



Mr. and Mrs. Eldan Ansel on a 20 in. Princess model bicycle built for two or three. It's also available in 24 and 26 in. models, and 10 speed transmission. Last year, the Ansel and their 9-year old granddaughter, Lana Reid, pedaled a Princess model "10 speed" all the way across Kansas.

FAMILY-TYPE FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Bicycles Built for Two, Four or Five

"I'm really surprised no one thought of making bikes like these before. They're a family-type fun bicycle which all members of the family — from grandchild to grandmother — can use and enjoy," says Eldan Ansel, pioneer combine and tractor cab manufacturer at Ulysses, Kan., who sold his Ansel Manufacturing plant in 1965.

Soon after, when he and his wife decided to take up bicycling for recreation, he got the idea of building bicycles built for two, three, four, or five. He bought a kit to put two bikes together, then added a seat so their granddaughter could ride along.

Looking for ways to improve it, he began experimenting with built-from-scratch multi-seat bicycles which two to five passengers of all ages could ride side by side and carry on a conversation.

Ansel perfected his idea, got it patented and is now custom-building Ansel Family Cycles in a wide variety of sizes ranging from two to five seats, 20 to 27 in. wheels and with regular or 10-speed transmissions. He buys used bicycles, salvaging only the "yoke" frames which he

welds together into a wide variety of multi-passenger configurations. The wheels and other parts are new.

Costs vary, depending on size and style. The Princess, for example, a two or three seat model, retails for \$239, fob the factory.

A "Helper Special" model, with one adult and one passenger seat, is designed to take adult passengers who, because of age, injuries or whatever, can't help pedal. "This model is especially popular with retirement homes. Relatives or volunteers can use it to take older persons, who may not be able to walk, out for a ride," says Ansel. "I know of one invalid lady who hadn't been outside of the retirement home in two years until her first ride on our Helper Special." It sells for \$234.

The Executive—with three adult seats and four wheels — sells for \$279.

An optional 12 volt drive motor for most models sells for \$149.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ansel Family Cycles, 202 E. Lotus, Ulysses, Kan. 67880 (ph. 316 356-3390).

EQUIP YOUR TRACTOR "FRONTS", WAGONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WITH AIRPLANE TIRES AND BOLT-TOGETHER RIMS

Save Up to 50% on Tire Costs

"Most farmers could save 25 to 50% by buying new wagons and other equipment without tires or rims," says Lester Hey, president of Hey Machinery Co., Baldwin City, Kan., one of the nation's largest suppliers of airplane tires and custom made wheels for all types of farm equipment. "We sell primarily to dealers, distributors and manufacturers but we'll also sell direct to interested farmers and ranchers," he told FARM SHOW.

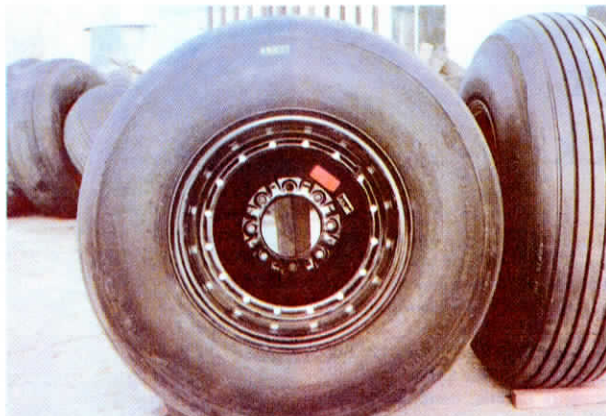
The company offers used or reconditioned tires in sizes ranging from 8 in. in dia. to about as big as you want to go. "Probably the biggest we've sold direct was a set of tires a Nebraska farmer bought for a 600 bu. grain cart he built. We fixed him up with used aircraft tires measuring about 6 ft. high and 2 ft. wide. Each 24 ply tire cost him about \$400. His previous best quote was \$1,000 each for used tires from an earth mover."

Airplane tires are heavily built, ranging from 14 to 24 ply. In the 15 to 20 in. rim sizes, they make excellent tires for farm machinery if you have a wheel that's adequate and functional, Hey points out. "This means that the

rim should be the proper width for the tire. Most important with a heavy ply tire is a rim on which the tire can be mounted and dismounted without special equipment. It's difficult to mount or remove a heavy ply tire from a drop center rim, or even from a

truck-type rim of improper width or construction," Hey points out.

To solve the problem, he designed and manufactures a custom-made rim. It bolts together, allowing a large airplane tire to be changed in the field, if necessary, with nothing more



Among the biggest 24 ply airplane tires Hey Machinery handles is the 2500 by 28 which is about 68 in. high and 25 in. wide. The company's exclusive bolt-together rims make it easy to change large airplane tires without any special tools.

than a 3/4 in. wrench. Some of the airplane tires the company sells are used and sold "as is". Others are reconditioned and a few are airplane tires which have never been used but have exceeded the recommended "shelf life" for use on jet airplanes.

"We can fit most machinery when given the brand, model and serial number of the machine," he told FARM SHOW. "We need to know the number of lug bolt holes and the distance between them, and diameter of the pilot hole in the center of the hub."

Here's a sampling of typical tire prices from Hey Machinery's catalog:

For tractor fronts and tandem disks: \$45 for a 34 by 11 (1000 by 14) used 18 to 20 ply nylon tire, tube and 11 in. bolt-together rim. Add \$17.50 for a new recap. For a 37 by 14 by 14 (1400 by 14) used 24 ply tire, complete with tube and bolt-together rim, the cost is \$67.50.

Feed wagons, manure spreaders: They range from \$15 to \$45, carry a 9:00 by 20 ply rating, and can be mounted on drop-center rims. **Grain carts and feed wagons up to 8 tons:** You pay \$62.50 for a 32 by 1150 by 15 (11:50 by 15) 12 ply tire, tube and the special custom-made rim. The 12 ply airplane tire measures approximately 30 in. high and 12 in. wide.

For more details, including a free catalog of specs and prices, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hey Machinery Co., Baldwin City, Kan. 66006 (ph. 913 594-3441).