

# Lebanon Hosts First Farm Toy Show

The first annual Lebanon-Valley Farm Toy Show, Sale, and Auction was held June 28 at the Lebanon, Pa. fairgrounds. Farm toy

collectors from as far west as Iowa and as far south as Florida set-up over 65 tables of all makes of farm toys, many for trade or sale in

addition to being collections on display.

A display of John Deere pedal tractors by Ed and Pauline Andres of the Lebanon area won first place. Another fine pedal tractor display, owned by Lloyd Wenger of Myerstown and displayed by Bill Paul, took second place. Some 35 different pedal tractors were featured in this display, along with a full-sized John Deere 330 tractor. (This is only about 1/3 of the Wenger collection.)

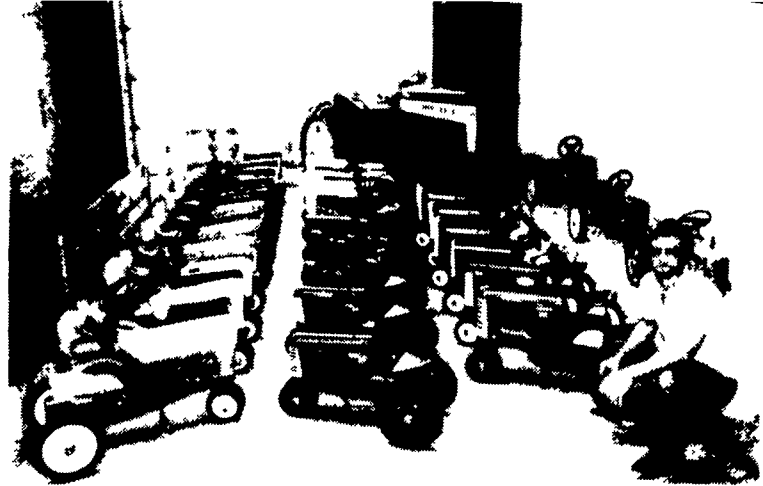
In third place was a combination farm toy and toy truck collection, displayed by Krall Hostetter and Sons. Another unique display was the scale model horse display by Glenn and Lorrene Blanch of Jonestown. A panel of experienced toy collectors from Iowa, Maryland, and Pennsylvania selected the winners.

Approximately 500 persons attended the show. While most spectators came from within a 50 mile radius, some attended from New York, New Jersey, and other nearby states.

An auction was held at the end of the show, and one of the high dollar items was a Minneapolis-Moline model G-1355 tractor in its original box, which brought \$245. An Oliver 77 tractor from the '50s, complete with new paint, brought \$100. A John Deere "A" in mint condition was knocked down at \$190.

Show managers Don Bollinger of Myerstown, Irwin Engle of Marietta, and Dave Nolt of Paradise are already planning a similar show and auction for 1987.

The next major farm toy event in the east is a large consignment type farm toy auction at the New Holland, Pa. fire hall Saturday, Aug. 30, at 11:00 a.m. Dave Nolt, who is president of the east's 100



The second place display of Bill Paul features a fine collection of restored pedal tractors.



Karen Andres of Lebanon with the first place John Deere pedal tractor display in the background. Her father, Ed Andres, owns the display.



Many farm toy enthusiasts visited the 65 display and sale tables.

member farm toy club, said he expects about 400 older farm toys for this event, including some rare toys from local collectors, plus those being consigned from the mid-West.

Bill Paul, display manager of the Wenger pedal tractor collection, has announced that he will be

displaying over 50 pedal tractors at the Oct. 18 Farm Toy Show and Auction at the Lancaster Mennonite High School where dozens of collections of smaller farm toy collections will be displayed. This show, which will feature over 125 tables, opens at 8:30 p.m. Saturday morning and includes an evening auction.

## Lyng Names New Assistant

### USDA Secretary

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng recently swore in Dr. Kenneth A. Gilles as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's assistant secretary for marketing and inspection services.

Gilles has served as administrator of the Federal Grain Inspection Service since June 1981. Before assuming that USDA post, he was vice president for agricultural affairs at North Dakota State University, where he

also served for nine years as chairman of the department of cereal chemistry and technology.

Gilles was born in Minneapolis in 1922. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a doctorate in agricultural biochemistry from the University of Minnesota.

Gilles replaces Raymond D. Lett as head of USDA's marketing and inspection programs. Lett resigned the post in February.

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