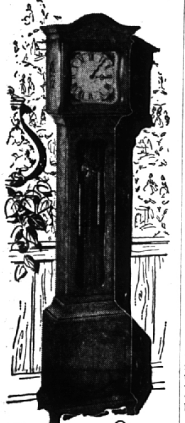


# Suburbanite Conducts Survey On Life of Big City Residents

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Nowadays men don't talk about women as much as they used to. Most of today's conversation is devoted to overtime and time-and-a-half.

After reading my 93rd article on what's wrong with suburbia, I grabbed my purse off the closet shelf, slammed a tap down on the head and told my spouse, who was deep in his newspaper, to hold down the Suburbia Lot until my return.

"Where are you going in such a hurry, my disturbed little chick?" he looked up in surprise and asked.

I TOLD HIM that I was going to conduct a one quick afternoon survey of city life on my very own Saturday afternoon time. I was going to see how the city has been concentrating on its suburbanites all over this country of ours have surely neglected my sisters and brothers who still inhabit the pavements in big towns? Warning him that I might be late for dinner, I explained there was enough in the see-box to keep hang-up until I returned.

And I hope to have enough statistics in order to quiet those ruthless fellows who are forever (in 500 articles) telling us how terrible we are.

FEELING ALMOST like poor Chicken Little who insisted on taking her troubles to the King, I zoomed down the newspaper, picking an ordinary street which had rows of houses (all identically alike) I rang the first door bell.

"Yeh?" said a worker who had

just gone to bed from the night shift. "What'd want?"

Explaining that I was making sort of a survey concerning city life, he cut me off with: "I don't like it!" He closed the door in a manner which rattled the knocker.

THE NEXT HOUSE had three children playing on a patch of grass just beyond the wooden porch.

"Hello, who are you?" the oldest asked as I smiled and sauntered up the walk.

Introducing myself as a survey lady who had a few questions on her mind, the second one said: "Go away. My Maw hates you." All three laughed. The decision was made immediately to forego that house and try across the street.

A LOVELY young girl was shaking a rug over the railing, remarking on the beauty of the day. I explained the point of my interrupting her.

"Could you tell me, in a few words, if you'd be willing to move out in the country if the opportunity arose?"

Throwing her rug down on the top step she flopped a top it. "Would I?" She pointed to the three across the street still pulling tufts of grass.

uncomfortable. "You don't have any privacy around, I can tell you that for your record."

Thanking her for her frank opinion on city life, I trodded on.

BECAUSE I was looking gas station stood on the corner of the

first block I decided to inquire how gas station attendants view existence within city limits.

"Your car brake down huh?" he grey-haired gas-pumping man asked as I waited up. When he pointed to the pump, he pushed his greasy cap back on his head and said:

"I'd say it's all the same to me. Living in living no matter where you do it. Me! I gotta make mive here in this noisy corner; been doing it for 20 years and the Missus and I have lived up there."

But the ones who stop here, sometimes for gas, don't seem so bad. They act just like us," I thanked him and added this to my notes.

SKIPPING two streets I emerged to where a long line (intentionally built) apartment houses stood side by side. Again the first bell found was rung. The manager answered: "I'll be right up," he zoomed over the phone.

Without waiting to be asked more than my very first inquiry he leaped against the wall, and with a far off look in his tired eyes, announced that if he could find a job, "out somewhere," he'd leave every one of his tenants immediately. "I wouldn't even say goodbye!"

"DON'T YOU find your apartment renter's exciting individuals who are non-conformist and never worry about keeping up with the Jones who live below?" He

laughed and laughed.

"Say, lady, you don't know much about city-folks," I expressed my ignorance and added that was why I was paying my survey.

"These people paying me rent each month for space—and some of 'em try not to until I get after 'em, watch each other like hawks," I expressed surprise.

"Why, I WAS under the impression that they never bothered with each other and never cared if anyone got a new car or piano or (Continued on 5-A)

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## Obituary Notices

### William Gorenflo

Services for William F. Gorenflo, 54, of 1307 Linton road, Birmingham, were Tuesday from the Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., which was in Roseland Park cemetery.

Mrs. Gorenflo died Sunday in Wilmington, Delaware. She was employed with Vickers, Inc. in personnel administration. He had been with the firm since 1941.

Surviving are his wife, Betsy; a son, Robert of Birmingham and grandchild.

### Stanley Menton

Stanley Menton, 64, retired manager of the manufacturing staff of General Motors Overseas Operations division, died Monday at Ford hospital.

Services will be 1 p.m. today from the William R. Hamilton Co., 4375 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. Graveside rites will be conducted by Guyton, Mackinac and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Menton; a son, Dr. Norman Menton; a sister, Mrs. Norman Kristoff and six grandchildren.

### Leonard House

Leonard S. House, 582 Puritan road, Birmingham, died Tuesday at William Beaumont hospital after a short illness. He was 74. He lived in Birmingham for 20 years.

He was a manufacturers representative with Rockford Steel Products since 1929. He attended the Rose Institute, Polk and belonged to the Sigma Nu fraternity; Mr. House was a life member of Oakland Hills country club and the English club.

Surviving are his wife, Lauree; a son, James S.; and a sister, Mrs. Linton Wood of Henslowville, N. C.; one grandson, Kelly.

Services 1 p.m. Friday at Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co.

### James Harcke, Division Mgr.

James B. Harcke, 47, 11896 W. 13 mile road, Birmingham, died suddenly Sunday following a heart attack while attending the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association meeting. He lived in Birmingham for seven years.

His occupation was Monopoly division sales manager for Hiram Walker, Inc. Mr. Harcke attended Georgetown university.

Surviving are his wife, Olive C.; four children, Lynn, Patricia, Jill and Douglas; also three sisters and a brother.

Services will be 11 a.m. today from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. The Rev. Lester Dobyns, of First Church Cranbrook officiated.

### Hungerford-Newcomb

Word has reached The Eccentric from Palo Alto, Cal., of the recent passing of Mrs. C. W. (Dora) Hungerford and her late son-in-law, Cyrenus A. Newcomb III, both of the residents of this area.

Mrs. Hungerford's husband for many years was in charge of advertising and publicity for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Mrs. Hungerford was buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Francisco, Mr. Newcomb's ashes were scattered over that part of the Pacific Ocean at Seaside, Oregon.

Surviving are Mr. Hungerford and their daughter, Dorothy, and a number of grandchildren.

### Mrs. Minnie Bowers

Mrs. Minnie F. Bowers, 1050 N. Adams, Birmingham, died suddenly last Thursday at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital. She was 73.

Surviving besides her parents are two sisters, Linda Sue and Pamela Kay; a brother, Robert Harris; grandparents, the Robert Moore of Manchester street, Birmingham, and Herbert Soule of Walnut Lake.

Private services were Friday from the William Vaux funeral home with burial in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

### Debra Jean Soule

Debra Jean Soule, four month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Soule of 2111 Hillcrest, South Heights, died Nov. 10 in William Beaumont hospital.

Surviving besides her parents are two sisters, Linda Sue and Pamela Kay; a brother, Robert Harris; grandparents, the Robert Moore of Manchester street, Birmingham, and Herbert Soule of Walnut Lake.

Private services were Friday from the William Vaux funeral home with burial in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

### Mrs. J. Hawksworth

Mrs. Julia Hawksworth, 560 Southfield, Birmingham, died Tuesday at William Beaumont hospital after a short illness. She was 71. She lived in Birmingham for 27 years.

Mrs. Hawksworth was a member of St. James Episcopal church in Birmingham and served as director of the Red Cross during World War II.

Surviving are her husband David W.; a son, Carleton J. Phillips of Birmingham; two sisters and one brother, all of whom are also four grandchildren.

Services 1 p.m. Friday at Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

### August J. Mohr

Formerly of 4432 Arlington, Beverly Hills, August J. Mohr, 60, died Oct. 19 in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Funeral services were Tuesday from the William Vaux funeral home with burial in Roseland Park cemetery.

Mr. Mohr, who had been with General Motors for 31 years, was manager of tool and the planning and production division Opel in Germany since 1956.

Surviving besides his wife Anna; a son, John A. of Royal Oak; a daughter, Mrs. George Hayden of Auburn, Mass.; five grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Marie Mohr and two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Brandes and Mrs. Anni Sobotta, all in Emmers, Germany.

### Albert F. Marsh

Services for Albert F. Marsh, a director of the former Pontiac Commercial Savings bank, were held Monday from the Donalds-Johns funeral home. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. He last resided in Lake Worth, Fla.

Surviving are a son, Howard C. of Pontiac; a daughter, Mrs. Martin J. Cleonan of Birmingham; six grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

### Don B. Webster

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