

# Firepower

## Hills' cops show off finest of weapons

By MARY GNIEWEK  
Weapons used by both German and American soldiers in World War II were gleaming in the sunlight Friday morning at the Farmington Hills police firing range.

Firearms like the Schmeisser, a mainstay of German paratroopers, and the BM-59 Italian semi-automatic assault weapon, were among dozens displayed from the police arsenal for a firing demonstration that was part of the Farmington Founders Festival.

The arsenal includes more than 200 weapons — over 100 duty handguns in addition to rifles, shotguns and special weapons like gas guns. Some were purchased by the department, others were confiscated booty. A few on display were from private collections of police officers.

"We're trying to promote firearms safety. To let people know how dangerous guns can be if not properly used. And also to show what we have and how proficient we are," said Sergeant Charles Archambeau, a member of the Farmington Hills police pistol team.

Archambeau, an expert marksman, said the department has never fired the weapons in the line of duty, only at the

outdoor practice range behind Chrysler's engineering plant that is shared with Farmington and other police departments.

Every officer on the force is trained in handgun and rifle proficiency. But only a select few can handle the fancier guns, like the Sniper .308 rifle that Archambeau says "would put someone away permanently with a single round."

"It's a strong solid weapon with accuracy to several hundred yards." An M-1 Garand, a semi-automatic .30 caliber weapon used by American infantrymen in World War II lay beside a Stenier pull automatic, a modern military rifle produced in the 1960s.

ALSO DISPLAYED was a .45 caliber Thompson submachine gun, also known as the "Chicago violin."

"This is the type old-time gangsters used in Chicago (during Prohibition) when the feds were in hot pursuit," Archambeau said.

That, and other weapons like the M-16 full automatic .223 caliber rifle, are kept under lock and key at headquarters most of the time.

"We never use them," he said. "A lot of our job is prevention."

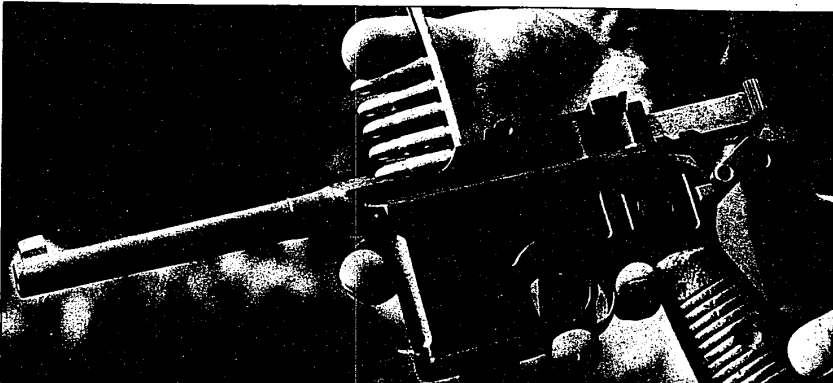
Other preventive emergency equipment the department is stocked with and had on display included riot gear: helmets and 36-inch wooden batons. Patrol officers usually carry 24-inch plastic nightsticks as standard equipment. The belt on which it is held along with cuffs, handgun and a dozen bullets weighs about 11 pounds.

The Hills arsenal is maintained by Paul Phillips, an auxiliary officer who is on the pistol team and the owner of a gun shop in Union Lake. Phillips is responsible for keeping the weapons in tip-top shape.

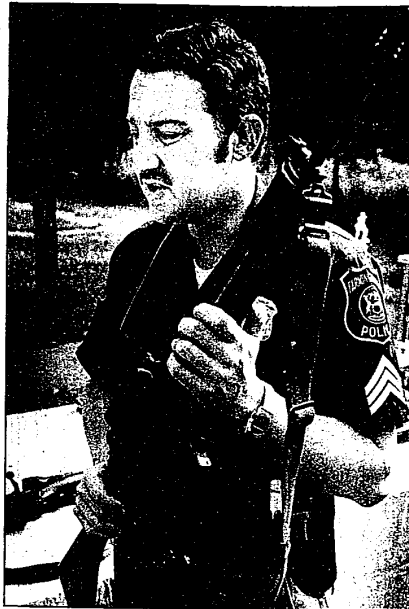
IN ADDITION to Phillips and Archambeau, officers Ray Marchewitz, Linda Harris and Inspector Richard Niemies to are members of the police pistol team.

The team is sanctioned by the National Rifle Association and competes in local and national contests every year. Each member has achieved at least a master rating in police combat shooting.

High powered weapons take their toll on targets at the Farmington Hills target range. Here Inspector Rich Niemisto checks out one of the targets. (Staff photo)



This collector's item is a German broom handled mauser which is just one of the weapons in a display owned by Paul Phillips. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



In the last decade, the M-16 rifle has become a highly touted item among weapons collectors. Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Charles Archambeau displays one of that department's collection. (Staff photo)

## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

IT'S HERE it's there, it's everywhere (almost). Angles visits the Founders Festival:

**TACKY TACKY** is the description Angles can give to some of the items set out for sale during Festival. IA is referring to such little numbers as the old receipt cash register going for \$50 on a Farmington sidewalk. Of course, Angles simply must mention those paintings in which certain parts of the subjects stick out of the frame. Said one observer upon seeing a trio of clay horse heads sticking out of their frames, "If I had that in my apartment, I would have nightmares."

**BUT THERE ALSO** was some real sidewalk bargains at the festival, including the Historical Society's rug which was donated by the Cook family. The rug is a Cook family heirloom. (At last, a little bit of the Founders in the Festival.)

**SEEN AT THE FESTIVAL:** Pat Das, who hooked a rug for the pope, was selling her original designs at the Festival.

**WHILE THE FESTIVAL WAS GOING ON**, there were other Farmington happenings. Dora Turner's family helped celebrate her 90th birthday last Thursday by giving her a surprise party on the lawn of her Farmington home. Happy belated birthday from Angles.

**THE FARMINGTON Area Commission** on aging has gone through some change. Nancy Bates, the chairperson has resigned. Dr. Joseph Gadbaw will take the reins.

**MICHIGAN RESIDENTS** can have free telephone access to their state senator by calling the Michigan Senate's new toll free Action Line. A toll free line has been installed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate to relay messages to senators from their constituents.

The number to call is: 1-800-292-5893, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**FAIR FANS** don't despair. If withdrawal symptoms begin to set in after the Founders' Festival, cheer up. The State Fair is on its way. The fair begins on Aug. 23 and winds up on Sept. 3. Among the special events scheduled for this year's state fair are a clowns day, Fabulous Fifties day, senior citizens day, agriculture day (of course) and international day.

**ANOTHER KIND OF** celebration was held recently in Farmington. The Hungarian Open just keeps on growing. The golf outing was begun by Chuck and Shirley Shottroff of Herndonwood Drive in Farmington Hills. Originally five families were scheduled to play in the Open. But this year, when they teed off at Glen Oaks Golf Course, there were 25 families represented on the green. Of course, they all were very chic in their Hungarian Open t-shirts.

After all, what else does the well dressed golfer wear to the Hungarian Open. Non-golfers enjoyed a picnic and were in charge of preparing prizes for the winners. Fore.

**RABBI LANE STEINGER** associate rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Oak Park will discuss the meaning of Tishah B'Av on Aug. 2 on WDET-FM, 101.9 at 12:40 p.m.

**FARMINGTON** Angles is pleased and proud as punch to salute you and your generosity. Thanks to you the Eldrege family is making its way back out of a tragic situation. When their home burned recently, Farmington hands reached out to help.

**SINGING UP A STORM** in Nashville is Katherine Dallas, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dallas of Farmington. Ms. Dallas is singing and dancing this summer at Opryland USA in the musical production of "For He and My Gal." She is a graduate of Redford Union High School and attends Marygrove College majoring in the performing arts. She performed in the Nutcracker Ballet in Detroit the year she graduated from high school, 1972. In 1977 she was in the University of Detroit production of "Vanities."

**FARMINGTON POLITICAL HOPEFULS** have until 5 p.m. August 17 to file for the Nov. 6, 1979 regular odd-year general city election. There is no primary election. Voters will elect three councilmembers on a non-partisan ballot.

Petitions are now available at the office of City Clerk in Farmington City Hall, 2320 Liberty. Candidates must be residents of the city of Farmington for at least three years before the last day for filing petitions. They must be qualified and registered voters in Farmington as of Aug. 17. They must continue to be qualified Farmington voters throughout their tenure of office. They may not be in default to the city or to any other governmental unit of the state. They must submit petitions signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 qualified registered electors by 5 p.m. Aug. 17, 1979. They must submit an affidavit as to qualifications.

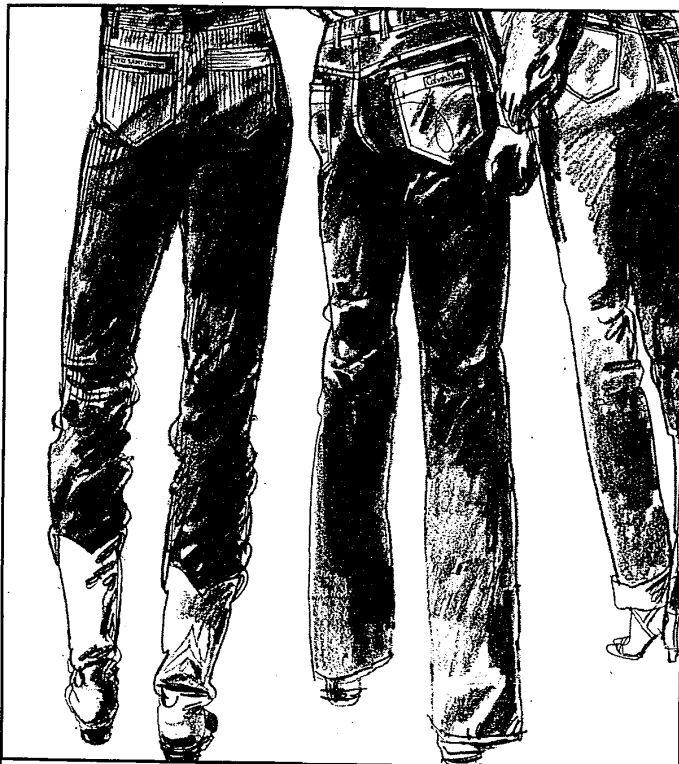
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### Go western, young man, in slim-leg signature cords

Home on the range, or out on the town, you'll look your out-west best in these corduroy jeans by two of fashion's favorites—Calvin Klein and Yves St. Laurent. Both offer the five-pocket western styling of your beloved blue denim, but in texture-terric corduroy and a

range of heathery hues. Shown left: Narrow wale corduroy hilly by St. Laurent, \$36. Shown right: Pinwale corduroy by Calvin Klein, \$42. Both narrow legged, perfect for rolling or boot-tucking. Slip into either, for tall-in-the-saddle savvy—from Hudson's Signature Jeans.

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