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This study focused on the family's linkage to community resources. It had a two-fold purpose: to expand the knowledge of the family system beyond its immediate boundaries to include the environment from which it derives resources, and to provide community decision makers with these data as a factual contribution to the assessment of community resources. More specific objectives were: (1) to devise a system for measuring family-community resource linkages; (2) to determine the relationship among scope, penetration, and flow dimensions of family-community resource linkages and selected family variables: social position, size of family, stage of family life cycle, income, length of residence in the community, and hours spent in home production; and (3) to determine broadly the families' unmet resource needs in the community. Since the community is the locus of a range of resources including food, health services and social groups, their presence, or absence, can influence developmental
patterns of the family and its members. For the purpose of analysis, this range of resources was classified into nine subsystems, each having a functional relationship to the family: business, employment, recreation, culture, religion, education, health, civic, and welfare. There were three dimensions to the linkages families make with these subsystems which can be quantified by use of standard scores: scope, penetration, and flow. Scope described the number of subsystems families contact; penetration, the number of contact hours; and flow, the relative use of or contribution to the community. It was hypothesized that these linkages would be related to the selected family variables. Questionnaires were administered to a stratified random sample of 140 families in adjoining towns of Owosso and Corunna, Michigan, over a three-month period. The procedure was to call on the family in person, leaving detailed questionnaires for all family members 14 and over and summary questionnaires for children 13 and under, and arranging the return for the completed ones.

For analysis, the community was divided into two areas separated by the city limits. The geographical area within the city limits was designated internal, while the area outside the limits at whatever distance was designated external. As would be expected, greater use was made of the internal subsystems; however, external contact hours were substantial indicating that internal community resources were insufficient to meet residents' needs. Families
entered from three to nine subsystems with seven the mean number. Employment accounted for the highest mean contact hours both within and without the community. Business was second in hours, but was utilized by all families. Within the community, penetration was positively related to family size, while externally no relationship with family variables was significant.

Selected elements from the penetration scores were formulated into an equation quantifying flow: the relative use of or contribution to the community. Internal flow was significantly related to the family variables with life cycle most prominent although marginally significant. The mean score for internal flow was slightly negative, within a narrow range of scores. There was no significant relationship between the external flow score and family variables.

Families with children tended to make greater use of and participate more in the community. They had more income either from internal or external employment, and supplemented this through home production. In the one and two person households there appeared to be differing characteristics. The older families with long years of residence in the community depending upon fixed incomes, shopped primarily in the local community and were entertained at home through hobbies and television. Others with high scores in volunteer health activities penetrated the internal civic and recreational subsystems as well as local employment. The third cluster of small households with
higher income made use of the external community through business and culture.

Analysis of the contact hours in the leisure subsystems of culture and recreation Indicated a large amount of time allocated to these pursuits by some segments of the community. In addition, more suggestions were made in relation to community recreation facilities than for other categories of community resource development as municipal improvements, education, or employment.

Previous research relating individual and family participation to selected subsystems was supported in relation to activity of families across many subsystems. The range of contact hours in different subsystems by home production, internal community, and external community for different family members can also be utilized in relation to individual behavior as well as providing an empirical base for future study.

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## CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

Advances in the technology of building, food production, transportation, and communication have made it possible for millions of people to live in great density in our largest megalopoli. Such concentrations have their advantages. The individuals and families in the large centers support a great diversity of goods and services, thus satism fying specialized needs such as ethnic religions, the fine arts, and exotic foods.

The differential use individuals and families make of these resources is manifest in a "life style," a generic term describing the selective utilization of resources. Many families appear to have access to sufficient resources so that they are clothed, fed, and housed in comfort. These resources include employment providing disposable income as well as the desired goods and services. Other families appear so deficient in these resources that they rely on linkers, either paid or volunteer, to improve their flow.

Communities differ in the range of resources they can provide for families. Some have so few resources that families either go without or extend their linkages to other communities. In large metropolitan areas, the advantages of
diversity of resources have been jeopardized by symptoms of deterioration: increasing crime rates, rising costs of services, pollution and congestion, to mention a few.

## Statement of the Problem

In modern times, large cities become larger, and small hamlets disappear. Inasmuch as the dysfunctional characteristics of the large cities seem almost incurable, there is interest in moderating this trend by retaining populations in smaller communities.

There are a number of bases on which decisions to effect this goal could be made. The one most typical of the American culture has been the economic or efficiency model (Howard, 1969).

Looking to frameworks other than economic is supported by Chapin (1968, p. 11), who says:
. . . that a disposition to rely wholly on one system of thought (economic) simply because it is so highly developed and directly translatable into widely understood units of measurement may obscure important dimensions of urban phenomena that could lead to more complete theoretical systems for the study of urban structure and processes.

One such dimension is the community as an environment for providing family resource needs. The knowledge of the family's use of the community could provide criteria for allocating community resources.

Given that families need certain resources to function, do families differ in the number of community subsystems they enter to meet their needs? Are there
differences in the depth to which they may penetrate any particular subsystem? In what instances do families contribute to the functioning of a community subsystem to meet some psychological or humanitarian need as well as relying on subsystems to supply the overt needs of food, clothing, shelter, and education? Can these resource linkages be conceptualized and measured? How well do communities meet the social needs of families as well as physical needs? Is this family-community interaction related to family varim ables as social position, stage of family life cycle, income, family size, length of residence, and home produce tion of goods and services? This study attempts to provide an informed basis for answering the foregoing questions.

The present study comprises the initial phase of a research project of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station in conjunction with the Department of Family Ecology in the College of Human Ecology. The master project is entitled, "Family-Community Linkages in Meeting Resource Development Needs in Rural Michigan."

## Direction of Research

Investigation of this area of family functioning represents a response to a social problem affecting families today. Even as early researchers in the field of home economics responded to fundamental problems of an adequate and healthful food supply, clothing needs, and family relations (Schlater, 1970), so today's researchers are extending
their research goals to "improving the quality and availan bility of community services which enrich famłly life." In 1967 efforts in this direction represented only 4 per cent of the scientist-man-years spent in all research programs in the field of home economics (Schlater, 1970, p. 90). Therefore, it is imperative to focus research directly on family functioning: the availability and utilization of community resources.

Not only is the frontier of research in home economics extending beyond the internal functioning of the family to the externalities of public programs, but it is moving from the description of relationships among disparate elements to analysis and simulation of operations. This is conceptualized in the cybernetic mode of research described by Black and Broderick (1972), which focuses on system behaviors. In their model adaptive relationships such as those between the family and community can be analyzed.

The present study focuses on family behavior as related to utilization of the community. Since there is little precedent for the holistic approach this concept involves, this study is limited to the quantifying of what in the long term are adaptive behaviors, but in the short term are descriptive elements of the linkages families form with the community subsystems. This method is in the direction of research in relationships as discussed by Etzioni and Lehman (1967), who point out some difficulties
in researching a functional unit such as the community composed of families and community subsystems. These diff ficulties exist because of the dual nature of an organir zation. On the one hand, a functional system is goal oriented. For example, the basic goal of a business subr system is the primary one of providing goods and services at a profit; the goals of families may not be so singular or so easily evaluated; the goals of the community may not be articulated at all.

On the other hand, some resources must be diverted from the functional goal to nongoal processes of system maintenance. Hence there is some distortion if only "output goals" are analyzed, for this overlooks some Important relationships that are better analyzed through a systemmodel.

This [system-model] approach involves the analysis of relationships which must exist for organizations to operate at various levels of effectiveness. It asks what is the balance among the various component-parts which will make for higher achievements as compared to other combinations (Etzioni and Lehman, 1967, p. 7).

The system-model basis for research is more exacting and expensive to implement than the goal-model. As a first step it "requires that the analyst specify what he considers to be a highly effective allocation of resources" (Etzioni and Lehman, 1967, p. 8). To arrive at this normative standard, there must be knowledge about the effects of the behavioral and aggregate mix of community components. It is in this context that the results of this study will
apply. By focusing on contact hours of families in the local community in contrast to contact hours in outside communities or in home production, there will be some understanding of the use of the community by families to relate to other perspectives about the viability of the community.

As explained by Etzioni and Lehman (1967, p. 7), the criteria for analyzing the system-model are different from those relating to the goal-model.

For the system-model explicitly recognizes that the organization needs to solve certain recurrent problems other than those directly related to the achievement of the goals, and that excessive concern with the latter may result in insufficient attention to other necessary activities and in a lack of articulation between the inflated goal-activities and the deemphasized nongoal activities.

From an historical perspective it is understandable how the meeting of family resource needs becomes a nongoal activity for many communities. Cities originate and develop at critical geographic locations, associated with three stages of the extraction and distribution of resources (Berry, 1968). The primary stage is the extractive: agriculture, mining, forestry, and fishing. The second is the processing, largely manufacturing. At the tertiary stage, the distributive processes of transportation, wholesaling, retailing, and services support the city. These distribution points also spring up at the nexus of changes in transportation methods, as from water to land. Some of these, as Chicago, remain viable even after change in transportation mode, where less critical centers decline.

Because the economic growth of a community benefits its inhabitants, it has often become an end in itself. However, Winnick (1966) suggests that when place prosperity comes through redistribution rather than growth, there are economic and social costs to be taken into account. For the entrance of a new retail outlet may only draw business from the smaller stores in the area; the new factory may attract a manufacturing process from a depressed locale that cannot afford to lose it. Under such circumstances only a favored few may receive the benefits of increased property values while the taxpayers as a whole share the burden of improved municipal services. A more realistic view of the "place prosperity" motive may be gained by assessing the costs to those who lose through the improvement as well as for those who benefit. This moderating view would touch on those factors that closely affect families: the increased taxes, reduced employment opportunities, safety hazards of traffic congestion.

Another moderating view of community functioning is proposed by Krieger (1972). He views the community as a social system supporting individuals in their development. Relying on Erikson's model of epigenetic development, he suggests that there are measurable indicators of failures for the eight stages of human development affecting community policy decisions. Therefore, the well being of humans becomes a goal activity, rather than a nongoal activity.

A life cycle indicator orients the evaluation of social policy and the social quality of life towards the individual and his development. Conventional indicators are programmatic in orientation. They look at housing or education or health services. A life cycle indicator cuts across these programmatic classifications. It can show the integrated effects of programs on individuals, suggest tradeoffs among programs and point up failings in the collective impact of a set of social programs (Krieger, 1972, p. 306).

These views are representative of many (Wilcox, et al., 1972) proposing the need for and approaches to measurement of social progress. An early spokesman, Bertram Gross, attributes the interest to "part[ly] from the demands, or needs, of policy-makers and part[ly] from the probing intellectual activities of social scientists in various disciplines" (Gross, 1967, p. 361).

The great value of social systems accounting and of comprehensive information on varying aspects of structure and performance is that they provide a conceptual and information basis for economically scanning the array of all possible kinds of relevant data and selecting those that are most relevant under specific circumstances (Gross, 1967, p. 374).

This statement summarizes the basis of this study:
that by inquiring of all family members their total use of the community over a period of a year, some general patterns of family utilization of community resources will emerge.

## Conceptual Framework

In this study the family is viewed as a unit interacting with the community in an exchange of resources. These interactions are mutually supporting. Kuhn (1963) describes these interactions as transactions. And so it
can be seen in the family interaction in the communtty: the family's need for food and clothing, for instance, can be satisfied by internal production or by patronizing the appropriate store in the communtty. The decision to link with the store contributes to its functioning, and the degree of acceptance of this outlet by many families will determine the level of its activity over time.

The family may need to link with a variety of comm munity subsystems. For the purposes of this study. commur nity services are classified as relating to the following subsystems: business, employment, welfare, recreational, cultural, religious, civic, health, and educational. Not only will families differ in the scope of subsystems they contact, but will also differ in the amount of time they spend acquiring the resources they are seeking.

The process of acquiring resources involves not only the desired resource, but the medium of exchange and allocation of time. Since the amount of time is a constant for all, this was employed as a measure of the need for and utilization of community resources. This approach masks the differences in effectiveness: the time spent in comparison shopping, or the satisfaction with the resource. Further study would be needed to assess if the resource is functional to the family system. Recording of hours only indicates activity by the family in acquiring resources.

In this functional relationship between the community and the family, a distinction will be made between those
transactions primarily benefiting the family and those primarily benefiting a community subsystem, For instance, the family with many children will benefit more from the public school than the childless family. Although at the societal level, it is desirable that all be educated to a minimal level to insure continued technological and socłal development, in this study linkage with the public school is treated solely as a family benefit. Also, some families require assistance of social services. These come in many forms, including payments for child support or reduced interest rates in subsidized housing,

In other linkages, the community subsystems gain through participation of individuals or families. While participants may benefit in various ways such as satisfying psychological needs, in the context of this study the resource flow moves from the individual or family to the community. Many organizations, such as youth groups, could not exist without the aid of citizen contributions. Also, in the health subsystem, volunteers contribute time to conducting classes, soliciting funds, and performing services in hospitals.

In addition, in other subsystems of society where market conditions prevail, the transaction is based on an exchange of money for goods and services. The time spent in the subsystem may or may not be related to income, but the transaction itself will be considered an even exchange in terms of resource flow.

Thus, in this description of interactions of families with the community there are in general three types: situations where the family recetves a resource for which it does not contribute in equal value (negative flow); situations where voluntary contributions by individuals and families determine the continued functioning of a community subsystem (positive flow); and situations where economic values are the basis for the transaction that is mutually beneficial (neutral flow).

One important subsystem of the community not being examined in this study is the friendship and extended family network. A large body of data establishes the importance of this network, especially with blue-collar workers. According to Axelrod (1956), this pattern includes all segments of the population except for a small group with exceptionally high status, high income, or some college education.

It is acknowledged that the exchange of resources among members of a family and their friends can contribute a great deal to the viability of a particular family system. And it may be that community decision makers need to incorporate such strengths into the community development process. However, this study is limited to documenting those exchanges with the public community, whether profit making or public supported, that are currently within the realm of community decision making.

## Theoretical Definitions

Community: A territorial and resource unit with a minimal population co-existing in an enduring temporal patm tern. This population must include representatives of three generations and both sexes "capable of re-enacting in the present and transmitting to the future the cultural and institutional inventory of their distinctive and hism toric tradition" (Arensberg, 1961, p. 253). Though various subcultures are represented in the community, they are not dominant as in a slum or wealthy bedroom community.

Family: A corporate unit of interacting and interdependent personalities who have a common theme and goals, have a commitment over time, and share resources and living space (Hook and Paolucci, 1970).

Linkages: Pathways through which flow energy as matter, or patterned energy as information (Odum, 1971).

Human resource needs: The inputs of energy and Information required by a human system to fulfill its functions.

System: A set of elements interacting with one another in a discernible pattern for the fulfilling of a particular function.

Subsystem: A system essential to the functioning of a larger system, but with a functional or physical boundary that makes it possible to be examined separately.

## Operational Definitions

Community: The incorporated cities of Owosso and Corunna, Michigan, representing small communities with far fewer resources than a large city such as Detroit. According to the 1970 census, Owosso has a population of 17.179 and Corunna 2,829. They fulfill the theoretical definition of a community by including diverse cultural and institur tional elements.

Family: One person or a group of individuals living together in one household and performing many family functions (Schlater, 1970).

Linkages: Reported contacts between the family subsystem and community subsystems.

Scope: Family contacts with different sybsystems.
Penetration: The number of hours a family contacts a subsystem.

Flow of resources: Index of the dominant direction of the family-community flow of resources, whether to the community or from the community. Three dimensions of flow are under study:

Positive: Where temporal or financial contributions to the community support a viable community. The score is derived from selected data on penetration of cultural, civic, religious, health, education, and employment subsystems. In addition, information on local assessed valuation of the
residence is included to represent a family's contribution through property taxes,

Negative: Instances of a family's use of commur nity resources where this use exceeds temporal or financial contributions. This includes selected penetration scores from education, culture, health, civic, and recreation subsystems.

Neutral: Penetration scores for the business subsystem, and selected data from education, if private or parochial, health, recreation, and culture, where families exchange money for goods and services of equal value.

Human resource needs: Represented by contact hours in the community subsystems.

Community system: The institution of activities enclosed within the territorial limits of market places designated by residents in the adjoining towns of Owosso and Corunna, Michigan.

Family subsystem: Families from lower to upper socio-economic classes as these represent diverse relationships to resources (Hollingshead, 1967).

Community subsystems: Community institutions of business, employment, recreation, culture, religion, education, health, civic (municipal), and welfare.

## Objectives

The objectives of this study are:

1. To devise a system of measurement for the famłly's linkage with community resources.
2. To determine the relationships among scope, penetration, and flow dimensions of familymcommunity resource linkages and selected family variables: social position. size of family, stage of family life cycle, income, length of residence in the community, and hours spent in home production.
3. To determine broadly the families' unmet resource needs in the community.

## Assumptions

The assumptions underlying this study are:

1. Communities are composed of various subsystems and their elements which provide resources to the family system as well as other subsystems within the community, such as the fire department protecting business and industry as well as families.
2. Contact hours of families represent a linkage through which resources flow between the family and community.
3. Families utilize community resources in a typical pattern that enables them to estimate the number of contact hours they spend in community subsystems.

## Hypotheses

The hypotheses formulated for this study are:
Hypothesis 1: Scope and Family Variables
$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between scope and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.
$H_{A}$ : Scope is positively related to social posin tion, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

## Hypothesis 2: Penetration

 and Family Variables$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between penetration within the community and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.
$H_{A}$ : Penetration within the community is positively related to social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, and length of residence.
$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between penetration without the community and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.
$H_{A}$ : Penetration without the community is positively related to social position, family size, and income.

Hypothesis 3: Flow and
Family Variables
$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between flow within the community and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.
$H_{A} l$ : Flow within the community is positively related to social position and income.
$\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}}$ 2: Flow within the community is negatively related to family size.
$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between flow without the community and social position, income, family size, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.
$\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}}$ : Flow outside the community is positively related to income and social position.

Hypothesis 4: Suggestions for Community Development and Family Variables
$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between numbers of suggestions for community resource development and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

## CHAPTER II

## REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The research discussed in this chapter has been selected to illustrate dimensions associated with the family's linkage to the community. The topics are arranged in the following order: family, linkages, and community.

## Family

The emphasis in the research described below is the methodology of studying the family as it relates to the community. Half utilized the technique of participant observer, half an interview schedule.

Kunkel (1967) employed a behavioral model to compare the relationship of a tribe of Amazon Indians with different environments. Since behaviors are learned and are combined to form activities, then appropriate behaviors can be learned in adapting to the environment. In the situation under study, the fundamental relationship among individuals centered around the sustenance activity.

The two environments with which this tribe has interacted were the high plateaus, or savannahs, an area of some jungle and relatively scarce game. The dominant social unit was the village, for all the men were required to
cooperate in the hunt and in clearing for the gardens. The group hunt could consume 12 hours a day. Although it was recognized that game belonged to the one who had killed it, it was always immediately shared with all other families in the village. This sharing received strong reinforcement from the fact that the game may be so large that one family could not eat it before spoiling in the hot climate. In addition, one family may not be successful enough to meet its own needs. Strict division of labor and extreme male dominance prevailed. The women cultivated gardens and prepared food under many taboos, spending, therefore, much time with other women. The men spent free time with each other when not procuring food. Consequently the nuclear family was unimportant.

At the time of this report, almost two-thirds of the families had moved permanently to the banks of the Amazon. The sustenance activities here were the gathering of rubber and catching fish. The gardens near the river did not have to be rotated every two years as on the savannah: a requirement that dictated heavy manual labor in clearing the forest. All these activities tended to reinstate the nuclear family and reinforce individual effort. Trading the rubber for manufactured goods also reinforced the smaller unit. There was little general socializing among familıes, and interpersonal hostility became more common among the river people.

This illustrates in a marked degree the adaptabiln ity of individuals and families to environmental sustenance activity. The same possibilities of adaptation exist for families in the present resource linkage study when some men worked nights and others left home about 4:00 a.m. to work in a distant city.

Kunkel (1967) also discussed a problem that arose in relation to this study: how to treat individual behavior so as to represent family behavior. "Activities do not exist by themselves, in limbo--persons act, and thus concern with behavior necessitates concern with individuals" (Kunkel, 1967, p. 13). For instance, in the example above, the women in the savannahs were seen to do one activity and men another, and these combined to represent activity by sex and organization at the village level. However, the individual behaviors by men and women of families living on the river combined in activities organized at the level of the nuclear family.

In a study of migration in Canada, Abramson (1968) noted some similarities and differences from those desm cribed above. The subjects were 100 former farmers now moved to the city with their families. To be eligible for inclusion they must:
(a) have owned or operated a farm for at least three years before their removal; (b) have left their farms within 10 years of the interview; and (c) have been below retirement age and still in the labour force at the time of removal (Abramson, 1968, p. 5).

Although the focus of the study was on the adjustment problems of former farm operators and their families, their reasons for migrating do indicate the quality of some linkages with resources that contributed to their leaving and their feelings about the move.

In most of the cases it appeared that it was a combination of unsatisfactory levels of living to be gained from the farm and the desire for better services, primarily education and health, that prompted the movement from isolated farms to the city of Saskatoon. Before the move the mean distances of families for some of the services were: 10.2 miles from a trade center; 6.9 miles from grain delivery; 8.9 miles from a high school; 8.8 miles from church; 15.7 miles from a doctor. The friction of distance appeared to become more important when children were ready for high school, or health problems required frequent medical attention.

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cooperate in the hunt and in clearing for the gardens. The group hunt could consume 12 hours a day. Although it was recognized that game belonged to the one who had killed it, it was always immediately shared with all other families in the village. This sharing received strong reinforcement from the fact that the game may be so large that one fam1ly could not eat it before spoiling in the hot climate. In addition, one family may not be successful enough to meet its own needs. Strict division of labor and extreme male dominance prevailed. The women cultivated gardens and prepared food under many taboos, spending, therefore, much time with other women. The men spent free time with each other when not procuring food. Consequently the nuclear family was unimportant.

At the time of this report, almost two-thirds of the families had moved permanently to the banks of the Amazon. The sustenance activities here were the gathering of rubber and catching fish. The gardens near the river did not have to be rotated every two years as on the savannah: a requirement that dictated heavy manual labor in clearing the forest. All these activities tended to reinstate the nuclear family and reinforce individual effort. Trading the rubber for manufactured goods also reinforced the smaller unit. There was little general socializing among familłes, and interpersonal hostility became more common among the river people.

This illustrates in a marked degree the adaptability of individuals and families to environmental sustenance activity. The same possibilities of adaptation exist for families in the present resource linkage study when some men worked nights and others left home about 4:00 a.m. to work in a distant city.

Kunkel (1967) also discussed a problem that arose in relation to this study: how to treat individual behavior so as to represent family behavior. "Activities do not exist by themselves, in limbo--persons act, and thus concern with behavior necessitates concern with individuals" (Kunkel, 1967, p. 13). For ins'zance, in the example above, the women in the savannahs were seen to do one activity and men another, and these combined to represent activity by sex and organization at the village level. However, the individual behaviors by men and women of families living on the river combined in activities organized at the level of the nuclear family.

In a study of migration in Canada, Abramson (1968) noted some similarities and differences from those desm cribed above. The subjects were 100 former farmers now moved to the city with their families. To be eligible for inclusion they must:
(a) have owned or operated a farm for at least three years before their removal; (b) have left their farms within 10 years of the interview; and (c) have been below retirement age and still in the labour force at the time of removal (Abramson, 1968, p. 5).

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Another approach to the study of the family's linkages with the environment was made by Goldschmidt (1947). As a participant observer for eight.months in the farming community of Wasco, California, he endeavored to participate in every level of the Wasco communtty. And there were distinct levels of social organization, assom ciated primarily with the length of time in this community. The nuclear group consisted primarily of landowners and farmers who had come early to homestead the area. They linked with particular stores, churches, and soctal groups. The established farm workers linked with parallel organizations, while the late comers and transients were isom lated.

The farms were large, mechantzed, and dependent on many field workers, hence the dichotomy of population. In this direct contact with the extractive process, wealth was associated with the land and dominated the social values of the community. The cleavage in church, clubs, and interest groups was along occupational lines. This economic orientation so permeated the community that sharing of implements and labor was controlled by renting, not need as with the Amazon Indians (Kunkel, 1967).

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"participation in informal social affairs." Less than 10 per cent placed themselves in the first rank on any factor. Only 5 per cent felt they had enough money for family living to place themselves in the first rank. Fifty per cent placed themselves in the top two rankings regarding living comfortably in the home. The families tended to rate themselves higher in level of living than in participation. These self-ratings were compared with social charm acteristics of size of farm, land class, tenure status, number of years family was established in the community, a socio-economic score developed for farm families, and a formal participation score. As expected there was replication of the findings of earlier studies that high participation in formal community activities was correlated with high social position, high economic position, owning the farm, and family maturity. In addition, however, participation was related to the self-ratings: "Families accept for themselves a status position and participate in accordance with these self-judgments." And as Anderson concludes, "promoting wider social participation is not simply a matter of getting families to join in activities, but also a problem of overcoming attitudes toward themselves that block such participation" (Anderson, 1946, p. 258). Thus, according to this research, the linkages families make with the community are a manifestation of a gatekeeping mechanism.

As the family adapts to the environment, it is modm ifying the resources it utilizes and the behavior it employs. The formation of linkages is not only a dimension of this behavior, but fundamentally describes indipiduals and famim lies in our society.

## Linkages

Chapin recognized that linkages determine land use as expressed in household activity patterns (Chapin, 1968). The study of behavior of families will predict changes in uses of the community and the consequent demand for different kinds of services and their land use requirements. In the study described below (Chapin and Hightower, 1965), the interest focused on how families would use "extra" time, such as would become available in a shortened work week. This utilization pattern could predict a need for increased community resources.

The households under study were selected at random: half from a census tract in the lower half of the income distribution of Durham, North Carolina, the other half from a census tract in the upper half. One member from each of 121 families was interviewed. At least half were the working head of the household; the other half were the spouse or other adult member of the household.

The study yielded data about distribution of time allocated by various members of the household over the previous 24 -hour period as reported by the interviewee
within predetermined activity systems consisting of: (1) income-producing activities, other than the principal job; (2) child-raising and family activities; (3) educan tional and intellectual development activities; (4) religious activities; (5) socializing activities; (6) activities involving recreation and relaxation; (7) participation in club activities; (8) participation in community service and political activities. The actual time allocated to these activity systems was described in terms of duration, and the destination located on a 1,000-foot grid. Information was also secured about satisfaction with these activities, as well as the basic demographic variables.

The second major portion of the study was designed to determine preferences for use of leisure time, on the premise this would become more important in the family activity pattern. The individual was asked to determine his ideal (preferred) use of time given 16 daylight hours and 28 evening hours. These represented the hours available after all "necessary activities" were accounted for. He recorded his preferences by pasting stamps next to the categories he chose. Then he was asked to imagine that it was ten years later, and because of automation and a shorter work week he has more time off (dividend hours) in the form of two afternoons. Then with marked stamps he recorded his choice. This was to reveal the marginal choices that may be operating in the change mechanism.

Inasmuch as the general categories were goal
oriented rather than activity oriented, there was apparently some difficulty in categorizing some hours.

> For example, a PTA meeting may be simply "work" for the teacher, a chance to be of "service to the commu nity" for one mother, a necessary part of good "child raising" for another, an opportuntty for "social interaction" with others of similar age and interests for a third, and in most cases will be some combination of these (Chapin and Hightower, 1965 , p. 227).

One serious drawback of this study was the lack of statistical treatment. The researchers considered this an hypothesis-generating study, instead of hypothests testing, and sufficient reason for not treat $\pm$ ng the data statistically. Consequently it lacks rigor which would in fact contribute to its claim as hypothesis generating. Statistical treatment would also enhance a pattern found among the respondents.

For a number of people, 44 hours of discretionary time seemed to be all that was desired or required. From comments by respondents it appears that some of the hours allocated to the categories mentioned above, particularly the at-home recreation-relaxation category, were placed there not through positive preference but simply because the respondent did not want to allocate them anywhere else and chose to regard these as residual categories (Chapin and Hightower, 1965, p. 226).

Another drawback could be the accuracy of estimates of the amount of time spent by all members of the famlly as provided by one head, one of whom had a full-time job. This is especially questionable if the time were to be given in hours. Perhaps other family members were there to verify the record. In the absence of that assurance, it seems a
possibility that there was opportunity for socially approved responses even though the time limit of 24 hours would invite accurate detail.

One may also question how realistic the preferred and dividend hour allocations were. These were secured through the application of stamps representing free hours to the desired activity. The original 24 mhours record represented the actual allocation of time practiced by individuals within the context of the family. The preferred and dividend hours represented individual choices, apparently by-passing the family decision-making process. Thus they may not be as predictive as the authors claim, since the individual preferences could be modified by group decisions.

An example is the desire for more active recreation, which could be translated into land use for recreation areas. The present pattern of the passive, at home, recreation-relaxation which accounts for 68 per cent of the actual recreation and relaxation activities reported, would decrease to 58 per cent under preferred time, and to 50 per cent under dividend time, while active, away from home recreation would increase from 9 per cent of actual time to 23 per cent in preferred time and 29 per cent in dividend time. Some family influence may be operating that inhibits the present participation in active recreation, given the more than 10 per cent differential between actual and preferred.

On the other hand, these preferences may be moderated by habit. As Monane (1967) states:

It is because of the power of past socialization, that is, the tendency for old-system norms to persist so that they may interfere with proper action in a new system, that students of industrial and other production units often recommend a thorough change of personnel in a new system rather than a retraining of the old.

Would the marginal desire for active recreation be strong enough to overcome the present habit of passive recreation? The accuracy of this analysis of the desired resource linkage for families has implications for community expenditures.

Following Chapin's model, Hemmens (1970) analyzed data from interviews in the home with 55,000 members of 16,000 households on a selected weekday in Buffalo, New York, about their out-of-home travel. Since the original purpose of the study had been to determine the utilization of modes of transportation, such as car, bus, truck, those trips by walking or bicycle were not included. The 92,000 out-of-home activities were coded to 43 distinct activities. The findings of interest to the researchers were the use of multiple activity journeys and the time of day and duration of these trips. They found that "members of households that are young, white, and well-to-do are middle class, live in single family houses and own several cars are most likely to link activities in complex out-of-home journeys." Members of households whose characteristics are the opposite
of these are least likely to make multiple activity journeys. Mostly their out-of-home activities are done one at a time with a return home before another is undertaken (Hemmens, 1970, p. 61).

In analyzing their data it appears that time spent in the social-recreation category accounts for more hours than the categories covering personal business and shopping, and follows hours for work and education. Thus the interest in recreation noted in the study described above (Chapin and Hightower, 1965), is reinforced from another perspective. It is difficult to compare the data between these two studies, for one is oriented to the activity and the other to the family.

Another approach to the understanding of the family's relation to recreation and leisure is taken by Havighurst and Feigenbaum (1958), based on role patterns derived from an earlier study by Havighurst (1957). These orientations were located in a group of adult men and women as follows:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19 | 14 |
| Home-centered high | 22 | 12 |
| Home-centered medium | 35 | 48 |
| Low level | 18 | 17 |
| Ungrouped | 6 | 9 |

According to their pattern of using community facilities, about 80 per cent of the men and a few more of
the women centered their activities in the family system. Activities were conceptualized as indicating movement from the family system to community subsystems in nine levels of distance from the family. The homencentered high, homer centered medium, and low level focus their activity on the four levels closest to the family system:

1. Radio, conversation
2. Sewing, TV, cards, fixing
3. Gardening
4. Movies, church, union, sports events The community centered group extended to level 9, the activity focused outside the family system.
5. Fishing, hobbies
6. Boy Scout leader, ladies auxiliary
7. Concerts, theatre
8. Country club
9. Men's business clubs, Chamber of Commerce, women's charity organizations

When there was overlap, subjects were placed in the dominant area. Middle-class individuals chose to be either community centered or home centered, but working-class people were rarely community centered.

The Havighurst study (1957) called the Kansas City
Study of Adult Life described the activities of adult men and women between 40 and 70. Of the 234 individuals interviewed, 110 were men and 124 women. The objective was to quantify performance in the social roles of worker, parent,
spouse, homemaker, user of leisure time, friend, cłtłzen, club or association member, and church member. Scores rangIng from low to high were assigned to each role based on information on activity patterns acquired through interview. These were related to socłal varłables as sex, age, socłal class, education, personal adjustment, manifest complexity, social mobility, and motivation.

Results were that performance was more frequent in the roles of worker, parent, and spouse than in the roles of citizen, church member, friend, and association member. Out of 27 patterns of role performance, six groupings emerged: upper middle class $A ;$ upper middle class Al; family centered middle class $B ;$ common man $C$; family centered common man $D$; lower class $F$; and mixed pattern. The titles given these classifications coincide with the finding that performance is closely related to socio-economic status and not to age. In both of these studies, the individual is identified by his behavior relative to the environment. Inasmuch as these behaviors include exchanging resources with the community in particular patterns, these concepts of social role and life style are parallel to the term linkage in this study.

The relation of community linkage patterns to socioeconomic class was reinforced by a study restricted to aged Spanish-Americans. It was found that traditional orientations had been diluted regarding the role of family in helping this group. The sample of 291 individuals were asked
about where they might recetve help: their famılies, the church, or social services. Nearly onemhalf felt the church should be doing more than it is now doing, while one-third of both men and women felt that it should continue its present course. There was little knowledge about resources available in the community. Since their leading problem was one of health, it would appear to this reviewer that specialized services would be required beyond what families or church could offer.

Although interviews with resource people in the community disclosed that officials operating within the Spanishe American enclave were more aware of their needs than the city officials, the barriers of reticence on the part of the indigent individual, the language barrfer, and lack of transportation operated to inhibit contact with community resources.

This group appeared to be caught in the interface between the loosened family obligations and limited access to community facilities. Specific proposals to remedy this situation in the report (Steglich, Cartwright, Crouch, 1968) were either to make contact with individuals in a doorrtor door canvass or make announcements over the Spanish radio station. The first alternative is not so effective for even with Spanish literature, illiteracy would limit understanding.

The family network appears to have some importance to most families in the urban setting. In a study of 749
subjects, not 1 dentified as to sex, Axelrod (1956) found there was a relationship between participation in formal groups and informal contacts. Only 10 per cent of those who were members of a formal group belonged to four or more groups; 50 per cent belonged to only one group. And as has been shown by previous research, those individuals with a better education and higher income belonged to more and participated more actively than those with less educar tion and income.

In contradiction to many predictions about the effects of urbanization, Axelrod found nearly two-thirds of the subjects met with friends or relatives more than once a week. With these groups relatives ranked above friends for all except the highest status group. There was a tendency toward a relationship between participation In formal organizations and informal contacts. And 39 per cent of his sample belonged to no formal organization.

An intriguing aspect of linkage is its relation to migration. Migration essentially is the disconnecting of linkages in one geographical area and re-establishing them in another. Sly (1972) employing the POET model of sociological ecology (Population, Organization, Environment, Technology) proposed that changes in organization reflect changes in technology and environment, The focus of the study was on the negro population from the "old cotton belt," a sample of 235 counties stretching from South Carolina to Texas. Two decades, 1940-1950 and 1950-1960
were compared on multiple bases to see the relation of factors of technology, organization, and environment on migration of black males.

Under the organizational rubric we included (1) the differential stability of positions in the agriculn tural labor force, and (2) lack of access of nonagrim cultural employment; under the environmental rubric we included (1) the exigencies of cotton production, (2) acreage control programs, (3) competition from whites, (4) concentration of land holdings and (5) increasing farm size; and under the technological rubric we included the mechantzation of agriculture (Sly, 1972, pp. 619-620).

In general there appeared to be substantiation for the hypotheses of the effect of technology and environment on organization. Because of increased mechanization of larger holdings primarily in the hands of whites, there were no niches for the black male to work. Although if there were non-agriculture jobs available there was evidence the worker would stay in the area. In the second decade the average rate of migration continued to rise and the standard deviation continued to decrease, leading to the conclusion that this migration was more random with perhaps an element of attraction to another system.

Bell (1968) and Michaelson (1970) discussed a difm ferent kind of migration, that of the one to the suburbs. Families were attracted to a new, more congenial, environment leaving a congested area that no longer had the space to accommodate the increasing population. A study of 100 individuals encompassed two adjacent suburbs of Chicago; one of these, Park Ridge, housed individuals with higher
average income, occupation, and education, than $\mathrm{d} \pm$ d those In Des Plaines; although between the two there was a relam tively wide range in respect to sociomeconomic status. Of the sample, 32 per cent were blue collar, 24 per cent lower white collar, and 44 per cent upper white collar.

Most of the reasons for the move revolved around the physical features of the environment; more space for child play, cleaner air. There were also social implications of not being close to neighbors as in the apartments many of them had left. Some of them mentioned the opportunities for informal networks; children playing with others the same age, adults with children knowing how to treat chłldren; the formal community organizations of better churches for the children and schools with smaller classes, more individual attention given by the teachers.

The life style most prevalent was that of familism, the others being consumerism and career. These three did not appear to be adequate to account for all the responses. A fourth called "quest-for-community" was apparent. This included friendly neighbors, greater community participation, and a sense of belonging to a community. These motives appear to correlate with other studies indicating that participation is more prevalent among higher socio-economic classes.

Michaelson (1970) also is researching the moves that families make. His sample includes 900 and will extend over a five-year period, contrasting the residents of an inner
city location and suburban location. Interviews before the move are to be followed by others at intervals of two months, a year after, three years after, and five years. Only families of child-bearing age, with or without children, are being included. They are also in the higher income levels because of the opportunity for choice. By holding economic levels constant, there would be greater visibility of the life-style component: the self-selected linkages with the other subsystems in the community. Time and money budgets will be the basis for determining life-style orientations through reporting a "yesterday" and "last Sunday." For each phase there are separate interview schedules in a household for husband, wife, and one child, age 10 to 17. Initially, wives are to be compared with wives and husbands with husbands. Ultimately, there will be comparison of individual patterns with family patterns. It is expected that suburban families will emphasize physical activity and urban residents the linkages with community facilities. Like Chapin and Hightower (1966), Michaelson (1970) is basing the typology on activity patterns. Anderson (1955) and Anderson and Sibley (1957) also examined an effect of migration, Their interest focused on linkages: of participation by families in community organizations. Both studies examined the linkages of families living on the fringe area of Ithaca, New York. One study (Anderson, 1955) examined the participation of families moving from the city of Ithaca to the fringe within a
period of ten years; the other, the families moying to the fringe from another area.

The majority of famılies were in the childrrearing years and had lived in the fringe less than ten years. A section dominated by post-child famılies was in proximity to the Cornell campus and appealed to professtonal and business families. In the narrative Anderson does not discrime inate along the variables of income, socłal position, stage of the family life cycle, or length of residence but holistically reports that 51 per cent of the families said no new relationships had been established. Only 3 per cent said their previous linkages had been replaced altogether.

In contrast, fringe residents who had moved from other locations in New York state, out-of-state, or other fringe areas of Ithaca belonged on the average to fewer organizations than those who had moved out of Ithaca to the fringe. Even these were concentrated in the families in the child-rearing stages. Church membership accounted for the highest membership, but attendance was higher in farm or home organizations, sports organizations, professional societies, and social clubs. On the whole the newcomers to the area attended more meetings than the ones moving from Ithaca.

In this study in the early 50's the television set was in the initial stages of diffusion. About 65-70 per cent of the families of child-rearing age had a television
set. It appeared that viewing television was substituted for community linkages for some families, particularly the post-child.

## The Community

The U.S. Census is a valuable source of data for information about the community, central to four of the five studies discussed in this section.

The community in the present study is viewed as the locus of resources for the family. Table 1 (Metcalf, 1962) illustrates the importance of population in the availability of resources. In effect this points out that the larger the market area, the more variety of goods and services that are available. Inasmuch as these figures are representative of customer demand, they are not static. For instance, they do not seem to reflect the current upsurge of interest in camping vehicles and bicycles. In addition, as national averages, they do not reflect specialized local conditions as feed stores in rural areas and record shops in a college town. But this table is inserted here to enable the reader to associate with population figures, the range of goods and services that may be available.

Besides serving as the locus of goods and services a community represents the mutual effort to provide services of police and fire protection, education, government, and others included in the concept of municipal services. Since costs associated with these services are distributed to the

Table 1. Number of inhabitants per store by selected kinds of business.
(National Averages)

| Kind of Business | Number of inhabitants per store | Kind of Business of | Number of inhabitants per store |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food stores |  | Furniture, home |  |
| Grocery stores, |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { furnishings, appli- } \\ & \text { ance dealers } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| including delica- |  |  |  |
| tessens. | 667 | Furniture, home |  |
| Meat markets | 7,266 | furnishings stores. | . 3,181 |
| Fish (seafood |  | Household applim |  |
| markets). | 39,926 | ances, radio TV |  |
| Fruit stores, vege- |  | stores. | 4,227 |
| table markets. | 13,653 | Music stores, |  |
| Candy, nut, confec- |  | records, and musi- |  |
| tionery stores.... | 9,847 |  | 21,725 |
| stores. | 22,711 | Automotive groups |  |
| stores. | 9,006 | Passenger car dealers (franchised)... | - 4,493 |
| $\frac{\text { Eating, drinking }}{\text { places }}$ |  | Passenger car dealers (non-franchised) | - 6,839 |
| Eating places. | 754 | sory dealers | 8,284 |
| Drinking places |  | Aircraft, boat, |  |
| (alcoholic bever- |  | motorcycle dealers. | . 33,763 |
| ages).......... | 1,507 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Household trailer } \\ & \text { dealers............. } \end{aligned}$ | 56,411 |
| General merchandise |  |  |  |
| Department stores. | 54,875 | Lumber, building |  |
| Dry goods stores.. | 19,630 | materials, farm |  |
| Variety stores.... | 8,243 | equipment dealers |  |
|  |  | Farm equipment |  |
| Apparel, accessory |  | dealers......... | 9,114 |
| Stores |  | Lumber, building | 4969 |
| Shoe stores | 7,089 | Paint, glass, wall- | - 4,969 |
| Women's clothing, |  | paper stores.. | 15,530 |
| specialty stores.. | 3,882 | Heating, plumbing, |  |
| Children's, |  | equipment dealers.. | . 26,392 |
| infants-wear stores | 23,500 | Hardware stores.... | . 4,997 |

centrally located in city hall. Each complements the other. The police department, as well as the fire department, is an example of a horizontally integrated service. When growth In community size occurs, deployment is necessary. In the beginning this may only involve increase in staff, but in large cities substations are installed to effect sufficient protection to all parts of the community. Schools, parks, libraries, health centers, road services, and hospitals will also be deployed among the population. An example of the vertically integrated service is the water system. This system includes the processes of providing the fresh water to treating the effluent. Each of these has different implications for costs with growth.

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Table 1. Continued.

|  | Number <br> of inhab- <br> itants <br> per store | Kind of Business | Number <br> of inhab- <br> itants <br> per store |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Drug stores, |  |  |  |

Source: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. Number of establishments from 1958 Census of Retail Trade. Number of inhabitants residing in the United States (excluding Armed Force overseas), as of July l, 1958.
community through its tax structure, there is interest in determining an economically "efficient" unit size. Hirsch (1959) examining municipal strvices in St. Louis determined there were three types of services: circular, horizontal, and vertical; each having implications of costs in relation to population growth.

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centrally located in city hall. Each complements the other. The police department, as well as the fire department, is an example of a horizontally integrated service. When growth In community size occurs, deployment is necessary. In the beginning this may only involve increase in staff, but in large cities substations are installed to effect sufficient protection to all parts of the community. Schools, parks, libraries, health centers, road services, and hospitals will also be deployed among the population. An example of the vertically integrated service is the water system. This system includes the processes of providing the fresh water to treating the effluent. Each of these has different implications for costs with growth.

In a study of the municipal services in the St. Louis area, Hirsch (1959) found that two out of the three types of services appeared to maintain a constant in per capita expenditures. One of these, the horizontally integrated services of public education, fire protection, police prom tection, refuse collection accounted for 80 to 85 per cent of all expenditures. Central administration, the circularly integrated system accounting for 3 to 6 per cent of the expenditures, will tend toward decrease in per capita expenn ditures in early growth, but beyond a point found in medium sized communities, growth will tend to increase per caplta expenditures. The water and sewer service accounting for 8 to 10 per cent of expenditures will decrease as volume
increases. Economic efficiency may be highest in medium sized communities of $50,000-100,000$.

This study comes to different conclusions from earlier studies discussed by Howard (1969), which maintained that municipalities could effect large-scale economies developed by industry. On that basis, an "efficient" urban size would be 100,000 to 200,000 population, representing less than 1 per cent of the cities in the United States (Appendix A).

Zelinsky (1962) relies on census data to survey the shift in population from rural to urban between 1790 and 1960. The definition of rural as "anything that is not urban" was an appropriate one when there was a sharp distinction between the dense, clustered urban settlement and the isolated homestead. Thus in 1790, out of a total population of a little over $3,000,000,5.1$ per cent were urban and 94.9 per cent were rural.

By 1910, when urban was defined as a center of 2,500 population and more, the almost $92,000,000$ people were now 45.7 per cent urban and 54.3 per cent rural. However, when the definition of urban was modified for the 1950 census, the distinction between territory and function had become blurred. Whereas in 1790 , the functionally rural person also lived in the rural area, the development of individual transportation allows many families with linkages to cities through employment and business to live in rural areas.

For census purposes, these families are called rural and account for 30 per cent of the $178,000,000$-plus population of continental United States. That is, they live In the urban fringes of towns less than 50,000 or in open country. The new definition of urban is: all incorporated or unincorporated places with a population of 2,500 or more but also the densely settled urban fringe around cities of 50,000 or more.

For management purposes, the important ratio may not be the nominal one of urban to rural, although it does have implications for funding, but of population to range of resources available.

In contrast to Zelinsky's (1962) broad perspective on population shifts, Fugitt (1965) focuses on the small town in Wisconsin. By analyzing small towns over an 80-year period from 1880 to 1960 with a probability model, he determined that given time all towns would grow to over 5,000. The rates of growth have changed with the period of 1890 to 1900 the most rapid and 1920 to 1930 the least. The disappearance of small towns under 1,000 both absolutely and relatively has come about because of the increase in size to another category and the decline in incorporations of new towns. However, many towns have not changed their size category indicating an outmigration of natural increase.

Roterus (1946) noted there are distinct differences between growing and nongrowing cities. Employing available
statistics on the 18 cities, ranging in stze in 1930 from 100,000 to less than 900,000 , Roterus used comparative percentage changes. The growing cities experienced a 10.9 per cent increase in population in the decade under study, while the nongrowing cities experienced only a 1.3 per cent increase. He evaluated this population growth and nongrowth on four categories of city functions and welfare: (1) secondary employment activities such as building and real estate, retail trade, transportation, and public utilities; (2) municipal government; (3) population composition and social well-being; and (4) physical appearance. As might be expected, the growing cities compared favorably with the nongrowing cities on almost every point. The most dramatic was in new construction. While the value of all construction permits declined in the United States as a whole by 11.3 per cent over the decade, decline in the nongrowing cities was 41.1 per cent in contrast to the increase in growing cities of 22.5 per cent. This growth was attributed to new residential construction ( 125 per cent), while nonresidential construction decreased in both groups, though more sharply in the nongrowing city. The decline in matntenance construction--repairs, additions, alterations, and the like--was about the same for both.

In like manner, Roterus compares activity in retail sales and banking as secondary employment activities. Since the basic empioyment, whether extractive, processing, or
distributive, was seen to affect the population change, it was not included as an effect of change. It happened that retail sales grew in volume over the decade under study, but at a slower rate in the nongrowing cities. This was accompanied by a decline in absolute number of 18,000 employees in the nongrowing cities in contrast to the increase of 24,000 employees in the growing cities.

It is interesting to note the change from 1929 to 1939 in sales per retail establishment between the two groups of cities. In 1929, the average sales per establishment were greater in the non-growing group. However, the sales per establishment in the growing group decreased 17 per cent in 1939 as against 1929 and decreased 26 per cent in the non-growing group. Even this differential rate still left the non-growing cities with more sales per establishment (17 per cent) than the growing cities (Roterus, 1946, p. 93).

Roterus attributes this phenomenon to establishing more retail businesses in the favorable economic climate of growing cities, or the survival of marginal businesses that tended to depress the average sales per store. In a less favorable position in the nongrowing cities was the ratio of professionals to the population. Using lawyers and doctors as representative of the professionals who contribute to civic leadership and community well being out of proportion to their numbers, Roterus (1946) found net gains accrued for both these groups only in the growing cities. In one area the nongrowing cities made gains: in per capita expenditures for municipal government, although not at the same rate as growing cities. Nevertheless, the nongrowing cities entered the decade under study with a higher
(61 per cent) expenditure per capita than the growing cities. By 1940 the nongrowing cities still expended 52 per cent more in this area than the growing cities. Although Roterus (1946) discusses this overhead as a consequence of nongrowth, it may have been, on the eve of the depression, a deterrent to growth in the basic industries. Another compounding effect of slow growth on munfcipal revenues is that federal and state grants based on population will decline throwing more burden on the taxpayers.

There appeared to be effects on the age composition of cities of growth and nongrowth over a ten-year period. He noted that a lower birth rate decreased the numbers of young in both cities, and increased the populations of 45-64 and 65+ in both cities. However, the nongrowing city lost and the growing city gained in the age group of 30-44, the age group that is more likely to provide progressive leadership, while leadership in the nongrowing cities would be retained in the more aged and conservative hands.

If mankind is to learn from history, it would be useful to study these communities as evolving systems. Since the mean founding time of both groups was in the late 1700 's, it may have been events in the system growth rather than the age of the cities that contributes to the growth or nongrowth. Of particular interest is the overhead of municipal costs. If these stem from social services, it may indicate a breakeven point that goodwill should not
trespass. On the other hand there was a period of graft in city governments that may have diverted public funds from legitimate expenditures that now have their costly aftereffects.

The break-even point of public facility investments is more pertinent today, in the face of a -plethora of proposals. Research in this area is made possible by computer simulation, whereby tradeoffs can be examined. Friedly (1969) focused on the role of public facility investments that occur in the urban renewal setting. He found that little research of a comprehensive nature had been done to understand and explain the specific contribution to physical and social wellbeing accruing to the residents.

At the outset he located contradictions among the goals of urban renewal as outlined in policy and as practiced in the cities. These objectives are (1) slum elimination, (2) enhancement of the central city vis-a-vis the suburbs, and (3) strengthening of fiscal capacity in the central city. These were rooted in the conflicts between people-oriented goals of "improving life opportunities for slum dwellers" and "increase in low-cost housing" with the social goal of "enticement of middle-income households into central city" and economic and physical goals.

Another dimension of his model was the welfare measurement variables. Eleven are classified in three categories: (I) economic impacts of project variables on
the housing submarket and construction industry, (II) social impacts of project variables on slum dwellers, and (III) overall intrametropolitan redistribution effects. These lead to functional groupings of public facilities and whether they are community or client oriented.

At some point in the development of the impact model, empirical data are required to define the constraints on the system. As some of the studies examined earlier have shown, there are many sources of available statistics from which to draw. Reasoning through such a model as Friedly's could point out the areas where little is known, and consequently suggest viable research efforts that also identify the linkages with other systems.

## CHAPTER III

## METHODOLOGY

In attempting to present a broad view of family contact with the community, three methodological procedures were initiated: the response to a questionnaire by all family members, 14 and over; the recording of use of time over the period of a year; and the inclusion of all resource linkages with the formal community together with the time spent at home in supplying comparable goods and services. Through this approach, a plotting of the territory families would cover to acquire resources for family use would be determined as well as what resources, in general, they are utilizing.

## Community Selection

For this study, the selected community was large enough to fulfill the theoretical definition of representativeness, yet small enough to be limited in diversity of resources to satisfy all needs. There would be potential need for families to go outside the local community for resources.

Consequently, the adjoining towns of Owosso-Corunna, Michigan, were selected. Separated by 30 or 40 miles from
cities of larger size, they illustrated the relationship of smaller communities to the needs of families vis-a-vis other community centers. According to the 1970 census, Owosso has a population of 17,179 and Corunna of 2,829 .

## Sample Selection

A stratified random sample with replacement of 140 families was drawn from the population of Owosso and Corunna. Representing the 6-1 ratio between the two towns, 120 families were selected from Owosso and 20 from Corunna.

In Owosso, a pool of addresses were selected at random using the city directory: 100 north of Main Street, and 100 south of Main Street. A random sample was selected from these two areas in an effort to insure adequate representation from the high and low income groups from this relatively small sample. Both the city assessor and building inspector agreed that Main Street divides the city. The more affluent live on the north side.

The larger homes are located in a section just northwest of the business district. Many of these date from the late 1800's and are three-story brick in good repair. Others were built in the early 1900's by members of families owning and managing the two chief industries supplying parts to the auto industry. Nevertheless, there were many modest frame homes to the east of this section that were comparable to homes found south of Main Street. The newer suburbs were located at the city boundaries in the northwest and northeast
of town. On the southern boundary an apartment complex with moderate rents was under construction. More expensive apartment units were nearing completion at the northwest boundary.

## Pretest

The instrument used in this study was the result of development by research project personnel over a period of several months. During pretesting it evolved from an interview with one family member to the questionnaire for all family members 14 and over.

From the beginning, the goal was to gain a view of family resource-attaining activity in the community encompassing the period of a year to include seasonal use of facilities such as parks, or infrequent hospital care, Another distinction was to differentiate between the acquire ing resources within the city limits or outside. "Outside" was not specified in the questionnaire except for location of employment, but for many families would include trips of undetermined destination for shopping either outside the county or to the major foud stores and small shopping mall in the township just over the city line.

In the first pretost of the schedule a research assistant interviewed a housewife reporting on the activities of all family members. Since this interview took about two hours, and may not have been representative of all the family
members, the procedure was changed to include other family members.

Thus in the second pretest an appointment was made by phone for both husband and wife to answer the question naire about their adtivities in the community. Forty-two phone calls were made before locating the six who coopm erated in this pretest, and even so in one instance the husband was not present because of a change of plans. Although the precaution was taken to locate at the assessor's office neighborhoods representing upper middle class and lower class, the two consenting to be interviewed in the area of low assessed valuation were not representative. One owned a small business and the other held an administrative post with the National Guard. Therefore, the third low income family was purposely selected: a woman living in subsidized housing in the inner city with two boys over 14. In using the telephone to locate respondents, it appeared that besides not locating anyone at home, individuals would refuse, or it was not convenient for both the husband and wife to meet within the time period. It did not seem to be difficult for the families to estimate how many hours they utilized in the community and they could state with certainty which resource they had not utilized.

The telephone procedures of this pretest appeared to eliminate a number of families. In addition, it seemed an unnecessary complication to attempt to find family members
at home in a particular evening. It would also extend the time in which to secure sufficient completed schedules for a meaningful sample size.

Consequently, another procedure was pretested with ten families. Two areas representing high and low economic status were selected. One was a section near the Lansing Country Club, the other a low income tract in Meridian Township. This time an approach was made in person: a technique approved by one individual who would not participate because in their retirement the family's activity was less predictable, but who commented that a presence at the door evoked trust in contrast to a phone call. This was the only refusal in locating ten families.

The interview schedule was modified to a questionnaire by adding explanatory material. After securing consent, the questionnaire was explained to an adult, in most cases the wife, and enough copies were left for all family members 14 and over. A single page summary questionnaire was designed for children 13 and under. An appointment was made to collect the family's set of completed questionnaires at a later date. This procedure was adopted.

## Instrument

The instrument was a 13-page, selfnadministered questionnaire with five pages of explanatory material (Appenm dix B), divided into ten sections.

Each of the first nine sections, titled a subsystem, described a class of resources aś goods, services, or activities, situation-specific to Owosso-Corunna, which the family may want to utilize. These subsystems are functionally related to the family as well as other systems. The relationship covered in this study is the contact hours of families in the subsystem. In some instances, as noted below, data were secured about the amount of dollars contributed or earned. The contributions were seen as an alternative to the use of time, and the earnings as a measure of availability of resources. The resources that individuals or families spent time acquiring were classified in the following subsystems:

Business: purchasing of goods and services.
Employment: hours including commuting time in paid employment. Also hours spent in allied group as union or professional association. Dollars earned and dollars paid in dues to named organizations.

Recreation: hours spent in physically oriented activity associated with sports facilities. Implication of interest in this area is a particular type of land use.

Culture: passive recreation associated with intellectual involvement.

Religion: church services and church-sponsored events.

Civic: political activity and use of municipal services. Also civic groups as Rotary, Kiwanis, or Veterans groups.

Health: use of health delivery systems; also volunteer activity.

Education: full time or part time, formal or informal.

Welfare: use of social services, $A D C$, and/or subsidized housing.

The tenth section included demographic material in addition to a question about "things that, are missing." The activities of children 13 and under were recorded on a single sheet (see Appendix C). In addition, one sheet (Appendix D) was used to record family information about tenure and length of residence in the community.

## Field Procedure

The researcher began field work November 21, 1972, and completed it March 15, 1973. There was a three-week break for the Christmas holiday. At each address a head of the household was invited to participate in the study. An appointment form (Appendix E) was used to reinforce the identity of the researcher and the institution. When cooperation was secured, the questionnaire was explained and sufficient copies were left for the family members to complete at their convenience. A specific appointment time was arranged.

Another information form (Appendix $F$ ) was retained by the researcher to record the name and address of the respondent, the date for returning the completed forms, and
number in family. About 18 per cent of the 220 households contacted refused to participate; another 18 per cent, although accepting the forms, returned them blank.

Houses were randomly selected but visited geograph1cally to expedite the process. In cases where no one was found at home even after callbacks at different times of day, a replacement from the random list was made. Over 750 house calls were made either in response to the random list, or on callbacks for questionnaires.

The usual practice in securing cooperation in the study was to explain the purpose, verbalize the written explanatory material, and help the interviewee fill out the first half page. An appointment time within a week was suggested, but it was always established at the respondent's convenience. However, it soom became evident that the procedure needed to be altered if one segment of the population were to be included. This was the older woman living alone. In early cases it appeared that the questionnaire would never be completed unless the researcher conducted an interview. Soon this practice of interviewing the single person became established.

For the most part this difficulty by older women appeared to stem from the fact that women at home were not accustomed to quantifying data. This possibility is illustrated by two contrasting cases. In one, the questionnaire was explained to the mother, an older woman keeping house for her working daughter. By the appointed pickup
time, the daughter had filled one out on the strength of either the mother's explanation or the written explanation, whereas it took two callbacks and then the suggestion that the researcher conduct an interview before the mother's questionnaire was completed. In another situation, an older woman, past retirement age, who was still working as a bookkeeper for an automobile agency, found no difficulty in completing the questionnaire.

Within a short time, the data gathering became a rhythm of keeping appointments to collect questionnaires, returning to houses at a different time of day to locate residents, and making contacts with new families.

## Independent and Dependent Variables

The independent family variables and their derivation are as follows:

Family Size: Number of family members one through eight responding to the questionnaire.

Family Life Cycle: Rodgers' categories for family life cycle based on the age of children (Nye and Berardo, 1966) were used. A modification of Rodgers' classification for childless couples expanded the category from one to eight, coding on the basis of the husband's age.

Social Position: A calculated score using Hollingshead's two-factor analysis of social position based on education and occupation (Hollingshead, 1967).

Family Income: A category of income checked by one family member representing the combined income of all individual family members who may have contributed to that income.

Length of Residence: The mean of the length of residence for the family and the one individual family member with the longest residence, when this individual had lived in the community before family formation.

Home Production: A mean family score for each subsystem based on the hours individual family members spent in creating products or services for themselves instead of buying them in the community. For most families the greatest contribution came in the business subsystem from meals prepared at home instead of eating out. Other examples are home repair or remodeling, servicing the automobile, and for many the use of television for entertainment instead of going to the movies.

The contact hours for line items within each subsystem were summed to provide total hours in each subsystem for each individual in home production. Each of these subm totals for each subsystem was subject to three computations to arrive at a family score for each subsystem. This comparative treatment for family scores was necessitated by the use of two questionnaires. All family members 14 and over were given a detailed questionnaire, while for children 13 and under a summary questionnaire was completed by the mother about their contact hours with the community unattended
by their parents. These computations were: hours for adults only; hours for adults plus hours for children 13 and under weighted equally with adults; and hours for adults plus hours for children 13 and under weighted one= half with adults.

Thus with the adults only score, the hours of the adult questionnaire which also included children 14 and over were summed by subsystem, and were divided by the number in the family to produce a family mean score for hours spent in home production by each subsystem. In order to determine the contribution of the children 13 and under, their contact hours were treated in either of two ways. When the hours of children were counted equally with adults, their total hours were included with adults, and this sum was divided by the number in the family, adults and children. When children's hours were counted as one-half, their contribution was divided in half before being added with the adult scores and divided by the number in the family, adults and children.

## Standard Scures

After mean family scores by subsystem were derived, the families were compared with each other in each subsystem. In this calculation, the mean of the family mean contact hours was derived. Accordingly, the position of the mean of each family relative to the mean of all families determined which standari score from one to ten the family
received: one representing little use, ten representing most use. Those with number five were just below the mean and those with number six just above the mean. Thus each family was assigned a standard score from one to ten to indicate its relation to every other family in each subs system.

The dependent linkage variables were derived as follows:

Scope: The number of different subsystems, without duplication, entered by family members. Entrance could be made by any family member through utilizing resources within the city limits, or outside the city limits. Standard scores were assigned to families as described above.

Penetration: Standard scores for two territories were calculated for this linkage: one for contact hours in subsystems over a period of a year within the city limits, the other for contact hours in subsystems over a period of a year outside the city limits. In addition the scores for the internal and external community were calculated three ways as described above in home production, reflecting the use of a separate, summary questionnaire for children 13 and under.

Flow: Selected portions of each subsystem were designated as positive, negative, or neutral flow. Scores were derived the same as in penetration and home production: that is, the mean for positive, negative, and neutral flow for each subsystem was determined for each subsystem and
standard scores were assigned each family. Again distincm tion was made between contacts with subsystems within the survey community and outside the city limits of this community.

The flow score was derived through the following formula:

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\text { Flow }=\frac{\text { Positive-Negative }}{\text { Neutral }}
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## Positive Flow: (Standard Scores)

Employment: Hours at work
Hours with the union or professional association
Culture: Volunteer hours for designated groups
Religion: Church services and related events
Education: Volunteer hours for designated groups
Health: Volunteer hours for designated groups
Civic: Volunteer hours for designated groups, voting, political activity
Assessed valuation

## Negative Flow: (Standard Scores)

Recreation: Hours utilizing public parks
Culture: Hours utilizing libraries, and other designated services
Education: Hours utilizing public education
Health:
Civic: Hours utilizing municipal services as fire, police, courts

## Neutral Flow: (Standard Scores)

Business: Hours utilizing goods and services Recreation: Hours utilizing designated profit-oriented services
Culture: Hours utilizing designated profit-oriented services
Education: Hours utilizing private school
Health:
Hours utilizing private doctors, dentists, and facilities

Suggestions for community resource development required different treatment:

The linkage variables described above were quantified to provide a family score for the different dimensions. Although the suggestions, like the contact hours, were recorded on the individual level, the content of the sugm gestions did not lend itself to determining a family score. To do this would have required consultation by the family during which family members would participate in ranking the individually contributed suggestions. The data contain certain instances where there was consensus within the family on areas of improvement, but these occasions were not only insufficient for analysis but were not ranked.

Therefore, the suggestions were quantified by number mentioned and computed with family variables for significant relationships. Additional information of a practical nature is found in the frequency count of particular items, classified by category in Table 21.

## Statistical Analysis

The raw data on which the statistical treatment is based are contact hours provided by individuals for their use of the internal community, the external community, and home production. As used in the analysis, these raw data were transformed to standard scores for families. "These standard scores are equal units of measurement and hence can be manipulated mathematically" (Downie and Heath,

1965, p. 65). The standard scores were added together for penetration scores within and without the community. They were added, subtracted, and divided to derive a flow score for the internal and external community, thereby quantifying the linkage variables.

The dependent linkage variables were compared with independent variables of family size, social position, income, stage of life cycle, length of residence, and home production. Comparisons were made in two ways: Pearson correlation coefficients and multiple regression. The corm relation coefficients compared each of the 93 variables with each other on a one-tomone comparison basis. Fiftysix of these resulted from penetration scores for each subsystem, both internally and externally, and in relation to the three-way treatment of questionnaires for adults and children 13 and under. Twenty-four others referred to the three-way treatment of home production. At an alpha level of .01 significance, a correlation coefficient of . 48 and above was required for a significant relationship.

The advantage of multiple regression, made possible by the computer, is that all family variables interact to predict behavior in relation to the dependent variables of linkage behavior. The contribution of each independent variable is tested through a step-wise regression procedure, and the probability levels computed. Interpretation of these contributions begins by examining the last variable to be entered in the regression and proceeding through the
variables until a significant level is reached. It is assumed that every variable above this point contributes to the significance. The order in which these variables are entered by the programmer in the stepmwise regression is determined by examining the raw regression coefficients: indicating direction and amount of contribution of each independent variable to the relationship.

The univariate $F$ ratios and alpha levels were computed for their relation between the independent variables and each dependent variable separately to determine the degree of significance of each subsystem to the overall multivariate tests. The alpha level of .01 was accepted as significant in the multiple regression and correlation coefficient analyses.

## Reliability and Validity

A reliability sample of 120 adults was selected at random from 277 adult questionnaires completed between November and March. This second set of adult questionm naires was mailed in April. Thirty were returned. Considering the quantity of information required by the lengthy questionnaire, a 25 per cent response rate may be considered favorable. For some of the sample a period of three months had elapsed between the first and second questionnaire; for others, a few weeks. Correlations were computed in four areas: contact hours inside the survey community, contact
hours outside the survey community; dollars contributed; and hours of home production.

The greatest reliability of .996 was found in dollars contributed to education, such as PTA dues or alumnt contributions. Dollars contributed to employment, such as union dues or professional contributions, correlated at . 992.

Other significant correlations were in contact hours outside the community: hours spent at short courses or private colleges at .987; health services for which the client paid or his insurance covered at .974; and total hours in the recreation subsystem at .884. The fact that contact hours outside the community were infrequent as compared to inside may account for the difference in reliability correlation data. Perhaps outside contacts, because they are infrequent, stand prominently in the subjects' thinking and result in more accurate recall in the original instrum ment administration as well as the reliability administration.

There were no significant correlations in relation to contact hours inside the community or in home production. Contact hours within the community in obtaining goods and services and in home production can encompass great amounts of time, ranging into such figures as 2,300 to 3,500 hours. Hence, exact recall of specific numbers of hours covering a one-year period, from one administration to a second
administration of the instrument, may be improbable as was supported by the reliability correlation data.

With respect to validity of the instrument, it appears that since the items contained in the inventory are concrete and familiar, face validation can be accepted.

## CHAPTER IV

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In this chapter are discussed the findings relating to the independent and dependent variables, the test of the hypotheses, and the conclusions.

## Family Variables

The independent family variables selected for this study were family size, stage of family life cycle, social position, family income, length of residence, and hours spent in home production.

Family Size
In this study almost half the families (Table 2) are one- and two-person families. Even though they are so numerous, respondents from this group suggested that they should not be included in the study, because they did not use the community as much as families with children. With the family mean at 3.08 , it would appear that families with children were most visible.

## Stage of Family Life Cycle

The survey community appears to be a family-oriented community. According to the sample, 80 per cent of the famm ilies now rear or did rear children; only 20 per cent are
childess families. About 46 per cent are now actively concerned with childrearing from the infant to the oldest child in the 14-20 age group. Twenty-three per cent have launched their children (Table 3). In such a community there would appear to be a central concern for famtly and children to be reflected in thetr utilization of the community and in expressed needs for the community.

Table 2. Family size of survey sample ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).


Table 3. Family life cycle stage of survey sample ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).

| Life Cycle Stage | Number of Families | Per Cent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single | 11 | 7.9 |
| Childless |  |  |
| Husband 18-25 | 6 | 4.3 |
| Husband 26-30 | 4 | 2.9 |
| Husband 31-37 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Husband 38-46 | 1 | . 7 |
| Husband 47-65 | 5 | 3.6 |
| Widowed 66+ | 1 | . 7 |
| Subtotal | 17 | 12.2 |
| Children |  |  |
| All children less than 36 mos. | 12 | 8.6 |
| Oldest child 4-6 | 9 | 6.4 |
| Oldest child 7-13 | 27 | 19.3 |
| Oldest child 14-20 | 17 | 12.1 |
| Oldest child over 20 | 10 | 7.1 |
| Youngest child over 20 | 3 | 2.1 |
| Subtotal | 78 | 55.6 |
| All children launched; not retired | 11 | 7.9 |
| Retired couple | 6 | 4.3 |
| Widowed | 17 | 12.1 |
| Subtotal | 34 | 24.3 |
| Total | 140 | 100.0 |

## Social Position

The distribution of individuals in social position is shown in Table 4. About 46 per cent are in the two lower categories compared with the 20 per cent in the two upper classifications. Since these differences in socio-economic class represent differences in life style as supported by the literature, it is evident there is diversity of perceptions among families about their function and relation to community resources.

Table 4. Social position of survey sample ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).

| Social <br> Position | Number | Per Cent | Cumulative <br> Number | Cumulative <br> Per Cent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| High 1 | 3 | 2.1 | 3 | 2.1 |
| 2 | 17 | 12.1 | 20 | 14.2 |
| 3 | 42 | 30.0 | 62 | 44.2 |
| 4 | 46 | 32.9 | 108 | 77.1 |
| Low 5 | 20 | 14.3 | 128 | 91.4 |
| NA | 12 | 8.6 | 140 | 100.0 |

Income
About 80 per cent of the families have a joint fanily income under $\$ 15,000$ (Table 5). An impression the interviewer had was that the factory worker commuting to Flint and Lansing was likely to check the category of $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 14,999$, while the man working in the local
factory was in the next lower category. In addition, 20 per cent have an income of $\$ 5,000$ and less, an amount requiring careful husbanding under any circumstance, but especially as inflation affects many vital areas.

Table 5. Family income of survey sample $(N=140)$.

| Income | Number | Per Cent | Cumulative <br> Number | Cumulative <br> Per Cent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than $\$ 2,500$ | 15 | 10.8 | 15 | 10.8 |
| $\$ 2,500-\$ 4,999$ | 13 | 9.3 | 28 | 20.1 |
| $\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999$ | 41 | 29.5 | 69 | 49.6 |
| $\$ 10,000-\$ 14,999$ | 43 | 30.9 | 112 | 80.5 |
| $\$ 15,000-\$ 19,999$ | 17 | 12.2 | 129 | 92.8 |
| $\$ 20,000-\$ 24,999$ | 4 | 2.9 | 133 | 95.6 |
| $\$ 25,000-\$ 29,999$ | 0 | 0.0 | 133 | 95.6 |
| $\$ 30,000$ and over | 3 | 2.2 | 136 | 97.8 |
| NA | 3 | 2.2 | 139 | 100.0 |

The income distribution outlined above and used in the regression analysis is composed of income from employment and other sources. Thirty-four per cent of the sample had income from one of the sources listed in Table 6. Social security was checked by almost half of these individuals, with dividends and investments and pensions of more importance than rentals and other sources. The dividends,
which did not appear to make a great deal of difference for most people in their level of income, may stem from the opportunity for stock purchase plans at the automobile factories where many work.

Table 6. Source of individual income, besides employment, of survey sample ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).

| Sources <br> Other Income | Number | Per Cent |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Social Security | 45 | 26.2 |
| Dividends | 31 | 18.0 |
| Investment | 20 | 11.6 |
| Pensions | 20 | 11.6 |
| Rental | 8 | 7.0 |
| Inheritance | 6 | 3.5 |
| Insurance | 4 | 2.3 |
| Loans | 26 | 15.1 |

As seen in Table 7,45 per cent of the individuals receiving this type of income attained a new level of income. This additional source appeared to make the difference with 13 respondents between being self-sufficient and applying for welfare, since they checked the new income level of less than $\$ 2,500$ a year. For most of the others it appeared to add to livability.

| Income Level | Number | Per Cent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Change | 51 | 55.0 |
| Improved Income Level | 41 | 45.0 |
| Less than \$2,500 | 13 | 31.7 |
| \$2,500- \$4,999 | 10 | 24.5 |
| \$5,000- \$9,999 | 3 | 7.3 |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 | 2 | 4.9 |
| \$15,000-\$19,999 | 3 | 7.3 |
| \$30,000 and over | 1 | 2.4 |
| NA | 9 | 21.9 |

## Length of Residence

This variable was constructed from two questions regarding length of residence. One referred to how long the family being interviewed had lived in the community, the other how long either of the spouses had lived there, including residence before marriage.

The length of stay of individuals and of families indicates there are many long-time residents in this community (Table 8).

Table 8. Length of residence by individual and family of the survey sample $(N=140)$.

| Residence in Years | Individual |  | Family |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of Individuals | $s$ Per Cent | Number of Families | Per Cent |
| 0-1 | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 7.9 |
| 1-4 | 22 | 15.7 | 12 | 8.6 |
| 5-9 | 48 | 34.3 | 12 | 8.6 |
| 10-24 | 33 | 23.6 | 29 | 20.7 |
| 25-39 | 17 | 12.1 | 39 | 27.9 |
| 40-64 | 18 | 12.9 | 30 | 21.4 |
| $65+$ | 2 | 1.4 | 7 | 4.9 |
|  | Mean: 2 | 27.04 years | Mean : | 6.1 years |

The mean of the individual and family length of residence became the score to be compared with the linkage variables (Table 9). The underlying rationale was that knowledge of the community may influence use of the community. And although the perceptions of individuals change as the child reaches adulthood, familiarity with the elements of the community known over a period of time surpasses that of a recent arrival. The mean length of residence for the composite score is 22.25 years as compared with 16.1 for families and 27.04 for individuals. This would appear to contribute to satisfaction with the community for longtime residents would not have had experience living in
other situations from which to make comparisons or sugges tions for change.

Table 9. Derived score for length of residence of families in survey sample ( $N=140$ ).
Residence
in Years

Number of Families

Per Cent

| $0-1$ | 9 | 6.4 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1-4$ | 14 | 10.0 |
| $5-9$ | 13 | 9.3 |
| $10-24$ | 56 | 40.0 |
| $25-39$ | 23 | 16.4 |
| $40-64$ | 21 | 15.0 |
| $65+$ | 4 | 2.9 |

## Mean: 22.25 years

## Nonrespondents

Analysis of family variables for nonrespondents showed that they were similar to the respondents.

Relationships Among Five Family Variables

In Table 10 are summarized the correlation coefficients among the family variables. Relationships among the variables are in the expected direction with income positively related to social position at . 42 and famıly size
at .41. The negative relationship among the length of residence and family size and income points to a probable element of conservatism in the community of longntime residents in the contracting stage of the family life cycle and with restricted incomes who may be resistant to changes in the community.

Table 10. Pearson correlation coefficients of family variables.

|  | Variables |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Variables | Social <br> Position | Family <br> Size | Income | Life <br> Cycle | Length of <br> Residence |
| Family Size | .076 | 1.000 |  |  |  |
| Income | .415 | .406 | 1.000 |  |  |
| Life Cycle | -.102 | .295 | .083 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Length of <br> Residence | -.157 | -.394 | -.335 | .140 | 1 |

Home Production
Another family variable pertinent to this study is home production. Calculated from the hours reported by the respondents, these scores report the relative time families spent in providing goods and services for themselves instead of purchasing them from the community; that is, home-centered rather than community-centered activity. As listed in Table ll, the most hours accounted for are in relation to the business subsystem, where families recorded

Table ll. Hours of home production during a year by families, adults and children weighted equally, classified by eight subsystems.

| Subsystem | Hours |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean | Minimum | Maximum | St. Dev. |
| Business |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: meal preparation, yard maintenance | 881.9 | 17.0 | 3571.0 | 630.6 |
| Culture |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: hobbies, TV, parties | 858.5 | 0.0 | 3500.0 | 667.2 |
| Recreation |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: swimming pool, vacation cottage | 142.6 | 0.0 | 3000.0 | 374.0 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: office in home | 88.7 | 0.0 | 1850.0 | 287.4 |
| Health |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: home nursing, health drives | 20.1 | 0.0 | 840.0 | 112.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: correspondence course, preparation Scout meetings | Ex.: correspondence |  |  | 93.9 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: meetings in home | 5.7 | 0.0 | 250.0 | 29.3 |
| Civic |  |  |  |  |
| Ex.: distributing petition in neighborhood | . 1 | 0.0 | 5.5 | . 5 |
| Total All |  |  |  |  |
| Subsystems | 2009.0 | 93.5 | 5192.5 | 1160.9 |

performing services or providing goods rather than purchasing them. The most usual substitution was preparing meals instead of purchasing them. Some also did laundry at home, others yard work, and house maintenance. In a few instances there were major projects, such as house remodeling.

In the culture subsystem, the activities did not appear to be family generated as in having parties, or hobbies, but in watching television. Although the latter is community based through programming and manufacture of the receiving equipment, this activity was included under home production because it may substitute for excursions into the community, a finding also noted by Anderson (1955).

A great deal of variance in the amount of home production is shown in Table ll. The subsystems were listed in descending order according to the mean family hours of use. It is interesting to note that the two leisure-oriented subsystems of culture and recreation accounted for more hours than the system maintenance activity implied under the business subsystem. The range of total hours between a mean of 93.5 and 5192.5 illustrates the diversity among families.

In Table 12, these home production activities by subsystem are related to family variables in a multiple regression analysis. Family size is significantly related to hours spent in home production when the hours of children 13 and under are weighted as equal with adults. According to

Table 12. Relationship among home production and other family variables (N=123).

the raw regression coefficients, this is primarily due to a negative correlation at -. 35 with culture, supporting the impression of the interviewer that the older respondent without children spent many hours watching favorite programs on television. This may be expressed in the marginal significance of life style to home production at . 03 .

## Linkage Variables

In the following sections are presented summaries of the contact hours in the community from which the standard scores were derived. The hours reported by families were not expected to account for the 5840 hours available to an individual in a year after allowing eight hours a day for rest and relaxation. However, in one case, a schedule was returned because the husband's report of contact hours indicated he could be getting only three to four hours sleep per day. This schedule was included, however, when the wife reported this was typical of his activity, since he operated a part-time business in addition to a ten-hour a day factory job.

Scope
Figure 1 presents the number of different subsystems entered by families regardless of the number of contact hours. This number ranges from three to nine, with the mean number of subsystems being seven. Families were assigned a standard score from one to ten based on their relative position in the number of subsystems entered.


Mean: 7.036 Standard Deviation: 1.5050

Figure 1. Number of community subsystems entered by families.

Of all the subsystems available for family use, business, through which families secure food, clothing, taxi service, and other goods and services, is used by 100 per cent of the families. Figure 2 presents the descending order of utilization of other subsystems.

Those who entered all nine subsystems needed to include welfare. The majority of these families are those who had received unemployment insurance, a few were on ADC but only one respondent received full support through support payments, use of public health facilities, and subsidized housing.


Subsystems
Figure 2. Participation by families in nine community subsystems.

## Penetration

The penetration scores represent contact hours of families utilizing resources in the community. As explained in methodology, the standard scores are used in the statistical analysis. However, the number of contact hours described below illustrates the diversity of time allocation by families. Total hours for the total community are included as well as total hours for the internal and external communities for a better comparison with contact hours in the subsystems. The mean of these hours is the basis of comparison among families, expressed in standard scores from one to ten.

Contact hours internal to the community.--Employment accounts for the most contact hours within the community, followed by business and health. The high maximum score for health could be accounted for by a hospital stay of several weeks by one of the respondents. The culture hours represent using the library and joining with special interest groups. These are much lower in the internal community (Table 13) than home production hours in the culture category (Table ll), which indicates a maximum of 3500 hours and a mean of 858 hours.

When the hours spent in school by children 14 years and over are averaged with the parents (Table 13), the maximum hours appear to be below the mandatory school hours
because the family includes adults. But when examining the use of the local school systems, either public or private, within the local community as reported by children 13 and under, the hours represent only the school-age population (Table 14).

Table 13. Mean family contact hours spent in eight internal community subsystems ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).

|  | Hours |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Subsystem | Mean | Minimum | Maximum | St. Dev. |
| Employment | 664.0 | 0.0 | 3100.0 | 751.8 |
| Business | 267.8 | 4.0 | 2370.5 | 289.3 |
| Health | 132.7 | 0.0 | 2909.5 | 367.0 |
| Education | 75.5 | 0.0 | 793.3 | 167.9 |
| Religion | 65.9 | 0.0 | 600.0 | 117.9 |
| Culture | 60.1 | 0.0 | 500.0 | 81.3 |
| Recreation | 50.6 | 0.0 | 1300.5 | 134.6 |
| Civic | 22.0 | 0.0 | 404.0 | 53.0 |
| Total Internal | 1338.7 | 6.0 | 4879.0 | 1005.1 |
| Subsystems | 2185.2 | 67.0 | 6347.5 | 1205.9 |
| Total Community |  |  |  |  |

Table 14. Contact hours of children 13 and under in public and private schools within community ( $\mathrm{N}=64$ ) .

|  | Hours |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School | Mean | Minimum | Maximum | St. Dev. |
| Public | 765.9 | 0.0 | 3000.0 | 637.6 |
| Private | 68.8 | 0.0 | 1190.0 | 252.7 |

In the education community are included other organizations with primarily educational objectives as scouts and $4-\mathrm{H}$. It appears from the table above that public school children in this study enter into other educational activity more than those attending a private school since the mean hours of participation by public school respondents exceeds mandatory school hours of 1190.

Contact hours external to the community.--On the whole, family members spent fewer hours outside than inside the community locating resources. The ordering of the use of subsystems outside the community is somewhat different from the ordering of subsystems inside the community (Table 15).

The most utilized subsystem outside was that of employment which was likewise true within the community. The mean external hours were 499 as compared with internal, 664. The difference could be attributed to the fact more family members work inside the community than outside. That
is, if the husband were working in Flint or Lansing, his wife may not be working because of the higher wage scale for these workers. However, if working she would be likely to work within the city, contributing to the higher internal employment. In addition, if the husband worked internally, more members of the household might work to raise family income and consequently the mean of family hours in employment.

Table 15. Mean family contact hours in eight external community subsystems ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).

| Subsystem | Hours |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | External Mean | Minimum | Maximum | St. Dev. | Internal Mean |
| Employment | 499.5 | 0.0 | 2726.0 | 704.9 | 664.0 |
| Business | 123.0 | 0.0 | 679.3 | 136.3 | 267.8 |
| Recreation | 106.7 | 0.0 | 1215.0 | 223.6 | 50.6 |
| Health | 44.0 | 0.0 | 3000.0 | 271.6 | 132.7 |
| Culture | 33.0 | 0.0 | 432.0 | 63.4 | 60.1 |
| Education | 27.0 | 0.0 | 906.7 | 119.3 | 75.5 |
| Religion | 12.0 | 0.0 | 350.0 | 47.9 | 65.9 |
| Civic | 1.4 | 0.0 | 65.0 | 7.4 | 22.0 |
| Total <br> External | 846.5 | 0.0 | 3991.0 | 839.0 | 1005.1 |
| Total <br> Community | 2185.2 | 67.0 | 6347.5 | 1205.9 |  |

The next important subsystem in terms of utilization is business although the mean hours were 123 for outside as compared to 267 inside the community. Since there is no attempt in this study to determine economic impact of these hours, it is not known what they represent in monetary terms. It could be that families use the local community for routine expenditures. If they buy large items externally, their hours would represent more dollars flowing outside the comm munity. On the other hand, since the major grocery stores were outside the city limits families would have included shopping at the grocery store as hours outside.

The recreation subsystem ranks number three for external hours whereas it is ranked seventh for internal. This represents the time many families say they spent at national or state parks and in places distant from home for vacation trips. The other external hours are much lower than internal but again no estimate can be made of economic impact those hours may have.

Dollars.--This section on dollars represents contributions made with dollars instead of time to volunteer groups in the different subsystems. These data appear more irregular tinan the data on hours: the means are not consistently related to maximum values, reflecting great variations in size of contributions and number of contributors or the reporting of them.

For example, the mean dollar contribution in the religious subsystem was highest representing a high rate of contribution by relatively few families (Table l6).

Table 16. Dollar contribution by families to the community by subsystems ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).

|  | Dollars |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Subsystem | Mean | Minimum | Maximum | St. Dev. |
| Religion | $\$ 69.23$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 1,000.00$ | $\$ 160.52$ |
| Employment | 22.26 | 0.00 | 155.00 | 32.87 |
| Culture | 4.37 | 0.00 | 97.00 | 11.92 |
| Civic | 3.91 | 0.00 | 92.00 | 13.04 |
| Health | 2.96 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 14.00 |
| Education | 2.48 | 0.00 | 125.00 | 12.26 |

The $\$ 155$ maximum contribution with a mean of $\$ 22.26$ in the employment subsystem represents for the most part union dues. On the other hand, the maximum value of $\$ 150$ in health, representing contributions to the Red Cross and health drives, indicates a greater range in contributors since the mean is only $\$ 2.96$. Civic includes dues for organizations as Kiwanis and Rotary, participated in by relatively few but whose single maximum contribution was about $\$ 90$.

## Flow

Resource flow, as explained in methodology, represents the relative use of or contribution to the community.

Table 17 refers to the flow in hours internally, while Table 18 refers to the flow in hours externally.

Internal Hours
Table 17 represents the minimum, maximum, and the mean hours for the selected components from the pertinent subsystems under the major categories of positive, negative, and neutral flow. Hours are reported in this table, whereas in the next section of this chapter only the standard scores will be used in the multiple regression analysis.

In the positive flow category the selected means represent the hours families or individuals contribute to the community. Employment is included because it contributes to community well-being, even though compensation also accrues to the individual. In addition employment is an indicator of the ability to pay taxes, another positive contribution.

In religion, civic, culture, health, and education subsystems the hours represent time individuals have given, without compensation, to the functioning of those subsystems.

The negative flow category led by education represents the use families have made of public facilities such as a public-supported school system, library, parks, or health clinic.

As would be expected in neutral flow, business hours lead other subsystems in contact hours. The hours in health,

Table 17. Contact hours of families in selected sectors of internal community subsystems by positive, negative, and neutral flow ( $\mathrm{N}=123$ ).

| Flow | Hours |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean | Minimum | Maximum | St. Dev. |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment | 664.0 | 0.0 | 3100.0 | 751.8 |
| Religion | 65.9 | 0.0 | 600.0 | 117.9 |
| Civic | 21.2 | 0.0 | 403.0 | 52.8 |
| Culture | 17.3 | 0.0 | 272.0 | 36.3 |
| Health | 11.9 | 0.0 | 400.0 | 46.6 |
| Education | 10.3 | 0.0 | 365.5 | 38.0 |

Negative

| Education | 61.9 | 0.0 | 793.3 | 160.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Health | 35.7 | 0.0 | 2909.5 | 276.3 |
| Recreation | 16.2 | 0.0 | 480.0 | 55.5 |
| Culture | 8.6 | 0.0 | 120.5 | 17.5 |
| Civic | .8 | 0.0 | 11.5 | 1.8 |

Neutral

| Business | 267.8 | 4.0 | 2370.5 | 289.3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Health | 85.2 | 0.0 | 1700.0 | 247.3 |
| Recreation | 34.3 | 0.0 | 1300.0 | 123.2 |
| Culture | 34.2 | 0.0 | 500.0 | 70.6 |
| Education | 3.4 | 0.0 | 235.3 | 23.9 |

Table 18. Contact hours of families in selected sectors of external community subsystems by positive, negative, and neutral flow ( $\mathrm{N}=123$ ).

| Flow | Hours |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean | Minimum | Maximum | St. Dev. |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment | 499.5 | 0.0 | 2726.0 | 704.9 |
| Religion | 12.0 | 0.0 | 350.0 | 47.9 |
| Culture | 8.8 | 0.0 | 99.0 | 18.7 |
| Civic | 1.3 | 0.0 | 65.0 | 7.4 |
| Health | 1.0 | 0.0 | 54.0 | 6.4 |
| Education | .5 | 0.0 | 32.5 | 3.2 |

Negative

| Recreation | 84.7 | 0.0 | 1200.0 | 208.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Education | 23.3 | 0.0 | 906.7 | 119.2 |
| Culture | 6.0 | 0.0 | 105.0 | 15.5 |
| Health | 3.4 | 0.0 | 252.0 | 24.9 |
| Civic | .1 | 0.0 | 4.0 | .5 |

Neutral

| Business | 123.0 | 0.0 | 679.3 | 136.3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Health | 39.6 | 0.0 | 3000.0 | 270.8 |
| Recreation | 22.0 | 0.0 | 499.5 | 71.0 |
| Culture | 18.2 | 0.0 | 400.0 | 52.3 |
| Education | 3.3 | 0.0 | 75.0 | 12.7 |

recreation, culture, and education represent business operations in those subsystems. That is, in health the mean hours of 85 describe contact hours with a doctor for which individuals have compensated him either out-ofpocket or through an insurance program to which they have contributed. The 1,300 maximum hours in recreation may represent the utilization of a country club by one respondent.

## External Hours

As a whole, the hours spent outside were fewer than inside as discussed under penetration. The most hours in positive flow were in employment with 499 mean hours. The volunteer time represented by the hours in the remaining external subsystems could be substitutions for local activity or extensions of local activity, as with regional meetings. Some respondents mentioned regional meetings in both the religious and health subsystems.

Using the state parks on vacation trips some distance from the city contributed to negative flow of 34.7 mean hours. The hours in the education subsystem were at state universities some distance from the city. Using special health facilities in Grand Rapids for a child on welfare also accounted for some negative hours.

Higher mean hours for health under neutral represents use of these services with payment by the individuals. Two contrasting examples of use of these services are: a woman
with Parkinson's disease went to University Hospital at Ann Arbor only after an extended stay in the local hospital; another preferred the health facilities in Flint for the delivery of her child although that service could easily have been rendered locally. In the first example, the external facility was utilized only after an extended stay in the internal community; in the second, local facilities were bypassed.

In recreation and culture subsystems, individuals and families are using special facilities not available locally: namely, rental campgrounds and a sophisticated cocktail lounge.

Another component of flow is assessed housing valuations. Secured through the city assessor's office, they are included to represent contributions to municipal expenditures through real estate taxes (Table 19). The minimum assessed valuation was $\$ 339$; the maximum, $\$ 15,000$. These figures are doubled to represent market value. The sample mean was $\$ 4,338.76$.

In selecting the sample, assessed housing valuation was employed as an indirect measure of access to resources. The higher value residential area was believed to be north of Main Street, the lower value south of Main Street. This was supported at the .0001 level of significance.

Table 19. Assessed valuation of residences of all respondents compared with stratified sample of the survey community.

| Valuation | All Respondents $(\mathrm{N}=\overline{1} 20)$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { North } \\ (\mathrm{N}=60) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { South } \\ & (\mathrm{N}=60) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Minimum | \$ 339.00 |  |  |
| Maximum | \$15,000.00 |  |  |
| Mean | \$ 4,338.76 | \$5,107.20* | \$3,335.25* |
| St. Dev. | \$ 2,262.12 |  |  |

## Suggestions for Community Development

Sixty-two per cent of the respondents made from one to eight comments about resource development in the community (Figure 3). The other 38 per cent seem to have implied satisfaction with present community resources, for they made no suggestions.

Although the respondents were asked to rank order their suggestions from one to three, many preferred to list their suggestions without ranking. Consequently, two tables concern the content of their suggestions, one giving rank order, the other combining ranked and unranked by category.

Table 20 lists the suggestions made in ranking one, two, and three. Of the ten resources mentioned, activities or facilities associated with the use of leisure time account for four. The form most mentioned was facilities, as parks, roller skating rinks, whether ranked one, two, or three.


Figure 3. Number of suggestions for community development by per cent of individuals $(N=277)$.

Improving streets and roads, whether through better maintenance, parking, or layout, also assumes importance to the respondents. Increasing diversity of goods and services is mentioned in different forms: addition of shopping centers, specialty stores, restaurants.

The summary of the unranked suggestions in Table 21 differs in detail, but emphasizes the same resource areas: recreation, business, and municipal services.

Recreation appears as most pressing in terms of community needs. Inasmuch as many of the recommendations for recreation relate to the teenager, there seems to be a recognition that a developmental need of the young person is to sample many different events and jehaviors in preparation for making a commitment to the adult role. Recreation

Table 20. Suggestions for community resource development by rank ( $\mathrm{N}=172$ ).

| Suggestions | RANK I |  | RANK II |  | RANK III |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cent } \end{aligned}$ | No. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cent } \end{aligned}$ | No. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cent } \end{aligned}$ |
| Facilities: Parks, Roller Skating, etc. | 20 | 13.605 | 13 | 14.444 | 11 | 16.418 |
| Streets, Roads: Maintenance, OneWay Streets, Snow Removal, Parking, RR Track | 16 | 10.884 | 5 | 5.556 | 6 | 8.955 |
| Recreation: for Teens | 16 | 10.884 | 4 | 4.444 | 4 | 5.970 |
| Shopping Centers: Quantity, Quality, Location | 8 | 5.442 | 5 | 5.556 | 5 | 7.463 |
| Restaurants | 8 | 5.442 | 6 | 6.667 | 5 | 7.463 |
| Specialty Stores: Diversity, Iocation | 6 | 4.082 | 7 | 7.778 | 2 | 2.985 |
| Recreation: for <br> Young Children | 5 | 3.401 | 6 | 6.667 | 2 | 2.985 |
| Law Enforcement | 4 | 2.721 | 5 | 5.556 | 3 | 4.478 |
| Cultural Entertainment | 2 | 1.361 | 4 | 4.444 | 5 | 7.463 |
| Like Community <br> As It Is | 13 | 8.844 |  |  |  |  |

Table 21. Total suggestions for community resource development by category.

| Category | Number |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ranked | Unranked | Total |
| Leisure | 92 | 71 | 163 |
| Faci!ities: ミarks, |  |  |  |
| Roiler Skating | 44 | 31 | 75 |
| For Teens | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| For Young Children | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| Cultural Entertainment | 11 | 5 | 16 |
| Improve Movies: |  |  |  |
| Quality, Quantity | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| For Adults | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Museum | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Recreation | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Night Spots | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Business | 52 | 45 | 97 |
| Restaurants | 19 | 14 | 33 |
| Specialty Stores: |  |  |  |
| Diversity, Location | 15 | 13 | 28 |
| Shopping Centers: |  |  |  |
| Quantity, Quality, Location | 18 | 5 | 23 |
| Services, Hours, Prices | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Communication: |  |  |  |
| Additional Outlets, Improvement | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Personnel: Attitude, Practices | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Business, general | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Municipal | 39 | 52 | 91 |
| Streets, Roads: Maintenance, |  |  |  |
| One-Way Streets, Snow kemoval, |  |  |  |
| Parking | 27 | 20 | 47 |
| Law Enforcement: Police- |  |  |  |
| Citizen Relations | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| Sanitation and Aesthetics: |  |  |  |
| Public Garbage Pick-up, |  |  |  |
| Empty Lots, Store Fronts, |  |  |  |
| Sewage Disposal | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| Transportation Service | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Civic Center | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Tax Structure | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Airport | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Housing | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Table 21. Continued.

| Category | Number |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ranked | Unranked | Total |
| Education | 0 | 28 | 28 |
| Adult | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Higher Education | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Auxiliary Services: School |  |  |  |
| Lunch, Cross-walks | 0 |  | 4 |
| Pre-school, Day Care | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Education, General | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Vocational | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Tax Structure | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Special Education | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Teachers | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Music in Schools | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Health | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| Doctors: Specialists, Family, House Calls | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Drug Education | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Nursing Home | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Equipment for Sick at Home, Reduced Ambulance Rates | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Health Spa | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Free Medical Clinics | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Health Costs | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Social Workers | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Services, Social Problems | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jobs | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| Better Jobs | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Jobs for Teens | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| More Factories | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Higher Wages | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Jobs for Women | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jobs for Adults | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Job Counseling | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Stronger Unions | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Social, Political | 0 | 18 | 18 |
| Greater Participation: Involvement of More People, Less Conservative People, Less Discrimination | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| City Manager Structure Political Activity | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Specialized Groups, Women's Lib | 0 | 1 | 1 |

is one area where transition from the family to the larger system can take place. Community-centered rather than home-centered facilities foster these explorations. However, in this survey community, there are relatively few alternatives for such community interaction. The young people reacted to the problem by driving around the block of the shopping area on Friday nights in such numbers that customers could not use the parking lots. The city's response was to pass an Aimless Driving Ordinance.

Most responses about business imply a limited selection of resources in the survey community. They suggest a need for greater diversity with more restaurants, specialty stores, and shopping centers. At the present time, individuals speak about going to comparable establishments out of town. In suggesting such additions for the local community, they may be attempting to reduce the friction of space. In addition, a few respondents may feel that more competition would improve the service the stores give, and the attitudes of the personnel.

Another area receiving much attention is that of municipal services. Some of these suggestions may have been associated with the fact that the survey was conducted during winter and early spring. A snowfall had clogged the streets, and spring thaws contributed to roller-coaster conditions at some street corners where the surface material was disintegrating. During the survey there was some publicity about a new street layout in the central city,
creating some one-way streets. The respondents for the most part feel this is unnecessary.

Each of the three categories of education, health, and jobs received a similar number of suggestions. These may in fact reflect more individual family concerns, because there had not been local community discussion of these to the extent of events related to recreation and municipal improvements. Within some of the categories there appear to be contradictions. For instance, some feel that the schools should supply more services, and yet the taxes are too high; there are not enough family doctors, yet more specialists are desired; improve the functional and aes. thetic aspects of the community, but do not increase taxes. Despite the contradictions, such a listing is useful because it brings in perspective at the decision-making level the need for more resources or better communication about the ones already available.

## Test of the Hypotheses

This section presents the results of the relation of selected family variables to the three dimensions of linkage and the number of suggestions for additional community resources. Two statistical tests of relationship were employed: the Pearson correlation coefficient and multiple regression analysis.

The product-moment correlation matrix charts the one-to-one relationship between continuous variables. The
portion relating family varłables to linkage varłables is included as Table 22. Direction of relationship is indicated by the minus sign (-) for negative, while the remaining ones are positive.

The multiple regression analysis (Table 23) presents two forms of relationships between independent and dependent variables: the multivariate and the univariate. The univariate is used when the singular dependent variable, such as scope or flow, is related to the whole of the family variables. Also, the contributions of individual subsystems to the multivariate analysis of the penetration dimension are treated individually in relation to the whole of the family variables.

The multivariate analysis of a particular relationship computes the effect of all the family variables (independent variables) on the components of the penetration dimension (dependent variable). This is found in Table 23 by locating the figure for multivariate $F$ ratio. To the right of the F ratio on this line is located the alpha level of the result of the multivariate computation. To the right of this numeral are the resulting probability levels of the effect of each of the family variables on this relationship. Significance is noted by an asterisk (*).

Subsumed under the multivariate analysis are univariate $F$ ratios and alpha levels for the contribution of individual subsystems to the penetration scores related to

Table 22. Matrix of Pearson correlation coefficients relating family variables to linkage variables.

| Var No. | Link. Var. | Social <br> Posit. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Family } \\ \text { Size } \end{gathered}$ | Income | Stage of Life Cycle | Length of Residence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | SUBSYS | 4.280161 | [.620990] | -437964 | -174511 | -.234779 |
| 7 | H1BUS | -. 111178 | . 220513 | -. 056815 | . 078425 | .017922 |
| 8 | HIEMP | +.016504 | . 061094 | . 022358 | . 088339 | . 020713 |
| 9 | H1REC | -. 030071 | -. 000179 | . 121134 | . 133248 | . 010583 |
| 10 | HICUL | -. 147455 | -. 073106 | -. 140442 | . 159432 | .131010 |
| 11 | HIREL | +. 229081 | -. 011241 | . 151657 | -. 246108 | -. 032499 |
| 12 | HIEDU | +.058438 | . 136308 | .048430 | -. 019106 | -. 077956 |
| 13 | HIHEA | -. 075351 | -. 125201 | -. 102078 | . 130489 | -. 016887 |
| 14 | H1CIV | +.058787 | . 167439 | -. 031037 | . 072264 | . 043699 |
| 15 | H2BUS | -. 203480 | -. 176343 | -. 251737 | . 050240 | . 264056 |
| 16 | H2EMP | +.001096 | . 008136 | . 000585 | . 084068 | . 022194 |
| 17 | H2REC | -. 043860 | .089699 | .198387 | . 148599 | -. 034203 |
| 18 | H2CUL | -. 166869 | -. 399863 | -. 257137 | . 026555 | . 302988 |
| 19 | H2REL | +. 206703 | . 054915 | . 107578 | -. 210882 | -. 041174 |
| 20 | H2EDU | +.070319 | . 202396 | . 071449 | -. 046194 | -. 166711 |
| 21 | H2HEA | -. 075351 | -. 125201 | -. 102078 | . 130489 | -. 021952 |
| 22 | H2CIV | +.042308 | . 161236 | -. 049795 | . 075721 | . 060590 |
| 23 | H38US | -. 152523 | . 009148 | -. 163553 | . 038950 | . 114527 |
| 24 | H3EMP | +.010454 | .029186 | . 001005 | . 083626 | . 011711 |
| 25 | H3REC | -. 038664 | . 072155 | .180439 | . 147567 | -. 026323 |
| 26 | H3CUL | -. 138601 | -. 234143 | -. 217062 | . 091883 | . 214454 |
| 27 | H3REL | +.202008 | . 068128 | . 109693 | -. 207993 | -. 043423 |
| 28 | H3EDU | +.067165 | . 204335 | . 067645 | -. 018728 | -. 146026 |
| 29 | H3HEA | -. 075351 | -. 125201 | -. 102078 | .130489 | -. 021952 |
| 30 | H3CIV | +.058787 | . 167439 | -. 031037 | . 072264 | . 043699 |
| 31 | I1BUS | +. 242197 | . 009985 | . 235794 | -. 000007 | -. 065623 |
| 32 | IIEMP | +. 107450 | -. 125531 | . 097884 | -. 000724 | . 004372 |
| 33 | IIREC | +.195138 | . 221508 | .238431 | .083741 | -. 046467 |
| 34 | IICUL | +.090647 | . 063631 | . 158960 | -. 001900 | -. 060622 |
| 35 | I1REL | +. 161234 | -. 068370 | . 025194 | . 050782 | . 097073 |
| 36 | IIEDU | -.084841 | . 412345 | .034659 | . 170863 | -. 027097 |
| 37 | IIHEA | -. 145059 | . 020312 | -.074401 | . 104797 | . 037643 |
| 38 | I1CIV | +.077461 | -. 148953 | .007382 | -. 013409 | .065040 |
| 39 | I28US | +. 110121 | -. 323696 | -. 011795 | -. 083079 | . 139212 |
| 40 | I2EMP | +.035548 | -. 328447 | -. 005769 | -. 019864 | . 127672 |
| 41 | I2REC | +. 173300 | . 271676 | . 236546 | . 078328 | -. 083238 |
| 42 | I2CUL | +. 065550 | . 086870 | . 129354 | -.004929 | -. 086975 |
| 43 | I2REL | +. 109277 | -. 153392 | -. 024858 | . 028643 | . 111745 |
| 44 | I2EDU | +.077599 | . 735530 | . 305843 | . 256156 | -. 213901 |
| 45 | I2HEA | -. 155906 | -. 038975 | -. 076386 | . 105779 | . 100955 |
| 46 | I2CIV | +.043993 | -. 207076 | -. 014650 | -. 011368 | .091341 |
| 47 | I3 BUS | +. 215023 | -. 180321 | . 121825 | -. 053586 | . 060352 |
| 48 | I 3EMP | +.077755 | -. 242058 | . 052077 | -. 026595 | . 042915 |
| 49 | I 3REC | +.187762 | . 277912 | . 248389 | .094747 | -. 115167 |
| 50 | I3CUL | +.074219 | . 075081 | .116233 | -. 002804 | -. 086871 |

Table 22. Continued.

| Var. No. | Link. <br> Var. | Social <br> Posit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Family } \\ & \text { Size } \end{aligned}$ | Income | Stage of Life Cycle | Length of Residence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51 | I3REL | +.138742 | -. 126157 | -. 001852 | . 030452 | 104769 |
| 52 | I3EDU | +. 049338 | . 729326 | . 235218 | . 261041 | -. 199607 |
| 53 | 13 HEA | -. 112473 | . 013272 | -. 065341 | . 106111 | . 055544 |
| 54 | I3CIV | +. 067611 | -.171524 | -.004555 | -. 035712 | . 062094 |
| 55 | 018 C | +. 215609 | . 036140 | . 274701 | .062107 | . 160771 |
| 56 | 01EMP | +. 082710 | . 225262 | . 268764 | .007631 | -. 123473 |
| 57 | O1REC | +. 116209 | . 103888 | . 209307 | . 087114 | -. 082817 |
| 58 | 01CUL | +. 120306 | -. 074462 | .194784 | -. 066443 | -. 115531 |
| 59 | 01REL | +. 252568 | . 023732 | . 242481 | -. 023954 | . 073856 |
| 60 | $01 E 0 \cup$ | +. 237282 | . 006152 | . 075592 | -. 027410 | -. 077267 |
| 61 | 01hea | -. 037057 | . 120790 | -. 038372 | . 024830 | -. 125725 |
| 62 | 01CIV | +. 224459 | . 053281 | . 165854 | . 090196 | -. 099816 |
| 63 | 02Bus | +. 072426 | . 176768 | . 261786 | .134775 | -. 195612 |
| 64 | 02EMP | +. 051530 | . 155234 | . 259605 | -. 023930 | -. 097960 |
| 65 | O2REC | +. 133412 | -. 007226 | . 191234 | . 059367 | -.090484 |
| 66 | 02CUL | +. 048729 | -. 143506 | . 107945 | -. 102021 | -. 077170 |
| 67 | 02REL | +. 213451 | -. 005045 | . 208768 | -. 059728 | . 075808 |
| 68 | 02EDU | +. 198272 | -.035899 | . 067803 | -. 042409 | -. 042181 |
| 69 | O2HEA | +. 003211 | . 059244 | . 0.048263 | -. 006506 | -. 069181 |
| 70 | 02CIV | +. 201478 | . 040800 | . 149968 | . 086250 | . 086936 |
| 71 | 03BuS | +. 127980 | . 226096 | . 285794 | -139507 | . 235853 |
| 72 | 03EMP | +. 083437 | . 206576 | . 266570 | -.010559 | -. 128772 |
| 73 | O3REC | +.116555 | . 037283 | . 178622 | .075011 | -. 095759 |
| 74 | O3CUL | +. 082951 | -. 109868 | . 139600 | -. 085862 | -. 095869 |
| 75 | 03REL | +. 245856 | . 010682 | . 227016 | -. 048240 | -. 076091 |
| 76 | O3EDU | +. 202682 | -. 017635 | . 051070 | -. 035617 | -. 046082 |
| 77 | O3HEA | +. 010568 | . 113418 | -. 040623 | -. 013458 | -. 091046 |
| 78 | 03CIV | +.228848 | . 051643 | . 160755 | . 080960 | -. 099994 |
| 79 | ASSVAL | +. 257705 | . 366863 | . 364811 | . 226357 | . 018513 |
| 80 | D-EMP | -. 127794 | . 225231 | . 260043 | -. 011007 | -. 094227 |
| 81 | D-CUL | +. 064240 | -.168583 | . 076062 | -. 163386 | -. 043276 |
| 82 | D-REL | +.159005 | -. 091397 | . 121740 | . 012238 | . 202880 |
| 83 | D-EDU | +. 247829 | . 114532 | . 297496 | -. 063707 | . 099027 |
| 84 | D-HEA | -. 000431 | -. 074501 | . 148840 | . 170162 | . 124940 |
| 85 | D-CIV | +. 268352 | . 124070 | . 368463 | . 036582 | . 018355 |
| 86 | IPOSIT | +. 200776 | -. 119570 | . 071703 | . 109551 | .117859 |
| 87 | inegat | +. 038604 | . 405100 | .200046 | -111727 | . 181754 |
| 88 | ineutr | +.149415 | . 457662 | . 324838 | . 119786 | -. 182547 |
| 89 | FLOW1 | +.142565 | -. 350283 | -. 070611 | . 040645 | . 223638 |
| 90 | OPOSIT | +.164306 | . 055055 | . 312219 | -. 155765 | -. 166186 |
| 91 | Onegat | +. 252533 | .127863 | . 279672 | -. 013077 | -. 228303 |
| 92 | ONEUTR | +. 136057 | -. 208262 | . 192667 | -. 087210 | . 072780 |
| 93 | FLONOT | -. 073112 | -. 050068 | . 036220 | -. 112536 | . 032230 |
| 94 | FLOHIN | +. 199257 | -. 227239 | . 033614 | . 097450 | . 218843 |

Key to Linkage Variables:

[^0][^1]Table 23. Sumary of multiple regression analysis of independent variables of family size, income, social position, life cycle, and residence with dependent linkage variables of scope, penetration, flow, and number of suggestions.

| Variable | F Ratio |  | Alpha Level | Probability Levels <br> Step Wise Regression of Independent Variables |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MultiVariate | UniVariate |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Family } \\ \text { Size } \end{gathered}$ | Income | $\begin{gathered} \text { Social } \\ \text { Position } \end{gathered}$ | Life Cycle | Residence |
| ```SCOPE PENETRATION: Internal Subsystems``` |  | 19.75 | .0001* | . $0001{ }^{*}$ | .0039* | . 0176 | . 3703 | . 3754 |
| Adults Only | 1.6294 |  | . 0105 | .0001* | . 0573 | . 3675 | . 9163 | . 9096 |
| Business |  | 2.2437 | . 0545 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 1.1960 | . 3155 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 2.5477 | . 0316 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | . 6289 | . 6781 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 1.1735 | . 3264 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 6.1579 | .0001* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 7316 | . 6012 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | .8194 | . 5383 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults with Children as one | 3.3351 |  | .0001* | .0001* | . 6775 | . 7172 | . 6943 | . 8800 |
| Business |  | 3.5597 | . 0050 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 3.6508 | . 0042 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 2.8246 | . 0192 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | . 4775 | .7925 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 1.2180 | . 3051 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 28.5469 | .0001* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 9215 | . 4697 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | 1.3166 | .2618 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults with children as one-half | 3.3915 |  | . 0001 * | .0001* | . 2580 | . 5434 | . 8076 | . 9182 |
| Business |  | 2.7074 | . 0237 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 2.3548 | . 0447 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 3.0192 | . 0134 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | . 4116 | . 8400 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 1.2239 | . 3023 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 28.0040 | .0001* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 5587 | . 7315 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | . 9321 | . 4630 |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 23. Continued.

| Variable | F Ratio |  | Alpha Level | St | Probability Levels <br> Regression of Independent Variables |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MultiVariate | UniVariate |  | $\underset{\text { Size }}{\underset{\text { Family }}{ }}$ | Income | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Social } \\ & \text { Position } \end{aligned}$ | Life Cycle | Residence |
| PENETRATION: <br> External <br> Subsystems |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults Only | 1.3775 |  | . 0664 | . 1500 | . 0063 | . 1123 | . 8556 | . 8493 |
| Business |  | 3.0285 | . 0132 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 2.3768 | . 0430 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 1.2659 | . 2834 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.9882 | . 0854 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 2.3360 | . 0463 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 1.4951 | . 1967 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 8644 | . 5074 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | 1.8753 | . 1037 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults with Children as one | 1.3511 |  | . 0789 | . 0454 | . 0195 | . 1808 | . 7829 | . 9097 |
| Business |  | 2.6204 | . 0277 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 2.0118 | . 0820 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 1.5132 | . 1910 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.6834 | . 1440 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 1.8051 | . 1172 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 1.0527 | . 3904 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 3658 | . 8711 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | 1.5396 | . 1829 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{\text { Adults }}{\frac{\text { with }}{\text { Children }}} \frac{\text { as }}{\text { one-half }}$ | 1.5030 |  | . 0276 | . 0184 | . 0136 | . 1215 | . 7700 | . 8620 |
| Business |  | 3.3938 | . 0068 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 2.2541 | . 0535 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 1.1644 | . 3309 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.6386 | . 1552 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 2.1762 | . 0614 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 1.0767 | . 3770 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 7145 | . 6138 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | 1.9046 | . 0788 |  |  |  |  |  |
| FLOW: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inside |  | 4.4310 | .0010* | . 1180 | . 3811 | . 1294 | . 0368 | . 1224 |
| Outside |  | . 8112 | . 5440 | . 3868 | . 9107 | . 5503 | . 2832 | . 6696 |
| NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS |  | 1.3927 | . 1744 | . 0080 | . 5252 | . 3039 | . 6951 | . 6817 |

the whole of the family variables. In determining which subsystem may have affected the total relationship, some alpha levels below the level of significance of .01 will be discussed. Home production is related to linkage variables through a multiple regression analysis in Table 24.

Direction and level of contribution to significant relationships of the multiple regression analysis is noted through the use of raw regression coefficients. Pertinent coefficients and their standard error are presented in Table 25 and refer for the most part to the results of penetration in which adults and children are weighted equally. The results of these analyses are discussed in relation to each hypothesis.

Hypothesis 1: Scope and Family Variables
$H_{0}:$ There is no relationship between scope and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

According to the correlation coefficients (Table 22), the only relationship in this hypothesis that could be rejected was that of family size. This correlation was . 62, well above the . 48 significance at . 01 alpha level.

However, additional information was derived from the multivariate analysis on which basis the null hypothesis is rejected at . 0001 (Table 23).
$H_{A}$ : Scope is positively related to social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

Table 24. Sumary of multiple regression analysis of independent variables of home production with linkage variables ( $\mathrm{N}=123$ ).

| Variable | F Ratios |  | Alpha Level | Probability Levels <br> Step Wise Regression of Independent Variables |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Home Production by Subsystems |
|  | MultiVariate | UniVariate |  | Business | Employment | Recreation | Culture | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Reli- } \\ & \text { gion } \end{aligned}$ | Education | Health | Civic |
| SCOPE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . |
| Adults only |  | 1.6355 | . 1224 | . 0119 | . 9043 | . 1414 | . 4190 | .3754 | . 2743 | . 8950 | .1941 |
| Adults with Children as one |  | 2.5145 | . 0149 | .4945 | . 9134 | . 0447 | . 0170 | . 0743 | . 1456 | . 5768 | . 0766 |
| Adults with Children as one-half |  | 1.8105 | . 0821 | . 4852 | . 9066 | . 0721 | . 1909 | . 1075 | . 0912 | . 8180 | . 0848 |
| PENETRATION Internal Subsystems |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults only | 1.0880 |  | . 3053 | .1810 | . 0702 | . 9541 | . 1498 | . 5582 | . 8311 | . 2071 | . 5458 |
| Business |  | 2.5943 | . 0122 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 1.1224 | . 3536 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 2.3413 | . 0229 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | . 9823 | . 4536 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | . 6518 | . 7327 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | . 3377 | . 9497 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 9537 | . 4759 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | . 5853 | . 7883 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Adults with } \\ & \text { Children as one } \end{aligned}$ | 1.5331 |  | . 0065 | . 0486 | . 0333 | . 6224 | . 0837 | .4497 | . 1421 | . 0661 | . 3761 |
| Business |  | 4.1871 | . 0003 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | 1.5363 | . 1524 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 1.2132 | . 2976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.8262 | . 0792 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | . 7955 | . 6077 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 3.5299 | . 0012 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | 1.0972 | . 3705 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | .7684 | .6313 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{\frac{\text { Adults }}{\text { Childre } \frac{\text { ith }}{n}}}{\frac{\text { one-half }}{}}$ | 1.1766 |  | . 1724 | . 3477 | . 1675 | . 9095 | . 0769 | . 5429 | . 4346 | . 0817 | . 4894 |
| Business |  | 2.7540 | . 0082 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | . 8464 | . 5640 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | 1.4050 | . 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.3717 | . 2164 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | . 6241 | . 7562 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | 2.0081 | . 0516 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 8527 | . 5587 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | .7899 | . 6126 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 24. Continued.

| Variable | $F$ Ratio |  | Alpha Level | Probability Levels <br> Step Wise Regression of Independent Variables |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Hours Production by Subsystems |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Variate | Variate |  | Busi- \|ness | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Employ- } \\ \text { ment } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Recre- } \\ \text { ation } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cul- } \\ & \text { ture } \end{aligned}$ | Reli- gion | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Educa- } \\ & \text { tion } \end{aligned}$ | Health | Civic |
| PENETRATION External Subsystems |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | . |  |  |  |
| Adults only | . 9491 |  | . 5905 | .6290 | . 7940 | . 3875 | . 8679 | . 0046 | . 9980 | . 0996 | . 9985 |
| Business |  | 1.5612 | . 1443 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | . 3212 | . 9566 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | . 7850 | . 6169 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.8648 | . 0724 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 1.7193 | . 1013 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | . 5731 | . 7981 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | .9134 | . 5082 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | . 3443 | . 9467 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults with Children as one | 1.3579 |  | . 0387 | . 4789 | . 7464 | .7781 | . 6452 | . 0001 | . 3925 | . 1215 | . 9482 |
| Business |  | 1.6744 | . 1121 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | . 7239 | . 6702 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | . 4547 | . 8853 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.1717 | . 3223 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 2.7958 | . 0073 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | . 7292 | . 6655 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 2537 | . 9790 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | 1.9374 | . 0610 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults with Children as one-half | 1.3491 |  | . 0420 | . 4532 | . 8123 | . 4989 | . 8162 | . 0001 | . 3965 | . 0525 | .9801 |
| Business |  | 1.8845 | . 0691 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment |  | . 5855 | . 7882 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  | . 5299 | . 8320 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Culture |  | 1.1213 | . 3544 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion |  | 2.2626 | . 0278 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  | . 5336 | . 8292 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  | . 4480 | . 8897 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  | 1.9016 | . 0664 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 24. Continued.

| Variable | F Ratios |  | Alpha <br> Level | Probability Levels <br> Step Wise Regression of Independent Variables |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Home Production by Subsystems |
|  | Multivariate | Univariate |  | Business | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Employ- } \\ & \text { ment } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Recre- } \\ & \text { ation } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cul- } \\ & \text { ture } \end{aligned}$ | Religion | Education | Health | Civic |
| FLOW |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults only | . 7208 |  |  | . 7716 | . 8384 | . 8480 | . 0255 | . 9314 | . 9245 | . 7924 | . 9574 | . 2544 |
| Inside |  | . 2958 | . 9661 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outside |  | 1.1395 | . 3425 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adults with Children as one | . 6721 |  | . 8200 | . 7957 | . 8596 | . 0536 | . 6671 | . 7213 | . 6729 | . 8613 | .4297 |
| Inside |  | . 1970 | . 9908 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outside |  | 1.1546 | . 3330 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Adults with } \\ & \text { Children as } \\ & \text { one-half } \end{aligned}$ | . 6304 |  | . 8576 | . 8468 | . 7839 | . 0521 | . 9844 | . 6418 | . 7648 | . 9148 | . 3999 |
| Inside |  | .2163 | . 9875 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outside |  | 1.0533 | . 4010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 25. Selected raw regression coefficients with corresponding standard error.a

| Variables | Raw Regression Coefficients | Standard Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scope |  |  |
| Family Size | . 45 | . 07 |
| Social Position | . 26 | . 11 |
| Home Production |  |  |
| Civic | . 28 | . 15 |
| Religion | . 23 | . 13 |
| Culture | -. 17 | . 08 |
| Recreation | . 14 | . 09 |
| Internal Penetration |  |  |
| Education Subsystem |  |  |
| Family Size | . 88 | . 09 |
| Employment Subsystem |  |  |
| Family Size | -. 44 | . 11 |
| Home Production |  |  |
| Employment | . 28 | . 13 |
| Health | . 38 | . 26 |
| Income ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | . 21 | . 15 |
| Business Subsystem |  |  |
| Family Size | -. 24 | . 07 |
| Home Production |  |  |
| Employment | . 25 | . 08 |
| Income ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | . 20 | . 11 |
| Recreation Subsystem |  |  |
| Home Production Health | . 47 | . 19 |
| Civic Subsystem |  |  |
| Family Size | -. 20 | . 09 |
| Home Production |  |  |
| Health | . 33 | . 20 |
| External Penetration |  |  |
| Business Subsystem |  |  |
| Income | . 26 | . 13 |
| Employment Subsystem Income | . 25 | . 10 |
| Culture Subsystem <br> Income ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{a}_{\text {Correlations }}$ equally, except for no $b_{\text {Adults only. }}$ | and children | ted |

As discussed above, the correlation coefficient indicated the relationship between scope and family size to be positive and significant at . 62 (Table 22). The multivariate regression (Table 23) shows this same variable to be significant at.0001. Income is also signfficant at .0039. The correlation coefficient supports this positive relationship between income and scope with a correlation of .44. The correlation coefficient gives some strength to social position at . 28 which is supported by the raw regression coefficient of .26 (Table 25), Home production is almost significantly related to scope when children 13 and under are weighted equally with adults (Table 24l according to the multivariate analysis at .015. The greatm est support comes from the culture subsystem at .017, followed by recreation at. 045 . According to the raw regression coefficients, the relationship with culture is a negative one, -.17, and with recreation a positive one at .14. The eschewing of the sedentary for the active as it relates to home production may be an indication of the energy level of those families emphasizing home production. Of marginal significance are the subsystems of religion and civic as related to home production and scope at .07 and .08 (Table 24). These are in the positive direction according to the raw regression coefficients of . 23 and . 28 (Table 25). Home production then appears somewhat related to the number of different subsystems families enter, with recreation at home making the greatest contribution followed by religious
activity and political activity. Inasmuch as the significant contribution of culture to home production is in a negative direction, the strong orientation to sedentary leisure in the home may be associated with narrow contact with the community.

In summary, of the family variables related positively to utilizing different subsystems, family size is most significant, followed by income. Home production and social position are closely related.

In addition, the correlation matrix points to a negative relationship between residence and scope of -. 23 . That is, the longer the length of residence, the fewer subsystems entered. This is substantiated by the fact that the education subsystem correlates at . 58 with the number of subsystems entered when the children's contact hours are weighted equally with adults. Those with the longest length of residence are past the child-rearing stage and would not be entering the education subsystem except for job training, which they did not indicate they were doing.

Scope refers to the number of different subsystems families enter. Although 100 per cent of families use the business subsystem, it would be useful in relation to understanding resource needs to determine which subsystems contribute to the diversity of subsystems available in the community. According to the correlation matrix, education is significantly related to the number of subsystems entered at .57. Internal recreation is correlated at . 37
when children are weighted equally with adults. This is followed by external employment for adults only at . 24. In addition, the raw regression coefficients (Table 25) link two more subsystems with home production: civic at . 27 and religion at . 23.

These data seem to describe the family entering the most subsystems as the larger family, relatively new to the community compared with the average length of residence of 22 years, with children 14 and over entering the educational and recreational subsystems. It is probable that these families also engage in religious activity in the home as well as making some use of the civic subsystem. Because of the variety of components of this latter subsystem, further analysis would be necessary to determine exact activity. It is likely that families with high scope scores do not spend time watching television, an activity that accounted for many hours of culture at home.

Hypothesis 2: Penetration and Family Variables
$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between penetration within the community and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

This hypothesis was rejected for family size based on the correlation matrix for the educational subsystem at . 73 , when children were weighted equally with adults. The multiple regression supported this conclusion for all family variables at. .0001 in relation to penetration in the internal
community. This hypothesis was also rejected when children's hours were weighted as one-half at the . 0001 level of significance in the multiple regression analysis. However, more significance for component subsystems was noted when children were weighted equally with adults, so discussion will be based on those figures, except for the marginal significance of income to two subsystems based on adults only.
$H_{A}$ : Penetration within the communtty is positively related to social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

Family size is again the dominant family variable at a significance of . 0001 (Table 23). Contributions come from three subsystems: education at . 0001 , employment at .0042, and business at .005. However, the correlation with the education subsystem is the only one of these in which a positive relationship was noted in the raw regression coefficients (Table 25). This was positively related at . 88 reflecting the contact hours of children 13 and under as well as those 14 and over with the education subsystem. The significant relationship of family size with the employment subsystem is a negative one at -. 44 (Table 25), suggesting that wage earners with larger families tend to travel to distant locations for employment probably fnfluenced by the higher earnings associated with external factory employment, as one alternative.

The larger family size implies the presence of children and it would appear that working outside the community, involving as it does commuting time of at least two hours a day, would detract from available hours for the wage earner's participation in family activities. For some factory workers this is evident as these fathers work the night shift, leaving their homes about 4 olclock in the afternoon. For others on a day shift, the father leaves about 4 o'clock in the morning and is at home by the time children are out of school in the afternoon,

Family size is also negatively related in a marginal degree to use of the local business within the city limits at -. 24 (Table 25). Although some of this could represent travel to the shopping malls outside the county, it could also refer to the major grocery stores and the local shopping plaza located just outside the city limits. This is indicative of the volume of business the central shopping area is losing to other centers.

Family size was also negatively related, -. 20 , to penetration of the civic subsystem. This may refer to participation in civic organizations, including fraternal organizations, that appeared to offer fellowship to older couples and individuals. Counting these hours in the civic subsystem runs counter to the purpose of this classification, which referred to community-oriented activity.

The family variable of home production is positively related to use of the internal community at a significance
of .0065, particularly the business community at . 0003 , followed by education at . 0012 (Table 24). Since home production is significantly related to famıly stze, . 0003 (Table 12), it follows that the larger famtly would have need for a greater quantity of resources and would tend to produce goods and services more economtcally at home, but also have need for supplies from the community. Use of the educational subsystem reflects the presence of children associated with family size. The home production subsystem contributing most to the relationship of home production to penetration is that of employment at .0333. That is, those families where a wage earner works within the home use the Internal community subsystems to a greater degree. The subsystems they appear to use most in the communtty are business at . 25 and employment at . 28 correlation according to the raw regression coefficients (Table 25). Since working at home represents either a second job for the husband or supplementary income from the wife, this greater use of the internal community may be the effect of the resulting income of the second job, or the higher energy level concomitant with the extra work load.

Home volunteer work relating to health apparently contributes at a significance of .0661 to the relationship between home production and use of the internal community (Table 24). Home health production refers both to nursing activity at home as well as soliciting for fund drives in the neighborhood. This is positively related to using the
recreation facilities, being employed in the internal community, and activity in the civic subsystem at . 47, .38, and .33, respectively. Inasmuch as there was only one instance of extended home nursing care, it may be that the discriminating factor is the willingness to contribute time to a cause beyond the family, such as a fund drıve. This interest in the local community is reinforced by local employment and participation in civic groups and political activity.

The marginal significance of income to the internal community at . 06 is through the employment subsystem and business subsystem according to the raw regression coefficients for adults only (Table 25) at . 21 and . 20 , respectively.
$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between penetration outside the community and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

This hypothesis was not rejected by the coefficients of the correlation matrix and the multiple regression analysis. However, some interesting trends are evident. Income appears more related to use of the external community than family size (Table 25). When children are weighted equally with adults, the use of the business and employment subsystems is marginally significant at . 26 and . 25 , respectively as measured by the raw regression coefficients, reinforcing the rega亡ive relationship of family size to internal employment and business. That is, larger families
tend to go outside the city limits for employment and shopping. Even though the presence of children would dilute the scores, their presence must influence the dectsion to work and shop outside the local community to maximize $\pm n c o m e$ and seek out appropriate resources.

When adults alone are considered, the relationship of income to the external cultural subsystem is . 21 . The correlation matrix did point out that use of the bustness system external to the community was correlated at . 52 for adults only with the use of the cultural subsystem. This supports an impression of the field worker that adults in single and two-person households appeared to seek lełsure outside the local community.

In summary, the larger family size is related to significantly higher contact hours with subsystems in the community. This community is not limited to the local one, for it appears that the wage earners of these families are commuting to employment outside the city limits and doing their shopping there. In the first instance, the commuting may be to Flint and Lansing, while the shopping can be focused on the major grocery stores just over the city limits as well as the shopping malls in outlying cities.

Use of the internal recreation subsystem, the civic subsystem, and local employment are highly related to families involved in home-based volunteer health activity. This relationship may include family size, and therefore may be a result of interest in the community through
activities of children and of time avałlable because of minimal commuting time.

There is also a group of onem and two-person households who go outside the communtty for lełsure activity as defined in the cultural subsystem. From the remarks by respondents, these appear to be more specłalized services as night clubs and theatre to be found in more diversified communities.

## Hypothesis 3: Flow

## and Family Variables

$H_{0}$ : There is no relationship between flow within the community and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

The null hypothesis was rejected on the basis of the multiple regression analysis at .001. Although no one family variable was significantly related, life cycle appeared to have some influence for the first time in this analysis. The correlation matrix presented information about relationship of subsystems to the flow score.
$H_{A l}$ : Flow is positively related to social position and income.

There appeared to be no trend of relationship between any family variable and flow according to the raw regression coefficients which centered around zero. This may indicate that families utilizing the community resources are at the same time contributing to the community, as illustrated in Table 26. The means for positive and negative are so close, it appears there is balancing within the family system.

Table 26. Standard scores for components of flow ( $\mathrm{N}=123$ ).

$$
\text { Flow }=\frac{\text { positive-negative }}{\text { neutral }}
$$

| Components of Equation | Standard Scores |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Internal | External |
|  | Mean |  |
| Positive | 42.97 | 42.00 |
| Negative | 42.47 | 41.70 |
| Neutral | 42.23 | 41.90 |
| Flow | -. 05 | . 01 |

Standard Deviation

| Positive | 4.55 | 2.98 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Negative | 3.06 | 2.90 |
| Neutral | 3.52 | 3.53 |
| Flow | . 12 | . 09 |
|  | Range |  |
| Flow | $\begin{aligned} & -.184 \text { to } \\ & +.176 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 163 \text { to } \\ & +.179 \end{aligned}$ |

On the other hand, some elements were not tncluded for methodological reasons. For instance, the welfare category ranging from unemployment insurance to subsidized housing was represented in the data only with a frequency count. Also dollar contributions were not differentiated between internal and external. Their inclusion would have added another dimension to the positive and negative scores.

According to the correlation matrix, the employment and civic subsystems were most related to the flow scores. These correlations were . 53 for civic when children were weighted equally with adults and . 51 for employment when children were weighted as onemhalf. These positive scores probably contributed to the overall correlation between positive flow and total scores of .77. Further analysis would be indicated regarding the civic subsystem to determine which activity, from participating in civic groups to political activity, was the predictive element.
$H_{0}:$ There is no relationship between flow outside the community and social position, income, famıly size, stage of the family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

This hypothesis was not rejected in relation to family variables. However, the use of the external community seems to be associated with the business and recreation subsystems. According to the correlation matrix, the use of the recreation subsystem is highly related to negative flow at .67 (Appendix G). This would indicate use of state parks or other public facilities outside the city limits
by adults only. The use of the external business subsystem is highly correlated at . 54 with neutral flow when only adults are compared. This correlation is still significant when children 13 and under are weighted equally with adults at .51. Neutral flow also correlates at . 44. with the culture subsystem. This indicated that goods and services are the primary use of the external business community, followed by leisure pursuits of a sedentary nature by adults only.

Hypothesis 4: Suggestions for Community Development and Family Variables
> $H_{o}$ : There is no relationship between numbers of suggestions for community resource development and social position, family size, income, stage of family life cycle, length of residence, and home production.

This hypothesis was not rejected. As explained in methodology the many suggestions did not lend themselves to comparison with family variables. Some significant relation ships may emerge on the basis of individual linkage behavior, an analysis beyond the scope of present use of the data.

## Conclusions

In this diverse community, one family variable emerges as significantly related to linkage dimensions, that is, family size. Although one- and two-person households are in the majority, a substantial number of families, 46 per cent, are now in the process of rearing children. Thus families with children appear to dominate in the
community because of their numbers. They are also more active, entering more subsystems and spending more hours In the internal community.

Home production as a whole is also related to family size. The greatest contribution comes from families supplying goods and services for themselves in addition to securing them in the community. From the data this activity extends to almost every subsystem, except the leisurenoriented subsystem of culture. Home production in culture is emphasized by smaller family units.

About half the population is in the lower two categories of social position, indicating a combination of education of high school or less and of semi-skilled or unskilled employment. The median income is about $\$ 10,000$, indicating either good pay in lower job categories or misinterpretation of respondent's job title. The dominance of bluecollar workers would imply the presence of an extended family system, a possible alternative to community resources for the family. The fact that the mean length of residence for families is 16 years and for individual family members is 27 years lends strength to the notion of extended kinship and friendship network.

The long-time residents appear also to include those of lower income. It may be they are employed locally where wages tend to be lower, or are among the 20 per cent depend ing on social security and other fixed incomes for sustenance. In contrast, the higher incomes are associated with larger
families more recent to the community or of recent family formation and of higher social position.

Although 100 per cent of the families use the internal business subsystem, employment accounts for the most contact hours followed by business, health, education, and religion. This ranking was secured from the adult schedules, including individuals 14 and over. Therefore, if children 13 and under were accounted for, there could be a transposition of the rankings between health and education.

Utilizing the external community also focuses on employment and business. Although the means are less than for the internal community they are so substantial that it is evident families need to go outside the city limits for resources. The third subsystem in order of utilization is recreation. This can, of course, be attributed to vacation trips for which there is no substitute in the local community. On the other hand, the number of suggestions for improvements in the area of recreation for the local community suggests there is a lack in this area, not satisfied by the use of the external community.

Use of the external health subsystem ranks fourth, and from the comments of the respondents, was for the most part prompted by specialized needs not available locally.

It appeared that internal flow was significantly related to family variables with stage of the family life cycle being most prominent but not significant. According to the raw regression coefficients, the relationship among
the family variables and flow was very close to zero. This may indicate that the contribution to and use of the community are so evenly balanced within the family system that no great differences exist among families. This appears to be substantiated by results from penetration which link the use of the educational system (negative) with employment (positive).

Four clusters of similar characteristics emerged from what appeared to be a diverse relationship of the family to the community. These reflect the influence of family size on the breadth and depth of the contact hours with community subsystems.

The larger families enter more subsystems than
smaller families. They also spend more hours in home production activities of recreation and education. The latter could include home study or preparation for volunteer leadership in an educational group as Scouts. In addition, the wage earners are employed outside the city limits and do more shopping there. Inasmuch as the major grocery stores were just over the city line, as was a shopping mall, this could represent patronizing the metropolitan area as well as traveling 30 to 40 miles to modern shopping malls. In addition, the higher the income, the more subsystems entered. This diversity was also related to length of family residence in that younger families or those more recent to the community entered more subsystems.

Included in this pattern is the family with high participation in volunteer effort in the health community from the home, as participating in health drives. These families are employed locally, utilize local recreational facilities and recreation, and participate in fraternal organizations.

In contrast, some smaller families with lower income and longer length of residence in the community were more restricted in the number of different subsystems they entered, and focused a great amount of time on leisure activity in the home. They also shopped at internal businesses.

Then there appeared to be a nucleus of adults with higher income who made use of the external business and culture subsystems. Of small family size, they may be the ones who enjoy eating out, and traveling to places of interest.

One interesting phenomenon evident in the data was the utilization of two subsystems emphasizing leisure: one active, the other sedentary. The means, as summarized in Table 27, show that most of this leisure is home oriented and of a sedentary character. The greatest contribution to these sedentary hours is made by small families of long residence in the community and low income. Small families with higher income tend to utilize the external culture subsystem.

Table 27. Summary of hours in culture and recreation subsystems ( $\mathrm{N}=140$ ).

| Source | Mean Hours |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Culture | Recreation | Total |
|  | 858.5 | 142.6 | 1001.1 |
| Internal Community | 60.1 | 50.6 | 110.7 |
| External Community | 33.0 | 106.7 | 139.7 |
| Total | 951.6 | 299.9 | 1251.5 |

Families with children make use of internal recreation facilities more than external recreation facilities. However, according to the number of suggestions made regarding internal recreation, there is an apparent need for more facilities, extending over the age span from young children to adults and from natural environments as parks and horseback riding areas to man-built roller skating rinks and swimming pools.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY AND IMPLICATIONS

This chapter is divided into three sections: summary, limitations of the study, and implications for further study.

Summary
This study had a two-fold purpose: to expand the knowledge of the family system beyond its immediate boundaries to include the environment from which it derives resources, and to provide community decision makers with these data as a factual contribution to the assessment of community resources. More specific objectives were: (1) to devise a system of measurement for family's linkage with community resources; (2) to determine the relationships among scope, penetration, and flow dimensions of familycommunity resource linkages and selected family variables: social position, size of family, stage of family life cycle, income, length of residence in the community, and hours spent in home production; and (3) to determine broadly the families' unmet resource needs in the community.

The random sample of 140 families was drawn from adjoining cities in Michigan with a total population of about 24,000. Separated by 30 or 40 miles from cities of larger
size, they illustrated the relationship of smaller communities to the needs of families vis-a-vis other community centers.

All family members 14 and over were asked to report through a detailed questionnaire the number of contact hours with the community over a period of a year. A summary questionnaire for children 13 and under reported their contact hours in the subsystems when unattended by adult family members. These hours were associated with services and facilities representing a range of resources classified into nine subsystems: business, employment, recreation, culture, religion, education, health, civic, and welfare. The individual contact hours were transformed into mean family hours for quantifying the linkage dimensions of scope, penetration, and flow. Mean family hours were the basis for deriving standard scores for each linkage dimension, thereby locating families in relation to each other.

Scope described the number of subsystems families contact; penetration, the number of contact hours in each subsystem; flow, the relative use of or contribution to the community. Families received one standard score for scope, one for internal flow, and one for external flow. The assignment of standard scores for penetration was more complex, for there were scores for each subsystem by internal and external community. In addition, the treatment of the summary questionnaires was varied to determine the effect on the family means for each subsystem. Most
significance was apparent when the contact hours of children 13 and under were welghted equally with contact hours of individuals 14 and over.

Multiple regression and Pearson correlation coefficients were used to relate the linkage variables of scope, penetration, and flow with family variables of family size, income, social position, stage of family life cycle, years of residence, and home production. Home production scores were derived like linkage scores from the hours families reported they spent in providing within the home the goods or services they could have purchased from the community. Such activity ranged from meal preparation to remodeling a home.

A combination of family size and income was significantly related to scope, indicating that the larger families with better income would enter more subsystems. The range of different subsystems entered was from three to nine, with the mean at seven. Of all family variables, family size was most significantly related to use of the internal community, while income along with family size was marginally related to use of the external community. Employment accounted for the highest mean contact hours both within and without the community. However, business, though second in hours, was utilized by all families and accounted for more significance in a positive relation to family variables than employment.

The third most utilized subsystem in the internal community as reported by adults only was the health subsystem, followed by education. Consideration of the contribution of children 13 and under to utilization of the education system could transpose this ordering. In the external community, the third and fourth positions were occupied by recreation and health, respectively. Although the prominence of recreation in the external community may be attributed to vacation trips, the number of suggestions for additional recreational facilities in the local community suggests a need for increased resources in this area.

Selected elements from the penetration scores were formulated into an equation quantifying flow: the relative use of or contribution to the community. Internal flow was significantly related to the family variables with family life cycle most prominent although marginally significant. The mean score for internal flow was slightly negative, within a narrow range of scores. There was no significant relationship between the external flow scores and family variables. The mean score for the external community was slightly positive within a narrow range of scores.

Families with children tend to make greater use of and participate more in the community. They have more income either from internal or external employment, and supplement this through home production. In the one- and two-person households there appear to be differing
characteristics. The older families with long years of residence in the community, depending upon fixed incomes, shop primarily in the local community and are entertained at home through hobbies and television. Others with high scores in volunteer health activities penetrate the internal civic and recreational subsystems as well as local employment. The third cluster of small households with higher income makes more use of the external community through business and culture.

## Limitations of the Study

The goal of gaining an overall view of family contact with the community was accomplished. However, some possible limitations inherent in the methodology and findings should be noted.

Asking families for hours spent in the community over a period of a year was a complex task since famłlies do not ordinarily quantify their behavior in these terms.

Requesting information concerning all subsystems for all family members extended the length of the questionnaire and time involved.

Harmonizing the function of activities categorized in subsystems would aid in interpretation of findings. In this study, it appeared that although some civic organizations have as their purpose some goals of community contribution, their function within the study community was more social, contributing to individual needs. Consequently,
when contact hours with these organizations are summed with political activity, it is not readily apparent what interpretation to make.

Relying on standard scores to divide the families into categories based on utilization of the community represented the distribution of contact hours, but hindered the isolation of those having little contact with the community. Since standard scores are based on the standard deviation, they are most effective with a normal curve distribution. Inasmuch as the distributions for the linkage variables were skewed, in most instances with a few maximum scores influencing the mean, the standard scores representing little or no utilization were close to the mean with consequent masking of their characteristics.

Knowing the hours of utilization of the community does not indicate the quantity or quality of a resource contribution to the family system or to the functional or dysfunctional effect of these resources on either the family or the community.

Identifying areas of resource development is only the first step in the decision process. If these data are to be of most value to community decision makers, families would need to establish priorities among the suggestions. One approach could be to assess the contribution of the facility or service to developmental needs of individuals and families in relation to costs and the necessary changes in behavior patterns to utilize these added resources.

The effect of welfare was inadequately represented because data on its contribution were not comparable to either dollars or hours. Thus a possible influence on the negative component of the flow score is absent, Financial support from welfare ranged from unemployment insurance through supplementary ADC payments to total support and subsidized housing.

## Implications for Further Study

The following implications fall into three sections: those relating to improved techniques for further study of linkages between the family and community; the construction of distinctions between family and individual behavior; and research including the results of this study, but exploring other questions.

The raw data in contact hours with services and facilities within subsystems provided by this study can be analyzed to provide categories of high, medium, and low contact hours representing utilization of community resources. This would facilitate a response to hours typical of individual behavior. In addition, these categories could serve as the basis for analysis.

The questionnaire could be divided in half and, with random assignment of the parts, the families would not be faced with the stress of a complex questionnaire, thereby contributing to greater cooperation and more accurate responses.

Supplementary questionnaire items specific to the contribution of the welfare subsystem to the family would be valuable. In this way an assessment could be made of the contribution of these benefits, such as unemployment insurance, on the total family income.

This study has been confronted with the problem voiced by Kunkel (1967), in translating individual behavior to group or family behavior. In Kunkel's case, there was a transition from village to family organization. It is possible that individual behaviors could be similar in both situations, but the organizing system be different. In the present study, family behaviors, encompassing diverse age levels, were quantified by averaging individual hours to arrive at family hours. Is there a construct of family behavior per se, or only individual behavior distinguished by its organizing system?

Rather than family behavior, the question may revolve around the family as an intervening system and the allocation of resources to design and maintain the social and physical components of the system. However, our society is so individually oriented that the individual and his needs are understood better than the family and its systemic needs. To acquire better understanding of the latter would necessitate research into the family system, taking into account the definition of family vs. individual behavior and the effect of allocation of resources to the individual or family under conditions of affluence and scarcity. Krieger (1972)
and Chapin and Hightower (1965) overlooked this relationship and consequently related individual needs to community resources without considering the intervening family system. The proposal by Krieger (1972) explores the way the community could meet individual development needs. The comm munity intervenes when dysfunctional conditions are aggrar vated, implying in some cases a family system malfunction, in others, individual aberrations. The response would be a community institution to meet individual needs without considering the adjustments possible within the family system. An example of such a possibility is teaching the mother how to supplement nursery school educational goals. The approach is also applicable to other specific areas besides child development.

Research by Chapin and Hightower (1965) utilized discretionary "free" time as a basis for predicting trends in land use. That this may be inadequate is supported by their own research, in that there was a discrepancy between what subjects would currently like to do and what they actually did. Some of the discrepancy may be accounted for by systemic demands. In any case, there appears to be a need to research the energy needs of the system in addition to the elements of the system.

A question for further exploration suggested by this study relates to the great interest in leisure, supporting the findings of Chapin and Hightower (1965) and Havighurst and Feigenbaum (1958). It was evident in the
present study, both in the amount of contact hours devoted to leisure and in the suggestions for additional communtty resources, that families were allocating considerable time to active and passive leisure activity. With the emphasis on recreation from the advertising media and models in society, the question about allocation of resources comes to the fore.

Thus recreation could be studied in relation to the systemic needs of the family and illustrate the discussion by Etzioni and Lehman (1967) about the relationship of goal and nongoal activity to the functioning of a system. Are leisure pursuits replacing time, energy, and resources that could be devoted to the maintenance of the physical and social elements of the family system? To what extent, for instance, does the color television and snowmobile substitute for safety maintenance of the shelter, an adequate supply of food, or interpersonal communication? Does leisure function as a nongoal activity draining excess energy from the system, or diverting attention, in the process of tension management with the result of maintaining harmonious relationships among components? Given some of the dysfunctional elements of the society, are these allocations of time and money to leisure at the family level functional or dysfunctional to the distribution of resources for a viable family and society?

Another area of investigation is the extent to which family systems contribute to community resources. One aspect
of this contribution has come through taxing real property. Inasmuch as housing can reflect economic resources, the differential property values would appear to be an appropriate basis for equitable distribution of communtty costs. However, it was noted in this survey that there were many families living in marginal housing whose income, by current mortgage practices, could have supported a higher standard. Yet attractive, or more durable housing was apparently not within their value structure. So not only do these families not contribute economically in the same proportion as those who have invested in good housing, but their contribur tion to the aesthetic dimensions of a community is minimal.

This suggests that understanding the effect of different contributory patterns between the family and the community, ranging from the aforementioned property taxes to hours in volunteer activity, may have implications for adaptive mechanisms between the family and the community. This study focused on the family's utilization of the public community, but untapped by this study is a network of family and friends who undoubtedly accounted for some differences in the apparent contentment of some respondents of this study. The relationship of this network to families as complementary to or as a substitute for the public community may be related to the adequacy of public community resources, and would therefore complement this study of the public community.

In conclusion, the major interest has been on the family as a viable system exchanging resources with a community. Further study in this area can only enhance appreciation of the infinite variety and complexity of this interaction and understanding of the functional and dysfunctional effects of modification of these linkages.

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## APPENDIX A

TABLE 28. POPULATION OF PLACES, 1970

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Table 28. Population of Places, 1970.


Cumulative Summary:
Places of -


Source: 1971 "Number of Inhabitants," U.S. Census of Population 1970, Final Report PC (1)-Al, U.S. Summary (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1970).

## APPENDIX B

TABLE 29. MATRIX OF PEARSON CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS AMONG LINKAGE VARIABLES



















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SAMfLE CORRELATION MATRIX

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SAMPLE CORRELATION MATRIX

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| . 189494 | . 305077 | . 113994 | 1.000000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| . 187345 | . 225239 | . 105757 | . 285234 | 1.000030 |  |  |  |  |
| . 080714 | . 165420 | -. 067641 | . 307332 | . 119440 | 1.008808 |  |  |  |
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$2=$ Adults and children weighted equally
$3=$ Adults and children weighted one-half


## APPENDIX C

## ADULT QUESTIONNAIRE, FAMILYCOMMUNITY LINKAGES SURVEY

$\qquad$
FAMILY-COMMUNITY LINKAGES STUDY 1972
$\qquad$

In this day and age it is difficult for families to get along without the community. Most of the things you use in the house are made somewhere else and brought into the home through the community, and you use the community for many services.


In this study we are asking family members like yourself to tell us how much they use different parts of the community.


The different ways that individuals use the community will be added together to give a picture of how a family uses the community.


Your family will differ from other families in the community because,

1) You may find you don't need a service or don't belong to an organization
2) You will use facilities in the local community in different ways
3) You may go to other towns or eities for some of the things you need
4) You may make things at home, instead of getting them in the community So on the following pages you will see the column headings:

| Didn't <br> need | obtained <br> in Owosso <br> -Corunna | obtained <br> in <br> another <br> place | provided <br> at <br> home |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

We expect that most families have a rhythm about what they do. This is especially true when a large part of the day is taken up with going to work or going to school.

For example: Weekdays Weekends
a.m. work/school/community

activities $\quad$\begin{tabular}{l}
shopping/church <br>
p.m.

 

work/school/shopping <br>
<br>
<br>
<br>
<br>
\end{tabular}

You have probably established habits about when you shop and for how long. You may even plan around certain programs on TV. So if you can think about the things you do fairly regularly, ydu will find it rather easy to answer those parts of the questionnaire that concern you. Think about what you did last week:

How much time did you spend

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going grocery shopping?
eating out?
going to work?
going to school?
going to a club meeting?
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If there is a fairly regular pattern, multiply the weekly time by 50 to give an estimate for the year. Scme usual times are:

2 hours/week $=100$ hours/year
3 hours/day, 5 days/week, $8 \frac{1}{2}$ montins/year $=510$ hours/year (kindergarten)
? h,ours/day, 5 days/week, $8 \frac{1}{2}$ months/year $=1190$ hours/year (school)
8 hours/day, 5 days/week, 50 weeks/year $=2000$ hours/year (jっb)

Of course, "last week" will not cover all the things in the community that you sometimes do: such as, going to a state park, the dentist, club meetings, adult education class. Or there are things you have done at home as raising food, making clothes, or having a party.

Therefore, you may find it helpful to think about what may have happened by seasons. For example:

| winter | snowmobiling <br> concert/museum <br> remodeling |
| :--- | :--- |
| spring | gardening <br> wedding |
| summer | camping <br> distribute petitions |
| fall | political activity <br> food preservation |

Some of the estimates for seasonal activity or monthly activity are:
3 hours/twice a month, 10 months/year $=60$ hours
24 hours/day, 5 days $=120$ hours (camping)
1 hour/3 times $=3$ hours (dentist)

What are some things you used the community for that happened only once or twice last year?
winter
summer
spring
fall

In summary: Would you please give us the best guess you can of the time you spent in the community last year. To help you remember the different things, simitai activities are grouped together under different sections. A lot of different things are mentioned to help you remember something you may have done 6 months ago. The time you put in the boxes is your best estimate of the number of hours you spent in the community obtaining or providing various goods and services. These hours are to include travel time and telephone time if used. In addition, you put in the boxes the time you spent ordering goods by mail from another place.

For example: If you go into the community to have your hair cut every month and this takes an hour, including travel time, it would amount to 12 hours over a year's time. In addition if you care for it at home by spending one-half hour a week shampooing your hair, you would spend 25 hours over a year's time.

| , |  | Hours YOU spent last year in obtaining or providing |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Didn't } \\ \text { need } \end{gathered}$ | inside OwossoCorunna | in another place | $\begin{aligned} & \text { at } \\ & \text { home } \end{aligned}$ |
| Personal Care Services (beauty shop, barber, gymnasium) |  | 12 |  | 25 |
| Pets and Pet Care | $X$ |  |  |  |

Q. \#1 In the list below, please estimate the number of hours you spent last year (from now until last year at this time) in obtaining and providing for a particular group of products or services. You include time in the community and/or time spent at home in supplying similar products (eg. sewing clothes instead of purchasing them, changing the oil in your car instead of going to a service station, preparing meals instead of eating out). It may help to figure from a weekly basis, and then multiply by 50 for the year, then adding or subtracting for seasonal differences.

This part is about goods and services you buy from business.-or make/provide at home instead of buying

Family \#
Member $\qquad$
Part of Community:
BUSINESS
Hours YOU spent last year
in obtaining or providing
Automobiles, Trucks
Snowmobile, motorcycle, camper, bicycle
Vehicle Maintenance Supplies
Vehicle Maintenance Services
Financial Services
(loans, stockbroker, financial counselor)
Reading Materials
Flowers
Hobby $\&$ Sports Supplies $\varepsilon$ Services
(arts, crafts, photography, fishing)
Home Office Supplies e Equipment
(stationery, typewriter)
Printing Services
Pets \& Pet Care
(grooming, vet, kennel)

Funeral Home Service

Rental Lodging (Motel)

Transportation Service (bus, taxi, chauffeuring)
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This part is about goods and
Member $\qquad$ . services you buy from business--
or make/provide at home instead
of buying of buying . Hours YOU spent last year
Part of Community:
BUSINESS
Musical Instruments, Supplies \& Services

Sound Systems, Supplies \& Services

Food Products
Meals (including dressmaker, tailor)

Clothing Maintenance
(cleaner, laundromat, shoe repair)
Personal Care Products

Personal Care Services
(beauty shop, barber, gymnasium)
Child Care Services

Household Furniture
(including furnishings and accessories)
Household Equipment and Appliances

Repair Furniture and Appliances

Home Maintenance Supplies
(floor wax, paint, fertilizer, etc.)
Home Maintenance Services
(carpet cleaning, painting, mowing, etc.)
Home Betterment Supplies
(lumber, siding, kitchen cabinets, etc.)
Home Betterment Services (electrician, carpenter, etc.)

In obtaining or providing

| inside <br> Owosso- <br> Corunna | in <br> another <br> place | at <br> home |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |

$\qquad$
Member $\qquad$

| Part of Community: BUSINESS |  | Hours YOU spent last year in obtaining or providing |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Didn't } \\ \text { need } \end{gathered}$ | inside OwossoCorunna | in another place | $\begin{gathered} \text { at } \\ \text { home } \end{gathered}$ |
| Drugs |  |  |  |  |
| Other: Specify |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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One of the more important ties you have with the community is the source of income.
2. Did you have an income-producing job last year? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
If no, go to question 12.
If yes, go to question 3.
3. What was the title of the job, or jobs? $\qquad$
4. Did you do this work (question 3) from your home? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
If no, go to question 6.
If yes, go to question 5.
5. How many hours did you work last year? $\qquad$
6. Did you do this work (question 3) inside the city limits of Owosso-Corunna?

Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
If no, go to question 8.
If yes, go to question 7.
7. How many hours did you work last year? (include commuting)
$\qquad$
Member $\qquad$
Part of Community: EMPLOYMENT
8. Did you do this work (question 3) outside the city limits of Owosso-Corunna?

Yes $\qquad$
If no, go to question 11.
If yes, go to question 9.
9. Where? $\qquad$
10. How many hours did you work last year? (include commuting) $\qquad$
11. What was your income last year from working at the job or jobs described in question 3? Check one

1. less than $\$ 2,500$
2. $\$ 2,500-4,999$
3. $\$ 5,000-9,999$
$4 . \$ 10,000-14,999$
4. $\$ 15,000-19,999$
$6 . \$ 20,000-24,999$
$7 . \$ 25,000-29,999$
5. $\$ 30,000$ and over
6. Sometimes your income doesn't come from a job, but from past earning of yourself of others. Did you have income from any of the following? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
If no, go to question 15 .
if yes, check those that apply.

| dividends |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| social security |  |  |
| insurance | inheritance | loans |
| pensions | investment |  |

i3. Did these sources make a difference in the income group checked in question 11? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
14. If no, go to question 15.

If yes, check new income level below.

1. less than $\$ 2,500$
2. $\$ 2,500-4,999$
$3 \cdot \$ 5,000-9,999$
3. $\$ 10,000-14,999$
4. $\$ 15,000-19,999$
$6 \cdot \$ 20,000-24,999$
5. $\$ 25,000-29,999$
$-8 \cdot \$ 30,000$ and over
$\qquad$
Part of Community:
Member $\qquad$
EMPLOYMENT
6. At other times income may be provided by other community sources. Did you have income from any of the following? Yes Yes_No $\qquad$ If no, go to question 18.

If yes, check the appropriate space.

| unemp loyment insurance |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| organizations as church, <br> volunteer organizations <br> subsidized housing | sood stamps |
| sct:ool lunch |  |
| ADC | social services |

$\qquad$ legal aid
16. Did these sources make a difference in the income checked in question 11 or 14 ? Yes_No_
17. If no, go to question 18.

If yes, please check a new income level below.

1. less than $\$ 2,500$
2. $\$ 2,500-4,999$
3. $\$ 5,000-9,999$
4. $\$ 10,000-14,999$
5. $\$ 15,000-19,999$
6. $\$ 20,000-24,999$
7. $\$ 25,000-29,999$
8. $\$ 30,000$ and over
$\qquad$
Part of Community:
Member $\qquad$

## EMPLOYMENT

18. There are some organizations you belong to because of your job. Your membership provides an opportunity to contribute to the community. This may be in time and/or dollars.

Please estimate as well as you can your contribution over the past year.
Remember: Please check at least one box for every item.

|  |  | Hours YOU spent last year |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Didn't } \\ \text { belong } \\ \text { to } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | inside OwossoCorunna | in another community | Contributed dollars (amt) last year |
| Union |  |  |  |  |
| Junior Achievement |  |  |  |  |
| Chamber of Commerce |  |  |  |  |
| Professional Association |  |  |  |  |
| Farm Bureau |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
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$\qquad$
Part of Community:
Member $\qquad$
RECREATION
19. All forms of recreation can be found in the community. In general, activities under recreation have to do with physical activity either as a participant or observer. They are divided into three main categories: 1) those that are fully supported by the people that use them, as spectator sports, country clubs, tennis clubs; 2) those that are publicly owned for the benefit of everyone as city parks, national parks, public golf courses; and 3) those activities provided at home, as swimming pool, roller skating.

In summary, this section has to do with physically oriented activity. We would like you to estimate hours spent in the different places: from the home to public supported, to private supported. We are leaving out the times you might use the facilities of a neighbor or friend. Thus, if you go horseback riding at a stable, you may put it under private supported if you pay by the hour; under provided at home if it is your own horse; or not at all if you ride at a relative's place ine-.-... the country.

|  |  | Hours YOU spent last year |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Didn't use or belong | inside OwossoCorunna | in another place | at home |
| Private supported: (paying admission or membership fee) such as, miniature golf, pro ball, country club, swim club, bowling league, high school sports |  |  |  | $X$ |
| Public supported: such as, state park, public tennis courts, campsites, fishing and hunting sites |  |  |  | X |
| Home centered: such as, ping-pong, shooting baskets, swimming pool |  | $x$ |  |  |
| Total time at cottage at another place |  | X |  | X |

$X$ a box not to be used
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
20. Recreation doesn't have to be active. When it isn't, the category is usually CULTURAL or EDUCATIONAL. In this study we are grouping together under cultural things such as museums, libraries. In addition, you will find here all those "education" classes you take for enjoyment, l.e. crafts, speed reading. (under EDUCATION on the next page will be the classes that would have to do with getting a degree or improving your job performance.)

There is a category for dollars contributed, since you may support an organization with money even though you don't spend hours using it.

|  |  | Hours YOU spent last year |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Didn't use or belong | inside OwossoCorunna | in another community | at home | Contributed dollars (amt) last year |
| ```Private supported: movies, night clubs, concerts, theater, music lessons, county fair``` |  |  |  | X | $x$ |
| Public supported: attending museums, art exhibits, library |  |  |  | X | $x$ |
| nature center, 200 |  |  |  | X | X |
| little theater, musical groups |  |  |  | X | X |
| adult education classes for pleasure |  |  |  | X | X |
| Public supported: volunteering your time to help any of the above with their services or contribution of dollars |  |  |  | X |  |
| Formal/Informal interest groups: garden club, gun club, chess club, judo, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{\text { Home Contered: }}{\text { parties }} \text { TV, reading, }$ |  | X | X |  | X |
| Religious community: church <br> services, church centered <br> organizations and meetings |  |  |  |  |  |
| Services: such as weddings and funerals not covered above |  |  |  |  |  |

Family \# $\qquad$
Part of Community:
Member $\qquad$

## EDUCATION

21. As mentioned on page 13, the part of the community called EDUCATION in limited here to those educational experiences which lead to a degree or improve job performance. Under the formal and informal classifications, the emphasis is on receiving instruction. Under the heading of volunteer the emphasis is on giving instruction.

|  |  | Hours YOU spent last year |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Didn't use or belong | inside OwossoCorunna | in another community | at home | Contributed dollars (amt) <br> last year |
| Formal: Private <br> schools, parochial schools, universities |  |  |  |  | X |
| Seminars, short colirses |  |  |  |  | X |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Formal: } \frac{\text { Public }}{\text { schools, night }} \\ & \text { school, public uni- } \\ & \text { versity } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | X |
| Seminars, short courses |  |  |  |  | X |
| ```Informal: (receiving instruction) exten- sion service, scouts, "Y"``` |  |  |  |  |  |
| Volunteer: (giving <br> instruction) extension service, scouts, 4-H, teacher's aid |  |  |  |  |  |
| participating in parent-teacher organization (PTA) |  |  |  |  |  |
| nonations to alumni organizations |  |  |  |  |  |

$X=$ box not to be used
$\qquad$ -.

## - Part of Community:

Member $\qquad$ HEALTH
22. For this category, please remember all the different kinds of health care you received last year, from visits to the doctor or dentist for check-ups, for amergency care or for nursing care. Since the study is about use of community resources, it is only necessary to divide the hours spent between private help, public supported services and the volunteer activity you may have participated in.


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## Part of Community:

Family \# $\qquad$ CIVIC
23. The part of the community called CIVIC includes community oriented activity ranging from service clubs to political activity to public services as fire and police protection.

Since you may contribute dollars instead of, or in addition to, time, please list these amounts where appropriate.

$X=$ box not to be used

Family \# $\qquad$
Part of Community:
Member $\qquad$ CIVIC
23. (Continued)

In the protective sphere, include the hours you may have required special service from the police or fire departments, such as reporting a theft, or a fire in your house. If there is public pick-up of trash, or special public works as the repair of road or sewer or water affecting your house, then record the hours you spent in connection with this service.

Under judicial, there are two categories: one is for the occasion when you may be part of the judicial system in jury duty or testifying in court for someone else; the other is when you are using the judicial process for personal business.

|  |  | Hours YOU spent last year in obtaining or providing |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Didn't } \\ \text { need } \end{gathered}$ | in OwossoCorunna | in another place | at home |
| Protective Service |  |  |  |  |
| Police |  |  |  |  |
| Fire |  |  |  |  |
| Public Works, Trash Pick-up |  |  |  |  |
| Judicial |  |  |  |  |
| Sourts: Jury duty, etc. |  |  |  |  |
| Courts: Personal business |  |  |  |  |

$\qquad$
Member $\qquad$
24. As you think about your community, what kinds of things do you feel are missing here that would make it better for you and your family?

27. Do you or your family own an automobile or truck? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
28. If yes, how many? $\qquad$
29. Do you need to depend on someone else outside the family for a ride?

Yes_No Sometimes $\qquad$
30. Your sex: Male_Female $\qquad$
31. Your age at your last birthday? 14-17 $\qquad$ 38-46
18-25 47-65
26-30
66 +
31-37 $\qquad$
32. Last grade completed?
under 7 years of school
$7-9$ years of school
$10-11$ years of school (part high school)
High school graduate
$1-3$ years college (also business schools)
Four-year college graduate (AB, BS, BM)
Professional (MA, MS, MD, Ph.D., and the like)

## APPENDIX D

SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE, CHILDREN 13 AND UNDER, FAMILY-COMMUNITY LINKAGES SURVEY
$\qquad$
FOR IIEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
Q. 40. We know that children 13 and under also do things in the community. The most time-consuming of which is going to school. Will you please fill out a separate form for each child 13 and under concerning what he does by himself. (You do not count the time he goes with you on activities you have already mentioned.)

For example: If he goes to the store for you, put that down here; do not list the trip to the store if he is included in a family outing.

|  |  | Hours This Child Spent Last Year |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part of Community | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Didn't } \\ & \text { go by } \\ & \text { himself } \end{aligned}$ | inside Cwesso Gorunna | in another iplace | at home |
| Business |  |  |  |  |
| Emp loyment |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation |  |  |  |  |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| Culture \& Religion |  |  |  |  |
| Health |  |  |  |  |
| Civic |  |  |  |  |
| Welfare |  |  |  |  |

Q. 41. How does he get where he needs to go?
Q. 42. Sex: Male $\qquad$ Female $\qquad$
Q. 43. Age at last birthday?

| $3 \&$ under |
| :--- |
| $4-6$ |
| $7-13$ |

Q. 44. Present grade in school?

## APPENDIX E

HOUSEHOLD DATA SHEET

Family \# $\qquad$
Member $\qquad$
FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
33. Do you:


Own your house
___ Rent your house or apartment
$\qquad$ Other (specify)
34. Is this dwelling a:

35. How many rooms do you have, not counting bathroom?
36. How long has this family lived in this community? $\qquad$ years.
37. What is the longest time any one member of the family has lived in this community? $\qquad$ years.
38. Does income from other family members change the category for income you checked in Question 17? Yes No $\qquad$
39. If Yes, please check the total annual income available for family use.

1. less than $\$ 2,500$
2. $\$ 2,500-4,999$
3. $\$ 5,000-9,999$
4. $\$ 10,000-14,999$
5. $\$ 15,000-19,999$
6. $\$ 20,000-24,999$
7. $\$ 25,000-29,999$
8. $\quad \$ 30,000$ and over

## APPENDIX F

APPOINTMENT FORM FOR FAMILY

# APPENDIX F <br> APPOINTMENT FORM FOR FAMILY <br> MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY East Lansing, Michigan 48823 <br> College of Human Ecology Department of Family Ecology Human Ecology Building 

FAMILY - COMMUNITY LINKAGES STUDY

Return date $\qquad$

Thank you for helping with the study.

We need your response in order to understand the different ways families use the community. This information could be useful to planners when community decisions are made.

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> Phone: (517) 355-7671

APPENDIX G

APPOINTMENT FORM FOR INTERVIEWER

APPENDIX G
Date Left
Date/Pick-up
Permission to Interview Later Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
HOUSEHOLD HEADS:
Husband $\qquad$
Wife $\qquad$
Other $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
18 and over 18 and over $\qquad$
13 and under
13 and under $\qquad$
Stage in Family Life Cycle $\qquad$
Address :
Telephone Number $\qquad$
Street or Road
City $\qquad$
County $\qquad$
Assessed Valuation
Square Footage of Home

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Not only was the College of Human Ecology at Michigan State University a leader in the study of family decision making, the selected area of focus, but at the time of matriculation, was exploring and developing the ecological approach to the study of the family system. Not only did
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[^0]:    H $=$ Home Production
    I = Internal Subsystem
    O = External Subsystem
    D = Dollars
    1 = Adults Only

[^1]:    2 = Adults and children weighted equally $3=$ Adults and children weighted one-half Posit = Positive Flow
    Negat = Negative Flow
    Neut $=$ Neutral Flow

[^2]:    $X=$ box not to be used

