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Old cars on exhibit



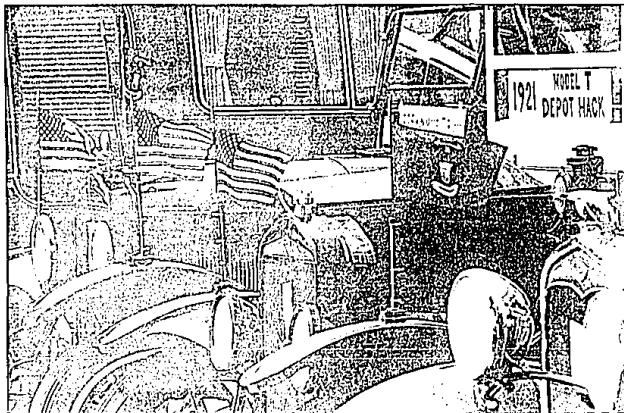
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James Lehr (at left), a Lathrup Village resident, asks questions about the 1931 Ford owned by Carl Miller.

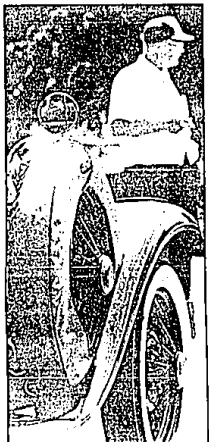
Members of the Ford Antique Auto Club drove their vintage cars from Dearborn to Farmington, lined up to drive in Founders Festival parade Saturday morning, then returned to Boisford Inn so festivalgoers could get a closeup look. The beautifully restored and preserved Ford vehicles were on display all afternoon.

Simultaneously, a photo collection of old cars was on display. The exhibit was the work of Joe Clark, known as the "Hillbilly Sharpshooter," who brought together 15 pictures he had taken of cars through the years to add to the afternoon's festivities.

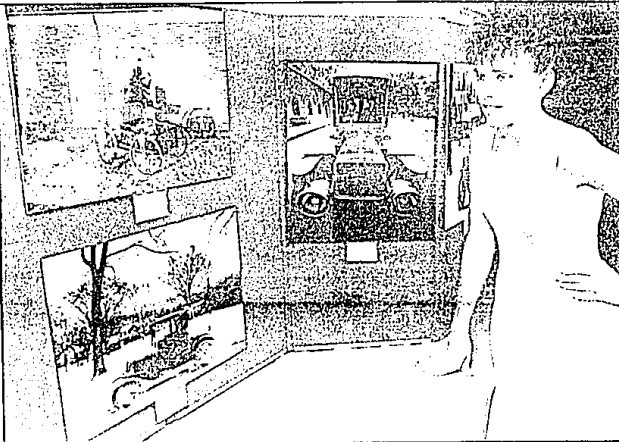
Guests viewed the cars and photos with backdrop music coming from The Banjoes of Michigan, then joined in an old-fashioned sing-along.



Vintage cars line up for inspection by guests at the Boisford.



The Ford with the fancy spare wheel was made in 1923 and is owned by Henry Czerwicks from Dearborn.



The photo display of old cars, the work of Hillbilly Sharpshooter Joe Clark, is viewed by Marsha Sundquist, a Farmington Hills resident and fine arts student.



Music of the '20s was played by The Banjoes of Michigan during an afternoon reminiscent of 50 years ago. Banjo player James McMann is from Canton.



Jon Maddern did the pitching chores for the home team.

The burn center was the winner

Farmington Hills Firefighters walked away from the softball field with a 3-2 score over the Detroit Fire Department's clown team, but the big winner was the National Institute for Burn Medicine in Ann Arbor.

The game played last weekend was the fifth of the annual games the

local firefighters have staged during Founders Festival to support burn research as well as help burn victims.

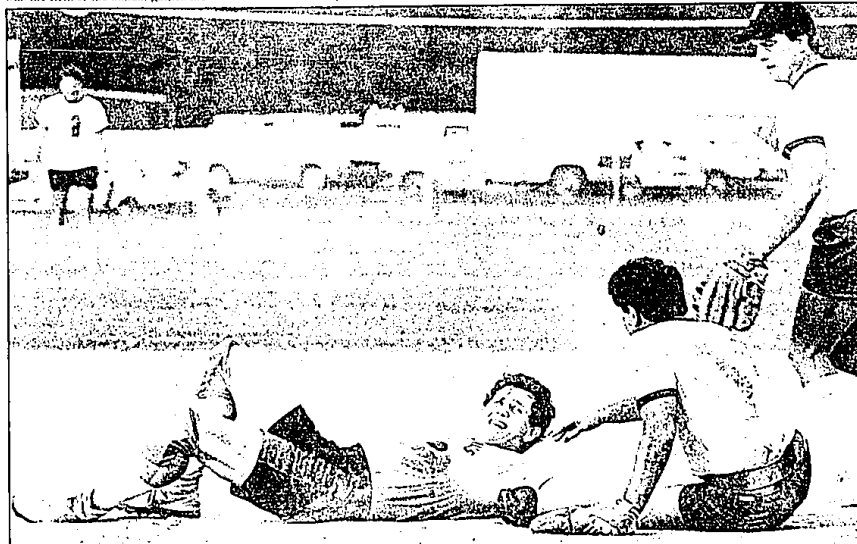
"Maybe we do it selfishly thinking one of us might be helped with the research, but we also do it to help the many, many children who come to the center each year because of

fires," said firefighter Mike Garr, who turned sports announcer for the benefit. "It is terribly expensive for the victims. It can run into the tens of thousands of dollars, so every bit helps."

Lt. Harold Sweet sold pop and popcorn from his motorhome he had set up on the field, and firefighters

who didn't make the team passed through the crowds with canisters to collect a total of \$175.

Farmington Hills softball playing firefighters got off to a shaky start in the win-lose department, but think their recent 9-8 score might be the one that will turn the tide for better teams and play ahead.



Wally Kurzeja is safe at second, which helped Farmington Hills firefighters win the game.

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