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Will It Happen?

Something started happening to Farmington young people in mid-March and is scheduled to happen again in April. A report is given today on something which the young are experiencing and the adults are trying to understand. Page 2A

New Town's Impact

There is a big quarrel going on in neighboring Novi over possible location of a "New Town." If the courts decide that newness should be contagious, it will spread to other suburban communities and could have important effects on the Farmington Area. Today's editorial thinks it should. Page 3A

Learning About Sex

Farmington schools are studying whether sex instruction should be added to the curriculum, but the Farmington Area YMCA has been offering human sexuality training for years as a community service. Classes are again being given in April for parents and junior high students. Page 5A

Fishin' Luck

The State Natural Resources Department has spent a lot of time and money stocking lakes in the Middle Rouge chain. What's there? Does the average fisherman have any chance of catching them this year? Page 1B

Students Politick

Students at Schoolcraft College failed recently to win an "advisory" seat on the board of trustees, but Dennis Pajot toured the campus and found they have a sophisticated and high-pressure campaign going to take their case to the public. Page 6A

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upcoming

A POLITICAL FIGHT is brewing in Wayne County over who has - or should have - authority to tackle pollution problems on the Middle Rouge River. Three counties are involved, and Roving Editor W.W. Edgar will tell the story in Wednesday's edition.

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GUARDIAN—Here is what Mrs. Blanche Sakoske looks like when she is safeguarding the children crossing busy 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd. to reach Bond School in Farmington Township. (Evert photo)

Kids Respect Blanche

A Zealous Guardian

By Elizabeth Wissman
"The corner."
To anybody else, "the corner" is the intersection of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake but to Blanche Sakoske it is simply "the corner."

BLANCHE IS crossing guard at the corner. For eight years before crossing children at Bond School, she was crossing guard at Eagle School at 14 Mile and Middle Belt.

"The corner" is so important to Blanche that she contracted pneumonia a few years ago trying to get to her corner through one of the biggest snowstorms of the decade.

She had left home so early that she hadn't heard the radio and TV reports on how bad the storm was. Her car threw a clutch before it got to her "corner" she headed her way through five-foot snow drifts to get to her "corner" to safeguard the children who never came that day.

THAT'S PROBABLY the only time that the weather stopped Blanche. She's out there, rain, snow, sleet, dog days.

A hearty, breezy, easy-going woman, Blanche takes the weather in her stride, although she dresses for cold days in thermal underwear and a fur cap.

Blanche also takes kids in her stride.
Over the past 11 years, she has known hundreds upon hundreds of children, knows dozens upon dozens by name. So when Blanche Sakoske has something to say about children, she's worth hearing.

Says Blanche, "I love kids. There's no such thing as a bad child if he's given understanding and if he's given a chance to talk."

Her kids talk to Blanche, confide in her.

"I've been told about everything all the way up to divorce cases to what have you," says Blanche. "When a kid is troubled, he has to talk to somebody."

THE VETERAN crossing guard isn't fooled by kids, either. "Some of their excuses for being late are really something," she laughs. "I hear them all the way from 'mother wasn't there' to 'the maid didn't get me up.'"

Blanche thinks so much of her children she once risked her life protecting them.

"This woman came barreling down the road, and I knew she couldn't stop. I motioned the safety boy out of the way, saw that the kids were okay and dove the other way."
The dive she took wrecked

the cartilage in Blanche's knee and laid her up for a year.

EVEN AFTER almost being killed by a woman driver, Blanche thinks it's a tossup on who is the worse driver, man or woman.

Blanche indicts all drivers in general. "When they're going to the schools, they think they own the place. They've got their kids in the car, and they want to get into the school and out; they don't care how."

"You ought to see it on a rainy day - they get in one driveway, won't use the other, and they will not give anybody else an inch."

Blanche is no ordinary crossing guard. She trained for her job with the auxiliary police of the Oakland County Civil Defense Department.

For that reason, she's a superior crossing guard. She did it the schoolyard before she leaves her station. She feels for children picked up by cars parked away from the school.

WHAT SHE hates most is the parent who is late picking up a child.

"I've had youngsters come to me crying because their parents aren't there. And the only excuse you get out of the

Redevelopment Plan Efforts Are Escalating

Planning efforts are being expanded as the City of Farmington takes steps to revitalize its commercial areas downtown and along Grand River.

The first chapter is about to be written with adoption of the Central Business District (CBD) ordinance Monday night.

The second chapter will be an upgrading of zoning along Grand River and establishment of a working team to explore more details on downtown redevelopment.

HEARINGS HAVE been concluded on the CBD ordinance which is almost certain to be adopted Monday night by the city council.

Main objection to the ordinance from merchants is that the CBD boundaries should be expanded to include both sides of Grand River east to Orchard Lake.

Instead of expanding the boundaries of the CBD, however,

the council voted a 90-day moratorium on all commercial building permits requested for property outside the CBD.

The moratorium was enacted to give the planning commission time to upgrade the general commercial (C-2) zoning classification to prevent an influx of undesirable businesses along Grand River.

Enactment of the moratorium, in effect, was a vote of confidence in the CBD ordinance. If there was any sentiment among councilmen to expand the CBD boundaries, the moratorium would not have been approved.

In fact, passage of the ordinance indicates the council intends to adopt the CBD ordinance Monday night and then devote efforts to upgrade the C-2 zone.

STEPS TAKEN SINCE the public hearing also confirm the anticipated adoption of the CBD Monday night.

City Manager John Dinan has been meeting with the city's planning consultants, Draker & Associates, to discuss upgrading the general commercial zone.

Draker is preparing a draft ordinance for the planning commission's review on April 13. The draft will call for a new classification and restrict the current C-2.

The C-2 will become a community commercial classification and the new C-3 will be the general commercial zone. The C-1, neighborhood commercial, will remain unchanged.

WHAT DRAKER is doing is transferring the general, transient type uses from the present C-2 to a proposed C-3. Generally, those uses prohibited in the CBD ordinance will also be prohibited in the C-2 community commercial.

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It will be up to the planning commission to recommend which areas will be designated community commercial and general commercial. But it's expected the Grand River strip of shallow business parcels abutted by residential will remain in the C-2 district.

The planners will probably recommend rezoning to C-3 the heavily concentrated business areas such as Grand River and Orchard Lake.

SIMPLY PUT, the less desirable business uses would be taken out of the C-2 and transferred to the C-3 District, according to Dinan.

Among the uses expected to be prohibited in the upgraded C-2 zone are: gas stations and garages, hamburger joints, muffler shops, car dealerships and lots, car washes, outdoor sales, and rentals of mobile homes, boats and recreational vehicles.

Planners may allow such uses as bowling alleys, funeral homes, animal hospitals, and ice skating and roller rinks in the community commercial zone.

Probably about 10-15% of the city's total commercial areas will be zoned for the new C-3 general commercial use. The moratorium will expire June 15, and before that time the planning commission hopes to amend the present C-2 and establish the C-3 zone.

Meanwhile, the downtown redevelopment subcommittee of the city's planning commission has divided its program into four parts with each member given a separate assignment.

SUBCOMMITTEE chairman Richard Tupper will be investigating new ordinances from



Artist Captures Hope, Sorrow Of Crucifixion

The story of Christ's redemption as it is progressively revealed throughout Holy Week is uniquely captured in a picture which hung in St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington on Good Friday.

In her painting, Mrs. Fred Samra of 33722 Hamlin Ct., Farmington, captured all of the sorrow of Good Friday and all the hope of Easter.

AS MRS. SAMRA defines her painting: "The crucifixion couldn't just show Christ's death - it also must show His redemption."

Mrs. Samra worked on the four-by-eight foot acrylic painting for three weeks. She painted it at Madonna College where she has studied for four years with Sister Angeline.

Colors in the painting shade from somber blues and purples at the bottom which express the mire of man's sin and rebellion which brought about the

town of thorns, painted by Mrs. Samra in umber and ochre with vermilion on the points.

The empty cross (draped by the white tunic which wrapped around Jesus' dead body and which he no longer wears) is surrounded by bright sun orange and sun yellow.

MRS. SAMRA's picture was hung over the altar cross during St. John's service Good Friday. It drew all eyes in the congregation.

Despite being the mother of some teenagers and a two-year-old daughter, Lisa, Mrs. Samra is an enthusiastic art student.

She has painted and studied art for 10 years and was only stopped momentarily when Lisa was born.

As she says, "After three teenagers, Lisa is kind of a caboose. She is lots of fun, but I still have to do my painting. When I can, I hire a baby sitter and away I go."

PROMISE OF EASTER—Mrs. Fred Samra of Farmington, stands before the picture she painted for Good Friday services at St. John Lutheran Church. (Evert photo)