



THE STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Judson House 1723 - 1973

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WHALES and WHALING will be the title of the next general meeting of the Stratford Historical Society on Friday, March 20, Methodist Church Hall, 8 P.M. Mr. Kenneth Nesheim, Assistant Librarian of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, will be the speaker.

Mr. Nesheim's hobby is collecting books about Whales and Whaling on which he is now preparing a bibliography on the subject. He is also preparing for the Canadian Government's Research Board an index of printed books and manuscripts containing biological information related to whales found in the North Atlantic.

Mr. Nesheim's presentation of this fascinating subject should make for an interesting evening.

Judson House will reopen for the coming months on Wednesday, April 1. The schedule for visitation is Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students; student groups of 20 or more will be admitted for 25 cents.

Mrs. Frank Mussler, who is in charge of hostesses and scheduling of school students, is in need of hostesses. This year a training program of 3 classes will be given, the first of which will be on Chinese Export Porcelain (difference between Nanking and Canton). Mr. Hiram Tindall of Milford, an authority on, and a collector of Chinese Export will be the speaker. Mrs. Mussler will contact members to see who is interested in both the lectures and guiding visitors about Judson House.

Mr. Leete Robbins who recently retired as Trust Officer from the Connecticut National Bank has accepted a position with the Society as coordinator of Society Activities. Mr. Robbins will take over many of the activities which Mr. Booth had, relieving your President of the many responsibilities assumed after the death of Mr. Booth.

Mrs. Frank Mussler and Miss Louise May will alternate as hostesses for the showing of visitors about Judson House for the coming months.

Republishing of the Howard Wilcoxson Book, History of Stratford. The Executive Board has authorized the Stratford Historical Society to publish 250 additional copies of the History of Stratford. It is expected that the book will be on sale after June 1. Interested purchasers may order copies from the Town Clerk's office at the Stratford Town Hall or by calling Mr. Wilcoxson at 375-3679. The price will be \$15.75 plus postage.

Connecticut League Meeting. The March meeting of the Connecticut League of Historical Societies will be held on Saturday, March 21, 1970 at the Education Building of the Congregational Church, Main Street, Old Saybrook. The meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M. Dr. Abbott Lowell Cummings, assistant Director, Society for the Preservation of N.E. Antiquities, will be the principal speaker. His topic on, Preservation at the Local Level, will be most appropriate for members of our own Society who are now engaged in the preservation and restoration of valuable documents, pictures, etc.

Every member of the Society is invited to attend. Your own box lunch will be supplemented by coffee and dessert.

Miss Carol Gibb, a student at the University of Connecticut, majoring in Home Economics has become interested in doing research on our costumes and has offered to help catalog them under the supervision of Mrs. Moulton, Professor of Home Economics. Miss Gibb hopes to use this project as a part of her independent study program during 1970-1971. This proposal will help relieve an almost insurmountable burden from the shoulders of the Acquisitions and Inventory Committees.

Mr. Herbert C. Darby, Associate Director to the Connecticut Historical Commission visited Judson House a week ago and told us about available funds for our Society. We are grateful to Miss Harriett Ryan for informing us of these funds. More exciting news about this later on.

Donald W. Fowler, President