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HARDWARE - A collection of more than 100 trophies filling the display case depicts five years of judo competition by four Farmington boys. Pictured from left are: Chuck Theobald (standing), Bill Theobald, Joe Bridges and Jeff Theobald.

## Farmington Household Boosts Judo Champs

Two Farmington boys have purchased plane tickets and anxiously are awaiting a trip to Spokane, Wash., to enter the Junior National Judo Championships July 6 and 7.

Joe Bridges, 15, and Jeff Theobald, 15, earned the trip by finishing first in their divisions at the recent Midwestern AAU Judo Championships at the University of Detroit. Joe won all seven of his matches in the 13-year-old lightweight division and Jeff compiled a 6-0 record in the

15-year-old 'lightweight' division.

The two boys are part of a household of judo champions residing at 3231 Grand River. Joe is the son of Mrs. Marjorie Bridges and Jeff the son of Mrs. Lyla Theobald.

Contained in the living room of this home is a showcase containing some 100 trophies, including a medal presented by Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh. The prizes tell a story dating back five years and highlighting the sporting careers of four fine, young citizens of Farmington.

CHUCK, the oldest of the Theobald brothers at 13, started it all by taking judo lessons at the Highland Park YMCA in 1963 after taking the short end of a fight with a lad long since forgotten.

In the first tournament Chuck entered he finished second. In the five years since he has collected some 30 trophies including 25 first place prizes.

Chuck's most cherished awards are a first place in the Midwestern AAU Championships and a medal presented by Mayor Cavanagh when Chuck entered the High School National Championships.

Chuck is a freshman at Wayne State University and plans on being a biologist. It was Chuck's entry into the field which prompted the other members of the household to take up judo.

JEFF, a ninth grader at Farmington Junior High, started judo competition four years ago and has collected almost 30 trophies with about 25 being first place prizes.

Joe Bridges caught the Theobalds' bug for judo 3 1/2 years ago and in the years since has

collected 21 trophies, about 17 of them for first place.

Bill, the youngest of the Theobalds at age 13, has been on the judo trail for the past four years and has 14 trophies sitting on the showcase, 10 of them for first place. Bill's record has been hampered by a shoulder injury which kept him out of many matches his brothers have entered.

Joe and Jeff's most cherished trophies are the ones presented for their first place finishes in the Midwestern AAU Championships. Bill's prized possession is a first place trophy from the Michigan State Fairground Championships, probably because he had to beat out brother Jeff to win the competition.

Jeff, Joe and Bill all attend Farmington Junior High and lettered in wrestling at the school.

Four times a week the boys don their judo uniforms for a two-hour workout at the Detroit Judo Club, 15351 Livernois. This keeps the mothers busy who deserve some sort of a trophy for transporting their sons to practices and meets.

In judo, competitors wear different colored belts which signify a level of skill developed by the individual. From highest to lowest the colors are: black, brown, purple, green and white. Some of the levels are sub-divided, such as black which has 10 degrees. The competitors are also judged on their good character before being given a higher belt.

Chuck wears the cherished black belt (1st degree) Jeff has the brown belt, and Joe and Bill wear the purple belt.

## Plan DAR June 14 Lunch

The Board of Directors of Fort Pontchartrain Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet June 14 in the home of their Regent, Mrs. Orvis L. Henke of 33174 James Ct., Farmington.

A business meeting will follow the 12:30 luncheon.

The new officers recently elected are: Mrs. George Killem, first vice regent; Mrs. Max W. Ammer, second vice regent; Mrs. Allen W. Barron, chaplain; Mrs. Carl S. Boyle, assistant chaplain; Mrs. Marie Churchill, recording secretary; Mrs. Kephart N. Walker, treasurer; Mrs. Adrian V. Ruff, financial secretary; Miss Julia Barber, registrar; Mrs. George A. Stroemer, historian; Mrs. William M. Perrett, librarian; and directors Mrs. George D. Hobb, publicity; Mrs. Charles R. Fraser, conservation; and Mrs. Robert C. Stiffler, ways and means.

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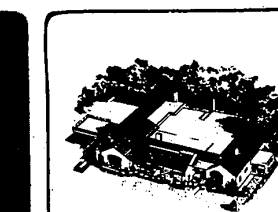
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