



The Stratford Historical Society  
Stratford, Connecticut



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JULY 1968

Picnic Meeting at Booth Park

On Friday, July 26, at 6:30, we're having our picnic supper meeting at Booth's in Putney. It will be catered by the Universalist Church women, and here's the menu:

	Baked Ham	
Chicken Salad		Tuna and Macaroni Salad
Baked Beans		Sweet Potatoes
Pickled Beets		Gelatin Salad
Ripe Olives		Blueberry Muffins and Rolls
Cream Puffs		Tea or Coffee

Sound good? It will be, I'm sure. The price is two dollars. You must phone in your reservation on or before Wednesday, July 24, to Mrs. Henry Van Giesen, 378-5555 (after 5 p.m.) or Mrs. Hildreth Winton, 378-7949.

After dinner an abbreviated business meeting, Dick Meinsen and his barbershop quartet, the East Coasters, will sing some of the old tunes. They will give us an explanation of Barber Shop, and lead us in group singing.

FLEA MARKET

For seven years we have sponsored an Outdoor Antiques Show and Sale at Bunnell High School. This is the one time during the year when we ask every member to help in any way you can. We hope you will

1. Come yourself, and bring or send others. Let's boost the attendance. (It was about 1300 last year.)
2. Provide some attic treasure for the society's own booth at the market. We can't use rummage, but need items which might be of some interest to some collector of something; for example, buttons, coins, dishware, cast iron, tools, signs. Bring them to Sammis House.
3. Send some baked goods. Call Mrs. Knapp 377-0602 to let her know what you'll contribute.
4. Volunteer to work. Various jobs still need to be staffed. Call Mrs. Miller, 378-1447, who will put you in contact with the proper sub-chairmen.

THE DATE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

GOINGS ON

The Long Range Committee is still at work.

The new water pipe into Judson House, on the agenda for years, has been installed.

The Safety and Security Committee, Headed by Mr. Nathan Peebles, completed an excellent study, and the executive board has approved expenditures of about \$3,200 to install a fire and theft alarm system in Judson House and the Museum. The contractor will start the installation immediately.

Mr. Fowler has been asked by the Executive Board to notify new local teachers of an indoctrination tour of our buildings for them on September 25, which is the day all member societies of the Connecticut League will be doing the same thing.

We have had visitors at the House from as far as California this month.

Stanchions have been purchased for use in Judson House, and will be placed when rope is available.

Mr. and Mrs. France have been named co-chairmen of the Nominating Committee.

THANKS

Thanks to Mr. Harold Lovell, who donated the copper water pipe for Judson House.

Thanks to Mr. Kenneth Judson, for a contribution to the Society.

Thanks to Mr. Robert Brown for a donation to the Society in memory of Mr. Donald Sammis.

This will be placed in a memorial fund.

### Change in By-Laws

Rising costs in labor and materials have forced us to operate with a deficit budget for the last few years. Unlike the federal government, we cannot do this indefinitely. The new roof and the security system have put a \$6,000 dent in our capital funds. We are forced to consider increasing the dues.

For this reason, at the last Executive Board meeting the following amendment to the by-laws was proposed by 5% of the members of the Society and approved by the Executive Board.

Article II, Dues; Section I Change to read,

"There shall be five classes of membership; associate, contributing, sustaining, permanent, and honorary. Associate members shall pay \$5.00 dues annually. Contributing members shall pay \$10.00 dues annually. Sustaining members shall pay \$15.00 dues annually. Permanent members shall make a payment of \$100.00 or more and thereafter be exempt from the payment of dues. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues. The monies from permanent membership shall be put into endowment funds."

This section would replace the present section I which reads essentially the same except that annual dues have been; regular \$3.00, contributing \$5.00, sustaining \$10.00.

The above amendment is presented herein for your information and will be voted upon at the annual meeting on September 27. Approval requires affirmation by two-thirds of the members present on that date.

### GOINGS ON ELSEWHERE

The Stamford Junior Women's Club is looking for financial assistance to help in restoring the Newman Mills in that town. Seems as though we all have the same problem.

The Dedham (Mass.) Historical Society is exhibiting Dedham pottery from Aug. 15-Oct. 31.

### REMEMBER THIS CALENDAR

Friday, July 26. Picnic-supper meeting, Booth Park.  
Saturday, Aug. 10. Antique Show and Flea Market  
Monday, Aug. 26, Board Meeting (Board members only)  
Friday, Sept. 27. Annual Meeting and elections.

Note to Executive Board Members: Please prepare your brief annual report and submit it to me before Sept. 6, to allow time for printing.

See you at the Picnic,

Lew Knapp

