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Stratford Historical Society
Stratford, Conn.

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Meeting at the Methodist Church Hall, Friday, May 22, 1970, 8:00 P.M.

The regular May meeting of the Stratford Historical Society will have as its speaker, Leonard Edward Adams, whose general topic is on Martial Music with special emphasis upon the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps. Mr. Adams will illustrate his program with slides and live music.

Notes of interest to Society Members:

During the month of April attendance at the David Judson House was 41 adults and 176 school children. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Frank Mussler for the tremendous job which she has done in scheduling the students, and to the members of the Society who have so generously given of their time as guides.

The Executive Board, at its last meeting, voted to have a Silver Tea for members and adult guests on Sunday, June 28, at the David Judson House from 3:30 to 5:30. This will take the place of the Annual July Picnic. Mrs. Harold Cruikshank, Hospitality Chairman, will be in charge of the tea. The occasion will give all members an opportunity to visit Judson House and to see the changes which have taken place during the past year.

About 150 people attended the dedication program at Mac's Harbor on Sunday, May 10. Twenty-five took the Historic Tour directly following the ceremonies. Louis Knapp was chairman of both programs. Present, in addition to our own members, were representatives from the Town government, and those from the Connecticut Historical Commission and Connecticut League of Historical Societies.

Twenty-five Society members attended an illustrated lecture on Chinese Export Porcelain given by Mr. Hiram Tindall at the Museum on April 21. Plans are being made for other lectures next fall.

An historic item of interest appeared in The Farmer's Almanac of 1819, Roads from Boston: Stratford Ferry 146 miles, Stratford Lovejoy's Tavern 148 miles.

Remember this important date: Flea Market, Saturday, August 8, Bunnell Field. It is not too early to search your home for saleable articles for the Society's booth.

Society members are reminded that the 3rd edition of Howard Wilcoxson's book, History of Stratford, goes on sale this June. Orders for this limited edition may be made at the Town Clerk's Office, Stratford Town Hall or writing to Howard Wilcoxson, 151 Blakeman Place. Price \$15.75 plus postage.

In the Preservation News of April 1970, appeared this timely quotation from Representative Roy A. Taylor: "A part of the alienation of our youth today is probably due to a lack of understanding or pride of our national heritage, a lack of feeling of anchor with the past --- The medium of historic preservation properly used can be a factor in developing pride in our country, its history and its institutions".

Have a pleasant summer.

Donald Fowler,
President