

Hot-rod

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427 cubic-inch engine and a few other "knick-knacks," regularly pulls in the 5,000, and 7000-pound modified classes — occasionally in the 9000-pound class. Each of his engine's eight pistons is individually fueled by a fuel

injection pump rated at 600 pounds of pressure. He uses about 3½ to four gallons of fuel per pull "when she's working right."

According to Flowers, the weather and condition of the track make a big difference in final performance. He prefers a dry track and dry weather, claiming that that's when his machine really comes to life. The engine howls like something out of

this world. These are super-tuned engines. As such, they are also considered to be somewhat hazardous. Regulations require that a fire extinguisher and various other safety devices be on board.

A new and used machinery dealer, as well as part-time farmer, Flowers began his competitive career with micro-midget racing cars, and later mini-stock cars. Now all his efforts are devoted to the home-made tractor which serves no purpose other than pull a sled down a 300-foot dirt track. Most tractors at the pulls are modified to the

degree that they would not hold up under the stress found in the field.

Besides the track, the high-powered tractors are occasionally seen at shopping malls for exhibitional purposes. But there's no action there, except people milling around to gape at the monstrosities. Their curiosity is almost always aroused, and sooner or later they come to a pull.

To give readers an idea of how expensive the hobby can become, Flowers pointed out that one of his spark plugs cost \$16. He needs a special variety because of the unique fuel he burns. A tiny

valve left him with little change after forking over a \$50 bill, and other items which don't look like much add up quickly. "It's the little knick-knacks which are most expensive," he said, while proceeding to check the oil level. The slippery liquid looked like new yet, but it would be drained before the next pull, Flowers commented. He uses a special racing oil and changes it after every two pulls.

He and the others are ready to go again, as local tracks will soon open their gates for another year of competition. In short, the

spectacle is one in which a thousand man-made "horses" are hitched to a 20-ton sled and then whipped to perform without hesitation.

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Farmers association meeting date changed

KIRKWOOD - The Lancaster County Farmers Association has erroneously indicated that a meeting would be held this Monday, May 17, and wishes to note that the actual meeting date is Wednesday, May 19.

Scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, the meeting is considered to be highly important because it deals with a unique public relations effort on behalf of the association.

The group of Lancaster County farmers has arranged to have the entire Park City mall for its use during the second week in October. The meeting on Wednesday evening is for the purpose of making plans for the gigantic PR effort.

All committee chairpersons, PFA directors, and womens' committee members should be there, according to Carol Groff, LCFA officer. Any other interested individuals are also invited to attend.

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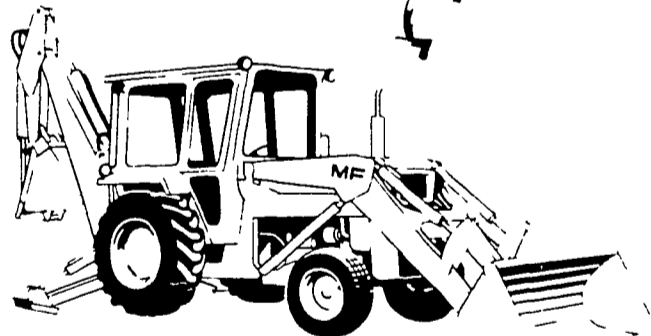
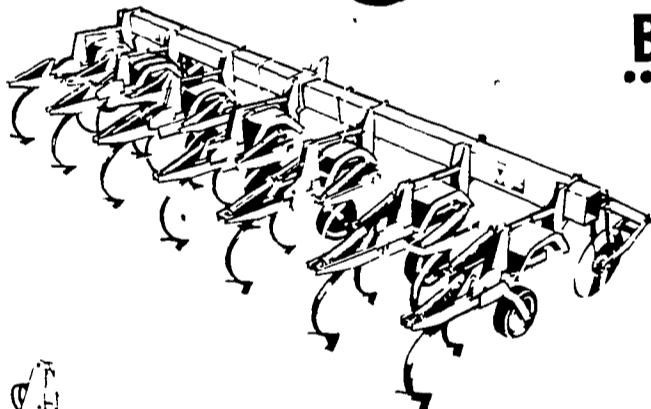
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