NEWSLETTER

KELAND MYCOLOGY CLUB



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JANUARY REVIEW: The January meeting was held at the United Presbyterian Church in Flanders. The turnout was excellent. The meeting was attended by twenty-three adults, including members and guests. The first part of the meeting covered old and new business. The Recording Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, afterwhich the Corresponding Secretary read some correspondence from Mr. Knighton, the President of N.A.M.A., concerning affiliation. The meeting was then open to new business, the total of which will be reviewed at the February meeting. Irene Tyler brought to the attention or those present, that the Sparta Library is interested in some members of the Club conducting a discussion, possibly in the form of a panel, on some topic about mushrooms. There will be additional discussions concerning this item at the February meeting. Irene also mentioned that that we should consider joining the New Jersey Botanical Society. Irene can probably give us some more detailed information on this subject.

Neal McDonald brought up the question about membership cards for 1973. Tentative approval was given, pending cost information. Neal

volunteered to prepare the artwork and seek cost information.

Mrs Espenscheid was then asked to give us some added information concerning N.A.M.A. A summation of this information plus the correspondence obtained by the Corresponding Secretary will be covered separately in this Newsletter. The business part of the meeting was then concluded, and Mr. and Mrs. Espenscheid then described the field trip to Priest Lake, Idaho, which they made with N.A.M.A. in September. They also discussed the Central New Jersey Mycological Society, of which they both are members, and of which Mrs. Espenscheid is President. The discussion was extremely interesting and informative to everyone present.

After a short intermission where everyone helped themselves to coffee and refilled their plates with either cake or mushrooms, the Tylers made their presentation entitled "Identification Of Mushrooms". Stan started the presentation covering the use of the field book key, carefully explaining fifteen points that should be recorded when pursuing positive identification. Stan covered the subject in down-to-earth terms peopered with his inimitable humor. Irene continued the presentation covering in particular, use of the 'sporeprint', an important additional character

that can be used to singoint the identification of a mushroom.

Using blackboard, pictures, and charts, Irene and Stan managed to keep the keen attention of everyone, as evidenced by the lively participation of the audience. They fielded all the questions and added anecdotes of personal experience, which made their presentation all the more enjoyable and interesting. Stan suggested that we make an effort this year to identify as many as possible of the mushrooms we find during our field trips and that all members attempt to identify the mushrooms that they find, before consulting some of the more experienced members, by making use of the key and recording the characteristics covered in the presentation. This seems like a proposal worth trying. It will help the novice gain useful experience and by keeping records with dates of finds, we can eventually accumulate some valuable botanical data for the New Jersey region.

During the business portion of the meeting, Grete Turchick and Neal McDonald were appointed to make a presentation at the February and March meetings respectively. Grete those to give a lecture on "The Preparation Of Wild Mushrooms" at the February ting. Neal will let us mow what his topic for March will be at our meeting.

FEB UARY MEETING: The February meeting will be held at the Neighborhood

House in the center of Franklin, on Sunday the 11th. at 2:00 pm.
For those who live south of kt.80, I would suggest taking kt.80 to Rt.15. Travel north to Sparta. Then take at.517 thru Ogdenburg to Rt.23. Continue north on Rt. 23 for about a mile, turning left at the Franklin sign. This will bring you to Main Street, the center of Franklin. Mark the route on your road map before you start.

THE CUISTION OF AFFILIATION: At the February meeting, the question of whether or not our Club should affiliate with the North American Mycological Association, will be put to a vote. A quorum (51% of voting membership present) is required if the proposal is to be passed.

The goal of N.A.M.A. and its affiliated local societies is to mold a backlog of potential and active amateur mycologists and mycophagists into a cohesive unit. N.A.M.A. is the only nation-wide mycological society that

is solely oriented to the amateur and his problems.

If the proposal is approved, the type of affiliation we would seek, is a regular affiliation where we would pay an annual fee prorated by the number of local members, in our case (25 to 50 members) the annual fee would amount to \$35. We would have to name a trustee to N.A.M.A., who would would have a vote in N.A.M.A. policies. The Corresponding Secretary would receive five copies of the 'Mycophile' (Newsletter) plus certain other publications on request. Those members who would want to receive their own copies of N.A.M.A. publications, would be required to pay an Affiliated Society Membership fee of \$2.00. This would also allow them to attend the annual N.A.M.A. forays held each year.

NEW BUSINESS: The Treasurer will give an annual financial report at the February meeting, covering the present condition of the Treasury.

A committee will also be appointed to plesent a slate of nominees for each of the seven offices, at the March meeting. At least three nominees for each office must be presented. The same nominee may be presented for more than one office, and of course the committee may enter their own names in nomination.

Voting for Club Officers will be held at the March meeting. NEW MEMBERSHIP: We would like to welcome four new members to our Club. At . our January meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Espenscheid of Flemington, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holzworth of Budd Lake, joined our Club. We hope that they will actively join with the rest of the membership to make our Club grow in interest, imagination, and stature.

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