

Farm Toy Show Scheduled For Lancaster

Over 1000 farm toy collectors will convene at the Lancaster Mennonite School on Saturday, October 18th. Persons will attend from all along the east coast of U.S. and Canada and as far west as Iowa. This is the fourth year for this show and it has grown to become the largest event of its type in Eastern United States. Featured will be over 130 tables set-up with toy farm tractors and equipment of all brands; some will be for display only while other tables will offer toys, repair parts, collector guides, and magazines for sale. The show opens at 8:30 am and remains active till about 2:30 pm. An admission is charged.

Seminars on "Restoring Farm Toys" by Dr. Douglas Harke of Geneseo, New York will begin at 2:30 pm. A consignment auction of 500 older farm toys will begin at 5:30 pm and last well into the evening.

Farm toy collecting is a relatively new hobby that started

among mid-western farmers and farm equipment dealers about 15 years ago. In the recent five years it has been growing in the east in major proportions. Last year's show was attended by over 1000 persons from 15 states and Canada. The hobby has its own monthly magazines, the largest having a circulation of over 10,000. Approximately 2000 collectors live in the eastern coastline states.

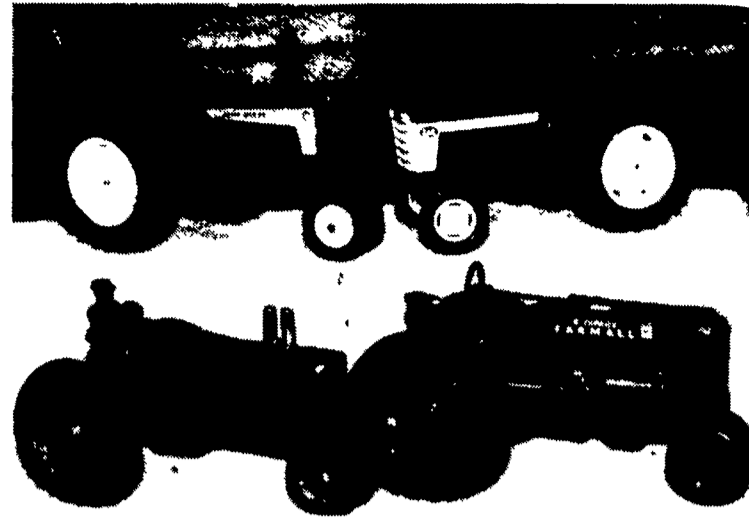
Some of the scarce farm toys of the 40's and 50's have a value to a toy collector of several hundred dollars. Usually tractors are worth more than equipment items. A toy Farmall model 400 or 450 in nice condition has a value to a collector of over \$100. A John Deere model 620 or 630 has about the same value as do dozens of others.

Among the displays will be valuable collections featuring John Deere, International Harvester, Sheppard Diesel, Allis-Chalmers, Ford, New Holland, pedal tractors (including the rare square block John Deere "A" valued at over \$1000), trucks, small farm scene layouts using 1/64th scale toys, and others. Two unique displays from Lebanon County will be seventy different pedal tractors from the

Lloyd Wenger collection and the scale model farm animal display by the Blanches. Representatives from the "Ertl Company" of Dyersville, Iowa will be on hand to display some of the newest farm toy items.

Show host is Dave Nolt of Paradise, Pa. He is a regular writer for the hobby's magazines and is the manager of local farm toy auctions. His own collection of about 100 older "New Holland and Ford toys will be on display for the first time.

The Lancaster Mennonite School is along Route 30, east of the city of Lancaster, Pa. directly across from "Mr. Steak" restaurant. For more information send a stamped self addressed envelope to: Farm Toy Show P.O. Box 422, New Holland, Pa. 17557.



These tractors have been consigned to the toy auction that's scheduled to be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School. They were made in the late 1940s to early 1960s.



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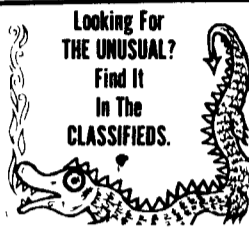


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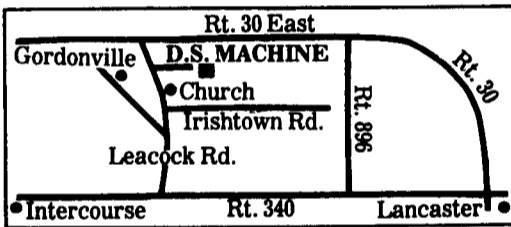


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