



The Stratford Historical Society
Stratford, Connecticut



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Next Meeting Friday, May 21, 1965 Christ Church Hall 8:00 P.M.

Professor Samuel Roberson, Department of History of Art,
 Yale University will give an illustrated talk on "Judson House and its English prototypes". We are fortunate to have a great university nearby to which we can turn for speakers who are recognized nationally as authorities in their special fields of learning. This is a program you will not want to miss. Feel free to bring a friend whom you feel would enjoy the evening as your guest.

MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Two outstanding teams took to the field at the Stratford Historical Society Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m. -- Manning Harveys champion Bunnell Football Team and the Historical Cardiac Rakers. The line up was as follows, for the champions: Forrest Carlisle, Gerry Long, Ron Refkofsky, Ken Gardner, Bill Crudo, Tom Glines, Ken Glines, Gerry DeRoche, Pete Calchera, Kent Grinage, and pace setter coach Harvey. For the Cardiacs: Stan Johnson, Tom Reid, Tory Davenport, Francis Stosse, Leslie Oakman, Fred Booth (Tool boy), Einer Larson, Vincent Hardy, Lewis Ice, John Dolyak, Elsdon Duston, Win Winton and others over 21 years of age.

Stan Johnson furnished the truck and driver to haul away two very large loads of debris. After 12:15 the boys were given cokes and a tour of the museum. The Rakers who by this hour were leaning heavily on their rake handles for support passed up the tour and all agreed that the society could make continuing good use of "young blood".

Needless to say the grounds looked fine after such devoted attention.

Manning did not reveal what powers of persuasion lead to fielding such an excellent team -- but if there are any players who warm the bench during the entire first game of the season it could be those who just could not get to the Historical Society's May Day Celebration.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIPS

The executive Board authorized the president to appoint a committee to explore and make recommendations to the board concerning the formation within the society of a youth membership group. Young people like group action -- the May Day clean up and The Flea Market are events in which they could participate. One of the functions of a historical society should be to instill in youth of the community a pride and fuller understanding of our heritage.

AN EXPERT APPRAISES JUDSON HOUSE TREASURERS

Mrs. Lewis Knapp, chairman of the committee on History and Research arranged for Mr. John T. Kirk, Assistant Curator of the Garvin Collection at Yale University to come to the Museum May 1st to identify and discuss the furniture on display in Judson House. The following spent a very interesting and worthwhile three and a half hours learning about the pieces on exhibit: Mrs. Harold Lovell, chairman Acquisitions Committee, Mrs. Keith Arborgast, Chairman Hostesses, Mr. Donald Fowler, Chairman Education Committee, Mrs. Lewis Knapp, Chairman History and Research Committee, Fred Booth Curator and myself, as president.

Detailed notes were taken on each piece of furniture examined. This information should be of value to the hostesses in giving out factual information to those touring the Museum.

Mr. Kirk has invited all the Hostesses and the Committee Chairmen concerned to come up to Yale for a guided tour through the Garvin Collection at a time to be set later.



MORE ABOUT JUDSON HOUSE

The front door latch ironwork, as seen from the outside is of an austere design and of such historic interest that J. Frederick Kelly illustrated it in his book, "The Early Architecture of Connecticut" published by Yale University Press 1924.

The bullseye glass in the upper part of the door (forerunner of Smile you're on Candid Camera) permitted callers to be seen from within, but they could not peer in through this one way colonial transparency. This is believed to be the only original bullseye glass above the door in Stratford.

FLEA MARKET

Saturday, August 14th is the date for the Society's annual Flea Market. Success in the past is attributable to strong leaders and the help of many members. These events are fun if no one member or small group is overburdened. A good job has been done in spreading the work. We want even wider participation by members than we have had in the past.

There will be need for 28 workers in groups of four to serve on the Society Wagon and Food Booth for periods of but one to two hours. Please telephone Mable Miller - DR 8-1447 to say you will help for a short while.

The Flea Market has proven an important fund raiser in recent years. So far we have been blessed with good weather. We take out rain insurance to guard against a deficit but we must face the fact that some year we will have rain and no profits. In the mean time, we aim to make hay while the sun shines. The Society will be operating on a "tight budget" during the years ahead. It is therefore more important than ever that we make these events successful. Save your old things for the Wagon and plan to give a little of your time August 14th to the one money raising event your Society plans each year. Call Mable now so we can remind you later. Your good intentions are highly valued at this early date.

Hildreth T. Winton
President

