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Our Program Chairman, Thomas Finley, Jr. has arranged for another interesting meeting. Barbara Norris will present a program of music and satire. She will also lead us in Carol singing. This is one meeting you will not want to miss. Put Tuesday, December 7th, on your calendar now.

When you are making out your Christmas list don't forget the Historical Society's sales items. These will have to be purchased at our meeting December 7th as we are closed for the winter as of November 30th. To remind you of just a few items: Windsor Tercentenary Medallion (1933) \$5.00; Windsor Historic black on white trivet \$2.50; Fyler House transparencies, sold in sets of four, two interior and two exterior views \$1.25 per set; Windsor History Booklets (7) written by our members as a special Bicentennial project 50¢ each; Note Paper with pictures of Fyler House \$1.50.

Speaking of money - a reminder to those who have not paid their dues!

If you have not visited our Headquarters since we acquired over 30 items of furniture, oriental rugs, et cetera, formerly belonging to the Ladd and Niles families, be sure to come to the December 7th meeting. It is interesting to note that both these family homes remain today opposite each other on Poquonock Avenue. The Niles House at #1257 was built in 1776. The Ladd House at #1248 was built in 1860 by Eliphalet Ladd and his wife, Augusta Niles Ladd. Their daughter, Christine Ladd Franklin, became a distinguished scientist in logic and psychology. It was Christine's daughter, Margaret Ladd Franklin, who willed the Ladd-Niles collection to the Historical Society. There was one catch, a friend of hers had the life use of the furnishings. She relinquished them this past summer. In the collection are three paintings done in 1859 by Matthew Wilson, the English artist; one of Eliphalet Ladd, one of Augusta Niles Ladd and the third of Christine Ladd Franklin as a child. There is also a handsome desk which currently adds dignity to our Meeting Room.

Remember when making out your wills or cleaning your attics any item of importance in Windsor's past is highly desirable to add to the Historical Society's collection. If you have an item whose worthiness you are unsure of, call our Recorder, Mrs. Paul I. Carlson, and she will be pleased to advise you.

In the event you cannot make this meeting the Board extends to all their wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!