

STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEWS LETTER  
March, 1961

The many committees of your society have had several meetings to plan for the coming spring and summer. The following dates, with the event, should be placed on your calendar for future reference.

Friday, March 24. Dr. Philip Stern of Bridgeport will be our guest speaker. His topic: "The Stars in Their Course," First Methodist Church, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29. The Fund Raising Committee, co-chairmen, Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Harold Lovell, Sr., have announced a One Day Sale of "This and That" for the benefit of the Society on April 29 at Christ Episcopal Church. This will be the one major fund raising function of the year. Proceeds will be used to make much needed electrical repairs at Judson House. The enclosed circular will inform each member of the Historical Society as to our needs. We hope when a member calls you by telephone that you will be able to say: "Yes, I have found something for the sale."

Saturday, May 13. Connecticut League of Historical Societies meeting in Stratford at the Christ Episcopal Church. It is hoped that Dr. Abbott L. Cummings will be the speaker. You will recall that he was the one who urged us to restore the old kitchen at Judson House in 1958. It is anticipated that this will be our regular May meeting. You will be contacted in April for reservations.

May 13 and 14. Judson House will have two special and very important exhibits. The Paul Revere tankard will be loaned by Mr. Harold Lovell, Sr., and the Amos Doolittle engraving, given to the Society by Mr. Edward Burritt, which has been restored and framed, will be on exhibition. There are many new exhibits in the Museum which you will want to see.

Friday, July 15. Annual picnic at the Boothe Estate. Good food, a social gathering of our members, and some extremely important reports.

Judson House and the Museum will go on the regular summer schedule May 1

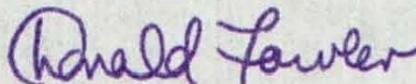
until after Labor Day. The days open are: Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We need: Hostesses to man our House and Museum during the spring and summer months. If you can spare a few hours, please call Mrs. Chester Russell, Telephone, DR 8-5211.

Mrs. Glen Maresca, Chairman of Advertising for the One Day Sale, would like volunteers to help address postal cards. This can also be done at home. If you can volunteer, please telephone Mrs. Maresca, DR 8-0018.

One object of our Society this year is to have all members participate to some degree in its program. For various reasons, some can be more active than others, but the Society is always grateful for your interest in preserving and perpetuating Stratford's historic past through Judson House and the Museum.

Sincerely yours,



Donald Fowler  
President

STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 6, 1961

Just a few more weeks and then the One Day Sale on Saturday, April 29, 1961. The committees have worked long and hard to make it a success; if it isn't a financial success, it certainly will not be their fault.

Many articles are needed--if you haven't turned yours in, will you please do it today. Ask your relatives and neighbors for things; you will be surprised at how generous some non-members are in donating things for the sale. Please do not hesitate to turn in any article. We need all types of things, and they do not have to be priceless antiques or bring a fabulous sum of money. It is the 50¢ to \$5.00 items that will sell first.

We have had requests for pewter, a bird cage, lap harp, coin silver spoons, red and blue glass, buttons and china. If you have any of these, will you donate them or put them in on consignment.

All donated items are to be delivered to Christ Church on Friday, April 28 between 12:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Consignment articles are to come in on Saturday, April 29 between 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Nothing will be sold until 12 noon on Saturday, April 29; there will be no lay-aways; everything is to be on a cash-and-carry basis. No free deliveries!

If you cannot use the enclosed ticket, please give it to someone else or return it to a member of the committee. Everyone including committee members, will be expected to make the 50¢ donation.

(Mrs.) Mable W. Miller,  
Chairman Fund Raising Committee

To the members of our Society:

We are confident that every member will contribute something which will be salable. As Mrs. Miller has indicated, the article does not necessarily have to be an antique.

Should members have no means of delivering articles for sale, the following may be contacted:

Mrs. Leo Miller, DR 8-1447      Richard Slater      ED 7-6455  
Mrs. Harold Lovell Sr. ED 7-0335

Funds are needed for necessary re-wiring of Judson House, and either this fall or next spring it will be time to paint the House. The up-keep of an old house and restoration of valuable antiquities, is necessarily expensive.

Our Budget for 1960-1961 is:

October 1, 1960 - Sept. 30, 1961			
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>	
Dues	\$685.00	Services:	
Investments		Water	
Dividends		Fuel (oil)	
Mortgage Interest		Fuel (gas)	
Savings Interest		Electricity	
Bond Interest	980.00	Telephone	\$900.00
House Admissions	640.00	Salaries	450.00
Fund Raising	550.00	Bank Charges	13.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,855.00</u>	Insurance	275.00
		Acquisitions Committee	404.00
		Hospitality	40.00
		Library - Generalogy	15.00
		House	583.00
		Postage	70.00
		Program	25.00
		Publicity	<u>80.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$2,855.00</u>

\$4,200 has recently, (April 3) been taken from the checking account, which has been paid to the Society from mortgages, and invested in bank stock. This money was earmarked for the endowment fund and cannot be spent on general expenses. As of March 24 our checking account balance was \$828.00 which is \$600. more than a year ago.

We hope to see you at the sale and do bring us something to sell.

Sincerely yours,  
Donald Fowler, President

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ONE DAY ANTIQUE SALE

APRIL 29, 1961

RECEIPTS:

Door (Approx. 400 admissions)	\$161.30
Consignment Commissions (20%)	95.51
Sales	691.79
Snack Bar	<u>17.13</u>

Total

\$ 965.73

EXPENSES:

Christ Church donation for use	\$ 25.00
Church Janitor	10.00
Tags - sales books	2.69
Postal cards 675 (McQuillan Press)	22.66
Postage for 500 cards	15.00
Post Publishing	6.08
Town Crier Ads	4.08
Newtown Bee	2.25
Posters 200 (SHS Press)	<u>6.00</u>

Receipts \$965.73

Expenses 93.76

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NET PROFIT \$871.97