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The Stratford Historical Society
Stratford, Connecticut



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NEWS ITEMS

The Annual Meeting of the Stratford Historical Society will be held at the Methodist Church Hall on Friday, September 26th at 8:00 P.M. All of the Annual Reports of the various committees of the Society will be available for distribution. By a recent vote of the Executive Board none will be mailed out except to members who live out-of-town. Additional copies will be at Judson House for those who cannot attend the meeting on September 26.

Mrs. Miller, Program Chairman, has announced that the speaker of the evening will be LeRoy W. Foote of Middlebury, Connecticut. Topic: The Leathermen.

We hope that all of our members will make every effort to attend this meeting. We extend to our new members a most cordial welcome to attend and to become acquainted with those of us who have made every effort to preserve Judson House for posterity.

Mrs. Lewis Knapp, Ways and Means Chairman, reports that as of September 1st, 402 people have paid for Howard Wilcoxson's book, History of Stratford. This is over 50% of the printing expense. We urge those who have pledged to purchase the book to send in their check for it.

\$186.00 was netted from the raffle of Miss Laura Tubb's patchwork quilt. An inspired gift!

The net profit of the Flea Market held on August 9th was over \$2300. The affair was a tremendous success and we are greatly indebted to all of the Society members who donated food, money, articles and time to the affair. All of us who attended were impressed by the morale of our members, the happy faces of the dealers and the many young people who attended; everything was well organized and the antiques for sale were of first quality.

Although there is disappointment in the number of local and out-of-town people to visit Judson House, nevertheless the enthusiasm of those who have come helps to make up for the lack of revenue which we so desperately need. This seems to be a summer when many Judson descendents have come from many states in the Union. They have been justly proud of how well kept up the House and grounds are; their enthusiasm with the furnishings and exhibits has been most complimentary.

Visitors marvel at the wealth of household goods and chattels which are all from Stratford families and tell the story of how life was lived through the years. Children are particularly impressed and often say, with amazement, when observing some ingenious tool, "How clever our ancestors were!".

Donald Fowler,
President