



Shutting out the rest of the world, Tom Reinwand enjoys a magazine article on aviation. He preferred the library's collection of magazines over books.



Another method of enjoying a winter's afternoon is demonstrated by Olgiard Szczeniowski of Farmington, as he relaxes by the fire in the library's reading room.



Elaine Griffin (left) is engrossed in a story read aloud by her sister Marianne. The girls are comfortable in a corner of the tree house at the Liberty Street library. (Photo by Cynthia Abatti)

Library provides refuge from winter's rigors

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

The Farmington Community Library can be a cozy hide-away from the mid-winter blizzards but also it affords some tantalizing glimpses into residents' lives.

The library offers shelter to readers who use its books to help them in their work or encourage their dreams.

In a corner of the main floor reading room, Tom Reinwand of Farmington Hills, sat dreaming over a copy of Aviation Week and Space Technology.

"I wish it were my job," he said. "It's a hobby."

Reinwand, who is laid off from his job as an automobile test driver, comes to the library about two to three times a week.

"I'm having trouble finding another job. I might move to Denver. My sis-

ter lives there," he said.

In the meantime, he keeps up with the world around him by reading the library's copies of the Wall Street Journal, newspapers and news magazines.

"Sometimes, I take a book out, but usually, I read the magazines," he explained.

Richard Miller, who is visiting friends in Farmington, stopped by the library to catch up on what was happening in the world.

"I want to keep up with the corruption in Michigan," said the Minnesota resident. "I come here to read the papers and the news magazines, every other day."

A critic of large corporations, Miller says he does his research in libraries.

"I use it to gather ammunition against polluters and persons who are

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—Marianne Griffin.

poisoning our food supply," he explained.

Both of his elbows, encased in a paid flannel shirt, were propped on the library table as he explained his militant methods.

"I'm independently militant," he grinned. "I write letters to congressmen, to executives, to anyone I can reach."

He is concerned about letting environmental abuse continue unchecked.

"They'll destroy life in a gener-

ation. But it's so hard to reach people. I'm amazed at the apathy of people," he said.

When he isn't catching up on his reading or protesting unsafe environmental practices, Miller works as a painter, an organic farmer and a woodworker.

Across the aisle from Miller, Olgiard Szczeniowski of Farmington sat in an overstuffed chair near the fireplace engrossed in a news magazine.

"I LIKE TO READ," he said. "And

they have more material here than I have at home."

But Szczeniowski has more than an afternoon's enjoyment in mind. He uses the library's collection of news magazines and political journals to help him put together his Polish language radio commentary program.

"I was a journalist in Warsaw," he recalled, leaning back in his chair.

"During the war, I wrote a newspaper for the underground. We lived in the forest, then. We couldn't have an office."

"Then I came to this country after the war. I didn't know a word of English except the few that I had picked up from the American soldiers. I got a job at Fisher Body, drawing designs."

"But I didn't like mechanical drawing and I retired early," he said.

"Now, I can read a lot," he smiled.

In the aisles between the bookshelves of the reading room, Mrs. Jean Henry of Farmington continued her search for a good book.

"I like to read mysteries, especially Mary Stewart's books," she said. "I've read every Mary Stewart they have on the shelf, here."

Sometimes, she uses the library as her own resource center.

"And I like to get books about games, too," she said, clutching a small stack of suspense novels and flower books and making her way to the desk to reserve another Mary Stewart.

Downstairs, comfortably settled in the children's tree house, Marianne Griffin, 8, read a book about a blueberry loving witch to her sister Elaine, six.

Both girls live in Farmington Hills and attend St. Fabian Elementary School.

"They have lots of interesting books, here," said Marianne.

"I read to my sister. She can read the books she brings home from school, but I like to read stories to her," she said.

"But I read all the time. In the summer, I read inside when there's nothing to do. Winter's the best time. There's nothing to do unless you want to go outside and freeze," she said.

Marianne admits a preference for books filled with short stories.

"They you can read one before you go to bed," she confided.

But she couldn't decide which book she liked the best.

"It's hard to decide," she said, shaking her long brown hair.

"I like funny stories," she offered.

The she pulled out a library copy of Michael Field's "Prayer for a Child."

"I like that book, best," she said.

Woman killed last year

Intersection claims hit-run victim

A Farmington Hills man became the second person in a year-and-a-half to be killed in a traffic accident in front of the Orchard-H shopping mall.

Although Farmington Hills and the owner of land used by the mall and Oakland County have discussed putting a stop light at the mall driveway, the road remains without a signal.

Bernard Sakofske Jr., of 31933 Highview, was a block away from his home when he was struck by three cars as he attempted to cross Orchard Lake Road, Wednesday evening.

He walked into the southbound traffic and was missed by a car that swerved to avoid him, according to Farmington Hills police.

"He was in the middle of the street when he was struck by the left front fender of the first car," said Lt. Arto Newell.

The first impact pushed Sakofske into the northbound lane, where he was hit by two other cars.

Police are looking for the driver of the second car.

The car is described as a white Pontiac Grand Prix. Police are asking residents who have information to call them.

The first driver, Robert Edwin Walker, 24, of 2818 Rolcrest, Farmington Hills, stopped at the scene. After examining his car, police concluded that Sakofske survived the first impact.

The second driver spoke with police at the scene and returned to the station Thursday with her damaged car. Police refused to release her name.

Sakofske, who was employed to do odd jobs by the Brown family on Ardmore street, walked to work every day through the parking lot. He was crossing from west to east on Orchard Lake Road when he was hit.

Police took him to Botsford Hospital after the accident. He was declared dead on the scene.

Sakofske's death comes a 1½ years Mrs. Carol McCracken, 58, was killed in the south driveway of the mall, Oct. 24, 1975. She was attempting to turn onto Orchard Lake Road when a second car hit her. Her two sons, Michael, 5, and Kevin, 1, were with her but sustained minor injuries.

Both deaths occurred between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

AFTER MRS. MCCRACKEN'S death, city officials acted as go-betweens in negotiations with the mall's landlord and Oakland County Road Commission about the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection.

Orchard Lake Road is under the county's jurisdiction.

Although the county can install a signal, it asked the mall landlord to pay for the project, according to Farmington Hills City Mgr. George Majoros.

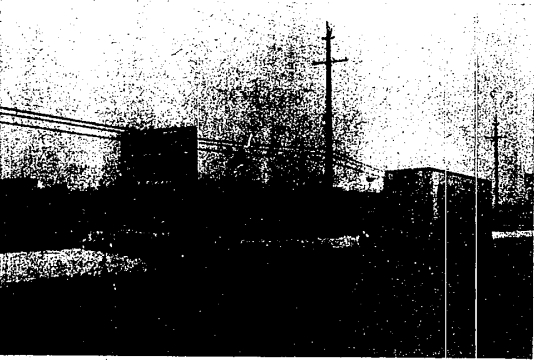
The county is asking the landlord to pay because its survey showed that the types of accidents which occur at the intersection wouldn't be avoided by the installation of a signal, according to Farmington Hills Director of Public Services Ralph Magid.

"We recognized the problem of access at K-mart's due to the continued flow of traffic between the two mile roads. We took the problem to the Oakland County Road Commission for a survey a year-and-a-half ago," Magid explained.

"They concluded that the type of accidents which occurred there, the visibility of the road, the volume of traffic, and the number of pedestrians

there didn't warrant a signal," he said.

"Those types of accidents aren't correctable by signals," Magid said.



The intersection of the shopping mall driveway and Orchard Lake Road has seen two fatal accidents in the past 1½ years. Oakland County Road Commission's survey concluded that the accidents which occurred at the spot couldn't have been avoided by a traffic signal.

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