



STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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Next Meeting - Friday, January 24th 1964

Christ Church Hall

Program: Bottles Old and their History -- Our program chairman, Mrs. Miller, has arranged another interesting program for us by securing as our speaker, Mr. John West of Huntington, an authority on and collector of Bottles of the past. He will bring with him part of his collection for us to examine.

He will also be glad to identify, if he can, any bottles our members care to bring in!
- Acquisitions Committee -

Mrs. Lovell and her ever active Acquisitions Committee will also have a thing or two to show and tell us about.

Mrs. Lovell also reports that the Moses Wheeler chair, a fine example of the Queen Ann period, and which has withstood more than 250 years of hard usage, has been restored to the extent of a new rush seat.

The committee has also carefully read and sorted the Judson papers according to category, and a list of same will be made and filed with the photostatic copies of the wills and inventories of the Judsons, which are kept in the Court Cupboard.

The same committee has acquired for us a history book, "The First Church of Christ, Fairfield", by Dr. Wilbur S. Denning, a history of the Congregational Church of Fairfield.

- By-Laws Committee -

Mr. Fowler and his By-Laws Committee have been active and should have a final report for the Board at its February meeting and expect to have copies of the revised by-laws for distributing and member comments at our March meeting.

Because of the date falling so near Christmas, the Board did not meet in December. We plan a short meeting before the Friday membership meeting.

- Gifts -

Christmas did not go by unrecognized for the society. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lovell, Sr. presented the Society with a gift of one hundred dollars to be used as the Board sees fit.

- Membership Committee -

Now that the joyous holiday season is past, the Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Lane, will start their drive for additional members. This will require the help and cooperation of all our members. Let's all help when asked and have a sizable increase in our Society membership.

The sign in front of Judson House was torn down and damaged by the Fall winds. It has been repaired and repainted, and will be lettered and replaced soon.

At our last meeting we had as a guest Mr. E. Merrill Beach of Trumbull, who heads a group planning a Historical Society there. They plan an organizational meeting Thursday, January 16, with Mr. Craig of the State Society as their speaker. Delegations from Fairfield, Danbury, Stratford and other Connecticut Societies have been invited.

- History and Research -

Mrs. Fowler and her History and Research Committee have started raising the dust of the records and really going to work. We should have some interesting reports soon.

- Miscellaneous -

Mrs. Nettleton and Mrs. Lane are in the process of compiling a new membership and mailing list. If you have a change of address or correction, please call so the new list will be correct.

Have you borrowed books from our Library? It is very fine if you do, but Mr. Selleck, Chairman of our Library Committee, says that many books out for a long period have not been returned. If you have a book that should be returned, please bring it in so as to make it available to someone else.

Stanley E. Johnson
President

