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The following is a synopsis of the May 19 general membership meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Vic Gambino, who asked that the Recording Secretary verify that a quorum of active members was present. When this was verified, the balance of the meeting was chaired by Neal Macdonald.

First on the agenda was a discussion of the new constitution. The general objectives of this constitution are to change the club's fiscal year, and to substitute committees and committee chairmen for the prior list of officers. The new constitution was enacted and copies will be distributed to all club members as soon as possible.

1974 Officer Elections - The slate of officers offered for approval in our last newsletter were then elected. They are:

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| President | Neal Macdonald |
| Vice-President | Victor Gambino |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Greta Turchick |
| Recording Secretary | Irene Tyler |

Due to the change in the fiscal year the terms of office will terminate in December 1974. New club elections are scheduled for December.

NAMA Trustee - Greta Turchick was elected NAMA Trustee for 1974.

June Foray - Our next Foray will be held on Sunday, June 16, in Heddon Park, Dover, N.J. This is a beautiful park with hiking trails, picnic areas, and even a small waterfall.

From East or West, take Route 46 to Dover, and on to Blackwell Street. From Blackwell Street, take Prospect Street south to Reservoir Avenue, to Heddon Park. There are two entrances to this park, so be sure to take the one off of Reservoir Avenue.

We will meet at 10 o'clock and will picnic after the Foray.

New Members - We wish to welcome the following new members into our association:

- Ms Evelyn Gilbert of Dover, N.J.
- Mr Douglas Palmer of Hamilton Square, N.J.

Members Take Note - Euell Gibbons, the noted Naturalist, long an advocate of eating wild foods, appeared on the Merv Griffin Show, broadcast here on May 13, 1974. His comments regarding eating wild foods should be noted by all club members.

Asked how he could tell the poisonous foods from the edible, he replied

"I'm sure that folks have a mental picture of me eating a plateful of some strange wild food, then settling back and waiting to see whether I live or die." He continued..... "I never put anything into my mouth unless I have made a positive identification. I only eat certain species of wild plants and mushrooms which I recognize, know and trust in the same way you know and trust domestic garden vegetables."

Book Review - Someone at Dover Publications likes mushrooms or mushroom hunters. Their latest catalog now includes six books for the mycologist. Two of the latest are The Boleti of North Carolina by William Chambers Coker and Alma Holland Beers, and Introduction to Mushroom Hunting by Vera K. Charles.

Detailed literature on the boleti is hard to come by and so a reasonably priced volume (\$3.50) on the subject is welcome. The Boleti of North Carolina is an unabridged republication of the rare original 1938 edition and contains detailed descriptions of 68 species of Boletus, 4 species of Boletinus and 1 species of Strobilomyces. As is to be expected with reprints, the nomenclature is outdated and the illustrations (66 plates, 6 in full color), while useful, are not as striking as modern color photography. There are also five pages of drawings of spores.

Introduction to Mushroom Hunting is a reprint of a U.S. Department of Agriculture circular published in 1946. Most of the material in it can be found in any of the standard field guides, but for anyone just entering the world of mushrooms it is a good start at \$1.25. Black and white photographs of each species discussed are explicit, if a little dim.

Both books have handsome covers with illustrations taken from Krieger's The Mushroom Handbook which was the first of the Dover mushroom reprints.

- Candace Wiser -

72 - Count 'em - 72

Greta Turchick reports that she and Annette Fritz found 72 full-sized (5 inch) Morels in Jenny Jump Forest, on the Monday following Mother's Day, probably a result of the heavy rains which fell on that day.

Publicity - Our publicity chairman finds that it is impossible for him to read every paper to which he addresses news releases and club activity reports. He therefore asks that any member who finds an article about our club, or any article on mushrooms which other members may find interesting, please send a copy to him at this address: Mr. Charles Novy

Educational Committee Report - Stan Tyler, our Educational Committee Chairman, gave two lectures during May. On May 6, he addressed a luncheon of the Dover Rotary Club, and on May 8, he gave a well-received talk to the Northern Hills Organic Gardening Club of Newton, N.J.

Temperature Effects on Fungi - Fungi, like most plant life, can only grow within a limited range of temperatures. The best way of killing fungi is to heat them, as most species are destroyed above 140°F. It has been suggested that one of the main reasons there are few fungal diseases of mammals is because mammals have a relatively high body temperature. A few fungi can grow at freezing temperatures of between 32° - 50°F and these may discolor meat and butter stored in refrigerators for long periods of time.