

## ATTIC BEGINNINGS

It was after an Early American Industries Association meeting at Beth Page, Long Island that Frank Bawden, Bob Carlson and Joe Link discussed forming a Connecticut tool society. They immediately involved their wives, Elsie, Cynthia, and Anne, respectively. The ranks were swelled very shortly by other E.A.I.A. members, namely Harry and Pat Audley, Al and Marion Dock, Al and Vivian Saebner, and Tom and Amy Stevens. Advice was provided by Elliot Sayward.

This group proceeded to widely publicize the intention to form a regional tool society. Consequently, on September 26, 1971 a first general meeting was held at Deep River, Conn. About 50 people attended this meeting. The name Antique Tools and Trades In Connecticut was chosen, ATTIC for short. Bob Carlson was elected President; Harry Audley, Vice President; Elsie Bawden, Secretary; and Frank Bawden, Treasurer. Membership grew rapidly from that meeting forward.

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