



The Stratford Historical Society

NEWS LETTER

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1979, 8:00 P.M., METHODIST CHURCH HALL

We shall receive the report of the nominating committee and elect officers, directors, and committee chairpersons for 1979-1980. Please make an effort to attend and meet these members who work so hard all year for the Society.

After the business meeting, Hiram Tindall, our program chairman, has another interesting meeting for us. The subject will be "European Influences on Post Revolutionary American Architecture, 1776-1825". The topic will be illustrated with European and Stratford slides. Mr. and Mrs. Tindall, who have traveled extensively in Europe, will be the narrators. The slides to be used to illustrate European influences will be from the Tindall's extensive collection and some from those of the Stratford Historical Society.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEM: The revolutionary FIFTH CONNECTICUT REGIMENT prepares for battle! Come join us on Academy Hill to witness their encampment on September 23rd from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Fifth Connecticut will bivouac on the Hill and provide a continuous program of colonial crafts and military demonstrations.

Members of the Continental infantry will demonstrate the authentic drill first taught to the Fifth by Baron von Steuben at Valley Forge over 200 years ago. Visitors will see a military campsite, cooking implements and other utensils used by the Continental soldier. The unit's excellent artillery battery will also give demonstrations with an authentic field gun, a mortar and a swivel gun of the type used on whale boats on the Sound during the Revolution. This will take place about 1:00 P.M.

A large craft section will demonstrate field cooking (with samples handed out), candle dipping, dyeing, spinning, molding musket balls and others.

There are many volunteer opportunities for the event. Mrs. Margaret Van Gieson will chair the Bake Sale table. If you are willing to make a contribution either in some homemade goodies or in your time, please call her in the evening (378-5555). The House will be open and docents needed. Please call Pat Morrison (377-2146) if you can volunteer your time and knowledge. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore will need some help in accepting financial donations to help defray the \$350.00 expenses of the day. If you are financially inclined, call 378-1749 in the evening.

The encampment is open to the public free of charge (a voluntary contribution will be collected). Bring the family and friends and plan to spend 3 or 4 hours to fully enjoy all the activities. Judy Kurmay deserves much credit for her effort and work in chairing this event.