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By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Women on the Go

Moving Leads To Politics

where the power is," says Mrs. William B. Smith Jr. "It's the place to be if you want to change things."

JOANNE SMITH, for years a dedicated civil rights and human relations worker, had found herself disenchanted and jolted by the 1967 race riots in Detroit.

A member of the Detroit Archbishop's Committee for Human Relations, and one of the organizers of the Farmington Human Relations Council, she had been deeply involved in a program to work with panels of inner-city youngsters and take them to high schools all over the area.

"It was rewarding work," she recalls, "and in presenting our programs we had the help of some fine people - Abe Citron of the Wayne State faculty, Bill Patrick, Mel Ravitz."

Her work with the archdiocese committee, along with service to archdiocese speaker's bureau, the Catholic Family Movement, Our Lady of Sorrows church, Sunday school and altar society, the Farmington Friends of the Library, Cub Scouts, the Michigan Cancer Society and the Staman Acres Civic Association, brought her a top award from the Ford Motor Co. her husband's employer.

Joanne Smith was amazed and delighted when, at a dinner in 1965, she received the company's Town Crier Bell, highest honor given for community service.

"It was a lovely bell, and I still use it to call the children home," she said.

BUT TWO YEARS later came the riots.

"And all of us who had worked so hard just looked at each other and wondered what we had done wrong," Mrs. Smith said. "Had we helped or hindered? What should we do now?"

For Joanne, there were three years of inactivity - if you call it that when you run a home and take care of five busy youngsters and do a lot of family camping. The family includes husband Bill, "who has been just wonderful about all these things I felt I just had to do," and Christopher, now a pre-medical student at Oakland University, Gretchen, 17, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, and three Our Lady of Sorrows students, Michele, 13; Brian, almost 12, and Carol, eight.

Then, in the spring of 1968, she was elected an alternate delegate to the Democratic convention.

"I was so naive about politics," she remembers, "but I was terribly concerned about the Vietnam war and was hoping the Democrats would nominate Bobby Kennedy or Eugene McCarthy."



MRS. JOANNE SMITH

Right now, Joanne Smith's main projects include work on petitions for ending the draft.

"This country was founded by people who fled to avoid conscription," she said. "The peace time draft has gone on long enough. We must say 'No more.'"

And of Vietnam, which she calls a "bad war all the way," Mrs. Smith says:

"I don't want to see Communists overrun Asia, but I feel these countries must find their own way, even if it isn't ours."

Through the fast-moving and tragic events of that election year Joanne Smith worked for the Democratic party "through Humphrey wasn't my man," and she then became vice president of the Farmington Democrats during Allen Sipher's term as president.

After they served two terms, she became president in a recent election.

"I hope to carry on the sort of program Allen started," she said. "I want to make the Farmington Democratic Club a source of good programs for all the community."

oment of the individual's qualities and possibilities. Dr. Rogers is the author of "On Becoming a Person."

Glass, Paper Are Collected

Livonia's Environmental Action Committee has set up a recycling station for the use of all citizens of Wayne County. The station is located on Five Mile Road, just across the street from the offices of the Livonia Observer, 33950 Five Mile, and next to Livonia's City Hall.

Citizens may bring newspapers and used glass to the station, a small white garage, at any time. These materials may be placed inside the large doors.

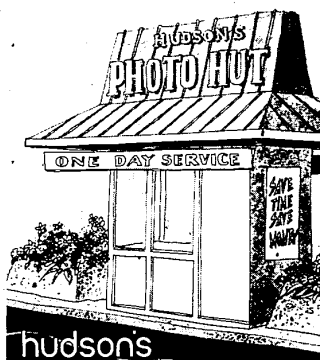
Glass must be clean with no lids or caps and newspapers must be stacked and tied neatly. Magazines cannot be recycled.

Anyone interested in helping the committee is invited to telephone its office at 422-0996. The office is at 15160 Farmington Rd., and is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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