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It comes each year with the whispering wind... the fragrance of a wildflower pushing skyward through warm, moist earth... or in the lilting melody of the chickadee's call. It's spring, wonderful spring; and this year it arrives at exactly 12:03 p. m. EST on March 20. For early signs, look for the redwing blackbird; listen for the first jangling chorus of spring peepers along about March 23 or 24; and prepare delicate olfactory nerves for the essence of skunk cabbage --or even peregrinating skunk, whenever that mammal leaves its cozy den to mosey around the neighborhood. But then --who cares? It's spring... and Welcome Back!

Monday, March 30th, at 8:00 p. m. is the date for our first meeting of this year. Theodore L. Magruder, an Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of Hartford will talk on the Spencer Carbine. He is also a student of the history of the Civil War which adds to his talk. The subject will be of interest to Windsor residents.

Dorothy Blake and the members of the House Committee have been busy washing windows, doing floors, etc. --all the necessary spring cleaning to prepare the Fyler House and Wilson Museum for the opening on April 1st.

There will be an interesting exhibit of autographs in the Library, and in the cases will be exhibited hats, gloves, bags, and parasols.

The Connecticut League of Historical Societies will be holding its spring meeting on March 28th at the New Haven Colony Historical Society. Also, the League's President's Luncheon will be held at noon on April 11th at the Dock and Dine Restaurant, Old Saybrook. The program will be: COLONIAL GARDENS -- A Framework for Your Historic House or Museum. Our own Barbara Beebe will be one of the guest speakers. Luncheon will cost \$7.00 and reservations must be made by April 1st. Call Bob Silliman if interested, at 688-2756.

WANTED: Milk bottles, carrier for bottles, anything to do with the milk business in Windsor. You will remember milk was delivered by independent milkmen like: Harold Granger, Albert L. Petersen, Walter Smith, The Loemis Institute, and no doubt some others we have missed. We do have a bottle from J. L. Wolf of Poquonock. We think this subject would make an interesting exhibit.

Guests are always welcome. See you on the 30th.