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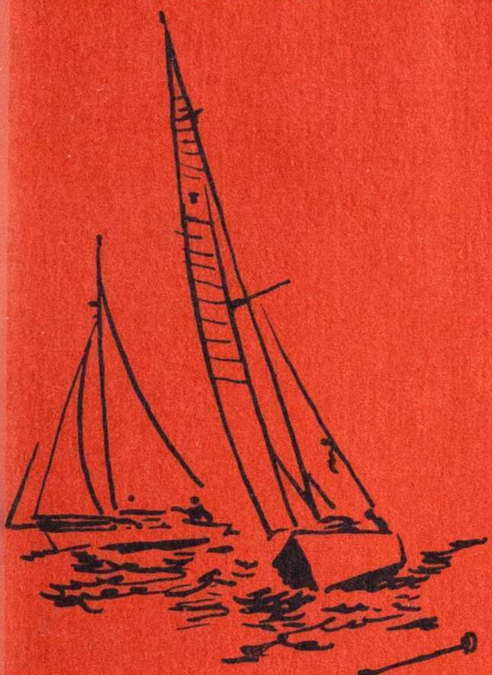
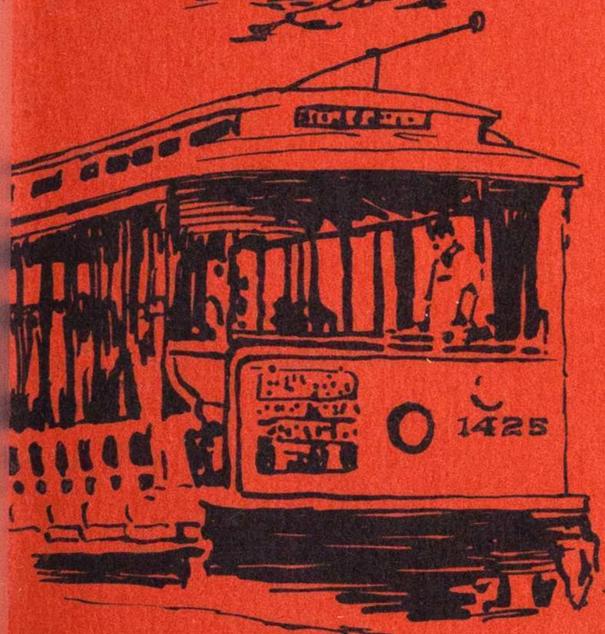
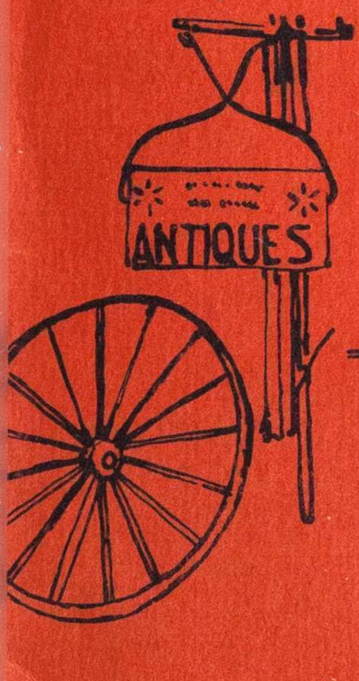
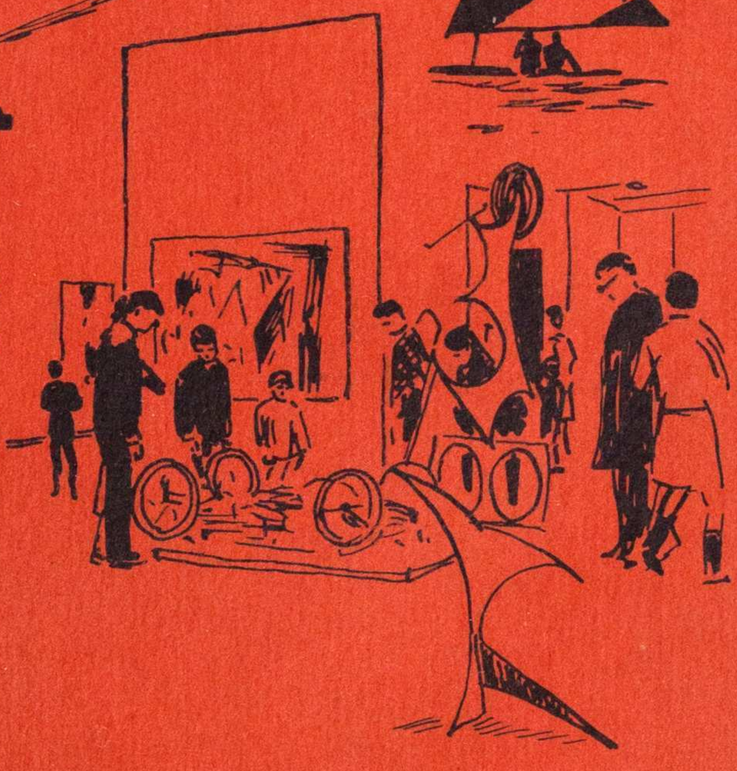
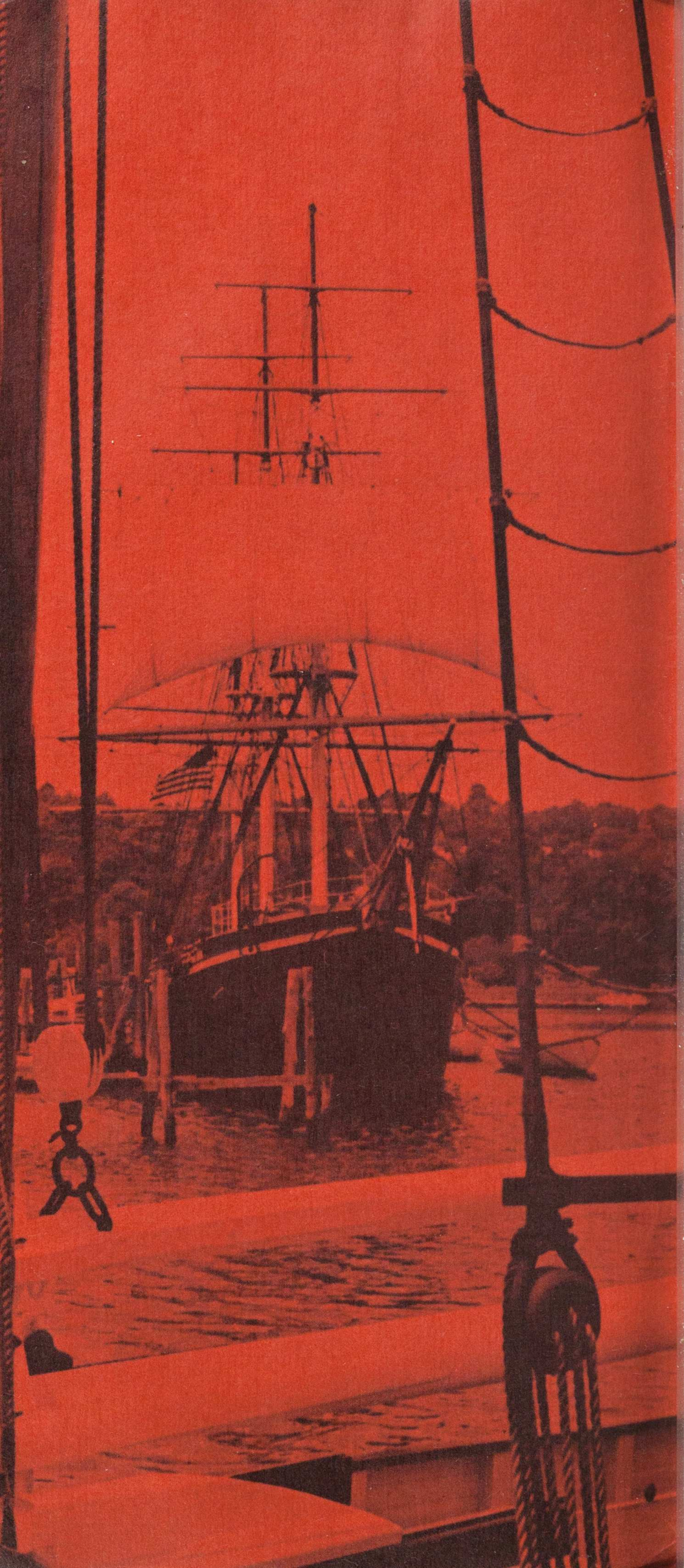


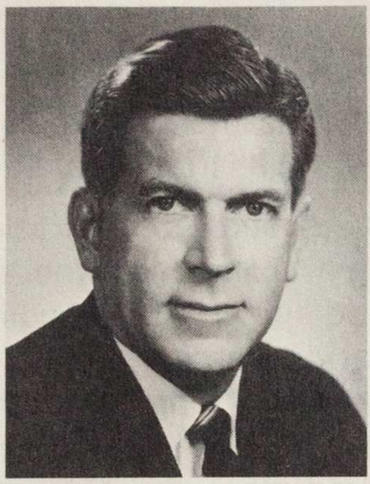
Fun things to do and see for every member of the family!











Connecticut offers exciting variety for every member of the family. We hope your visit with us will be a pleasant and rewarding experience, one that will bring you back again.

Thomas J. Meskill

Governor

◀ Mystic Seaport

CONNECTICUT

. . . is New England. Its interests are as varied as its life, its landscape and its traditions.

For the visitor, Connecticut's countryside is ever-changing. Rolling hills and deep wooded valleys merge with rugged uplands. New England farms and quiet colonial villages live door-to-door with bustling urban centers. Along the southern tier, the rambling shoreline of Long Island Sound is dotted with sandy beaches, pleasure boat marinas, great ports of call and quaint fishing villages.

All this is Connecticut—scenic, historic, colorful and compact.

For mileage-conscious travelers, Connecticut makes getting from one place to another both quick and convenient. No point of interest is very far from the next.

This guide is designed to be of service in two ways: Each section represents a category of special interest. Its listing of places indicates the number of opportunities for enjoyment. The second half of the guide provides, alphabetically by town, complete details on all points of interest by community grouping.

Because hours and prices tend to change without notice, it is advisable to recheck them in advance to avoid disappointment.

HISTORY

Nineteen years after the Pilgrims went ashore at Plymouth, the Rev. Henry Whitfield built his great house of stone on the shore of Long Island Sound at Guilford. It served as church, parsonage, community center and fortress against the rigors of a new land. The house is now a museum, preserving a way of life that has passed forever.

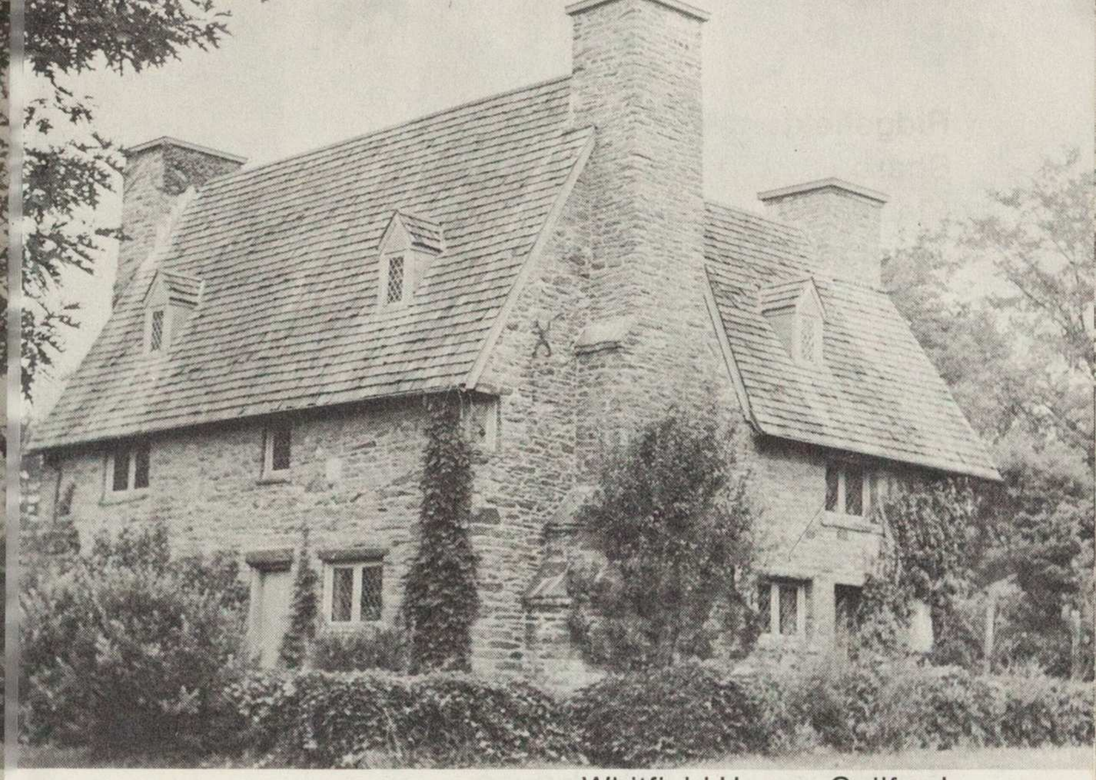
Throughout Connecticut, great care has been taken to preserve the past. In a sense, this has been done in the national interest. For much of America had its start here in Connecticut.

Indian Life

Montville	Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum
	Fort Shantok State Park
Norwich	Royal Mohegan Burial Ground
Somers	Somers Mountain Indian Museum

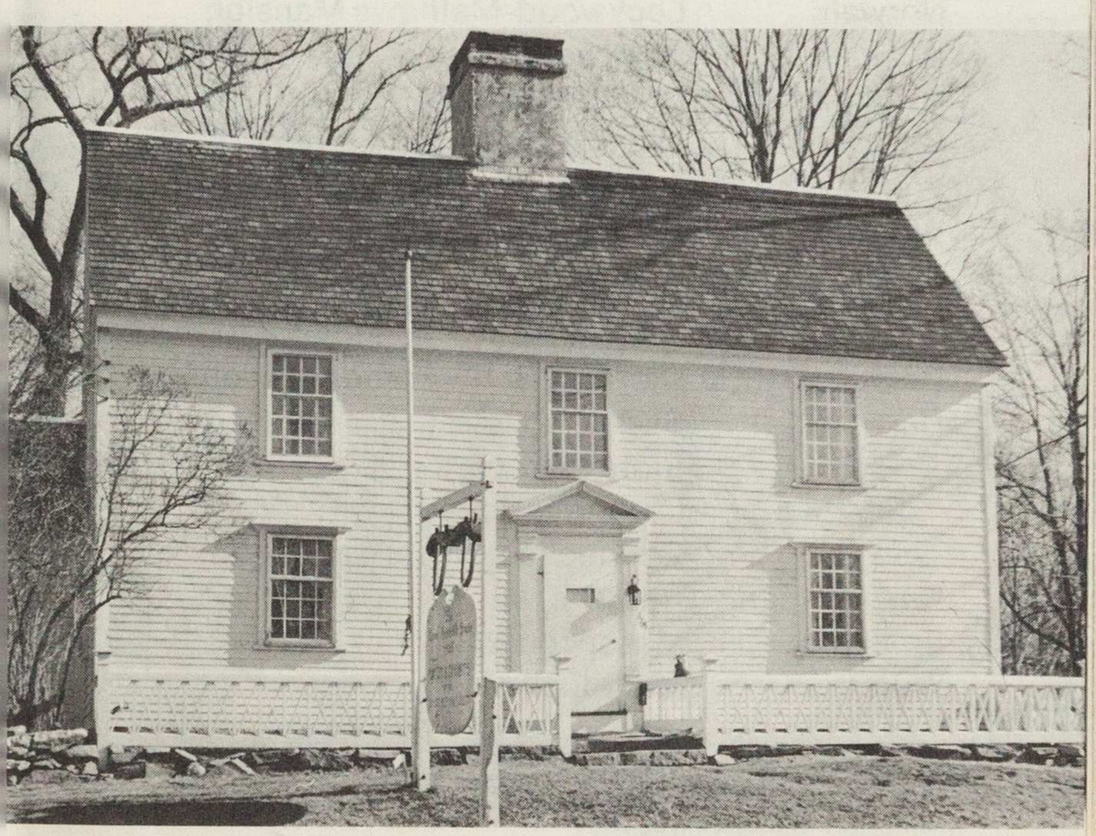
Colonial Era

Clinton	Adam Stanton House
Colebrook	Colebrook Historical Society
Coventry	Nathan Hale Homestead
Darien	Bates-Schofield Homestead
East Lyme	Thomas Lee House
Essex	Pratt House
Fairfield	Fairfield Historical Society
Farmington	Stanley-Whitman House
Greenwich	Bush-Holley House
Guilford	Griswold House
	Hyland House
	Whitfield House
Haddam	Thankful Arnold House
Hartford	Butler-McCook Homestead
Litchfield	Litchfield Historical Society
Madison	Nathaniel Allis House
Manchester	Cheney Homestead
Meriden	Andrews Homestead
Milford	Ford House
	Eells-Stow House
Mystic	Denison Homestead
New Haven	Morris House
	New Haven Colony Historical Society
New London	Hempsted House
Norwich	Backus House
Old Saybrook	Older Bushnell House
Pomfret	Wolf Den State Park



Whitfield House, Guilford

Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum, Montville



Griswold House, Guilford

Ridgefield	Keeler Tavern
Sharon	Gay-Hoyt House
Stamford	Hoyt Farmhouse
Stratford	Judson House
Suffield	Hatheway House
	King House
Tolland	Benton Homestead
Wallingford	Samuel Parsons House
West Hartford	Noah Webster House
Wethersfield	Buttolph-Williams House
	Silas Deane House
	Isaac Stevens House
Wilton	Lambert Tavern
Windsor	Walter Fyler Homestead
	Oliver Ellsworth Homestead
Woodbury	Glebe House

The American Revolution

East Granby	Old New-Gate Prison
Groton	Fort Griswold State Park
Lebanon	Jonathan Trumbull House
	Revolutionary War Office
New London	Shaw Mansion
Norwich	Leffingwell Inn
Redding	Putnam Memorial State Park
Wethersfield	Joseph Webb House

Nineteenth Century

Canterbury	Prudence Crandall House
Canton	Canton Historical Society
Deep River	Stone House
Hartford	Nook Farm
Middletown	General Mansfield House
Moodus	Amasa Day House
New Milford	Historical Society
Norwalk	Lockwood-Mathews Mansion
Norwich	Rockwell House
Old Lyme	Griswold House
Stonington	Old Stonington Lighthouse
West Cornwall	Covered Bridge (Hart's Bridge)
Woodstock	Roseland

Major Museums—All Periods

Danbury	Danbury Scott-Fanton Museum
Hartford	State Capitol
	State Library
	Old State House
	Connecticut Historical Society
New Canaan	New Canaan Historical Society
Simsbury	Massacoh Plantation
Waterbury	Mattatuck Museum

Glebe House, Woodbury

Webb House, Wethersfield

Griswold House, Old Lyme

NATURE

Connecticut is a small state, well urbanized in many areas. Yet more than 60 percent of its land remains open.

Beautifully maintained nature centers not only serve to protect endangered species, but provide enjoyment for those who would better understand the world in which they live.

There are a number of excellent small animal farms and zoos in the state, many designed to stimulate interest in native wildlife. Other centers offer more exotic animals. A major sealife aquarium at Mystic draws its denizens from every ocean of the western world.

Parks and gardens across the state provide spectacular color and beauty at various times of the year. Museums of natural history and science are designed to give visitors a sense of participation in the ecology of life.

More than 160,000 acres have been set aside as State Parks and State Forests: hills, fields and woodlands honeycombed with trails, streams and ponds for those who take their pleasure naturally.

Animals

Bridgeport	Beardsley Park and Zoo
Mystic	Mystic Marinelife Aquarium
Newington	Emerson's Wild Animal Farm
New London	Bates Woods Park
Norwalk	Old MacDonald's Farm
Norwich	Mohegan Park Zoo
South Norwalk	Norwalk Museum and Zoo
Willington	Willington Wild Animal Farm

Nature Centers

Bristol	Barnes Memorial Nature Center
Fairfield	Birdcraft Museum
	Larsen Sanctuary
Granby	McLean Sanctuary
Greenwich	Audubon Sanctuary
Litchfield	White Memorial Foundation
Mystic	Pequot-Sepos Wildlife Sanctuary
New Canaan	New Canaan Nature Center
New Fairfield	Hidden Valley Nature Center
New Haven	West Rock Nature Center
New London	Connecticut Arboretum
Sharon	Sharon Audubon Center
Stamford	Bartlett Arboretum
	Stamford Museum and Nature Center

Westport	Wadsworth Wildlife Sanctuary
Woodbury	Flanders Nature Center

Flowers

Hartford	Elizabeth Park Rose Gardens
New Haven	Pardee Rose Gardens
Norfolk	Dennis Hill State Park
Norwich	Mohegan Park Memorial Rose Gardens
Torrington	Indian Lookout
Waterford	Harkness Memorial Park

Museums

Greenwich	Bruce Museum
Litchfield	Litchfield Nature Museum
Manchester	Lutz Junior Museum
New Haven	Peabody Museum
New London	Thames Science Center
Stamford	Stamford Museum and Nature Center
West Hartford	Environmental Centers
Westport	Nature Center for Environmental Activities

State Parks and Forests

Connecticut has 114 State Parks and Forests, most of which are set aside as natural preserves. Detailed information on their facilities and attractions may be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, State Office Building, Hartford, Conn. 06115.

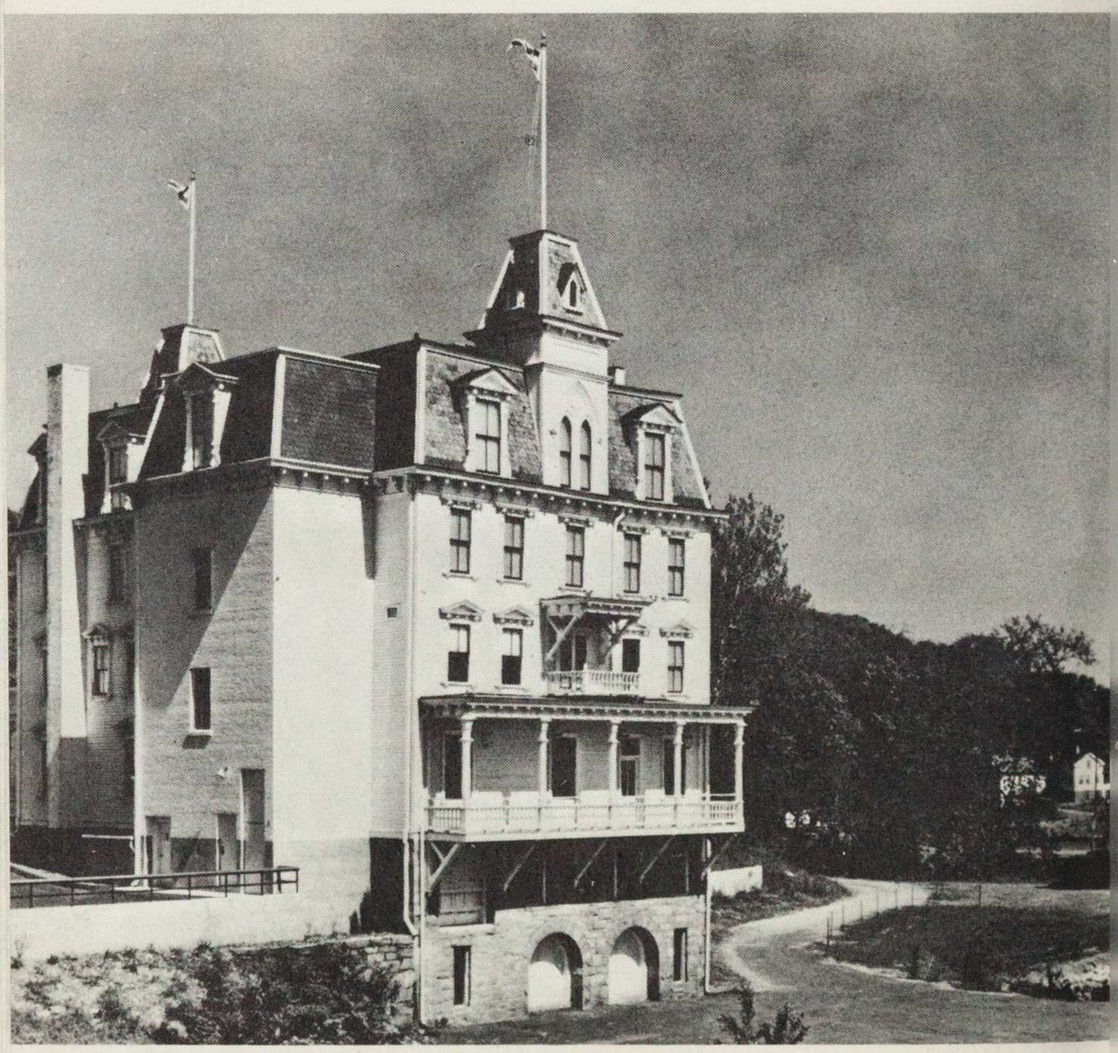
Lutz Nature Center, Manchester

THE ARTS

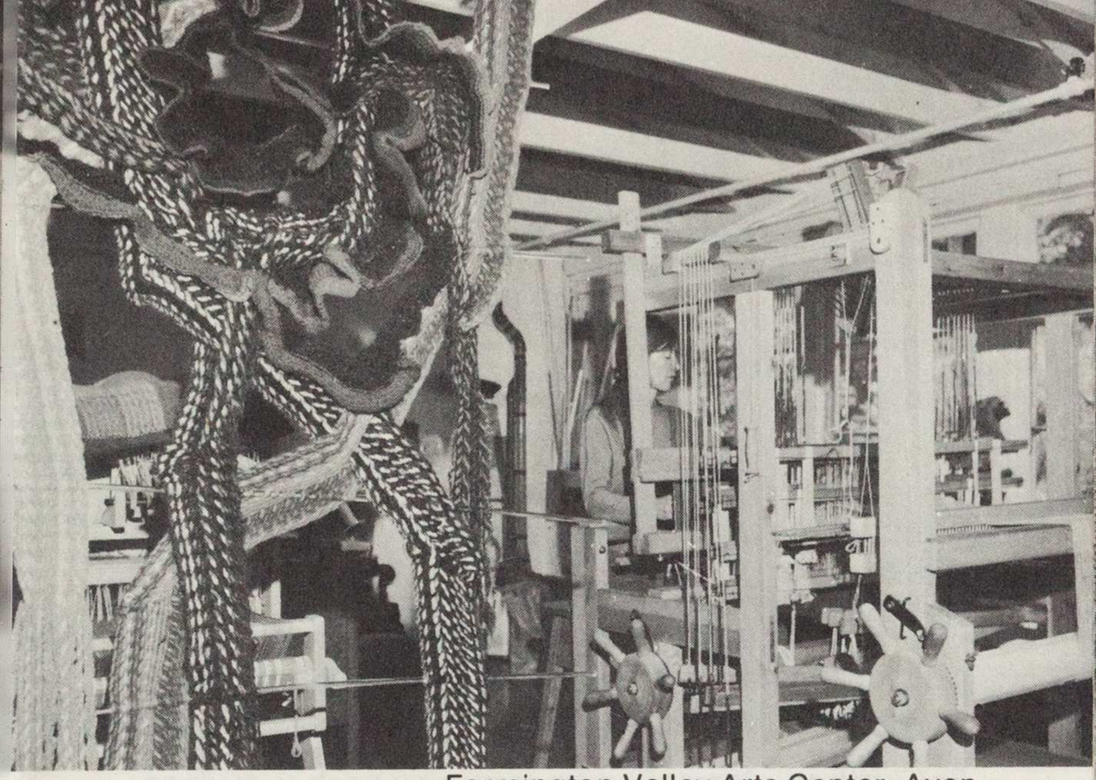
Connecticut's creative accomplishments are almost legendary. From colonial craftsmen to contemporary painters, symphonic societies to summer theater, Connecticut residents have had a long and lasting love affair with the arts.

Much of the past remains, the priceless treasure of another age. Today, this sense of creative heritage is evidenced by the fact that Connecticut boasts the greatest per capita artistic involvement in the nation.

Avon	Farmington Valley Arts Center
E. Haddam	Goodspeed Opera House
Farmington	Hill-Stead Museum
Hartford	Wadsworth Atheneum
Middletown	Davison Art Center
New Britain	Museum of American Art
New Canaan	Silvermine Guild of Artists
New Haven	Yale Art Gallery
New London	Lyman Allyn Museum
Norwich	Slater Memorial Museum
Old Lyme	Lyme Art Association
Ridgefield	Aldrich Museum
Sharon	Sharon Creative Arts Foundation Gallery
Stratford	American Shakespeare Theatre
Waterford	Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater



Goodspeed Opera House, E. Haddam



Farmington Valley Arts Center, Avon

Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington

Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford

TRANSPORTATION

"Getting there (goes the saying) is half the fun."

In Connecticut, you don't even need a "there" to get to. Old-time transportation puts all the fun in "going."

Climb aboard the vintage trolley cars at East Haven or East Windsor; join a riverboat ramble along the broad Connecticut River; take a ride through yesteryear in an age of steam railroading at Essex. The fun is in the going.

At Windsor Locks you may clamber through pioneer aircraft that live in the shadow of today's jet traffic at Bradley International Airport.

For further information on river and harbor cruises, write to the Connecticut Department of Commerce, 210 Washington St., Hartford, Conn. 06106.

Land

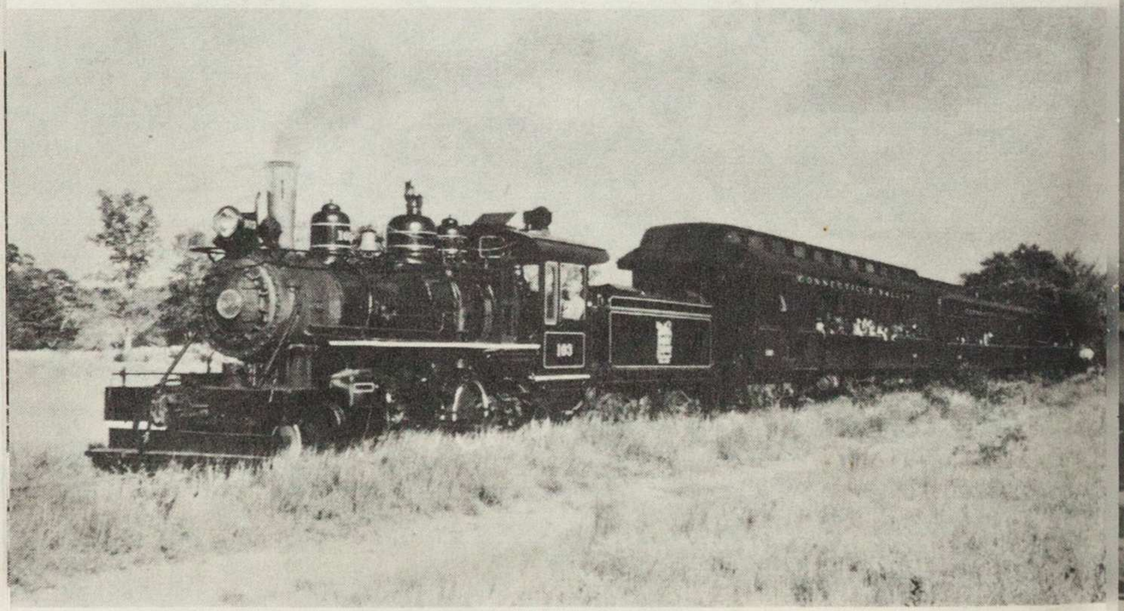
East Haven	Branford Trolley Museum
Essex	Connecticut Valley Railroad
East Windsor	Connecticut Electric Railroad Trolley Museum

Air

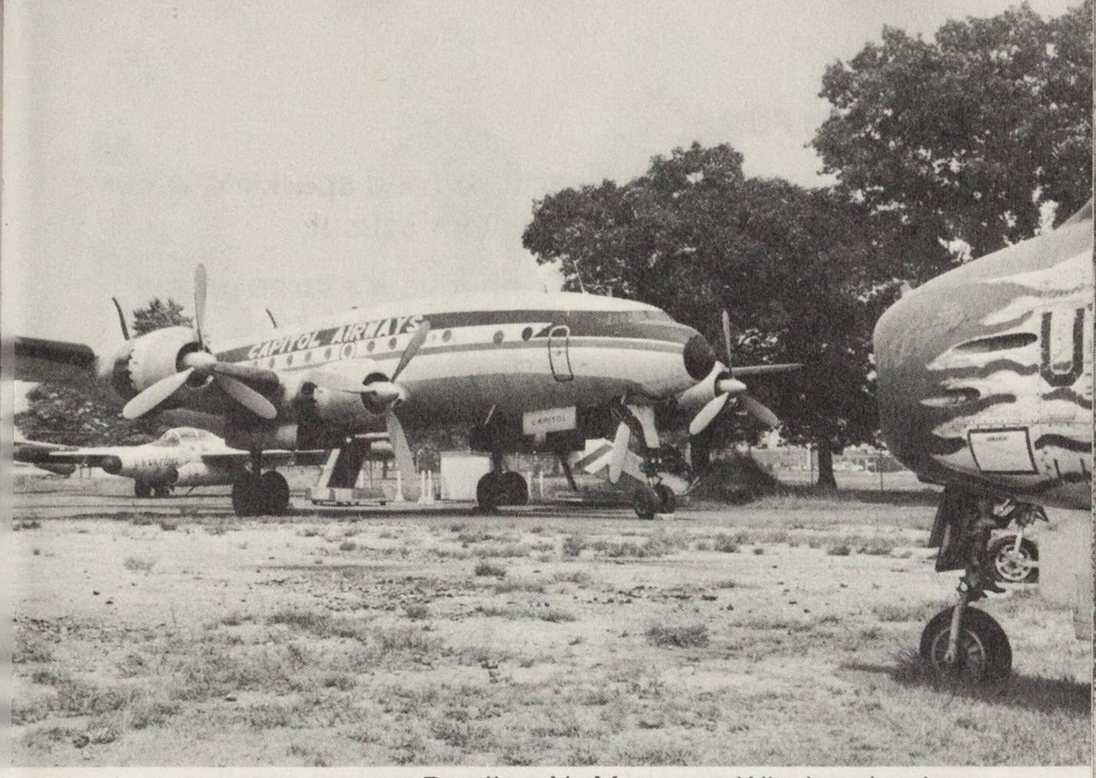
Windsor Locks	Bradley Air Museum

Water

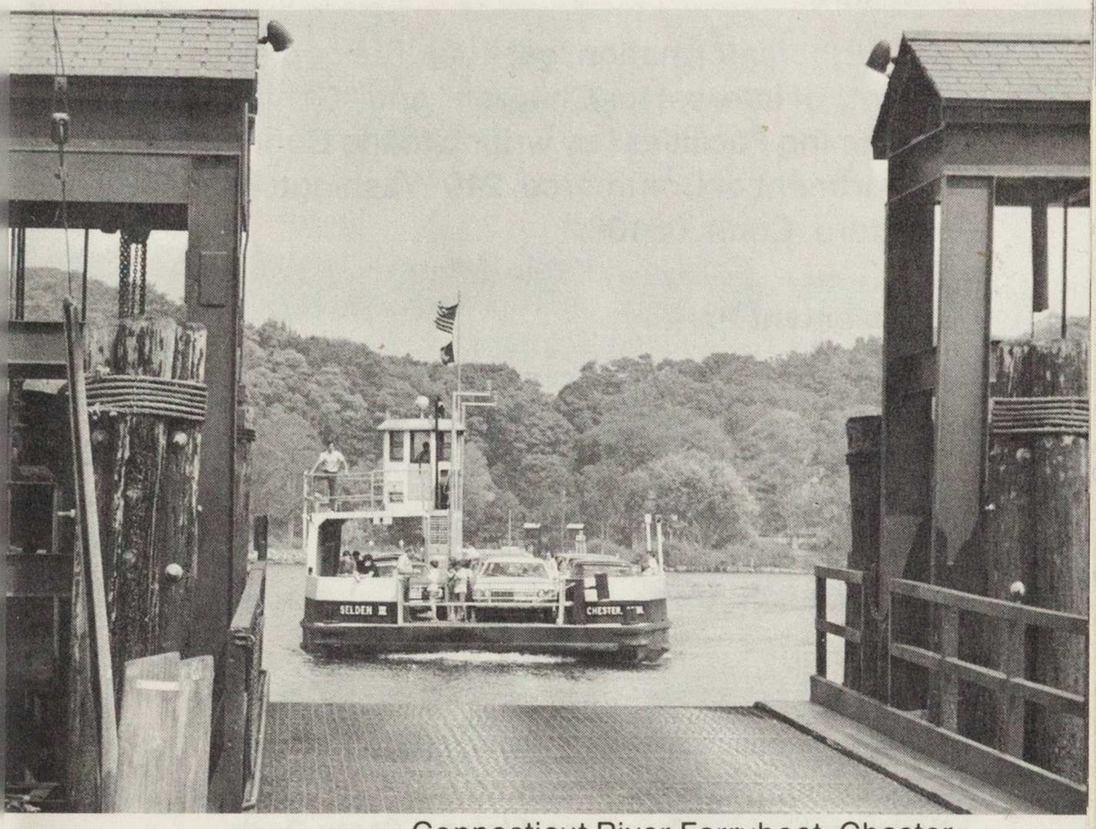
Chester	Chester-Hadlyme Ferry
East Haddam	Riverboat "Yankee Clipper"
Essex	Riverboats "Dolly Madison" and "Sunshine"
Groton	See Submarines by Boat
Mystic	Riverboat "Sabino"
Rocky Hill	Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry
Saybrook	Riverboat "River Queen"



Valley Railroad, Essex



Bradley Air Museum, Windsor Locks



Connecticut River Ferryboat, Chester

'See Subs by Boat,' Groton

SUN and FUN

Wide sandy beaches, warm sun and sparkling water are summertime staples in Connecticut.

Primary attractions are Connecticut's three great shoreline state parks—Sherwood Island at Westport, Hammonasset Beach at Madison and Rocky Neck at East Lyme. A bit further east is New London's Ocean Beach Park, a great place for young families who like their days at the beach combined with the fun of a good amusement park.

Inland, fresh water fans will find beautifully maintained lakeshore parks in every section of the state. Two of these—Compounce in Bristol and Quassapaug in Middlebury—also feature well-appointed amusement areas for complete family pleasure.

For further information, get your free copies of "Points of Interest for Children" and "Connecticut Swimming Facilities" by writing to the Connecticut Department of Commerce, 210 Washington St., Hartford, Conn. 06106.

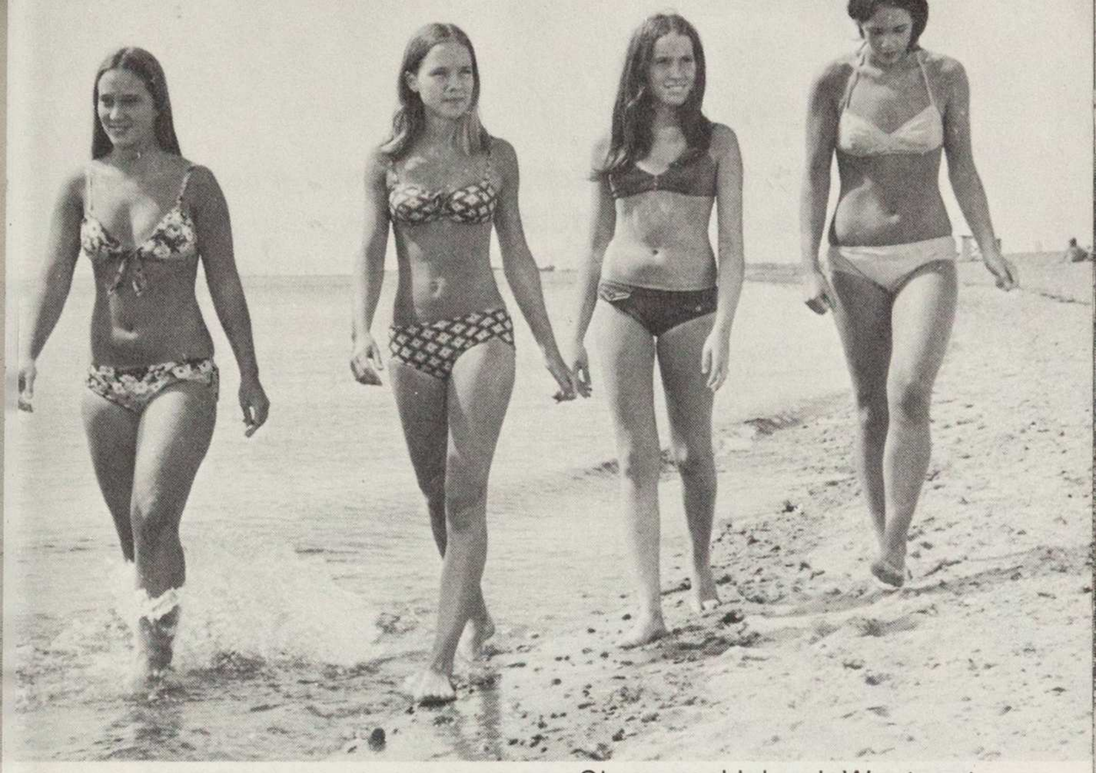
Amusement Parks

Bristol	Lake Compounce Amusement Park
Middlebury	Lake Quassapaug Amusement Park
New London	Ocean Beach Park
Norwalk	Old MacDonald's Farm

Major Beach Areas

East Lyme	Rocky Neck State Park
Madison	Hammonasset Beach State Park
New Fairfield	Squantz Pond State Park
New London	Ocean Beach Park
Westport	Sherwood Island State Park

Squantz Pond, N. Fairfield



Sherwood Island, Westport

Rocky Neck, E. Lyme

Lake Quassapaug, Middlebury

The MIND OF MAN

Connecticut has long been a pioneer in the fields of science, industry and education. A rewarding by-product for visitors is the pride with which these accomplishments are displayed today.

Tour the historic New Haven campus of Yale University, then visit the one-room schools where Nathan Hale once taught. See America's first industrial power plant in New London and explore the peacetime uses of nuclear power at Haddam Neck and Waterford.

Aaron Burr was a student at America's first law school in Litchfield; today, thousands of cadets train for service in the U.S. Coast Guard at New London. Our earliest industry was served by rough iron and wooden tools, now pricelessly preserved at a museum in Kent; at Groton, modern machines and computer technology produce nuclear submarines at the Electric Boat Co., just down river from the Atlantic home port of America's submarine fleet.

Connecticut, always the home of creative minds, keeps its accomplishments both visible and fascinating.

For a free copy of "Business and Industrial Tours in Connecticut," write to the Connecticut Department of Commerce, 210 Washington St., Hartford, Conn. 06106.

Science

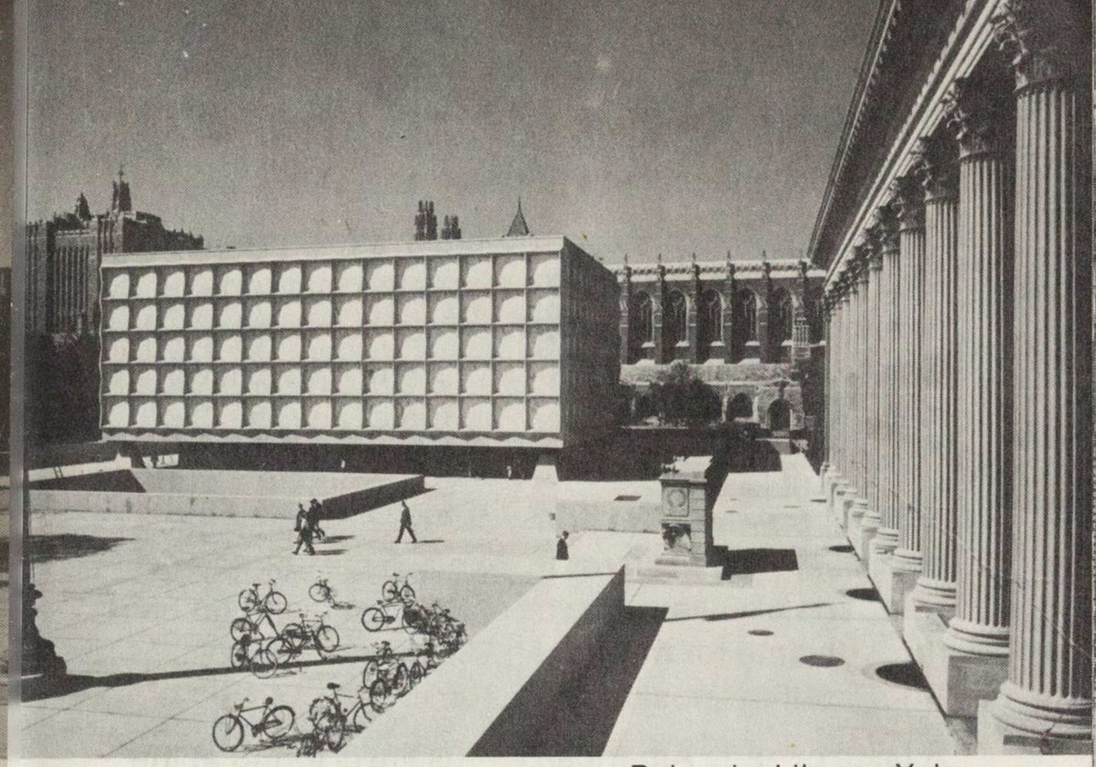
Bridgeport	Museum of Art, Science and Industry
Haddam Neck	Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Co.
New Britain	New Britain Youth Museum
Waterford	Millstone Point Nuclear Power Station

Industry

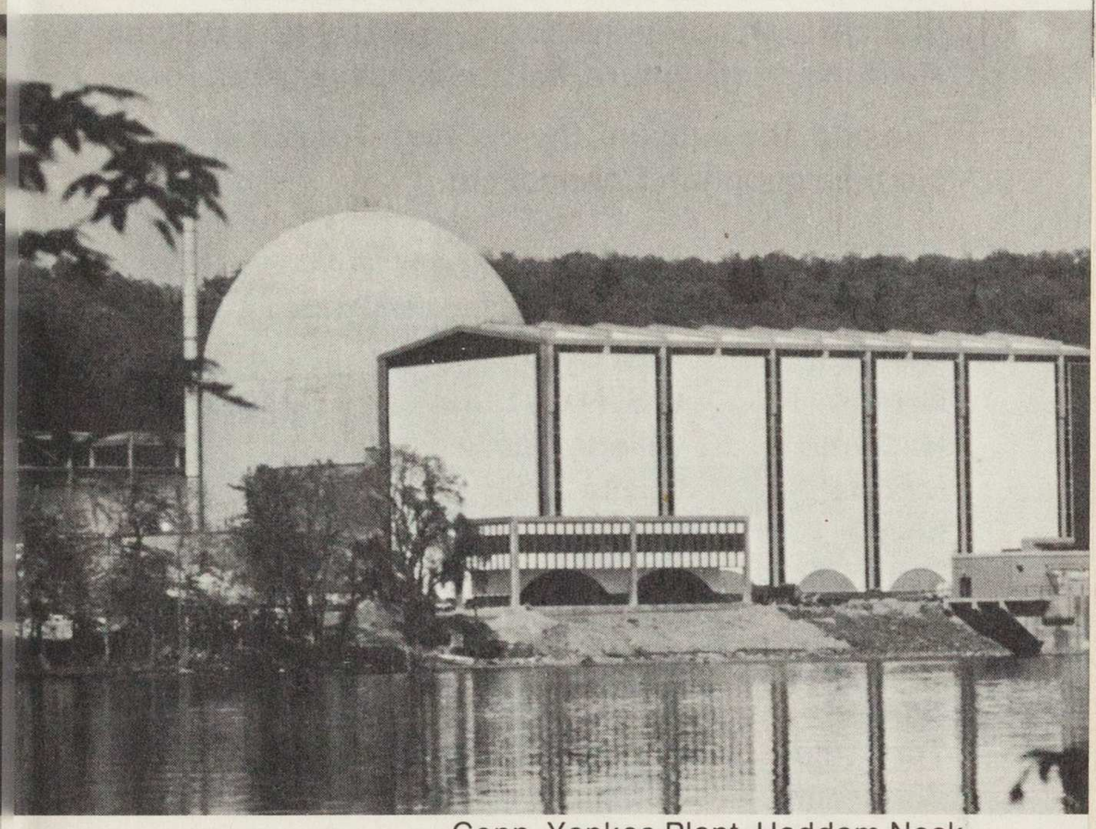
Hartford	Connecticut State Library
Kent	Sloane-Stanley Museum
New Haven	Winchester Gun Museum
New London	Old Town Mill
Riverton	Hitchcock Chair Factory and Museum

Education

East Haddam	Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
Litchfield	Tapping Reeve House and Law School
New Haven	Yale University
New London	Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
	U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Storrs	University of Connecticut
Woodstock	Quasset School



Beinecke Library, Yale



Conn. Yankee Plant, Haddam Neck

Hitchcock Factory, Riverton

ONE OF A KIND

Some of Connecticut's attractions are unique.

There is, for instance, only one Mystic Seaport and Museum, an authentically recreated maritime community of the mid-19th century. Among other Connecticut "one-of-a-kinds" are the American Watch and Clock Museum at Bristol and the Old Lyme Nut Museum.

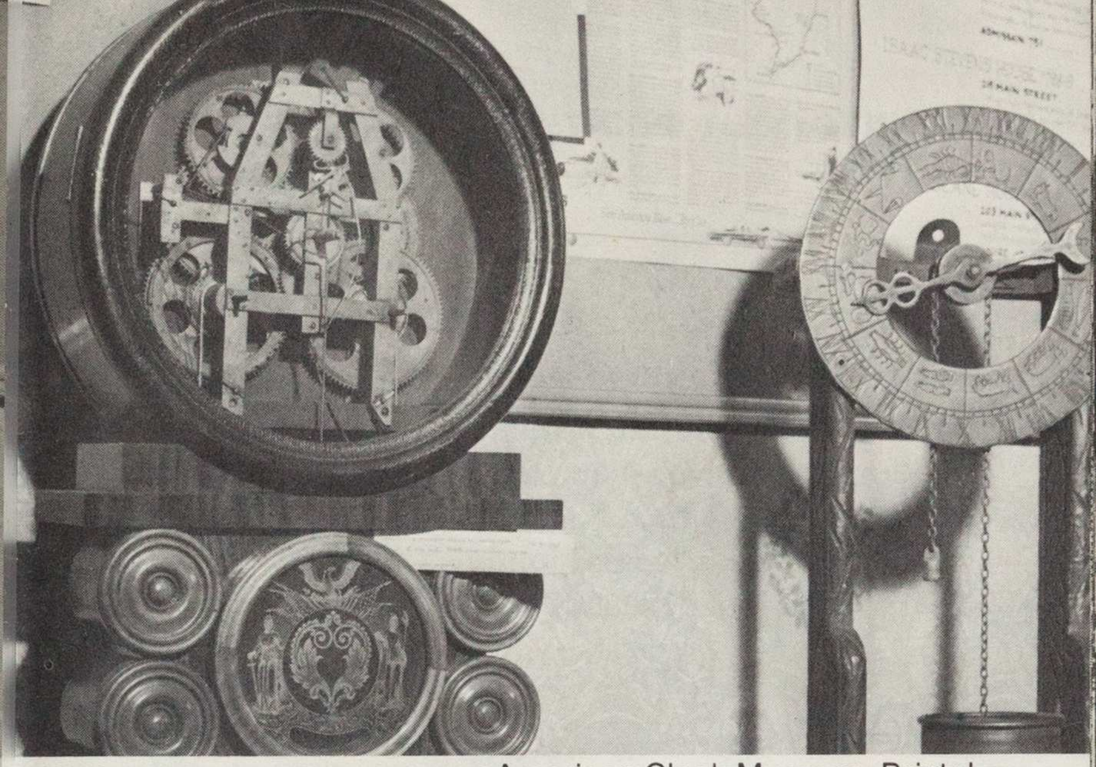
Visitors may tour the home of America's Atlantic submarine fleet in Groton, explore the fieldstone ramparts of Gillette Castle at Hadlyme, and go back through time for more than 200 million years at Rocky Hill's Dinosaur State Park.

A taste of early American circus life is found at the P.T. Barnum Museum in Bridgeport, and the Biblical towns of Bethlehem and Nazareth cast their shadows, in miniature, across the city of Waterbury.

The odd, the unusual, the exciting. They're in plentiful supply in Connecticut.

Bridgeport	Barnum Museum
Bristol	American Clock and Watch Museum
Canaan	Post Card Museum
Groton	U.S. Navy Submarine Base
Hadlyme	Gillette Castle
Meriden	Castle Craig
Mystic	Mystic Seaport and Museum
Old Lyme	Old Lyme Nut Museum
Rocky Hill	Dinosaur State Park
Simsbury	Talcott Mountain State Park
Stratford	Boothe Memorial Park
Terryville	Lock Museum of America
Waterbury	Miniature Holy Land (Pine Hill)

Mystic Seaport, Mystic



American Clock Museum, Bristol

Dinosaur Park, Rocky Hill

Miniature Holy Land, Waterbury

CONNECTICUT POINTS OF INTEREST—
By Town

Avon

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER, Route 44. Arts and crafts shops located in old Ensign-Bickford explosives plant. Studios and galleries for browsers and buyers. Tuesday-Friday 10-4, weekends 10-5. Closed Monday, Christmas, New Years. Free. Tel: 678-1867.

Bridgeport

BEARDSLEY PARK AND ZOO, East Main St. (Route 127). Large park with plenty of room for picnicking and recreation; a 30-acre zoo with indoor and fresh air facilities for 250 animals; a large greenhouse with many native and exotic plants. Daily 10-midnight. Free. Tel: 366-0064.

Bridgeport

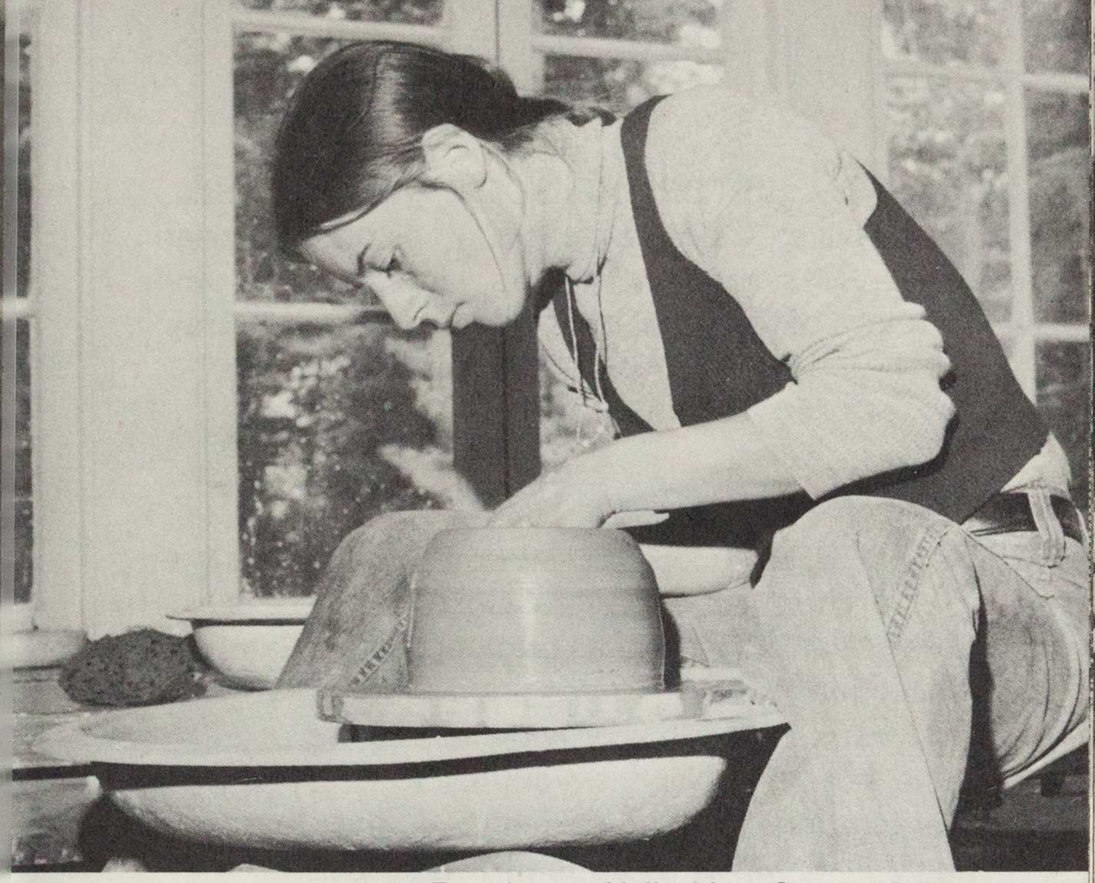
P.T. BARNUM MUSEUM, 804 Main St. Memorial to American circus life. Costumes and posters from original Barnum shows, personal effects of Barnum and Tom Thumb, animated Swiss village operated by waterpower, 40x60-foot miniature circus with tents, trains and wagons, local historical artifacts. Tuesday-Saturday 12-5; Sunday 2-5. Free. Tel: 333-8551.

Bridgeport

MUSEUM OF ART, SCIENCE & INDUSTRY. 4450 Park Ave. Three floors of displays and collections include Indian lore, paintings by Connecticut artists, machine operation, a helicopter cabin, interior of a colonial house, an 1856 fire engine and a planetarium. Museum: Tuesday-Sunday 2-5. Free. Planetarium: Tuesday, Thursday 3:30; weekends 2, 3, 4. Adults $1, children 50¢; no children under 6. Tel: 372-3521.

Bristol

LAKE COMPOUNCE AMUSEMENT PARK, Lake Avenue. Games, rides, special entertainment and showboat tours of the lake—a good day's fun for every member of the family. Easter-May 31, September: weekends. Memorial Day-Labor Day: daily operation. Parking: Sunday, holidays 50¢.



Farmington Valley Arts Center, Avon

Bristol

AMERICAN WATCH AND CLOCK MUSEUM, 100 Maple St. Only museum in U.S. devoted exclusively to horology. Permanent collection includes more than 600 time pieces dating from 1790, many of them manufactured by clock pioneers in this area. April-November: Tuesday-Sunday 1-5. Adults $1; children 50¢; free under 8. Tel: 583-6070.

Bristol

BARNES MEMORIAL NATURE CENTER, Shrub Road. Trails through this preserve provide a wide variety of habitats with special emphasis on stages of ecological succession. Center building has interpretive displays. Weekdays 2-6; Saturday 9-5, Sunday 2-5. Free. Tel: 589-6082.

Canaan

POST CARD MUSEUM, Church Street. Thousands of domestic and foreign cards, most old, are displayed in this unique museum. Daily by appointment or by chance. Adults $1; children 50¢. Tel: 824-0397.

Canterbury

PRUDENCE CRANDALL HOUSE, junction of Routes 14A & 169. In 1833 Miss Crandall, a Quaker, established the state's first all-Negro school here with the aid of her abolitionist friend, William Lloyd Garrison. Home in process of restoration. Tel: 566-3005.

Canton

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 11 Front St., Collinsville. Crafts center, country store, Victorian parlor, toys, blacksmith shop, farm tools and other displays of historical interest. Wednesday-Friday 12-4; Sunday 2-5. Adults 75¢; students, senior citizens 25¢. Tel: 693-2793.

Clinton

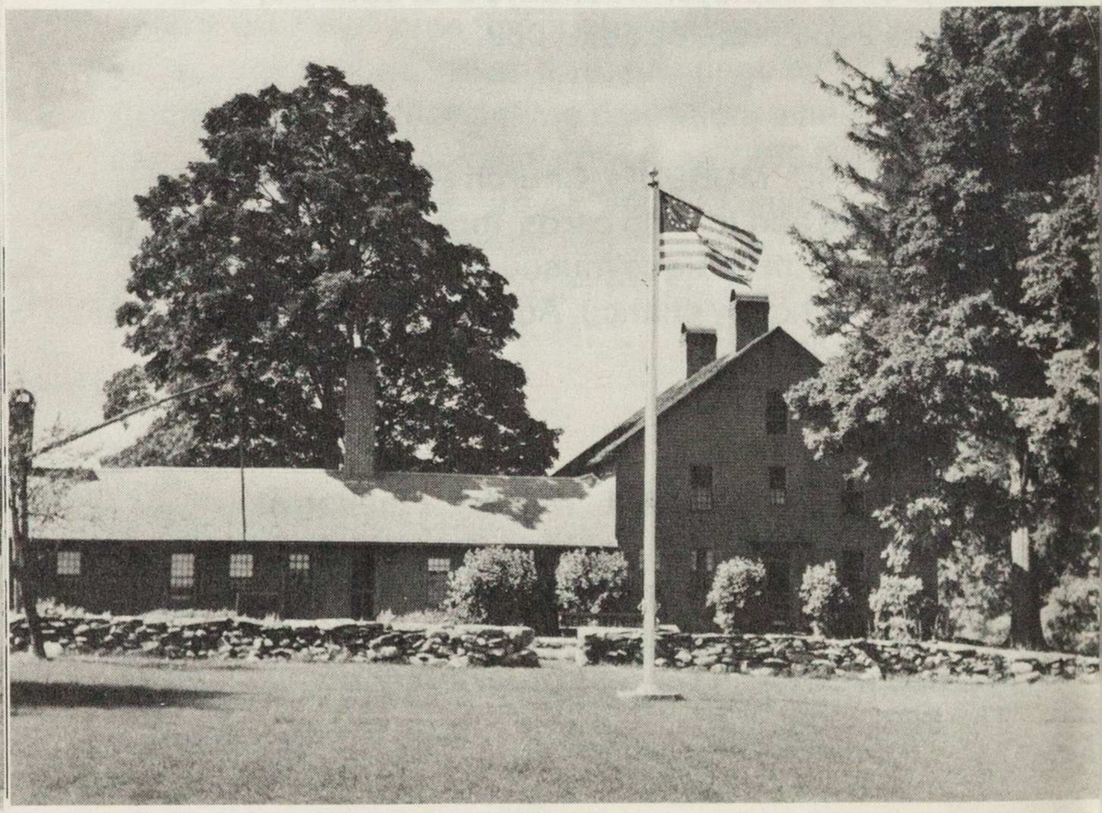
ADAM STANTON HOUSE (c. 1790), 63 East Main St. Part home, part general store, structure is furnished with almost all original pieces. Extensive collection of old American and Staffordshire dishware. Twin attics provide interesting architectural detail. May, June, September—November: daily 2-5; July, August: daily 11-5; winter by appointment. Free. Tel: 669-2132.

Colebrook

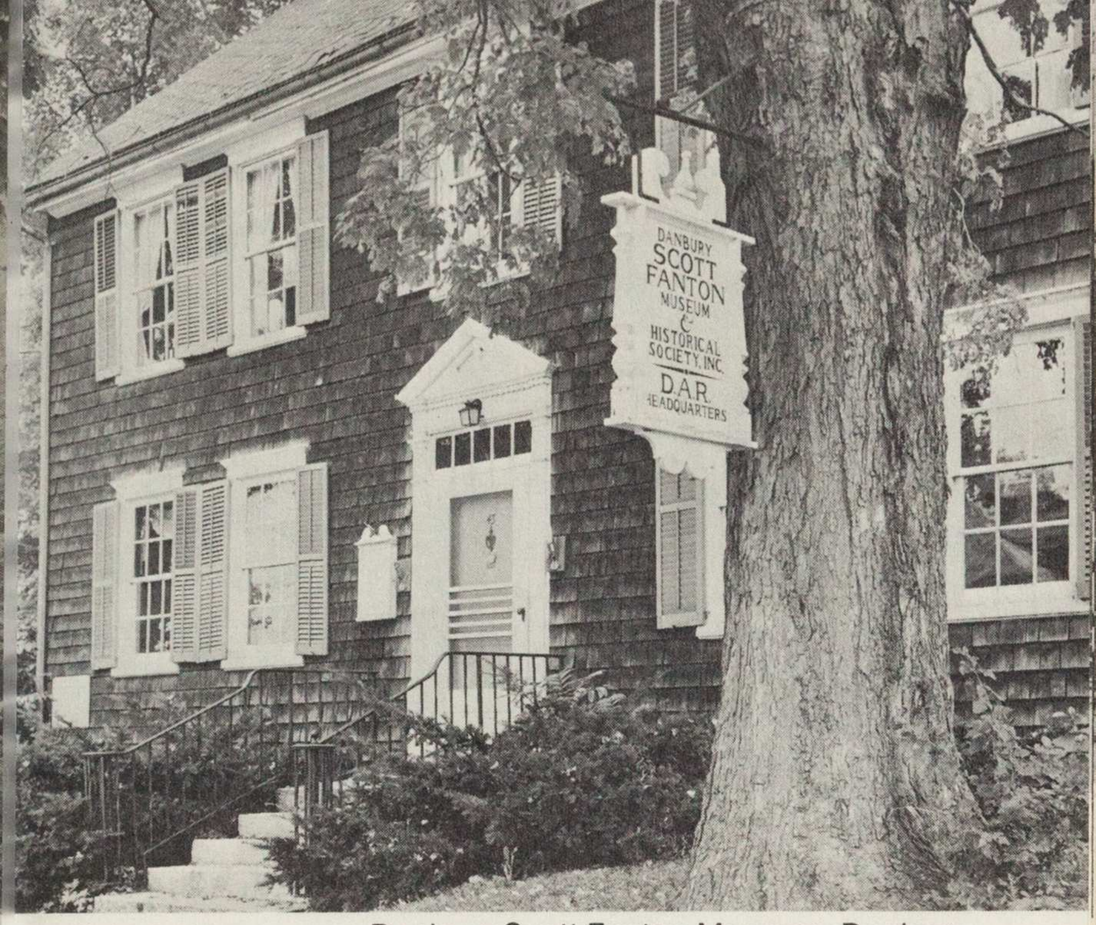
COLEBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Town Hall. Many interesting displays on local history. Village itself is beautifully colonial with a center church and white homes surrounding church's "apron" green. Museum: daily 2-4. Free. Tel: 379-2922.

Coventry

NATHAN HALE HOMESTEAD, South St. (off Route 31). Deacon Richard Hale, father of the Connecticut patriot, built the home in 1776 and held court here as justice of the peace. Its 10 rooms are furnished as the Hales might have had them, with many authentic family heirlooms. May 15-October 15: daily 1-5. Adults $1; children 25¢. Tel: 247-8996.



Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry



Danbury Scott Fanton Museum, Danbury

Danbury

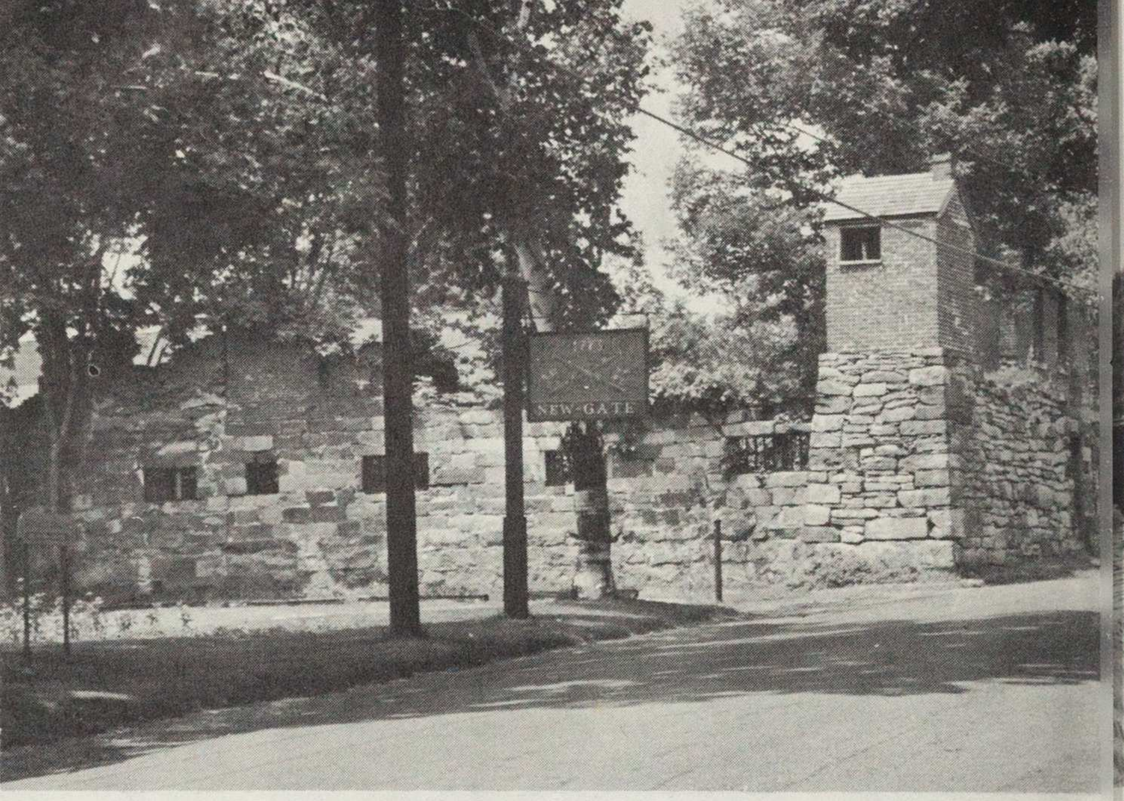
DANBURY SCOTT-FANTON MUSEUM, 43 Main St. David Taylor House (1750) is a museum of early American crafts and furnishings. Adjoining Dodd House recalls heyday of city's thriving hat industry, displaying a variety of hats and machinery used in their manufacture. Separate exhibition building has various collections of historical interest. Wednesday-Friday 2-5; Saturday 10-5; Sunday 1-5. Free. Tel: 743-5200.

Darien

BATES-SCHOFIELD HOMESTEAD, Old King's Highway North. Sturdy example of early saltbox architecture (c. 1730) with 16-inch fieldstone foundation and 8x10 center chimney. Excellent selection of colonial furniture and fixtures. Extensive herb garden behind house. Wednesday, Thursday 2-4; Sunday 2:30-4:30. Donation. Tel: 655-9233.

Deep River

STONE HOUSE (1840), South Main St. Museum of 19th century furnishings is constructed of locally quarried rock. Extensive cut glass collection, locally produced, and many displays dealing with local history. Summer: Tuesday, Thursday 2-4, other by appointment. Donation. Tel: 526-2609.



New-Gate Prison, E. Granby

East Granby

OLD NEW-GATE PRISON AND COPPER MINE, Newgate Rd. (Off Route 20). Started as a copper mine in 1707, facility became a government prison during Revolution, with felons and Tories chained in cells at bottom of mine shaft. Tunnel areas completely restored. Historical exhibits in gatehouse museum. Memorial Day-November: 10-4:30. Adults $1; children 50¢. Tel: 653-3563.

East Haddam

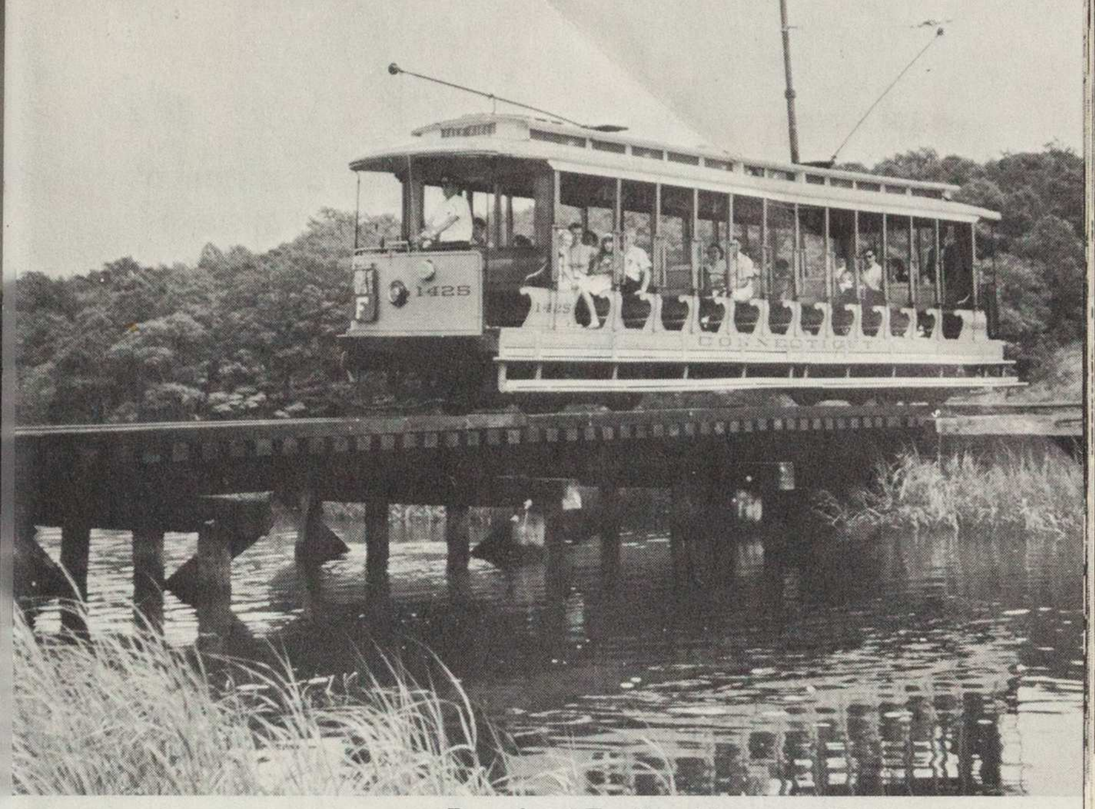
GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE, Route 82 at bridge. Built in 1876 as a fashionable opera house, this Victorian gem is now restored and operates as a summer theater specializing in period musical comedy. Mid-June to early fall. Cruise ships depart from adjacent Goodspeed Landing for trips along the Connecticut River. Tel: 873-8668.

East Haddam

Riverboat "YANKEE CLIPPER" departs from Goodspeed Landing for cruises along the Connecticut River during spring, summer and fall. Rates and schedules should be checked in advance. Tel: 345-4507.

East Haddam

NATHAN HALE SCHOOLHOUSE, Norwich Rd. (off Route 82). Patriot Nathan Hale taught here for two years before the Revolutionary War. Built in 1773, structure now contains items of local historic interest. Summer weekends 1-5. 25¢.



Branford Trolley Museum, E. Haven

East Haven

BRANFORD TROLLEY MUSEUM, River Street. More than 60 classic trolleys are displayed, many available for riding. Car barns contain restoration work; museum has historic trolley displays. April, May: Sunday 12-6; June: weekends, holidays 11-6; July, August: weekdays 10-5, weekends, holidays 11-6; September: weekends 11-6; October: weekends 12-6; November: Sunday 12-5. Closed Mem. Day, July 4, Labor Day, Col. Day. Museum free. Rides: Adults 75¢; children 30¢. Tel: 469-9627.

East Lyme

THOMAS LEE HOUSE (1660) and LITTLE BOSTON SCHOOL (19th Century), Route 156. House is one of state's oldest frame dwellings; well-preserved exterior has never been painted; interior shows various stages of construction and has fine collection of antique furnishings. Schoolhouse is restored with furnishings of the period. Memorial Day-Columbus Day: daily except Tuesday 10-5. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 739-7654.

East Lyme

ROCKY NECK STATE PARK, Route 156, Niantic. Sweeping crescent-shaped beach on Long Island Sound is one of New England's finest. Camping, swimming, hiking, fishing, picnicking, concessions, bathhouses. Parking $1.

East Lyme

BRIDE'S BROOK, Route 156, Niantic. Just west of Rocky Neck State Park (look for marker) this site was place of an unusual marriage ceremony in winter of 1646-47. Jonathan Rudd and Mary Metcalf stood on one side of the brook—Connecticut land. Magistrate John Winthrop stood on the other side—Massachusetts Bay. Unusual arrangement was caused by deep snow that prevented a Connecticut colony justice from performing honors.

East Windsor

CONNECTICUT ELECTRIC RAILWAY TROLLEY MUSEUM, Route 140, Warehouse Point. Refurbished trolleys dating from 1892 carry passengers along museum's mile-long track through varied terrain. A number of old-time cars and other vintage equipment are displayed. April, May, October, November, December: Sunday, holidays 1-5; May, June, September: weekends, holidays 1-6; July-Labor Day, weekends, holidays 1-7. Museum free. Rides: Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 623-7417.

Essex

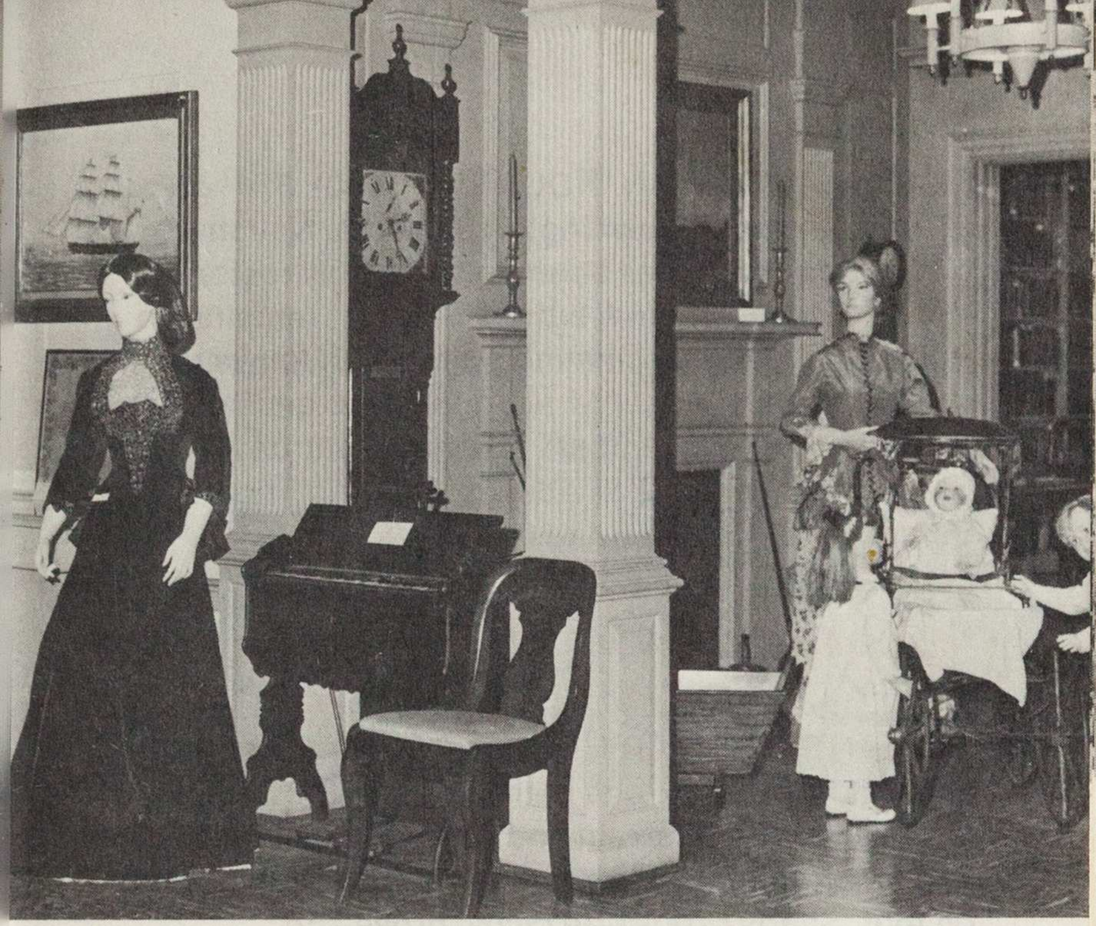
PRATT HOUSE (1740), 20 West Ave. Museum of local history has many outstanding architectural features and fine handcrafted furniture. July-Sept. 15 by appointment. Tel: 767-0697.

Essex

VALLEY RAILROAD CO., Railroad Ave. Vintage steam-powered train carries passengers in elegant old-time coaches along scenic excursion line from Essex to Deep River. Many fine views of the Connecticut River. Connecting riverboat rides available. May, mid-June, September-November: weekends, holidays, 12:30-4:30. Mid-June-Labor Day: daily 12:30-4:30. Rail fare: adults $2; children under 12, $1. Rail/boat excursion: adults $5.50; children $3. Tel: 767-0103.

Essex

Riverboat "DOLLY MADISON" offers cruises along the Connecticut River in spring, summer and fall. Rates and schedules should be checked in advance. Tel: 767-8806.



Fairfield Historical Society

Fairfield

FAIRFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 636 Old Post Rd. (opposite Town Hall). Excellent small museum has collections of antique dolls, kitchenware and other items of historical interest. Library of New England genealogy. Weekdays 9:30-4:30. Free. Tel: 259-1598.

Fairfield

LARSEN SANCTUARY, 2325 Burr St. Headquarters for the Connecticut Audubon Society. Center has displays of local wildlife and fine research library. There are five miles of trails in 150-acre sanctuary. Tuesday-Saturday 10-5; Sunday 12-5. Free. Tel: 259-6305.

Fairfield

BIRDCRAFT MUSEUM, Unquowa Rd., operated by Larsen Sanctuary, contains 4,000 specimens of native birds and other wildlife. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 2-5. Free. Tel. 259-6305.

Farmington

HILL-STEAD MUSEUM, Route 4. Gracious turn-of-century mansion designed by architect Stanford White for industrialist Alfred Pope has outstanding collection of Impressionist paintings. Furnishings reflect opulent life style of the family. Wednesday, Thursday, weekends 2-5. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 677-9064.

Farmington

STANLEY-WHITMAN HOUSE (c. 1660), 37 High St. Also known as Farmington Museum. National historic landmark has been painstakingly restored and furnished. Original buttermilk paint remains on front door. Many fascinating artifacts. Displays of colonial tools in wagon shed; good herb and flower gardens. April-December: Tuesday-Saturday 10-12, 2-5; Sunday 2-5. December-April: Friday, Saturday 10-12, 2-5; Sunday 2-5. 50¢.
Tel: 677-9222.

Granby

McLEAN SANCTUARY, Route 10 South. This 3,400-acre wildlife refuge, one of the finest in the East, offers a variety of terrain and an abundance of birds and small animals. Many areas can be reached only on foot. Shady brookside picnic grove and recreation field may be reached through west entrance on Barndoor Hill Rd., off Route 20. Free.

Greenwich

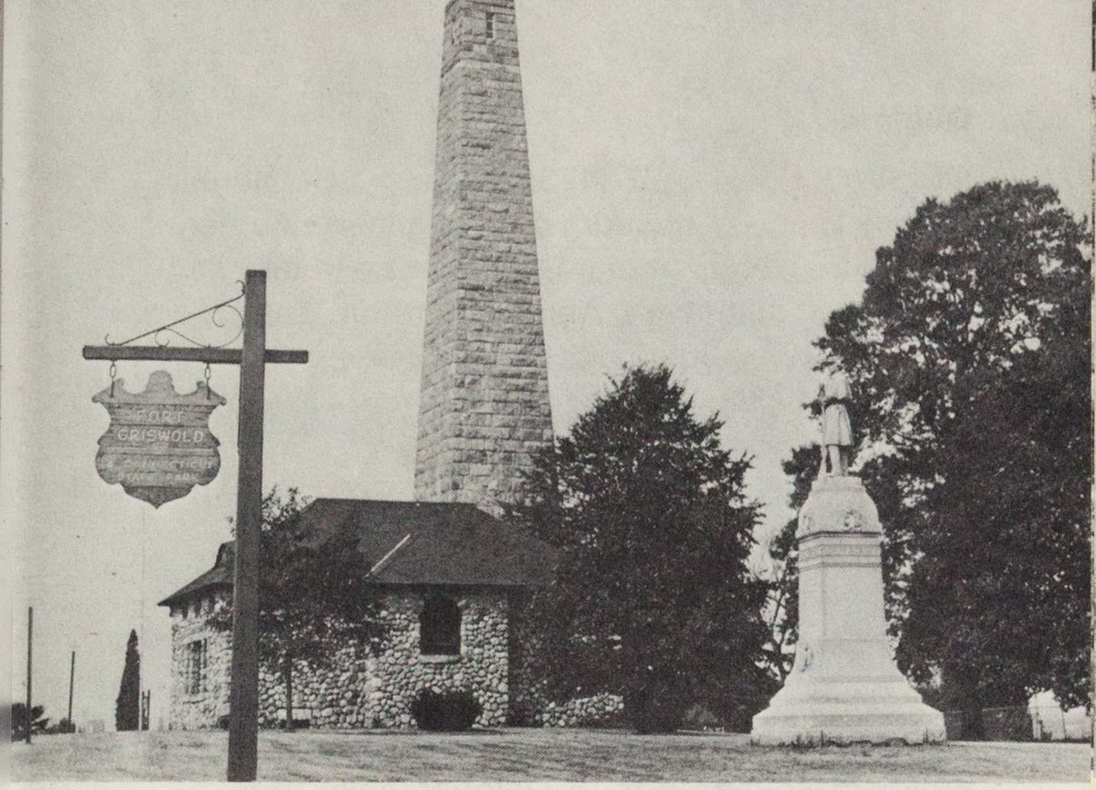
AUDUBON CENTER, Riversville Rd. and John St. Center has 450 acres devoted to native and cultivated flora in a variety of terrains. Self-guiding trails. Visitor center with many displays. No picnicking or pets. Tuesday-Saturday 9-5. Closed on 3-day holiday weekends. Adults $1; children under 18, 50¢. Tel: 869-5272.

Greenwich

BRUCE MUSEUM, Bruce Park (off Steamboat Rd.). Outstanding exhibits in fields of natural hisory and science include Indian artifacts, meteorites, Hall of Biology and others. Of special interest are is more than 50 diorama displays. Weekdays 10-5; Sunday 2-5. Closed legal holidays. Free. Tel: 869-0376.

Greenwich

BUSH-HOLLEY HOUSE (pre-1700), Strickland Rd., Cos Cob. Enlarged saltbox structure features sections of original wallpaper bearing tax stamp of King George II, a hidden stairway and rare examples of early American furniture. Structure a rear houses pieces of John Rogers sculpture. All year: Tuesday-Saturday 10-12; summer: Sunday 2-5; winter: Sunday 2-4. Adults 50¢; children 25¢.
Tel: 869-9849.



Fort Griswold, Groton

Groton

FORT GRISWOLD STATE PARK, Monument & Park Aves. Giant obelisk commemorates those who died in the Fort Griswold Massacre of 1781 when British troops under Benedict Arnold defeated, then slaughtered American defenders. Many landmarks remain. Museum has historical displays. Museum open June-Oct. 12: Tuesday-Saturday 1-4, Sunday 1-5. Monument: same dates: daily except Monday and Thursday 8:30-11:30, 1-4:15; Sunday 1-5. Free. Tel: 445-1729.

Groton

SEE SUBMARINES BY BOAT, 86 Fairview Ave. Hour-long seven-mile tours of the New London harbor depart from the big Jamestown ferryboat. Tour includes views of U.S. Sub Base, Electric Boat Co. (nuclear sub construction), U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Ferryboat has restaurant and gift shop. Tours operate April-December. Adults $2.50; children (4-12) $1. Tel: 445-7401.

Groton

U.S. NAVY SUBMARINE BASE, Route 12. Tours of this Atlantic submarine fleet home port last about two hours and must be arranged in advance through the Public Affairs Office, Box 44, Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Conn. 06340. Commercial tours also are available through the Southeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, One Whale Oil Row, New London, Conn. 06320. Tel: 443-8333.

Guilford

GRISWOLD HOUSE (1735), Boston St. Colonial saltbox is now a museum of local history. Authentic black-smith shop at rear features rare industrial equipment of that era. April-December: Tuesday-Sunday 11-5. Adults 50¢; under 12 free. Tel: 453-3176.

Guilford

HYLAND HOUSE (1660), 84 Boston St. Classic 17th century saltbox has rare furnishings and interesting interior woodwork. First town clock in America was made here; it is now displayed at Whitfield House. June 15-October: daily 10-5. Adults 50¢; under 12 free. Tel: 453-9477.

Guilford

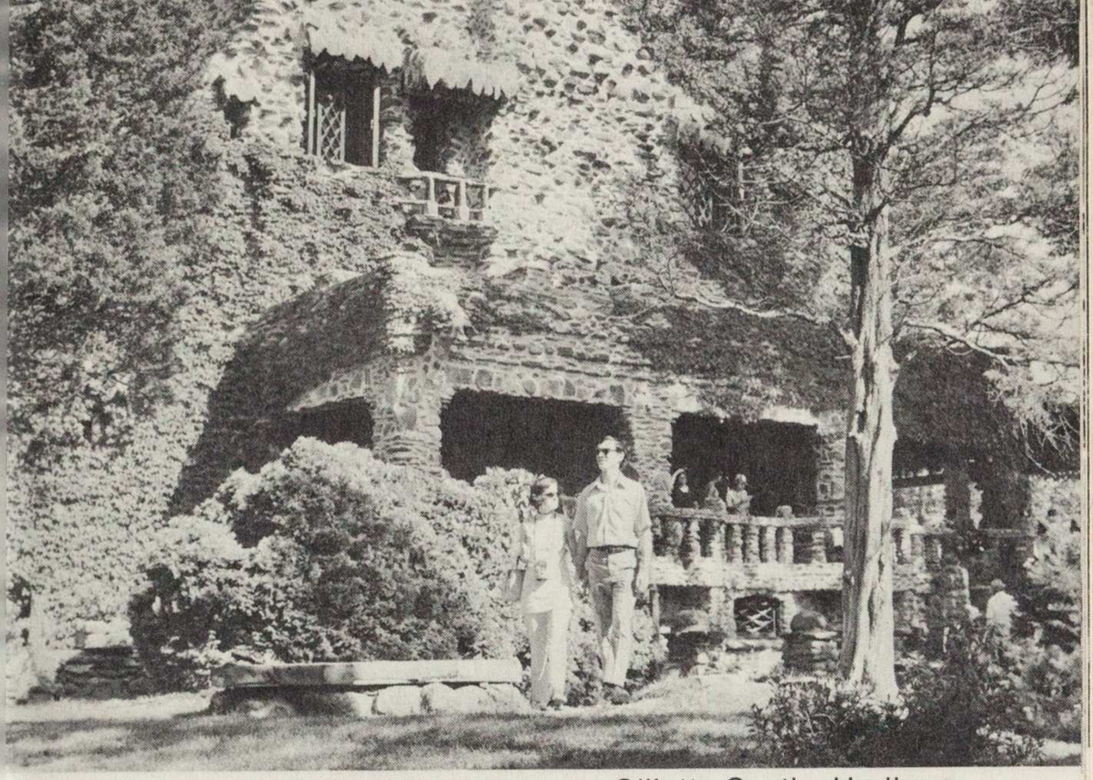
WHITFIELD HOUSE (1639-40), Whitfield Rd. Oldest stone house in New England originally served as parsonage, fort and meeting hall for community. Now a state museum with many rare 17th century furnishings and exhibits of weaving and metalworking. Superbly restored kitchen and good herb garden. April-November: Wednesday-Sunday 10-5; November-April: closes at 4. Also closed Dec. 15-Jan. 15. Adults 50¢; under 12 free. Tel: 453-2457.

Haddam

THANKFUL ARNOLD HOUSE (1795), Route 9A and Walkley Hill. Interesting decor includes some lovely wall panelling; many rare and beautiful antiques are prominently displayed. June-October, weekends 2-5. Free. Tel: 345-2400.

Haddam Neck

CONN. YANKEE ATOMIC POWER CO., Route 151. Sophisticated displays in modern visitors center explain peacetime use of nuclear energy. April-December: Weekdays, Saturday, holidays 10-6; Sunday 1-6. December-April: Weekdays 10-5; closed weekends. Closed New Years, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Free. Group tours by appointment. Tel: 267-9279.



Gillette Castle, Hadlyme

Hadlyme

GILLETTE CASTLE STATE PARK, off Route 148. Great fieldstone mansion resembling medieval castle overlooks Connecticut River. Built by actor William Gillette as a private home in 1919; interior walls are of raffia with hand-carved oak panelling. Many unique fixtures also handcrafted. Stunning views of the river valley and beyond. Memorial Day-Columbus Day: daily 11-5. Adults 50¢; under 12 free.

Hartford

BUTLER-McCOOK HOMESTEAD (1782), 396 Main St. Rare historic survivor of a changing urban area reflects architectural evolution created by four generations of the same family. Wide variety of furniture includes excellent examples ranging from 18th century to classic Victorian. Carriage house museum is at rear of house. May 15-October 15: daily 1-5. Adults $1; children 25¢. Tel: 247-8996.

Hartford

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1 Elizabeth St. Extensive museum displays of Connecticut art and furnishings are housed in modern wing of building. Reference library has more than a million genealogical and historical manuscripts. Museum: June-Labor Day: weekdays 1-5; Labor Day-June: Monday-Saturday 1-5. Library: all year: Monday-Saturday 9:30-5:30; closes Saturday noon in summer. Free. Tel: 236-5621.

Twain Mansion, Hartford

Hartford

NOOK FARM, Farmington Ave. and Forest St. Restored homes of authors Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe are linked by a visitors center that has special displays. Opulent Twain mansion has a riverboat look to its south side and contains some truly unusual interior features. Smaller Stowe house is a tidy Victorian gem. All year: Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sunday 2-5; Mid-June-September: Monday 10-5. Combined tour: Adults $2; children $1. Twain: $1.25, 50¢. Stowe: $1, 50¢. Tel: 522-9258.

Hartford

OLD STATE HOUSE, Main St. A classic example of Bulfinch architectural design, the building served as Connecticut's capitol from 1796 to 1878; then it was Hartford's city hall until 1915. Today it's an historic shrine with polished rooms and government chambers containing many original furnishings. Tuesday-Saturday 12-4; closed on major holidays. Adults 50¢; children 10¢. Tel: 522-6766.

Hartford

CONSTITUTION PLAZA. This $40 million complex of office buildings, shops, arcades and landscaped walkways is the focal point of downtown Hartford. Its many special events include the Christmastime Festival of Light and an eight-day Civic and Arts Festival each June.

State Capitol, Hartford

Hartford

STATE CAPITOL, Capitol Ave. Great gold-domed building became the official seat of state government in 1878. Here are the legislative chambers and offices, as well as many top executive offices. Hallways contain historic statuary and flags. Tours available. Tel: 566-3945.

Hartford

STATE LIBRARY, opposite Capitol. Aside from its half million volumes of historic records, library displays priceless relics of Connecticut's history: the original Royal Charter, Colt Collection of Firearms, Newcomb Clock, Selden Auto and others. Weekdays 9-5; Saturday 9-1. Closed holidays. Free. Tel: 566-3056.

Hartford

WADSWORTH ATHENEUM, 600 Main St. First free public art museum in America (1842), it is today one of the nation's finest. Widely varied collections cover virtually every period of creative art in 65 distinctively appointed galleries. Tuesday-Saturday 11-4; Sunday 1-5. Closed August, major holidays. Free. Tel: 278-2670.

Kent

KENT FALLS STATE PARK, Route 7 North. Beautifully scenic roadside parkland dominated by 200-foot cascades. Wide woodland path follows falls to source with plenty of opportunities for wading along the way. There are picnic tables and a recreation field; across the road is a small campground. Free.

Kent

SLOANE-STANLEY MUSEUM, Route 7, Kent Furnace. Outstanding collection of early American craft and domestic tools, many dating from the 17th century and displayed in attitudes of use. Memorial Day-October: Wednesday-Sunday 10-4:30. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 927-3849.

Lebanon

JONATHAN TRUMBULL HOUSE (1735), Lebanon Green. Home of only colonial governor to support independence is now a National Historic Landmark. Stately structure on the old town green has many unusual design features and is furnished with outstanding antiques. At the rear is historic WADSWORTH STABLE, moved here from Hartford, a classic example of Greek Palladin architecture. Nearby REVOLUTIONARY WAR OFFICE was used by Trumbull to direct Connecticut's massive supply effort during Revolution. May-November: Tuesday-Saturday 1-6. Donation. Tel: 642-7558.

Trumbull House, Lebanon

Litchfield

WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND NATURE MUSEUM (Litchfield Nature Center), Route 25. Connecticut's largest nature center (4,000 acres) offers hiking, swimming, camping, picnicking, birdwatching and other recreational opportunities. Many self-guiding trails, including one for the blind. Museum has many excellent displays; one is a 3,000-specie collection of butterflies. Nature center is free and open all year. Museum: Tuesday-Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 2-5 (weekends only after Labor Day). 50¢. Tel: 567-8217 (Center); 567-0015 (Museum).

Litchfield

TAPPING REEVE HOUSE & LAW SCHOOL, South St. America's first law school, a tiny white cottage at the rear of Judge Reeve's home, is now a museum dedicated to the jurist's life and times. Established in 1784, its graduates included Mrs. Reeve's brother, Aaron Burr, two U.S. vice presidents, three U.S. Supreme Court justices, six cabinet members, 14 governors and 130 members of Congress. May 15-October 15: Tuesday-Saturday 11-5; Sunday 2-5. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 567-5862.

Litchfield

LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, on the Green. Located in the heart of a village that has been designated a National Historic Landmark, the society's exhibits reflect the heritage of this extraordinary community. Among its highlights are a restored colonial kitchen, artwork, textiles, metalwork and locally crafted furniture. May 15-Oct. 15: Tuesday-Saturday 11-5; Sunday 2-5. Oct. 15-May 15: Tuesday-Saturday 2-4. Donation. Tel: 567-5862.

Madison

NATHANIEL ALLIS HOUSE (c.1739), Route 1. The home has unusual architectural features as well as authentic furnishings and collections of colonial toys and clothing. There's an interesting farm tool display housed directly behind the kitchen. June 15-Sept. 15: Tuesday-Saturday 10-5. Adults 50¢; children 25¢; under 12 free. Tel: 245-4567.

Madison

HAMMONASSET BEACH STATE PARK, Route 1. Largest of the state's three great shoreline parks, Hammonasset has two miles of sandy beach area with complete facilities for swimming, camping and picnicking. Parking $1.

Manchester

CHENEY HOMESTEAD (c. 1780), 106 Hartford Rd. Built by farmer-clockmaker Timothy Cheney, it was the birthplace of the brothers who gave their names to Connecticut's once-prominent silk weaving industry. House contains many fine 18th and early 19th century furnishings. Thursday, Sunday 1-5. Adults 50¢; under 16 free with adults. Tel: 643-5588.

Manchester

LUTZ JUNIOR MUSEUM, 126 Cedar St. This is for the young, with every encouragement for self-discovery through handling displays and participating in specially geared projects. There are constantly changing exhibits in natural history, ethnology, science and industry. Museum also operates a nature center nearby. Tuesday-Sunday 2-5. Closed August and holidays. Free. Tel: 643-0949.

Meriden

CASTLE CRAIG, Hubbard Park, Route 66 West. This great crenelated stone tower, dominating the Hanging Hills, provides an extraordinary view of the Connecticut countryside from Long Island Sound through the the central part of the state. Free.

Meriden

ANDREWS HOMESTEAD, Route 66, business district. This fine center-chimney saltbox structure, dating from 1760, is filled with antique furnishings, most of which were made in Meriden. Wednesday, Sunday 2-5, or by appointment. Adults 35¢; children with adults free. Tel: 237-5079.

Middlebury

LAKE QUASSAPAUG AMUSEMENT PARK, Route 64. All kinds of rides and games for the family are available, as well as swimming and picnic facilities. Memorial Day—Labor Day: daily operation; April (last Sunday), May, September: Sunday only. Parking: Sunday, holidays 50¢. Beach lockers: Adults 99¢, children 75¢.

Hammonasset Beach, Madison

Middletown

DAVISON ART CENTER, High St. (Wesleyan University campus). Excellent permanent collections, largely contemporary American, are supplemented by student artwork and photography. Monday-Saturday 10-4; Sunday 2-5. Closed college vacations. Free. Tel: 347-9411, ext. 253.

Middletown

GENERAL MANSFIELD HOUSE (1810), 151 Main St. Former home of Union general killed in Civil War contains many personal and wartime effects, documents and period furnishings. Wednesday 3-5, or by appointment. Tel: 346-0764.

Milford

FORD HOUSE (1660), 142 West Main St. Originally a Boston Post Road tavern, many of its original materials and furnishings remain on display. House also has a variety of unusual and interesting architectural features. By appointment. Tel: 878-6669.

Milford

EELLS-STOW HOUSE (1685), 34 High St. A museum of local history, this unusually developed dwelling contains America's first telephone switchboard (invented in Milford) as well as a catalogued collection of Indian artifacts gathered by C. R. Coffin, whose work also is displayed at the Peabody Museum of Natural History in New Haven. By appointment. Tel: 874-2664.

Montville

FORT SHANTOK STATE PARK, Route 32. Ancient Indian burial ground with many tribal headstones is surrounded by a stockade fence. A park bridge is dedicated to Samson Occum, a Mohegan who turned Christian minister and raised funds for the construction of Dartmouth College. Open all year. Free.

Montville

TANTAQUIDGEON INDIAN MUSEUM, Route 32. Museum and grounds, filled with the history and lore of Connecticut Indian life, are presided over by Chief Harold Tantaquidgeon and his sister Gladys, both full blooded Mohegans, Grounds contain authentic wigwam, longhouse and stockade structures. May-November 10-6. Donation. Tel: 848-9145.

Moodus

AMASA DAY HOUSE (1816), Moodus Green. A comfortable home filled with Day family heirlooms; furnishings, fabrics and colors are faithfully restored to original period. Of particular interest is some unusual stairway stenciling. May 15-Oct. 15: daily 1-5. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 247-8996.

Mystic

DENISON HOMESTEAD, Pequotsepos Ave. Five different rooms of this home reflect different architectural eras in its life—from a 1717 kitchen to a 1910 parlor. All furnishings are original to the house. May-Oct. 15: Tuesday-Sunday 1-5; in winter by appointment. 75¢. Tel: 536-9248.

Mystic

PEQUOT-SEPOS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, Pequotsepos Ave. (across from Denison Homestead). Excellent small nature study area has trailside museum with fine conservation exhibits. There are a number of self-guiding trails through the center. May-November: Monday-Saturday 9-5; Sunday 1-5. November-May: Tuesday-Saturday 10-4. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 536-1216.

Mystic

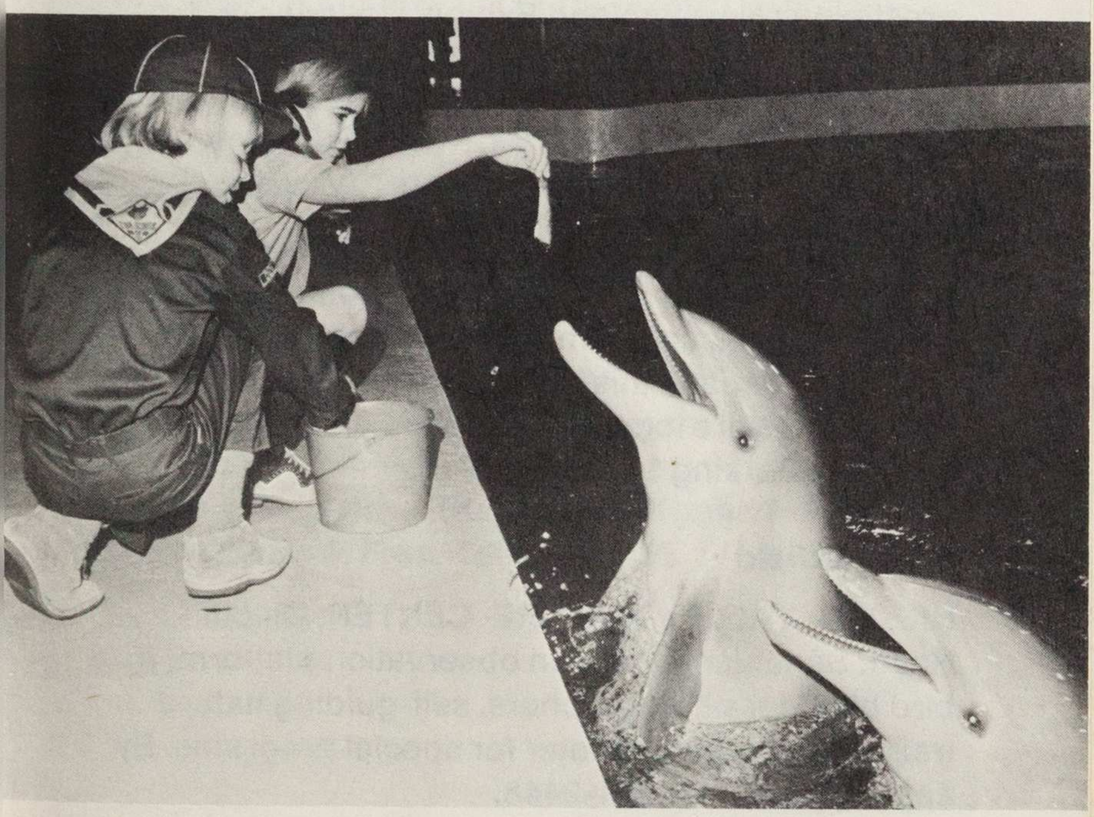
MYSTIC SEAPORT AND MUSEUM, Route 27. The seaport, a nationally acclaimed living museum, gathers authentic homes, shops and ships into a village commemorating maritime New England in the mid-19th century. Highlights include the *Charles W. Morgan,* last of the big wooden whaling ships, outstanding museum collections dealing with maritime history and a planetarium of celestial navigation. Daily 9-5 except Christmas and New Years. Adults $3.50; children $1.50; under six free. Planetarium: Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Rates slightly reduced after summer. Tel: 536-2631.

Mystic

MYSTIC MARINELIFE AQUARIUM, I-95 at Route 27. Over 2000 denizens of the deep are on display in this ultra-modern home. Hourly exhibits of dolphins and whales are presented in a 1400-seat marine theater. Daily 9-6. Closed Christmas, New Years. Adults $3, children (5-14) $1.50, under five free. Group rates available. Tel: 536-3323.

New Britain

NEW BRITAIN YOUTH MUSEUM, 28 High St. Changing exhibits for young people in fields of natural history, science and art. There are live animals, terrariums and aquariums, environmental displays and exhibits. A highlight is the Judd Memorial Circus Collection. Weekdays 2-5; Saturday 10-4 except in summer. Free. Tel: 225-3020.



Marinelife Aquarium, Mystic

New Britain

MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART, 56 Lexington St. Founded in 1903, this museum has one of the finest collections of American art—some 1,500 works from the 18th and 19th centuries. There also is a modern wing devoted to more recent work. Tuesday-Sunday 1-5. Closed holidays. Free. Tel: 229-0257.

New Canaan

NEW CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 13 Oenoke Ridge. Gracious house has an exquisite collection of period costumes and a reconstructed turn-of-century drug store. HANFORD-SILLIMAN HOUSE (1764) next door has collections of rare old pewterware. Grounds also contain an old print shop, an antique tool museum and an 18th century schoolhouse. Nearby JOHN ROGERS STUDIO MUSEUM displays the work of this Civil War era sculptor and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Tuesday-Friday, Sunday, 2-4. Closed holidays. $1. Tel: 966-5598.

New Canaan

NEW CANAAN NATURE CENTER, 144 Oenoke Ridge. Center has special museum collections of indigenous reptiles and insects, as well as extensive greenhouse plantings. Many trails for enjoyable exploration. Tuesday-Saturday 10-5; Sunday 1-5. Free. Tel: 966-9577.

New Canaan

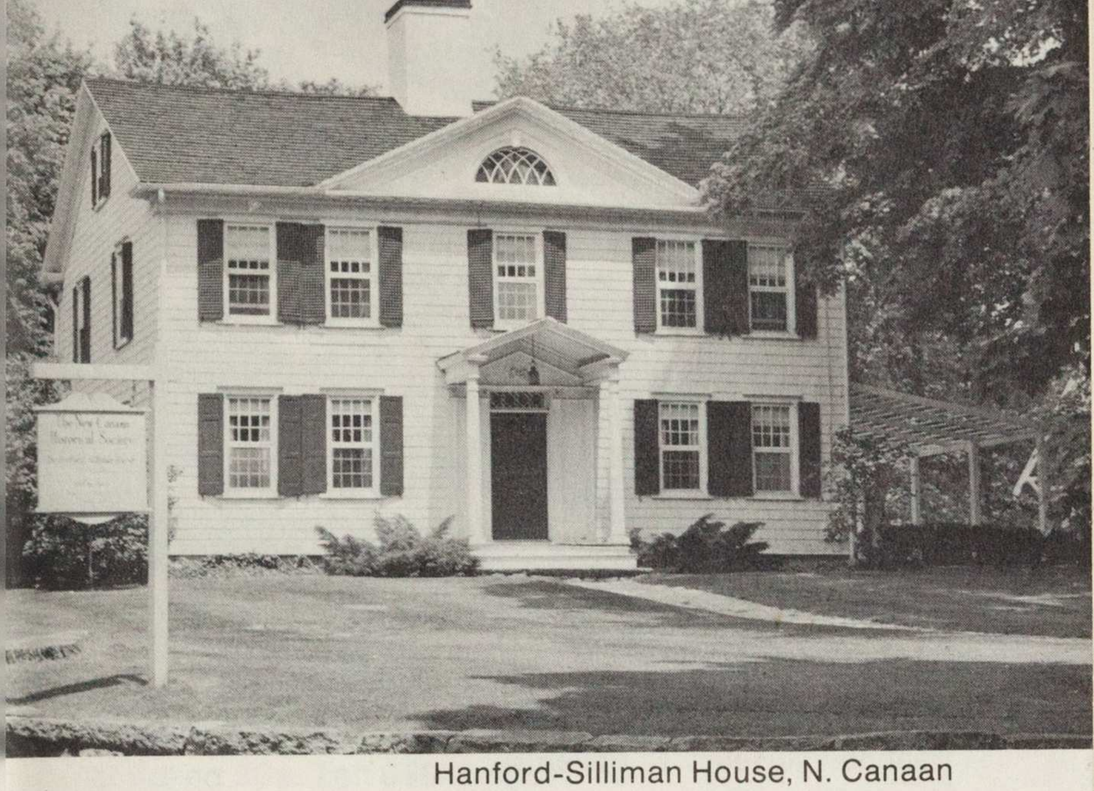
SILVERMINE GUILD OF ARTISTS, 1037 Silvermine Rd. Outstanding galleries offer a number of shows throughout the year, including the prestigious New England Exhibit. Galleries and school are housed in a cluster of barn-like buildings in a woodland setting. Daily 12:30-5. Free. Tel: 966-5617.

New Fairfield

SQUANTZ POND STATE PARK, Route 39. Wide sandy beaches and complete facilities for swimming and boating make this park an ideal recreation area. Picnic areas are located throughout its scenic grounds. Parking $1.

New Fairfield

HIDDEN VALLEY NATURE CENTER, Gillotti Road. Sanctuary offers an observation platform, a bird blind for photographers, self-guiding nature trails and an amphitheater for special programs. By appointment. Tel: 674-2448.



Hanford-Silliman House, N. Canaan

New Haven

MORRIS HOUSE (1680), 325 Lighthouse Ave. Exceptionally well-restored 17th century colonial home has a coach house with special displays. May-November: Tuesday-Friday 10-5, Sunday 2-5. Free. Tel: 467-0764.

New Haven

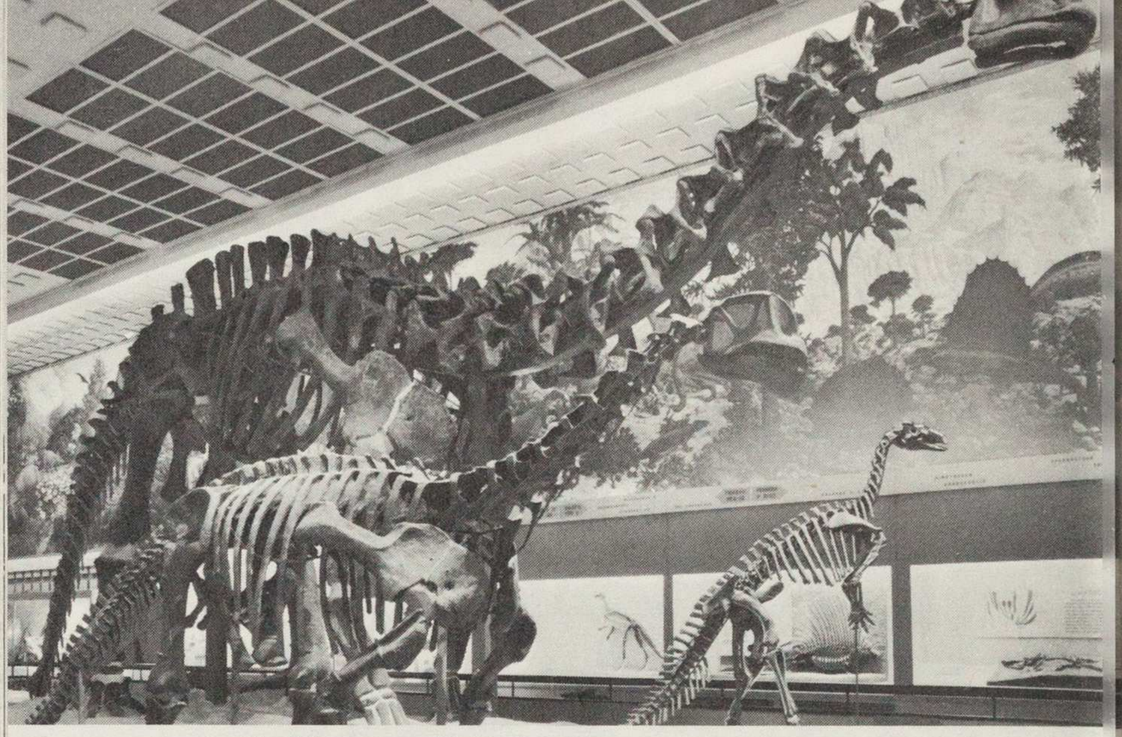
YALE UNIVERSITY, one of the world's foremost universities, offers tours of the campus without charge from Phelps Gateway, the large gothic structure visible from the New Haven green. By appointment. Tel: 436-8330.

New Haven

YALE ART GALLERY, 1111 Chapel St. Nation's oldest college art museum has excellent painting and sculpture collections from all major periods of art. Tuesday-Saturday 10-5 (Thursday during school year only), Sunday 2-5. Free. Tel: 436-0574.

New Haven

STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY, Yale University, High Street. One of the nation's largest libraries (4,000,000 + volumes) also has special historical and cultural displays. During school year: Monday-Saturday 8:30-5. Free. Tel: 436-8335.



Peabody Museum, N. Haven

New Haven

PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 170 Whitney Ave. Operated by Yale University, the museum has outstanding exhibits in the field of geology, ecology and natural history—including the largest natural history painting in the world. Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sundays, holidays 1-5. Closed Christmas, New Years, July 4, Thanksgiving. Monday, Wednesday, Friday free; other days 50¢. Tel: 436-0850.

New Haven

WINCHESTER GUN MUSEUM, 275 Winchester Ave. Oldest public firearms museum in the nation has more than 1,000 pieces covering the history of firearms in every part of the world. Monday-Saturday 9-4. Closed holidays. Free. Tel: 777-7911.

New Haven

WEST ROCK NATURE CENTER, Wintergreen Ave. An outstanding small center with nature trails and a zoo, it is located at the edge of West Rock Park. Daily from 9 a.m. Free. Park is the site of Judges' Cave where regicides Golfe and Whalley hid from Loyalist troops after condemning England's Charles I to death. There are picnic areas and walking trails nearby.

New Haven

EAST ROCK PARK, East Rock Road. Winding road leads to a magnificient overview of busy New Haven harbor and Long Island Sound. Floodlighted monument, visible for miles at night, is a memorial to the city's war dead.

New Haven

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 114 Whitney Ave. This museum contains a variety of historical exhibits a fine research library, recreated colonial rooms and a collection of old toys and dolls. Tuesday-Friday 10-5, weekends 2-5. Free. Tel: 562-4183.

Newington

EMERSON'S WILD ANIMAL FARM, 2866 Berlin Tpke. (Route 15). Wild and unusual animals, old circus wagons and rides on a train are available for appreciators of all ages. Tours by arrangement for groups of 10 or more. Daily 10-5. Adults $1.50, children 50¢. Tel: 666-3588.

New London

HEMPSTED HOUSE (1678), 11 Hempstead St. Built by Joshua Hempsted, one of the founders of New London, the house has been faithfully restored in accordance with detailed notes from his diary. It's a showcase of early American furnishings and utensils. May 15-Oct. 15: daily 1-5. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 247-8996.

New London

SHAW MANSION, 11 Blinman St. Magnificent stone house served as Connecticut's Naval Office during Revolutionary War. Built for a wealthy merchant, it reflects a rich history, which includes visits by Washington and Lafayette. Tuesday-Saturday 1-4. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 443-1209.

New London

BATES PARK WOODS AND NATURE CENTER, Chester St. This municipal park has a fine small zoo, picnic facilities and recreation fields. Farm animals are kept in a barnyard setting and may be visited. June-September 12-5. Park open year-round, 9-dusk. Free. Tel: 443-6866.

New London

U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY, Mohegan Avenue (Route 32). Campus is open to visitors daily; guided tours are available by arrangement on weekends through the public information office. Training bark "Eagle" may be boarded when in port. Dress parades are held during spring and fall, and band concerts on summer weekends. Free. Tel: 443-8463.

New London

OCEAN BEACH PARK, Ocean Avenue. Huge beach and recreation area offers a variety of facilities. Among its attractions is a fine amusement park. Memorial Day-Labor Day. Adults 50¢; children 20¢. Parking: weekdays $1, weekends $2. Tel: 447-3031.

New London

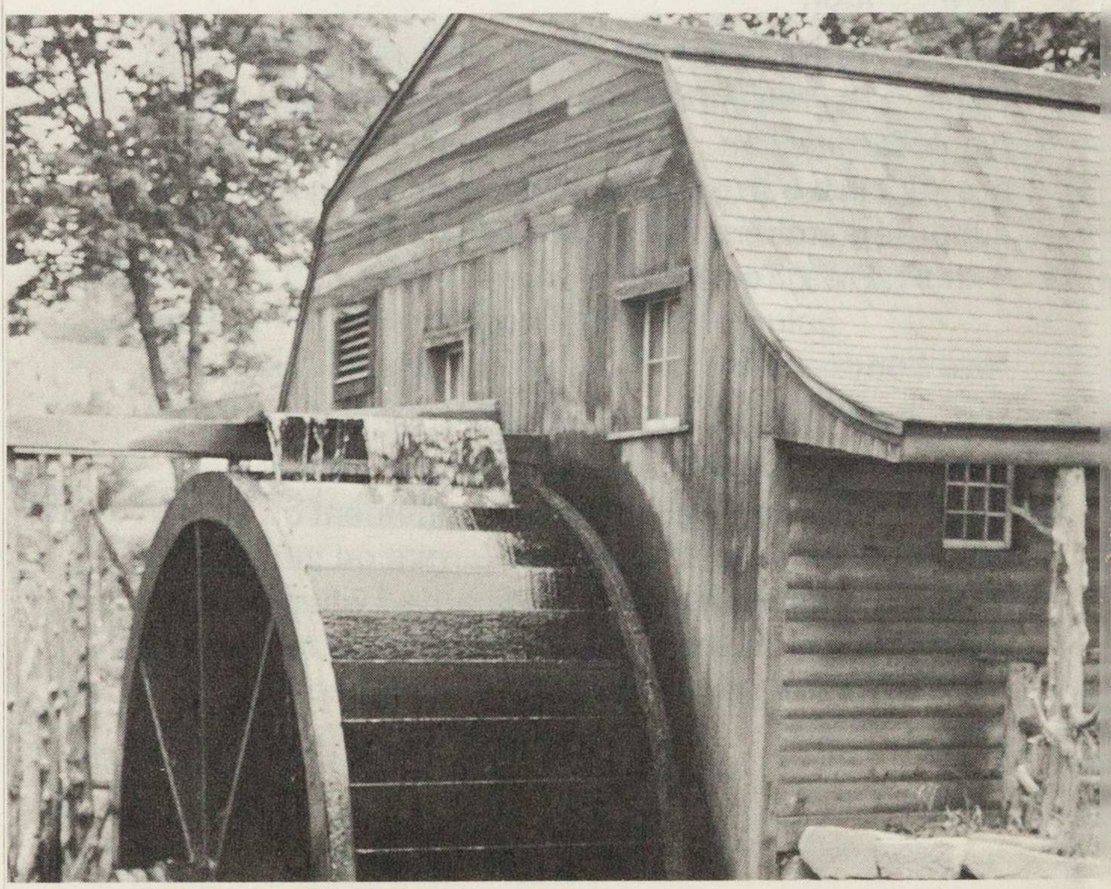
LYMAN ALLYN MUSEUM, Connecticut College Campus, Mohegan Avenue (Route 32). Exhibits include one of the nation's finest doll house collections, fine arts from every major period, early American silver and Greco-Roman artifacts. Tuesday-Saturday 1-5, Sunday 2-5. Free. Tel: 443-2545.

New London

THAMES SCIENCE CENTER and CONNECTICUT ARBORETUM, Connecticut College Campus, Williams St. Center has a variety of interpretive environmental exhibits and offers information about Arboretum. Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 1-5. Free. Arboretum is one of the East's finest small natural preserves and nature study areas. Half the land is in a natural state with self-guiding trails; the other half is a cultivated arboretum. Daylight hours. Free. Tel: 442-0391.

New London

OLD TOWN MILL and NATHAN HALE SCHOOLHOUSE, Main and Mill Streets. Mill is the oldest industrial power plant in the nation, now a



Old Town Mill, N. London

museum of early industry. Schoolhouse is where the American partiot taught before his service with the Army and execution as a spy. Summertime hours. Free. Nearby, YE ANCIENTEST BURIAL GROUND has headstones dating from 1653, many noted for their colorful epitaphs. Tel: 443-2861 (ext. 308).

New Milford

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 4 Aspetuck Ave. Located on a lovely tree-shaded green, the society's three-building complex houses collections of early portraits and miniatures, a display of Indian relics and an entire home furnished in the Victorian manner. Wednesday, Saturday 2-5. Free. Tel: 345-3069.

Norfolk

DENNIS HILL STATE PARK, Route 272 south, and HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, Route 272 north. Summit house at Dennis Hill and stone tower at Haystack afford magnificient views of Litchfield County's rolling landscape. Both are especially worthwhile during fall foliage season; Dennis Hill is also spectacular during laurel blossoming in June.

Norwalk

OLD MACDONALD'S FARM, Route 1. Two-acre park contains a variety of tame animals, pony and train rides, a recreated old-time general store and a restaurant. It's all geared for children. Farm open weekends only in April, Labor Day-Thanksgiving: 11-5:30; daily from Memorial Day-Labor Day. $1. Tel: 866-5955.

Norwalk

LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION (1864), 295 West Ave. Lavish 60-room blend of French chateau and Scottish manor house, built at a cost of $1.5 million, has some exquisite inlaid woodwork, stenciled walls, parquet flooring and 25 individually crafted fireplaces. Interior is dominated by an octagonal rotunda that reaches more than 40 feet to a skylight. Sunday 1-4; other by appointment. 50¢. Tel: 838-1434.

Norwich

ROCKWELL HOUSE (1818) and BACKUS HOUSE (1750), Rockwell St. Excellent period collections of furniture, clothing, glass, pewter and silver are on display. July, August: Wednesday 2-5; other by appointment. Tel: 887-8737.

Norwich

MOHEGAN PARK AND MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN. Fine municipal park offers many recreation areas, swimming and picnic facilities and a small zoo. Gardens bloom from May-November, but are particularly noted for roses in late June and early July. Free. Tel: 877-1891.

Norwich

NORWICHTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT: East Town Street, Elm Avenue, Washington Street. More than 50 pre-1800 homes are concentrated in an area around the Norwich green. They include those of Samuel Huntington, president of the Continental Congress, Governor of Connecticut and signer of the Declaration of Independence. His grave is in the old burying grounds nearby.

Norwich

LEFFINGWELL INN (1675), 348 Washington St. One of New England's best restored buildings, it served as a meeting place for patriots during the Revolutionary War, a tavern and the home of industrialist Christopher Leffingwell who built Connecticut's first paper and knitting mills. Summer hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10-12, 2-4; Sunday 2-4. Winter hours: Weekends 2-4. Adults $1; children with adults free. Tel: 889-9440.

Norwich

SLATER MEMORIAL MUSEUM, 108 Crescent St. (Norwich Free Academy campus). Collections include Oriental art, 19th century American paintings, costumes, Indian and marine items, firearms and Greek statuary. September-June: weekdays 9-4, weekends 2-5. Closed school holidays. June-September: Tuesday-Saturday 1-4. Closed holidays. Free. Tel: 887-2505.

Norwich

ROYAL MOHEGAN BURIAL GROUND, Sachem Street. Burial place of Uncas, chief (sachem) of the Mohegans who deeded land for the original settlement of Norwich. He died in 1683.

Old Lyme

NUT MUSEUM, Ferry Road. Curator Elizabeth Tashjian has put together a most unusual and charming collection of nuts and nutwood products from all corners of the earth. They are displayed for visitors in a special section of her gracious home by appointment. Admission: One nut. Tel: 434-7636.

Old Lyme

GRISWOLD HOUSE, Main Street. This Greek Revival mansion, once a residence for artists, contains contributed wall murals and other art works. Museum section has an impressive collection of toys, dolls, china and furnishings. Mid-June-Labor Day: Tuesday-Saturday 10-12, 1-5. Sunday 1-5. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Tel: 434-7665.

Old Lyme

LYME ART ASSOCIATION, Main Street (next to Griswold House). This prestigious summer gallery offers three major shows each season in various media. Summertime: weekdays 10-5, Saturday 10-10, Sunday 1-5. 50¢. Tel: 434-7802.

Old Saybrook

OLDER BUSHNELL HOUSE (1678), Route 1. Originally a daub and wattle cottage with a thatched roof, the house retains traces of its original construction. Outbuildings include a slave cottage of unusual construction. Summertime: Tuesday-Sunday 12-5. Adults $1; children under 12, 25¢. Tel: 388-9001.

Old Saybrook

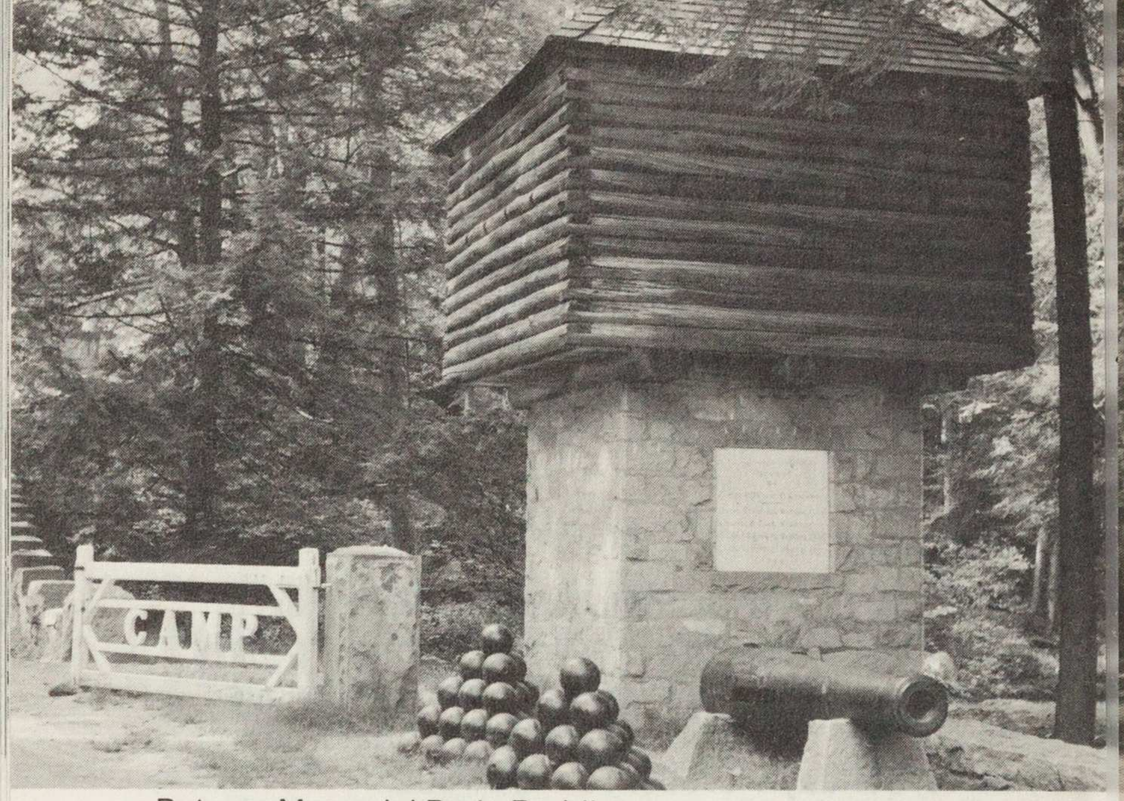
Riverboat "RIVER QUEEN", replica of a stern paddle-wheeler, offers spring, summer and fall cruises along the Connecticut River. Rates and schedules should be checked in advance. Tel: 345-4507.

Pomfret

WOLF DEN PARK, intersection of Routes 44, 169, 101. Here a short, marked trail leads to a woodland cave where young Israel Putnam, in 1742, slew the great wolf that had preyed on local sheep herds for years. Legend has it that Putnam lowered himself into the cave at night, killing the beast by torchlight.

Redding

PUTNAM MEMORIAL STATE PARK, junction of Routes 58 and 107. Winter site of Gen. Israel Putnam's Continental Army troops in 1778-79. Main section of park has an historical museum dedicated to the encampment; the other part offers facilities for picnics and swimming. Museum: Memorial Day-Labor Day 12-4. Park open year-round. Free. Tel: 938-2285.



Putnam Memorial Park, Redding

Ridgefield

KEELER TAVERN (1733), 25 Main St. Built to service colonial travelers on New York-Boston stagecoach runs, the inn has been meticulously restored and now contains most of its original furnishings. Guides wear colonial costumes. Wednesday, weekends 2-5, other by appointment. Adults $1, children 25¢. Tel: 438-5485.

Ridgefield

ALDRICH MUSEUM, 285 Main St. Important gallery of modern art has changing exhibits throughout the year. There is also a fine reference library and an outstanding sculpture garden. March-December: weekends 2-5; other by appointment. 50¢. Tel: 438-4519.

Riverton

HITCHCOCK CHAIR FACTORY and MUSEUM, Route 20. From 1826 to 1840 Lambert Hitchcock produced distinctively styled furniture at this factory. Visitors to showrooms can still see much of this work being done by hand. Nearby museum has extensive collection of original furniture. Factory open daily. Museum open May-December: Tuesday-Saturday 10-5; December-May: Saturday only 10-5. Groups by appointment. Free. Tel: 379-1003.

Rocky Hill

DINOSAUR STATE PARK, West Street (I-91 exit 23). More than 2,000 dinosaur tracks dating from Triassic Period (180-225 million years ago) are covered by great plastic dome. Information center

has educational materials and visitors may make a plaster cast of a dinosaur track as a souvenir. April-December 10-5. Free.

Sharon

GAY-HOYT HOOUSE (1775), Main Street. Headquarters of the Sharon Historical Society, this home is of uncommon brick construction and retains many original details such as angle fireplaces in each room. June-October: Tuesday, Saturday 2-5. Donation. Tel: 364-5688.

Sharon

SCAF GALLERIES, Route 343. Excellent small museum of modern art has varied displays in a mixture of media each summer. Next door is the Sharon Playhouse, which offers repertory theater July-Labor Day. Tel: 364-5733.

Sharon

SHARON AUDUBON CENTER, Route 4. This 520-acre sanctuary has self-guiding trails and an excellent interpretive building. Open all year, except holidays: Tuesday-Saturday 9-5; Sunday 1-5. Guided tours available Saturday at 3, April, May, September, October. Free. Tel: 364-5826.

Simsbury

MASSACOH PLANTATION, Route 10. A campus complex of historic buildings inviting visitors to view three centuries of community life. Exhibits include Higley Coppers, first copper coins struck in America; the tin peddler's cart; and wooden machinery that produced America's first safety fuses. May-November: Daily 1-4. Adults $1.25; children under 12 free. Group rates available. Tel: 658-2500.

Simsbury

TALCOTT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, off Route 185. Mountaintop acreage is dominated by 165-foot steel and concrete tower built as a home by the Heublein family. Good picnic and recreation facilities. Must be hiked to from parking area (about 1 mile). All year. Free.

Somers

SOMERS MOUNTAIN INDIAN MUSEUM, Turnpike Road. Collections of Indian arts and crafts, costumes and artifacts. March-January: daily 9:30-8; January-March: daily 9:30-7. Free. Tel: 749-4129.

South Norwalk

NORWALK MUSEUM AND ZOO, 133 Lexington Ave. It's called a "karamuseum" (kara is Swahili for happiness) and is dedicated to self-discovery in the arts and sciences. Farm animals and deer are kept in penned areas, and the museum offers constantly changing exhibits. Tuesday-Saturday 10-5. Free. Tel: 866-7624.

Stamford

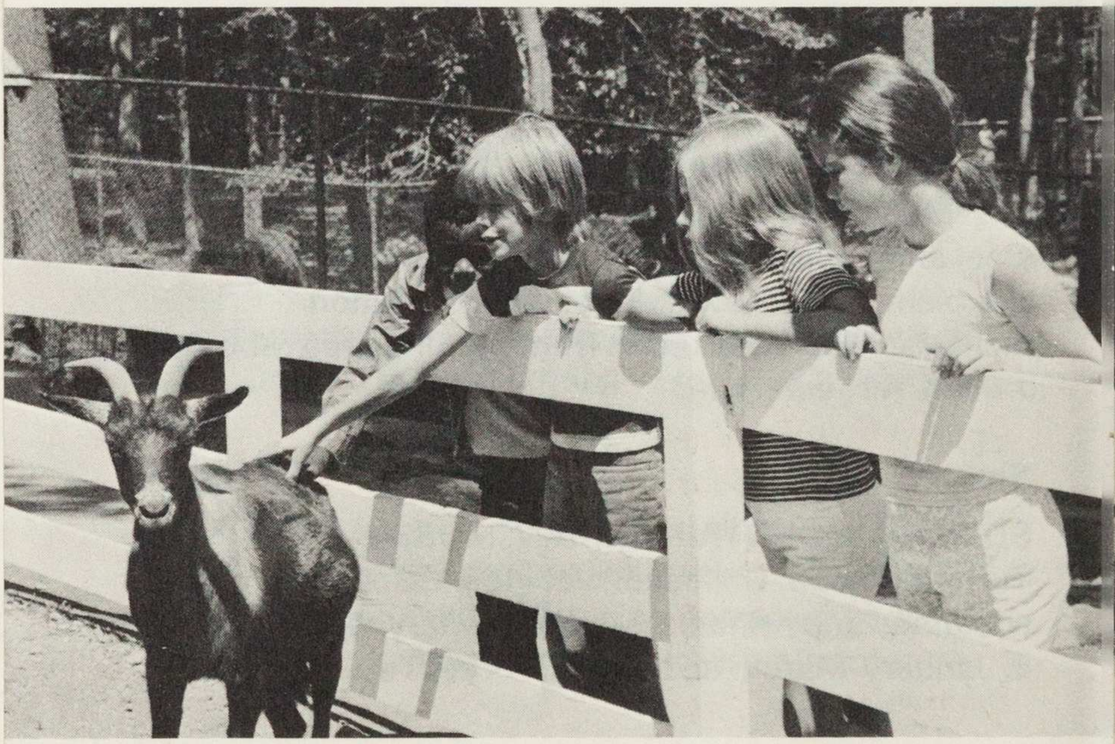
BARTLETT ARBORETUM, Brookdale Road (off High Ridge Road). State-operated 62-acre arboretum has a complete variety of native and exotic trees and shrubs, self-guided tours and offers home landscape and gardening information. Daily 8:30-4:30. Free. Tel: 322-6971.

Stamford

HOYT FARMHOUSE (Betsy Barnum House), 713 Bedford St. Built around 1690, the house contains collections of period costumes, old farm and carpentry tools and documents from the Revolutionary and Civil War eras. Tuesday-Friday 1-5. 25¢. Tel: 323-1975.

Stamford

STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER, High Ridge Road (north of Merritt Parkway exit 35). Museum exhibits deal in minerology, Indian life, dinosaurs and other fossils, firearms and space exploration. There is also a planetarium. Nature center has a working farm with daily demonstrations. Museum: Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 2-6. Free. Planetarium shows: weekends at 4. Adults 50¢; children 25¢. Observatory: Friday 8-10 p.m. Free. Tel: 322-1646.



Stamford Nature Center

Stonington

OLD STONINGTON LIGHTHOUSE, Stonington Point. Built in 1840, the lighthouse is now a museum of maritime and local history. There are many items from the Battle of Stonington in 1814. July-Labor Day: Tuesday-Sunday 11-4:30. Adults 75¢; children 25¢. Tel: 535-1440.

Stratford

AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE THEATRE, Elm Street. Housed in a building designed to resemble the Globe Theater of Elizabethan London, repertory company presents Shakespearean drama and comedy from mid-May through Labor Day. Exhibits of Shakespeariana and a fine reference library add to the attractions of this distinguished institution. Tel: 378-7321.

Stratford

JUDSON HOUSE (1723), Academy Hill. Faithfully restored 18th century home is connected to a modern museum wing with many rare and beautiful historic items. There is an extensive genealogical library. May-Labor Day: Wednesday, weekends 11-5. $1. Tel: 375-1925.

Stratford

BOOTHE MEMORIAL PARK, North Main Street. In this parkland is a collection of some of the most unusual buildings in the state, the creative brain-children of two brothers many years ago. Spring and summer gardens are lovely. Free.

Suffield

KING HOUSE (1764), 234 South Main St. A variety of early American treasures includes a fine collection of Bennington pottery, a number of carriages and wagons and a tobacco room with items once used in the cigar-making business. Also to be viewed is Dr. King's correspondence with his friend, Thomas Jefferson. May-November: Wednesday 2-4. 50¢. Tel: 668-5256.

Suffield

HATHEWAY HOUSE (1760), Main Street. Mansion and its furnishings reflect three distinct periods of taste in the 18th century. Wing of equal size was added to the house in 1795 and contains rare handblocked wallpaper from France. One of the rooms bears the original date and signature of creator. May 15-October 15: daily 1-5. Adults $1; children 50¢. Tel: 247-8996.

Terryville

LOCK MUSEUM OF AMERICA, 114 Main Street. Historic collection of more than 5,000 Connecticut-made locks and keys dating from early 19th century—Eagle, Corbin, Sargent and others. May-November: Tuesday-Sunday 1:30-4:30. Free. Tel: 589-9797.

Tolland

BENTON HOMESTEAD (c. 1720), Metcalf Road. Center chimney colonial structure housed Hessian prisoners during the Revolution. Building has interesting architectural detail, original panelling and authentic furnishings. It's one of the state's more celebrated "ghost" houses. May-November: Monday, Wednesday, 1-4. Donation.

Wallingford

SAMUEL PARSONS HOUSE (1759), 180 South Main St. A charming gambrel-roofed house, once a stagecoach tavern, has valuable collections of 18th and 19th century furniture, old china, small farm tools and firearms. Sunday 2-5, other by appointment. Free. Tel: 269-6257.

Waterbury

MINIATURE HOLY LAND (Pine Hill), I-84 exit 22. Dominated by a great silver cross that can be seen for miles, several acres of Waterbury hillside are covered with 200 miniature buildings, facsimiles of landmarks in biblical Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Open all year, this volunteer construction project is especially popular at Christmas and Easter. Donation. Tel: 755-2456.

Waterbury

MATTATUCK MUSEUM, 119 West Main St. Exhibits include galleries of 19th and 20th century American art and five meticulously recreated periods rooms—four colonial and one Victorian. Junior department concentrates on Indian and colonial history. Tuesday-Saturday 12-5, Sunday 2-5. Free. Tel: 754-5500.

Waterbury

CLOCK TOWER, Meadow Street. Rising over the central city area, the spire is modeled after Mangia Tower in Italy. Once part of the city's railroad station, the building now houses Waterbury's daily newspaper plants.

Waterford

MILLSTONE POINT NUCLEAR POWER STATION, off Route 156. The site of two atomic power plants, visitors may browse through exhibits in the information center and take advantage of swimming and picnicking facilities. Memorial Day-Labor Day: daily 9-5. Free. Tel: 442-3105.

Waterford

HARKNESS MEMORIAL STATE PARK, Route 213. Italian-style villa, once a private home, houses valuable collection of Rex Brasher bird paintings. There are beautifully maintained formal gardens, picnicking facilities on the wide lawns, and a good beach for combing and fishing (no swimming). Grounds open all year. Mansion: late May-mid June: weekends, holidays 10-5; mid June-Labor Day: daily 10-5; Labor Day-mid October: weekends, holidays 10-5. Greenhouses: Memorial Day-Labor Day: daily 8-5. 50¢ during mansion hours. Tel: 443-5725.

Waterford

EUGENE O'NEILL MEMORIAL THEATER, Route 213. This tribute to the great American playwright is only a few miles from his native New London. It features experimental works of the National Playwrights Convention in July, August; National Theater of the Deaf in September. Tel: 443-5378.

West Cornwall

OLD COVERED BRIDGE, (Hart's Bridge), designed by Ithiel Towne, has been in active service on Route 128 since construction in 1841. It's one of the most photographed structures of its kind in New England and one of two such bridges still active in Connecticut. The other is Bulls Bridge, a few miles south on Route 7 in the town of Kent.

West Hartford

ENVIRONMENTAL CENTERS INC. (formerly Children's Museum of Hartford), 950 Trout Brook Dr. Designed for the young, exhibits cover such fields as primitive and colonial peoples, wildlife and natural history, space and science. Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 1-5. Closed major holidays. Planetarium shows Friday night, weekend afternoons. Museum free. Planetarium: Adults $1.25, children 60¢. Tel: 236-2961.

West Hartford

NOAH WEBSTER HOUSE (early 1700s), 227 South Main St. Birthplace of the author of the "Blue-Backed Speller" (1783) and the American Dictionary (1828), this simple frame dwelling is now a museum of Webster memorabilia. Thursday 10-4, other by appointment. Adults 50¢, children 25¢. Tel: 521-1939.

Westport

NATURE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES and WADSWORTH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, 10 Woodside Lane. Center includes a youth musuem, an environmental action resource center, a natural areas trust and an environmental studies program. The 55-acre sanctuary offers many trails through a variety of natural terrain. Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 2-5. Free. Tel: 227-7253.

Westport

SHERWOOD ISLAND STATE PARK (I-95 exit 18). Its 200 acres include 1½ miles of beachfront on Long Island Sound and complete facilities for a memorable day's outing. Daily 8-sunset. Parking $1.

Wethersfield

BUTTOLPH-WILLIAMS HOUSE (c.1690), Broad Street. One of New England's finest restored colonial homes of garrison design; its furnishings are meticulous to the period of construction. Of particular interest is the kitchen, said to be the most authentically restored room of its kind. May 15-October 15, 1-5. Adults 50¢, children 25¢. Tel: 247-8996.

Wethersfield

JOSEPH WEBB HOUSE (1752), Main Street. One of the state's finest showcases of colonial architecture, this home still has wallpaper put up for visit by Washington in 1781 when he and Rochambeau met here to plan the battle of Yorktown. Nearby are the SILAS DEANE HOUSE (1766) and the ISAAC STEVENS HOUSE (1789), also open to the public through the Webb mansion. All year: Tuesday-Saturday 10-4; also May 15-October 15: Sunday 1-4. $1. Tel: 529-0612.

Willington

WILLINGTON WILD ANIMAL FARM, off Route 44. Connecticut's largest game farm, dedicated to the preservation of endangered species. Rare and unusual animals are here—llamas from South America, a Tibetan yak, West Indian sheep and miniature deer. Daily 10-dusk. Adults $1, children 50¢. Tel: 429-2424.

Wilton

LAMBERT HOUSE (1724), 150 Danbury Rd. This Tory-owned colonial tavern later served as a station in the underground railway for escaped slaves. It is now refurnished with interesting displays as headquarters for the Wilton Historical Society. Tuesday-Friday 1:30-5, other by appointment. Closed in August. $1. Tel: 762-7257.

Windsor

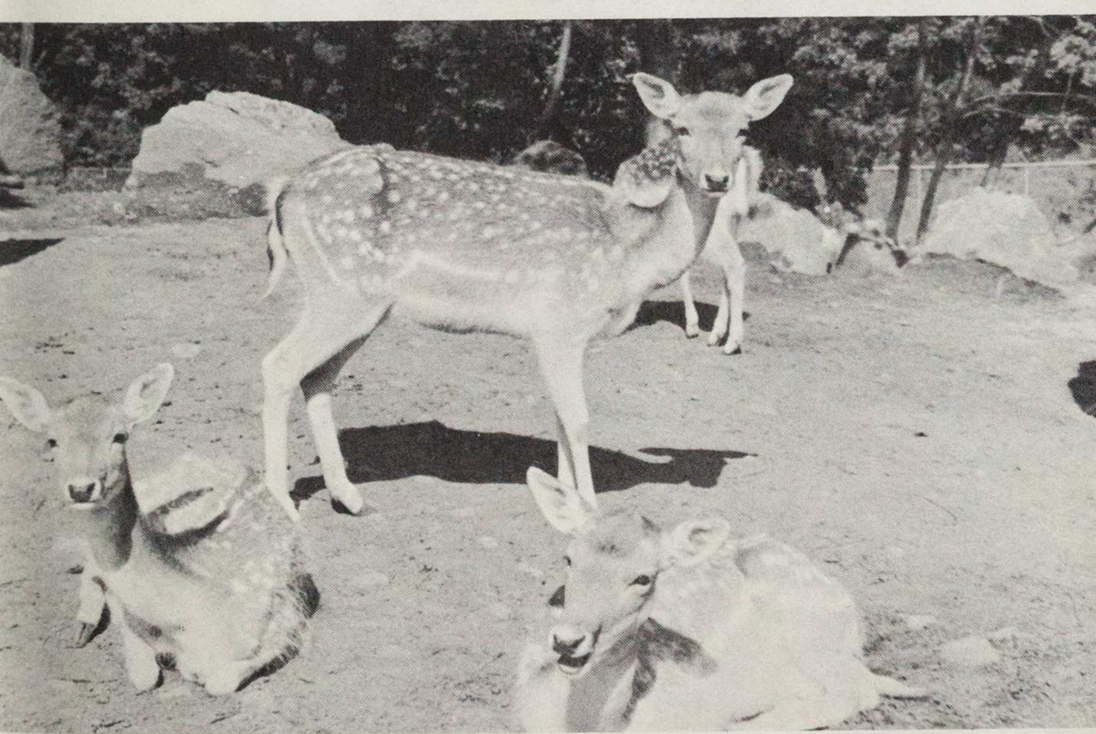
FYLER HOUSE (c. 1640), 96 Palisado Ave. One of the state's earliest frame dwellings, the house has an authentically refurbished keeping room, dining room and parlor on the first floor. New WILSON MUSEUM wing has many valuable collections of local interest. April-December: Tuesday-Saturday 10-12, 1-4. 50¢. Under 12 free. Tel: 688-3813.

Windsor

OLIVER ELLSWORTH HOMESTEAD (1740), 778 Palisado Ave. This fine early central-hall home retains much of its original elegence. Ellsworth was a member of the Continental Congress, a framer of the Constitution, a U.S. Senator and U.S. Chief Justice. He also served as minister plenipotentiary to the Court of France. House has a Gobelin tapestry presented to Ellsworth by Napoleon. May-November: Tuesday-Saturday 1-6. Donation. Tel: 688-9444.

Windsor Locks

BRADLEY AIR MUSEUM, Route 75 (opposite Bradley terminal). Excellent collection of vintage planes from piston-engine WWII fighters to early jets. Other resources available to serious students of aviation. April-December 15: weekends, most holidays 12-6; June-Sept. 15: daily 10-6. Closed in inclement weather. Adults $1, children 50¢.



Willington Game Farm

Woodbury

FLANDERS NATURE CENTER, Church Hill Road. An 830-acre preserve that offers extensive environmental center, workshop and self-guiding trails through a variety of terrain. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9-5; Sunday 1-5. Free. Tel: 263-3711.

Woodbury

GLEBE HOUSE (1740), Hollow Road. One-time parsonage of St. Paul's Parish, this is where Samuel Seabury was elected first bishop of the American Episcopal Church. First floor is an authentically restored period home; second floor is a museum of the early Episcopal Church in America. Tuesday-Saturday 11-5, Sunday 1-4. Free. Tel: 263-2855.

Woodstock

QUASSET SCHOOL, off Route 169. Small brick building is the nation's oldest one-room school in point of continuous service (1748-1945). It is now an interesting museum of a bygone educational era. Its hosts and hostesses are garbed in colonial dress. June-November: Saturday 2-5. Donation. Tel: 928-9747.

Woodstock

ROSELAND (the Pink House), Route 169. This classic Gothic Revival home, built in 1845, is one of the best of its kind in New England today. According to the will of its previous owner, the home is to remain its unusual pink color in perpetuity. June-October: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 1-5. $1.

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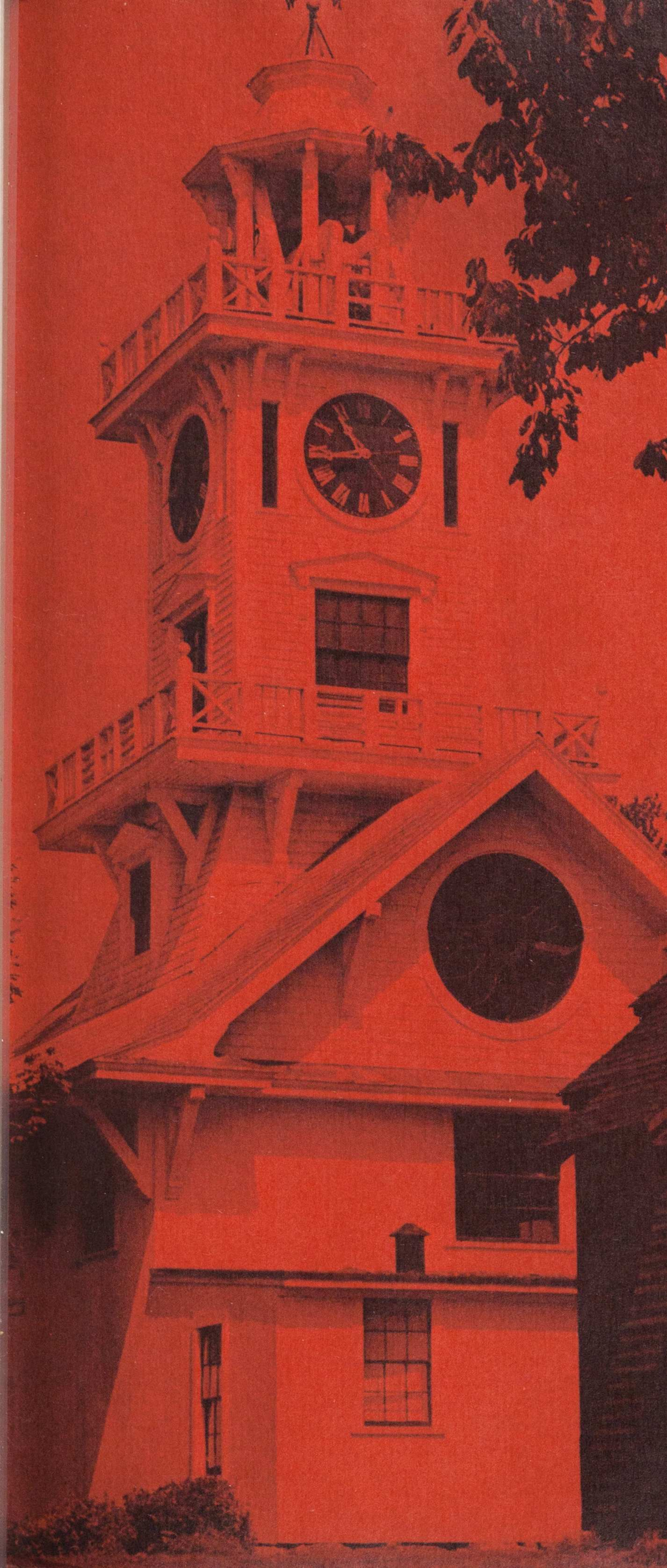
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