

# Lebzelter's Celebrates 75th Anniversary

In these times of change and instability, long-lasting relationships are hard to find. Therefore news of a diamond anniversary celebration marking 75 successful years together invited curiosity. No, the occasion is not a wedding anniversary, but is something more unique — This year is the 75th year of association between the Philip Lebzelter and Son Company in Lancaster and the Goodyear Company.

Lebzelter's and Goodyear first became acquainted in May of 1900, when the Lancaster firm placed its first order for rubber

carriage tires from a two-year-old fast-rising company in Akron, Ohio — the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. At that time, Lebzelter's specialized in the bending of hickory for the production of fine-grade wagon wheels.

Since making that first order in 1900, Lebzelter's has carried the winged foot brand exclusively, except during World War II when tires were rationed. This period spans the entire history of the automobile age in Lancaster.

But the history of the Philip Lebzelter and Son Company began long before

automobiles were even thought of seriously, on March 9, 1829 in Naulatern, Wurtemberg, Germany. On this date a son was born to the village burgomaster John Lebzelter and his wife Catherine.

Although Philip was only one of 17 children in the family, in his youth he thoroughly learned the trade of woodturning from his father.

In 1849, 20-year-old Philip sailed to the United States with his brother Wilhelm. After a 38-day voyage which landed them in New York City, the brothers traveled to relatives in Pennsylvania.

Unable to find work in the German settlements in Lehigh and Berks counties, Philip traveled on foot to Reading. He finally found work on a farm in nearby Muhlenburg, where he was paid \$4.00 a month for his labor. Eventually Philip was able to find work in a Reamstown woodturning shop, where he utilized the skills he had learned from his father in Germany.

At the same time, Philip's brother was doing similar work in Allegheny, Pa. At Wilhelm's urging, Philip traveled to Allegheny and joined him. Wilhelm later purchased the Allegheny business for \$1400.

In 1852, Philip moved to Lancaster, where he was hired by the woodturning shop of Bowers & Eshleman. There he worked for one and a half years.

In 1854, at the age of 25, Philip went into business for himself in Lancaster. The sign in front of his small shop

#### HOT WATER HEATER

Your hot water heater is the second largest energy user in the home. In order to help conserve the nation's energy supply, hot water heater temperatures should be set at 120 degrees. That's hot enough for bathing, washing, and dishwashing. It also saves from 20 to 25 percent of the energy required for the heater.

on South Queen Street read "Eagle Wheel and Bending Works." He stayed on South Queen Street for one year, and then leased a shop on North Queen Street. From there he conducted the business for three years, until his lease ran out and the owner rented the property to another firm.

Lebzelter must have liked the North Queen Street location, for in 1862 he purchased the site and again settled his shop there. The store remained there for over a century.

The goods which the Eagle Wheel and Bending Works produced at this time included second-growth hickory bent rims, shafts, poles, spokes, wheels, bows, reaches, banded hubs, and a specialty of fine grade wheels. Much of the labor-saving machinery used in the shop had been invented by Philip Lebzelter himself.

The same year in which he founded his business, Philip married Elizabeth Heleine, a French immigrant. Their son William carried on the family tradition by learning the trade of woodturning from his father.

William was joined by his cousin Charles Lebzelter and together they operated the business for over 50 years. Philip Lebzelter, who had retired near the turn of the century, died in 1906. Under William and Charles, Lebzelter's continued to be successful.

In 1900, at the dawn of the automobile age, the Philip Lebzelter and Son Company ordered carriage tires from Goodyear. As the number of automobiles in Lancaster grew, so did the Lebzelter business and its relationship with Goodyear.

In 1913 the Lebzelters hired David Reamer to head the brand-new automobile tire department. Since that time, many innovations have passed through Lebzelter's, including the Cord tire, the Balloon tire, the solid tire, the farm tractor tire, and

more recent developments. William and Charles Lebzelter jointly managed the Lancaster firm throughout the first half of the twentieth century, weathering the home front effects of two World Wars and the great depression. After the deaths of William and Charles in 1950 and 1956, David Reamer, who had been with the firm nearly all his life, took over operation of the business.

In 1966 the Way Oil Company, also a Lancaster business, purchased the Philip Lebzelter and Son Company. Today the firm is operated by Grace W. Jones, president, and Joseph E. Johnson, vice president and general manager.

Lebzelter's today supplies Goodyear tires to scores of associated dealers in Lancaster County, continuing the 75 year old association that began in 1900.

## C. H. WOLGEMUTH & SONS ANNUAL ALL DAY SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975  
9:30 A.M.

Located 4 miles West of Manheim, PA, Lancaster Co., PA.

It's that time of the year again and we are making plans for our All Day Sale. Good clean equipment is in short supply. If you have items for sale, bring them in early. Goods brought in last will be sold last. Advertising Deadline March 26. Open to receive goods from March 24 from 8 to 6. Closed Sundays.

You are invited - Buyer - Seller - Visitor.

For information, Call or Write:

**C. H. WOLGEMUTH, Sale Manager**

Phone 717-665-5664

## PUBLIC AUCTION

FARM MACHINERY,  
SOME HOUSEHOLD,  
BOAT - BOAT TRAILER

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1975

10:30 A.M.

Blizzard date March 26

Ernest Jones, RD Blairstown, NJ. Farm located 1 mile North of Blairstown along Jones Road. Turn off Route 94 at blinker light in Blairstown. Follow sale arrows.

1971 David Brown 1200 diesel tractor fully equipped (950 hrs.); 1965 Massey Ferguson Super 90 diesel w-multi-power and wide front; John Deere 2010 tractor (gas); Case VAC and Allis Chalmers WC tractors; Int. No. 710 3 bottom 16" auto. reset plow; AC 2 bottom 14" plow; Oliver 2 bottom 14" and AC 2 bottom 12" pull behind plows; 3 section springtooth harrow; Brillion culti-packer and seeder; Brillion culti-packer; John Deere No. 290 corn planter; JD 3 pt. 2 row cornplanter; 1972 New Holland No. 469 haybine; New Holland No. 275 heavy duty bailer w-kicker; N.H. No. 56 rola bar rake; Grimm hay tedder; Case 3 pt. 7' mower; Papec chopper w-Le Roi engine; Papec silo blower; two 6 ton kicker wagons; Kingwise 34' bale elevator; Farmec No. 531 silo unloader (14' silo); David Brown front end loader; J.D. trail type field sprayer w-fiber glass tank; A.C. cord wood saw; DeLaval milker, 2 pails, stainless strainer; 2 feed carts, shallow well pump; 1 1/2 h.p. electric motor; 36' ext. ladder, wheelbarrow tree sprayer; elec. fencer, cow clippers; cattle oiler, elec. cable, vise; shovels, forks, some chicken equip.; Bolens garden rotary, garden tools; 2"x6" and 8"x12' rough lumber; 5 rabbit cages, walking horse plow; milk cans, bale hooks, wooden oats forks; grain cradle, lard press; elec. clothes mangle, 5 pc. lawn set w-umbrella; kitchen chairs, child's cane rocker; crocks, Mason jars, Johnson Bros. china; plus many small items too numerous to mention.

Fleetcraft 16' fiber glass boat and trailer; 14' Duratch alum. boat; 30 h.p. Mercury and 15 h.p. Evinrude outboard motors. All of the equipment in this sale is in clean top condition. Sale rain or shine.

Terms: Cash or a Good Check.

**Ernest Jones, Owner**

Blairstown, NJ

(201) 362-6788

Col. John P. Kachmar, Auctioneer  
Flemington, NJ (201) 782-4271

## PUBLIC SALE

MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1975

12:30 P.M.

Located at Mt. Joy RD1 along Colebrook Road, 3 miles South of Rheems. Get off 283 by-pass at Rheems and Milton Grove interchange turn South. Watch for Sale signs.

5 tractors, all are Diesel but one — J.D. 4020, J.D. 3020, Oliver 1600, Oliver 77, J.D. B with Cult. Caterpillar: D4 dozer and D2 with bucket, Fox Max 1 Harvester with GM V671 Diesel with electric knife sharpener and 3 row 30" corn head and pickup head fully equipped.

J.D. 4400 combine with 13' headed and 3 row corn head, J.D. 346 baler with throw, J.D. two 216 and one 214 forage boxes with 10 and 12 ton wagons, J.D. FB-B grain drill 18 disc, J.D. 115 chuck wagon mounted on Chev. truck, KB60 Kools silo blower, N.J. 36' elevator, Oliver 6 B 16" spring reset plow, Oliver No. 568 4B 16" hydro reset plow, J.D. 3 pt. 6 row corn planter, Daffin Hammer mill GM Diesel on Ford truck, Clark field sprayer with 3 tanks, 200 gallons each mount on tractor, J.D. and N.J. manure spreaders, N.H. wagon with bed, J.D. cutaway disc heavy duty 24" disc on rubber, 3 Sec. folding 20' spring harrow on rubber, Lily and J.D. hay rakes, J.D. 7' side mower, Vandale silo unloader, Chev. dump truck with bed and sides, rotary mower, two wheeltrailer, portable cattle scale, irrigation pump 6" P.T.O., Volume gun 2" on wheels, round back sleigh, army surplus tanks, iron kettles, straw, please note no small items, this equipment in excellent condition - like new. COME EARLY.

Sale by:

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DIFFENDERFER, CLERK

FOOD STAND

## LATROP FARM DISPERSAL

at Springwater, N. Y.  
(25 Miles from Bath, N. Y.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, at 11 A.M.

56 Very Good Holsteins; Excellent and Full line Machinery - featuring brand new Ford "5000D" tractor (200 hrs. and a beauty!!) IH "656" and "H" (all WFE), New Idea 1-row picker (new!); McCormick "201" Self propelled windrower; 4-row fiberglass planter; Ford "530" baler and many 3 pt. items.

Keewanee 13 ft. transport disc and all other machinery; New Papec 1 1/2 ton feed grinder; Mueller 425 gal. tank; 10 ton fertilizer; 5 ton Urea, 20 bushel seed corn, etc.

Good 145 Acre farm with very good buildings also for sale. Write for full listing Rumsey Sales, Bath, N. Y. (607-776-3478).

## PUBLIC AUCTION

Big Farm Machinery Sale

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1975

At 9:30 A.M.

At Kyles Dairy Farm, Mackeyville, Pa. Two miles north of I-80 at intersection 25 or 26, Clinton County.

5 tractors, John Deere 4020 wide front power shift, John Deere 1520 with reversing and heavy rear end, No. 48 loader with fork, 4' bucket, 6' bucket, J.D.A., 1 HC 460, 1 HC 504, with two point hitch, all in good condition, 2 I.H. stake rack dump trucks, 14' and 16' beds, Ford pick-up, jeep, I.H. stake not registered, 1 HC 4 row corn planter herbicide attachment, two row New Idea mounted corn pickers, 1 HC No. 10 18 double disc grain drill new, 1 HC No. 93 10 ft. self propelled combine, good condition, 1209 J.D. mower conditioner new, I.H. 7' side mounted mower, I.H. rear 7' mounted mower, New Holland No. 276 baler with thrower 1 year old, 3 rakes, New Idea wheel rake, 1 year old, J.D. rake 858A, I.H. No. 14 rake, I.H. hay crusher, Grimm hay tedder power take off, 2 42" Robinson hay fans 5 and 7 1/2 220 H.P. motors, 2 J.D. chuck wagons, No. 115 and 214, 3 J.D. wagons with bail racks, webbe bottoms and power unloading units, spare tire and wheel for same, 2 Fox harvestors with corn head, sickle bar, and pick upheads, 2 100 inch Howard rotovators, model S, I.H. 3 bottom 14" plow, two point hitch, I.H. scraper blade fast hitch, I.H. 16 ft. transport spring tooth harrow, I.H. 8 ft. doubled disc, J.D. Kilfor disc., Brillion 10 ft. cultipicker, J.D. cultivators for A or B tractor, 2 Perry harrows, 1 pasture harrow, 5 elevators 1-50 ft. IHC with drag, New Holland crop dryer and 500 gal. oil tank, 4 protein lick tanks, J.D. Flail chopper, J.D. No. 65 hopper blower and 50' pipe new, Fox blower, J.D. No. 328 weed sprayer with 200 gal. fiber glass tank, J.D. manure spreader No. 54 new, New Idea spreader No. 207, No. 98A Pratz silo unloader 16', two Farmway silo unloaders, 3 bunk feed trough, walking plows, spike harrow, inclosed trailer, cow trailer, 6 feed carts, 13" Papac. hammer mill, grain drying fan, belts and canvasses and etc.

#### MILKING EQUIPMENT

Milking equipment, 4 unit Delaval magnetic milker complete with extra 60 lb. pails, 2 HP Delaval pump, Girton electric dumping station with 50' hose, Girton 650 gal. bulk tank with 3 HP water and air cooled compressor, 6 can Escro milk cooler good. Poultry equipment, gas brooders, electric brooders, all sizes, feeders and water fountains, parts for Lewistown over head doors. Lot of hay and heat dried corn. Clean up sale but not many small tools.

Terms: Cash or Check

Lunch at Sale

Owner & Auctioneer not responsible for Accidents.

Write for Catalogues of  
Farm Machinery.

**LOUDON M. KYLE &  
RONALD WALLACE,**

Mackeyville, Pa.

MARK GLICK, AUCTIONEER

McCOOL AND MRS. ARDNER, CLERKS