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"SOMETHING TO REMEMBER"

Tractor Takes Newlyweds On A Honeymoon Drive

Tough economic times didn't stop newlyweds Kerry and Jerry Frahm, of Dixon, Neb., from having a memorable fling on their honeymoon. Instead of a fancy, well-waxed limousine, they went for a honeymoon drive in their Deere 4320 tractor.

"The main reason we decided to decorate and drive the tractor was to give our farm friends something to laugh about and remember," says Kerry. "Because of the current farm crisis, there seems to be a lot of doom and gloom in the air lately and it's been a long time since we've seen many smiles.

"First, we drove the tractor to nearby Laurel for our honeymoon breakfast. As we came down Main street, people did double-takes, some waved, gave the thumbs-up sign or just shook their heads, but they were all smiling.

"We'd planned a trip by car to Sioux City later in the day to pick up our wedding portrait taken a month earlier, and to visit one of our neighbors who was in the hospital. We had so much fun with the tractor

in the morning, we decided to make the 36-mile trip to Sioux City in it. Someone called the TV stations in Sioux City and told them of a 'crazy newlywed couple traveling east in a decked out Deere tractor.' Both stations came out and then featured us on the news that evening.

"As it turned out, the portrait wasn't ready and our friend couldn't get out of bed to see the tractor. Nonetheless, all of the wonderful reactions of people along the way made the tedious five hour trip very much worth it.

"Across the windshield we wrote, 'Honeymoon to Washington' (a joke) and along the sides and front we put: 'Another farm crisis? Nope! Just Married!' On the door windows we wrote our names and the name of our little town, Dixon, population 98. Another spot said 'hot time in the field tonight!'"

Kerry points out that while times are tough on the farm "there have always been bad times as well as good. Things are bound to turn around someday . . . they always do."

FEATURES 17 PORKERS RACING DOWN MAIN STREET

World Championship "Irish Pig Race"

Seventeen 130-lb. pigs racing down Main Street may not be a rival to the Kentucky Derby but it makes for one huge civic celebration and community fundraiser in Peace River, Alb.

Aptly titled the "World Championship Irish Pig Race" because it's the only one of its kind, the race is held on a weekend close to St. Patrick's Day and is the highlight of weekend-long festivities.

Gordon Gardner, organizer of this year's event, told FARM SHOW that the race first started in 1919 and continued for the next 20 years before being discontinued. Eight years ago it was revived, becoming more popular each year and now draws spectators from as far as 600 miles away.

The racing pigs, purchased from a local hog producer prior to the race, have no previous race training. At the race site, harnesses are put on each pig for one member of the race team to hold onto. The second team member is a "hazer" who tries to coax un-

cooperative porkers along. Each of the 17 teams entered pays \$100 for the hog and harness.

With the start of the race, the hogs and teams are off in the battle to be first to complete the four-block course. This year's winning team, the Scarlet Runners, completed the course in one minute, 26 seconds.

Other contestants needed more coaxing. Four didn't even make it to the finish line. Gardner notes that strict rules ensure that no inhumane practices are used.

Whether the hogs win or lose, they are all slaughtered after the race and auctioned off as part of the weekend festivities. Prices go high as local businessmen bid for the hogs in a sale similar to 4-H livestock sales at county fairs. Part of the sale proceeds go to the winning race team and part to the Kinsmen, a Peace River civic group which uses the money for community development. This year's winning team received \$2,500.

EACH OPERATE THEIR OWN TRACTOR

Daughters Help Dad Operate Wisconsin Farm

By Wally Schulz

In years past, a son was a cherished offspring because he could carry on the family's name, but more importantly, he could help his father in the field and barn. A daughter was one who could help in the house, but offered little aid to a farmer in desperate need of help outside.

For Dave and Laura Triebold, however, their three daughters have provided as much help and enjoyment as any son. Daughters Karla, Kristine and Kathleen have been helping with chores on the 700-acre Triebold farm, located near Elkhorn, Wis., since their childhood.

They love farming and readily admit they would rather work in the fields than do housework.

Each of them operates her own tractor. They don't like the others to drive it. They each wash and polish their tractor and take a lot of pride in its appearance.

The girls rise at 7:00 a.m. each morning during the planting and harvest season. By 8:00 a.m., they're out in the fields at work. They work until dark. Their tractor cabs are equipped with radios and air conditioned for comfort.

Each of the girls has been taught minor repair work on the machinery by their father. He maintains all the machinery.

"We've erected storage bins for about 60,000 bushels of grain on our

farm. Dave and the girls built all the structures," notes Mrs. Triebold.

"They put the structures up themselves — including the elevator legs. The girls worked side by side with their dad. It took them about five years to complete, each year building a new grain bin."

To show their appreciation for their daughters' help in the fields, the parents take them on a month-long vacation each year in December. They've been doing it for the past 12 years.

"We usually go to the Carribean Islands where the climate is warm and we can swim, relax and sight-see," says Mrs. Triebold. "During the summer they have something to plan and work for.

"We know a certain family relationship and togetherness which many families don't know. We never cease being grateful for our three lovely daughters that have blessed our marriage."

The oldest daughter, Kathleen, 20, is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where she is majoring in accounting.

Karla, 17 started college last fall and aspires to become a veterinarian.

Kristine, 16, is a senior at Whitewater High School. She wants to enter the marketing field.



Shown with one of the tractors the sisters operate are, from left, Kristine, Karla and Kathleen.