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RECAP OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETINGS: The November meeting, held at the United Presbyterian Church in Flanders, unfortunately had a sparse turnout. Those who were unable to attend missed out on the excellent food and entertainment which had been prepared for this meeting. Grete Turchick served us samplings of pickled inky caps and shaggy mane, which were delicious. She also served fried inky caps flavored with bacon, parsley and garlic, a recipe she has promised to share with us all. (Grete also served mushrooms at the December meeting.) For those in the Lakeland area who regularly get the Star Journal, you may have observed a picture of Grete, Neal McDonald and Jonathan Bosman viewing the basket of *Coprinus atramentarius* which Grete had gathered the day of the meeting and brought with her. Joan took the polaroid shot and submitted it to the paper. Joan has been handling the club's publicity and we can expect to see more pictures and news articles in the future.

By the way, I was fortunate in receiving most of those mushrooms that Grete gathered, and I've been enjoying them ever since, having frozen most of the mushrooms after initially cooking them.

A surprise audio-visual slide show, "A Visual Field Trip in Search of the Wild Mushroom", was presented to those members at the November meeting. I had taken the slide photos during some of our summer field trips and some excursions. I had made one on my own during '72. The show was well received and it was presented again at the December meeting, where the turnout was much better. The December meeting was held at the Neighborhood House in Franklin. Grete again had some *Coprinus atramentarius* to serve which she managed to gather right through December. Gisela Preston brought in some slides which her husband had taken. His interest is principally with photography; however, he includes mushroom photography within that scope. The slides were most enjoyable and were appreciated by all.

Jean Tippy, recently returned from a trip to Hawaii, had several mementoes that she brought back, among which was an actual gilled mushroom specimen (it looked like a parasol mushroom).

Grete also brought in a news article about the N. Y. Mycological Society. I'll try to have several copies of the article for distribution.

A photo was taken of some of the members and it hopefully should appear in the Photo News, which services the Sussex County area.

Several ideas were brought up at this meeting. Stan Tyler and Victor Gambino voiced approval of having a committee of members having mutual interests in photography work together during '73 towards creating several slide productions for the winter months. This sounds like an interesting suggestion, especially to me. We'll be forming various committees during our March and April meetings, and at that time we'll form the Visual Productions Committee.

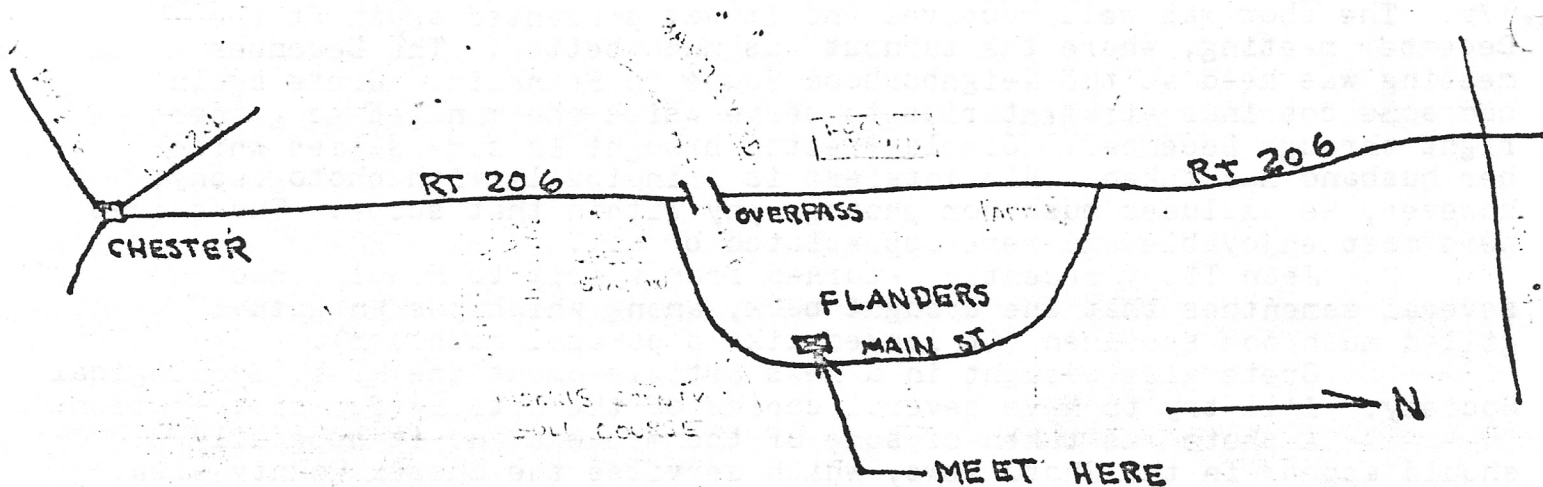
The proposal that we consider becoming affiliated with the North American Mycological Association was also brought up at the December meeting. The response was favorable.

EXCITING EVENTS: In an attempt to present further information to the club members concerning affiliation with N.A.M.A., I contacted Mrs. Carl Espenscheid, a member and also chairman of the Eastern Foray Committee of N.A.M.A. I invited Mr. and Mrs. Espenscheid of Flemington to our next meeting to discuss N.A.M.A. and to also tell us about a recent foray they made at Priest Lake, Idaho, with N.A.M.A. At that foray in September Mr. and Mrs. Espenscheid received a prize for the members traveling the farthest.

In talking with Mrs. Espenscheid, I discovered that she is president of the Central New Jersey Mycological Society, with membership (approx. 12) scattered around the Flemington and adjacent areas. Mrs. Espenscheid was quite excited upon hearing of our existence. Her club does not have any winter program; however, they have field trips throughout the remainder of the year, traveling as far north as High Point State Park. I further extended an invitation to any of her club's members to meet with us at our next gathering. This meeting should be very interesting, and I urge all members to make a serious effort to attend this meeting.

At the coming meeting also, Irene and Stan Tyler are scheduled to give a lecture on "The Identification of Various Genera and The Proper Use of The Field Book Key as an Aid to Identification". The lecture will be informal; blackboard sketches will be used where necessary and Stan and Irene will attempt to field any questions the members may have.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13th, at 2:00 p.m. in the basement of the United Presbyterian Church in Flanders (see map).



CLUB RECOGNITION: I recently received a letter from a Mr. Emil Lang, a member of the N. Y. Mycological Society. Mr. Lang is preparing a lecture for N.Y.M.S. concerning amateur mycological societies and clubs in the U.S. and their current status. Mr. Lang heard of us through the president of N.A.M.A. and requested information concerning our club--its founding date, '72 membership, activities, etc.--so it appears that we are achieving some recognition from other mycological societies. A copy of the letter and the questionnaire will be available at our next meeting.

WINTER PROGRAM: In a continuing effort to expand membership involvement and at the same time provide an interesting and instructive program during the winter months, I feel that some of the more knowledgeable members should prepare informal lectures on subjects of general interest to the membership. If some research is involved, all the better since both the lecturer and audience benefit. (Note: Affiliate members are welcome at all winter meetings.) Some topics might be as follows:

1. Collecting and Preserving Mushrooms
2. The Cultivation of Mushrooms
3. The Mushroom Physiologically
4. The Habitat and Growth Conditions of the Higher Fungi
5. Specific Recipes for Wild Mushrooms.

These are only a few of many topics which I know many of the members can feel quite comfortable with. I plan to appoint several lecturers at the coming meeting and to schedule the lectures for the coming months.

'72 IN RETROSPECT: 1972 has been a good year for the Lakeland Mycology Club. Membership has steadily grown to the present 42 members, with 30 "Active" members, 7 "Associate" members and 5 "Affiliate" members. There are some members whom we have not seen in many months. It is to these members that I specifically plead to try and meet with us more frequently. The fibre of any club is a fragile material at best and its strength depends on the enthusiasm and support of all its members. It cannot long survive if its existence relies on a handful of enthusiasts. If the only contribution you feel that you can make is monthly attendance, let me assure you that this is the most valuable contribution any member can make towards the club's viability....so let us all work together to making 1973 a year to remember.

A Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year to us all!