



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brewington

Words Bloom In Spring

By DAN MCCOSH

"It's spring." There is a day every year when the coats come off, the pace slows, and people find themselves vaguely conscious of the beginning of life around them. A student in the English could look out of his second floor window this week and daydream a bit, looking down to the blooming courtyard below. There it is, spelled out in 1,000 yellow and white cro-

cuses blooming just above the top of the grass. "It's spring", in two-foot high letters. Richard Brewington isn't a man the students recognize on sight when he walks through the halls at the school. But every day the students see his work. The courtyard in the center of the school has been neatly landscaped, with wood-chip walks and two circular tulip beds surrounded by wooden benches. The students worked along

side Brewington last year to make this quiet park surrounded by brick and glass. At one end is a stone monument: "In memory of Duane T. Brewington." He was a junior at Farmington High when he was killed while working on his car. The park, the monument and now the flowers are a father's way of keeping alive his son's memory. Mr. and Mrs. Brewington secretly planted the bulbs last fall in the park for the pleasure of the students.

Monday, the letters were in full bloom, and they visited the school for a look. They were quiet for a few minutes in the courtyard, then climbed up to the second floor.

The door to the courtyard was chained. "I've got to do something about that," Brewington said.

Reorganization of Farmington Township police protection was cited by Public Safety Director Ronald Holko as the reason crime was virtually stable last year.

Township Crime Increase Small

The director's annual report on police and fire activities in the township was the first since he took over the department at the beginning of last year. Crime complaints were actually down one per cent from last year, according to the report. "Type I" crimes - larceny, burglary, robbery, etc. - were up one per cent, with "Type II" crimes down two per cent.

Traffic statistics indicated injuries were lower this year, with fatalities down 30 per cent and serious injuries down 24 per cent. Accidents went up 20 per cent. Drunk driving, violations more than doubled, up 132 per cent. "It must be noted the actual crime number provides the true crime picture," Holko said.

The dedication of Farmington's new Industrial Park fire hall Saturday kicked off a month of open houses at the four township fire stations. The new \$119,200 station will be headed by Chief George Hume, who has been head of the old station one at the Star Cutter plant. All stations will hold open houses weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., according to Ronald Holko, director of public safety. Township stations are located at 21420 Wheeler, 23166 Colgate, and 34600 12 Mile Road. A member of the volunteer fire department will be on duty to show visitors around.



DEDICATION -- Director of Public Safety Ronald Holko (left), Chief George Hume and Farmington Township Supervisor Robert McConnell dedicate the new industrial park station recently. (Everett photo)

Proposed City Budget Shows No New Taxes

The City of Farmington isn't expecting a tax hike this year. The \$423,841 budget presented to the city council Monday was approximately eight per cent over last year's \$391,000 total, but only four per cent over the actual expenditures of \$408,000. The additional revenue required will be available from new assessed valuations to

totaling \$6.5 million this year, and federal shared revenue, according to City Manager Robert Deadman. Cut back federal programs more than offset money gained through the revenue program. Deadman noted in his report to the council. Increased salaries make up most of the increase. A five to six per cent increase for most employes is anticipated.

A contract with the city DPW will give employes an 8 1/2 per cent raise this year, and the police will be getting 3 1/2 per cent. No new personnel for any of the city departments is included in the budget. The council will be reviewing the proposal for the next month. It must be adopted by May 21.

Fire Halls Will Hold Open Houses

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Styles Force Change How Barbers Are Keeping Pace

By W. W. EDGAR

There's a revolution under way in area barber shops. Gone are the days of the old fashioned hair cut when the barber used a pair of clippers to taper men's locks up the back, and the only choice was whether you wanted sideburns or a square cut at the ears. In their place has come an era of individualism that began with long hair several years ago. It now has reached the stage where there are all sorts of variations and the old time barber has given way to a hair stylist. Behind it all are the women of the land - sweethearts and mothers - who are dictating the styles and bringing about a wave of prosperity in a commercial activity that

was reaching the economic bottom during the long hair trend, according to Bill Cudde, owner of Bill's Shop in Livonia. "It started several years ago with the revolutionists in England," he said, "when they allowed their hair to grow as the badge of a non-conformist. "Then came The Beatles' and other rock groups. It wasn't long until our younger generation picked up the style. Long hair became the 'in' thing and we had young men and boys with shoulder-length hair. Then came beards and mustaches. "Because the children are with their mothers more than with their dads, the mothers grew accustomed to the long hair and had their husbands follow suit - to a point."

"Would you believe it?" Bill said. "I had a woman call me the other afternoon to tell me that her husband was on the way to the shop and she told me how she wanted his hair cut. "Then I had a high school youngster who moaned that he couldn't get a date. I told him to let his hair grow and have it styled. Now, he no longer has trouble finding a girl companion." Like all things, the long hair fad is passing on and with the passing has come another change. "More than 700 barbers failed to renew their state licenses last year," Bill said, "and it was all because they didn't keep up with the times.

Today, you've got to be a hair stylist and, like doctors and other professions, we have to go to school to keep up with the latest trends." What are they? Are we coming back to old fashioned hair cuts? "We won't come back that far," Bill explained. "But we now have an individualistic trend among our customers. They no longer conform to one pattern. "That's why we have such things as shag cuts and layer cutting - and treatment of hair to conform to the latest fashions." Bill doesn't believe the trend will come to the so-called "Princeton" cut with hair long and rounded at the back of the neck. Nor will the short brush cut return.

Instead, there will be all sorts of styling - much after the fashion of women's styling. This also has brought a new concept to the barber shops and a new avenue of sales and profits. With the various styling trends there has come a demand for hair conditioners. Formerly there were only shampoos and dandruff removers on the barbers' shelves. Now, thanks to the new styling and advertising campaigns, he must stock all sorts of conditioners. More than that, Bill confided, the Barbers Union has taken a hand in aiding the new trend and has emphasized styling. "It's the only way we could stay in business."

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All-Area Swimmers

The 72-73 All-Observer Swimming selections are announced in today's sport section, along with pictures and the final ratings. For the complete swim story, turn to the section that has everything for the sports minded. Page 4B

Meet Gwen Frostic

You'll get a chance when she speaks at Farmington High School next week. To make your plans, see Observing Life today. Page 7C

New Sidewalks

A subdivision will have a massive sidewalk building program this summer, if plans by the City of Farmington go through. To find out how you will be affected, see: Page 3A

Speaking Of Meat

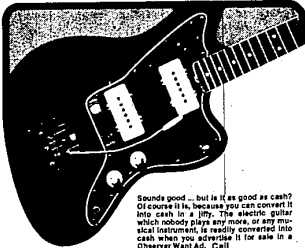
We're taking a look today at the whole meat picture in meat prices, meat boycotting and even a backward look at meat rationing. See Observing Life. Page 1C

'Play Ball'

The '73 prep baseball season is upon us! For a complete rundown on the upcoming season, along with season predictions by Sports Editor Tom Donoghue and a complete schedule of all 18 high school teams in the area, turn to today's sport section. Pages 1B, 5B

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