

MUSHROOMING NEWS: As was mentioned before, Peg and Fred Volkenborn will be leaving the Lakeland area for southern New Jersey. Fred is considering starting a chapter of our Club.....At our March meeting we met for the first time Bernice Marshall from Lincoln Park, N.J. and welcomed her into the Club.....Adele Sieminski sent us a postcard from St. Petersburg, Florida, where she recently purchased a home. She expects to be back in April, so we may see her at our next meeting.....Congratulations are in order for Stan Tyler who has been entered in the 1972 edition of "Who's Who", an accomplishment of no small magnitude.

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MARCH POSTSCRIPT: A suggestion was made at our March meeting, to have various of our members give a series of lectures during the fall and winter months. This could prove quite interesting since many of our members are very knowledgeable on subjects concerning mycology and mycophagy.

An effort will be made to find a permanent meeting place. Anyone who has any suggestions, or knows of any places available, please contact one of the officers.

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TRANSLATIONS FROM "Pilze In Wald Und Flur"--BY F. VOLKENBORN: Page 62-63.

Knotentintling- COPRINUS ATRAMENTARIUS

Family: Ink caps-- coprinaceae

May - October

Dia. Cap : 1.1" - 1.9"

Height; 2.2" - 3.4"

The ash-gray Knotentintling (bulgy ink cap) appears in dense bushes, beside fieldpaths and garden fences, under park bushes, on rubbish piles and other wastelands.

Where the egg-shaped cap of the young mushroom detaches itself from the stem in order to form the umbrella, there will remain on the stem a tuberos bulge, to which the german name makes reference. As with all inky caps, disintegration soon begins, starting at the rim of the cap. As is the case with the "coprinus micaceus", a not-so-permanent ink used to be made from it. (The scientific name "atramentarius" was derived from the latin atramentum meaning ink.

NOTE: Coprinus atramentarius (common inky cap) is definitely edible; however, do not consume any alcoholic beverages at the same meal since a reaction similar to "Antabuse" can be expected. -EDITOR.

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APRIL FIELD TRIP: The Tylers have invited the Club to meet at their home in Sparta this month. If the weather is nice, we'll have an opportunity to make our first field trip for 1972 in the wooded area surrounding their home. The meeting will be held April 23, Sunday, at 2:00 pm. See the map below for directions.

