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The tarnished silver has been polished to a shine, the fragile china washed until it sparkled, the old floor boards scrubbed clean, the antique furniture oiled better than new, and the aged, multi-tinted windowpanes cleaned to perfection. It's spring! Our cherry tree is aflame with color! We are open and receiving visitors from all over the Nation. We thought Fyler House would be quieter this year, but we were mistaken. Mrs. Mildred Dunn has been named Publicity Chairman and if half of what she has planned comes to pass our curator will desperately need another Hawaii vacation come December.

Please come to the May meeting and see what a wonderful job Mrs. Blake's House and Grounds Committee has done getting our Headquarters ready. Mr. Thomas Finley, Jr., our Program Chairman, advises that Ms. Capilos, curator of the Old State House, will discuss the history and the plans for its future. She will emphasize the current work of restoration; her lecture will be illustrated with slides of the building and its vicinity in downtown Hartford.

The meeting is scheduled for: 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18th.

We have another important event this month. On Saturday, May 21st (Shad Derby Day) the Windsor Historical Society will host the Connecticut League of Historical Societies. We will meet across the street in the Nelson Hall of the First Church Parish House. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Everyone is asked to bring a sandwich for lunch. Our Society will furnish coffee and dessert for everyone. L. Ellsworth Stoughton of East Windsor will tell us about Sgt. Daniel Bissell, Sgt. Elijah Churchill, Col. Phineas Lyman, Israel Bissell and John Fitch, the inventor. The title of his talk is "Researching and Recording Little Known Local History". Mrs. Elizabeth Pinkham will speak to us on "The Trials and Tribulations of a House Restoration". After the League presents the 1977 Awards of Merit for outstanding work accomplished in the calendar years 1975 and 1976 in the field of history, the group will be invited to tour the Ellsworth Homestead and the Fyler House and Wilson Museum.

Have you obtained your copy of "The Fowles History of Windsor, Connecticut, 1633-1900"? It is available at the Fyler House for \$4.50 plus tax. Those of us who have read it agree that it is an easy history to read as it runs along smoothly in chronological order. It has been nominated for a Connecticut League of Historical Societies 1977 Merit Award. It will, no doubt, be discussed at the League meeting and you'll want to be conversant with it.

Please remember to put these two dates on your calendar:

Wednesday, May 18th, at 8:00 p.m., the Windsor Historical Society meeting; and Saturday, May 21st, at 10:00 a.m. the Connecticut League of Historical Societies meeting in Nelson Hall in the Parish House of the First Congregational Church in Windsor.