

Housewife Bemoans Her Hours, Wasted By Family, Friends

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When a housewife and mother says she hasn't time to do the things she'd like to, she really means it, for she is one person whose time is not considered valuable.

Think of the things that consume your time during the day. First there's the telephone. Though you may fancy making calls just to visit, you're likely to be called by some acquaintance who does have plenty of leisure.

Then there are the calls you "family" asks you to make. "Call the dry, please," "Telephone the library to have my book renewed," "Be sure to order pie today," not to mention the

telephone-survey calls that try the housewife's beyond endurance. These invariably come when she's in attic or basement, so that she has to take many steps to hear about roofing, portraits or some other item she doesn't want.

SHE ANSWERS the door a dozen times a day, in spite of the "no solicitors" sign outside. There are always a certain number of potato sellers, paper boys and little kids come to visit her little kids, who'll ring her doorbell.

If she drives the car, she finds that she's chauffeuring quite a bit of the time. The children expect rides to school, to dancing class, to swimming, instruction and to parties. It isn't so much the time used here in actual driving, it is the time waiting that seems tulle.

Also, if mother has women friends who don't have cars, she finds herself delivering people all over town after club meetings and such. And it's mighty convenient to have mother do all the family errands, "as long as she has the car."

A BUSY MOTHER is often appalled, too, at the time wasted not only at church and club affairs. For example she's serving at a club luncheon and she finds that she was asked to come an hour ahead of time. So she spends 60 minutes just standing around waiting for it to begin. Committee meetings and board meetings take hours of unnecessary talk, consuming precious time she could well use on housework.

So mother is often thought of as a general utility woman, a catch-all person who, hasn't much to do, and would just as soon have her time used in for her. Though she chose this as her life work, she sometimes grows impatient when her time is considered to be of so little value. Since she earns no money, her hours aren't worth much.

That's why the housewife sometimes says, after completing a big sewing job or canning session, "Now if you count my time worth anything..."

Well, just forget it, mother. Nobody does. Until you begin putting a high value on your time, other people will fritter it away for you.

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Lathrup Village

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Woman's association of The Community church—Congregational met Wednesday, Jan. 12, in Fellowship Hall. This was the first meeting for 1955. The program was a film "Back to Bombay" with Mrs. George Harden in charge. Refreshments were served by members of circles four and five. Devotions were by Nadia Sutch.

The Square Dance Super club will meet on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Southfield High school for a buffet supper at 6:30 p.m. In charge of the food will be chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Youg; co-chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Peron; committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marquis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burckle, Dr. and Mrs. Cappy Capano, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson.

Following supper, the group will participate in square dancing until 11:30. Squares will be called by David Krines.

Mrs. Thelma Bates and daughter, Jacqueline, of Red River drive, have returned from California where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Bates' father, Mr. Fred Goodlin at Alhambra, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brod and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleischer of Lathrup boulevard entertained at an egg nog party recently for

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Paulus of Rainbow drive entertained at a New Year's eve party. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. William Kronauge, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Gourley, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Canady, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tracey.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. John Berner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doland, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Obrt.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. William Cupitt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paris, and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Clark. On Thursday from 2-5 p.m. Mrs. Fleischer gave a tea for 10 Scout leaders and friends.

On January 20, the board of executives of the Woman's association will serve a dinner at 6:30 p.m. for the Southfield school teachers. Mrs. L. R. Kappler will be the chairman with all the members of the board acting as the committee.

Mrs. Elmer Craig of Sunnybrook and Mrs. Frank Fleischer of Lathrup attended the board of executives' meeting held in Royal Oak at Girl Scout headquarters.

During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan of Lathrup boulevard were hosts at a caroling party on wheels. Among the carolers calling on the "shut-ins" were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rock, Mr. and Mrs. John Olaszewski, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schliskey, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waganzi, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Herrick.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. William Cupitt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleischer, Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Post of Capton, Ohio, parents of Mrs. McMillan who were house guests during the holidays.

Following the tour, all returned to McMillan's for refreshments.

Have You Met The Roderick M. Menoch family, who have moved back to their home on Walnut Lake after four years residence in Palos Heights, Ill? They live at 2196 Wycliff.

Menoch is on the central staff on the Riverfront for Ford Motor Co. His activities include those of Cub Scout committee chairman, programs, local civil defense, deputy

for Walnut Lake area, and the Masons. Mrs. Menoch is a den mother, and together they enjoy bowling, golf, dancing and do-it-yourself projects.

Their children, Sheila, 16, and Ricky, 10, and their community and school activities are their primary interest.

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Give Information On Seven Colleges

Mrs. William R. Eyer, who is scholarship chairman for the Detroit Committee for Seven Eastern Women's colleges, has named her aides for the Jan. 15 College Information day.

On the list are Joan McBride, a Bryn Mawr alumna, Gertha Williams, a Mt. Holyoke alumna, and Mrs. Robert P. Navin, Radcliffe, all of Birmingham.

Girls parents and faculty interested in the colleges are invited to the event, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Women's City club in Detroit.

Barnard President To Talk in Detroit

Mrs. William T. Gossett, this week announced the Jan. 27 meeting of the Barnard college club which will honor Mrs. Millicent Carey McIntosh, president of Barnard.

At the Park Shelton hotel affair, Mrs. McIntosh will speak on "Are We Educating for Responsible Living?"

Among the Birmingham women representing Detroit's Seven Eastern College committee, is Mrs. John Finegan, general chairman.

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