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DON'T DESPAIR: Winter is rapidly approaching; however our recent weather has been almost balmy. Keep on the watch for the Coprinus family. The shaggy mane and inky caps are still making their appearance. Once the freezing temperatures do arrive on a consistant basis, the Coprinus will lie dormant, - but don't despair. Now you have an opportunity to walk along your favorite trails and become aquainted with many of our bracket fungi friends of which you were only vaguely aware of in the past. They love this weather and are actively growing at this time. The Daedalea are everywhere, and not just D. quercina. Ever heard of D. confragosa, D.unicolor, D.ambigua, D.juniperina? Well there is a good chance you can find all of them. in your favorite hiking area. While you're on a Daedalea hunt, you are very likely to meet its neighbor Lenzites (L. betulina, L. vialis, L.saepairia). Of course there are scores of polypore species popping out now too. The nice part about the bracket fungi, is that they keep so beautifully after you've gathered them. This gives you plenty of time to identify them. Gatherienough species, and when you're completely snow bound this winter, you can while away the time by studying them and determining their "identity. REVIFW OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS... by Fllen Greer (NAMA): Raymond J. Yerkovich, "Mushrooms for Market", Follett Publishing Co. 1948, 64p. Six species of mushrooms illustrated, 1 diagram, 12 black & white photographs. Illustrates very well the raising of table agaricus in mushroom houses from spawn to table and from spawn to can. Mushroom producing states and research institutions are listed. It condenses very well the whole industrial process. A diagram of the growth cycle from spore to mycelium to mature Meadow Mushroom is very good. Photos include the Shaggy Mane, Meadow Mushroom, Boletus sp., and Fairy Ring Mushrooms. The pictures are good. The text is accurate and career oriented. It is not suitable for the young child but rather more for the school library than for the home. The price seems a bit high, but it would be a suitable gift for an older child. (\$3.50) DECEMBER MLETING: The December meeting had been planned for the 8th; however with the gas restrictions on Eundays, it seems advisable that we discontinue meeting on Sundays. The December meeting has been cancelled, not only because of the gas situation, but also because of the busy holiday season. We will tentatively plan on a January meeting on the second Saturday, the llth. I will attempt to locate a meeting place. I have not heard from any of the members concerning possible meeting sites. Your assistance is again requested.

1976 IN RETROSPECT: All those members who took to the woods this year in search of mushrooms will have to admit that this was an exceptional year. There was plenty of rain during the week days, and sun shine on most of the week ends. The varieties during the summer months were extraordinary. The events scheduled this year far exceeded last year's in number. Our operating costs have also sky rocketed. Our present reserves are almost nil...dues increase probable for 174. Enough business... have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...with LOVE..

LITERATURE: The Dover Press publication One Thousand American Fungi by Charles McIlvane (A reprinting of the 1902 classic) is a must for your mycological library. The Dover publication (paperback-\$6.50) has the added advantage of containing a list of nomenclatural changes by Dr. Robert L. Shaffer, making the classical work relevant to the modern mycologist. I especially recommend this book (which contains 792 pages with 182 illustrations) because the accented syllables are indicated for all the 1000 genera and species described in the book. This is a tremendous aid for proper pronunciation of the botanical names. (Ref. March 1973 Newsletter... "New Latin Rules")

For those members who do not already have this book in their collection, I recommend A Guide to Mushrooms & Toadstools by Morten Lange and F. Bayard Hora. This is a hard cover edition. It contains \$57 pages with 96 excellent color plates beautifully illustrating hundreds of species. This can be recommended as the most complete field book for any budding amateur mycologist. This book is available at the Book Store in Morristown.

SPECIAL NOTICE: As a club, we have received permission from the Secretary-Director of the Morris County Park Commission to conduct field trips in any of the parks in the Morris County Park System. The Park Police Division was forwarded a copy of the letter by the Secretary-Director, and are aware of our activities. Should anyone be stopped while with the club on a foray, they need only identify themselves as a member of the Lakeland Mycology Club. The letter was very cordial, and it was suggested that the Director of the Outdoor Education Center, Mr. Joseph Hovance, might be able to assist us in finding areas which might be particularly interesting. Our Foray Chairman will be consulting with him at the start of our 1974 forays. MUSHROOM TREATMENT: A former executive of a company taken over in a corporate merger gave this description of what happened to his company's executive personnel: "We got the mushroom treatment; right after the accuisition we were kept in the dark, then they covered us with manure, then they cultivated us. After that they let us stew for a while, finally, they canned us. ".....From "Welcome to Our Conglomerate-You're Fired".

Their mass rotted off them flake by flake
Till the thick stalk stuck like a murderer's stake
Where rags of loose flesh yet tremble on high
Infecting the winds that wander by.'"