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Dues are currently \$10.00 per year for individuals and institutions, and \$12.00 per year for families, and includes a monthly Newsletter (Sept.-May) which publishes free queries for members (\$1.00 for non-members).

Dues may be sent to the society at the above address.

MEETINGS are held the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-May) at the Meeting Room of the Western Federal Savings and Loan, Southgate Branch 2601 Garfield, Missoula MT at 7:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our meeting this month will be on Thursday, Feb 14th. Joyce Kemmer will discuss the use of genealogical forms and the Branch Library.

At our last meeting in January, Mr. Hayes Otoupalik gave a lively and interesting talk on his collecting of military memorabilia. Mr. Otoupalik's perseverance, often over a period of several years, in his quest for a particular item

was not unlike many a genealogists quest. One story stressed the importance of talking to people of the age group of the person he was interested in in trying to revive old memories and "rekindle associations". He talked of the help, which might also be useful to genealogists, which he had received from veterans groups. He also noted that there is an Index Of Medal Of Honor Winners in the government documents publications (available at the University of Montana Library, Documents Division) which could be checked by anyone who thinks an ancestor may have won a medal of honor in one of America's wars. An interesting note on Montana history presented by Mr. Otoupalik was that the Calvary Unit of the Spanish-American War Squadron from Montana never left the United States, while a medal they had struck may imply otherwise.

The Branch Library has still not received the new IGI, and there have been no other new arrivals.

Remember to send in your Surname/Family Registry sheets and to take advantage of this new service the next time you visit the Branch Library.

Look for the last issue of the Bulletin at our February meeting, or the County Library next week.

The only series not completed in this last Bulletin was the Missoula County Marriages, Oct 1883-Feb 1894 but this will be finished in the Newsletters through the remainder of the 1984-1985 year.

DAR NEWS The Bitterroot Chapter of the DAR has announced the completion of their book of Marriages Missoula County, Montana 1884-1902, part A, vol. A, vol. B, vol. C.

It will be available in both soft cover \$12.00 or hard cover \$20.00. Please include \$1.00 for postage for each book ordered. Send orders as soon as possible to:

Mrs. Carol Israel
3201 Hollis
Missoula, MT 59801

Only enough books will be published as are ordered with payment.

The genealogical society has received a new book in the mail on the Francis Redfearn Family, A Study of the Family of Francis Redfearn (1777-1858) His Wife, Ruth Milner (1779-1857) and Their Three Sons and Three Daughters, by Louise Redfern Pells. The Redfearn/Redfern family is of Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Iowa, with allied families of the three daughters including Goldsborough, Levitt and Aten, and a large section on the ancestors and descendants of Joseph and Susanna Lash of Westmorland County, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Nebraska.

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