A day as a colonial woman





BY MARGARET MILLER
For Observerland women whose lives are bounded by today's subraban pursuits, it's just a short drive to the 18th century and colonial Marganian with a mother and daughter who have devoted a lot of study to the period, what it was like to be a pioneer woman.

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WOMAN'S WORK in colonial days is the theme of workshops conducted by Mrs. Peg Harding (above, left) and her daughter, Mrs. Lois Mitchell, shown with some of the spinning and weaving tools of that earlier time. At the right, above, Mrs. Joan Harrison of Livonia dips beeswax candles, and below, her mother in law, Mrs. Marie Harrison of Farmington, helps Mrs. Mitchell sits oap in a heavy kettle. (Photos by Doug Johnson)



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After 10 years of having girl scouts in the family, I thought I had had every mother's eye view of the program

I was wrong. It wasn't until this month that I found out how it feels when it's your daughter taking the responsibility – well, half of it, anyway – for a bunch of junior girl scouts on a camping trip.

We've been involved in lots of winter camp week-ends, but I don't ever remember such preparations on

ends, but I don't ever remember any of them.

And I felt mighty close to the operation, though I didn't pack a pair of socks or drive a mile.

Our new adult and her co-leader, an almost-as-new adult, probably were as excited as any of their young charges. "We never realized before how much there was to do to get ready," they explained.

Besides the inevitable Girl Scout caper charts, they

made food charts, and driver charts and time charts.

"Have to keep them busy," they said.

And I went back to my old tricks of worrying about the driving. The prospect of their driving to camp, each with a carful of little scouts, was a bit unnerving.

As it turned out, they went up on a gloriously sunwinter day, but came home in a Sunday snowstorm.

I must admit I had seldom been bappier to see a car pull into the drive, and she even was home in time to play in a scheduled Sunday afternoon concert.

All reports indicated a most successful weekend.

But the leader in our family came home with a ferrible cold, and when the next meeting day rolled around it turned out that half her troop shared the allment.

Par for the course for winter camp, I guess. Some day I may learn what to expect.

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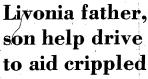
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the Metropolitan Society drive.

Devin has been attending the society's special classes at 17330 Schaefer, Detroit, to receive physical and occupational therapy for seven years. He is in the titrid grade at Botsford School in the Clarenceville district, where he and his father are active in Cub Pack 287.

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The other children representing the area are sixyear old Mark Argue of Westland, who goes to kindergarten at Sottlemper in the Wayne- Westland district and has been receiving developmental therapy at the society's pacciety's society's society for two years, and board of directors.

A Livonia father and son are in the forefront of the current Crippled Children's Seal fund drive in western Wayne County.

Warren T. Strong, a systems engineer, an active member of the parents group in the Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and a cubmaster in his spare time, is chairman of the drive in this area.

His nine year - old son, Devin, is one of three children picked to represent wayne County for the Metropolitan Society for the Metropolitan Society for the Metropolitan Society in Wayne County, emplained the Metropolitan Society in Wayne County to the Metropolitan Society in Wayne County in the Metropolitan Society in Wayne County to Wayne County t



WARREN AND DEVIN STRONG were on warkien Man Devin Strong were on hand for the press conference that launched the 1974 "Gift of Therapy" drive for the Metro-politan Society for Crippled Children and Adults in western Wayne County. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)