



STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28th, 1972, at the Methodist Church Hall. The speaker will be Mr. Charles Shearer, President of the Shakespeare Travel Agency, who will talk on the "Island of Bermuda". A sound film will also be shown. At this time of year it makes us all wish for warmer climates, so we all are looking forward to Mr. Shearer's talk.

The Finance Committee will have a short meeting prior to the regular meeting - to discuss financing of the remodeling of the Museum.

As you may have seen from the Bridgeport Sunday Post, we are progressing rapidly with our new storage facilities. The basement is almost finished. Bins, shelves, etc. have been constructed, and have been painted. Mrs. Chapman is anxious to get things relocated so they can be found when they are wanted. The new library shelves are on hand, and only await assembly before being put to use.

When the bills are all in, we will see how much remains towards the remodeling of the upstairs portion of the Museum. Although not as much as downstairs, this will be our show piece, so we do want to finish it. It does appear though that the funds might not stretch enough to accomplish this. We do have several old chests, beds, and other things that have been cleared for sale, and it is the thought of the Executive Board that an auction might be held in the Spring to get enough money to complete the job. Any object that a member or friend might have to dispose of would be most welcome to fill out the articles to be sold.

The house is now closed, with Mr. Fowler, Mr. Dustin, Mr. Robbins and myself taking turns daily to check on the condition of the building. The other morning (4:00 a.m.) the smoke alarm went off and the Fire Department turned out. Fortunately no fire. But we had to have the alarm turned off until we could get a repairman. Mr. Rader and Mrs. Fowler sat in the house almost all day awaiting their arrival. It was apparently a faulty signal device that had gone off, but the Fowlers had a sleepless night. We are grateful for their dedication and interest.

Dues for the current year are due - \$5.00. There are many people who have not sent in their membership fees - and it is this amount that keeps the place going. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues and help us keep solvent.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday, the 28th.

Sincerely,

Velmore B. Spamer
President