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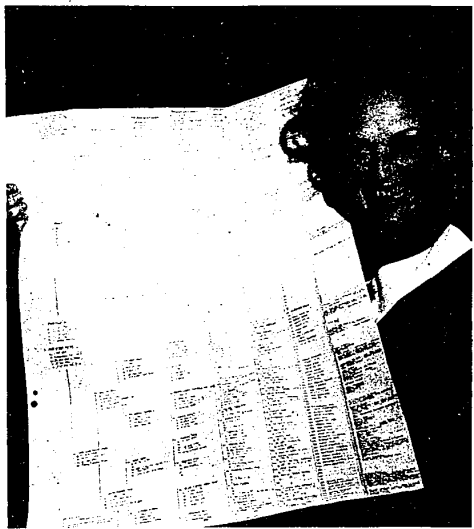
She Traces Forebears To Appreciate History

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

If you enjoy poking around historic cemeteries or deciphering faded inscriptions in yellowed family Bibles, you'll have a kindred feeling for Mrs. Orvis Henke of Farmington.

She readily admits to a fascination with tracing her forebears, because, she explains, "it places you in history."

It's also placed her and a number of others in the organization that values heritage, the Daughters of the American Revolution.



MARGUERITE HENKE shows one of her genealogy charts. (Evert photo)

MARGUERITE HENKE established her eligibility for the patriotic group by verifying that one of her great-great-grandfathers was Sgt. David DePue of the Continental Army in the American Revolution.

Her original membership was in the Fort Ponchartrain DAR chapter, which she served as regent, and more recently she helped found the new Quakertown Chapter in Farmington. To qualify more members for the new unit, she traced several more genealogical lines.

"By the time I finished bringing those first papers up to date, I was hooked on genealogy," she said. "I took a course in the subject and started buying books that contain genealogical records."

Now she has shelves full of such books and notebooks crammed with records of lineages she has traced.

MRS. HENKE long had been interested in the Daughters of the American Revolution because she had college friends who were members, but considered herself ineligible.

"I knew my mother's ancestors had been here before the Revolution," she explained, "but they were Tories and the DAR requires an ancestor who served in the Continental Army or rendered material aid."

But when her father, Roy Martin of Flint, reached retirement he decided to learn more about his family that had been in the Washtenaw area for several generations.

In the process, he met a distant cousin who was a member of the DAR.

So Mrs. Henke contacted that lady and began her own genealogical search. It took her back to a Joseph Martin, who died at sea when he was coming to this country from Ireland in 1800. But his eight-year-old son, James, landed in America and went to live in New York State. There, in due time, he married a young woman named Letitia DePue, whose father had served in the Continental Army, and that made Marguerite Henke eligible for the DAR.

"David DePue died in Michigan while visiting his daughter," she relates. "I know he was visiting because I found a letter his widow wrote when applying for a government pension. And his grave in Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, and those of his daughter and her husband and son, Azariah French Martin, have been marked by the Fort Ponchartrain DAR."

and had a tobacco plantation in New York, where the city stands now.

"I've been told that he probably has 3,000 descendants in this country," she said, "but only about 100 of us know it."

MRS. HENKE, in addition to her DAR connections, is vice president of the Daughters of Colonial Wars, for those with ancestors here before the Revolution, and regent of the Detroit chapter of the Daughters of American Colonization and a director of the Huguenot Society.

She firmly believes "everyone should have a family history," and she has some definite suggestions on how to compile one.

Write down what you know of your family, starting with yourself and your parents and your grandparents, she advises. Then talk to relatives, find out who has the family Bible and check births, deaths and marriages recorded there.

Then write to governmental offices to get copies of death certificates—better than birth certificates, says Mrs. Henke, because they've been kept much longer.

"You can also go to a genealogical library, such as Burton at Detroit Main, or the Michigan State Library at Lansing, and check for genealogy of the family name. When dealing with a common name, it may be helpful to check the daughters' married names. I've had good luck this way. And remember that names can be spelled in many ways and often are written down as the clerk heard it."

Airline Offering Film On Packing

The case of skillful packing is illustrated by Delta Air Lines in a new 15-minute, 16mm color film created by Delta as a valuable travel aid for the "woman on the go" in today's jet-paced world.

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Y Offers Short-Term Classes

A variety of short-term classes are being offered this summer for women and young people at the Oakland YWCA, 839 S. Crooks Road, Clawson.

Classes will begin Monday evening, June 26, for five or six weeks. Wednesdays a baby-sitting service will be available for preschoolers from six months to six years.

Monday evenings between 7:30 and 9:30, classes will be given in powder puff mechanics, beaded flowers, macramé and creative needlepoint.

On Wednesdays, classes in sketching, macramé, sewing double knits, papier tole, sewing summer lingerie, candle crafts and duplicate bridge, will be offered.

Other classes include papier tole, at 7 p.m., beginning June 28; Bishop Sewing I, Mondays through Thursdays at 3 p.m., July 17-21; a pre-teen sewing class for girls entering grades five, six or seven in the fall, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 11; and an art workshop for boys and girls from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning June 28.

Registrations are being taken at the YWCA daily between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and between 7 and 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Y Expands Kids' Programs

An expanded summer recreation program will be offered at Westwood Branch YWCA, 25940 Grand River, Detroit, for boys and girls between the ages of six and 12.

The program will begin the week of June 28 and will run for an eight-week term from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There will be a choice of Tuesdays and Thursdays or Mondays and Wednesdays with special programming on alternate Fridays for each group.

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