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**LINPORT** (Berks Co.) —  
 Sometimes it's difficult to tell where work ends and hobbies begin for Kermit Kistler and his son Ronald. They sell new tractors and lawn equipment for their livelihood and collect antique ones for pleasure.

Both require body and engine work.

As 81-year-old Kermit runs his hand over the smooth green finish and lettering of a restored tractor, he said. "This finish is better than the original. My son is so precise, it drives me crazy. Sometimes I feel like firing him."

Despite the threatening words, pride shines through his eyes as he speaks of his son's ability to make a rusty piece of machinery look like new.



Kermit and Ronald Kistler stand at the entrance of the shed they erected to house their antique tractor and equipment collection.

# Father And Son Share

His son explains the reason for his thoroughness. "I trained to be an aviation mechanic. I learned to do things right the first time, for there are no second chances when it comes to repairing aircraft."

Father and son are a compatible team. Ronald said of his father, "My dad has good, basic common sense on how to built things from scratch. He's a good blacksmith." Common sense and hard work is

what enabled the elder Kistler to learn a machinist's trade in the early 1940s. He worked 10 to 12 hour days and continually changed jobs "looking for more money." He had met his wife during the



This 1919 Waterloo Boy is Kermit Kistler's favorite piece of the more than 100 antique tractors in his and his son's collection.

## Cook's Question

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**ANSWER** — For the reader who wanted recipes for green beans and for broccoli, here are several from Anita Moyer, Bernville; M. Lehman, Pine Grove; C. Lehman, Pine Grove; Alta Hoshour, Bowmansville, and others.

### Chicken Broccoli Casserole

- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup medium cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 cups chicken, cubed
- 3 cups broccoli
- 3/4 package cooked noodles

Mix together and put in a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or longer. Can be frozen.

### Baked String Beans

- 12 slices bacon, diced
- 1 large onion
- 2 cans tomato soup
- 6-8 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 cans green beans

Mix together all ingredients and pour into casserole or roaster. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 - 2 hours. A delicious variation of the usual baked beans.

### Dilled Green Beans

- 3 pounds green or yellow beans, cut
  - 1 onion, sliced
  - 4 carrots, sliced
  - 4-8 cloves garlic, optional
  - 4-8 heads dill or seeds
- Bring to a boil:  
 2 1/2 cups white vinegar  
 2 1/2 cups water  
 2 tablespoons pickling salt
- Place one to two heads dill, 1-2 cloves garlic, 1 onion slice, 1 carrot slice in each jar.  
 Firmly pack beans upright in jar, leaving 1/2 -inch headspace. Pour hot vinegar mixture over beans. Leave 1/2 -inch headspace. Process 10 minutes in boiling water canner.

M. Lehman writes that this recipe is from the *Heinz Successful Pickling Guide*. She thinks the beans should be precooked although the booklet doesn't state it. Precooking helps them to pack better.

### Marinated Bean Salad

- 2 15-ounce cans kidney beans, drained
  - 2 15-ounce cans butter beans, drained
  - 3 cups green and yellow beans, cooked
  - 1 can chick peas
  - 2 cups celery
  - 1 or 2 cans Garbanzo beans, drained
  - 1 pepper, chopped in 1-inch pieces
  - 1 large purple onion, sliced
- Heat and pour over vegetables.  
 1/2 cup white vinegar  
 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
 1/2 cup granulated sugar  
 2 cloves garlic, minced, optional  
 1/2 cup fresh basil  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 1 teaspoon coarse pepper

Double liquid mixture if necessary. Keeps for weeks in the refrigerator.

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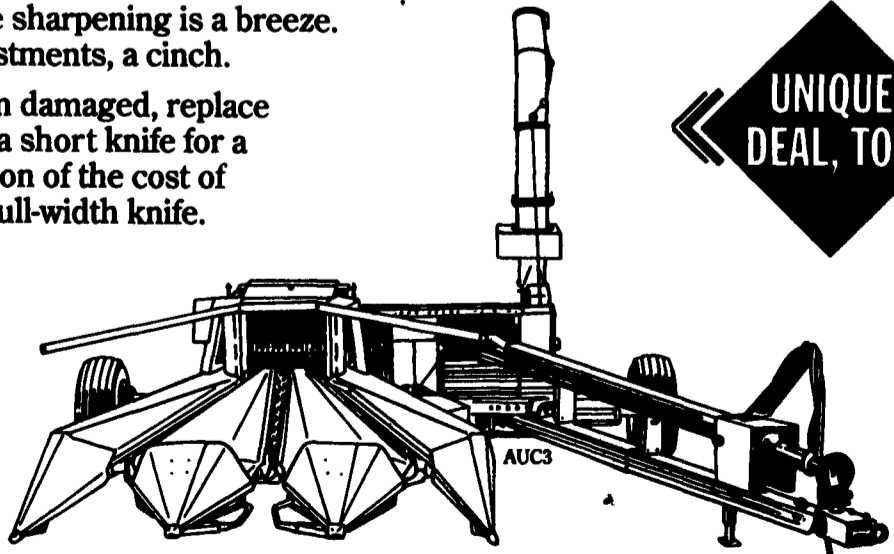
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