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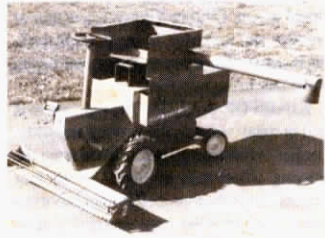
HE'S GOT A FULL LINE OF 1/5TH SCALE TOYS TO PULL BEHIND PEDAL TRACTORS

His Toy Farm Machinery Is "Just Like Dad's"

Several years ago, Rich Follmer, Hudson, Ill., modified a toy red wagon so that his son could pull it with a pedal tractor. His son liked it so well Follmer, who farms 600 acres, then designed several other farm toys including planters, plows, and disks. After scouting around and discovering that there was nothing like his home-built toys on the market, Follmer decided there might be a market for his toys and he started a company, "Just Like Dad's".

The line of 1/5th scale toys, all of which can be pulled behind pedal tractors, include a gravity wagon with a side dump door, an auger wagon with a folding auger pipe, a manure spreader, field cultivator, shredder, 6-row corn planter, chisel plow, box scraper, and tandem disk. All toys are available in red, blue or green. Follmer has also developed a pedal combine and a 12-row corn planter that folds for "road use" and has moveable markers.

Follmer says no other company produces toy machinery for pedal tractors. Most



Follmer's line of 1/5th scale farm toys includes this John Deere pedal combine.

tractors are 1/5th scale and have a standard hitch so the toy machinery needs no modification. Each toy is made of heavy-gauge steel, although the planter boxes and discs are plastic. The toys sell for \$95 to \$137.50.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, "Just Like Dad's", Rt. 1, Box 35-A, Hudson, Ill. 61748 (ph 309 726-2000).

HE MAKES REPLICAS OF THE ORIGINAL "RECREATIONAL VEHICLE"

Rancher Brings Back Old-Style Sheep Wagons

Old-style sheepwagons, which were once a big part of the Old West, make great "recreational vehicles" for modern day campers, says Dwight Lyman, Ten Sleep, Wyo., who builds the old-time wagons on his sheep ranch.

"In the old days, sheep wagons were a common sight in the West. They were the original recreational vehicle," says Lyman. "Ranchers hired five or ten shepherders at a time, and they often lived in the wagons year around, getting free room and board plus a salary. Some of them came from foreign countries and went home with a lot of money. However, manufacturers quit making sheep wagons about 40 years ago."

The wagons are 8 1/2-ft. high and 6 ft. 2 in. wide, the same height and width as original sheepwagons, but are a bit longer at 12 to 16 ft. long. The body is built from oak like the original wagons but instead of canvas, the arched roof is made from light-

weight aluminum.

Lyman's wagons have all of the amenities of the old wagons, including two "grub boxes" which fit on the outside of the wagon and are accessible from the inside, a wood stove, three-drawer cabinet behind the stove for pots, pans, and dishes, as well as several other storage drawers. The floor is seamless linoleum, which also extends 18 in. up the walls. A solar panel, mounted on the side of the wagon, operates lights and a TV. The wood stove and a two-burner hot plate LP gas stove are standard, while a three-burner stove with oven and an LP gas-powered refrigerator are optional. Lyman began building sheepwagons from scratch after rebuilding several old wagons for area ranchers. "Oak makes the wagons quite expensive. I could build them cheaper by using plywood, but then they wouldn't look authentic. The 75- and 80-year-old ones that I rebuilt still held together because they were



There are only about 1,400 Spanish mustangs still alive in the U.S. but the numbers are growing, according to Charles Jahnke, Parkers Prairie, Minn.

THE ANCESTORS OF MANY MODERN BREEDS

Ancient Horse Breed Making A Comeback

By Dee Hendershot

Dairy farmer Charles Jahnke recently bought two Spanish mustangs to join in the effort to save the dying breed from extinction.

"Virtually every breed, with the exception of Arabians, has Spanish ancestry," says the 31-year-old farmer from Parkers Prairie, Minn., explaining that the breed was first brought to South America by Spanish conquerors 500 years ago. As missionaries began moving north with the animals, Indians recognized the animal's potential and began a campaign of stealing and trading the horses. White explorers and trappers soon caught on, preferring the sure-footed, eat-anything mustangs over more conventional draft and riding horses. Later on the mustangs were used in the Pony Express.

Two factors nearly wiped out the breed. One was a government campaign to kill or castrate stallions owned by Indians on reservations. Draft horses were brought in their place to encourage the natives to farm.

World War II was the other factor. With ranch-hands fighting in the war, ranchers were forced to let their extra horses go wild.

The horses interbred with the Spanish mustangs, and the breed was almost lost.

In the 1950's a few authentic mustangs were found in Arizona on a reservation and a registry was started for the breed. Now there are about 1,400 of the horses in the U.S. Jahnke bought his pair for \$200 apiece from Emmett Brislaw, Oshoto, Wyo., whose father Bob started the campaign to save the Spanish mustang.

Jahnke says the breed has a good disposition. "If they're spooked, they'll run to you for protection," he says. They stand only 13 to 14 hands at most and weigh 700 to 1,000 lbs. They've got tremendous endurance and have been known to run a 50 mile endurance race in 4 1/2 hrs. Larger nostrils permit the animal to take in more air. The nostril openings can also be reduced to slits to keep out sand and cold. The horses are hardy and can easily survive the subzero temperatures of Minnesota.

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Everything about Lyman's sheep wagons is authentic except for the aluminum roof. He says he still gets custom orders for original canvas roofs.

built with oak. I want mine to last just as long."

Most of Lyman's wagons see action on working sheep ranches, but one customer uses his wagon as a spare bedroom at his vacation home. Another uses his wagon as a once-a-year mountain hunting camp for elk and deer.

A 4 by 8-ft. two-wheel supply wagon that trails behind the sheep wagon is also available for storing saddles, feed, extra fire-

wood, a generator, 50 lb. propane tank or other equipment.

Sheepwagons sell for \$6,500 to \$8,500 depending on length and number of interior accessories. The supply wagon sells for \$1,850.

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