a staff member. Two additional states provide monies if funds are available.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gallagher
B. J. Gossett
Rupert D. Palmer
W. M. Lewis, Chairman

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Presented by Hoyt Nation

All states comprising the Southern Weed Conference were contacted on November 30, 1966 relative to any changes in state laws or regulations pertaining to herbicides within the past year.

All of the states reported no changes during 1966 including: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. It was pointed out that the last Alabama Legislature exempted herbicides from sales tax indicating the great interest in these materials in that state.

A report from Puerto Rico was received February 8, 1966 on new legislation enacted in 1965 which was not included in the report last year. The main changes in regulations as contained in Act No. 100 which amends Act No. 49 are:

1. Empowers the Secretary of Agriculture of Puerto Rico to require licenses from persons or firms engaged in the manufacture, mixing, packing, repacking, import or sale of economic poisons for farming.

2. Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish minimum