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curriculum is for students to take part in a civic service project.

"The kids were really happy with how it turned out," Gray said. She added that students were period clething and read scripta about various Warner Mansion rooms and artifacts, all culled during project research.

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Following are just a few of the facts the students presented:

Fred Warner added on to the mansion in 1890, But the governor's oldest daughter (Edesas Slocum) remodeled the kitchen in 1945 when she moved into the house. The kitchen still looks the way it did then.

The table, chairs and side-board in the dining room ward in the dining room was purchased by the Warner family in 1911, when the governor left office.

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According to the script, that missing arm allowed enough room for long, flowing gowns and full-skirted dreases to be pushed away from the fire.

One of the mansion's longtime adult docents, Dick Carvell, said he was amazed to see three girls reading their acripts 'like a church reading, all in unison.'

Carvell, who is a member of



Good times: Old fashioned games were played on the lawn and on the porch. Debra Atkinson, parent of third grader Jake (who presented) and kindergartner Brent, took her turn.

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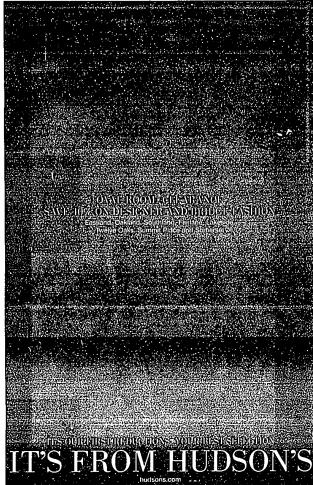
the Farmington Historical Com-mission and Gov. Warner Man-sion Committee, applauded the offort of the students and said the program, organized by the Hillside PTA, could potentially increase public awareness of the mansion.

"It's to give them a different napect on local history," Carvell said. "... But, from our stand-point, it's a good way for us to

get involved with the schools, which we're trying to do more. Gray said the program proved to be an eye-opener, not just for students, but for their friends and family members who came out on a very het and humid day. "A lot of people just havest taken the time to go in and see what it's really like," Gray said. It think people were surprised there was so much in there. Besides students' readings, she said highlights included refroshments on the gazebo, dancing on the Warner Mansion front lawn and old-fashioned games on the porch, such as jacks and marbles.



Touring: From right to left is third grade teacher Debra Badrak's family: Brian Badrak, Caitlin Brian Badrak, Caitlin Badrak, Mary Ellen George and Jim George, who are touring the dining room in the Warner Mansion during the docen's tour Sunday. The docent's program was organized by the Hillside PTA.









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