

First National Weed Control Conference

Over 700 weed workers from state, federal and industrial institutions interested in the research, development, extension, teaching and regulatory phases of weed control attended the First National Weed Control Conference, December 8 & 9, 1953 at Kansas City, Missouri.

The North Central Weed Control Conference was host for the National Conference and also held its 10th annual meeting following the National meeting.

Approximately 60 scientific papers covering all phases of the weed control program were presented at the National Conference. Abstracts of these papers are scheduled for publication in the Proceedings of the Conference. Authors have been requested to submit their papers to WEEDS for publication.

The First National Weed Conference and the initiation and growth of WEEDS are examples of the significance and importance of the rapidly growing science of weed control. The impetus of these two accomplishments should serve to strengthen the status of weed control. Certainly an important step has been taken in forming a national weed organization which will meet the needs of all those interested in the various aspects of weed control.

We take this opportunity to express thanks to the officers and committeemen of the Association of Regional Weed Control Conferences and of the North Central Weed Control Conference for giving generously of their time and efforts in making the First National Weed Control Conference so highly successful.

New Editor for *Weeds*

At a meeting of the Editorial Board on December 7, during the meeting of the First National Weed Control Conference at Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. C. E. Minarik, Camp Detrick, Frederick, Maryland, was appointed new editor of the WEEDS journal. Authors desiring to publish in the WEEDS journal should submit two copies of their manuscripts to the editor.

The officers of the Association of Regional Weed Control Conferences and the Editorial Board are pleased to announce Dr. Minarik's appointment as the new editor of WEEDS. We are sure that authors, readers and advertisers will be looking forward to working with the new editor to assure WEEDS of a bright future.

It is with pleasure and confidence that we transfer the editorship and editorial offices of WEEDS from this Division to Dr. C. E. Minarik, Camp Detrick, Frederick, Maryland.

I am sure that the subscribers to WEEDS join the Editorial Board at this time in expressing thanks to Dr. R. D. Sweet who has given generously of his time and efforts as the first editor of WEEDS.

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