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THE STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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The Annual Picnic of the Society will be held at Booth Memorial Park on Friday, July 25, 1969 at 6:30 P.M. The Azalia Chapter of the Eastern Star will serve the picnic supper. The cost to members and guests will be \$2.25 each. Reservations must be made to either Mrs. Harold Cruikshank, telephone 375-9467, or to Mrs. Stanley Johnson, telephone 378-6256 by July 20. The menu will be ham, salads, rolls, coffee, dessert. The speaker will be Bill Hennessey, Radio Announcer from Hartford. His topic, Facts 'n Foibles.

The Flea Market, Saturday, August 9th is well on its way under the capable leadership of Mrs. Lewis Knapp and Mrs. Leo Miller, Jr., Ways and Means Committee. This is the one big project to which each member is asked to contribute time, food, money, blue or green stamps, and attic treasures. Each member of the Society will be approached shortly to ask for help in one of the above areas.

Judson House was full of visitors on Wednesday, July 2. 100 members went through the House to see what changes had taken place over the past six months. The opening of Judson House and the beautification of the grounds would not have been possible except for the work of many members and non-members.

Acquisitions and Inventory Committees (worked Tuesdays and Thursdays - February 1 - July 1)

Kathy Cox	Winnie Nettleton
Freda Chapman	Alma Fowler
Viola Johnson	

Special Needs (cleaning, laundry, sewing, storing, etc.)

Susan Bunnell	Edna Richardson
Winnie Sellick	Lillian Larsen
Arlene Ash	Rosamond Dustin
Marjory Holmes	Mable Nettleton
Mary MacDonald	Grace Elliott
Madlyn Judson	Betty Harding
Anne Nicol	Alice Rader
Gladys France	Evelyn Harvey
Beverly Newell	Ruby Wheeler
Mollie Cruikshank	

Male Members (grounds, exhibits, wiring, moving properties)

Lewis Knapp	Robert Beardsley
Stanley Johnson	Elden Dustin
Manning Harvey	George Charlesworth
Manning Harvey, Jr.	Bill Bassett
Richard Slater	Lewis Nettleton
Hildreth Winton	Vincent Chapman
Richard Holdt	Einar Larsen
Guadalupe	Raymond Cable
John Dolyak	Ronald Rader
Ed Judson	Vincent Hardy
Albert Travers	David Nettleton
	Roger McNeil (loan of truck and driver)

Girls (moving articles to Sammis House)

Faith Harvey	Maryann de Pasquo
Patty Meyers	Patty Polasky

Howard Wilcoxson's book, History of Stratford, goes to press on August 1, with publication date set for early November. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Knapp and committee

members are hard at work in order to accomplish a difficult but noteworthy task. An enclosure gives details.

The Town Council has approved the erection of a monument at Mac's Harbor and has assigned action to the Town Manager, Richard Blake. Mr. Morris, Director of the State Historical Commission, met with Mr. Blake, and an agreement, subject to Town Council action, has been reached. A suitable monument of granite with an aluminum plaque will be located on South Avenue, on the north side of Mac's Harbor, across from the Theatre's gate. Lewis Knapp represented the Stratford Historical Society during the negotiations.

There is included in this News Letter a book of 4 raffle tickets. Miss Laura Tubbs of our Society made and donated a beautiful patch-work quilt with the understanding that it would bring in at least \$100.00. Members who wish to donate up to \$1.00 for the book of tickets may fill out the stubs and return these and the money to the Stratford Historical Society, Post Office Box 382, Stratford or take them to Judson House on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. Mrs. Lewis Knapp, Ways and Means Chairman, is in charge of the project.

Brief Notes on Events of our Society.

Richard Slater has kindly consented to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1969-1970.

Did you know that we have an Elias Howe, Jr. sewing machine sold to a Mr. Wyatt of Bridgeport in May 1867 for \$95 minus a 25% discount? We also have the original bill of sale. This happens to be the 150th Anniversary of the Howe Sewing Machine. Donor Mr. Fred Laws of Bridgeport.

Miss Louise May, a teacher and audio-visual coordinator at Wooster Jr. High is the hostess at Judson House during the summer months.

Any Society Member who did not have an opportunity to visit the House on July 2 is welcome to do so on any Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday without charge.

Leo Miller, Jr. has been taking pictures of 18th century clothing owned by the Stratford Historical Society. Slides of the clothing have been forwarded, upon request, to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C. The curator of costumes has expressed an interest in seeing the actual garments and hopes to pay a visit to Judson House in the near future.

Donald Fowler,  
President