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*The Stratford Historical Society  
Stratford, Connecticut*

November 12, 1974

Greetings:-

Your society is well embarked on another year of what we expect will be a time of continuing growth. As a result of the fund drive we have enrolled to date a total of one hundred sixty-nine new members. This is encouraging and what is more encouraging is the high rate of renewals from all members. It is much too early to give figures but it seems safe to say that the outlook seems good.

The next meeting of the members will be held on November 22nd at 8:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church hall. Mrs. Ellen Glennon will give us a talk on "The Hitchcock Chair". I am not sure as to just which areas of the topic she will cover, but the story is about one of the early Connecticut business enterprises. It was established in 1818 and is still in existence. Some of our members may wish to read the story of this early manufactory. A volume written by John Tarrant Kenney entitled "The Hitchcock Chair" is available at the main library in Stratford. Do come and hear about it first.

The finance committee has been hard at work. We had a certificate of deposit which matured on November 1st. With this, plus other funds in our trust fund account, the finance committee with authorization from the executive committee was able to invest these assets in a mix of triple rated coupon bonds and a certificate of deposit paying a higher rate of interest so as to increase our operating income by more than one thousand dollars per year.

The accessions committee with help from many other members are still hard at work in the museum, cataloging and identifying our possessions. Mr. Einar Larson is busy creating several beautiful scenic backgrounds for the displays. The entire effort is very professional and when finished will be of much interest to all. Many items have been received from Mrs. Henry Detweiler and Mr. Richard Day Bunnell. Many were originally from the estates of Captain John Sterling and Mr. David Plant. Among them are:- two items of furniture, a large tea chest with pewter canisters for the different blends of tea inside, several items of oriental porcelain as well as some Staffordshire chinaware, linens and other artifacts. We have also received a uniform from the "Connecticut Yankees" fife and drum corps. The society is deeply grateful to the donors.

The work of this group which meets each Tuesday would be greatly facilitated if we could have the use of two more typewriters. If any member has or knows of a typewriter which we might have as a gift or as a loan would you please call Mrs. Chapman or any member of the committee. We would be glad to pick it up and return it when the need is over.

This will be the last news letter you will receive before the end of 1974. May the joy of the Christmas season be yours and may the new year be one of fulfillment for you.

Jack Wardman  
President



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL  
MEMBERS

IN YOUR GIVING, WHY NOT REMEMBER TO FILL THE SOCIETY'S  
ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS STOCKING?

