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STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stratford Historical Society will be held on Friday, September 27th at 8:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church. Business will include:

- ... a change in the by-laws pertaining to dues.
- ... presentation of a long range plan
- ... annual reports
- ... election of officers for 1969.

The by-laws change, to be voted on, reads -

Article II, Dues, Section I

"There shall be five classes of membership; active, contributing, sustaining, permanent, and honorary.

Active 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 shall thereafter be exempt from payment of dues.

Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

The monies from permanent membership shall be put into endowment funds."

The planning committee has been working for over a year on the long range plan. It has finally been completed and was adopted by the executive board as a program to be followed year by year as closely as possible. Written copies of the Long Range Plan will be handed out on September 27.

The annual reports of the officers and committee chairmen will be presented, and a slate of officers for 1969 will be presented for your consideration.

AN EVENING WITH EDDIE WELCH

After the business meeting Eddie Welch, famed auctioneer, will talk to us. Who knows what direction Eddie's talk will take? And who cares? It's always fascinating to hear the master's stories on antiques, auctions, events and people. Come hear him.

FLEAMARKET

The results are in, and the profit is about \$1500. Not quite as good as last year, but most welcome. Thanks to every member who helped and everyone who contributed to our own wagon. And many did. It was hard work but enjoyed by most all, and we had over eighty dealers, which makes it by far one of the largest flea markets in the state.

SECURITY SYSTEM

The Dictograph Fire and Burglary Alarm System has been installed at long last, with lights, bells, and a telephone connection to the Fire Department. We thank Nate Peebles and his committee for their year of work.

THANK YOU ALL

This is my last newsletter. I'll give up your presidency September 27. Many thanks to everybody for your help to me in doing my job.

COMING EVENTS

September 27 - Annual Meeting

October 4, 5, 6 - Annual Conference of New England Historical Societies, Sheraton Motor Inn, Burlington, Vermont.