

# Lancaster Farming *Antiques Center*

## Ag Community Donates Antiques, Collectibles, More For Pennsylvania Relief Sale



Two-year-old Tonya Rutt examines a gold piece. The gold pieces will be sold in \$5, \$10, and \$20 denominations. Tonya and her sister Tori are the children of Larry and Bev Rutt, Ephrata.

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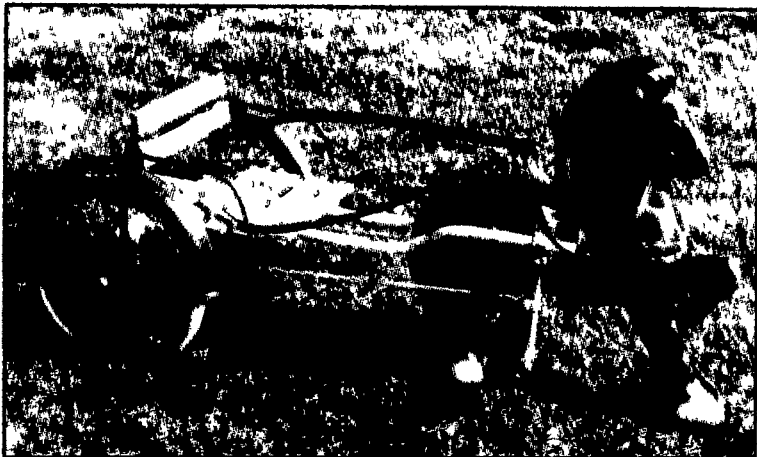
**FARMERSVILLE** (Lancaster Co.) — For 46 years the Pennsylvania Relief Sale has been raising money to help the needy of the world. Last year proceeds resulted in \$457,875 being distributed to the needy around the world. This year, the event is scheduled for April 5-6 at the Harrisburg Farm Show building, corner of Cameron and Maclay Sts., Harrisburg.

Hundreds of people help by donating items to be auctioned. Some make quilts and crafts, host meals for bid, or donate antiques.

The farming community is a large part of the efforts that make this sale so successful in clothing the needy and feeding the hungry in the name of Christ. Each year for the past 22 years, a heifer sale for world relief is con-



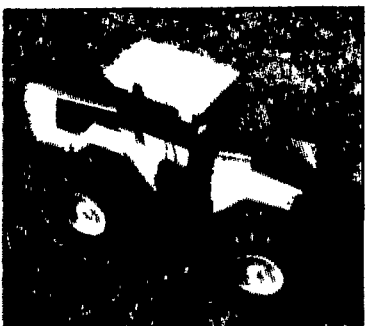
Four-year-old Tori Rutt tries out one of the pedal tractors to be auctioned at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale. Included in the Collector Edition Spirit tractors are models of an Oliver, Cockshutt, Minneapolis-Moline, and Cockshutt. Other models to be auctioned include a Massey-Harris 44 collector edition that can no longer be ordered, a John Deere A, first die cast vintage pedal tractor ever produced, a Case pedal tractor, and a collector edition IH Farmall M White demonstration pedal tractor.



This Sulky horse and carriage dates back to the 1930s. The metal and wood pedal toy is in working condition.



Called a theme basket, this toy wheelbarrow overflows with art supplies sure to delight a child recipient.



A Sterger cast iron tractor made by Valley Pattern will go to the highest bidder.

Esther said that a new item this year are the theme baskets. These are baskets or containers filled with an assortment of items to fill a theme. One of those prepared by Esther is toy wheelbarrow filled with an assortment of art supplies.

"I don't know how many we will end up with," Esther said. Lots of churches and individuals are putting them together and will bring them to Harrisburg or Friday or Saturday."

Theme baskets will be sold Sat., 2 p.m.

Coins to be offered for sale at 11 a.m. on Saturday include 100 Kennedy half dollars and 50 silver dollars. Gold coins include an 1899 \$5, an 1886 \$10, and a 1891 and 1878, \$20 piece.

Rutt said of interest to many farmers and collectors is a 1951 Farmall Super A tractor with plow.

The auction is also famous for



John Rutt examines a commemorative Coca-Cola bike with balloon tires. It is one of the many collectible items to be auctioned.

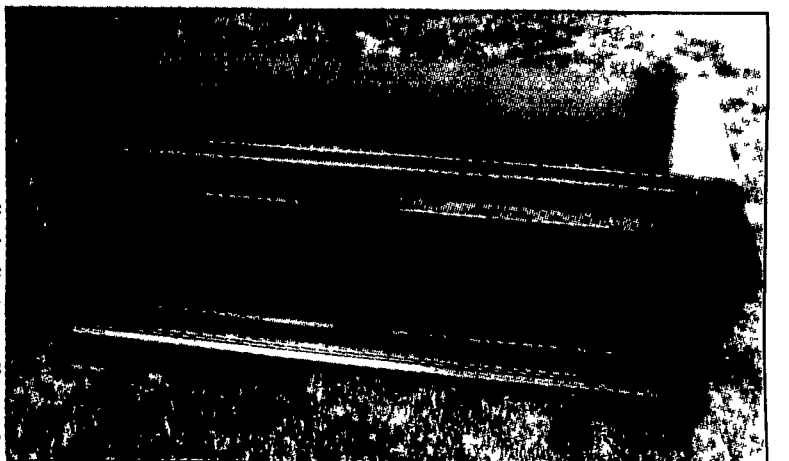
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A popular event at the annual sale, conducted the first Friday evening and Saturday in April is the country auction.

John and Esther Rutt have been overseeing collecting items for the country auction for many years. Items include glassware, dishes, crafts, pedal tractors theme baskets, handcrafted furniture, coins, antiques, and more.

its vast collection of quilts made and donated by churches and individuals. Esther said that more than 400 quilts are expected to be offered this year.

Those desiring to donate items can drop them off at the Rutts' home, 19 W. Farmersville Rd., Ephrata. For more information, call the Rutts at (717) 354-2471.



This new handcrafted chest will be available in several different woods. This one is made of cherry wood and is cedar-lined with raised panel design.