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## Farminington FOCUS

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**ARE you fully immunized?**  
Oakland County Health Division will offer an immunization clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 11, in Ten Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile, Farminington. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child younger than 18. The next clinic at this location will be Feb. 12.

### IT'S American Education Week.

"This is a week when we can recognize the contributions made by schools, school boards, administrators and teachers in different ways," said American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346 of Farminington.

"The main emphasis is involvement in today's schools, the reaffirmation of commitment to improving and supporting education at all levels, and the translation of this commitment into action by visiting our local schools."

**SEVERAL** Farminington-area taxpayers are due refunds from their 1984 federal income tax returns.

If you are due a refund but have not yet received it, call the Internal Revenue Service: 1 (800) 424-1040.

### ART'S on display.

Edie Joppich, who specializes in watercolor, collage and creating designs out of handmade paper, will exhibit her works at Central Michigan University's Creative Arts Gallery through Dec. 6.

The Farminington Hills resident teaches painting and life drawing classes for the Visual Art Association of Livonia. She is artist-in-residence and co-owner of Joppich's Bay Street Gallery in Norfport, a seasonal art gallery.

Joppich has had 15 one-woman shows sponsored by colleges, galleries and corporations. Her paintings have been accepted in over 60 exhibitions, receiving 40 awards.

### SHE'S a musickmaker.

Catherine Paler of Farminington Hills will perform with the University of Michigan's Women's Glee Club in its fall concert Friday in Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. The freshman is majoring in pre-law.

### HE'S promoted.

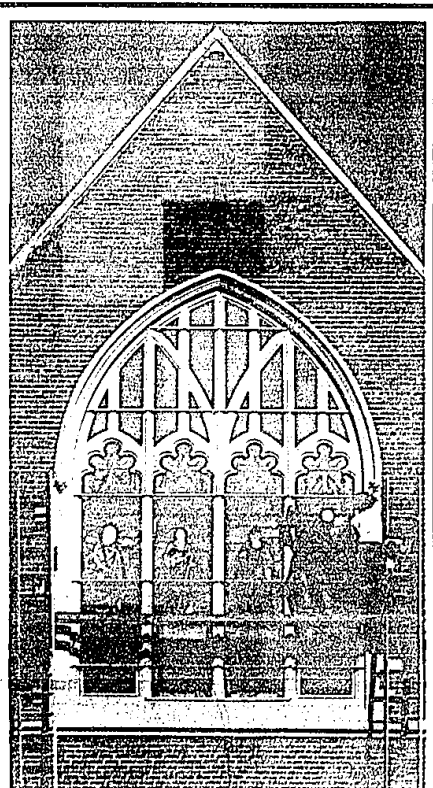
Louis Trump of Farminington Hills was promoted to cadet 1st Lieutenant at Howe Military School, Howe, Ind. He has been appointed security and information officer for operations/intelligence at Howe.

### SINGLED out.

Robert Ellis of Farminington Hills received the 1985 Outstanding Engineer in Education Award from the Professional Engineers in Education Division of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers. Ellis has been dean of Lawrence Institute of Technology's School of Engineering in Southfield since 1984.

**FOOTNOTES:** After the Civil War, the people living in the square mile around what is now Grand River and Farminington Road voted to have the area become a village.

The Farminington Village Common Council held its first session May 9, 1867. The village became a city in 1926.



Warren Wild (left) and Jim Dunn replace plastic coverings on the First United Methodist Church of Farminington's stained glass windows.

## Beauty is preserved

First United Methodist Church in downtown Farminington recently received a face lift.

Warren Wild and Jim Dunn, of Stained Glass Associates East, took advantage of pleasant fall weather to replace the plastic coverings of the church's stained glass windows.

"It's some necessary maintenance for the preservation of the window," said the Rev. Arthur Spafford, pastor.

Lesson, a clear plastic, is placed

over the windows to help protect them from atmospheric pollutants and blowing dirt. The window on the facade of the church dates to 1922 when it was donated by the Warners, one of Farminington's earliest and most prominent families. "It's an irreplaceable window," Spafford said.

The windows are cleaned inside and out, then covered with a thin layer of linseed oil to make them shine. The job takes about two days to complete.

## Closing down Arbor Drugs buys Godmar's

By Casey Hane  
staff writer

Nine-year Farminington business veteran Harry Watson, owner of Godmar Rexall Pharmacy on Farminington Road, finalized sale of his business to Troy-based Arbor Drugs Corp. It was learned recently.

Watson will work for the 45-store company as a pharmacist, he said. Site plan approval was given Nov. 11 by the Farminington Planning Commission for major modifications by Arbor Drugs to the current Farmer Jack's store at 23391 Farminington Road.

Arbor will lease this building for the new Farminington location, and is funding the renovation project.

Although no firm dates have been given, a representative from the local Borman's Inc. grocery store said he expected to vacate the store within two weeks. Farmer Jacks will move to the new Crossroads shopping center at 9 Mile and Farminington Road, he said. Borman's corporate offices in Detroit could not confirm this timetable.

If correct, renovation work will begin as early as Dec. 1, according to Rebecca McLellan, director of public relations for Kolon, Biker and Desmond of Troy, representing the drug company.

A liquor license transfer must be completed before the new store can open, Watson said.

Renovations are expected to be completed during early 1986 pending an immediate construction start, McLellan said.

**THE EXTERIOR** renovation plans are a colonial, Early American style. The entrance will be moved and angled, with a gable and cedar shake roof with a small cupola or small tower. Parking at the building's front will be removed and a green belt planted, according to the plan. Architect Bruce Boore designed the plan.

The exterior will be in keeping with the small-town look and design desired by the planning commission, McLellan added.

**THE STORE'S** interior will be designed in a typically bright Arbor Drug layout, since the commission had no restriction for interior renovation, she added.

About 2,000 square feet on the north side of the building will be subject to Detroit Optometric Centers of Southfield. That company will renovate the 2,000-square-foot interior portion of the building.

Employees of the Godmar Pharmacy will be allowed to apply at Arbor Drugs for new positions, according to

Watson, who said he is pleased with the sale and his new position. "Arbor usually tries to hire the local employees."

Watson did his pharmacy internship at Godmar's in 1961-62, returning to work there in 1971. He purchased the store in 1978 from previous owner Ralph Godmar.

Arbor Drugs Corp. was formed in

1974 and is one of the largest privately owned drug retail companies. All stores are based in southeast Michigan. Arbor Drugs acquired Brown Drugs in Farminington Hills last summer, and has just finished the interior renovations, according to McLellan.

The store is at 23321 Orchard Lake Road at the corner of 13 Mile.

## Sump pumps are cause of city concern

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

City officials are taking steps to eliminate problems in neighbors' yards, on sidewalks and roads — caused by storm water discharged from Farminington Hills homeowners' sump pumps.

The Farminington Hills City Council took a first step last week with the introduction of an ordinance designed to eliminate storm water problems in future subdivisions.

If the ordinance is adopted by council tonight, developers of future subdivisions will be required to install storm sewers that will provide direct underground connection for all property owners' sump pumps.

The responsibility of connecting sump pumps to storm sewers will be placed on the owners and developers, not the city, according to the proposed ordinance. Sump pumps that are not presently connected to storm sewers will not be affected by the ordinance.

While the adoption of the ordinance will help eliminate future problems with storm water discharge from sump pumps, city officials are also taking steps to solve such problems in existing neighborhoods.

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS** prepared a proposed ordinance giving property owners 60 days to redirect sump pump discharge or connect to a nearby storm sewer. Under the proposed ordinance, property owners who are not near a storm sewer would be required to redirect storm water discharge away from sidewalks, roads and neighbors' yards.

But city council members took exception to the proposed measure. Instead, council asked city staff to study the issue and develop a proposal that will establish a method for resolving problems resulting from sump pumps that are not hooked up to storm sewers.

"This problem is a lot bigger than you realize," said Councilman Joe Alkatech. "I don't think this ordinance should be enacted." Other council members agreed, maintaining city staff should work with homeowners to solve the problem before an ordinance is enacted.

"They (council members) want us to come up with some guidelines," said City Manager William Costick. "They want to know how we will handle this."

**ALTHOUGH** STORM water discharge via sump pumps "is not the predominant situation," some residents have complained about wet areas on their property from neighbors' sump pump discharge, said Tom Bissell, director of the city's public services department.

At any given time, Costick said, "there are about 18-20 spots where there are problems." "When there is saturation of the ground, there's a continual wet spot in your yard. It is a problem to those who live with it."

Besides large wet areas in yards, sump pump discharge also has undermined the stability of some subdivision roads and sidewalks, city officials said. A lot of homeowners have their sump pumps connected to pipes that dis-

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## Assistant library chief appointed

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

Gerald Furi — head of the Farminington library branch — has been appointed assistant director of the Farminington Community Library system.

On recommendation of the Farminington Community Library's Board of Trustees personnel committee, trustees appointed Furi, 45, to the \$29,200 a year administrative post. His appointment is effective Dec. 1.

"I'm a little awed," said Furi, who was promoted to branch manager earlier this year. "I am a little bogged. I didn't think I'd get it."

Furi was chosen out of a field of three candidates — all of whom work for the library system. "When we have a number of qualified candidates for a position, we prefer to promote from within," said Library Director Beverly Papal.

"Now we will have to appoint a head for the Farminington branch," Papal said. The position will be posted and filled by a current staff member.

**FURI'S APPOINTMENT** represents another move toward putting the library system's house in order following months of controversy over library operations and finances under former di-

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rector Gordon Lewis. He resigned May 15 after being suspended without pay May 2 following the release of an audit by accountants Plante and Moran of Southfield, that showed evidence of possible discrepancies in library finances.

Papal, former assistant director since mid-1983, was appointed as acting library director following Lewis' resignation. In July, trustees appointed Papal as director.

As assistant director, some of Furi's new responsibilities will include "coordination of efforts between the Farminington and Farminington Hills branch libraries and the library for the blind and handicapped," Papal said. He also "will work independently on various projects for the director," including marketing and the development of long-range plans and projects for the library, she added.

**FURI FIRST** came to the Farminington Community Library System in 1980 as a reference and processing librarian. In 1982, he took on the responsibility of designing and implementing the system's computerized reference services.

In late 1984, Furi was promoted to assistant Farminington branch manager and also served as the joint supervisor of adult services and reference librarians for the Hills branch.

As Farminington branch manager, Furi has been responsible for all branch operations, planning, budget and an annual report. He also has been involved in the second phase of staff training for the system's computerized reference services.

Furi has a master of library science degree from Wayne State University as well as a bachelor's degree in music from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He has completed graduate work for a master's degree in education. Furi has received continuing education credits in Michigan Library Association (MLA) seminars, workshops and conferences.

He is the 1984 recipient of the Loleta D. Fyan Award, given to a librarian each year by the MLA.



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assistant chief

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