

Tractor pulling

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came along to be in charge of sled adjustments and operations.

The Dutch had some of their own tractors readied for pulling contests, but none like the two brought over from America at a cost of \$6000. Houck had brought over his twin Dodge powered mechanical monster and fellow Lancaster Countian Mark Stauffer was there



Tractor pulling contests fascinate European as well as American audiences. Les Houck, one of several men in Lancaster County who helped introduce the sport in Europe last Fall, reviews some of the top national magazines which cover pulling events with unabashed enthusiasm and plenty of color photographs.

Farm Women's Calendar

Today, May 13

Lancaster Co. Society 18 meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Lancaster Co. Society 19 meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Lancaster Co. Society 25 meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 15

Lancaster Co. Society 29 meeting, 7:30 p.m.; program Lehman's nursing home.

Lancaster Co. Society 30 meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Lancaster Co. Society 31 meeting, hostess Connie Rutt.

Wednesday, May 17

Spring Rally, to be held at the Hershey Convention Center.

Thursday, May 18

Lancaster Co. Society 15 Mother's Day program, at Willow Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19

Lancaster Co. Society 19 Mother and Daughter banquet at Historic Strasburg.

Saturday, May 20

Lancaster Co. Society 3 meeting, 2 p.m.; hostess Mrs. John Hoffman.

Lancaster Co. Society 5 meeting, hostess Emma Weaver.

Lancaster Co. Society 8 meeting, 2 p.m.

Lancaster Co. Society 12 meeting, entertaining Society 1 and county officers. At the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 12:30 p.m.

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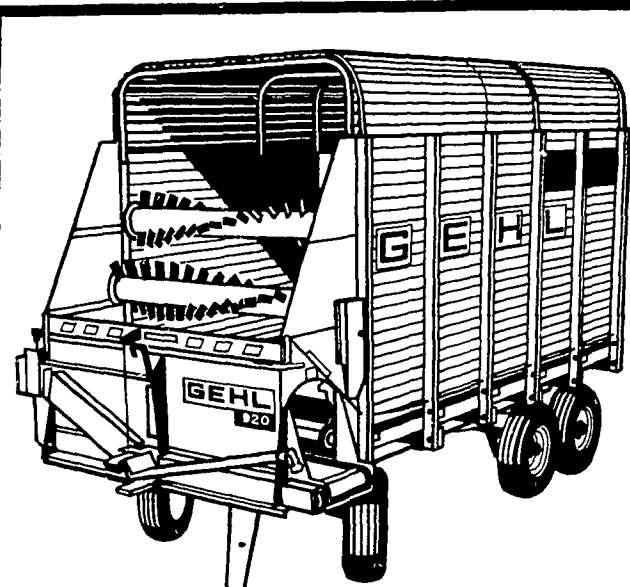
with his air-cooled Deutz, a German tractor. Stauffer hails from New Holland and is associated with Stauffer Diesel, Inc., a Deutz dealership. The family has three Deutz tractors entered regularly in tractor pulling contests and they have had the distinction of winning several national championships with their powerful machines.

"Interest was fantastic," Houck recalls. Serving as secretary of NTPA, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Tractor Pullers Association (PTPA), and being an active tractor puller himself, Houck is very knowledgeable on the subject of tractor pulling. In addition to his responsibilities with the above named organizations, he is owner and farm director of the Agri-Broadcasting Network, a New Holland-

headquartered business with 15 subscribing stations in Pennsylvania. Daily market reports are a specialty.

The pull last Fall in Holland was the first such event ever held in Europe. From that enthusiastic beginning has sprung a phenomenon which is spreading throughout other western European countries like wildfire. Houck notes that six tractor pulls will be held in The Netherlands this year and Germany has scheduled two. The new attraction gets top billing in popular farm magazines such as Germany's Top Agrar and Holland's Boerdery. Both have devoted numerous pages, complete with color photographs, to the new sport. The Boerdery, is a weekly farm magazine which more than 80 per cent

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