

# Newcomers Arrive in Berkshire Hills Area

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BERKSHIRES—We have newcomers in our midst, so let's go calling! Knocking on the door at 1106 Mill road, we find Mr. and Mrs. Laurence L. Kortkamp and daughter, Laurene, 13. Recently transferred here from Cleveland, Kortkamp is production control engineer at Cadillac Motor Car company. Daughter Laurene is a student at Vaughan school. Their hobbies? Well, they enjoy flying and photography but there's a new lawn in the making.

The W. T. Fogarty is at home as of June 15, at 3836 Weidwood drive. Helping mother and dad put in their new lawn are Karen, 15; Roger, 11; and Thomas, 8. Fogarty is purchasing agent for the Detroit division of General Motors (Detroit). During their leisure hours (of which there are none at present, says Mr. F.) the Fogarty's enjoy golfing and swimming.

Over at 3922 Ann Rose court reside Mr. and Mrs. Elton G. Gress. They moved here from the northwest section of Detroit. Gress is employed by Vickers Corporation. The Gresses have a married son and two grandchildren, Dougie, 3, and Cathie, 1, of whom they are mighty proud! It was a red letter day at the Gress' home this past

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# THE COMMUTER'S WIFE 'Good Ole Days'? Mother Likes Her Modern Way Better

By HELEN BRUNSON  
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Every now and then someone starts bleating about the "Good Ole Days."

What was good about them? Freedom from atomic war and the threat of the H-bomb? Yes. No traffic jams and no one in a hurry? Certainly. But as for Mother, wild horses couldn't drag her back to the conditions of 50 years ago.

Clothes, for example. Mother was decked out in a tight corset, summer and winter, and wasn't considered pretty unless her inwards were squeezed down to nothing. She wore cumbersome skirts touching the ground, with a full quota of petticoats, high-laced needle-pointed shoes and hats with four pounds of trimmings. Her hair-do was upholstered with "rats."

Even when she went bathing (not swimming—ladies didn't know how to swim), she had to wear a blue serge bathing suit with sailor collar, and long black stockings, high shoes and a heavy cap.



Mrs. Brunson

IF SHE exposed one square inch of skin on her body she was no lady, believe me. Though there's sometimes a little too much exposure on beaches today, who'd want to go back to that?

And the way she dressed her kids was a crime. Long stockings, high shoes, starched sailor suits or dresses.

It was believed that a bit of air would kill a baby, so the little ones were suffocated in yards and fields of clothing. With our babies dressed sensibly today, we have the lowest infant mortality rate in history.

MOTHER WAS a slave to housework in those days. True she could "get a woman in" for a pittance, but she needed one. Or two or three.

Stove-heated irons for mountains of starched clothes, coal stoves that coughed dirt and ashes all over the place, wood floors in the kitchen, and carpets that had to be un-tacked, taken out and beaten twice a year. The rest of the time they just collected dirt.

Bathrooms were a curiosity and there was so little water (it all had to be brought in from the well) that sometimes all the kids took their baths in the same water. (Sanitary?)

WHEN THE housewife bought food, she bought it in the original and did the processing herself. Chickens were alive when she got them (ever pick and clean a chicken?). Jellies, and jams, cottage cheese, ice-cream, bread (ever bake bread in a "range" on a hot day) were made at home.

Ignorance, filth and disease were everywhere. The epidemics laid whole communities low, milk-and-water-borne typhoid were common. While families contracted tuberculosis. Preventive medical techniques were almost unknown.

We pray for peace and serenity, but please, please don't give us the "Good Ole Days."

## THE OLD SOAK

Nature is an OLD SOAK but, like so many old soaks, you can't depend on her. So, for reasons that may appear obvious to the intelligentsia we suggest that:

1. A good time to soak the lawn is when it is dry. This is a real good idea.
2. Use a sprinkler (if you want to be different) otherwise use a PLASTIC SOAKER.
3. No use to soak your feet in the wet grass or garden when you don a pair of GARDEN BOOTS. Several sizes, but—oh, no—not that big.
4. Tender little flow'rs can be watered without washing the soil away—with a HYDROD or a MELLO-ROD or an IRRIGATOR (a garden IRRIGATOR, that is).
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The winner will be sent to Long Beach, California in July to compete in the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant. The Arthur Murray Studios of Michigan are sponsoring Miss Michigan. Other girls competing for the title are Miss Jane Lakotos, Miss Geri Hoffman, Miss

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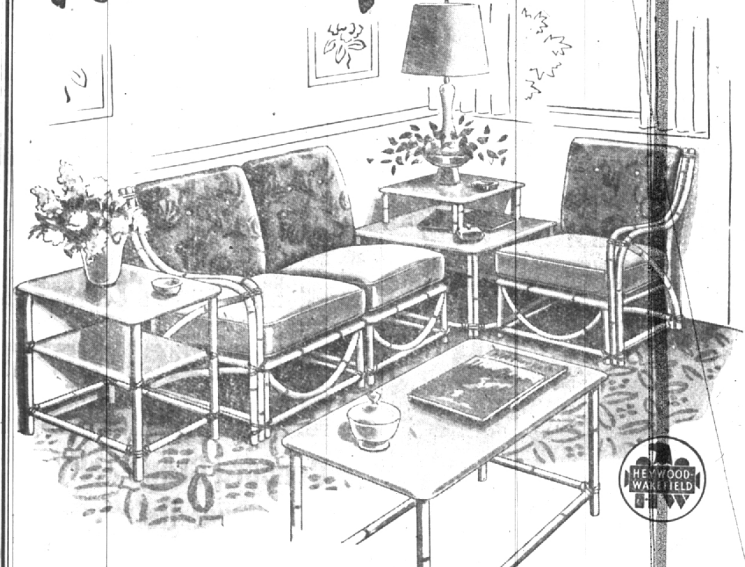
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