

# Laatsch appointed as compensation director at EMU

James R. Laatsch, production operations manager at Ford Motor transmission and chassis plant in Livonia, was appointed director of compensation at Eastern Michigan University by the EMU Board of Regents.

Laatsch was a training manager for salaried personnel, a management development and placement supervisor and an industrial relations analyst.

In his current position, Laatsch manages production and team managers in all phases of the plant's manufacturing capacities. He is directly responsible for managing human resources, product quality, scrap, productivity, direct and indirect labor and costs.

Laatsch is active in numerous community organizations in Livonia including the City of Livonia Vocational Education Advisory Committee and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Also, he serves as chairman of special gifts for the Boy Scouts of America in Livonia.

A Farmington Hills resident, Laatsch earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State University in 1950 and a master's degree in management in 1957. Also, he studied law at the Detroit College of Law.

Laatsch joined the Ford Motor Co. in 1950 as a material control analyst and has served in several capacities during his 30 year career with the automobile manufacturer. While at the company,



## A storyteller

The grandfatherly figure is Max Ellison, noted Michigan poet and storyteller. Ellison recently came to the Farmington library to share some poems and stories with more than 100 parents and children. (Photo by Denise Albrecht)

# Raymond Rogal is Ford manager

Raymond Rogal has been appointed manager to Ford's Milan Plastics Plant. He first worked in the auto industry in 1960-61 as a patternmaking apprentice with General Motors' Fisher Body Division before entering the University of Detroit.



RAYMOND ROGAL

After receiving a bachelor's degree in industrial management in 1965, the Farmington Hills resident participated in the Ford College Graduate Program at the Livonia Transmission Plant while earning a master's degree in business administration at the University of Detroit.

He served as a foreman trainee and production foreman in 1965 and 1967, then spent a year as a general foreman with Avco Corporation in Stratford, Conn. In late 1968, he returned to the Livonia Plant as a general production foreman and later was a production superintendent and production manager before being named manufacturing engineering manager in 1976.

Rogal was appointed machining manager of the Beslton Plant in 1977 and plant manager in 1978.

## Milwaukee alumni to meet

The charter for the Detroit Area Chapter of the Milwaukee School of Engineering Alumni Association will be presented at a dinner meeting for members, their wives and friends on Thursday evening, March 26, at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 38123 W. 10 Mile Rd.

Francis V. Cannon Jr., vice president of academics at the Milwaukee College, will speak on "What's Ahead for Engineering in the 1980s."

## Hamilton appoints credit vice president

Richard H. Headlee, president and chief executive officer of the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Company of America, Farmington Hills, has announced the appointment of Richard A. Gladfelter, 48, as assistant vice president of the Credit Insurance Department of Alexander Hamilton Life.

Gladfelter, a Northville resident, previously was director of credit marketing for Household Finance Corporation since March, 1979. Alexander Hamilton Life is a subsidiary of Household Finance Corporation.

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