



The Stratford Historical Society
Stratford, Connecticut



November, 1967

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 17, 8:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church.

PROGRAM: An illustrated talk on "Portsmouth, New Hampshire" by Professor Howard T. Oedel.

You remember Doctor Oedel, from the May meeting, when he talked on two colonial mansions. He is Assoc. Professor of American History at Southern Connecticut, and is interested in antiques and colonial history.

In January, the Speaker will be Mr. Robert Carlson, and the topic, "Old Tools". Girls, if your husbands aren't members, make them join the society and bring them to the January meeting.

In March, we're all the speakers, and the subject is "Show and Tell".

HELP! The society again needs a paid hostess, to help Mr. Booth show visitors through the house. The hours are Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, 11 to 5, the pay is \$50.00 a month, (it comes to \$600 a year) and the job is pretty easy in the winter time. Know anybody who's interested? Call me, Lew Knapp, 375-0338.

Mrs. Cox needs more volunteers on the list, too. If you'd like to help escort school groups through once in a while, call Mrs. Cox, 378-4084, after Thanksgiving.

GOOD NEWS: The attorneys of our member and benefactor, the late Miss Adelaide Milton DeGroot, have informed us that Miss DeGroot has willed us \$5,000 for the upkeep of heirlooms which she had previously donated. These are the items in the chamber over the dining room. Miss DeGroot had also contributed a large sum toward the purchase of Sammis House.

MUSEUM: Stop in and see the colorful display of antique shawls in the museum. Everyone is a masterpiece of workmanship.

COMMITTEES: A Fire and Safety committee has been appointed and is hard at work looking over our situation. I've not yet found a volunteer to chair a Long Range Planning Committee.

THANKS TO -- Stanley Johnson. One of the hardest of the hard workers in the Society, Stan has, time and again, done little "fixit" jobs at the house. Repairing a door hinge here, fixing the furnace there - not to mention the big jobs - keeps us going. Stan's years of working for us include two years as President and several on the Executive Board. He is presently in charge of seeing that lawns get mowed, fences are repaired and leaves are raked. The Society thanks Stanley Johnson.

REMEMBER: See you at the Methodist Church, November 17th.

Lewis G. Knapp,
President