

10-Gallon Gasoline Limit Puts Family in Quandary

When President Nixon suggested last fall that American motorists limit themselves to 10 gallons of gasoline per week, Irwin Hoffman insisted that his family accept the restriction.

"It was horrible," he recalled Thursday.

The Hoffman home in Greenwood Village, he related, is 13 miles from his job and 12 miles from his wife Jackie's job.

Nothing Left Over

"We each had 10 gallons to get to work and back," Hoffman said. "There was nothing left over for shopping on Saturdays, for going to restaurants, tennis—anything.

"Our kids were resentful," he went on. "They couldn't even go visit their friends." The Hoffmans have three teen-aged daughters and a younger son.

"If we didn't cheat one week," Hoffman

said, "my wife couldn't have gone to work—and our cars get good mileage. One gets 17 to a gallon, one gets 20."

Joins a Car Pool

The inconvenience didn't last. After three weeks of curtailed traveling, Mrs. Hoffman joined a car pool.

Now she rides to her job at Great Western Sugar Co., 16th and Wazee Streets, with three co-workers. One week each month, she provides the car. Hoffman continues to drive alone to work at George Washington High School, 655 S. Monaco Parkway.

"Before she car-pooled," Hoffman said, "we couldn't go anywhere. Now there's extra gas. It's almost a normal existence. We can go out when we want to.

"If a lot of people did this, they would see that they can't exist on gas rationing without car pooling," he noted.