

Women wait for senior apartments

"I don't have problems, but if prices keep going up my savings won't last. I want to pay my own way," she said.

"My family's never been on welfare. I don't want charity. But I think they should have something for senior citizens, some apartments so that they won't have to worry about paying \$25 to \$30 more for their rent, every few months," Sarah said.

Part of her economizing includes allowing her car insurance to lapse. She's thinking of getting rid of her car, even though she needs the transportation to get to the store and to visit.

Although they are concerned about their finances, they hate the thought of entering a convalescent home, now.

Each enjoys cooking her own meals in her own kitchen, eating and sleeping when she chooses and living alone.

"Between now and the time when I have to be taken care of, I want to live alone," Mrs. Averill said. "People in a convalescent home are sick. They have no outside interests."

"THEY WOULD BE difficult to talk to."

The women say they feel as mentally alert as they did when they were younger.

"I don't feel any different now than when I was younger," said an elderly widow.

"The landlords keep raising the rent. I don't know where I'll go to find another place as nice as this. I looked all over. All we can do is pray for senior citizen housing."
—A senior citizen

"The shell gets old," Mrs. Averill said, pointing to herself. "but the mind stays young."

"I'm not ready to go into a nursing home," Ella said. "When I was looking for a place to live, I looked at a place where I would have only one room. Now, I'm glad I didn't take it. From a seven-room house to a three-room apartment took some getting used to. I wouldn't like one room."

Mrs. Averill agreed that one narrow room to her name would make her feel claustrophobic. All of them agreed that senior citizens apartments are needed. Some have friends who live in senior apartments in other cities and pay between \$125-\$130 a month for rent.

Housing is the most important thing. Medical clinics are next, said Sarah. "They need some medical clinic where seniors can go and not wait two to three weeks for an appointment."

But housing is important. I wouldn't mind a mid-rise if it had an elevator. I like a one- or two-story apartment building.

"I HAVE A FRIEND who lives in

Royal Oak. She lives in a ten-story senior apartment there. It's nice," she said.

Ella has a similar story. Her friend lives in Clawson Manor.

"It's a nice place. My friend has a lovely place for \$120 a month. They come to the door for her to take her

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to church and shopping and to senior citizens meetings. That's what we should have. And they have their meals in carts at their door if they don't want to cook," she said. She would prefer to have a medium sized apartment with a kitchen, living room and bedroom, rather than a studio.

"I'm too old for hide-a-beds," she said.

Mrs. Averill realizes that a mid-rise building would be the most practical to build.

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