

# New book features Heebner firm

TELFORD — A book written by a Telford man on a pioneering manufacturer of farm machinery in Pennsylvania will be available for the first time at next week's annual Rough and Tumble reunion at Paradise.

The book, written by Francis Blase Jr., of County Line Road, Telford, is entitled "Heebner & Sons, Pioneers of Farm Machinery in America, 1840-1926."

The book centers on the Heebner & Sons firm of Lansdale and covers nearly a century of operations from the days when ag mechanization first dawned on a large scale to the start of giant assembly line production.

Blase has worked on the history for the past four years. The book is in two parts — one dealing with the history of the Heebner firm and the other containing an illustrated description of many of the pieces of farming machinery it manufactured.

The book will also be available at the 250th anniversary celebration of the Schwenkfelders this fall. David S. Heebner, who founded the firm, was a Schwenkfelder.

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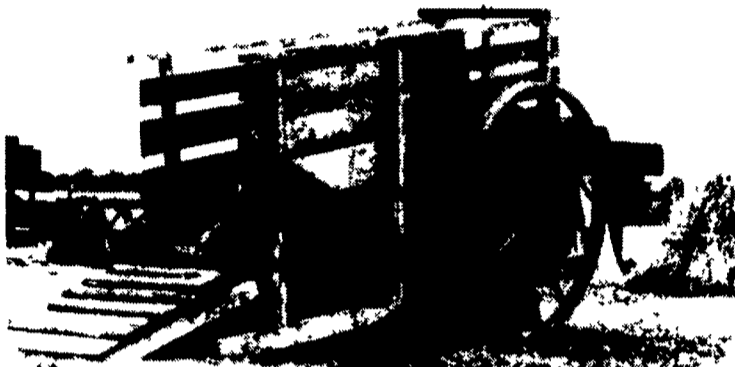


Francis Blase Jr.

putting the book together, according to Blase, were Samuel Kriebel and son, Roger, of Mainland, of Schwenkfelder descent, collectors of old farm machinery; The Landis Valley Farm Museum and Hatfield Packing Co.



Sam Kriebel, of Mainland, operates "The Pennsylvania," a stationary thresher manufactured by Heebner & Sons of Lansdale.



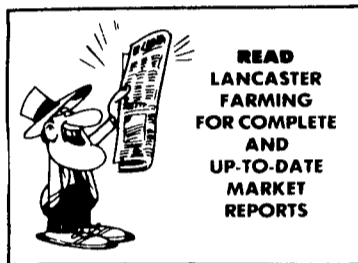
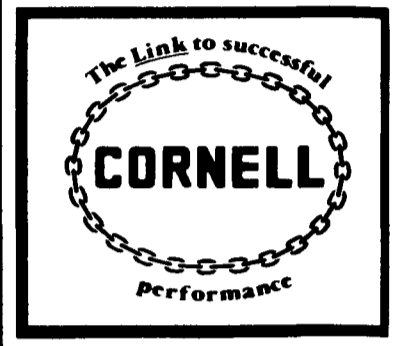
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