

Father Donates a Healthy Kidney for His Stricken Son

Assistance for the Charles Hicks family of Livonia has come from many areas and in many forms. There has been money, food, clothing and even blood. One of the most important donations, however, has come from Charles Hicks' father, Vernon Hicks of Farmington. Hicks, 62, has donated his healthy kidney to his son.

Charles Hicks, the son, who been kept alive these past weeks is 26-years-old was stricken with a rare kidney disease and has the only way he can survive

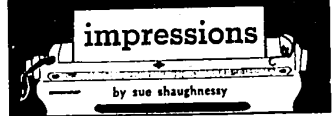
until such time as a kidney through tests which indicated transplant operation was possible by his son.

The young Hicks family, unable to earn any money, went

through their savings with household and doctor and were about to lose their home when people of the community heard of their plight. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Hicks there are two other young children and a baby due in July.

Members of St. Matthew's Church of Livonia collected clothing. Several ladies collected canned goods. For food or clothing call Mrs. Joseph Drost, GA 2-0008, Mrs. Vickie Pettit, GA 7-0218 or Mrs. William Wiemer.

Anyone wishing to donate a pint of blood please call GA 2-2781 for further information. Before Hicks goes through his coming operation he must accumulate a bank of blood. He has had to have 29 pints to date and approximately nine have been replaced.



by sue shaughnessy

If John Lewis, Deputy Grand Master of the Michigan Masonic Lodges in 1876, were to return to the Farmington Masonic Lodge today he probably wouldn't be able to find his way around the Lodge.

The Lodge—like everything else—has changed since the Deputy Grand Master dedicated it in 1876. At that time the Farmington Masons were moving into a brand new building. The Farmington Township offices were housed downstairs while the Masons called the second story of the building home.

Today—after 90 years—the building which has been expanded and, at one time, housed the offices for both the Township and the City is the home base of only the Masons.

In 1963 the Masons purchased the Township's share of the building and set about to remodel and renovate it. Today the building has the freshly painted, sparkly look of newly decorated old buildings. (After all the Lodge is 90 years old.)

Quite frankly the building fascinates us. We can't help thinking that it must arouse some curiosity in other people in the community.

The first floor of the building now houses the dining room and kitchen plus a coal room. One end of the huge room has a small stage.

Upstairs partitions have been erected to allow for a good size Lodge Room, an entranceway to the Room and a lobby. A large staircase leading to the upstairs has also been added.

As we said, John Lewis wouldn't recognize the building. All in all it's quite a change from a combination Masonic Lodge and governmental building.

The membership of the Lodge has grown with the times. Today it numbers more than 500 and the Lodge provides facilities for four other related groups, the DeMolay, the Order of Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and White Shrine.

It's an impressive building for an impressive organization.

YMCA Slates Golf Classes

Golf Classes will be offered this spring by the Farmington Area YMCA. The classes will be held at the All Star Driving Range, 3020 Grand River Ave. (near 9 Mile Rd.).

Under the instruction of Tom King, the classes will meet for eight weeks beginning the week of May 2. Three classes are being offered:

Monday 10 to 11 a. m.
Wednesdays 10 to 11 a. m.
Fridays 6:30 to 7:30 p. m.

Nursery service is available for two to five year olds at the Farmington YMCA located on Grand River, just east of Drake Rd. during the Wednesday class. A fee of \$1 per week per family is charged for nursery care.

Enrollment is limited to 10 people per class. This is on a first come, first served basis! The fee for the Golf Classes is \$10 per person or \$18 per couple, plus an annual YMCA Membership. An additional 75 cents for a bucket of balls would be required, payable at each lesson.

Call the Farmington Area YMCA at 474-3232 for further details or come to the YMCA to register. The YMCA Membership plus a \$5 deposit will hold you a place in one of the classes.



KENNETH L. ABBOTT, 32536 Nottingham, Farmington, has been named general accounting supervisor for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company effective May 1. Abbott, who has been general staff supervisor in charge of tax matters, joined Michigan Bell in 1949 following his graduation from Michigan State University.

Expensive Driving

Leo Edward Harrowood, 46, of Novi discovered last week that speeding in the City of Farmington is expensive. Following his conviction in the Farmington Municipal Court, he paid a \$20 fine and \$5 in court costs.

THIS WEEK IN FARMINGTON
(A public service published by the Observer of Farmington and coordinated by the Farmington Journal Auxiliary.) All copy due no later than Thursday. Contact Mary Sue Kuhnkin, 474-7283 to have your organization's event listed.

Wednesdays Exchange Club, 12-15 p.m., Salem Church; Every Tuesday, Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Botsford Inn; Second and fourth Tuesday, Lions and Optimist Club, 6:30 p.m., Botsford Inn; Farmington Youth Guidance Committee, second Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Youth Guidance office, 3242 Grand River; Second and fourth Monday, 8:30 p.m., First Farmington Savings & Loan; May 3 — Womens Afternoon Guild annual luncheon, card party, apron sale, 12:30 p.m., Salem United Church in Farmington (basement). Everyone welcome. Mrs. R. Reen, GR 4-4028.

Mrs. Heumann Is Delegate

Mrs. Evelyn Heumann, 21905 Leyte, President of the League of Women Voters of Farmington City and Township, has been chosen to represent the Farmington League at the 27th national League Convention in Denver, Colorado, May 2 through 6, at the Denver Hilton Hotel. Some 1,200 voting delegates are expected to attend.

Mrs. Heumann's prime responsibilities as a delegate will be selecting a program of national issues on which the Farmington League wishes to work for the next two years; selecting a national budget; and choosing national officers and directors.

The man who kills time also assassinates his opportunities.

Around Farmington

On May 2 residents of the City west of Farmington Rd. may place all their spring "castaways" out for rubbish pick up. The items must be placed at the curb by 7:30 a.m. in order to ensure collection.

A public hearing to determine the necessity of providing water facilities to the Woodcroft Subdivision in Farmington Township has been set for 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 17 at the Farmington Township Hall.

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- BALLOON BARRAGE SATURDAY 2:30 P.M. (SOME CONTAIN GIFT CERTIFICATES)
- BIRTHDAY PRICED — GIANT GLASS CRAPES IN BEAUTIFUL DECORATOR COLORS. LIMIT 2 BUNCHES TO A CUSTOMER WHILE THEY LAST.
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