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Distinguished Parenthood

By Maxine Cheshire

Mary Frances Smoak, wife of the Acting Chief of Protocol, doesn't expect to get invited to any more Republican Lincoln Day dinners after she tells how she got into the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her ancestor, she says, was one Abraham Enlow of Kentucky. Family legend has always claimed that he, not Tom Lincoln, was the father

of Abraham Lincoln.
"One of my relatives went down there and did considerable research into the story and came away convinced that old Tom Lincoln was away two years when little Abe was born," she says. "All I personally know about it is that all my Enlow uncles look like Raymond Massey."

Chinese Movie Buffs

NBC producer Lucy Jarvis, currently in China to film the Ming tombs, might not have gotten there without an assist from Marlon Brando and Charlie Chaplin.

To get permission from Peking for her documentary, she started courting the friendship of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations the minute they arrived in New York.

Over tea one day, she learned that they were all movie buffs. They were eager to see "The See VIP, L10, Col. 7

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dubbed the Democratic candidate's program "Dove Story" . . . Murray M. Chotiner, the Washington lawyer who is one of President Nixon's oldest friends and campaign advisers, was on a list of people who would have been subpoenaed to testify if the House Banking and Currency Committee had voted to stage televised congressional hearings into the Watergate bugging. Chotiner says: "I didn't have anything to do with the Watergate and I can prove it. You want to know how I can prove it? Anybody who knows me knows that if I'd had anything to do with it, it wouldn't have been such a fiasco" . . . Four months ago, Stewart Mott, the General Motors heir who was a heavy contributor to the McGovern campaign, was making plans to move to Washington. He is still looking for a house here. But now that the polls show his candidate doing so badly, he is telling friends that he probably will never occupy the place and just acquire it as an "investment property" . . .

"I sometimes wonder why we're doing all this," Sargent Shriver told a group of reporters as they rode with him on a bus into Green Bay, Wis. "I was thinking, maybe we could just set up (movie) sets at my house

at Timberlawn [his 300-acre estate in Rockville, Md.]—one that looks like San Antonio, another that looks like Peoria—and do the whole thing there. Maybe we could bring in some Chicanos and some farmers"... Defense Secretary Melvin Laird's wife says their children are hoping their daddy will "make some money" when he retires from politics at the end of this presidential term and goes into private industry. "They don't want it for themselves," she says. "They just want us to have it after so many years of not having any"...

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and Mouse Fur Coats

Because he has trouble keeping his pipe lighted, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur Burns calculates that his smoking now costs the taxpayers "60 to 70 cents a week." That's what he used to spend on matches, he says, until he discovered that he could filch them from the government supply in his office . . .

In Taiwan, if you build a better mousetrap, you get a fur coat. Mouse fur is as fashionable as mink now in Nationalist China and several coats were modeled here recently at an embassy fashion show . . . You

would think the CIA would have a list of little out-of-the-way restaurants in Washington where director Richard Helms could get a quick lunch in a dark corner when he doesn't want to be recognized. Not so, says Helms. He has been scouting the downtown area of the capital for just such a place ever since the closing of the Occidental, where he used to go unnoticed among the tourists and lower-level bureaucrats. Places like Sans Souci, where VIPs go to see and be seen, are too public for him.

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