Post office wrestles with office transition

(Continued from Page 1A) being too close to a residential nelghborhood. Nelghbors com-plained the 5 a.m. deliveries there disturbed their sleep.

"But what can you do with a five-ton truck at 5 a.m.?" Harris asks. The post office's lease on the Slo-cum Street building will be in effect for three more years. The depart-

ment has an option to renew for five more years after that.

WHILE HARRIS said he can't predict if the post office will stay in

lease expires, he says it's a good bet the post office will continue to oper-ate a branch in Farmington. The city has had a post office since 1826,

In addition to more dock space in the Farmington Hills building, the new post office boasts more room to

The interior, painted in colors un-usual for a government building, bright reds, yellows and blues, doesn't house any sorting machines or computers. That work is done in Royal Oak. It does house shelves for sorting local mail as well as admin-istrative offices and a larger service area.

area.
The new building has 170 employ-

Reduced rates offered at YMCA's open house

The Farmington Area YMCA, 28100
Farmington Road, will host an open house Saturday, Oct. 25, from 1-5 p.m. during which time all memberships will be discounted 20 percent.

The open house will include building tours and special-program demonstrations in the gym, including karate, judo, gymnastics, dance fit and power volleyball.

Everyone attending the open house

\$45 for youth under 18.

To purchase a membership it's necessary to contribute to the YMCAs capital-fund drive. The money will finance the construction of the new Y buts go into the reserve fund to repay the Y's mortgage.

The \$150 capital fee (\$24 for youth) can be paid all at once or spread over three years, \$50 year. Capital payments paid toward the Livonia YMCA

or Wayne/Westland Y will be accepted.

A PHYSICAL MEMBERSHIP includes use of the gym, 25-meter pool, indoor running track, universal weightifting equipment, locker room, showers, and the racquetball/handball showers, and the racquetball/nandoan courts. There is a \$1 person/court fee for the racquetball courts. Members are entitled to a free physi-cal-fitness class each eight-week ses-

job area goes unexplored, even those requiring four-year college degrees.

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sion, and to take any other of the 250 YMCA classes at a discount rate.
"We hope to expose people to our new YMCA, especially those who haven't visited the Y at all," said Jim Kraus, Y spokesman.

"We hope to give everyone who isn't already a member a chance to pur-chase a membership at 20 percent off just as the cold weather starts."

Metropolitan life is discussed

the Metro Community College Consor-tium.

The lectures will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16-17 in J Building of the Oakland Community Colleges Orchard Ridge campus, Noon Somemporary film will be Daniel Greenberg and James Lim-berger Addressing fielton in the Amer-ican metropolis will be John Aldridge

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The American metropolis in contemporary fliction and film is the theme for the first in a series of lectures given by the Metro Community College Consortium.

The lectures will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16-17 in J Building of the Oakhand Community College's Orchard Ridge.

The orchard Ridge camps is at 7855 Orchard Like Road, south of 12 the 18-18 of 18-18 of

versity. Limbacher directs the department of

libraries for the city of Dearborn. He is the author of numerous plays, musicals, opera libretti, films and TV and radio programs.

Among his published works are "Four Aspects of the Film," "Film Music" and "From Violins to Video."

He holds a master's degree from Indiana University and Wayne State University.

versity.

ALDRIDGE teaches in the English department of the University of Michigan.

"VOCATIONAL EDUCATION is for everyone," Bamunuk said. "It's not for losers: The programs we have here are for all kids to develop salable skills."

Annual follow-up reports on voca-tional-education graduates show that 80 percent are satisfied with heir work experience. A state-wide study of emexperience. A state-wide study of em-ployers shows that 85 percent are satis-fied with their workers. "They rated technical skills 'good to very good,' found the vocational-educa-

(Continued from Page 1A) nursing assistants, automotive- shop workers, printers, electronics workers and more intensified office work. No tion graduates more serious and wanting to accept more responsibility."
Baumunk said.
The impact in Farmington is also visible. The high-school dropout rate is 3 percent and a good portion of the reduction is due to vocational education, be said.

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Through his involvement with the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC), Baumunk is trying to establish a community job-placement service to prepare all young persons for the work world.

"I guess I'm newer satisfied," Baumunk says. "I always want more to meet the needs of kids in this community to provide the said of the sai

He readily rattled off a list of poten-

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