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Trained Reindeer Pull Family's X-Mas Sleigh

"They attract large crowds wherever we go," says Joan Hemker who, along with husband Mark, raises reindeer and trains them to pull sleighs during the Christmas holiday season.

The Hemkers have one of only a handful of reindeer farms in North America. They own 18 head, including five that are harness-broken. They take their animals to community events across central Minnesota during the months before Christmas. The couple owns a sleigh, which can be set up with wheels or metal runners depending on snow conditions. They charge \$2 per person for rides.

"We often pull Santa down Main Street for Santa Claus days in small towns," says Joan. "Mark and I and our four children lead the reindeer, but we don't dress like Santa or elves. Santa is supplied by the town."

"Adults enjoy our reindeer as much as kids. Most people are surprised at how small reindeer are. They're only about 4 1/2 ft. tall

at the back. Males have bigger and more majestic racks than the females."

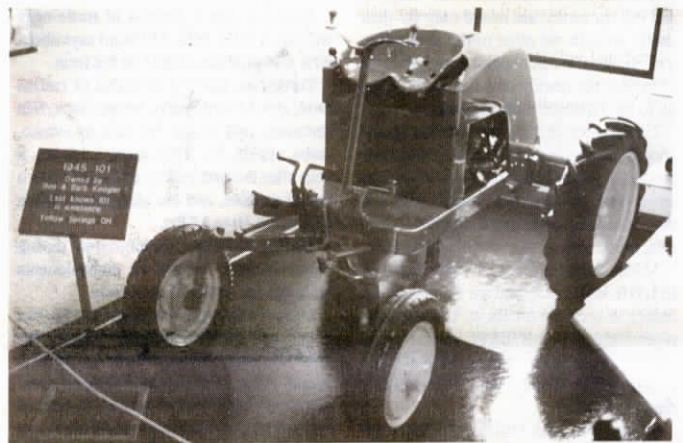
Reindeer are great attention-getters for businesses that want to attract large crowds. At one business opening, the Hemkers gave 400 rides in one day. They also appear at corporate Christmas parties. Once they brought their reindeer to a Christmas wedding, pulling bride and groom on a sleigh.

The couple started buying reindeer 6 years ago from zoos and a game farm in Canada. "We made phone calls to Eskimos in Alaska to find out how to break reindeer," says Joan. Reindeer can't pull until they're at least 2 years old and fully developed. Only females are used to pull sleighs because males rut into December and get mean. The Hemkers use a special reindeer pellet feed made by their elevator. Harnesses are custom-fitted by a local harness maker.

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Highly maneuverable small tractor was designed primarily for row crop cultivating.

ONLY FIVE DEERE 101'S WERE EVER BUILT

Rare Deere Tractor Is The Last Of Its Kind

Farmers on the way to the recent Ohio Farm Science Review got a chance to see a one-of-a-kind Deere tractor on display at a Deere dealership located five miles from the show.

The Deere 101 might be the world's rarest tractor. Only five 101's were ever built and the one in Ohio is the only one still known to exist.

"It was an experimental tractor that never went into full-scale production," says owner Ron Koogler, Yellow Springs, Ohio. "All castings and parts on the tractor have EX (experimental) numbers on them. Deere made the prototypes between 1940 and 1945. The five tractors were tested by farmers across the U.S. However, the tractor was never manufactured because of war-time steel shortages. The company gave one of the models as a retirement present to an employee. He sold it to Harold Schieler, Kewanee, Ill., about 10 years ago. I bought Schieler's tractor at an auction last year and then tore it apart and completely restored and repainted it."

According to Koogler, the highly maneuverable small tractor was designed primar-

ily for row crop cultivating. Its 14 hp, 2-cyl. upright gas engine is positioned behind the seat, giving the driver a better view of the cultivator which mounted behind the front wheels. "It was the only tractor Deere ever made with a rear-mounted engine," says Koogler. "Allis-Chalmers had a tractor, model G, in production at this time that also had the engine in back. A belly-mounted hydraulic pump was used to lift the cultivator."

"The tractor has an unusual steering system that consists of a steel post equipped with a cross arm with a steering knob at either end. It really steers easy - you have to move the knobs only about 1/4 of a revolution to turn. The tractor still has the original tires."

"It really turns a lot of heads. Schieler showed the tractor at Deere's 150th anniversary in Waterloo in 1987. I showed it at our Two-Cylinder Club's grand opening last May. At both places, no one with a camera went by without taking a photograph."



Parading Shriners Ride Antique Tractors

By C.F. Marley

Anyone who's ever gone to a small town parade has probably seen contingents of Shriners riding on motorcycles, ATV's or even kiddie cars. A group of Illinois Shriners say they discovered their best mode of transportation ever last summer when they hit the parade circuit on a collection of antique tractors.

Bill McCristy and Chris Phelps, who belong to the Springfield Ansar Shriners, got the idea and starting talking it up. They discovered that fellow members already owned a number of vintage machines and everyone liked the idea of showing them off.

Last summer the group participated in 13 parades starting with 9 tractors at the beginning and ending the summer with 18 tractors in the unit. Tractors included are two Farmall H's, a Super 77 Oliver, an Oliver 70, a Ford 8M, a WC Allis Chalmers, Minneapolis Moline 605, and Deere B, 520, H, G, 605, and L tractors.

McCristy says crowds love seeing the tractors in action. Before and after the actual parade event, they gather around for a closer look.

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