

# Women inch up factories and boardrooms

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motions," said Ms. Evans. "He was supportive, but felt he was holding me back."

The two were divorced two years ago. Today she believes a marriage is "more stable to have a man earn more than the woman."

"These days, she is busy overseeing the company's conversion to more sophisticated computerized inventory control and bookkeeping operations."

She also has been studying for an examination later this fall to become a certified public accountant. Later, she may go back to school and study architecture.

"I want to design my own house," said Ms. Evans.

She added that she believes women can be feminine and succeed in a business world.

"I can't see any reason to be masculine and aggressive," said Ms. Evans. "Women put in more effort, but are watched more by men."

**DALE FARLAND**, 24, is director of the Westland Planning Department, the first woman to hold the position in that city.

Mrs. Farland, a Northville resident, was appointed to her post a few months ago after working her way up from a planner within the department.

Her world is zoning laws, site plans, city ordinances, maps and landscaping reports.

"I like this work because it is looking out onto the world and making a mark. Planning (a city) is never finished."

Ms. Farland grew up in Cleveland, the daughter of a civil engineer and city planner.



Corporate controller Pam Evans sees opportunities for women in finance. (Staff photos by Bob Woodring)

In high school, she said, she turned to her background and decided on a career similar to her father's. She studied economics and engineering at University of Michigan, and is now

working on her master's degree.

She spends a lot of time working with residents and developers, as well as attending numerous public hearings and city council meetings.



Dale Farland, city planner, lives in a world of site plans, zoning regulations and meticulously detailed maps.

"There isn't always immediate gratification in this work," said Mrs. Farland. "Input may never come to fruition." She credits her advancement to

training and a willingness to work with people to get jobs done.

"A person should be the most that he or she can be," said Mrs. Farland. If women are entering blue collar

and white collar positions, they also are beginning to wear the Roman collar of the ministry.

The Rev. Meredith Hunt of Redford Township was ordained an Episcopal priest in June 1977 after attending Swarthmore College and Episcopal Divinity School at Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Hunt, 30, keeps busy teaching adult education prayer classes at area churches and is an alcoholism counselor.

"Working in that area (alcoholism) is part of my calling," said the Rev. Hunt.

Previously she was assigned to Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Detroit. Her husband, the Rev. David Lillis, a native of Southfield, is rector of St. Elizabeth Church in Redford.

While she has had to work hard to gain acceptance in a "calling" previously open only to men, she says she has encountered little hostility.

"There are probably more women (priests) in this diocese (eastern Lower Peninsula) than in other areas of the country," said Rev. Hunt. "The feeling is very open."

Women who feel a strong urge to go into the ministry should be prepared to work hard and then to relax and let people accept them.

"You can't push people if they're not willing to change," she added. Women can play a vital role in the ministry, she believes.

"Women are much more open to their feelings and responding to their own intuition (than men)," said Rev. Hunt. "Women are less inclined to set up barriers" than men, who have been conditioned to do so, she believes.

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