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Next Meeting: Friday, January 26th, 8:00 P.M., Methodist Church

Program: Mr. Robert H. Carlson; "Early Connecticut Tools and Crafts"

Mr. Carlson owns and operates the Spratt Carlson Manufacturing Company in Deep River, where he designs and makes special products for other manufacturers. The company is located on the site of one of the earliest manufacturers of auger bits and shipwright's tools in the country, the Deep River Manufacturing Company, later the Russell Jennings Company. In his business, and for research, Mr. Carlson has amassed a collection of tools dating from 1750 to 1900. He graduated from Amherst College in 1936, then studied and worked in arts and crafts at the School of Related Arts and Sciences in Utica; later he worked in Connecticut as an industrial designer. He has just written an article "The Origin of the Spiral Auger" for the December 1967 issue of the Early American Industries Assoc. magazine.

Mr. Carlson knows his business and his business is old tools, so bring your husbands, girls, and any old tools you want identified.

Membership: We have two new members, Mrs. Russell Applegate and Mr. Howard Oedell. Welcome! And to our present members - Remember to ask your friends to join and enjoy.

Hostesses: Mrs. Evelyn Colello is our new regular hostess at the House, and we hope soon to start that short course for volunteer hostesses, (so volunteer, if you can.)

Acquisitions and Display: The committee is scouring the country for replacement tape for the Venetian Blinds we intend to put in the dining room. The tape is 2-3/4 inches, hand made, and we've turned up a record of Thomas Jefferson paying \$2.66 to have his, which were quite like ours, repaired. Also, a door panel from the old Dayton House which stood in the Center and was once the oldest bank building in the country (it was built in 1670) has been given to us by Stanley Curtis.

Pencils and Placemats: We'll have Stratford Historical Society pencils (60¢ a dozen) and Judson House placemats (50¢ a dozen) on sale at the meeting.

Committees: Two special committees, Long Range Planning, and Safety and Security, are at work.

Dues: There are still some outstanding dues for 1967-68. Remember, our fiscal year started last October.

Gifts: Many thanks to Mr. Harold Lovell and Miss Harriet Blakeman, both of whom made monetary contributions to the Society at the end of 1967. These additions to our trust funds always allow us to expand our horizons.

The Society thanks:

Mrs. Harold Lovell, who, for years, in sickness and health, has given unsparingly of her time to acquire and to display the artifacts in the House and museum. Mrs. Lovell and her committee have researched and carefully recorded our acquisitions, have had items restored and repaired by experts, and have even recently improved our displays in the museum.

They now have planned a series of temporary displays in the museum; the first of these has been of Paisley shawls.

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See you all at the meeting.

Lewis G. Knapp
President