

# Trim elected to consulting engineering group

Donald R. Trim, president of the Wade-Trim Group, Plymouth, was recently elected a fellow of the American Consulting Engineers Council for his contribution to the consulting engineering profession through administrative leadership, design, science, literature and education.

He has been involved in ACEC for 26 years and has served as vice president of the quality/assurance procurement and governmental affairs divisions.



**Donald R. Trim**  
commercial and special use property and employee training. He joined Trerice Tosto in 1990 as a consultant.



**Todd Cecil**  
ant.  
Jon M. Fox, executive vice president.

dent of the Bloomfield Hills mortgage banking company McCoppin & Kost, and J. Christopher Meyer III, vice president of asset management of Copley Real Estate Advisors, Boston, will speak on real estate financing in the '90s at a luncheon meeting of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Engineering Society of Detroit. Call 255-2340 for information.

George Amber, builder and author, will lead a discussion on where to build rental housing and minimizing builder's non-construction burdens at a meeting of the Apartment Association of Michigan from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

## building news

Real estate and how it affects the building industry will be addressed by attorney William Schlecte in a class that fulfills the six-credit requirement for continuing education from 7:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10. For information, call 737-4477.

A 16-hour evening seminar for those preparing to take the Michigan state builders' licensing examination will be offered by the Michigan Builders Institute in cooperation

with Livonia Community Education. The seminar will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Dec. 3 at the Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard Livonia. Cost is \$140. Registration is required by Dec. 2 by calling 523-0287.

Metro Detroit Air Conditioning Contractors of America will offer a seminar on refrigerant recovery. Victoria Kamm, national sales manager for Thermal Engineering, Toledo, will speak on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Michigan State University Management Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Exhibits will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; sandwich lunch at 12:30; seminar from 1:30-3:30. For information, call 556-9210.

# Changing demands trigger building boom

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ground on a new 75,000-square-foot emergency room, surgery and laboratory services building.

## From retail to hospital

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young patients, anxious family members and visitors, and hard-working staff.

Greenburg was hired to design common areas — including corridors, waiting rooms, lobby areas, nurses' stations — in the 104,000-square-foot outpatient care center. The firm entered the project as floors were being poured and steel installed.

"The design is very, very unusual for a hospital. It doesn't look like a hospital," said Children's Hospital of Michigan spokeswoman Cheryl Yurkovich.

"It's very much geared for kids," she said.

Especially popular among youngsters is a seating area in the entrance lobby that is shaped like a train, and a brightly-colored play-

unvelled in 1988 two additions totaling 178,000 square feet.

Providence Hospital is building a 130,000-square-foot satellite building in Novi to open early next year.

house on the third floor.

"We wanted an environment where kids could touch, run or do anything they wanted, and that parents would feel O.K. while the kids did that," Crosson said.

Not surprisingly, the firm's retail expertise showed in the redesigned lobby store, which Crosson said has rung up sales far in excess of its predecessor and won a design award from Gifts and Decorative Accessories Magazine.

Asked if the firm would take on another hospital job, Crosson said: "Oh, in a minute."

and including outpatient facilities, doctor offices and an emergency room.

Another large-scale hospital project is the planned Veteran's Administration hospital in Detroit.

LONG-TERM hospital stays are in the past like the green and white decor, and this too has changed hospital space needs. Criticism, like most hospitals, now performs more outpatient than inpatient surgery. Many of the new buildings are outpatient facilities.

Inpatient structures are not being built because the state, which regulates the industry, believes there are too many hospital beds locally.

Nancy Fielder, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Hospital Association, said many hospitals found themselves with buildings dating

from the post-World War II construction boom. Also in 1980s great technological changes, which are likely to continue, necessitated redesigned space.

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