



## Young And Old Flee Suburbs

"The house is just getting to be too much trouble for mom. With dad no longer living, she just can't do all the little things that need to be done. She really needs an apartment."

"Mike's just out of college. He wants to get away from home, and I don't blame him. What he needs is a place of his own."

Both of the apartment hunters represented in the statements above might as well not even bother to look for an apartment in suburbia.

The Detroit area, with one of the highest home-ownership rates in the country, has a correspondingly low number of apartments available. The ones that are available, at least according to a recent sampling in the area, require at least an income of \$8,300 a year to live in them comfortably, using a rule of thumb of one week's pay check should pay for a month's

The Observer's survey of apartments in the western suburbs found only one complex with rents beginning at \$160 a month. A weekly salary of \$160 adds up to \$8,300 a year, which cuts off sizable sections of young persons and senior citizens.

