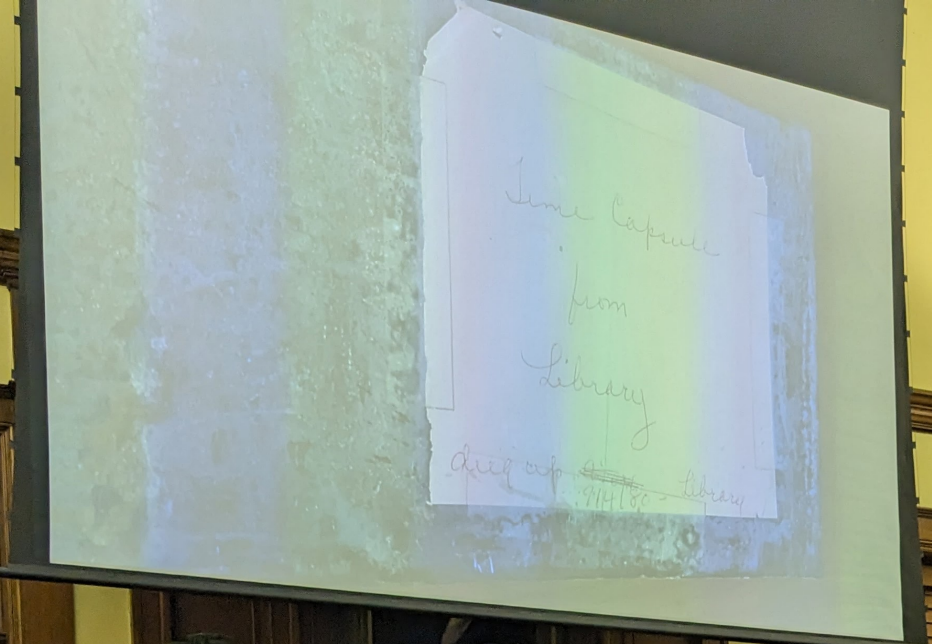
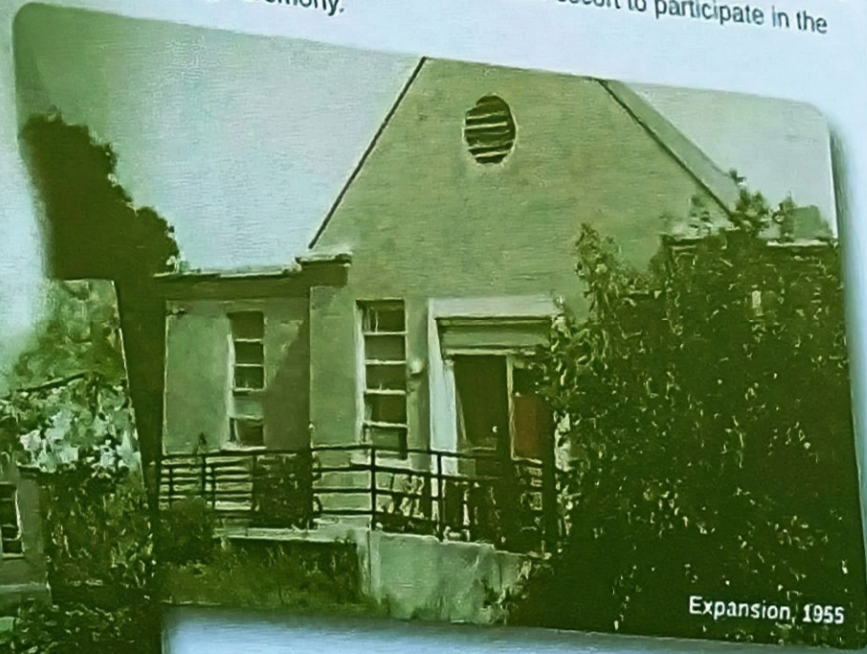


Time Capsule
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... fundraising goal was ... provided additional ... for the
 1955 addition. The beloved Miss Fanny, now 96 years old was brought to the
 Library by ambulance, accompanied by a Police escort to participate in the
 cornerstone laying ceremony.



Expansion, 1955



Here's a 1961 photo showing Bookmobile parked there.

[Handwritten note on a small piece of paper, partially obscured and difficult to read.]

The 1955 expansion to the Library housed additional
 needed Children's area and dedicated workspace for
 and it was apparent that the newly expanded building
 long term needs of our town. In 1960, the McG
 the Stratford Library pilot a bookmobile program, but
 a second location came our way. Acutely aware
 Catherine Bunnell Mitchell bequeathed \$25,000 to
 1957. These funds were to be used solely for expansion.

The late 1950's brought a young family to town, and
 the Stratford Library. Stephen King spent his formative
 yards and playgrounds of Stratford. Our Stratford Library
 sion on him as he based the library scenes in his books
 of his youth. This is a unique claim to fame for our town.

As the Library entered the 1960's, things were getting
 1955 addition. The Board of Trustees, through their
 value of Catherine Bunnell Mitchell's \$25,000 endowment
 Stratford leased the former Grace Lutheran Church building
 tion for \$1 a year. Endowment funds were used to create the
 Branch Library and the reading room was named the
 Reading Room. This branch featured a popular library



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 First book for non-English-
 speaking people
 Harrington, W. L.
 Cunningham, Catharine J.

Resolution Incorporating the Stratford Library Association
General Assembly, January Session, A.D. 1895
House Joint Resolution No. 132

Resolved by this Assembly:

Section 1. That Joel S. Ives, George W. Fairchild, Henry C. Evans, Edwin F. Hall, Robert N. Russell, Frederick C. Beach, Walter Wilcoxson, Mary C. Allen, Clara E. Byington, Ellen T. Curtis, D. Winifred Todd, All of the town of Stratford, be, and they hereby are created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Stratford Library Association, and they and their successors, duly elected as herein-after provided, shall be and remain a body politic and corporate under the same name and style forever.

Section 2. Said Association shall have a coat of arms and the same change or alter at pleasure; may sue or be sued, may receive by gift, devise or bequest any property real or personal, under such conditions and restrictions as to its use as may be imposed by the donor, and may purchase hold, manage, sell, and convey such estate, real or personal, as may be necessary or convenient for establishing and maintaining a public library in the town of Stratford, and said property while so used for public library shall be exempt from taxation.

Section 3. Said Association shall have power by a major vote of its members, at a meeting specially called for that purpose, to fill any vacancies in its number, whether caused by death, resignation, incapacity, or removal out of the state; may choose a president, vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as it shall deem necessary or expedient, and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the

A LIST OF TREES ON THE GROUNDS
OF THE
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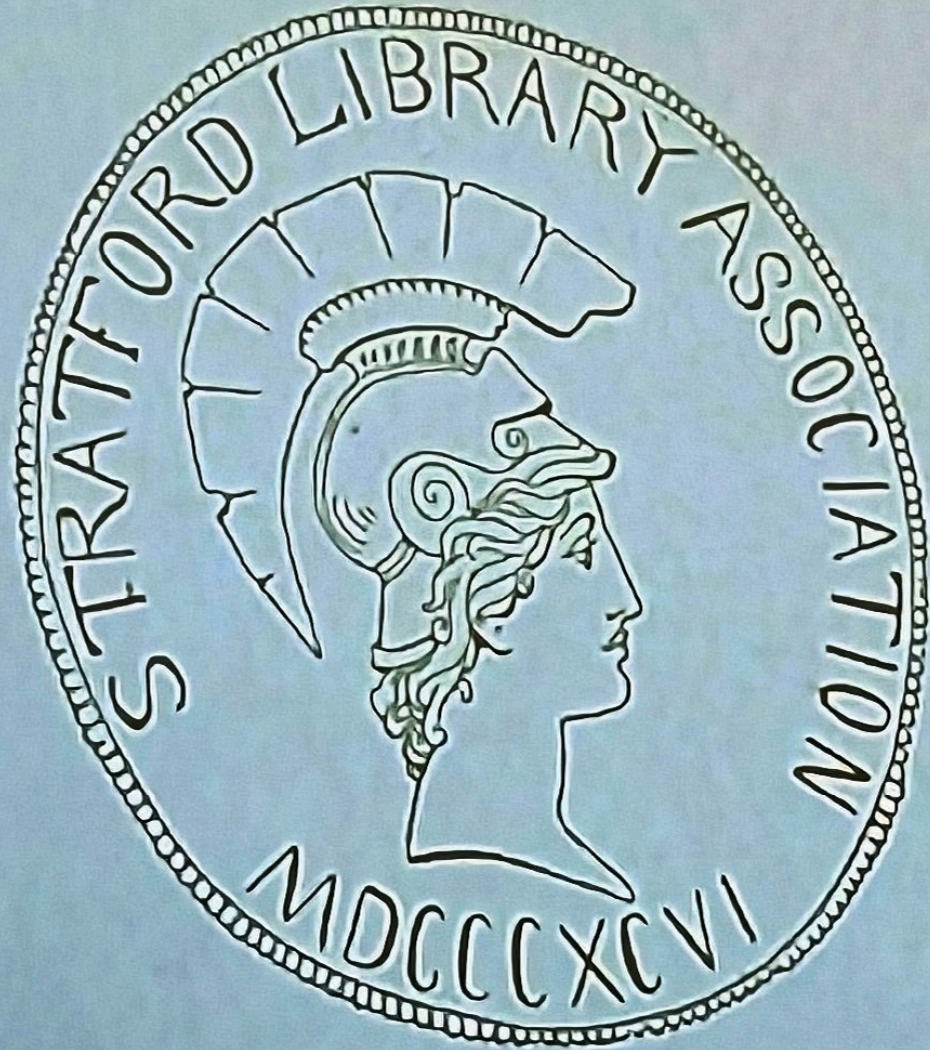
Two large elm trees on the street outside of the walk were planted by Robert H. Russell to replace a very large old tree (one of the oldest in town) which was condemned as a menace on the highway. The first trees planted on the Library grounds by the Association were the copper beech, now a large tree and on the lawn opposite a group of white birches. These succumbed to the borer pest by which nearly all the birches then in the locality were killed. In place of them we later planted the young oak tree which I had raised from an acorn picked up under a tree on the grounds of the Judson House Historical Society. The group of elms at the northeast corner of the Library have been growing for at least seventy-five years. The other elms forming an avenue to the cemetery gate were set out by Edward Williams under my supervision. The lilac bushes southwest of the Library are very old, dating from Nancy Judson's time. The ivy nearby came from Mt. Vernon. The maples further to the southwest are seedlings, self-sown and allowed to grow. In the center of the back lawn, southwest of the garden path, is a native tulip tree.

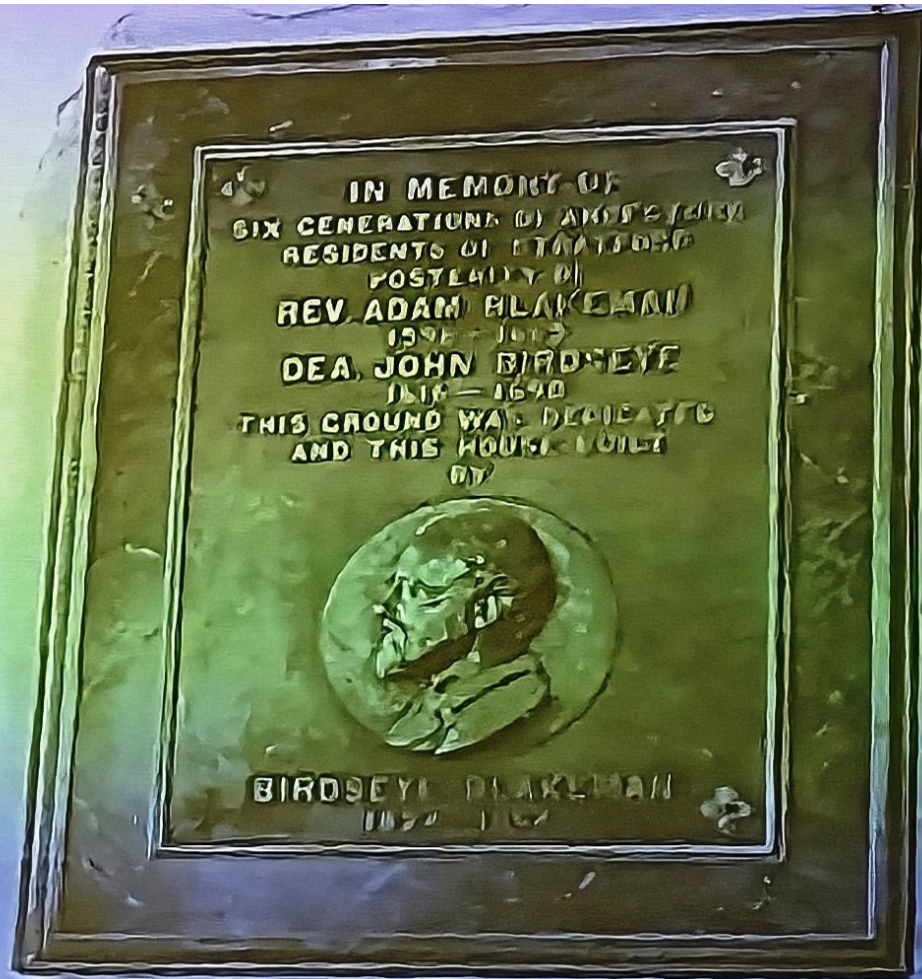
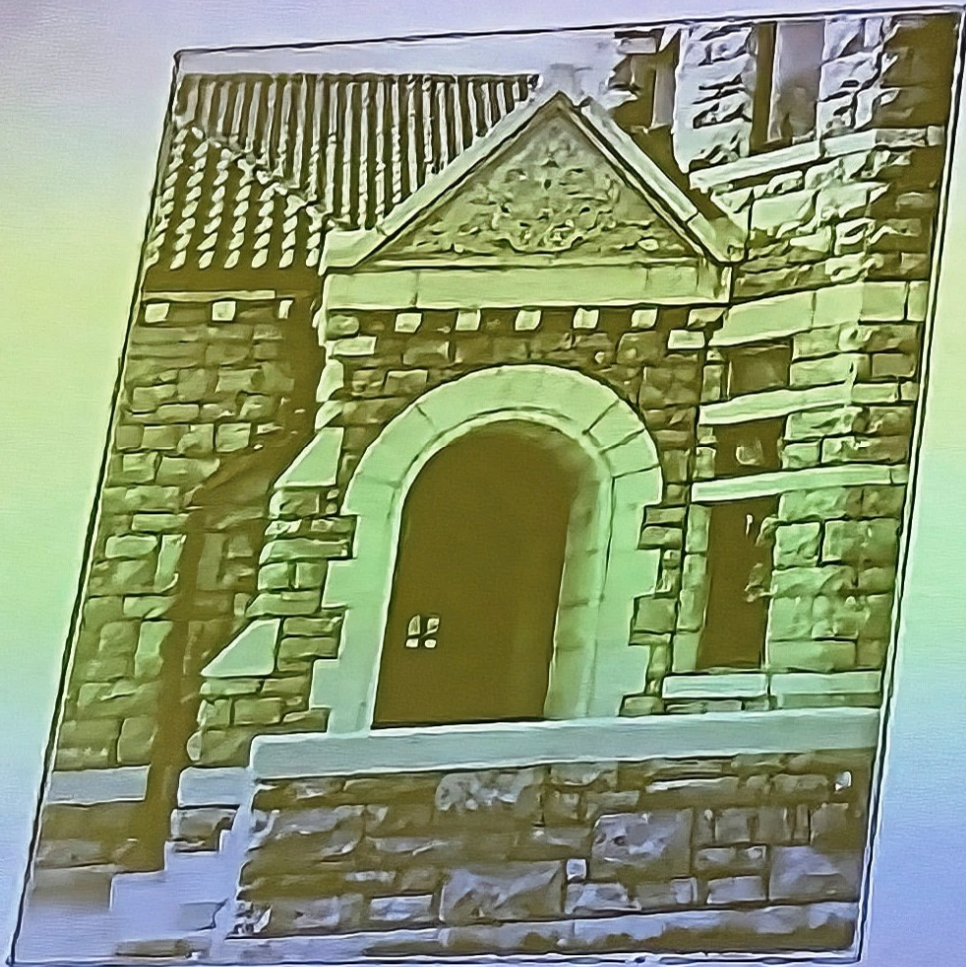
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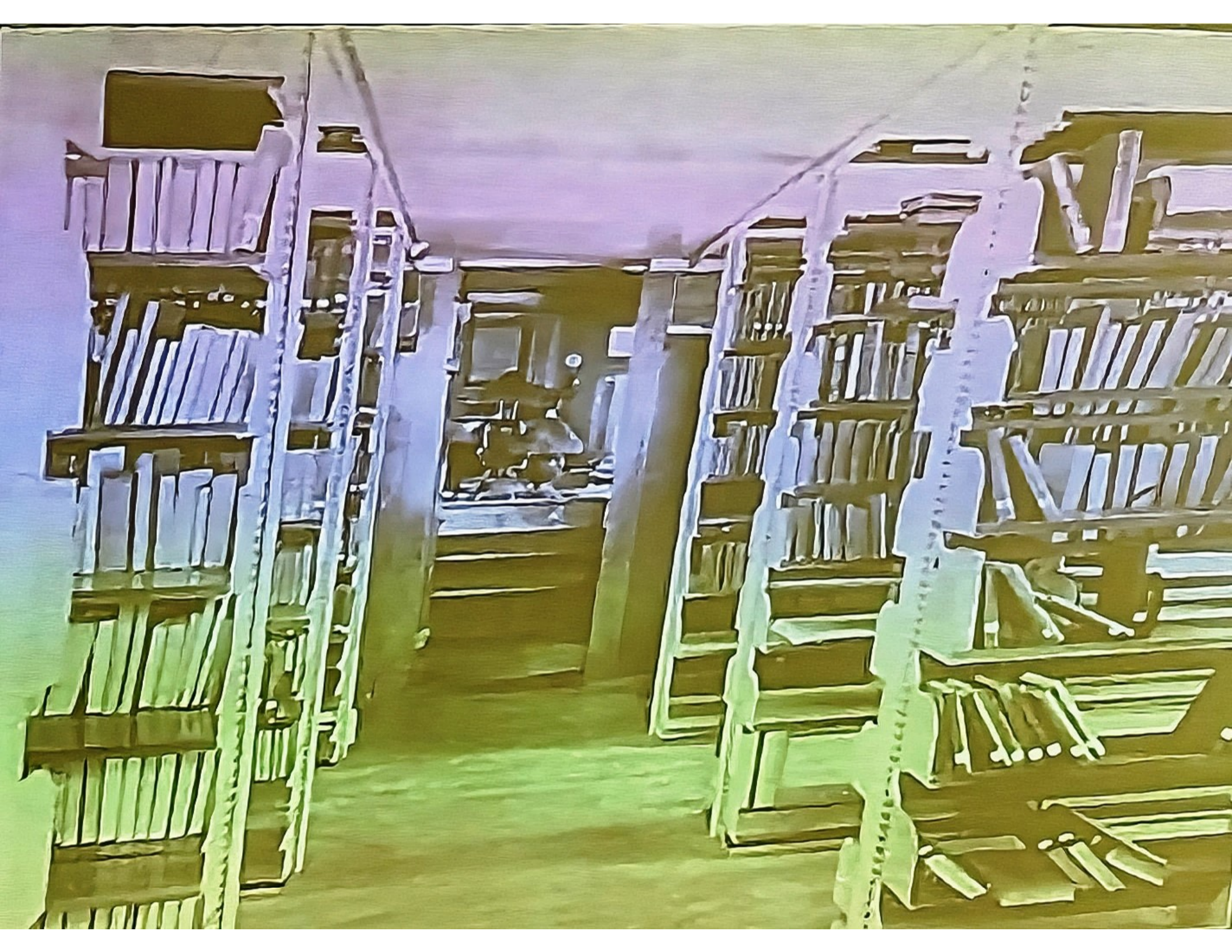
Frances B. Russell

Librarian

March 5. 1952.







Ground Broken for Library Annex



Harold C. Lovell, chairman of the Stratford Library Board, turns the first shovel of earth at ground-breaking ceremonies yesterday in Stratford for the \$100,000 addition to the library in the rear of the present building. Standing by are (left to right) Donald S. Sarr, chairman of the building committee, John Zandonella, general contractor and C. Wellington Walker, AIA, architect. When completed the one-story Colonial brick building will provide space for 25,000 additional volumes.

'Miss Fannie', 96, to Attend Ceremonies Marking Addition to Stratford Library

By MARJORIE JOAN MARINO

She will arrive in an ambulance, but 96-year-old Miss Fannie B. Russell, who has been librarian at the Stratford library 59 years, will be present this afternoon at 3 o'clock to see the cornerstone ceremony for the new addition to the Stratford Public Library.

This new addition which was begun last fall is a juvenile wing. It will house children's books and a reading room for the town's youngsters. The new wing has been specially planned with the children in mind. The stacks are only five shelves high instead of the usual seven, and there will be tables and chairs of various heights to accommodate the different age groups. The new wing will open sometime next month.

Speakers Scheduled

Among the speakers at the ceremony today will be Harold C. Lovell, library board president; Donald F. Sammis, library board member who will act as master of ceremonies; C. Wellington Walker, the architect who designed the building, and D. James Morey, chairman of the Town Council. The Rev. Stanley Sellick of the First Congregational church of Stratford will deliver the invocation and the Rev. Austin Saunders of St. James church, will give the benediction.

Librarian since the first and present library building rose on Main street in Stratford in 1896 when the town's population numbered 1,000, Miss Russell has seen the town grow to its present population of 40,000.

This ceremony will be the first time in recent years that Miss Russell has been on the library premises. Although now inactive, she is still keenly interested in library activities and is often consulted about the library program in her home on Judson place. Mrs. Olive

Bowen Shafer is now acting librarian, a position she has held since the death of Mrs. Alice Sniffen Wilson last March.

"Miss Fannie" as she is known to the townspeople of Stratford, remembers many generations of "borrowers" who have passed through the library's portals. A native of Stratford, she is the daughter of the late Judge Robert H. Russell, Judge of Probate for 27 years. The Main street library site is the former location of the Russell homestead which was moved to Elm street in 1893.

First Location

A charter member of the Stratford Library association which was organized Jan. 12, 1885, "Miss Fannie" recalls that at this time the association opened a library and reading room in Stephen D. Smith's store on Main street. Books were distributed here until the present library building opened.

When the library officially opened in January, 1896, it was only a reading room. However, with "Miss Fannie" as librarian, she and her assistants catalogued 3,000 books and the library began its distribution of books.

Since that beginning, the library has grown to its present 60,000 volumes and serves about 10,000 residents. With the new addition some books now stored by necessity in the basement of the present building will be moved upstairs and shelved where the children's books have been located. According to Mrs. Shafer, acting librarian, "This will be a relief, but is still not enough." Continued expansion is needed for the Stratford library to keep pace with the rapid growth of the community.

The Library board includes the following life members: Harold C. Lovell, president; Tom Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. P. George

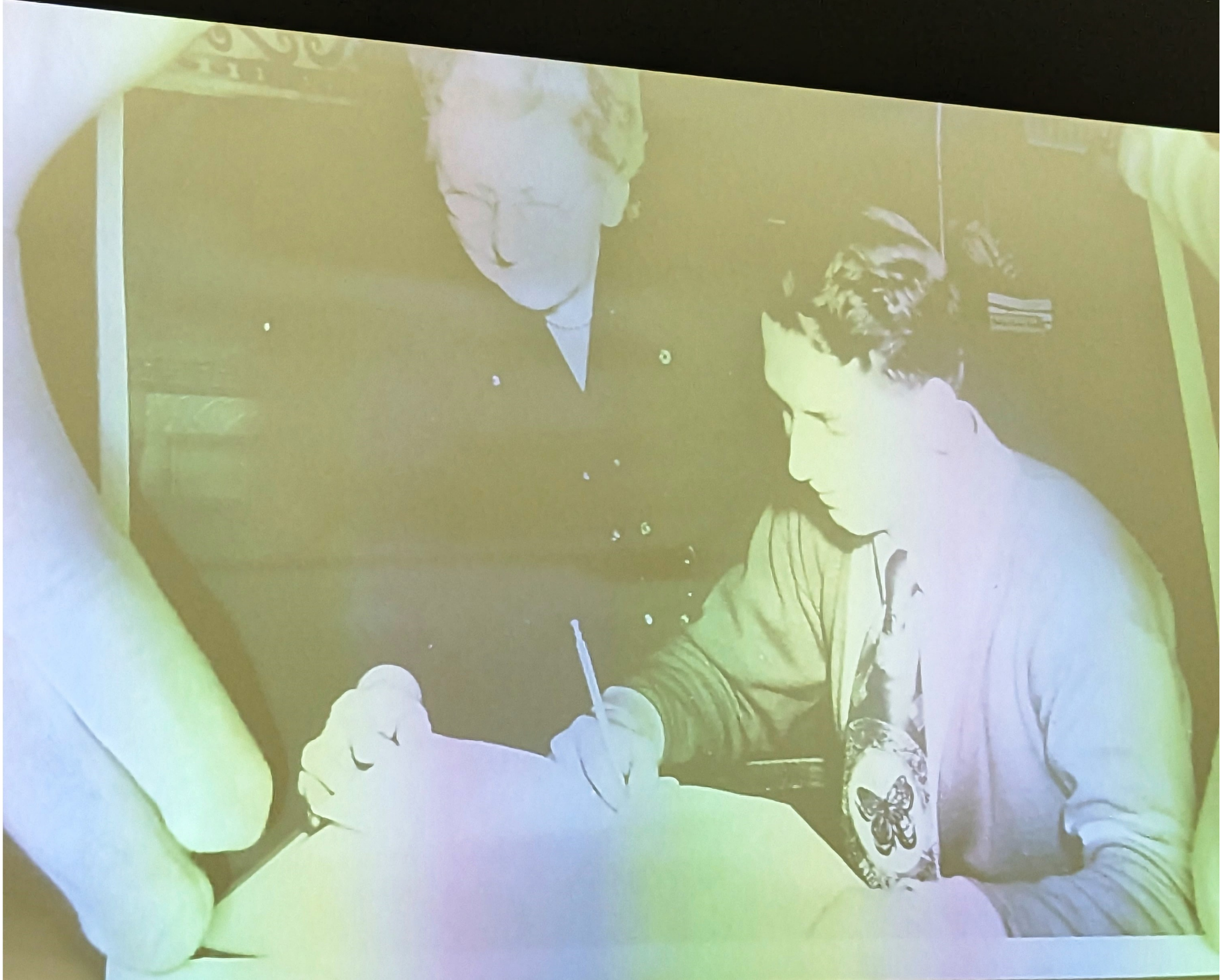
Moore, Mrs. Raymond E. Baldwin, Dr. Frank S. Bunnell, Edwin F. Hall, Mrs. James Mitchell, Donald F. Sammis, Merritt D. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Robert M. Beardley. Town members of the board appointed by the Town Council, are as follows: Miss Frances Blake-man, Martin Dezaney, Mrs. Edmund H. Judson, Edward C. Kennedy, Albert R. Smith, Mrs. Lawrence B. Spamer, Albert A. Wilcoxson, David G. Bullard, Arthur H. Jaenicks, Francis V. Stosse and Mrs. Joseph Venables.

When the cornerstone containing a copper box filled with souvenirs and mementos of the Stratford library is put into its place this afternoon in the new wing, "Miss Fannie" can watch with pride and remember her 59-year part in this institution.

Members and Officers
of the Stratford Library
Association from its
Organization in 1895 to
the Laying of the Corner
Stone in the Children's
Library (an addition
to the original building).

No Corner Stone Laying
Exercises were held for
the Main Building due
to the wishes of
Mr. Birdseye Blakeman,
the donor.

Dedication Exercises were
held Jan. 18, 1896 in the
Town Hall (now the old
Town Hall).



...ORE TO MAKE WEIGHT EASILY

By JACK HAND
 BRIDGEPORT, N. J., June 17.—(AP)—
 ...his goatee and his rubber
 ...Archie Moore looked
 ...thin as he battled with
 ...to make the 175-pound
 ...heavy limit by Wednesday.
 ...say he weighs no more than
 ...181 pounds," said Dr. Vin-
 ...diello who examined the
 ...champion yesterday at
 ...camp for the New
 ...Athletic commission.
 ...absolutely no problem
 ...weight for his defense
 ...Bobo Olson (the middle-
 ...champion) next week."
 ...of Dr. Nardiello's guess,
 ...observed "The Doc isn't
 ...but he's getting warm."
 ...weight is restricted in-
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FRIED'S vs. RED MILL

The league-leading Fried's Luggage team will battle the Red Mill restaurant squad tonight at 6:45 o'clock on diamond No. 4, Seaside park in the feature contest in the City Softball league.

The Luggagemen will be punning for their eighth win in a row and the Red Mill boys will be out to snap the streak. George Wilkison and Hank Loiko do the pitching. Loiko in his last appearance spun a brilliant game for Red Mill and may prove tough against the Fried's team.

The hustling Merritt Canteen squad and Krozier's restaurant will meet in the other game scheduled on diamond No. 4, Went field. Marty Williams and Johnny Lenart will be the rival hurlers.

LITTLE LEAGUE CLINIC

Edward Steltz, assistant coach at Springfield College, will take part in the North End Little League clinic Saturday at 9:30 a. m. at the Bridgeport Machine's field, Capitol avenue and Lindley street. All boys in the league are asked to report in full uniform.

TENNIS CLASSES PLANNED

Two summer tennis classes for women and girls over 17 years of age will be offered by the Bridgeport YMCA beginning June 22. The six-week course of instruction will

TWENTY

be given at the Laurel tennis courts with beginners meeting at 6:15 p.m. and the advanced group at 7:15 p.m. Registration should be made in advance at the YWCA Information desk, 263 Golden Hill street.

YOU'LL LIKE IT AT THE

STRATFORD GOLF RANGE

South Main St., Stratford
 (JUST BEFORE AVCO)

PRO IN ATTENDANCE

JOHNNY DOWNEY


Lessons by Appointment Tel. ED 7-1876

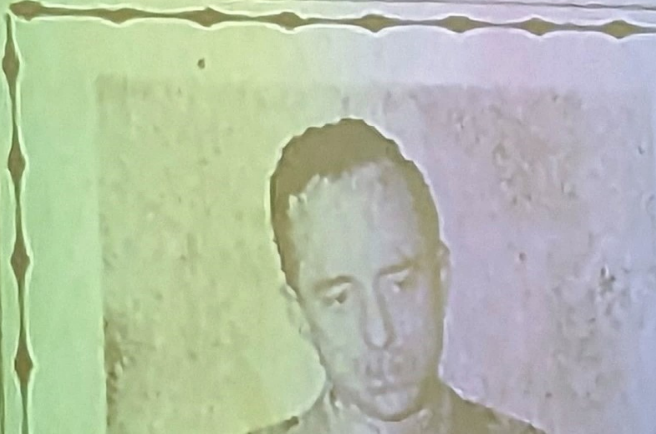
20 TEES

OPENS AT

10 A.M.

MANAGED BY JACK KEANE & FRED SHANNON





A
 PARADE
 EXCLUSIVE

"I Begged the Reds to Shoot Me"

of it), the emotions let loose in the spiteful heart are among the most poisonous known to man.

At this point the reader may ask, So what? If the sense of injury done by another makes one ill, maybe sweet revenge will make one well? But that's not the way it works out, as any psychologist will tell you.

A deep resentment held in the mind and heart over a considerable period of time is quite as likely to produce serious physical effects as a virus. Anyone who stands in fear of germs, had better get rid of his grudges, with their smouldering hatreds and brooding spirit of revenge.

The sensible way to "get even" for an injury is to forget the injury and forgive the injurer. A still better way is to heap coals of fire on the head of the one who has harmed you, by doing him or her a kindness.

It was Booker Washington who said, "I will never allow anyone to do me the injury of making me hate him!" Which says it all.

IT'S NEEDED NOW (Torrington Register)

The Inter-American Highway is a colossal project, designed to link up isolated sections and open new trade and tourist opportunities in underprivileged parts of the Americas. But when will it be finished?

Construction on the road has been under way for 15 years, and seven or eight years may be required to complete it. Americans rejoiced when a revolt in Guatemala led by Col. Castillo Armas overthrew the Communist-infiltrated government of President Arbenz and ended a serious Red threat to the Americas. Stability of the Castillo Armas regime would be buttressed by this super highway.

The Communists are, of course, doing what they can to undermine him. They have been whispering to the people that he plans to scuttle the "people's reforms" of previous administrations. Economic conditions have not weakened the new regime seriously, but they are a source of danger.

Coffee, the principal export crop, is no longer selling at the highest price in history. The price of corn, a major food staple, has gone up. The new government inherited a large debt and poor fiscal conditions. Unrest and unemployment are mounting.

A speed-up of construction on the Inter-American Highway would create jobs and other corollary benefit at a time when they are critically needed. Funds, of course, must be supplied by Washington. In Congress the House has voted an appropriation of \$3 million for this purpose in the next fiscal year.

...even aware
you paid money for in a restaurant.
They cannot seem to comprehend the "no smoking" signs. Can these men and women be mentally sound? I do not know a single nonsmoker who would, under any circumstances, treat others - like smokers do. Do you?

KA-CHOO

'WONDERING' WONDERS ABOUT FLUORIDATION

To the Editor:
Concerning Fluoridation:
Why is it that those who do not need or want the stuff (fluorides) would have to have it and pay for it, when those who seem to want it so badly can go out and buy it, with their own money, right now, and use it, if they so wish, and if they think it's so necessary?

I myself, realize my responsibility to myself and my children to practice good habits and cleanliness and to teach the kids the same. We have good dentists, tooth brushes, paste, good food, education. What more do we need? I don't need anyone to tell me what I need.

This is a different angle - what do you think?

Fluoridation doesn't concern me personally, but I am -

WONDERING CORNERSTONE CEREMONY IN STRATFORD SUNDAY

To the Editor:
I am the cornerstone of the new addition to the Stratford public library. On Sunday, June 19, 1955, some of you will pause at 3 o'clock to see me. I have never seen such a ceremony, and I don't know what is said or done, but I am sure that most of those who come will see me merely as a piece of cold stone, hewn from a mountain of rock. This is no more true than to look at the Lincoln Memorial and see merely the cold marble. Into the making of the memorial went hours of labor of love of many who knew of Lincoln's greatness by reading of him in books and who wanted to perpetuate his memory long after printer's ink had faded.

So I will stand for the dreams and plans of many who made this addition possible, and of those

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...in letters should be
...or call in person.

...in February in Bridgeport
hospital, she said to a friend, "My
sorry." Sorry too ate (those four
children, one of whom I have asked
to write this for me.

You cannot see her here today, but as I am put into place the hands of Librarian Alice Solffen who will be guiding, with love and great pride, those who do the placing - and I'm sure the heavens will glow the brighter for this fulfillment of her dreams which mean more books for more people, the better to serve her beloved "Home Town," Stratford.

ETHELYN SNIFFEN HALL
Somerville, N. J.

FORMER RESIDENT ASKS BRIDGEPORT KEEP CLEAN

To the Editor:
What has happened to the City of Bridgeport? Where is its civic pride? I was born and raised in the Park City and when I returned recently, I was amazed at its state. Particularly did I notice Central avenue near the entrance to the once famed Pleasure Beach park. Garbage, cans, broken furniture lined both sides of the road. I've always defended the city against its sister cities in the state, but after being away a few years and coming back, I can see that they have plenty of ammunition for their attacks on its cleanliness.

I'm sure a great deal of the filth I saw can be eliminated by just enforcing present Board of Health regulations. Let's keep the Park City Clean.

RICHARD DAVIN
120 New Park Avenue,
Stratford.

DOING A POWER MOWER? HERE ARE SUGGESTIONS

To the Editor:
At this time of year many pro-

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...in letters should be
...or call in person.

TAKE CARE OF DOGS OWNERS ARE WARNED

To the Editor:
I would like those individuals who let their mongrel dogs roam around meowing and frightening people to know what I think of them.

The other morning, I saw a dog mauling a small child. The child was frightened and crying so I ran over and boistered to the dog to frighten him away. Immediately the dog came after me. I was so frightened I ran into the nearest doorway. After the dog finally left, I went home. That incident left me shaken and practically in tears. The people who own the dog were gone and the dog was left on the streets to roam at will. And of course they won't do anything about it. Nobody does. There are more dogs than children in this project. And there is a law against having dogs in these projects.

There is one thing I will say to those who own these mongrels - If I or any other family gets bitten by one of them, the owner will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

TEENAGER OPPOSES PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS

To the Editor:
This is in answer to the letter written about teenage drivers which appeared in a recent issue of The Post.

I disagree that drivers under 21 should have to observe a ceiling speed of 40 miles per hour. First, it is a proven fact that going too slow is just as hazardous as going too fast.

If the speed limit on a certain road is 45 or 50 and the rest of the traffic is going along at this rate of speed, the driver going at a slower speed would cause other drivers to take chances trying to pass him in order to keep up with the normal flow of traffic.

I think that all drivers, regard-

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...Khrushchev could not have moved up through all the impediments and road blocks of Russian political life in the time of Stalin were he not acute and tricky as a sure of foot. Had it been otherwise he would have lost his head. Those who survived the purges are not got there despite all attempts to keep them down. From a Marxist standpoint, they are the survivors of the fittest.

Khrushchev is different from others in that he reached the summit not by political calculation...

STILL PESTERED

major operation April 4 I was relieved for a time prior to it to work. I owe a lot of money to different creditors and a lot of back rent. On a Sunday I was a public street and walked to the back of the car for tools. Just as I stepped around the corner of the car, a large came dashing after another. The dog was running as if he could and struck me in the knee with such force I bowled me over onto my back. My shoulder with results the suffering from a badly bruised knee and a minute fracture.

I was taken to emergency and am not able to work, which is very discouraging on my creditors I have promised when I went to work. The suffering of the injury will take time to recover any must bring a suit and

