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The Stratford Historical Society
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Miss Frances Phipps will be our next guest speaker on Friday, January 24th, 8:00 P. M., Methodist Church Hall. Her topic will be: The Kelloggs of Connecticut, Print Makers. Miss Phipps, a well-known lecturer, antiques dealer and auctioneer, needs no introduction to Stratford residents who will remember her as in charge of our annual Flea Markets. Miss Phipps will illustrate her lecture and will be happy to identify privately owned Kellogg prints as well as Currier and Ives.

The Library and Preservation Fund has reached \$650. The Executive Board has authorized Mrs. Andrew Harding of Trumbull to be in charge of library charges, filing of important papers and clippings and to determine which valuable historical documents need expert attention for preservation.

Memorial gifts to the Library and Preservation Fund are:

In memory of Miss Dorothy Gish, a loyal and dear friend, from Miss Catherine Judson of Winchester, New Hampshire, \$250. (The Lillian and Dorothy Gish Foundation made a gift of \$150 to the Society a few years ago).

In memory of Mrs. Catharine T. Mitchell.

In memory of Miss Frances C. Blakeman.

In memory of the Reverend F. Stanley Sellick.

We have also acknowledged \$100 from Mr. Harold C. Lovell for the General Fund and \$100 from a member for the Endowment Fund.

General Notes

Did you know that some of our Stratford Historical Society members are listed among those who contributed to the book, New England Silver 1625-1825, by Mr. Henry Flynt and Martha Fales, published by the Heritage Foundation, Deerfield. The Stratford Library purchased this book at our request with money available from the Silas Burton Fund (price \$30). Many of our contributors are now able to study the history of silver between 1625-1825. Hitherto unknown facts concerning Myer Myers and John Benjamin, both 18th century Stratford silversmiths, were discovered by Society Members. Due to the book, New England Silver, there have been requests sent to our Historical Society for further information on other silversmiths, namely Nathaniel Wade of Newfield and Stratford, circa 1790, and Ziba Blakslee of Newtown, 1768-1834.

Mrs. Donald Johnston, Membership Chairman, 30 Shore Road, Stratford is most anxious to have membership dues paid.

We are anxiously waiting for those 500 new members to join the Stratford Historical Society. A good beginning has been made. Anyone 18 years of age or over, and who has an interest in Stratford and Connecticut history, is eligible to join.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth Winton have become Permanent Members of the Society. Members who wish a copy of the George Wrenn III report on suggested changes in Judson House and the Museum may obtain one at the January 24th meeting.

Donald Fowler, President

Mrs. Frank Mussler, Chairman of the Hostess Committee, is in need of volunteers to escort visitors through Judson House and the Museum. Please contact her by calling 375-1925.