

# There's Lots of Work, But Lots of Help, Too



## In Big Beverly Family

Everybody pitches in to keep the Kenneth Smith family running smoothly — and everybody means 12 people. The Smiths have 10 children from 12 years old on down, tucked into a deceptively small-looking house at 32075 Arlington, East Beverly.

Mrs. Smith is a born executive and delegates as much work as she can. For the rest she puts in a 16 hour day "going as fast as I can and what doesn't get done just doesn't get done."

SMITH, chairman of the aeronautical engineering department at the University of Detroit, helps too. He contributes his carpentry skill, building on rooms as the family increases.

THE OLDEST five children have definite chores, and all but the baby help take care of their younger brothers and sisters, and save their mother "countless" steps.

Here's the Smith family at work and at play. Kenneth and Virginia and their children, Kathleen, 12; Patricia, 10; James, 9; Lucy, 8; Susan, 7; Geraldyn, 6; Judith, 4; Mary Sharon, 3; Matthew, 2; and Tommy, 3 months. (See related feature and picture on page 1-E.)

Judy, 4, dresses herself, as do almost all the Smith children. Mrs. Smith puts on the finishing touches for special occasions such as having photographs taken.



It takes lots of dolls for a family with 10 children. And lots of sharing. Lucy, 8, has loaned two of her favorites to Mary Sharon, 3, and Matt.

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Another bedroom goes on the Smith family home. Handymen for the project are Kenneth Smith and his son, James.

Patricia, 10, (left) and Geraldyn, 6, fix a new hairdo for one of the dolls in their family.



Kathleen is a very grown up 12-year-old. She does all her own ironing and much of the family's flat work as well.



Tending Tommy is a job everyone in the family wants. But Mrs. Smith says she "just loves this" as she picks up the cooing baby. "I've been blessed with all good babies," she adds.



Susan's regular chore is setting 11 places on the Smith's enormous 41 by 88-inch dining table.



Jimmy, 9, waited through five sisters before he got the brother he wanted. So it's no chore for him to give rides to Matt, 2.

One may have acquired a habit or an attitude that is irritating to others. One may realize the possession of this negative characteristic, and want to be rid of it. How? Supplanting the negative with a positive... by being cheerful instead of complaining... by smiling more instead of frowning... by giving proper praise instead of criticizing. It's worth the effort.

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