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## The Stratford Historical Society

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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built 1723  
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

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### NEWS LETTER

The next meeting of the Stratford Historical Society will be held on Friday evening, May 30th at 8:00 P.M. at the Stratford Methodist Church Parish House. (Remember we celebrate Memorial day on the 26th this year). The speaker of the evening will be Dr. J. Bard McNulty. Dr. McNulty is professor of English at Trinity College, Hartford. His subject will be "What the Balloonist Saw". We will take an imaginary trip across Connecticut in a balloon sometime during the revolutionary period.

Just what we shall see only Dr. McNulty knows at this time but it promises to be most interesting.

This will be the last meeting of the membership until the annual meeting in September. The Nominating Committee will be announced at this meeting. This is not too soon to remind all members of the two coming events of great importance to the Society. The first is the annual Tea which will be held on Sunday, July 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. This event will honor the charter members and will take place at the Christ Episcopal Church Parish House. This is just across the street from the Judson House which will be open. Many members both old and new (not in age) might like to take this opportunity to visit the house.

The second event is the annual antique show and sale. The date for this happening is August 2nd. The location as usual will be the sports field at Bunnell High School. All members are urged to help in some way. You may contribute home baked food for our baked goods stand, we can always sell more than we have. Items suitable for sale at the Society's booth are needed, and men to sell tickets at the entrance gates.

Remember that this one event provides about twenty percent of our yearly budget. Let's make it a big success.

For the benefit of those who did not attend the last meeting, I am pleased to announce that The Wahlstrom Foundation has promised a grant of One Thousand Dollars to be used to improve the lighting at the Museum. We are deeply grateful for this grant and also for the growing recognition which it indicates of the growing stature of The Stratford Historical Society.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Stephen G. Lawrence, our Judson House hostess, we have reproduced and are offering for sale copies of a map of Stratford (1824-1882 and also copies of a "Chain of States". The map will sell for two dollars and the chain of states for three. Both are very interesting documents in this Bicentennial period and a considerable amount of interest has been shown in them even before publication.

Thanks are due to the members of troop 72 of the Boy Scouts for the good work which they did for the Society on April 26th, National Clean Up Day. They worked for several hours raking and cleaning up the grounds. Mr. Dolyak was on hand as usual to supervise and help. When last seen he was busily engaged in spreading fertilizer and digging up several pecks of dandelions. This is only one example of the many ways in which our Society is sustained by many hours of effort, unselfishly given by so many people, some members, some not.

This letter will go out to 425 families and individuals; not quite one percent of the population of this Town, but on this one percent we depend in large measure for the research and the labor of love required to provide all with a graphic and living memory of our past.

Sincerely,

Jack Wardman  
President