

Road Safety Is No Accident

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collide with farm machinery that is traveling in the same direction, according to the extension folder 629 of the University of Minnesota.

The publication lists contributing factors to accidents as: difference in speed between motorist and farmer, increased distance between fields requiring transportation of farm equipment on public roads, larger machinery, lack of operator skills, time of year, and outdated machinery which lack proper warnings.

It's The Law

Monville explained that all implements of husbandry designed to operate at 25 mph or less, including animal-drawn vehicles, must display the slow moving vehicle emblem when traveling on a highway. At night the vehicles must also be equipped with the proper lights. All farm equipment that travels on the road must also bear the emblem.

Vehicles which display the slow moving vehicle emblem are not permitted to travel faster than 25 mph, Monville said.

Any towed slow moving vehicle must display the emblem when being towed, he added.

A tractor may tow a maximum of two items. Monville stressed that farm trucks are restricted to towing one item.

Law number 3301 of the Pennsylvania motor vehicle code requires all slow moving vehicles to travel as close as possible to the right. Monville said that vehicles traveling slower than 25 mph are required to pull onto the road shoulder, when it is of a sufficient width, to permit the normal flow of traffic.

Monville noted that when there is one lane of traffic in either direction, the operator of the slow moving vehicle must pull off the roadway, when safe and practical, when traffic develops behind them. He defined traffic as one vehicle. "Not four," he stressed, noting that somehow traffic has been incorrectly defined as a buildup of four vehicles.

Four-way flashers are needed when the speed of the tractor or truck, in the normal flow of traffic, drops below 25 mph, Monville said.

He added that farm vehicles are required to signal turning intentions through electric signals or hand motions.

There are no laws requiring an operator's license for farm machinery. "Farm machinery is a sacred cow. There are no inspections or regulations for safety," Monville said. He encourages preventing anyone without an operators license from operating farm equipment. "They are too small to know the

dangers," he explained.

When children become old enough to help with farm machinery, Monville advises taking the time to train them properly and safely.

Prevention

Monville recommends three points to help prevent becoming an accident statistic: signal turning intentions, take extra precautions when pulling out, and pull to right when possible.

Muzzy notes there must be a greater effort to educate the general public on the meaning of the slow moving vehicle emblem. "People don't recognize what it is because they see it everywhere," he said.

In the most current issue of the Pennsylvania driver's manual, an explanation of the emblem appears for the first time.

McMullen explained that a law is in the books which permits individuals who misuse the emblem to be cited. Monville, however, was unaware that such a law existed. McMullen added that no fine schedule was attached to the regulation.

The University of Minnesota publication offers the following recommendations to improve road safety and reduce the risk of accidents:

- Provide adequate lighting and marking for easy recognition.
- Secure loads and equipment in transport.
- Check equipment for safety prior to entering the roadway.
- Practice safe operating procedures.
- Watch for roadside hazards such as debris, potholes, brush and drainways.

Longacre discovered the costs of an accident the hard way. Besides his physical pain and insurance costs, he notes his absence placed an increased burden on the rest of the family to take up the slack.

He praised his neighboring farmers who pitched in and baled his hay. "They were a big help."

The close call also inspired him to make out his will, something he had been putting off. "You read about doing it in the farm magazines all the time. But after coming so close I decided it was time to get it done," Longacre explained.

Correction

In last week's report of the New Jersey Calf and Bred Heifer Sale it was incorrectly reported that William Pettit was honored for his service to the sale. The report should have instead reported that William Teets was honored. At the sale Frank Gibbs and Teets were honored for serving as chairmen of the sale for many years. The staff regrets the error.

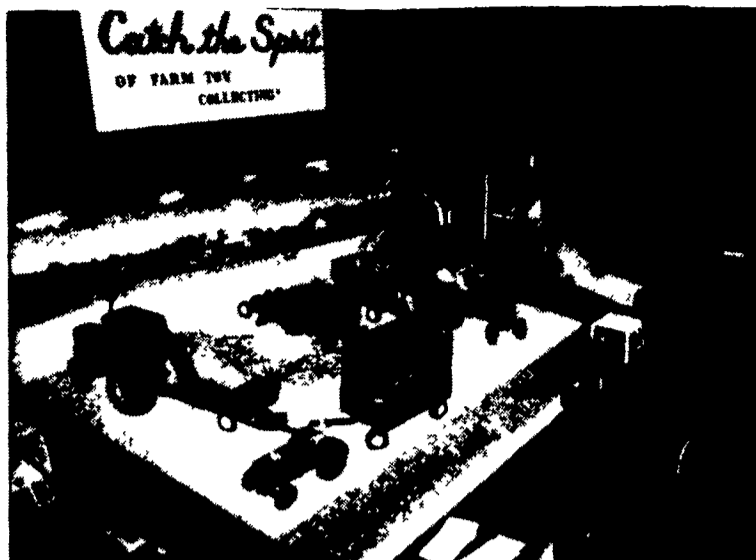
Farm Toy Show And Sale Scheduled

By Dave Nolt, Collector

The hobby of farm toy collecting continues to grow. There are over 200 farm toy shows held in North America each year. The largest show is held each November in Iowa and draws over 15,000 collectors. More and more shows are being held in the East, especially during the spring and fall seasons. One of the best ways to learn about the hobby is to attend a farm toy show.

Come see what farm toy collecting is all about on Friday evening, May 15th or on Saturday, May 16th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Lebanon Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are located off Route 72, just south of the city of Lebanon. Interstate Route 81 runs close by. Food will be available and a small admission fee will be charged. Overnight camping available and motels are nearby.

The East's largest collection of pedal tractors owned by Lloyd Wenger of Myerstown, Pa., will be on display. The Wenger collection won 1st place at the East's largest fall farm toy show ever which was held at the Lancaster Mennonite School gym complex. He edged out twenty other displays to take the trophy. Jon Miller from New York State will be displaying his trophy winning miniature farm scene layout. Many collectors will offer toys for sale or trade at their



A farm scene display of 1/16 scale antique farm toys.

tables. Also collector books, price guides, and repair parts will be on sale.

A collection of older "White" toys (shipped in from Iowa) is reserved to be sold at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening auction. Included will be the rare "White" 4-210 tractor valued at several hundred dollars. A custom built scale model "Allis-Chalmers" roll-baler and model "60" combine along with a 2 row "New Idea" corn picker will also be sold at the

auction as will about 400 other older and unique farm toys of interest to collectors. Brands include John Deere, Farmall and IH, Case, Massey Ferguson, New Holland, A-C, Ford, and most others.

Three Pennsylvania collectors are sponsoring the show: Don Bollinger, Irwin Engle, and Dave Nolt. If more information is needed, write: Show, P.O. Box 422, New Holland, Pa. 17557 or call (717) 426-3554.

Legislators Review RCMA Resolution

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania legislators received an education on milk marketing Tuesday as they considered a resolution to support the efforts of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency.

Edward Anna, executive director of RCMA, and Harold Ely, Pennsylvania RCMA coordinator, brought the issue of RCMA to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

This committee is presently considering a resolution which concludes, "Therefore, be it resolved: that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives wholeheartedly support the present dairy farmer initiative to implement the purposes of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency Inc. and thus benefit the economy of the region; and be it further resolved: that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives encourage independent dairy farmers to become members of RCMA."

In order for the elected officials to understand the importance of RCMA, Anna outlined the history of, and the need which RCMA will fill. Ely explained how similar over-order groups are filling the need in Western milk market

orders.

"RCMA is designed to help stabilize the Northeast dairy industry by working to assure consumers and handlers of a long-term, fairly priced milk supply," Anna said.

"Total membership in RCMA and the neighboring Mid-Atlantic bargaining agency currently stands at 29,000 out of a total pool of

32,000 farms," Anna explained. Based on these figures, he noted RCMA has sufficient membership and could start bargaining for over-order prices within the next 70 days, but added that a more realistic time for bargaining would be in August. He estimated that 2,000 of the unsigned dairymen reside in Pennsylvania.

Public Auction Register

MAY

THURS. MAY 14 - 6PM
Meat Plant, Saws, Scales, Coolers, Showcases, Compressors, etc. Former Meat Market, Rt. 220 in Milan, PA. 4 mis. S. of Athens, PA. 10 mis. N. of Towanda, PA. Bradford Co. Earl & Searle Chapman, Owners. Howard W. Visscher, Auct.

FRI. MAY 15 - 11AM 28
Summer Camp Buildings, Located "Camp Council" on Rapps Dam Road in Chester Co., PA. From 113 and 23 junction on west side of Phoenixville, take 23 west for 9/10 of mi. past Valley Forge Mall. Turn left to site. J.M. Boswell, CAI.

SAT. MAY 16 - 9:30AM

Antiques, Glassware, Clocks, Revolver Collection and Modern Furniture. Springetts Fire Co. Social Hall, 3013 East Market Street, York, York Co., PA. Helen M. Reihart, Owner. Preston E. Chronister & Sons, Aucts.

SAT. MAY 16 - 9:30AM
Antiques, HH, Primitives, Cast Seats. For: Harold Mundy, Three Bridges, NJ. At the residence 4 mis. N. of Flemington, NJ, on Rt. 202 N. but sale on S. bound side of Rt. 202. Arthur Hanna, Auct.

SAT. MAY 16 - 10:30AM
55 Head Hi Grade Holsteins, Farm Tractors & Eq., Barn & Milking Eq. Just off Rt. 706, 1 mi. E. of Wyalusing. Before Taylor Packing, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Felter, Owners. Howard W. Visscher, Auct.

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