

The winter has been anything but dull! The Fyler House and Wilson Museum may be closed, but the group who are preparing the articles for the WINDSOR JOURNAL have met in the Library at the Museum (for easy access to our wealth of reference material). The decibel level is fairly high as each person advances a pet idea. It would go much higher, perhaps even raise the roof, if the "committee" discovered you haven't read its first two articles! The January article concerned the Fyler House; the February article told Oliver Ellsworth's life story; and the March article will tell the tale of Windsor's Revolutionary Spy, Daniel Bissell. Since we hope to continue the articles for the next two years, the committee will welcome stories or anecdotes from Windsor's past - most particularly in the Revolutionary context; they would also welcome anyone who wishes to join them.

The program for the March 12th meeting at 8:00 p.m. will begin with the film "Resolved to Be Free", made by Mr. Ellsworth Grant, depicting events in Connecticut leading to the Revolutionary War. Following the showing of the film, Mr. Bernard Rogers will give a short talk on "One Hundred Years of Campaign Headgear" used by the United States Army.

This talk will refer to the current exhibit of Mr. Rogers's collection of military headgear of the U.S. Army issued between 1839 and 1939. Each headdress will be accompanied by an artist's illustration of the uniform, equipment and weapons used. During the span of time covered by the collection there were six distinctively different uniforms. At least one example of the most common hat or helmet for each will be exhibited, from the "flashy" wool visored cap of the 1840's to the steel helmet of the Doughboys, nicknamed "Pot". There will be one or two uniforms with appropriate equipment for your inspection as well. A booklet duplicating the illustrations of the soldiers in their various uniforms has been prepared for distribution to our school children.

A new member, Mr. Rogers has just built a home in Windsor. A friend of his, Mr. James Stamatelos, a professional artist from Boston has done the art work and printed the booklets. They received first prize for a similar display at the Connecticut Gun Guild Show. Both men will be available to answer any questions on military gear.

At a recent meeting the Executive Committee voted to restore Windsor's first Post Office, which as you know was located in the northwest corner of Fyler House. If anyone has some early postal artifacts they would be willing to donate or lend, there will be a suitable place for them in April.

And we should also like to mention our Membership Committee - Miss Alice Fellows and Mrs. Jane Fowles. These ladies are eager to hear of prospective applicants, and hope that all members of the Society will invite interested friends to join. The present period of the Bicentennial observance is encouraging an interest in history, and an expanded Society membership will benefit the members as well as the organization.