

# Killer Among Us Is 'Law-Abider'

By LORRAINE McCLISH

**FARMINGTON**  
Homicide is an indoor crime.

Those who kill, for the most part, are nice, law-abiding people, contrary to what you see on the TV news.

Those who get killed, in the main, are wives, girlfriends and children, all within the family circle, because it is here that the most intense feelings exist.

**MOST HOMICIDES** take place in the kitchen.

Armed robbery victims are seldom killed.

So said Dr. Emanuel Tanay, a psychiatrist and national authority on gun control who set the pace for "Crime In The

Streets," the second part of the two-part crime seminar sponsored by the League of Jewish Women's Organizations.

Moderator John Kelly, a television newscaster, maintained a light note during the discussion in Farmington's Congregation Adas Shalom. Speakers covered many topics but concentrated on gun control.

Panelist Thomas Plunkett, former prosecuting attorney of Oakland County, said:

"Even being tough about it, there are now 8,000 guns licensed in the county, which means that one out of every 30 males can pack a six-shooter in his coat and we still have some people around who think they need a bazooka."

DETROIT is holding its own now in the rape, robbery and murder department (and has since 1967) while the crime rate is up 56 per cent in a year's time in Oakland County, notably Southfield. Panelist Johannes Spreen, who waged and won a campaign for Oakland County sheriff with a lot of talk on gun control, credits the rising rate in large measure to the fact that guns are so accessible.

There isn't a single law anywhere in the United States to limit guns, and registering them isn't limiting them, he says.

Dr. Tanay's answer to this is: "Don't allow your husband to have a hand gun in the house. Those who get killed are those in close proximity,

and you know who's in close proximity. Most killings are the result of impulsive actions. Better to have a black eye on a broken dish."

Killing for gains, or rational reasons, are in small number, and killings by psychotics are even fewer. A city-by-city survey has revealed that the homicide rate is in direct ratio to the number of guns in that community.

**'Y' Classes Offered**

**FARMINGTON**  
The Farmington YMCA announces 44 new classes will begin the week of Feb. 19.

The programs will be conducted in three locations: Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington; Cloverdale School, 33000 Freedom; and Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middle Belt.

Among classes offered will be a "diaper" swim class for ages six months to walking, to begin on Feb. 23. For walking to three years old, a parent/tot class is available.

SWIMMING classes are also available for beginners through junior and senior life saving.

A combination gym and swim class will be offered for ages three to five on Fridays. It is designed to improve coordination, balance, depth perception, motor development, and rhythm.

Another featured class offering will be "automotive awareness" on Tuesday evenings.

It is designed to acquaint the driver with basic operation, preventive maintenance, and anticipated failure. Instruction will be designed for the beginner through advanced.

Other adult classes include intermediate and beginning ballroom, dancing, women's trimmings, square dancing, women's yoga and women's fencing.

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the many who get maimed, paralyzed, and permanently injured through gun accidents."

Tatkan damned the courts for "their total failure to consider the gun problem because they are only concerned with their docket problem. There has got to be a marriage between the police department and the courts with some new specific laws, particularly in the area of concealed weapons."

DETROIT police inspector Richard Butan talked about robberies, armed and otherwise. He gives credit to STRESS for reducing the number from 23,000 in 1970 to 17,000 in 1971. "These aren't numbers. These are people—6,000 less who were subjected to this crime," he said.

IN ANSWER to a question from the floor, "What can we do to help STRESS?" James Bannan, a divisional commander of the Detroit Police Department answered: "Be vocal. Write letters. That's what the other side is doing."

In answer to "What can we do to help STRESS?" Plunkett answered: "These are the days that action is accomplished by pressure groups. Maybe some lobbying is in order—legislative lobbying at all levels. It might be a good project for your group to consider for next year."

He told how a pressure group worked to affect a change in the ways of an

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**THOMAS PLUNKETT**, former Oakland County prosecutor, reported there are 8,000 licensed guns in the county.



**MARTIN TAKAN**, assistant prosecutor in Wayne County, says the courts are more concerned with their docket problems than with gun control problems.

## Area Girl Aids Couples

By MARY L. JANKY  
Special Writer

**LANSING**  
Lynne Bidwell, a Farmington high graduate who attends Michigan State University, is currently working at the Catholic Social Services agency in Lansing.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) provides services for people in the greater Lansing area.

Miss Bidwell, an MSU senior, works with a marital-enrichment program for engaged couples.

"This program brings the couple closer together and helps them to communicate about their problems before they are married," she said. "Communication is the main emphasis."

Couples are given two books, "The Freedom of Sexual Love" and "The Mosaic," which are designed to enable them to further the communication process.

Guest speakers talk about parenthood, sexual fulfillment and values.

"As a result of the whole program, their marriages are more likely to succeed because

they will know how to talk freely to one another about their problems," Miss Bidwell commented.

"At CSS I've learned a lot about myself," she said. "I am more aware of the problems people face in the community and how they can be helped if they go where help is available."

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A LOVE PROCLAMATION, "Love and Crime," is presented by Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen of Farmington to Mrs. Norman R. Schakne of Oak Park (left) and Mrs. Howard B. Appleman of Southfield. (Photos by Fran Evert)



## Dr. Frederick In Research

**FARMINGTON**  
Dr. William G. Frederick of Farmington will direct research aimed at shedding light on lung problems encountered by workers who handle raw tungsten carbide in its basic form.

Tungsten carbide is a metal used in cutting tools, such as dentists' drills, and is commonly used by toolmakers. It is second in hardness only to diamonds.

Edward Kerfoot of Detroit, a doctoral candidate, will conduct research financed by a \$2,500 grant from General Electric Co., under Dr. Frederick's direction. Dr. Frederick is professor of occupational and environmental health at Wayne State's School of Medicine.

He lives at 31140 Perry's Crossing in Farmington.

Kerfoot also is principal investigator of a \$5,000 U.S. Public Health Service contract awarded for study of the toxicology of tungsten and carbide.

**MODERATOR** John Kelly kept the crime discussion moving in orderly fashion in Congregation Adas Shalom, Farmington.

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