

# The Stratford Historical Society

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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built C1750  
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

March, 1989

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Friday, March 17, 1989--8:00 PM  
Stratford United Methodist Church  
2605 Main St.

Our Speaker will be Mr. Larry Larned, Historian of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, whose topic will feature the Merritt Parkway--why it was built, its extension through Stratford and across the Housatonic River, and the design of its bridges.

If you wish to consult the Historical Society's 1989 calendar illustration for January, you will see the very early stages of the bridge over the Housatonic, which is fifty years old this year.

Mr. Larned's career with the Conn. DOT since 1960 has included assignments as a senior engineer in the Bureau of Highways and the Office of the Chief Engineer. He presently serves as director of the department's internal communications division and editor of the department's newsletter. He has authored numerous publications concerned with Connecticut highways including Early Trails & Modern Highways and History Outline-Connecticut Highway Department. He is currently Connecticut's representative on the "Interstate Highway Research Project" which will chronicle the development of interstate highways throughout America.

Mr. Larned's affiliations include membership in the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers, New York Society Sons of the American Revolution, and Board of Directors of Bentley Memorial Library.

A resident of Bolton, Connecticut, Mr. Larned resides with his wife and two children in a restored 1751 center chimney colonial house on the former Norwich Turnpike,

Please come with several friends and/or relatives to hear this different and interesting topic. Refreshments will be served by our Hospitality Committee.

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**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:** A vote will be taken on the proposed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws during the business portion of the March 17, 1989 general meeting. If you wish a copy or have a question about the changes, please call the Society at 378-0630.

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**ANTIQUE SHOW;** Please reserve Saturday, April 1, 1989 for our annual Antique Show and Sale which will be held at the Baldwin Center. We have enclosed two discount admission cards for you to use. Donations to the Society Booth are being accepted at the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call before you come. Or call Bonnie Paradise, 377-2332, or Hiram Tindall, 377-7361 if you wish to have items picked up. The Booth can sell almost anything you wish to donate. Please consider contributing items for sale or your time to work at the Show on April 1. Thank you.

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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** chairpersons Elizabeth Hanusovsky, 378-4351, and Carol Brancato, 375-8187, are bringing to a conclusion the Docent Training Class. Please call either of them if you are interested in further information.

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**THE CAPTAIN DAVID JUDSON HOUSE & CATHARINE B. MITCHELL MUSEUM** will open for the 1989 visiting season on Saturday April 22. The buildings will be open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until the end of October. Visiting hours are 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please come to visit Stratford's historic house/museum during this our 350th anniversary. Group tours can be arranged by calling Carol Brancato, 375-8187.

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**AN EARLY AMERICAN FOLK CRAFT DEMONSTRATION AND SALE** is being planned for Sunday, July 16, 1989 on our grounds on Academy Hill. Dealers/demonstrators are confirming their participation. We will offer also, food, tours of Judson House, music of the period, and perhaps kite flying and balloons. This should be a wonderful contribution to the Tricentquingenary celebration (350th anniversary) of the Town of Stratford. We will need many volunteers. Please call the Society at 378-0630 or Elizabeth Hanusovsky, 378-4351 or Carol Lovell 375-3569.

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**MAY DINNER MEETING:** Serge Sikorsky, son of Igor Sikorsky, will be our speaker. His program will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of his father and the 50th anniversary of the first helicopter. (See: Sept., 1989-SHS calendar). Mr. Sikorsky will use slides made from his father's collection of early aviation photos.

The cost per person will be \$10.00 with a choice of chick or roast beef. Seating will be limited to 200 persons. If you wish to attend this dinner, please send your payment and choice of entree. (Please use the form included elsewhere in this letter.)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE CONTRIBUTIONS have been received as follows:

In memory of:

Harriet B. Blakeman  
Marjorie S. Irving

In Thanks for friends

Given by:

Burton J. Calkins  
Vivienne & Lewis Knapp  
Selma and Irving Dobkin

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COOK BOOK: Old Stratford recipes (none newer than 50 years) have been gathered together and will be available in time for Mother's Day 1989. These recipes are delicious and written in modern form as well as in the original form. There will be no problem in following directions or determining ingredients. Those of us who have been testers have found some new family favorites. We are certain that you will too!

The cookbook will include the recipe and a story or anecdote about the person or family who originally used it. This will be as interesting to history buffs as it will be to cooks, and will be correlated with the new history of Stratford entitled In Pursuit of Paradise.

Men and women came to Stratford with recipes from far-off places and learned to cook the strange but plentiful victuals of their new home. Enjoy the fruits of their experience. (Please use the form included elsewhere in this letter.)

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IN PURSUIT OF PARADISE, the new history of Stratford by Lewis G. Knapp is selling well at the pre-publication price of \$27.95 (inc. \$1.95 CT sales tax--CT residents only). This volume will be available June 30, 1989. Now is the time to place your order. The price after June 30 will be \$32.50 plus \$2.44 CT sales tax, for a total of \$34.94. Of course, if you wish to think in terms of "350", you could donate \$.06 and pay 350 dimes (\$35.00)!! (Please use the form included elsewhere in this letter.)

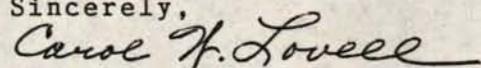
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Judson house opens April 22 as I previously mentioned. In order to welcome visitors and allow a smooth running tour for them, we need to have Hosts and/or Hostesses to work with Jean Wilcoxson, our Head Guide. If you can give (and I am sure you can) one day, at least, between April 22 and the end of October from 11:00 to 3:00, please call Mrs. Sophie Lounsbury, 375-2111. These volunteers will be needed on a Wed., Sat., or Sun. Please help.

Thank you for you continuing interest and involvement. Your Society is particularly active during this 350th Anniversary year. We encourage your active participation.

Please turn this page for  
Order Forms.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Todd B. Lovell, Pres.

If you are planning to order more than one of the following items, please write a separate check for each item: cook book, history, dinner. This will greatly facilitate our recordkeeping. Thank you.

**DINNER: MAY 12, 1989**

Mail to: Stratford Historical Society  
Attn.: Dinner  
P.O. Box 382  
Stratford, CT 06497

I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the dinner meeting of May 12, 1989. for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 per person).

# of chicken dinners \_\_\_\_\_ # of roast beef dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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**COOKBOOK: "Paradise Enow: Treasures from Yesterday's Kitchens"**  
Published in honor of Stratford's TRICENTQUINQUAGENARY

Mail to: Stratford Historical Society  
Attn.: Cookbook  
P.O. Box 382  
Stratford, CT 06497

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copy (copies) of the cookbook.

I am enclosing \$8.00 plus \$.60 CT sales tx (CT residents only) per copy \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$2.00 per copy for mailing (option).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

: Enclosed total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN PURSUIT OF PARADISE,**

Mail to: STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Box 382  
Stratford, CT 06497  
Attention: HISTORY

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copy (copies) of PURSUIT OF PARADISE.

I have enclosed \$27.95 per copy ..... TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$3.50 per copy for mailing ..... TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

The First Congregational Church of Stratford, gathered in 1639, is planning, as part of its 350th anniversary celebration, a Heritage Tour of England and Scotland. This trip is open to any interested persons. Details below:

350th Anniversary Heritage Tour  
Of England & Scotland 1989

Hosted by Dr. E. Lamar Kincaid

Thursday 13th July to Monday 24th July 1989

Tour Includes:-

- R/T Air on TWA with in flight meals.
- Itinerary for 12 day Tour is attached.
- R/T private bus from Stratford to Kennedy Airport.
- Services of a professional Tour Director for whole trip.
- English Breakfast daily, except London, Continental Breakfast there.
- 7 Dinners
- Accomodations with private bath or shower.
- R/T transfers from Heathrow to your Hotel. (London Airport)
- US departure tax

\*\*\*\$2111.00 per person (double occupancy)

Price based on group of 20 minimum

Single supplement \$250.00

Deposit required of \$200.00 by <sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup> 15<sup>th</sup> March 1989

Please use the form below for further information. Mail to:  
Shakespeare Travel Centre, 2278 Main St., Stratford, CT 06497

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I am interested in the Congregational Church Heritage Tour of  
England and Scotland in July of 1989. Please send further  
information and an itinerary.

Name-----

Address-----

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Telephone-----