



Architecture of Old Stratford and Connecticut Churches. Mr. Knapp again has produced a most interesting program for us on a subject near to most of us; an illustrated talk on architecture and construction of our first churches and progress in the development of the subsequent structures. Our speaker, an authority on the subject, will be Professor Carroll Meeks from the Yale University School of Architecture.

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Wednesday, May 22, 1963, 8:00 P.M., Bunnell High School Auditorium.

DON'T FORGET the lecture by William V. Elder III, Curator at the White House and aid to Mrs. Kennedy on the White House interior restoration. There is a lot of interest all over the State in this lecture. Tell your friends and come early to get a good seat. As you all know, there is no admission charge to Society members. To our other friends who come, we will look for a \$1.00 donation to help cover expenses.

The Directors', Principals' and Supervisors' Club of our Stratford School System is cooperating with us in this undertaking.

Mrs. Leo Miller has worked real hard to put this program together and bring it to Stratford.

JUDSON HOUSE

Most of this news letter will concern the Judson House, as it has been the center of most of our activity since our last meeting.

1. Mr. Fowler and his Restoration Committee have completed the restoration work on the Parlor and 'are they proud' of their accomplishment! Other folks who have seen it have nothing but high praise and wonder at it's authentic appearance! Now it is your turn to get over there with your Ooh's and Aah's! It's really worth the time! If you don't get to it, plan to surely attend our July meeting. We will have it on the Judson House rear lawn as we did last year, and we will be proud to show off the Parlor at that time. Mr. Fowler is planning an illustrated report on the restoration for our annual meeting. In place of names we will have pictures of the men and women in action who took part! Then you may see it accomplished step by step!

2. Mrs. Lovell, Mrs. Fowler and the rest of the Acquisition Committee have furnished the Parlor with what authentic pieces for the period we have, but more is needed. Mrs. Lovell tells how it would be wonderful if some of the early furniture used in the Judson family were to again grace the beautifully restored rooms of Judson House where they would be preserved for posterity in the family name. The inventories mention several pieces believed to be still in existence! Will you help to find them and bring them back to their original home?

3. The Hostess Committee is drawing up the schedule for hostess duty at Judson House during June, July and August. Your assistance is urgently needed on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during those months. Please call Mrs. Oakman, ED 7-1292, if you are willing to help.

The Committee is anxious also to find volunteers to serve as Receptionists at Judson House. The Receptionists will welcome visitors and register them when Mr. Booth and the Hostesses are busy. People who feel unable to guide visitors on a tour of the house and museum may find the duties of a Receptionist more to their liking and at the same time a way of contributing to the Society.

Hostesses have often expressed the desire to know more about Judson House and its displays, so on Wednesday, May 29th at 10:30 A.M. all interested members are invited to meet in the museum with the Hostess Committee. From there they shall go to Judson House where Mr. Booth and Mrs. Elliott will share their knowledge of the Society's treasures displayed throught the house. Since the parlor has been restored and is therefore new to everyone, and since there have been some changes made in all the rooms, this extra study will be of great value to those who will serve as Hostesses during the summer. We thank Mr. Booth and Mrs. Elliott for being willing to share their time

All members are invited to join us on May 29th at 10:30 A.M.

4. Remember a while back you were invited to take part in a Sewing Bee for the stair carpet at Judson House? The following ladies were among those who took part and enjoyed it starting Friday, February 1st and every Friday since except Good Friday. They participated in the cutting, sewing and winding of the rags. They are: Mrs. Allan

Barrows, Mrs. Ernest France, Mrs. Manning Harvey, Miss Charlotte Hawley, Miss Gertrude Heisler, Mrs. J. Wendell Holmes, Miss Mary MacDonald, Mrs. Jessie Wheeler Murphy, Mrs. Rexford Nettleton, Mrs. John Walker, Miss Edna Viner, Miss Natalie Wilcoxson, all under the able direction of our House Committee Chairman, Mrs. John Warren Richardson.

But it hasn't stopped there! Mrs. Bernard Campagna has loaned a loom to the Rug Bee, and is instructing our girls how to wind the warp on the warping frame and then, how to wind the warp on the warping beam. The warp, being the best quality linen warp makes it more difficult to wind than cotton warp. With the winding complete, the ladies will be ready to weave the rags, on which they have worked so hard, into a beautiful new carpet for the Judson House front stairs. If you would like to take part or watch this operation, it is in the lower floor of the Museum and you are welcome each Friday that the work progresses. Call Mrs. Richardson, ED 7-0276 for additional information.

5. The Parlor restoration was grand, but did it make dust and dirt all over the rest of the house, especially on the first floor -- much too much for Mr. Booth to rearrange with a feather duster! It needed to be cleaned, and good! With the house committee, a group of ladies went to work and washed dishes etc., cleaned the house from attic to cellar, waxed and oiled the floors; then got mad and did the Museum building too! Our hard working ladies were: Mrs. Edna Richardson, Mrs. Robert Brockway, Mrs. Donald Fowler, Mrs. J. Wendell Holmes, Mrs. Stanley Johnson, Mrs. Edmund Judson, Jr., Mrs. Harold Lovell, Sr., and Miss Ruby Wheeler. We all, of course, understand that all was accomplished with the help and inspiration of our Curator, Mr. Booth. I often marvel at the cooperation and help he gets from all the ladies!

6. The House Committee is also having the wooden parts on the exterior of the Museum painted and cleaned up.

So much for Judson House; now back to other things.

#### PUBLICITY

THIS WEEK WITH THE ARTS, by Betty Taylor. Do you read it every week in the Sunday Post? Thanks to our active Publicity Chairman, Miss MacDonald, we have a weekly write-up on our Judson House and Museum in the column. It sure will create interest and help attract visitors.

HISTORIC HOUSES OF CONNECTICUT Open to the Public, by H. F. Randolph Mason - A new book now off the Pequot Press and fast becoming a best seller to folks interested in Connecticut and opportunities still to see and enjoy its heritage, settings and collections. The book devotes a full page text and pictures to 55 homes in 42 Connecticut communities. Thanks to our Publicity Committee our Judson House and Museum is included. Do you want a copy? Only one dollar plus tax. Mrs. Nettleton will have some to show and sell at the Lecture and at our next meeting.

#### BOOTHE HOMESTEAD TERCENTENNIAL

Our Curator, Mr. Frederick Booth, will represent our Society on the Town-wide committee planning the Boothe Homestead Tercentennial celebration this summer.

#### CURATOR

Mr. Booth reports an ever increasing number of visitors to the Judson House and Museum. Mrs. Elliott will help him during the summer months as Mrs. Mussler has done in past summers, but they can't do all the entertaining alone and will need all the help they can get from Mrs. Oakman and her Hostesses...(BE ONE OF THEM)

#### CONNECTICUT LEAGUE

Next meeting of the League, Saturday, May 25th at the Denison Society, Inc., Pequotsepos Ave., Mystic, Conn. Being a member of our Society, you are also a member of the State League and invited to attend the state meetings. They are interesting. Mrs. Nettleton will have information and their agenda at our next meeting for anyone interested.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson will have a report on the last state meeting held at Fairfield, March 30th.

#### FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES

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| May 22    | Lecture, The White House Restoration, Bunnell H.S.  |
| May 24    | Our next meeting, Christ Church Hall.   |
| May 25    | State League meeting, Mystic, Conn.   |
| July      | Meeting and lawn party, Judson House lawn.  |
| August 17 | Plan now for the Flea Market at Bunnell High School.<br>This is a big project and requires lots of help.<br>Mrs. Leo Miller, Chairman, DR 8-1447. |

See you at the Lecture.

Stanley E. Johnson  
President