

TOY COLLECTION

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Ca. 675 + Toys, 51 Manufacturers -- plus books, parts, supplies -- from ca. 20 countries, including USA, Britain, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Macao, Madagascar, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Philippines, Spain, and other countries, costing \$11,150, valued at ca. \$30,000. Average price ca. \$16.75

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One trouble with collecting toys is that the mistakes that cost you money through the kind of caution that everyone thinks you should be practicing all the time are out of sight on the shelves of their happy purchasers, while the mistakes that cost you money through a lack of caution that the same people are using against you are, sadly, perched on your own shelves, eternally within their view and your own, a permanent record of your unfortunate incompetence.

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Note: This catalogue is rarely up-to-date because entries are made frequently, and it is too time-consuming to reprint the entire catalogue every time. Contents I is always pretty much up-to-date, except for page numbers. The copy on my computer is always dated accurately on the first page. Sometimes, however, toys are entered on the hard copy before they are entered on the computer copy. When I do this, I change the date on the hard copy appropriately, showing it is temporarily the current copy. Numbers of each kind in parentheses; other number is page on which that kind of toy is found.

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ROCHESTER ROOM: Closet in Tom's room (up-to-date complete): 10 toys, 1962 and more recent: 3 Structo, 2 Buddy L, 2 Nylint, 2 Tonka, 1 Ertl (Fordson). Includes all 7 toys purchased from lady in Rochester, Michigan.

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ANTIQUÉ EMPORIUM ROOM. Ca. 25 old toys, wagons, scooters, tricycles, and such in the East Barn.

Needed: One more Marx semi-tractor, 7 3/4" long, 2 1/2" wide, red, with hole for hitch fairly close behind cab. I have three of these now, hitched to Lumar Van Lines, North American Van Lines, and a blue car hauler; I need one for a (flimsy tin) gasoline truck trailer. There are at least three sizes of these semi tractors, two larger than this. Also Marx tin farm tractor, ca. 1/16 scale; Arcade cultipacker and corn snapper; 2-3 more Structo cabs: the simple pressed steel ones -- though my car hauler may call for a more recent one. **For other needs, see pp. 56-57.**

TOYS AS COPIES, CARICATURES, FAILURES, AND ART

Toys can be aimed at three different conditions, with respect to the actual items that stimulate their creation and that they resemble (1, 2, 3 below). Too often they miss these goals, leading to other outcomes (4, 5, 6). My favorite toys are in category 3, which seems to me that closest to art.

1. Copies and Scale Models (Photograph Equivalents). Mimics of the real thing can be as literal as the designers and manufacturers are able to make them. Manufacturers who typically seem to strive in this direction are Ertl, Durago, Smith-Miller, Model Toys (Doepke), Nylint, and those commissioned by such distributors as the Franklin Mint. People who subscribe to the *Toy Trucker*, and most collectors of farm toys, are audiences for model toys. They include people who prefer their favorite objects and scenes to be depicted by photographs rather than paintings or other interpretative means. Efforts at duplicating the real thing in model “toys” are big business since the 1990s; often the results are not intended to be toys, and are far too fragile to be used as such. Instead, they are designed as miniature lures and decorations for grownup children who remember with fondness particular bygone eras and scenes, through transportation vehicles, construction equipment, and farm implements.

2. Gross and Extreme Caricatures (Cartoon Equivalents). Many toys are deliberate cartoons of the items they imitate. They may have grossly over-sized wheels or ridiculously out-of-proportion shapes, such as the Andy Gump and Mickey Mouse vehicles.

3. Subtle and Artistic Caricatures and Creations. These are the toys on which I seek to concentrate. They are the toys, that, in my definition of art, tell us something meaningful that no one has ever known. Sometimes they are not only beautiful but so simple that they make one chuckle. Examples are Arcade toys; the earliest Tonka wreckers, dump trucks, and utility trucks; most Wyandotte toys (Wyandotte was one of the few toy manufacturers with designers able to produce a real *variety* of such subtle caricatures); my 1930's Girard semi (truck) tractor; Marx 1939 pickups (Marx imitated Wyandotte but only got it right once in a while); my little green gasoline truck (manufacturer unknown -- Wyandotte?); 1930's Distler BMWs; my British Triang crane (a wonderful ultimate in functional simplicity); Hubley's 1936 Ford coupe; and the particular Hubley sedans and trucks bearing those fabulously complex grilles and bumpers that actually mimic the real thing but are so (inadvertently?) massive and overpowering as to represent lovely caricatures. Sometimes artistic toys are in this way wonderful and intriguing departures from their full-sized functional counterparts. Some other artistic toys, such as the 1930's and 1940's Wyandotte trucks and cars with full fender skirts and low silhouettes with “cut-down” windshields, were from the start deliberately unlike any existing

models in the world of full-sized functional counterparts. Some of these were never matched or copied later either, so that they continue to stand alone. In any case, all of the toys in this general category, as with all art, represent new truths, and an expansion of the universe for all willing and able to appreciate them. They do so in the sense of Doris Lessing's statement that "Myth does not mean something untrue, but a concentration of truths." Lessing's statement can be expanded into a comprehensive theory of the arts, explaining their directions, their details, their extremes, and their social implications.

4. Cloddy and Awkward Toys (Ungainly Toys). These are the toys that may have been designed to be artistic or attractive but did not succeed as such. Examples are many Structo Toys and some (later) Buddy L Toys. Occasional Structo Toys, such as their pickup trucks, are so awkward -- sometimes also with wheels ridiculously too small -- as to seem perversely attractive!

5. Poor Functional Design (Unworkably Wrong Toys). Examples are the Hubley Ford Powermaster farm tractor, the hitch of which almost invariably breaks out of its attachment in the diecast body of the tractor; Hubley wreckers, which quickly lose the inadequately riveted, pivoting wrecker arm; and Marx tin trucks in which the back of the cab is connected to the rest of the truck only by tin ears so that the toy tends to bend and come apart in the middle. No one seems to have discovered ways to restore ripped-out bodies of diecast toys or broken ears on tin toys.

6. Inappropriate Features (Awkwardly Unreal Toys). These toys are poor or undesirable because something is extremely inappropriate in comparison with the real thing. Examples are some Hubley International and Oliver tractors, Structo Toys, Slik International Tractors, some Ertls made in China -- for example with ridiculously impossible triangular drawbars on some International tractors that bear no resemblance to the originals or to anything functional or beautiful.

All toys, whether artistic or cloddish, probably begin from someone's idea about how to simulate the real item that the toy is intended to resemble -- a perception of how to construct a pickup cab, a wrecker bed, or part of a manure spreader by a few simple bends of the right gauge of steel. My Triang crane is a clever and artistic example, as were some of the early Buddy L pickup trucks.

In the manners just implied, toy manufacturers must be mimicking or repeating stages and fads, and the various kinds of efforts and beginnings across the long-term evolution of human artistic ability and tendencies, as well as, across cultural time, the actual development of art in its most general sense.

TOYS AS FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

Introduction: Few people collect toys merely as financial investments, and the rest do not envy those few for missing all the real enjoyment. Nevertheless, most people who collect toys do not have an endless source of funds for the purpose, and typically must restrict their expenditures as carefully as they must judge the amount of appropriate and comfortable space in which to house the collection. Many collectors have wives and families who also occasionally lay claim to some parts of the communal domicile. Partly on this latter account, some satisfaction can be gained, by even the most ardent and oblivious collector, at being able to parade the fact that as toys age they become less available and sometimes gloriously more in demand. Many a complaint can be shunted aside by careful presentation of financial facts demonstrating that toy collections become treasures in more ways than as endlessly enjoyable art.

Number, Variety, and Price: As of 9 March 2002, I have approximately 640 toys from >50 manufacturers and >15 countries, costing about \$10,500. Included are several hundred junkers, parts, and wheels costing \$300; books and magazines costing \$400; and restoration parts costing \$300. Total cost \$11,500. Average purchase price of toys is about \$16.00. Estimated total value: \$30,000.

Overall Quality: Mint to near junk (for parts). I have rarely purchased excellent or mint toys, and have no original boxes for any old toys. Most of my toys, other than those purchased for parts or restoration, are probably medium to good.

Comparisons: Of 31 toys matching mine that sold at a 500-toy auction in Ypsilanti, 20 Nov 94, 2 sold for less than I had paid for mine (\$26 total), five sold for the same as I paid for the same toys, and 24 sold for \$2093 more than I paid for them, implying that my 31 toys had gained \$2067 in value, for an average of \$66.30 per toy. Four of six toys I had purchased from a private party in Rochester, Michigan, in December 1991, sold for \$400 more than I had paid for all six of them, and mine seem to be in better shape. Two of them were priced at more than twice what I paid for all, October 1998, Hershey, Pa. Fifty of the more expensive toys relevant to my collection sold for an average of \$175 each.

Effect of Price Changes: The incredible rise in prices since I began collecting in 1986 has largely reduced me to collecting parts and repairable toys. Many fewer good toys of the sort I favor are offered now, and their prices are usually prohibitive. The plethora of publications listing prices has also created uniformly high prices for good toys in every part of the country and every large or small store or auction. Nowadays there are virtually no dramatic bargains anywhere. In a way, this situation has made my searches more challenging, and restrained

me appropriately. I now have hundreds of toys in need of parts or restoration. The search for needed parts, and for inexpensive incomplete toys, or broken but restorable ones, keeps my interest high.

Deciding Which Toys to Buy: Like most collectors, I suspect, I tend to purchase the toys I like. Nothing else ever seemed to make sense to me. Then my neighbor gave me an entirely new perspective, and convinced me that my thinking had been shallow and imperfect. An inveterate collector of just about everything, he remarked that he had been to an auction and had just purchased a Chevrolet pickup truck bed that was in very good shape. Knowing he had only Fords, and no Chevrolets of any kind, I frowned at him for a moment and asked, “What *for?*”

This man is consistently careful not to provide the satisfaction of a straight answer to any simple question. He responded, “Sixty dollars.”

Trying to take this answer in stride, I persisted, “I mean, *why? Why* did you buy it?”

“I bought it because I don’t want it.”

I rolled my eyes: “That doesn’t make sense. Why would you purchase something you don’t want?”

“Because I can sell it. I might even be able to turn it over for a profit. You never buy anything you want unless you don’t mind keeping it. If you’re going to make money, you’ve got to buy the things you *don’t* want.”

While I was thinking this over, he added, musingly, “I wish I could find me a good Chevrolet pickup cheap. If I could, I’d buy it -- because I *don’t want it.*”

This exchange reminded me of another neighbor who owned a good sorrel Quarter Horse stallion. He remarked one day that someone had offered him a large sum of money for the horse, and he had turned it down. In my presence, a mutual friend asked him why he had rejected such a fine offer, and he replied, “Well, I didn’t know how valuable he is. If he’s worth that much I sure ain’t goin’ to sell him!”

Sic semper collector?

INTRODUCTION

My objective is to collect metal trucks, cars, and other toys used on farms and highways, and in construction, made primarily between 1930 and 1950. I seek toys with rubber, metal, or wooden wheels, and avoid those with plastic parts. But I may purchase any toy or part that I see as a bargain.

Information on each toy: item, color, age, place and time of purchase, purchase price, general condition, condition of paint, condition of decals, kinds and sizes of wheels, printing on wheels and elsewhere, stampings, missing or broken parts, repairs or modifications since purchase, prices on similar items seen in books, shows, or shops; estimated current value, plans for repair, storage, display, or sale. My early accounts tended to be more detailed, though I should keep making these records. Numbers in parentheses in contents are numbers of that kind of toy in my collection.

Locations of My Toys: The best are in the house, 100 of the poorest in the east barn. Those in the house are mostly in the study, some in the cabinet and the closet in Tom's room, some in the downstairs hall cabinet off the kitchen. Some original boxes are in the attic, some in the study closet, some in the shop next to the garage. A few toys are in my U-M office, and a few are scattered around the house on display, as under the stove and on the bookcases in the TV room, and on the oak bureau in the front room.

Asterisked items have been seen for sale or on display only once. Numbers in parentheses after item description indicate numbers of times other items have ever been seen. For each toy, prices seen on other examples not purchased are indicated, and the date and their general condition. About one-third of the toys listed here have been seen once, about half once, twice, or three times; only two items have been seen priced lower than the price I gave (\$85 rather than \$100; \$125 rather than \$150), and both were in poorer condition; for one toy a lower listed price (\$8.75 rather than \$12) has been seen in a toy publication. Sometimes my toy may not be in as good shape as another priced higher.

Pricing guidelines include these points: Highest-priced toys happen when purchasers are dying to have a particular toy. Good examples are prices in magazines like *Antique Toy World*, which are often out of line, evidently catering to the compulsive purchaser of a particular toy. Second are antique shops, though some prices there are reasonable. The best toy purchases from dealers (and some of the least reasonable ones) involve antique dealers who don't deal in toys and have one or a few off in one corner; especially good prices can be negotiated if the toy is missing something not easy to fix, and if several such toys can be purchased together. Third are toy auctions, at which probably most prices are reasonable (many are purchased by dealers) and only the ones affected by the first category (above) are unreasonable. Fourth are probably farm and other non-toy auctions at which there are just a few toys. Fifth are private sales, such as garage sales and people selling toys their kids had because they are retiring and must get rid of some items. The best ones involve non-toy collectors as sellers. One can offer a fair price and still come out well. Such opportunities are rare but can involve real bargains. Another way to make profitable purchases and also have much fun is to amass incomplete or imperfect toys, which are usually inexpensive, and then watch for parts to put together and for people marketing restoration parts. Once one has amassed several hundred imperfect and incomplete toys he has a significant chance of finding what he needs. The search can be truly enjoyable, giving special purpose to all those happy visits to malls, shows, auctions, and flea markets.

Values given in this catalogue were mostly judged at the time of purchase. Most toys are *much* higher in value now, and definitely should not be sold by a novice, except after being priced by

at least two independent experts (not by one prospective buyer) or using a current price book. Otherwise, they should only be sold at a special toy auction. This collection is big enough to be sold as a separate toy auction if it is advertised appropriately around a place like Ann Arbor.

Sources of My Toys: A2AM = Ann Arbor Antiques Mart; A2AFM = A2 Antiques Flea Market; A2FTS = Ann Arbor Farm Toy Show; BS = Brusher Show; FA = Farm Auction; HA = House Auction; EA = Estate Auction; RSFM = roadside flea market; TM = A2 Treasure Mart; DTA = Dad's Toy Auction, Chelsea, MI; MSF = Monroe, MI Superfest; UK = unknown; YTA = Ypsilanti; PTC = private toy collections; A2 mall = Plymouth Road Antique Store; State St. A2 = collectible store. There have been many other places in most states, visited primarily on biological field trips. NNOL means no identifying numbers or letters.

Note: Approximately 75 older toys and toy parts in the barn have not been checked carefully for inclusion in this catalogue. As I make this check, I enter "Barn" to show the location. When price or source is not given for any toy, I don't know it. No expensive toys have been purchased without such information.

A. C. WILLIAMS

1. **A. C. Williams Red Cast Iron Farm Wagon.** A2AM, 19 July 1998, \$50. Priced at \$75.
2. **A. C. Williams Blue Cast Iron Farm Wagon.** A2AM, 19 July 1998, \$50. Priced at \$75.

I saw two others for \$65 each in the Plymouth Mall Antique Store. The note attached to them identified them as A. C. Williams, and said they were from the 1890's to the 1020's.

ARCADE TOYS

Note: If price is not given, I don't know it. All my Arcade toys except #11 (bookshelf, TV room) are located in the right lower drawer of the oak filing case in the study: 15 pieces purchased for ca. \$225.

1. **Arcade Red Oliver Iron Tractor**, 5 1/2" long with black rubber wheels with the centers silver-painted, and that say "ARCADE BALLOON 1800 X 24." Driver is molded part of tractor. NNOL. One sold at a Mongo, Indiana farm sale, 27 Oct 2001, in exactly the same shape, for \$150.
2. **Arcade Orange Iron Two-Bottom Plow.** Good job of welding rear share on, but paint is missing there. No. "428" on left below crank. I need a better plow.
3. **Arcade Red Iron Corn Planter** with black rubber wheels that say "ARCADE BALLOON 30 X 525." A small part is broken off the right rear side. ARCADE on bottom. Otherwise intact and fine. I need a better one.
4. **Arcade Yellow Iron Spike-Toothed Harrow.** Fine. NNOL.
5. **Arcade Red Iron Buck Rake** with large silver metal wheels. I saw one in the same shape as mine for \$125, A2FTS 24 Jan 1998. Very good. ARCADE stamped underneath.

6. Arcade Yellow Iron Seven-Foot Single Disc. Good. \$40, A2FTS 1990. ARCADE on bottom. Although there is one fewer discs on the left side, it is apparently how they are made (see Arcade #13).

7. Arcade Red Iron Two-Bottom Larger (1/16?) International Plow. One share has a green label with yellow printing "AN ARCADE TOY". On right shank "282R," left shank, "4." I bought it for \$20, 14 April 1990, Ann Arbor Antique Show, without wheels or hitch. I had appropriate metal wheels and I made a wire-hook hitch like those on other Arcade toys here. It may be missing a small, detachable gear (a trip mechanism for when rocks are hit?); one with the gear was priced at \$150 at A2FTS, Feb 91. There's a larger Arcade International plow with a different hitch more resembling the real thing; I saw it for \$265 even though one lever was missing, A2FTS 1998.

8. Arcade Green and Yellow Iron Sickle Bar Mower with black rubber wheels with silver centers that say "ARCADE BALLOON 30 X 525." Very good. ARCADE and "421" on bottom.

9. Arcade(?) Green Iron "Men Working Ahead" Sign. Purchased Grass Lake Estate Auction, July 1991. Good. NNOL.

10. Arcade Iron Lincoln Zephyr Sedan lacking rear end assemblage and wheels. Deeply rusted. Purchased in a lot of toys in central Indiana at a small shop attached to a used car lot.

11. Arcade Red Allis Chalmers U Tractor and Green Iron Earth Mover Trailer. I bought the earth mover for \$10 at a Grass Lake estate auction, July 1991. In 1998, I finally found the tractor at A2FTS, Burkholders' booth, and bought it for \$35, adding \$20 to order four black replacement wheels with white centers to match on the earth mover and tractor (those on the tractor were badly damaged). This outfit will have cost me \$65, less the saving of two white Arcade wheels I will remove from the earth mover. It's great to see the set completed. In size it is 1/20, 8" overall, and it sells for about \$100 in the same shape as mine, \$120 or more if better. It should be O'Brien's AR3A, #2660. Possibly, the tractor is AR3 and the trailer goes with a larger tractor. If this were true, though, the length would make no sense from O'Brien or Crilley and Burkholder. O'Brien says the price range is \$125-250. On book shelf in TV room.

12. Arcade Yellow(?) Crane Bucket (broken). Purchased for \$5 or so at Grass Lake estate auction, July 1991. Usefulness still in doubt. Whereabouts unknown at this moment (2 Feb 98).

13. Arcade Disc (like #60). Purchased in Illinois, 21 June 99 for \$27.

14. Arcade Horse-Drawn Red Wagon Running Gear. \$90. A2AFM, Sept. 2001.

15. Arcade Red Disc. \$27.50. Mongo, Indiana Farm Auction, 27 Oct 2001. Some discs bent.

Note: I saw these prices at the Ann Arbor Farm Toy Show, 10 Feb 1990: above tractor: \$85 -- also so listed in Crilley and Burkholder (1989); plow, \$65; mower, \$50; hayrake, \$80 (1998, \$125); corn planter, \$50; spiketooth harrow, \$25; disc, \$40 (I bought it). I saw a corn planter, \$25, at the Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 3 June 1989. I paid \$165 for the set of seven implements and the Oliver tractor -- same set, A2FTS1990, was priced \$445 (minus two-gang International plow), and in same condition except one-gang plow was better. On 20 May 1990 at A2AM (Ann Arbor Antiques Market) I saw a mower for \$45 and a corn planter for \$58, neither in as good shape as mine. I saw a 2-bottom plow missing one share (!) for \$75, Mason, MI, Oct 91. I saw a roller (cultipacker) for \$100, corn snapper for \$90. I need both, plus thresher, wagon, and International pickup to complete my farm set. What I own (above) might sell for \$1200 (2002).

ARCOR TOYS

1. **Arcor Safe Play Toys Red Horse Box Wagon.** Missing front wheels, axle, and hitch for \$1, A2 Antiques Mart, 23 Feb 96. Appears to be made of fiber board. Top left drawer of oak cabinet in study.

ARGO TOYS

1. **Blue Two-Tone Tin Sedan, 4 inches long.** Purchased for maybe \$7 at farm sale near Manchester, MI, February 1989. Rubber wheels. "ARGO" on trunk above license plate. Windshield wiper arms that move. In box with Tootsie Toys #5 and 6. Perhaps worth \$10.

ARNOLD TOYS

1. **Arnold Orange and White Rear End of Tin Wrecker.** Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$3. Says "service" on sides. Overall length 12""; wheels 1 7/8" diameter, red convex metal centers, says "ARNOLD -- 22-00" on tires. House?

AUBURN RUBBER TOYS

1. **WW II Dark Green Army Truck No. 656.** \$10, Treasure Mart, Nov 92. Same price for next five items. All in fine shape. All Auburn toys are in upper left drawer of oak cabinet in study.
2. **WWII Light Green Army Truck No. 656.**
3. **WWII Dark Green Army Tank No. 650.**
4. **WWII Light Green Army Tank No. 650.**
5. **WWII Dark Green Half Track with gun No. 652.**
6. **WWII Light Green Half Track with Gun No. 652.**
7. **Yellow Road Grader** lacking blade, 6 rubber wheels (\$10), Stroudsburg, PA., Sept 97. Missing the absence of the blade was my mistake, but the wheels may be worth the cost.

I saw about a dozen Auburn Toys at the A2AM, April 97, fire engine, sedan (Auburn?), other sedans, others, for prices around \$65 each. Tank at Stroudsburg Sept 97, \$10.

BRENNER

1. **Brenner Red, Yellow, and Blue 1950's Crane with rubber treads.** A2AM, 19 JULY 1998, \$180. Originally priced \$275.

BUCKEYE TOYS

1. **Buckeye Blue Pickup** with overhead cab; black rubber wheels with tires hollowed out inside; Sept 94, AAAM, \$50. Where is it?
2. **Buckeye badly rusted junk truck bed** with a wheel (found). Barn.

Note: Saw a Buckeye red livestock hauler in good condition except lacking grille (tailgate ok) 30 June 1990 A2AFM for \$65.

BUDDY L TOYS

- *1. **Buddy L Aqua Dock Co Marine Supplies Truck.** Purchased 22 October 1988, Ann Arbor Antique Mart for \$20. Overall length 14 1/2"; blue, with paint and overall condition excellent; on the cab door decal, which gives a faintly green effect in a rectangle pretty much covering the door, Buddy L is printed in orange with a white anchor underlying it and "DOCK CO" printed below Buddy L in yellow; below that is written in orange script "Marine Supplies." Bed is flat with a V-shaped bed in the center that looks as though it once held a boat; cab appears to be a 1950's truck; no plastic, windows open. Wheels are 2 5/16" in diameter with "Buddy L" and

"USA" and "10.00 x 20" on each; in the center of each wheel is a silver-painted area with 5 metal (appearing) flat spokes, a small center hub and 8 simulated lug bolts. Tires are black plastic and hollow on the inside. Grill intact, bumper blue. Bed dumps by lever on left with V-shaped unit underneath. Estimated value is \$20 or less. I saw a Buddy L Army Revolving Light Truck in approximately the same condition, lacking the light itself, for \$18 at the same sale. I think, however, I am willing to buy all the different kinds of Buddy L trucks made in this style at this price when they are in this condition. Buddy L trucks have a special appeal to me. When did they start putting the hollow plastic wheels on their trucks (they actually look very good on the outside)? I am surprised there is no evidence that this truck ever had a winch on it. I bought an Ohio Art Boat that fits on this truck pretty well. Piano in study.

***2. Buddy L Red and Gold Ladder Truck.** Purchased in 1987, Treasure Mart, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for \$12. Overall length, 27"; red with gold letters and decorations; 6 whitewalled tires; overall condition, including paint, very good or excellent, except that all ladders except the base of the extension ladder are missing. Extension ladder is white painted. Red light in the top of the cab was also missing, but I replaced it with a red marble. I also bought a side ladder that appears to fit well for \$3. Cab decal says "Buddy L" with a large "3" beneath it and a decorative lyre-like figure enclosing the letters and number. On the trailer side is "B.L.F.D." with decorations before and behind. There are three holes near the back end of the trailer on its flat top forming a triangle, 2" between the back holes and 2 1/4" from back hole to front. Holes are 3/8" in diameter. Possibly the back holes held another swivel and extension ladder set, but the front on swivels on a single opening. Tires are hard plastic with bright metal convex hubcaps; the wheels are not hollow on the inside; except for the wheels there is no plastic on the truck. Front side of side windows on cab slope forward toward the top, as do those in both of the Tonka trucks above (1956-60 Ford is being imitated). The main ladder I need is 2 1/16" wide and about 18" (or shorter) long. The side ladder I bought is 12 11/16" long and 1 7/8" wide; it is unpainted, with half-tubular side pieces and 10 steps. The slots it has to fit through are about 1/4" wide. Estimated value: \$35. With ladders: \$65. (Saw one just like this one, missing side ladders also, and cabtop red light, worse shape than mine, for \$95, 3 June 1989). YTA94, no ladders, not nearly as good as mine, \$80. Under desk in box-shed.

***3. Buddy L Yellow Bulldozer with Black Scoop.** Purchased 9 November 1988 at Treasure Mart for \$22. Overall length 12 1/2"; overall condition fairly good. All parts metal or rubber, but a plastic seat has probably been lost. Tracks intact, two teeth bent upward on scoop; white rubber knob on scoop lift lever. Seat and steering (evidenced by hole in dash) missing. Red Buddy L decal on top of radiator; DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS decal on top side of hood. A chunk of repair weld stuck on right rear of body. Paint not bad.

4. Buddy L Olive Drab Army Transport Truck. Purchased 7 April 1989 at Ann Arbor Antiques Market for \$10. Olive drab with large orange and off-white decal on side of bed. Wheels are solid rubber, not hollow on inside. Fairly rusty, with decals damaged. Missing the wires and canvas that usually cover the bed. Otherwise intact. Paint rather poor with rust; decals damaged.

5. Buddy L Portable Scoop-N-Loader. Purchased for \$30, 3 June 1989 Ann Arbor Antique Sale. In good shape. Nothing missing. Wheels are rubber, marked "Buddy 'L' Toys, East Moline, Illinois." Elevator is cream-colored, scoop at bottom and tray at top are green. Decal is black, red, and a light green with cream and yellow letters. Saw one in poorer shape on western trip, August 1989, for \$35; April 1990 \$45. On book shelf on desk in study. At A2 toy show Nov 1999, price, \$250(!)

6. Buddy L White and Green Dump Truck. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, for \$25. Fairly old. Wheels are only slightly hollow inside. In good shape, rust on top of cab.

7. **Buddy L Kid Riding Truck.** Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale for \$15. Missing bed in back, steering wheel broken off, part of steering gear missing. Can be repaired. Barn.
8. **Buddy L Snub-Nosed Tin Coca Cola Truck Made in Japan.** Purchased by Lorrie for \$35, somewhere in Michigan (Father's Day present). Missing small side box. Was bent and coming apart but I got it back together and it is pretty nice. Not very old. Plastic windows.
9. **Buddy L Snub-Nosed Tin Coca Cola Truck Made in Japan.** Purchased at Tecumseh Flea Market, 9 July 1990 for \$5. Missing grille and bumper and also little box that #9 is missing. Otherwise identical to #8.
10. **Buddy L Yellow Auto Hauler.** Purchased 20 June 1990 at Logansport, Indiana Antique Mart for \$33. Overall length 27". Missing one wheel, same as wheels I put on homemade trailer. Otherwise in very good condition. At Dad's toy auction in Chelsea, 17 April 1993, saw a nice one sell for \$72.50. May have been just like mine.
11. **Buddy L Red Gasoline Semi Trailer.** Purchased Feb 91, Ford Rd. AFM, missing cab, otherwise good. Barn.
12. **Buddy L Red Texaco Gasoline Truck.** Purchased from private party, Rochester, MI, Dec 91, excellent, except side tips of grille broken off. ca. \$60. Tom's room closet shelf.
13. **Buddy L Riding Academy Truck.** Purchased from private party, Rochester, MI, Dec 91, excellent, with horses and corral, except horses' legs broken and plastic dome broken (all parts there to glue together). ca. \$65. YTA94, \$70. Tom's room closet shelf.
14. **Buddy L Riding Truck, 1940 or so, wrecker** with bed like grain truck. Purchased at flea market. Like #7 above, for which I found a wrecker arm but no bed. Barn.
15. **Buddy L Red Semi Tractor.** Lancaster, Ohio, Mid-America Antique and Farm Market, 28 Aug 1993, \$13.50.
16. **Buddy L Two-Tone Blue Truck with sloping sides on bed.** About 1960. Purchased in the southeast somewhere for \$20. Very good shape. Tires are hard rubber and say Good Year GT Radial on them.
17. **Buddy L Green Pickup.** Complete, very good shape, 1960's with plastic whitewall tires and plastic in windows and spring-loaded front end. Purchased in Virginia somewhere in 1993 for \$20. Wheels hollowed inside. Study secretary.
18. **Buddy L Olive Green Army Electric Searchlight Truck.** Purchased 1993 for about \$20 at Chelsea Antique Fair. Lacking searchlight. Otherwise very good. Rubber wheels slightly hollowed inside.
19. **Buddy L Yellow Truck with Red Bed.** Missing bed and grille, but red bed bought separately. Old style cab. \$15.20. Missing one wheel. Kaleidoscope, Urbana, Ohio, 30 Aug 93
20. **Buddy L Green Ranch Truck.** 1960's. Excellent. Purchased in Virginia for about \$20. Whitewalls on either hard rubber or plastic wheels. Tom's room closet shelf.
21. **Buddy L Green Wrecker Arm and Hook.** Purchased 20 Nov 94 at Ypsilanti Toy Auction for \$12.50. Excellent shape. Oak cabinet drawer in study. Fits #7?

22. Buddy L Yellow Dump Truck. Missing grille, rusty, \$25 at Lancaster, Ohio, Mid-America Antique and Farm market, 28 August 1993.

23. Buddy L Red Pickup. Has wrong silver top, no grille, and Tonka wheels. \$3 at Paleidoscope, Urbana, Ohio, 30 Aug 1993.

24. Buddy L Blue Wrecker. Wrong wheels, wrong cab top, no hoist. \$20, Paleidoscope, 30 Aug 93, Urbana, Ohio.

Note: I have to check all of the above, especially the last ten or so, because I may have entered some vehicles twice or missed some (23 Feb 96).

Saw a Buddy L dump truck missing one pair of rear duals (should have eight wheels on rear) and poor shape for \$35 in Rapid City, South Dakota, August 1989. Saw a good pickup truck June 1990 A2AM for \$55. Should have bought it. Saw a truck like #15 above with stake bed and excellent, \$175. Buddy L trucks are priced erratically (1996).

COURTLAND TOYS

1. Courtland Red and Yellow Fast Express Transport. Purchased Lansing MI Toy Show, Nov 91, for \$15. Excellent except that winder handle is broken off. Top of oak drawer cabinet in study. "Old store stock" one in ATW for \$255, Oct 1998.

DINKY TOYS

1. Dinky Supertoy Low Loader. Thorny croft Mighty Antar (Meccano Ltd). Made in England. Red Cast Iron Tractor, gray diecast trailer with black floor, black rubber tires, gray hubs, silver head lamps, black grille, no cargo (evidently supposed to be carrying a plastic ship's propellor). 1959-964, according to Force 1988; 6 wheels on tractor, 6 on trailer; \$45 at A2TM, July 15, 1998. 1959 version complete is listed by Force 1988 at \$120-135.

DISTLER TOYS (GERMANY)

***1. Yellow and Red Roadster BMW.** Purchased in a bucket of junk at a farm sale, 1986, for \$1. Overall length 9 5/8". Overall condition poor; missing one headlight, one wheel, steering wheel. This is a 1930's style (1930's or 1950's vintage?) windup toy with the main spring broken and the plastic windshield warped. Front license plate says D-3150. Probable value: \$10. German-made. I saw an identical one, probably complete, for \$85, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, April 1989. Big key in back to wind it. Steering wheels broken, glued, bright metal. Saw one in very good shape with key, April 1990, for \$225. Advertised in Antique Toy World for \$895. An excellent one advertised 1992 in ATW for \$895. One with key, repainted \$140. A2 Oct 95. Top of cabinet in study.

2. Red Roadster BMW. Purchased, Monroe Superfest, 19 Sept 92, for \$40. Missing windshield and one wheel. License Number D-3200. I used parts from the one above to make this one complete. It says "Made in Occupied Germany" on the bottom (red). Fellow who advertises in Antique Toy World has parts for these. I made a key from an old key. Middle walnut drawer in study.

3. Newer BMW. Purchased for \$140: excellent except missing one wheel and key. April 1995 (my extra wheels fits). Top of cabinet in study.

DOEPKE MODEL TOYS, THE CHARLES WILLIAM DOEPKE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INCORPORATED, ROSSMOYNE, OHIO

***1. Doepke Model Toy Barber Greene Green Overhead Gravel Loader.** Purchased 9 November 1988, Ann Arbor Treasure Mart, for \$30. Overall length 22 1/2"; height 12"; width 8." Overall condition, fair to good; paint good; missing forward conveyer belt and rear conveyer chain with buckets, and rear roller and sprocket for chain and buckets; also missing a chain for the side crank that runs both conveyers; some bent areas, can be straightened. It can be restored without too much difficulty. Painted dark green. All wheels rubber with "Goodrich" on sides, back tires marked 2100 - 24; front tires 11.0 x 20. Hubcaps intact. On front loader a faded decal says "Authorized by Barber Greene" with a B over a G on a diamond between the two words; decal green letters on white. Decal on back of front conveyer where it rises toward front end of rear conveyer says "The Charles Wm. Doepke MFG. Co. Inc. Rossmoyne, O." in black on gray, then in much larger red letters outlined in white it says "Model TOYS" with "PATENT PENDING" in tiny gray letters under the M. Probable value when restored: \$250 or more. Saw

one like it, complete, \$485, A2AFM Aug 90. Saw the other Barber Greene loader (with tracks) sell at Saline estate auction, Apr 91 for \$240, very rusty but apparently complete. Barn.

2. Doepke 2000 Model Toy Yellow Woolridge Earth Hauler. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for 50 cents. Lacking power unit in front and bottom doors for unloading, and in terrible shape. Purchased mainly for wheels. YTA94, \$125. Barn.

3. Doepke 2000 Model Toy Yellow Earth Hauler. Purchased California, Aug 91, \$50. Narrow, opens side to side and only hauls and unloads earth. Fair condition (some rust). Barn.

4. Doepke 2011 Model Toy Red Heiliner Earth Scraper. Purchased California, Aug 91, \$50. Wide, opens underneath in front and scoops up earth. Good condition (rust on rear unloading lever). YTA94, \$50. Saw one sell, Ypsi Feb 96 \$140 (decent). Barn.

5. Doepke 2002 Model Toy Yellow Jaeger Concrete Mixer. Purchased California, Aug 91, \$50. Very good condition. Paint good and nothing missing. YTA94, \$150. Hall cabinet

6. Doepke 2007 Unit Model Orange Crane purchased for \$140, excellent, A2AMFM, 13 Apr 91. Saw one at YTA94, no bucket, \$95; saw another without bucket, not as good, \$75, Ypsi Feb 96, second one, same place, like mine in quality, \$130. Same one, same shape for \$395, CHELSEA, APRIL 95. Another for \$275, 25 May 98, Allenville, MI. On cabinet in hall.

7. Doepke 20013 Unit Model Toy Green Tractor for #1 above, Excellent, but pulled portion missing. 13 Apr 91, A2AMFM, \$20. Study floor.

8. Doepke Barber-Greene Loader, Mobile Version. Purchased 20 Nov 1994, Ypsilanti Toy Auction, for \$120. Very good, complete except for one chain (I have it). Under desk in study.

9. Doepke Clamshell Bucket for #6 above. \$10. Ypsi Feb 96. Study drawer?

I saw an orange Model Toys earthmover for \$185, April 1989. All Model Toys are high-priced -- up to \$400. Saw an earthmover for \$185 and a crane with a bucket like my Michigan Nylints in Nebraska for \$185. I bought toys 3,4,5 above together for less than half their original indicated price. Lumber carrier \$175-350; pressed steel dump truck \$50-100; Adams 2006 Road Grader 26" long, \$120-240; Fire truck, \$200-400; 2012 Caterpillar Tractor Dozer \$180-360; Airport vehicle 4-800; MG \$170-350; Jaguar \$160-320; Red Crane #375 (Adrian Mar 91); Searchlight truck \$480-960 (O'Brien prices). The four decent toys I have are priced in April 1992 Antique Toy World for about \$1000 more than I paid for them.

DURAGO TOYS (EUROPEAN)

Note: All Durago model cars are in the walnut wall cabinet in the study.

1. Durago 1932 Alfa Romeo 2300 Spider. 1/18 scale, red, white, and blue, purchased March 1990 in Kuala Lumpur NIB for \$10.

2. Durago Citroen TA 15 Cylinder. 1/24 scale, white sedan, purchased in Kuala Lumpur, March 1990, NIB for \$7.

3. Durago 1936 Bugatti Atlantic. 1/24 scale, blue sports car, purchased March 1990 in Kuala Lumpur NIB for \$7.

4. Durago Ferrari 250 Testra Rossa. 1/24 scale, red sports car, purchased March 1990 in Kuala Lumpur NIB for \$7.

5. Durago 1948 Jaguar XK 120. 1/24 scale, green sports car, purchased March 1990 in Kuala Lumpur NIB for \$7.

ERTL TOYS (IOWA)

1. **Ertl Fordson Gray Diecast 1/16 Scale with black plastic steering wheel, NIB.** Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, February 1989, for \$16. Although these sell in implement stores for \$16.95, I saw a listing of them for \$9 in a farm toys magazine. Closet in Tom's room.

2. **Ertl Red International 544 Rowcrop Tractor.** Purchased for \$3 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 3 June 1989, for parts. Interior of wheels is cream-colored plastic. Steering wheel gone, back axle housing broken on one side, front wheels out of slot, two sides of body coming apart (rivet gone). Fixed it Feb 91 with 50 cent steering wheel, other parts from shop for repairing steering and back axle housing. It looks good now. I can't identify it well enough to figure its probable price from C&B.

3. **Ertl Farmall F-20.** Purchased NIB August 1989, Iowa, for \$13. Under desk in study.

4. **Ertl Case.** Purchased NIB August 1989, Iowa, for \$12. Under desk in study.

5. **Ertl Yellow Industrial Ford with Back Hoe and Scoop.** Purchased in Montana antique store, August 1989, for \$18 (used to cost \$40 NIB; saw one for \$39 at Ann Arbor Farm Toy Show, 10 Feb 90). Paint peeling badly, otherwise perfect. Excellent one for \$100 A2 AFM Aug 91; \$38 NIB, 9 Feb 91, A2FTS (same or not?). Under desk in study.

6. **Ertl Red and Black Stock Trailer.** Good condition. Purchased, Monroe Superfest, 19 Sept 92, for \$8. By stove in TV room hooked to Ertl International mimicking 1959 B model.

7. **Ertl Red Dump Truck with White Bed.** Not old. Purchased at Treasure Mart for \$2. Floor of study.

8. **Ertl Green and Gray Dairi-Fresh Semi Truck.** Not old. Purchased at Treasure Mart for about \$5. One sold at Ypsilanti Toy Auction, 20 Nov 94, for \$45. Floor of study.

9. **Ertl Yellow Industrial Ford with Back Hoe and Scoop.** NIB. Purchased at Ypsilanti Toy Auction, 20 Nov 1994, for \$120. Purchased for grandson, Alexander Turner, for Christmas. It's in Santa Rosa.

10. **Ertl Red and Cream International** with partial scoop and plastic wheel centers. Lancaster, Ohio, A and FM, 28 Aug. 93, \$8.

11. **Ertl Blue and Orange Automatic Dump Truck.** Not old. Price, and time and place of purchase unknown.

- 12-18. **Ertl Farm Tractors as follows, each for \$17, 1/16 Scale.** International H, Allis WD 45, John Deere D, John Deere A or B, Case 600, Ford 8N or 9N. Most or all in sheds under desk in study.

19. **Ertl Fordson Gray Diecast 1/16 Scale.** Purchased NIB for \$17. I put a metal steering wheel on it.

- 20-27. **Ertl 1/32 Farm Tractors and Wagon as follows** (total cost about \$15; all made in Hong Kong). In study.

1. IHC Steam engine
2. Farmall F-20 tractor
3. Fordson tractor
4. H Farmall tractor
5. Farmall 1086 tractor
6. Farmall 5088 tractor
7. Titan 10-20 tractor
8. Farm wagon

28. Ertl John Deere Green Wagon Running Gears (tongue replaced without paint -- pretty good), rubber wheels with metal centers \$15 (priced at \$30) A2FTS1998. Drawer of oak cabinet in study.

29. Ertl International Blue Pickup Truck. Mimics 1959 Model B truck with vertically double headlights and outside fenders behind but not in front. Purchased in Galesburg, Illinois, antique shop, for \$100. In decent shape except spring underneath attached to front wheels has been broken and rebent, and left front wheel has been changed. The new wheel matches the others except it is softer rubber. A little paint rubbed off on corners of truck, but decals intact. Not very rusty. I can't find the word Ertl on it. Underneath in front of the front wheels it says "Made in U.S.A." House. By stove in TV room with Ertl trailer hooked to it. Saw one slightly better, 26 Jan 99, Farm Toy Show, A2Saline, \$225. One in worse shape, A2AM, 20 April 2002, sold for \$150.

30. Ertl Red Farm Wagon. A2TM, 15 July 98, \$7, excellent. Floor of study.

31. Ertl Red Grain Auger. \$20. Mongo, Ind. Farm Auction, 27 Oct 01, Good.

32. Ertl Red Small Diecast Tractor #656. \$1.00. Front end broken off, MIFA.

33. Ertl Red Diecast Two-Wheeled Corn Planter, Spring Hitch. \$2.00. MIFA.

34. Ertle Red Diecast Two-Share Plow, Spring Hitch. \$2.00. MIFA. Good.

35. Ertl Red Two-Wheeled Manure Spreader with white plastic thrower, hitch broken off – can be made useful. Black rubber tires. MIUFA. Free.

GABRIEL TOYS

1. Gabriel Orange and White Dump Truck with Plastic Wheels. Purchased 30 September 1989, farm sale, for \$2. Plastic windshield and cab interior. One support for right corner of bed on front broken. Paint poor. Not worth much of anything.

GIRARD TOYS (PENNSYLVANIA)

Note: All Girard toys are by the stove in the TV room.

1. Girard (Wyandotte #13 may belong here).

2. Girard Silver Semi Tractor 1930's. Purchased Ann Arbor Antique Mart, Nov 1988 for \$25. Overall length 6 3/4"; Wooden wheels (no duals), 1 5/8" in diameter. Painted silver over original color. Fenders and underside originally black. No manufacturer indicated -- may be Wyandotte with wheels carrying identification originally. Four 1/4" holes in a row in back for

attachment of trailer. Small 1/4" washers on axles. Four vent marks in side of hood. Condition good except for paint. Guy offered me one in better shape for \$15 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, August 1989 -- didn't take it -- why?). Saw a complete one with three trailers in original box for \$500, same sale. Girard Toy, Girard, Pennsylvania. Small washers on smaller ends of axles. Front wheels not fixed on axle, and front axle without a curve, so evidently no bell and no sound when moved. Stove, TV room.

3. Girard Red and Blue Trailer. A2 Mall \$15. 25 Sept 1995. Stove, TV room.

4. Girard Repainted Red and Black Tractor with Repainted Blue Covered Top Two-Wheeled Trailer. \$80 in Virginia antique store, 1994 or so. Three holes for attachment of trailer: 1 and 5 each have 4. It also has four slots, two on each side above rear wheels, unlike 1 and 4. Same size, and apparently exactly the same shape as 1 and 4. This one has hard rubber wheels slightly hollowed on the inside, with "Girard" and "Balloon" on them, and hubcaps with 8 holes in them; wheels 1 9/16" diameter. Front wheels fixed on axle so that axle turns with them and presumably caused something to hit the bell attached in front of them. Stove, TV room. Saw one like this with 2- wheeled shell trailer, restored well, for \$195.

5. Girard Blue Tipping Bed Four-Wheel Trailer. Lacking tipping bed. Wheels wooden with red hubs having 8 round holes. Assumed to be Girard but may be Marx. Stove, TV room.

6. Girard Red Semi Tractor with Yellow Wooden Wheels. Purchased in Galesburg, Illinois, antique shop, for \$53, June 1998. Wheels 1 3/4" diameter. Exactly like 1 above except wheels not as worn and front axle with dip in middle as in 3 above. Lacking the bell that is on 3 above underneath by front axle, though hole is there. Also, hood ornament seems a little smaller and different-shaped (points more backward and is lower) than on 1 above; it matches 3 instead. . Also, front axle support has more of an angle to it and therefore is stronger than on 1 above. Front wheels fixed on axle so that it turns, and presumably caused a noise against the missing bell. Paint maybe 1/10 gone. Red underneath. Not particularly rusty. One washer on back axle, none on front. Stove, TV room.

7. Girard Gray-Green Covered Trailer. Like #3, wooden wheels painted red, tailgate missing. \$5, Hershey, Pa. 1998.

8. Girard Red-Painted Trailer with repainted wooden wheels. Purchased, Illinois, 21 June 99

9. Girard Black Dump Wagon. Clever item. Repainted black. Wooden wheels also painted black. Purchased for \$13, Illinois, 21 June 99.

10. Girard Red Semi Tractor with black fenders, yellow wooden wheels, lacking front yoke but with trailer yoke and matching wheels like #5 above. Purchased Chelsea Antique Show, Sept 99. \$30.

HUBLEY TOYS (LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA)

Note: *Most small Hubley farm toys are in right lower drawer of oak filing case in study, along with Arcade farm toys. Large International tractors are in shop; baler is on top of oak case.) Some diecast farm toys listed under Hubley may be Canadian.*

1. Hubley Red Diecast MG Roadster (2). Purchased in bucket of junk at farm sale, 1986, for \$1. Hubley Kiddie Toy, overall length, 9"; overall condition, good. I made a plastic windshield for it and straightened (in part) a crumpled left running board. It's diecast with rubber wheels. I also

painted it red (original color) and aluminum. It has the spare wheels. One headlight has been reattached. Probable value: \$10. I saw one 8 April 1989 for \$45, less paint than mine, with metal frame for windshield. Aug 90, one in excellent condition for \$120, no windshield. Saw one in Tecumseh, Dec 92 for \$165. Secretary in study.

2. Hubley Plastic Semi Tractor. Purchased in Pennsylvania flea market, 1988, for \$1. Overall length 5 3/4"; overall condition excellent except that back of cab is broken under window. All plastic with six rubber wheels 1 1/8" in diameter. Purchased only for wheels and as template. Hubley Kiddie Toy. Probable value, \$1. I removed the wheels and discarded the truck.

3. Hubley 1955 Red and Cream Diecast Dodge Dump Truck. Purchased some time in bucket of junk at farm sale. Overall length 9 3/4". Overall condition very good -- intact except for tailgate missing and paint flaked rather badly. Rubber wheels 1 7/16" in diameter, dual behind. Bed green, truck red below, cream above. "Hubley Kiddie Toy, Lancaster, Pa., Made in USA, 494" underneath. Probable value \$25. Saw one 8 April 1989 same condition for \$25. 13 Apr 91, \$45.

4. Hubley Red Diecast Kiddie Toy Firetruck. Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, Feb 1989, for \$5. 7 1/4 inches long, rubber wheels. Paint mostly gone. Otherwise okay, except missing one one-inch wheel.

5. Cream Trailer for Hubley Truck No. (508?). Purchased 4 March 1989 at Egler's farm sale for \$1. Missing tractor and most paint gone. Some rust on iron pieces. Back wheels on replacement axles that are too long. But this will be a nice piece if I can find the tractor. The whole bed is 11 inches long, and the rubber wheels are 1 9/16 inches in diameter. It's painted red. If I find a tractor to fit it, it will surely be worth \$20-30. Right now it must be worth \$10.

6. Hubley Red and Gray Diecast M-56B Rowcrop Massey Harris Tractor. Same as #50 except back wheels entirely black (probably not original), front wheels slightly larger, and hood of tractor not fluted along sides as above. Not much paint. I bought the man for it (identical to that of 50) at A2FTS 1998, for \$25. Farm sale long ago, \$1. Original wheels with yellow plastic interiors (replaced by me with new rubber wheels that look like Slik or Tru-Scale wheels). Body slightly bent. See Crilly and Burkholder, p. 258. Value -- maybe \$40 now. Piano.

7. Hubley Red and Blue Diecast Auto Transport. Purchased July 31, 1989 at Tecumseh, Michigan, Antique Mall for \$20. Very good condition. Plastic wheels and cab insert. Saw two trailers, unmatched cab, 2 small cars, \$25, Ypsi, Feb 96. Lower case on drawered cabinet in study.

8. Hubley Diecast Yellow School Bus. Purchased 30 September 1989, farm sale, for \$15. In very good condition. Paint and all decals excellent. Needs bottom pulled down a bit.

9. Hubley Diecast Dump Truck with Duals. Purchased at Treasure Mart, fall 1989, for \$8. Broken in middle; purchased for wheels and parts. Barn.

10. Hubley Diecast Olive Green Telephone Truck. Purchased 12 Dec 1989, Treasure Mart, for \$6. Badly repainted, pack parts coming apart, reel on side and its axle missing. Duals behind, rubber 1 1/4" wheels; overall length 9+ inches. Mimics 1951-52 Ford truck. Good one with parts, \$95, A2AS, 21 Apr 91. Good one with parts, \$95, A2AMFM, 21 Apr 91.

11. Hubley Black 1936 Ford Coupe. No. 404, purchased 14 April 1990, Ann Arbor, for \$20. 5 3/4" long with hitch -- probably had a trailer attached. Identical for \$50, A2AFM, Aug. 90. On secretary in study.

***12. Hubley Diecast Gray Pickup Truck.** Purchased 11 Feb 1990, Ann Arbor Toy Train Show for \$35. Excellent condition. Overall length 7". Probably 1950's imitation. Has shiny metal stock rack, tailgate is missing. It's actually a wrecker missing the arm: I got an arm on another one (see below, #35).

13. Hubley Lavender 1936 Ford Coupe. No. 404, purchased 20 May 1990, A2AM, for \$25. Identical to #11 except in better condition -- excellent. On secretary in study.

14. Hubley Olive Green Pickup Truck. Purchased 30 June 1990 for \$45. Tailgate missing and trailer hitch broken off. No. 800/2 under bed; 900/3 under cab). Wheels are rubber but hollow inside. U.S. Army decal gone from left side of cab, still on right side. I may have gotten rimmed on this one. NIB with trailer, \$140, A2AFM Aug 91. Barn.

15. Hubley Small Yellow Flatbed Trailer 506 for Semi. Purchased 30 June 1990 A2AFM for \$10. Seven 1 1/4" rubber wheels behind. Diecast No. 506. Excellent condition. Drawer in study.

16. Hubley 1940's Stake Truck, \$45, one wheel wrong.

17. Hubley Diecast Fire Truck, July A2AMFM, 1991, \$10.

18. Hubley Green Diecast Disc, 9827H. \$7.50, Indiana, 1990. Hitch thick, round, vertical, no angle. Study drawer.

19. Hubley(?) Red Side Delivery Rake, 9813F. \$7.50, Indiana, 1990: heavy "tin." Study drawer.

20. Hubley Red Manure Spreader. Purchased Chelsea, MI, \$3, Oct 91. Very good. Black rubber wheel. Hitch nipple angled down and right. Right rear flange bent and straightened. One thrower; round hole in rear floor. Study drawer.

21. Hubley Red Manure Spreader. Purchased where? For how much? Very good. Exactly like above. May have been \$15. Saw one 25 May 98, Allenville, MI, \$28 or \$48. Study drawer.

22. Hubley Olive Green Diecast Army Skid Loader(?). Missing the bucket. Purchased at large antique store, Findlay, Ohio, 1993, \$10.80. I reversed the seat on it and put a draw bar on it and painted it International red to make it a tractor for kids to play with. Study floor.

22-25. Hubley Diecast M International Tractors. Purchased for total of \$55.80 in Lancaster, Ohio, and Jasper, Michigan, Aug. 1993. I am putting the various parts together to make four complete tractors. One has loader on it. Two have wide front ends. One needs back wheels. Barn.

26. Hubley Diecast White and Red Pickup Truck. Purchased 20 Nov 94 at Ypsilanti Toy Auction for \$30. Not bad shape. Study desk.

27. Hubley Dump Truck No. 494. Lacking dump bed, otherwise excellent, missing lots of paint. Indiana Flea Market, 5 June 93, \$5. Secretary in study.

28. Hubley Farmall H. No steering wheel, wrong hind wheels, not much paint, front wheels marred. \$10. Unknown place and time. Barn.

29. Hubley Pale Green Kiddie Toy. Diecast semi tractor Chicago 24, \$6. CAM 3 July 93. [Note: This must be a Tootsietoy -- if it was made in Chicago]

30. Hubley Stake Truck. Missing one side of rack and a wheel. Findlay, Ohio, 27 Aug 1993, \$18.

31. Hubley Flat Iron and Diecast Farm Wagon. Ypsi Feb 96 sale, \$10. Underneath says "HUBLEY KIDDIE TOY LANCASTER PA MADE IN U.S.A. NO. 50 G/E." Has red cast iron running gears with black rubber wheels riveted to diecast bed from underneath. Nice toy. Running gear says "2376" and "4" underneath. Thick hitch as on #48. Drawer in study cabinet.

32. Hubley Orange (Yellow?) Diecast Trailer. \$7. Ypsi Feb 96. Drawer in study cabinet?

33. Hubley Orange Diecast Trailer (Is this the one above?). \$8. Ypsi Feb 96. Drawer in study cabinet?

[20-21. Two Hubley trailers, orange diecast. \$15. Tecumseh Flea Market, Sept 92. Is this the same as 32 and 33 above?]

34. Hubley Red MIG 485. Missing spare tire, windshield, steering wheel, \$15. 2 Oct 95. Secretary in study.

35. Hubley Green Rusty Wrecker \$12. Pennsylvania, Sept 97. Missing one wheel, very rusty, but it cleaned up well on a wire wheel, and I had a black rubber wheel. It's 7 1/2 inches long, underneath says "150," on the inside of the right side of the bed at the front it says "2353B" (? for the letter) and at the back "10." Right side of bed comes off, left is rusted in place. I cleaned it with a wire wheel. On cabinet in study.

36. Hubley International H with loader. \$16. Logansport, Indiana, 1992. Barn.

37. Hubley Orange Highway Roller. Lacking front wheel assembly. \$15. North Georgia Antique Store, Sept 1997. Bottom drawer in study.

38. Hubley (?) Red and Yellow Diecast Earth Hauler (#9102 F) with four black rubber wheels, front ones smaller on a tin "truck" connected by a center rivet swivel to the bucket. Looks to be made as a farm toy. \$30. 4 Oct 1997. Chelsea Antiques Fair. Middle right drawer in study.

39. Hubley (?) Red Log Trailer (#2364). Iron, not diecast. \$20. Chelsea. 4 Oct 1997. No. "2" also on hitch. Maybe not Hubley(?) Thick down-pointing hitch with right angle to left side. Middle right drawer in study.

40. Green Hubley Kiddie Toy H 9827 Sicklebar Mower. Purchased California, 1991, \$7. Middle right drawer in study. Saw one for \$35 A2 Toy Show, 1 Nov 99.

41. Hubley Red Kiddie Toy Two-Wheeled Trailer, No. 5. Price and place unknown. Hitch like 48 but smaller and diecast. Black rubber wheels, low sides, open loop for hitch on back. Middle right drawer study? (Get all these trailers together in one place).

42. Hubley Red Diecast Kiddie Toy Two-Wheeled Trailer No. 5. Black rubber wheels with treads, hitch on back and front, low sides, lengthwise ridges inside bed. Middle right drawer study?

- 43. Hubley(?) Red Diecast Corn Planter.** Black rubber implement wheels. Underneath it says "USA 422." Intact. Good. Hitch is a wire with hook and attaching loop. Asymmetrical and actually exactly shape and size of Arcade #3! Middle right drawer, study.
- 44. Hubley(?) Green Diecast Sickle Bar Mower.** Black rubber implement tires. Sickle bar actually works, but connecting rod added by me. Underneath says "H 8819." Vertical tip on hitch. Middle right drawer, study.
- 45. Hubley Green Diecast H 9827 Single Disc.** Vertical nipple on hitch. Twelve discs. May have been \$10. Whereabouts unknown as of 2 Feb 98. Saw one 25 May 98, Allenville MI, \$28 or \$48. Middle right drawer, study.
- 46. Hubley Kiddie Toy Red Diecast Cultipacker.** Hitch nipple angled down then right, like #48; 20 rollers in two single-piece spans. Frame like #47. No. "50." "Hubley Kiddie Toy, Lancaster, PA. Made in USA." Middle right drawer, study.
- 47. Hubley Kiddie Toy Red Diecast Disc.** 14 discs separated by wooden spacers. Hitch nipple angled as in #48. Same writing on toy as for #46. Middle right drawer, study.
- 48. Hubley(?) Red Iron Two Bottom Plow.** Black rubber tires with one circling raised tread. Hitch nipple angled down then right. Shares painted silver. On right wheel shank it says "2273B." Middle right drawer, study.
- 49. Hubley Red Diecast Fire Truck Kiddie Toy.** Missing driver and ladder(?). \$10 A2 FTS 1998.
- 50. Hubley Red Massey Harris M56A Diecast Tractor.** with black rubber wheels, those on back with yellow centers; iron man with steering attached. \$85. A2FTS 1998. Good. Hood of tractor fluted along sides. Piano.
- 51. Hubley(?) Green Diecast Oliver Baler.** Black rubber wheels with "Hubley" and "Made in USA" on them, but may be replacements. Hitch is broken off. Axle has been replaced and doesn't turn when wheels turn, as it must if the plunger is to work. I think a pulley is also missing on the axle. Middle right drawer, study. Saw one for \$125 (he came down to \$80), rubber wheels with red centers, nothing written on them, hitch missing as on mine -- Nov 99?.
- 52. Hubley Red and Silver Kiddie Toy 430 Folding Winged Jet Fighter Plane.** 4 3/4" long, 6" wing span; stars inside circles on wing tips; Lancaster, PA. Made in U.S.A. under left wing. A2TM, 24 July 1998, \$14. Missing collapsible right landing gear (including wheel). Red paint on plane body, tail, and wing bases ca. 50% gone otherwise okay. Both wings have "430" on them near their bases (where they fold).
- 53. Hubley Orange Log Hauling Semi with Double Duals Behind.** Paint poor, otherwise okay. Purchased trailer for \$4 and found cab for \$35 later, both 1998, Hershey, Pa.
- 54. Hubley Red Massey Harris Tractor.** Same as #6, 50. Hind wheels correct. Front end broken off, replaced poorly. Man missing. Can use wheels on # 6. On piano. \$8 at Hershey, Pa, 1998.
- 55. Hubley Diecast Small International H with Yellow Steel Scoop.** Very good, Hershey, Pa. 1998. Hind wheels with silver middle. Study drawer. \$30.
- 56. Hubley(?) Green and Yellow Steel Dump Cart.** 1 13/16" black rubber wheels, excellent. Hershey, Pa. 1998. \$30. I saw a manure spreader like it at a sale I couldn't stay for on Scio Church Road, 1998. Drawer, study.

- 57. Hubley Green and Silver Steel Loose Hay Loader.** 1 13/16" black rubber wheels. \$15, Hershey, Pa, 1998. Excellent.
- 58. Hubley Red and Silver Wide Front End International M.** Oklahoma City Flea Market, Dec 98, \$45. Front end was bent backward; I straightened it with my hands.
- 59. Hubley Small Sicklebar Mower.** Illinois, June 99, \$6.
- 60. Hubley (?) Yellow 6-Foot Diecast Disc.** \$5. A2 Farm Toy Show, 22 Jan 2000.
- 61. Hubley(?) Red Spike-Toothed Diecast Harrow.** A2 Farm Toy Show, 22 Jn 2000.
- 62. Hubley Red Two-Wheeled Iron Log Trailer (2364, #2)** (like #39). Excellent. \$5, Brooklyn, Michigan, Antique Store, 5 Feb 5000. Like #39.
- 63. Hubley(?) Diecast Red Earth-Moving Two-Wheeled Pull Trailer, \$10.** No number. Rubber tires with yellow-painted centers. Chelsea AM, 6 Oct. 2001. Stamped "K" on right front bottom of bucket.
- 64. Hubley(?) Red Diecast Two-Wheeled Log Hauler. No Number. \$10.** Bigger wheels than #62. Chelsea AM, 6 Oct 2001.

I saw a Hubley Rowcrop Ford Powermaster in California, 1991, San Marcos, bad shape, discounted to \$45 from \$65. Comparable price at the Monroe Superfest, 1992.;I would like to own a good one of these, but they all seem in non-repairable condition. Saw a good one that lacked the entire hitch 31 July 1997 at antique mall west of Tecumseh for \$135. In New Hampshire I saw a nice Rowcrop Powermaster with a nice disc and drag and drill (drill lacking top piece that closes it), all for \$135. That was a good price even though the tractor lacked the entire hitch, having (as usual) only a hole where it once was. This is one I should have purchased, for I have not previously seen the implements, and the tractor typically costs that much without them. Saw Hubley 430 jet with folding wings, excellent but lacking on wheel assembly, \$17.50, A2TM 15 July 1998.

IRWIN TOYS

*1. **Irwin Red Aluminum Racing Car with Black Rubber Wheels.** Purchased 30 September 1989, farm sale, for \$2. There's a big ? on the sides at the back. Good shape except paint half off. Six inches long. Saw pickup for \$45, Apr 91 A2AS (saw a pickup for \$45, April 91, A2S).

JANE FRANCIS TOYS

*1. **Jane Francis Red and Silver Diecast 1940's Wrecker with Fender Skirts.** Purchased at Treasure Mart for \$6. Overall length 5". Overall condition good to excellent except missing whatever fit on back (wrecker?). Underneath says " Jane Francis, Made in U.S.A., Patent Pending, 447." When I purchased it had three white rubber wheels, all dug into with fingernails and ruined. I replaced the wheels with exactly the same from junk ones purchased at farm sale. Probable value \$10. I saw a blue Ann Francis sedan for \$20, April 1990.

KENTON TOYS

1. **Kenton one-horse cast iron wagon.** \$30. Green with black horse. Excellent except lacking wagon bed, but with driver's seat. A2AM, 20 Apr 0002.

KINGSBURY TOYS

*1. **Kingsbury Orange Divco Parcel Delivery Truck.** Purchased at Ann Arbor Antiques Market 8 April 1989 for \$85 (priced at \$100). Very good condition except that one tire is cut on the outside (but not the inside) so that the lettering is gone. One tire is also bent from sitting in one position. I found an aluminum milk truck but not a parcel delivery truck in my book of American toy cars and trucks; a similar poorer and probably newer one, April 1990 for \$95. Glass-front cabinet, study.

LINCOLN SPECIALITIES

1. **Lincoln Specialties Red Rowcrop Minneapolis-Moline Tractor with Driver.** Purchased 10 Feb 1990 at Ann Arbor Farm Toy Show for \$15 (listed in Crilley and Burkholder for \$15). Reasonable shape. One at Saline Old Mill tagged at \$29. Black rubber wheels. 1/32 scale. Seems to fit roughly the diecast spike-toothed harrow and corn planter that I got in farm sale junk. See also Marx 10, 30, 31. Left drawer, study.

2. **Lincoln Specialties Red Rowcrop Minneapolis-Moline Tractor with Driver.** Purchased 5 Dec 92, Oakville Store, Clinton, MI, with red manure spreader for \$20. Tractor missing hind wheels (with small rubber wheels on it). Left drawer, study.

3. **Lincoln Specialties Red Manure Spreader.** Purchased Oakville Store, Clinton MI, with above tractor, the combination for \$20. Black rubber wheels with treads, two spreading rotaries that run by contact with left wheel via two small rubber wheels. Nipple on hitch vertical. Right drawer, study.

4. **Lincoln Specialties (?) Blue and Red Deluxe Delivery Super Service.** 1930's streamlined truck with black wooden wheels. Purchased in Illinois, 1993, for ca. \$20.

5. **Lincoln Specialties (?) Red Stake Truck.** Two sets of back wheels, one in front of the other. ca. 1930s. Black metal wheels with faint tread on outside. Grille missing. \$35. Chelsea, 4 Oct 1997. Excellent otherwise. Secretary, study.

6. **Lincoln Specialties(?) Red Diecast Spike-Toothed Harrow.** Says "Oliver" on top, as does green combine purchased in Ypsilanti. Lacks hitch, but only needs wire. **Right drawer, study.**

7. **Lincoln Specialties Red Cab, Green Bed Rusty Big Stake Truck.** Wooden wheels? Barn

8. **Lincoln Specialties Red Cab, Blue Bed Big Stake Truck.** Wooden wheels. Barn

9. **Lincoln Specialties Blue Repainted.** Black metal wheels, homemade bed with tailgate. Stove, TV room.

Note: The three large trucks above (7-9) resemble Marx toys but are probably Lincoln trucks made in Canada. They're also listed under Marx, but should be moved.

MANOIL TOYS

1. **Manoil Red Fire Truck No. 708.** Purchased, Rubina Blumenauer's farm sale, May 1993, for \$7. Good shape except missing hind wheels. I supplied some a shade too large.

2. **Manoil Blue Sedan No. 707.** Purchased, Rubina Blumenauer's farm sale, May 1993, for \$8. Good shape.

MARX TOYS

Note: The set of Marx farm toys are all in the left lower drawer of the oak cabinet in the study.

1. **Marx Plow.** Purchased 1987, Ann Arbor Antique Mart, for \$5. Overall length 6 1/4"; red with black metal wheels 1 9/16" in diameter; wheels with yellow circles near center. Made of flat metal, with hole for hitch. Overall condition fair. Estimated value, less than \$5 (I got it in a pile of Arcade equipment and am assigning its cost as an equal part of that purchase). Left drawer, study.

*2. **Marx Red Gasoline Truck and Trailer.** Purchased trailer October 1988, Ann Arbor Antique Mart, for \$5; Length 8", 3" wide, 3 1/4" high; rubber wheels 1 7/16" in diameter; white spacer on axle. Overall condition very good, but wheels lacking when I purchased it. Painted red with "GASOLINE" in large letters on each side on a yellow decal and the "Mar" decal at each end. Wire stand. It was attached to a Wyandotte truck that it did not fit. I put rubber wheels on it and attached it to a red (slightly paler) Japanese-made semi-tractor with slightly larger wheels. I think it is worth more than \$5, and know it would be if attached to a more appropriate tractor (Actually, I think I have it attached to the correct Marx tractor now, according to an article in the Toy Trucker, one originally listed as #5 Wyandotte, with a toolbox). Purchased truck cab in Pennsylvania 1988 for \$10; overall condition very good, except that grill is missing and whatever it was attached to was missing, with only a hole over the back wheels in the flat bed (which is painted blue and bent up behind cab to form rear window in cab). I put a lid on the toolbox (but it's pretty poor; I'll replace it) and placed rubber wheels on it. Overall length 8"; width 2 5/8"; height 2 3/4"; wheels 1 1/8" in diameter and all alike. Original wheels were wooden for whole rig, according to Toy Trucker. Probable value: \$100-150. Top of oak drawers, study.

***3. Lumar Green Willys Jeep.** Purchased at Saline Old Mill Antique Mart for \$29. 12 inches long; 1938 heavy pressed steel with black rubber wheels 2 5/8 inches in diameter. Excellent condition: green with yellow windshield. Hood raises and windshield lowers. Spare tire on back. Trailer hitch. Listed in O'Brien's 4th edition as 1938 model at \$20-40 (1985). Needs nothing. I have seen several similar Jeeps, mostly Marx with metal wheels, only one in as good condition, and all for more money. One was in mint condition with the box -- tin with much detail painted on, and a two-wheeled trailer, for \$250. April 91, saw one for \$35, not complete?

#4. Marx White Four-Wheel Trailer with Mock Wooden Rack. Purchased 3 June 1989 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale for \$5. Condition ordinary. Front yoke probably off something else -- red-painted. Wheels may be off same other thing: they're black wooden with red metal painted hubcaps (saw apparently identical one with paint removed at Oak City for \$20). Stove, TV room.

5. Marx Red Truck Cab-Tractor, 1930's or 1940's Streamlined with Fender Skirts. Excellent condition, with grille that comes up to windshield. Black wooden wheels. 8" long, wheels 1 1/8." Purchased 20 May 1990 for \$14.

6. Lumar Olive Drab Searchlight Trailer. Purchased 7 July 1990, Treasure Mart, A2, for about \$5. Missing light and engine or whatever was under hood. Four good rubber wheels, 2 1/2" in diameter.

***7. Mar Red Pickup Truck with Package Service Decal.** Purchased 20 June 1990 at Logansport, Indiana, Antique Mall for \$166.50. Tailgate is a makeshift (by me); otherwise excellent condition. Black metal wheels. I can restore the tailgate. Not in O'Brien, and I have never seen a picture or discussion of it. Made in 1940's or possibly 1930's (possibly 1950's too). Dandy! Fellow with best and most extensive toy truck and car display I have seen, at A2AFM Aug 90, said he once sold a blue one of these with trailer for \$180 a good while ago. Saw a fine blue one sell for \$150 at Ypsilanti Toy Auction, 20 Nov 94. Why didn't I buy it? Tailgate has Marx on it and two holes near top on sides. Cabinet in Tom's room.

8. Mar Wagon, \$15, Grass Lake estate auction, July 90. By stove, TV room.

9. Mar Wagon, \$6, Grass Lake estate auction, July 90. By stove, TV room.

10. Marx or Lincoln Large Blue Truck. Purchased 20 July 1990 near Logansport, Indiana for \$10. Late 1930's. Missing bed. Overall length 17", wheels 2 3/4" metal unpainted. Not snub-nosed. Grill missing. Black tin wheels in bad shape, no bed. I soldered washers on the wheels and painted them black, made a grain bed, put on a walnut "grille," and painted the entire truck blue. Current value: maybe \$40. This may be a Lincoln made in Canada. By stove in TV room.

11. Mar Truck. Purchased at Mason, MI. for \$8, Dec 91. Two wooden wheels behind, none in front, no grille, no bed. All rusty. 1930's. Solid, not bent.

12. Marx Wagon, for \$27.50, probably a 1930's one. I don't recognize this item or know where I got it. By stove, TV room.

13. Marx Green and Yellow Stake Truck. 1930's streamlined truck with wooden wheels and red metal hubcaps. Originally red, but painted olive green, yellow, and red in camouflage pattern, with Nazi symbols on doors of cab. No grille. Otherwise in very good condition. Circular identifying mark on side says made in USA upside down. By stove, TV room.

14. Marx Red and Yellow Hiway Express Cross Country Service Truck with metal 11 x 20 balloon tire wheels. Purchased in Clinton, Illinois for \$26, 1993. Excellent except for one wheel, tailgate missing, and a bent place I straightened. On shelf on desk in study.

15-21. Marx Tin Farm Toys. Set of 7: mower, rake, plow, disc, corn planter, two carts purchased in Ann Arbor antique store for \$65, 29 January 1996, Pretty good shape, especially mower, planter, and rake. Another plow is #1 (ca. 50 cents); another rake is #28 (\$9.50). Total price for all nine toys: \$75.00. **Need tractor.** In study, oak drawer.

22. Lumar Red and Blue Willys Jeep. Hood and headlights missing, \$10, purchase place unknown, before 1995. On wheels it says 11.00 X 20. Not bad. Barn.

23. Marx Stake Truck. Metal wheels, break on cab window post, tailgate bent. Unknown purchase place, \$34.

24. Marx Truck, Unpainted. Cab and flat bed, Findlay, Ohio, 27 Aug 1993, \$16.20.

25. Marx Super Delivery Service Truck. Windup. Missing grille. A bit rusty, especially on right front fender. Painted information fairly good. Lancaster, Ohio, Mid-American Antiques and Farm Market, 28 Aug 93, \$25. Study.

26. Marx Hiway Express Truck. Missing a metal painted wheel and needs some fixing. Paint very good. Urbana, Ohio, Kaleidoscope, \$38. (Do I have two of these: #14 above is on shelf on desk, study.)

27. Marx Black and Yellow Dump Truck. Missing two wheels. Rusty. Purchase price and place unknown.

28. Marx Side Delivery Rake. Like one in 15 above but a little better. \$9.50, Findlay, Ohio, 27 March 1997. Drawer, study.

29. Lumar Green and Gray Cab-Over Large Truck with swivel on back missing either a searchlight or a wrecker arm. Six wheels, solid, back ones larger. \$15. Findlay, Ohio, 27 March 1997.

30. Marx (or Lincoln) Large Stake Truck (like #10 Above) lacking wheels and grille but with bed: \$25. Tecumseh Flea Market 1 Sept 97. Barn.

31. Marx (or Lincoln) Large Stake Truck (like #10, 30 above) lacking wheels and grille but with bed: \$25. Tecumseh Flea Market 1 Sept 97. Barn.

32. Marx Small Stake Truck with Complexly Painted Cab. Nice truck except lacking wheels and grille, has white stake bed, rubber wheels, two with cores broken out, two okay, \$20.

33. Back End of Marx Gravel Truck. Purchased, Monroe Superfest, 1992, for \$15. Study.

34. Back end of Marx gravel hauler. \$5, Logansport, Ind. 92.

35. 1939 Marx Rusty Truck with metal wheels and grille, rusty gravel bed. Put grille on another truck missing one. \$54, Logansport, Ind. Aug. 1992.

36. Marx Olive Drab Army Searchlight Trailer with four wheels. \$15. Logansport Aug 92. Barn.

37. Marx Olive Drab Army Truck for above. Tecumseh flea market, Sept 92. \$15

38. Marx Tin-Painted Man: Tractor Driver. \$2, July 91, house auction, Grass Lake 1991. I saw a reproduction for \$35 (Burkholder's A2 FTS 1998). Burkholder said it goes on the Marx tin crawler tractor. He was astonished that I had an original. Evidently it is worth a good deal more than \$35! Study, right lower drawer.

39. Lumar Van Lines Semi Trailer. Top and lower 1/3 of sides blue, sides yellow with red, white and black lettering and markings. Purchased in Galesburg, Illinois, June 1998, for \$18. Wooden black wheels 1 1/8" diameter. Red tailgate may not be the right one. Big red M inside blue and white circle near front on side. Good shape. Fits red Marx semi tractor, #5 above, perfectly. On drawered cabinet in study.

40. Marx Red and Yellow Cart with Black Metal Wheels. Like two carts under 15-21 above. Purchased for \$5 in Roseville, Illinois Antique Shop June 1998. Bent in back: fixable. Lower left drawer, study.

41. Marx Orange Four-Wheeled Tractor with Bucket. Large plastic or hard black rubber wheels hollow inside, with orange hubcaps. Bucket assembly black, bucket itself orange. Motor and exhaust missing, probably metal because there are large slots for it in the base. Purchased for \$20 in Illinois, June 1998. Trip for bucket slightly bent with some black paint off, steering wheel slightly bent. Otherwise in excellent condition. On desk in study.

42. Marx Red and ? Stake Truck. This is the truck in the cabinet in Tom's room. I think I put it together from parts. Where are the parts from, and how much did they cost? Is it now under Wyandotte?

43. Marx Caterpillar Tractor. 1930's. Rubber Treads. Wind-Up. No Paint. One tread rpaired poorly. Driver missing. One "ear" gone from hood. Hood and bottom may be from different original than body. Motor fine. New Palz AS. \$34.50. 21 Oct 2000.

44. Marx Two Balloon Tires on Short Axle. 15 x 9:00 in size. \$1.00. Mongo IFS.

Note: *As indicated above, I have a set of 7 Marx Tin Farm Toys: mower, rake (28), plow, disc, corn planter, two carts. I need the tractor. The set has so far cost \$65.*

METALCRAFT CORPORATION (ST. LOUIS)

1. Metalcraft White Heinz Food Delivery Truck with Electric Headlights (2). Purchased in Virginia flea market, summer 1988, for \$30. Overall condition good except missing the left front wheel, tailgate, and the grill and headlamp apparatus (I saw all but the tailgate on the identical truck with a price of \$148 on it). Overall length 11 1/2"; height 5 1/8"; width, 3 1/2"; decals pretty much intact; an NRA decal has been pasted on top of the cab (actually, it's original) Wheels are 1 3/4" in diameter with a green metal center and Goodrich Silvertone G printed on the rubber. In a 1989 antiques price book this truck is listed for \$350 in excellent condition. I saw one about like this one but with the grill and tailgate for \$225, August 1989, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, another for \$275, Findlay, Ohio, 27 March 1997. The tailgate is very slightly higher than the side, lifts out, is solid, but with "boards" slightly convex. It has four "ears," two to a side, and two vertical boards (inset) and two horizontal, the top one at the top of the tailgate. A complete one at A2AFM for \$385. I think Burkholder has a white tire for this truck. The tailgate has two tits sticking out on each side, two narrow horizontal open slots on the upper half or two-thirds, and some round ridges running horizontally. Secretary, study.

2. Metalcraft 1930's Red Stake Truck, missing a wheel like those on Heinz truck. See below. Purchased I don't know where for I don't know what. I imagine about \$20.

3. Metalcraft White Heinz Food Delivery Truck like above. In bad shape, purchased for parts: has tailgate, grille (no headlights), and wheel for #1 and wheel for #4 below. 17 Sept 94, AAAM. \$52.50. Barn.

4. Metalcraft Stake Truck. Missing one wheel available from #3 above) and grille. Purchased Findlay, Ohio, 27 Aug 93, \$55.

I saw a coca cola truck without lights for \$325 and a complete one for \$225, April 1989; wrecker without lights \$175, medium condition. 1991 Apr 21, A2AS, \$385.

Saw a Smith-Miller Mobil Truck (wooden tank), excellent condition, for \$795, would take \$650, A2AS, 21 April 91.

METAL MASTERS COMPANY

1. **Orange Diecast Streamlined Roadster.** Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, February 1989, for \$10. 7 1/2 inches long. Paint mostly gone, otherwise in excellent condition. I saw one just like mine 8 April 1989 for \$25; April 1990 for \$15. Cabinet, study.
2. **Metalmasters Red Prewar Pickup Truck.** Purchased 14 April 1990 for \$12; 6 1/2" long. Very good shape.

METAL RESEARCH TOOL AND DIE COMPANY

1. **Metal Research Tool and Die Company Red and Green Steel Crane** in excellent condition except bucket missing, purchased for \$30 April 1990 A2AM. On back says "CLAMSHELL CRANE/ METAL RESEARCH TOOL AND DIE COMPANY. Los Angeles, Calif." I can make a clamshell bucket for it -- just two parts with places for both strings. Secretary, study.

MIDGETOYS

- *1. **Midgetoy Red Sedan.** Purchased Tecumseh, Michigan, Nov 1988, for \$2.50. Overall length 3 1/2"; overall condition excellent. Says "Midgetoy, Rockford, Ill." underneath. Streamlined two-door sedan with fender covers and elongated rear fins. Probable value, \$2.50.

MONZA TOYS

- 1-2. **Monza Red Diecast Sedans (2).** Purchased Nov 1988 Tecumseh, Michigan, for \$2.00 each. Overall length 2 1/4". Probable value \$2.00 each.

NATIONAL PRODUCTS DIVISION, CHICAGO

- *1. **Blue National Products Division GMC ca. 1960 Slush Pickup Truck.** Purchased 20 May 1990 for \$100. 6 1/4 inches long. On bottom says "AUTHENTIC GMC SCALE MODEL MFG. BY NATIONAL PRODUCTS DIV. CHICAGO, ILL." White rubber wheels that say "NATIONAL PRODUCTS CHICAGO" on them. Excellent condition. Was priced \$125. Slush. Secretary, study. Some such trucks priced \$225-350 A2 Nov 99.

NYLINT TOYS

1. **NYLint Red Ford Bronco Fire Chief.** Purchased spring, 1988, at Treasure Mart, Ann Arbor, for \$5. Overall length, 11"; overall condition good or very good; painted red; bronco in white script on side back of front fenders and fire chief decal arranged diagonally behind side doors. Hood ornament mostly broken off. Black plastic seats (missing when I purchased it but supplied from next item); whitewall tires with "FORD" printed on center of hubcaps; nothing printed on tires. Wheels 2" in diameter with hard plastic tires, not hollow on inside. I have no plans to improve or modify this vehicle, unless I can create a hood ornament. Estimated value: \$8.
2. **NYLint White Ford Bronco Police Department.** Purchased August 1988, shop in New Jersey, for \$3. Same as above except painted white, with "POLICE DEPT" on sides behind side doors. Missing seats and tailgate; windshield frame broken off; one hubcap missing; front

bumper bent on ends; hood ornament missing. Unlike the red Bronco, this one has a small hole behind each side door that was obviously used for something, and a 3/8" slot at the back top on each side. I bought this unit merely for parts, intending primarily to use the seat on the red Bronco and the wheels on a homemade wagon. Estimated value: \$2.

***3. NYLint Yellow-Green Vehicle Hauler.** Purchased summer 1988 in Indiana shop for \$2. Overall length just under 14." Painted yellow green; paint in bad condition; condition otherwise excellent. "NYLINT" is printed in large letters on side, same color as vehicle, and on front bumper; "FORD" is printed on each hubcap. Wheels are 2" in diameter with whitewalls like above vehicles. Hitch is V-shaped of flat unpainted metal, as is winch on front. I built two ramps to use with the vehicle and fitted them into the slot where, apparently, ramps came with it; there was already a hole through the floor to pin the ramps in place. Estimated value: \$ 5.

***4. NYLint Green and Yellow Two-Horse Trailer.** Purchased, summer of 1988 southwest of Clinton along U.S. 12 in shop for \$5. Overall length 8 1/2". Wheels are black plastic with NYLint printed in white and with shiny metal recessed wheels or hubcaps. Inside of wheels is six-spoked black plastic. Originally painted green beneath and yellow on top. Paint was in terrible condition, with much rust, so I sanded all paint off. Tailgate was missing and there was no inside partition. I made a manger and partition and a tailgate that becomes a ramp, using a piece of automobile radio aerial to latch the door. Except for painting, this item is complete. I need two horses that fit into it (got one brass one with saddle and bridle for \$5).

5. Michigan Maize and Blue Crane (3). Good condition and complete. Cost \$15, value \$50. Purchased at Saline Old Mill Antique Shop after seeing it sit there for a long time. It lacked a bucket, but on a fluke I got one for \$2 at the Ann Arbor Antique Market a year or so later (saw this crane, same shape, at Ann Arbor Antique Sale for \$150! I've also seen it cheaper.). Under desk, study.

6. Michigan Maize and Blue Crane(3). Excellent condition and complete. Cost \$40, value \$75. Purchased at the Treasure Mart. It only needed the strings to operate the bucket and derrick. I have seen one besides these two, for \$45, not in as good condition as the poorer of my two (April 1990, saw one like my better one marked \$150). Two at YTA94 for \$60, 70. Under desk, study.

7. Nylint Green Farm Truck with Stock Rack. Purchased Ann Arbor Treasure Mart for \$8, Nov 1988. Metallic green with white top on truck and white stock rack, Nylint Farms decal with barn, house, and silo on side of door and silver, red, yellow ornamental line down back of door along bottom and up along fender. Plastic hollow wheels (2 1/4" in diameter) and plastic seat in truck. Condition excellent. Overall length 14 5/8". Probable value, \$8. YTA94, truck and trailer with two animals \$45.

8. Nylint Green Farm Trailer for above Pickup. Purchased Treasure Mart Nov 1988 together with the above truck. Metallic green. Wheels 1 13/16" in diameter. Overall condition excellent. Overall length 11 1/2". Probable value \$2. This two-piece set costs \$19.95 new.

9. Nylint Orange and Gray U-Haul Two-Wheel Trailer. Purchased 3 June 1989, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, for \$6. Hitch bent, fenders slightly bent, tailgate needs straightening; otherwise ok. Some rust, decals damaged, but not too bad. Solid plastic wheels with white sidewalls. Saw one in good shape with Ford wheels, Tecumseh, \$15, but without top like #9.

10. Nylint Orange End Loader. Purchased August 1989, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, for \$1. Wheels solid rubber with yellow metal hubs and unpainted hubcaps, 3 3/4" in diameter, 1 1/8" wide. Rusty and not in good shape, but apparently missing only muffler stack (did it have one?)

11. Nylint Orange Wheeled Bulldozer. Purchased August 1989, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, for \$1. Wheels solid rubber with yellow metal hubs and unpainted hubcaps, 3 3/4" in diameter, 1 1/8" wide. Rusty and not in good shape, missing blade and apparatus connecting blade to tractor. Good only for parts. Wheels on this and #10 are worth at least 50 cents each. This thing steers the back wheels.

12. Nylint Two-Wheeled Double-Deck Vehicle Trailer. Purchased August 1989, Montana antique store, \$3. Saw one sell at a farm sale, 30 Sept 1989, with a truck -- price of this item not separate.

13. Le Tourneau Model Nylint Green Construction Equipment Hauler. Purchased 9 July 1990, Tecumseh Flea Market for \$10. Has been repainted. Rubber wheels; overall length 31", very well made and in excellent shape except for paint. Has wide pull-out ramp. 8 3/4" wheels on back and two 3 5/8" on front, with yellow hubs. Also has winch with topwheel at front of trailer. This is an authorized copy of ??? Mine are missing the two decals that say that. With the decals and the motor under the hood, \$285 at A2AFM Aug 90. Study.

14. Le Tourneau Model Nylint Green Construction Equipment Hauler. Purchased 20 July 1990, near Logansport, Indiana, for \$14. Exactly like #13 but not repainted except that cab part was painted above a lighter green. Excellent condition. Saw one excellent with decals for \$200 at Monroe MI Superfest, 19 Sept 92. Study.

15. Nylint Green and White Econoline Van with Thoroughbred Farms Horse Trailer. Purchased 20 June 1990 at Logansport, Indiana, Antique Mart for \$33. Very good condition except plastic roof of trailer gone. No plastic on van windows. Front window strut runs backward, back one straight down. Says Nylint on front bumper and NY on wheels, Nylint on side of van. Trailer wheels not like those on #4 above but rather like wheels on truck. Three slots down sides of bed of van indicate something missing there. Except for wheels and skylight plastic, trailer is identical to #4 above.

16. Nylint Le Tourneau Green Hauler like #13, 14, but with decals. Purchased 13 April 1991, A2AMFM for \$60. One with decals damaged sold for \$45 at Dad's Toy Auction, Chelsea, 17 April 93. Saw one 25 May 98, Allenville, MI, \$200. Study.

***17. Nylint Le Tourneau Model Orange Tournarounder.** Purchased 13 April 1991, A2AMFM for \$100. Excellent condition. Fits on #13, 14, 16 above.

18. Nylint Gray Naval Defense Coastal Unit Hauler Tractor. Sans trailer. Average condition. Saline estate auction, 21 April 1991, for \$5.

19. Nylint Gray Naval Defense Coastal Unit Hauler. Sans trailer. Average condition. Saline estate auction, 21 April 1991, for \$5 (yes, two of them). Saw complete item at Chelsea Antique Show, Oct 91 -- ca. \$200.

20. Nylint Orange Grader lacking blade. Purchased Treasure Mart, 3 Dec 92, \$12.

21. Nylint Green and Yellow Horse Trailer. Purchased Monroe Superfest, 19 Sept 92, \$10. Study, shed under desk.

22. Nylint Gray Naval Defense Coastal Unit Hauler, complete. Purchased Dad's Toy Auction, April 93, for \$27.50. Closet in Tom's room.

23. Nylint Hydraulic Dumper. Purchased 16 August 1994 at antique store in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for \$30. Missing hind wheels, otherwise not bad, a little rust and one blotch of paint off floor of bed at back. I replaced the wheels with some from #18 above. They're close to correct, with color a slightly different yellow.

24. Nylint Gray Naval Defense Coastal Unit Hauler Tractor. Sans trailer. Average condition, 27 March 1997, Findlay, Ohio, \$12.50.

25. Nylint Le Tourneau Green Hauler like #13, 14, 16, but rusted badly. Purchased at antique mall in Tecumseh, 31 July 1997, for \$25. For restoration. Barn.

***26. Nylint Large Orange Earth Loader** fitting above hauler. Missing belt and badly rusted. Purchased at antique mall in Tecumseh, 31 July 1997, for \$50. For restoration. Barn.

27. Nylint Horse Trailer. \$10.

28. Nylint Orange End Loader. Same as #10, and in similar condition (a little better). Seat yellow. Purchased in Galesburg, Illinois, June 1998, for \$18.00. Wheels say "Nylint Toys." There's a decal on the bucket I will have to examine better to read. Barn.

Note: Nylint vehicles from the 1960's are rising in price incredibly fast.

THE OHIO ART COMPANY

1. Ohio Art Boat for \$5. Purchased at Old Mill Antiques in Saline, Michigan, 1988. Tin windup toy with details painted on, 8 3/4 inches long. Paint in excellent condition, three small dents, but shaft and propeller gone and something rattles inside. Wound up and won't go. i4" version listed in O'Brien (1985) for \$10-20. I bought it mainly because it fits on my Buddy L Marine Supplies Truck. Study, on Buddy L boat truck on piano..

RALSTOY

***1. Ralstoy Unpainted (Silver) Sedan.** Purchased December 1989 in Santa Rosa antique store for \$5. Missing one (1 1/16", smooth black rubber) wheel, otherwise in excellent shape. Length 5 3/4"; probably a 1940's sedan. Inside the top underneath it says "RALSTOY/ MADE IN U.S.A." \$12, Aug 91, A2AFM. Replaced three wheels, Feb 91.

SLIK TOYS (LANSING, IOWA)

Note: Most Slik Toys are in the middle drawers of the oak cabinet in the study.

1. Slik Green International H or M Rowcrop Tractor. Purchased at Egler's farm sale 4 March 1989 for \$1. 6 3/4 inches long, one front tire broken, back axles a bent wire. I cleaned it up and replaced the back axle and the front wheels. I think it is complete now, except that the paint is about half gone. On the side of the back tire it says "Slik Toy." The back tires look like those on a John Deere not a Farmall, and it is not painted red as it should be. But the paint is obviously the original, and the tires look right otherwise. This is the model shown on p. 210 of my tractor book, but the back tires are different. I think it's worth \$20 now. I saw an identical one newly painted red for \$55, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, April 1989.

2. **Slik Red International H. or M Rowcrop Tractor.** Purchased for \$1 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale. Front end broken off. Muffler gone. Bought for wheels only. Saw one in good shape, April 1990, for \$35. Made wooden front yoke and muffler, Feb 91 -- not fastened on yet.
3. **Slik Red Aluminum 1940's Sedan.** Purchased Ann Arbor Antique Sale, August 1989, for \$12. Wheels are either hard rubber or black plastic. Car 7" long, wheels 1 1/8" in diameter. Inside the top of the car it says "ALUMINUM SLIK-TOYS MFD BY LANSING LANSING IOWA U.S.A." Resembles 1948 Ford.
4. **Slik Red Pickup Truck.** Purchased A2AM, \$12. 1940's style truck.
5. **Slik Green Pickup Truck.** Purchased A2AM, \$5, lacking hind wheels (I had them).
6. **Slik Toy Red Two-Wheeled Trailer.** Wooden wheels. A2 Antiques Mart, \$10.
7. **Slik Red Pickup Truck.** Purchased Findlay, Ohio, 27 August 1993, \$27.
8. **Slik Green Oliver Row Crop Tractor** with red-centered black rubber hind wheels. Steering wheel missing -- may have been a man with steering wheel. #9804 stamped on it, and what looks like "Kipp 2" under seat along with "MFD by Lansing, Lansing, Iowa USA."
9. **Slik Red Trailer.** \$15, White Horse Antiques, near Lancaster, Pa. 1998. Rubber wheels. Study drawer.

Saw 1940's style pickup for \$45. I think Slik Toys are starting up in price (April 97).

STRUCTO TOYS

1. **Structo Red and Yellow Snub-Nosed Semi Freight Hauler.** Purchased 1987, the two parts separately, total cost \$15. Overall length 17 1/2"; width 4 7/8"; height 4 1/2"; rubber wheels, 2 1/16" in diameter. No dual wheels, back wheels single; hubcaps rusty, tires say "STRUCTO TOYS"; Overall condition fair to poor, considerable rust. Decal okay on trailer, absent on cab; trailer decal says "STRUCTO FREIGHT HAULERS" in yellow block letters, and "NO. 930 LOAD LIMIT 32,000 LBS" underneath in smaller letters. All equipment and parts intact and original except wheels on cab have solid hubcaps rather than the five triangle cutouts on hind wheels. Cab yellow, trailer red. Estimated value: \$15. Saw good ones Sept 92 for up to \$250.
2. **Structo Red Snub-Nosed Semi Freight Hauler.** Purchased October 1988, Ann Arbor Antique Mart, for \$20. Overall length 17 1/2"; width 4 7/8"; height 4 1/2"; rubber wheels 1 1/2" in diameter. Dual wheels on tractor and dual wheels on back of trailer, four sets with traveling hinge; no hubcaps, just entire rubber wheels. Overall condition fair to poor, some rust. Decal on trailer same as above; decal on cab says "STRUCTO TOYS" in yellow letters with "FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, U.S.A." in tiny letters beneath, black print on yellow. Decal on right door of cab tilted about 30 degrees. Trailer fastened to cab with a cotter key. Missing two wheels on back, seller had replaced them with black-painted wood blocks (terrible). Wheels on this vehicle appear to be small, but they may be correct. This vehicle differs from the above in the hinged double axle and hind wheels on the trailer. I need just to replace the missing hind wheels, or else replace all wheels with larger ones (Saw two, April 1990, each marked #45, like mine; two trailers only, \$30 each April 1990).
3. **Structo Yellow Snub-Nosed Semi Tractor and Orange Livestock Trailer.** Purchased July 1988 at Shipshawanne, Indiana, for \$3. Condition fair, considerable rust. No decals; wheels are

correct, 2 1/16" in diameter with five triangles in hubs, STRUCTO TOYS printed on them. I could place these wheels on the other tractor to make it correct. Estimated value, \$3. No record of where I purchased the trailer, but I repainted it and made a decal on my computer that is correct but not the right color.

4. Structo Bronze Vista Dome Horse Van. Purchased summer 1988, Shipshewanee, Indiana, for \$2. Overall condition excellent except that plastic overhead inserts are missing (two of them). Painted bronze with white tailgate with decal with diagonal black lines and HORSE VAN printed on it. Overall length 15 1/2"; wheels hard plastic, double convex, 2" in diameter with whitewalls of plastic and STRUCTO 10.00-20 printed on them. Probable value, \$2.

5. Structo Orange Road Grader. Purchased summer of 1988, Old Mill Antiques in Saline, MI, for \$23. Overall length 17 1/2"; width 6 3/4"; height 6 1/8"; wheels rubber, 2 1/2" in diameter, with smooth shiny hubcaps as washers on riveted axle; "STRUCTO TOYS" on each tire. Orange painted with decals on each end of seat and on fore arm, former saying "ROAD GRADER" in slanted words, latter saying "STRUCTO TOYS" AND "FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, U.S.A." Overall condition excellent. Paint excellent, no rust. Plastic aluminum motor with exhaust stack missing (probably plastic). Replace exhaust stack; nothing else needed. Estimated value: \$30. I have seen many of these road graders for sale: Structo, Tonka, Nylint, and Wyandotte. Most are missing motors, and some are missing the blade. None has been priced lower than \$15, no matter what was missing.

***6. Structo Yellow Trailer with Tailgate that lifts and drops.** Purchased for \$5 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 3 June 1989. It may not be a Structo, for only the wheels say that, and the wheels look a bit small. The trailer is a bright golden yellow, 8 1/4" long not counting hitch, and 3 1/4" high from bottom of fender. The tailgate raises and then drops to parallel with the floor. The hitch is unusual, just a triangle with a 1/2" wide flat place in front that drops down 1/4" below the rest. There are two slots for adding sides on each side. It's a nice piece if I can find appropriate wheels; paint is in good shape. Wheels are 2" in diameter -- looks as though it needs 2 1/2". Actually, wheels are correct. Saw it for \$65 (\$35 offer rejected) orange bed, green cab pickup with top red light A2AMFM 21 April 1991.

7. Structo Large Silver Freight Hauler Semitrailer. No cab. Purchased Ann Arbor Antique Sale August 1989 for \$3. Four solid rubber wheels 2 1/16" in diameter on fore-aft swivel. Solid hubcaps, tires with STRUCTO TOYS on them. Considerable rust. Barn.

8. Structo Yellow Enclosed Semi Trailer with Two Back Doors. Purchased Ann Arbor Antique Sale August 1989 for \$4. Considerable rust, missing truck to hold it up alone, otherwise ok. Wheels as with #7 above.

9. Structo Green and Yellow Auto Haulaway. Purchased Ann Arbor Antique Sale for \$8. Length 20 1/2", wheels solid rubber 1 9/16" in diameter, nothing printed on side. Cab yellow with fender skirts, four wheels on trailer, four (total) on cab. Trailer says "STRUCTO AUTO HAULAWAY" in yellow letters on side near bottom. Good condition except front wheels missing on cab when I got it. I found one identical to others and substituted a wooden wheel for the other temporarily. Slots for cars on top are 1 1/2"-2" by 3"-4 1/4".

10. Structo Bronze Livestock Hauler Trailer. Purchased August 1989, Nebraska, \$4. I saw two red semitrailers without the tractor livestock haulers for \$30 each April 1990 A2AM.

11. Structo Green Livestock Hauler Trailer. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$2.

- 12. Structo Red Freight Hauler Trailer for Semi. No cab.** Purchased 30 June 1990 A2AFM for \$9. Excellent condition. Wheels are not duals, otherwise is like No. 7 above but smaller. Two of my tractor-cabs fit this trailer. Barn.
- 13. Structo Yellow Freight Hauler Trailer for Semi.** Purchased 20 June 1990 at Logansport, Indiana, Antique Mall for approximately \$1. Covered with black paint (was hitched to Tonka 1952 cab) and wheels lacking hubs. Back doors bent. I can fix it.
- 14. Structo Orange Livestock Semi Trailer.** Purchased somewhere for about \$1. 1990. Repainted and with decal made on Mac, hooked to #3 above. Closet in Tom's room.
- 15. Structo Red Semi Tractor with Blue Diecast Lumber Trailer and Lumber.** Purchased from private party (Marjorie Kelly, Rochester, MI), Dec 91. Excellent shape with decals on cab in fine shape. I probably spent \$30 for it. Tom's room closet.
- 16. Structo Orange Grader.** Purchased Lansing, MI Toy Show, Nov 91, \$2. Missing motor and scraper assembly.
- 17. Structo Orange Grader.** Purchased Lansing, MI Toy Show, \$2. Missing motor and scraper assembly and painted crudely black over orange. Also missing two wheels.
- 18. Structo Concrete Mixer.** Brown cab, ca. 1962. Purchased from private party, Rochester, MI, Dec. 91, excellent. ca. \$70. (One like it advertised in April 1992 Antique Toy World for \$375). YTA, ok, mixer black(!?), \$100. Saw battered one with black mixer. Chelsea Apr 95, \$65. Findlay, Ohio, 27 March 1997, for \$225. Saw a good one in Pennsylvania, Sept 1997, black cab(?) (the ugly colored one) for about \$150. At Chelsea, 4 Oct 97, they varied from \$125 to \$275! Tom's room closet.
- 19. Structo Blue Large 1940 International Truck.** Missing bed, hood, headlights. \$27. Mason, MI, Oct 91. YTA94, with crane and all, newer model, \$250.
- 20. Structo Gray Large 1940 International Truck.** Flatbed that originally had a winch on it, missing one end of winch and crank, also missing one headlight and hood. Gift from Rob Sanders' mother after someone stole the hood off it from her antique store. I made a hood for it.
- 21. Structo Dump Truck with Gray-Blue Cab and Orange Bed.** Purchased for about \$6 at Chelsea Antique Show in 1993. Reasonable shape. Plastic wheels.
- 22. Structo Red Diecast Cabover Semi Tractor.** Hooked to #12 above (12 doesn't have duals). Duals behind, black rubber wheels, hubcaps with five triangular holes in them. Purchased for about \$5.
- 23. Structo Red Dump Truck.** Missing front wheels and axle, some rust, other wise fine. A2 Antiques Mart, 23 Feb 96, \$24.
- 24. Structo Red Diecast Cab.** CAM, 3 July 93, \$6.
- 25. Structo Blue and Orange Dump Truck.** Holes in hubcaps, plastic ratchet motor doesn't work well, power cylinder broken, plastic tires with white sidewalls, paint fairly poor. CAM?
- 26. Structo Blue Loader with four rubber tires.** Purchased Ypsilanti Toy Auction 20 Nov 94 for \$30. Excellent condition.

27. Structo Orange Loader with four rubber tires. Rusted fairly badly. Purchased Tecumseh Flea Market, 1 Sept 97, \$20.

28. Structo grader for parts. \$10. Tecumseh Flea Market, Sept 92.

29. Structo Green Farm Truck missing rack, otherwise good. \$10, Tecumseh Flea Market, Sept 92.

30. Structo Orange Auto Haulaway Trailer (only: no cab>>>>>>>). Routes 127 and 12. March 98, ca. \$30. Good. On secretary desk in study.

31. Structo Orange Pickup Truck "U.S. HI-WAY" Decal. \$50. Two wheels only (and not correct ones). Otherwise intact but rusty. Mongo FS, 27 Oct 2001. I furnished it with correct missing wheels with correct hubcaps and cleaned it with a Brillo pad and waxed it.

At Tecumseh Antique Mall, 9 July 1990, saw Army pickup with searchlight trailer, both intact and in excellent condition, for \$55. Probably 1960's model pickup. Had plastic windows, with side windows partly rolled down. Also saw pneumatic dump truck for \$45 in very good shape. In March 1998 I bought two or three toys at the Routes 127 and 12 antique shop, additional to Structo #30, that I don't think have been listed (4 April 1998).

SUPERSHOVEL

1. Supershovel Crane. Red, Black Green (poorly repainted). Decal still showing. Small black wooden wheels. \$75. Brooklyn Mi. Antique Store, 5 Feb 2000.

TONKA TOYS (MINNESOTA)

Note: I purchased every missing part and decal that is available for my Tonka Toys some time in 1992 from a place in Indianapolis. Prices indicated here are around time of purchase; they will be much higher in later years.

***1. Tonka Blue and Red Livestock Hauler Semi Truck.** This is the first semi Tonka made. Purchased 22 October 1988, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, \$62.00. 1949-1952, probably 1949. Blue tractor and snub-nosed cab (9 1/4" x 5" at front), red semi-trailer (16" long, 8 1/2" tall, 5 3/4" wide), dual wheels on both, double duals behind on trailer with anterior-posterior swivel; overall condition good; overall paint good; trailer with plywood floor (either original or very old), missing tailgate; 14 smooth, recessed wheels of bright metal with rubber tires (one tire slightly damaged); wheels held on riveted axle with small washers; trailer tires with "Tonka Toys" and "Made in USA" on outside, 2 3/8" in diameter; tractor tires with no printing, 2 5/16" in diameter; swivel evidently missing from tractor, as indicated by four unfilled slots, anterior pair more widely spaced (2 1/2" apart; back pair, 2", back to front, middle of slot to middle of slot, 1 3/4"; back slots 3/8" long, front 1/4" -- I purchased a fifth wheel for it from Indiana -- it's a makeshift repro that I can polish up; but I am not sure it is supposed to be there because later trucks have an open space where this fifth wheel fits); two small rubber tires on wire trailer stand; bright metal front bumper; headlights are merely blue bumps on cab; no separate grill; "LIVESTOCK" printed in large letters on front of trailer; oval decal on cab doors says "Tonka Toys" (script) above (red on gold), under that (printed), "Mound Metalcraft Corporation, Mound, Minnesota" (white letters on blue); no plastic; estimated age: 1949-early 1950's;

estimated current value: \$250.00. Plans: seek to identify why wheels are not uniform, and to remedy that (actually, I think they're correct, except that the outside metal on the back wheels appears to have been made from something. I will restore this truck). A similar hauler, same color but with long hood on tractor, in virtually mint condition, but with later wheels (probably middle or late 1950's) and including a log hauler was priced at \$250 at same sale in a different booth (\$300, 14 April 1990, and in the 5th edition of O'Brien the 1952 livestock hauler is listed at \$140, 210, 280). I have previously seen no Tonkas with the kind of wheel that is on the back, which makes me think it is one of their oldest toys (bought a cab in Indiana with that kind of wheel, 1990, see #21 below); sometime after the hubs with round holes, triangular holes appeared (ca. 1960?), then solid hubs). The wheels on the cab are extremely similar to those on the trailer except for having no identification on them. Saw trailer only, good condition, \$30, April 1990. Saw trailer like this one but with regular wheels, 1960's cab, \$50, neither in very good condition, A2FTS Feb 91. Passed up a battered trailer with this kind of wheels in South Dakota for \$15 about 1989 -- I only wanted to pay \$5 -- dummy! YTA94, 1957 model, excellent, \$250. Saw one at CFM, 3 July 93, \$175, but wheels like #7. Allied Van Line with wheels like #1 Tonka for \$275, another A2AM, 23 Feb 96, for \$595. Saw red livestock truck with later wheels, Findlay, Ohio, 27 March 1997, for \$275. Hall cabinet.

2. Tonka Bronze Pickup Truck with Outside Back Fenders. Purchased August 1988, shop in Pennsylvania for \$7.00; overall length, 12 3/4 "; cab was loose from frame in front, held with loose bolt; 3 hubcaps were missing; bronze paint in poor condition, considerable rust; tailgate missing; plastic windshield missing; headlamps missing; bent in several places; decal not bad. Whitewall hard rubber double convex tires say: "Tonka Toys U.S.A."; tires 2 3/8" in diameter. I fastened clips on cab correctly and replaced repair bolt with a better one that is firm, straightened metal in several places. I also replaced the headlamps with metal caps for furniture legs, fastened in place with nail type holders driven through glued pieces of dowel. Estimated age: late 1950's or early 1960's. Estimated value: \$7.00. As of April 1989, I am seeing no 1950's Tonka trucks in good condition for less than \$15, and most are listed at \$25-45.

3. Tonka Blue Pickup Truck without Outside Back Fenders (1957?). Purchased 22 October 1988, Ann Arbor Antique Mart for \$6.00; overall length, 13 3/4"; blue paint in poor condition, considerable rust, bed bent slightly (easily repaired); door decals in good condition; two hubcaps missing; wheels 2 5/16 " in diameter, with axle holes worn and sloppy (repair by inserting metal bearings); grill intact; tailgate missing; plastic windshield missing. Estimated age: 1960's. Estimated value: \$6.00. I saw one at Shipshewanne 18 July 1989 for \$15.

4. Tonka Blue-Green Jeep. Purchased 4 November 1988, Treasure Mart for \$2. Overall length 9 7/8"; width, 5 1/4", height, 3 1/2"; blue-green paint in poor condition; some rust; all parts apparently intact except one hubcap missing and windshield frame broken off; wheels 2 1/4" in diameter with whitewalls, hubcaps with five triangular openings, Tonka printed on tires twice each; white plastic insert of seats, back; black rubber steering wheel. Bought for wheels, expected use on Tonka pickup missing hubcaps.

5. Tonka Green and White Pickup Truck with Stock Rack (1957?). Purchased, 6 November 1988 at Pontiac flea market for \$6. Overall length 13". Overall condition fair: right front wheel with replacement whitewall; celluloid windshield missing; some rust and some dents; cab top repainted and loose. All headlights and hubcaps intact. Probable value: \$6.

6. Tonka Red and Yellow Dump Truck. Purchased 9 November 1988 at Ann Arbor Treasure Mart for \$8. Overall length 13 3/4". Overall condition good (paint coming off left front fender). No parts missing. Plastic seats and steering wheel inside cab. Probable value: \$8.

7. Tonka Red Pickup Truck with Outside Rear Fenders (1955). Purchased at Egler's farm sale March 4 1989 for \$10. The oldest pickup truck Tonka made. At the time I had seen only one other, in very bad shape, for \$8 in a Virginia flea market in 1988. In April 1989 I saw one almost exactly like this one, also lacking a tailgate, but with plastic headlights rather than metal, otherwise same body style, for \$45 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale and Show -- paint and rust in same condition as mine. Considerable rust and paint peeling. All hubcaps intact. Tailgate missing but I replaced it. I also added a trailer hitch. The truck is now "customized," but it can be undone. It has the kind of tailgate that is fastened with chains and held by chains when opened. I also sanded all the rust and loose paint off. If I had decals I would repaint it. It's a dandy. What's it worth now? Maybe \$300 if repainted well. I really like it. Tonka must have stopped making the little eyes for tailgate chains rather quickly because they would be so difficult, and that tailgate would tend to get ruined rather rapidly. I replaced tailgate and chains. By stove in TV room.

8. Tonka Cream-Colored Auto Hauling Truck and Trailer. Purchased at Treasure Mart, March 1989, the two parts some weeks apart, for \$1 each. Fifth wheel was missing from the truck tractor, and I manufactured one. I also made loading ramps that store beneath the trailer (they obviously were there before). This truck has plastic upholstery and windows. Not very old. It was quite dirty when I purchased it, but when cleaned off the paint was in very good condition (identical trailer without cab for \$5 at Treasure Mart July 1989).

9. Tonka Red and White Horse-Hauling Pickup Truck (copies 1957 Ford). Purchased 8 April 1989 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale for \$10. Intact except no plastic across windshield, and some cracks in that across windows. Plastic headlights. Style not exactly same as any above. Fenders on back, with horse trailer-like bed on back, with strap iron partition in it with two dorsal holes about 1/4" in diameter. Missing tailgate. Whole truck brush-painted red and white over pale green, will have to be stripped and restored. Hubcaps very rusty but aluminum-painted (identical one at Shishewanne July 1989 for either \$15 or \$25). YTA94, \$55.

10. Tonka Red Grain Hauler Semi-Trailer Truck with same body as #7 above (1953?). Purchased for \$20 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 1989. Intact but fairly rusty, missing only tailgate, one hubcap, and the "truck" that props the trailer when it's unhitched. Trailer has hinged double doors behind and the metal part underneath is painted green, so it probably comes from a different truck. The bed is plywood, as with #1 above, and the sides of the hauler are unpainted. I think it needs stripping, removal of all rust, and repainting. I wirebrushed the whole truck, replaced the plywood floor, made a metal tailgate, and made a truck (stand) for the trailer. (April 1990, one in excellent condition for \$125). Replaced the hubcap (Feb 91). Bought the actual tailgate and replaced it. Hall cabinet.

***11. Tonka Green Horse Trailer Matching #9 above.** Purchased for \$5 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 3 June 1989. Missing tailgate, right hubcap, and hitch is damaged (but repairable). It has been painted green all over, including the wheels. It looks decent hitched behind #9 above.

12. Tonka Bronze Hydraulic Dump Truck. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$20. Hind wheels are Mar wheels, one front one lacking hubcap. Otherwise excellent. Probably 1950's. No plastic. Hall cabinet.

13. Tonka Red and Yellow Dump Truck with Plastic Windshield. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$17.50. Good shape. Missing one hubcap. 1960s model.

14. Tonka Freight Hauler Trailer. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$2. Has eight wheels with rusty hubcaps on outside two, and lifting truck underneath; otherwise in terrible shape.

15. Tonka White Two-Wheel Horse Trailer. Purchased 3 Feb 1990 in Augusta, Georgia antique store for \$25 (priced at \$35). In good shape, white sidewalls and hubcaps intact, paint reasonable, side decals (TONKA FARMS, with horse's head between the words) intact, TONKA impressed on ramp-tailgate, which latches as does the tailgate on my oldest Tonka pickup (#7 above) (April 1990, with truck: #125). Triangular holes in hubcaps. Hall cabinet.

16. Tonka Yellow Car Hauler. Purchased June 1990 in Crown Point Indiana Antiques Mall for \$10. Excellent condition and complete. 27" long. Back end was bent when I got it, but it straightened up nicely. This is not an old toy, but it's a good buy. Under desk in study.

17. Tonka Dark Blue 1957 Pickup Truck. Purchased 30 June 1990 A2AFM for \$55. Missing grill and tailgate but otherwise in excellent condition. Paint and decals very good. This is a year I didn't have before. The running board is like that on #7, as is tailgate and hood except that hood has vent in front of windshield. The bumper and grill are separate, two headlights only, window posts in front vertical, hind fender a little squarer than that of #7. Trailing edge of front fender a little thinner at bottom than that of #7. I probably paid more than this truck is worth, but it will teach me something about Tonkas (no, it was worth it). Tires have blackwalls as with #7 and #10. Copies 1956 Ford; vertical posts, round hubcap holes, hood vent. I bought a tailgate for it. Replaced grill and tailgate and chains. Have decals. One like it but repainted (no decals), 27 March 1997, Findlay, Ohio, for \$150 or more. Cabinet in study.

18. Tonka Red Pumper No. 5. Purchased 30 June 1990 A2AFM for \$55. Excellent condition. Only one ladder (did it have two originally?). Apparently nothing else is missing. Looks like 1958-60 by my table of Tonka traits. Has gold design under rest of decal on cab and on upper corner of back end of truck. Saw two at next A2AM for \$135 and \$170 respectively, the latter with a hydrant and all the hoses, the other no better than mine. I bought replacement flasher unit, hoses, and ladder to complete this unit for \$18.50. Still missing hydrant. YTA94, 1957, \$125; 1962, \$90 (mine much better than either). Saw one of these in same shape as mine, Findlay, Ohio, 27 March 1997, for \$275; another in bad shape and missing side door, hose, headlight, siren, other things, for \$84. Cabinet in study.

19. Tonka Red Small Jeep Pickup Truck with Plastic Wheel Hubs. Purchased by Lorrie somewhere in Michigan June 1990 (Father's Day present) for \$10. Fits small white horse trailer purchased for 30 cents by Rob Sanders.

20. Tonka White Small Horse Trailer. Purchased for 30 cents by Rob Sanders as gift, 1990.

21. Tonka Orange-Red Semi Cab. Purchased 20 June 1990 at Antique Mart in Logansport, Indiana for \$15. Intact and identical to cab of #1 Tonka Livestock Hauler above except covered with black paint. Saw identical cab A2AFM 4 Aug 90 for \$55. Fellow (Stone?) told me wheels changed in 1950 (see #1 above). Hall cabinet.

22. Tonka White Two-Wheel Horse Trailer. Purchased San Marcos, California, Aug 90 for \$12.50. Excellent condition except missing tailgate chains. Blackwall tires. Has round holes in hubcaps. Hall cabinet.

23. Tonka Green Gravel Loader. Purchased San Marcos, California, Aug. 1990 for \$12.50. Excellent except wire connector between tray and tray level needs replacing. Whitewalls with triangular holes in hubcaps. Cabinet in study.

24. Tonka Road Grader. Purchased Feb 91, Ford Road FM for \$10, missing blade and rotor for blade.

- 25. Tonka Road Grader.** Purchased for \$47.50 at estate sale in Saline, April 1991. Excellent.
- 26. Tonka White Sanitation Truck.** Purchased from private party, Rochester, MI, Dec 91, for ca. Bought several toys together: estimate cost of this toy at \$70. Very good shape; complete, with two trash bins. ca. 1962 model. YTA94, not as good as mine, \$575. Closet in Tom's room.
- 27. Tonka Olive Drab Pickup Truck.** Purchased from private party, Rochester, MI, Dec 91, ca. \$50, ca. 1962 model. No tailgate or canvas. Excellent. Closet in Tom's room.
- 28. Tonka Trencher (Bulldozer and Backhoe).** Purchased from private party, Dec 91, Rochester, MI, for \$25. Excellent. Closet in Tom's room.
- 29. Tonka Steam Shovel.** Purchased Dec 91 from private party, Rochester, MI, for \$25, excellent, ca. 1962. Closet in Tom's room.
- 30. Tonka Blue Overcab Small Wrecker.** Purchased Treasure Mart, 3 Dec 92, #2.15. Excellent condition.
- 31. Tonka Red Overcab Small Trailer Tractor.** Purchased Treasure Mart, 3 Dec 92, \$2.00. Excellent condition.
- 32. Tonka Orange Pickup with oversized balloon tires and rollbar.** Purchased Treasure Mart, 3 Dec 92, for \$4.20. Used tailgate on #34.
- 33. Tonka Green Giant Semi Trailer.** Wrecked. Cost less than a dollar. Barn.
- 34. Tonka Red Pickup Truck.** Purchased Monroe Superfest, \$15. Good condition, no tailgate. Put oversized wheels with Tonka hubcaps on it from Tonka grader. Will make toolbox for bed.
- 35. Tonka Blue and White Hydraulic Dump Truck #13190.** Purchased in California for \$15. Like #6 above.
- 36. Jeep.**
- 37. Jeep.**
- 38. Jeep.** \$5. Indiana Flea Market, 5 June 1993. Painted purple, 4 wheels, 2 good hubcaps.
- 39. Tonka Yellow Auto Hauler Truck.** \$6. Duals behind, no hubcaps, rusty. Kaleidoscope, Urbana, Ohio, 30 August 1993.
- 40. Tonka 1959 Yellow Mobile Clamshell Crane on Truck.** Lacking crane arm and bucket only, otherwise excellent. Ca. 1960's (not here to check). Ann Arbor State Street Store, ca. \$27.50, 1995. Complete one, A2AM, 23 Feb 96, FOR \$245. Bought bucket for \$10, Ypsi, Feb 96. Need derrick. Top of secretary in study.
- 41. Tonka Red Pumper No. 5, early 1950's (first one made?).** Unless I missed it on here, this one is missing the siren and the winch hose, has screw-on hoses for hydrant (also missing); has dome light on top of cab and is in very good shape. Bought it at flea market at Tecumseh for an unknown price, probably around \$75, in 1995 or so. Saw one with all parts but not in as good shape for \$225, A2AM Apr 97. Secretary in study.

TONKA TRUCK FEATURES BY YEAR

	49-53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62-3
1. Wheels	plain_____	round	holes_____	triangular	holes					
2. Bumper	alone_____	to fender_____	new style							
3. Grille-Bumper	metal_____	1-piece_____	2-piece_____	1-piece						
4. Kind Headlights	none_____	metal_____	plastic_	4 bars_____	V_____					
5. Hood	plain_____	air scoop								
6. No. Headlights	none_____	2_____	4_____	2						
7. Hubcap Holes	none_____	round_____	triangular_____							
8. Grille	none_____	V_____	T_____							
9. Grille Holes	_____	none	0	2	4	_____	3			
10. Window Posts	forward_____	vertical_	back_____	forward						
11. Windshield	open_____	plastic_____								
12. Side Windows	open_____	plastic								
13. Back Fenders	_____	outside_____								
14. Tailgate	_____	chained_____								
15. Decals	Mound	Metalcraft	Mound,	Minn	Tonka	Toys	Inc.	_____		

42. Tonka Large Car Hauler Trailer (only) purchased at antique mall in Tecumseh, 31 July 1997, for \$12. Rusted and bent. Purchased mostly for metal. Very large and heavy. Wheels plastic. Barn.

43. Tonka Grader for parts. \$15. Tecumseh Flea Market, Sept 92.

44-47. Tonka 1949 Mighty Dump Trucks (4). Fifty-year replicas made in China. \$24.99 each. TOYS-R-US. 7 December 1997. Couldn't find the replica pickup trucks. Fellow at a toy auction told me a dealer in Indiana had them. One is on stove in TV room. Others stashed in closet in boxes.

48. Tonka Black (Recent) Pickup. Wheels used on Allie's pickup (California). Bumper plastic. Barn.

49. Tonka White 1953 Semi Cab Underpinning Lacking Cab. \$5, Hershey, Pa. 1998.

Oval decal until 1962-3, with Tonka Toys slanted; after 1962, Tonka without oval, and with T bar extending to k; 1949-55, "Mounds Metalcraft, Inc."; 1956-7, Mound, Minn. Tonka Toys; 1958-1961, Tonka Toys Inc. (all on an oval decal); 1962-present lacks the oval; 1962-69 says Mound, Minn; 1970-73 says "USA"; 1974-75, nothing but Tonka and a line; 1978-present, just "Tonka."

50. Tonka Blue Pickup, Same as #17. \$10. Missing two wheels, tail gate, very rusty. Mongo IFA, 27 Oct 2001. I provided the missing wheels and axle, and a repro tailgate. I cleaned it with a brillo pad and waxed it.

Note (1987!): I should purchase all Tonka trucks priced around \$10 or less, if only for parts. Tonkas have started to increase in price, and junked examples can be used for parts or made into modified items that will command better prices, so long as the metal is generally good, as it almost always is. Especially purchase all early Tonkas of this general size, no matter what style or in what condition (I wrote this early in 1988). Tonka trucks from the 1950's seem to be varying wildly in price, with similar items ranging from \$2 to \$15 and from \$15 to \$65. (Saw a Tonka freight hauling semi-trailer from 1960's, ordinary shape, for \$65, 3 June 1989); a dragline crane for \$185 and a fine dump truck for \$95 in Nebraska; in Bozeman, Montana, saw many Tonka toys, including a fine wrecker and a small livestock farm truck with a rack on the back and trailer (not for sale); saw a terribly rusty semi trailer with the old style wheels of #1 above in Mitchell, South Dakota, for \$15 (didn't buy it -- dummy!). Prices in O'Brien have risen incredibly between editions: 1952 No. 550 Grain Hauler Semi is \$140-280; 1953 No. 650 Green Giant Transport Semi is \$240-480. Saw it for \$250, April 1991. 1997 Note: Publication of the 1994 De Salle book on Tonka Toys raised prices considerably.

TOOTSIE TOYS

1. Red Diecast Gasoline Truck. Purchased in bucket of junk at farm sale. Overall length 3 1/4". Overall condition excellent except missing front wheels and axle, and one holder of front axle broken (can be used with slight repair). Wheels 1/2" in diameter, black rubber. Underneath says "Chicago. Tootsie Toy, U.S.A." Probable value, \$9 when wheels are replaced.

2. Red Diecast Chevrolet El Camino #24 with red car trailer. Purchased Nov 1988, Treasure Mart, for 75 cents. Overall length of truck 5 3/4", trailer 3 5/8"; overall condition good to excellent. Probable value \$1.

3. **Green Diecast Chevrolet El Camino #24 with red car trailer.** Purchased Nov 1988, Treasure Mart, for 75 cents. Overall length of truck 5 3/4", trailer 3 5/8"; overall condition good to excellent. Probable value \$1.
4. **Yellow Diecast Motorcycle Trailer.** Purchased Treasure Mart Nov 1988 for 25 cents. Overall condition excellent. Probable value 25 cents. Fit above trucks.
5. **Red Diecast Fire Truck.** Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, Feb 1989, for \$5. 4 1/2 inches long. Back axle broken. Paint mostly gone. Something is missing from the back end.
6. **Yellow Diecast Roadster.** Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, for \$5. 4 1/4 inches long. Rubber wheels. Paint about half gone. Otherwise okay. Probable value \$9.
7. **Blue 1962 Cadillac.** Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$7.50. Paint bad, but otherwise fine. Soft black rubber wheels, says made in U.S.A.
8. **Red Tanker Truck and Trailer P01035 #2.** Purchased 14 April 1990 for \$10. Diecast, in very good condition, single piece. Hard black rubber tires.
9. **Red and Yellow 1936 Ford Station Wagon, \$22?,** Grass Lake Estate auction, July 90
10. **Red and Yellow 1936 Ford Station Wagon, sans 2 wheels, one break**
11. **Blue Convertible** with white rubber wheels, Grass Lake estate auction, July 90
9. Tootsie Toy Red and Yellow Ford Station Wagon, \$5 ((\$18.75 in book), July 91, house auction, Grass Lake
12. **Green Diecast Semi Tractor #24.** Under cab ceiling it says Tootsietoy /Chicago 24 /USA. Underneath the back end, just in front of the fifth wheel is a "1." I do not know where I got this toy or what I paid for it. Wheels are black hard rubber, 13/16 inches in diameter. It's in pretty good shape, so I really should look for a trailer that fits it.
13. **Orange U-Haul Trailer.** \$10. Chelsea, 4 Oct 97.
14. **Red Tootsie Toy Manure Spreader.** Purchase price and place unknown, may be Eugene, Oregon, for ca. \$12. "Tootsietoy R Chicago 24 U.S.A." Drawer in study.
15. **Tootsie Toy Red and Blue International Pickup Truck.** Red Diecast cab, blue plastic bed, black wheels with shiny hubcaps with white sidewall effects, white plastic grille, one hubcap missing, otherwise fine. \$15 at antique mall at routes 127 and 12. Matches 1959 B series truck, diagnostic is paired headlights mounted vertically.
16. **Tootsietoy Red Diecast Long Hood Semi Cab #4.** Ca. 3/8" hole for hooking on trailer. Missing one rear wheel. Single wheels behind, just a hair under 7/8" diameter (I don't have the missing wheel). Purchased for \$5, Hershey, Pa, 1998. Tootsietoy R, Chicago USA.
17. **Tootsietoy Red Diecast Cabover Semi Cab #24.** Duals behind, upward projecting rod for hitching semi on, purchased for \$5, Hershey, Pa, 1998. Tootsietoy R, Chicago 24 U.S.A. Complete, okay.

TRIANG (BRITAIN)

1. **Triang Orange Crane.** Made in England. Purchased, Melbourne, Australia, antique shop, March 1993, for about \$15. Missing bucket or hook. I made a hook for it. Rubber wheels. Decal partly gone. Otherwise seems intact. By stove in TV room. Saw one for \$175, Hershey, Pa. 1998; another similar, also Triang, for same; truck for hauling this one: \$275.
2. **Triang Orange Crane Truck.** \$180. Farm Toy Show, A2-Saline, 26 Jan 2000; purchased by previous owner in Holland in 1955.

TRU-SCALE TOYS

Note: Most small farm Tru-Scale toys are in upper left drawer in study.

1. **Tru-Scale (?) Green John Deere Combine, 1940's vintage.** Purchased for \$7 at rural crossroads flea market, Colorado. Missing chains, canvas, hitch needs fixing. Not bad, though. I've seen several like it, in comparable condition, for \$95-\$250. One at Monroe Superfest 19 Sept 92 in similar condition for \$60. Secretary in study.
2. **Tru Scale Orange and Yellow Tractor Loader.** Purchased, San Marcos, California Aug 91 for \$15. I've seen the tractor and loader for \$75-\$150, the loader alone for \$55. Hall closet.
3. **Tru-Scale (?) Green John Deere Tractor Manure Spreader.** Purchased San Marcos, California, Aug 91, for \$15. Rusty, but everything present and everything works. I saw several at A2FTS Feb 91, for \$45-\$125. Hall closet
4. **Tru-Scale 450 International Tractor** for above loader, excellent condition except lacking grille. This is the exact tractor for this loader, as indicated by a set owned by Robbie Pyle since new (#2), metal wheels, Adrian 1990, \$10 (saw it with loader and mower, \$85, Plymouth, MI, Dec. 1991). One at Findlay, Ohio, 27 March 1997, for \$85 or more. Saw tractor and loader in excellent shape A2AM 97, \$200. Cabinet in study.
5. **Tru-Scale Orange and Yellow International Tractor with plastic wheels.** Purchase price and place unknown. Worth about \$25? Hall closet.
6. **Tru-Scale Orange and Yellow Sickle Bar Mower.** Excellent, purchased Tecumseh Flea Market, 1 Sept 97, \$50. Drawer in study.
7. **Tru-Scale Orange and Yellow Hay Baler.** Very good, purchased Tecumseh Flea Market, 1 Sept 97, \$75. May be missing fold-up door at end of chute; something not quite right with hitch. Cabinet in study.
8. **Tru-Scale Orange and Yellow Plow.** Very good, purchased Tecumseh Flea Market, 1 Sept 97, \$60. I saw one in Vermont in mint(!) condition for \$125.00. Cabinet in study.
9. **Tru-Scale Orange and Yellow Manure Spreader.** Very good, purchased Tecumseh Flea Market, 1 Sept 97, \$30. Cabinet in study.
10. **Tru-Scale Orange and Yellow Two-Wheel Trailer with no wheels or fenders.** Purchased I don't know where for I don't know how much. Barn.
11. **Tru-Scale Rusty Two-Wheel Trailer with Plastic Wheels.** \$13.50. Logansport, Ind. Aug. 92? One axle was bent and that wheel broken when I got it. I straightened the axle (pretty much) and popped the wheel back together. Study on floor.

- 12. Tru-Scale 450 International Tractor with Metal Wheels.** Missing muffler, steering doesn't work; has grille. \$20. Chelsea, 4 Oct 97.
- 13. Tru-Scale Double Disc.** Fairly good. 7 discs on each section; old decal. \$40, A2FTS 1998. Cabinet or drawer in study.
- 14. Tru-Scale Farmall Row Crop Tractor.** Newer decal, \$25. White metal center hind wheels. Reasonably good, doesn't steer. Hall closet? Saw a bad one, 20 Apr 02, for \$94!
- 15. Tru-Scale Red Two-Wheeled Trailer.** Metal wheels. Excellent. \$30. A2FTS 1998. Cabinet in study.
- 16. Tru-Scale Farmall Row Crop Tractor.** Plastic centers in wheels. Steering wheel crushed, one front tire missing, hitch broken. \$10. Allenville, MI, 25 May 98. Hall closet.
- 17. Tru-Scale 450(?) International Tractor with Metal Wheels.** Missing muffler, steering doesn't work; has grille, steering wheel bent; like #12, \$12, Herschey, Pa. 1998.
- 18. Tru-Scale Red and Cream Manure Spreader.** Near Lancaster, Pa. White Horse Antiques, \$31.50, 1998. Very good or excellent. Maybe not as old as #9: hitch slightly different for different tractor, wheels smaller and all black.
- 19. Tru-Scale Rusty Manure Spreader.** Like #9, except wheels with red centers rather than yellow. \$1, Herschey, Pa, 1998. Very badly rusted. In barn.
- 20. Tru-Scale International Tractor.** For parts. Missing steering wheel, grill, and seat is broken. Metal wheels, a bit rusty. \$5. A2 Farm Toy Sale, 22 Jan 2000.
- 21. Tru-Scale International Hay Baler.** \$20. Metal wheels. Some rust, A2AFM, Sept 2001.
- 22. Tru-Scale Bale Elevator.** Price not given. Metal center in wheels, newer version, excellent condition, with three bales. Mongo IFA, 27 Oct 2001.

As of 24 January 1998, I have nine pieces of a good Tru-Scale farm set: two tractors, scoop, plow, mower, manure spreader, baler, trailer with metal wheels, and disc. I have another decent trailer but would need two metal center wheels for it and fenders. I also have the fenders (rusty) on another trailer (#11). There has to be a red combine -- I have the John Deere one. Whether there are other parts to the set I do not know. Total price so far for orange and yellow parts of the set is \$335. I need to go through all my Tru-Scale toys and check the decals; I learned today that the older ones have only a dash between Tru and Scale, the new ones have more in that space. The older ones, of course, are more valuable. Maribeth Moser (419-823-1474), 24062 Hull Prairie Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551, explained the above to me. She advertises "My Husband's Collection' Specializing in Anything (He Had)."

WYANDOTTE TOYS (WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN)

Note: *The lists of Wyandotte and Marx toys are confused some, because I mis-identified some of them and haven't gotten them entirely straight yet. It's likely each list is too long, with duplicates. Or at least one list is too long.*

- 1. Wyandotte Orange Road Grader.** Purchased summer of 1987, Ann Arbor Treasure Mart, for \$13. Overall length 19"; width 16 1/16"; height 5 3/4"; wheels rubber with WYANDOTTE

TOYS printed on them, 2 3/4" in diameter, small axle cap convex hubcaps. No metal wheels. Overall condition good to excellent except missing motor and exhaust stack and front wheels (I have oversize NYLint wheels on it now). Lift mechanism needs straightening. Estimated value: \$15. (April 1990, graders are around \$45-55 now).

***2. Wyandotte Orange and Blue Livestock Trailer. Part of Semi Truck with same name.**

Purchased summer of 1986, flea market along highway in Colorado, for \$3. Overall length 10 5/8"; height, 6 1/4"; width 4 5/8"; overall condition good to excellent. Painted orange with blue floor; decal says SHADY GLEN STOCK RANCH in red letter on a silver decal with black horizontal lines and black steer in middle. Circular stamp on bottom near back says WYANDOTTE TOYS. I put rubber wheels 2" in diameter on it and a front axle and tongue painted blue. I also created a tailgate and a ramp that hangs on the side. It probably did not have a tailgate originally. This is older than most of my Wyandotte toys. Estimated value: \$15. Saw this trailer with new rubber implement type wheels on green, black, white (and red?) tractor -- may have been correct match but I doubt it. Should have yellow wooden wheels as on truck #34. A2AMFM, April 1991, for \$65 (down from \$85). Secretary in study. Saw A decent complete one Herschey, Pa 98 for \$175.

***3. Wyandotte Small Orange Dump Truck.** Purchased in Virginia antique mall summer 1988 for \$30. Overall length 7", height 2 3/4", width, 2 7/8"; overall condition, good to excellent (left rear wheel split but repaired without problem); wooden wheels carved with ten triangles and ten dots in a circle inside the triangles. Saw identical one in Tecumseh, same shape, for \$125. One missing a wheel sold at DTA, Apr 93, for \$42.50. Red one, good, Silver LAKE, INDIANA, JUNE 93, \$75. Cabinet in Tom's room.

***4. Wyandotte Small Orange Dump Truck with Fender Skirts.** Purchased in Pennsylvania, summer 1988 for \$5. Overall condition good. No identifying manufacturer. Overall length 6", height 2"; width 2 1/2"; wheels 3/4". Wheels, four non-matching rubber; rear axle needs flattening on one end; grill intact. Probable value, \$20, when I get rear axle fixed and wheels alike. Cabinet in Tom's room.

5. Wyandotte Small Red and Blue Truck with Flat Bed and Toolbox and Fender Skirts (moved to Marx #2). Belongs here: connected to auto haulaway. On drawered cabinet in study.

6. Wyandotte Small Red and Blue Truck with Flat Bed and Fender Skirts (may be Marx).

Purchased Pennsylvania, 1988, roadside antique shop, for \$15. Overall condition excellent except missing whatever was originally attached to hole in flat bed (1 1/8" from rear, 1/4" in diameter, and has slots front and back extending 3/32" from hole); two holes in cab below and behind side windows may indicate something missing there. Grill and bumper separate and intact. Wooden wheels 1 1/2" in diameter. I will use grille for ice truck, or put ice truck bed on this truck to make one excellent truck. Study.

7. Wyandotte Small Red and Yellow Ice Truck with Fender Skirts. Purchased Pennsylvania shop, 1988, for \$10. Overall condition very good except missing grill. Overall length 10 1/2"; height 3 3/8"; width 3 5/8"; wooden wheels 1 1/2" in diameter; cab like other truck above, but with holes in sides placed differently and two slots in running board. ICE printed in large letters on each side of truck bed. Probable value \$10. Study.

8. Wyandotte or Marx Red and Blue Stake Truck with Fender Skirts. Purchased Virginia, 1988, in antique shop for \$15. Overall condition excellent except grille missing (one added?). Red cab and blue stake bed. Overall length 13 1/2"; black metal wheels 1 1/2" in diameter; probable value: \$15. Cabinet in Tom's room.

9. Wyandotte Blue Semi Tractor with Metal Wheels and Front Fender Skirts (no fenders behind). Purchased in Pennsylvania, 1988, for \$10. Overall length 8 7/8"; wheels 1 1/2" in diameter; overall condition fair (much paint off); grille intact, could be transferred to #8 above to make a complete truck. Grille goes to windshield in center and includes headlights and bumper. Probable value, \$10. Hole in back end is shaped like a head with shoulders, not round, with head and shoulders still there, lifted up. I have seen one hooked to an auto hauler.

***10. Wyandotte Blue, Gray, and White Arrow Truck Lines Dump Truck with Fender Skirts.** Purchased in New Jersey, 1988, for \$10. Overall condition fair (cab with speckles of rust). Overall length 13"; width 5"; height 4 3/4"; blue bed with liftup tailgate on dump bed; gray rear end on chassis; white cab with red design and Arrow Truck Lines decal on sides of doors; arrowhead and W on top of cab. Grill with painted black squares.; fender skirts; rubber wheels, 1 3/4" in diameter. Probable value, \$10.

11. Wyandotte Red and Black 1930's Roadster with White Rubber Tires (2). Purchased 6 November 1988 at Pontiac Flea Market for \$60 (priced at \$75). Overall length 8", width 3 3/4", height 3 5/8". Overall condition excellent . All parts intact. The wheels are white soft rubber, 1 3/4" in diameter with "Wyandotte Toys" and "Made in U.S.A." printed on them and ten raised imitation spokes on the tires: no hubcaps or metal parts to the wheels. The wheels are wobbly on the axle because the rubber is worn out. I will place a bushing inside each wheel to stabilize them. Body painted deep red, fenders and running boards black. No decals or other indications of make, except printing on tires. I constructed an electrical connection and purchased bulbs and batteries, and the headlights now work. I also slit shoelace eyes, spread them and placed them over the axles on each side of each wheel, placed large blobs of silicone glue inside each and squeezed them together so that the wheels now do not wobble. This car is restored and complete. Probable value: \$200. Cabinet in Tom's room. .

12. Wyandotte Green and Black 1930's Roadster with White Rubber Tires (Identical to above) (2). Purchased Nov 1988 at Ann Arbor Antiques Mart for \$25. This car was painted silver over the original color, sloppily. It had only three wheels, of which only one was original. I will place four identical wheels on it, perhaps carved to resemble the originals, rebuild the electrical parts, and remove the silver paint if possible. Probable value then: \$50-100.

13. Wyandotte (actually Girard: check #18,19 too) Green and Black(Rusty) Model A Ford Truck (3). Purchased in 1987 at Ann Arbor Antique Show for \$4. An almost completely rusted truck cab and running gears lacking a yoke for the front wheels. Two small wooden wheels were on it. A little paint on the right side of the cab is green. Overall length without cab, 8", with bed 9 1/2"; width, 3 3/4"; head lamps are bent outward from sides of hood. This toy dates to the 1930's and resembles a Model-A Ford. It appears to be roughly a match for the roadster described above, except that the hood front is flat rather than protruding slightly in the middle as with the roadster. I created a front wheel yoke of metal of comparable condition to that of the rest of the cab and put four rubber wheels on this truck, then made a metal bed for it and a loading ramp. I have not painted it. I need to cover the axle nuts with small hubcaps. Probable value: \$25 or more. I saw another partial one, this one rusted out and the hole filled with plastic, and also missing all wheels, for \$14 (!). This truck is the same as # 18 below. I made several different units to fit on this truck, including wrecker, flatbed, grain bed, 2-wheeled trailer, cover for back of semi alone, semi-trailer and ramps. I also used round-headed bolts to make headlamps and fashioned a Model A-like radiator of aluminum. I intend to make a cargo bed (like a long pickup bed), gravel box, and a stock rack. It's by the stove in the TV room

***14. Wyandotte Snub-Nosed Small Red Stake Truck.** Purchased some time in bucket of junk at farm sale. Overall length 5". Overall condition poor except it is complete and original (rusty on

one side and top); wheels rubber, 7/8" in diameter. White inset grille and headlights. Probable value \$5. Cabinet in Tom's room.

15. Wyandotte Boat-Tail Racer, red with white rubber wheels marked Wyandotte, electric lights (2). Purchased at antique sale in San Francisco, December 1988, for \$159.95. 8 1/2 inches long, in very good condition. Wheels have been repaired with white plastic cores over axles, good job. The other one was not in as good shape, and was listed for \$95 at the Ann Arbor Antique Market, 8 April 1989; April 1990, saw two for \$95 and \$125. Saw a real junker priced at \$125 30 June 1990 A2AFM. A2AMFM Apr 91, excellent for \$145; Sept 92, \$250; Antique Toy World, 92, \$250. Cabinet in Tom's room.

***16. Wyandotte Small Green Streamlined Coupe with white rubber wheels marked Wyandotte Toys (2).** Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, for \$40, February 1989. Cabinet in Tom's room.

17. Wyandotte Circus Truck (2). Purchased 19 March 1989, Tecumseh, Michigan, for \$146.90. Very good condition except lacks tailgate (which is major) and does not have trailer. It is listed at \$97 in O'Brien (1984), so I think it was priced about right. I saw another, in excellent condition, at the Ann Arbor Antiques Market in 1988 -- price higher, but I don't remember it. I also cannot remember if it has the trailer or tailgate (needs a lion under 5 1/2" by 2" -- saw some for \$45, but I bought a bear for it for \$1). Cabinet in Tom's room.

***18. Wyandotte Red and Black Stake Truck with Yellow Wooden Wheels and no Headlights.** Purchased 8 April 1989, Ann Arbor Antiques Market, for \$100. This is virtually identical to the next item except smaller (9 3/4 inches long with 1 5/8 inch wheels); it appears identical to #13 above. Excellent condition. I may have paid more than it is worth. Cabinet in Tom's room.

***19. Red and Black Large 1930's Stake Truck, probably Wyandotte.** Purchased Ann Arbor Antiques Mart, Nov 1988 for \$60. Overall length 15", wooden wheels, 2 3/8" in diameter, dual behind. Six vent marks in side of hood. Truck and bed red, fenders and underside black, wheels yellow. Overall condition very good: nothing missing. No manufacturer's marks. Probable value \$60. Cabinet in Tom's room.

***20. Wyandotte(?) Red Stake Truck.** Purchased for \$36 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 3 June 1989. It's a 1930's truck 12 1/4" long in good shape except missing one wheel entirely and all but the hubs of the other three. The wheels were wooden centers with rubber tires; the tires are missing. Four marks along side of hood. Headlights are concave extensions; radiator perfectly flat. Four tops on stakes on each side of bed. No creases or ridges on doors of cab. I bought some one-inch black rubber implement tires that fit its wheels, but the resulting wheels are too small. A similar Model A coupe exists, saw one for \$150, Monroe MI Superfest, 19 Sept 92.

***21. Wyandotte Sunshine Dairy Truck, Red Cab, Yellow Metal Wheels, White, Blue, Red, Yellow Rear End.** Purchased Iowa, August 1989, \$29.

***22. Wyandotte Snub Nose Red, Blue, and Yellow Truck.** Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$40. In excellent condition except it has Tonka wheels on it -- all with shiny hubcaps and in excellent condition. This is probably a 1940's truck.

23. Wyandotte Small Red and Yellow Ice Truck with Fender Skirts (identical to #7). Purchased in Santa Rosa, California, December 1989, for \$15. It has no wheels or axles, otherwise is in good shape except paint is fairly bad. Grill is fine, and probably worth the entire

price.(Note: This may be a Marx rather than a Wyandotte.) A2AFM Aug 90, \$120, very good condition.

24. Wyandotte Red and Black Stake Truck identical to #18 except not in quite a good shape. Purchased 20 May 1990 Ann Arbor Antiques Mart for \$80. Cabinet in Tom's room.

25. Wyandotte Snub-Nosed Small Blue Dump Truck. Purchased June 1990, Indiana Antique Store for \$14. Condition okay. Says Wyandotte Toys. Made in U.S.A. on cab. Cabinet in Tom's room.

26. Wyandotte Snub-Nosed Small Green Stake Truck. Purchased June 1990, Indiana Antique Store for \$20. Condition very good to excellent. Says Wyandotte Toys Made in U.S.A. on cab. Cabinet in Tom's room.

27. Wyandotte Snub-Nosed Large Red, White, Black Express Semi. Purchased June 1990, Indiana Antique Store for \$25. Fair condition. Probably 1940's. Wooden black wheels 2" diameter, truck 17" long.

28. Wyandotte Small Green Convertible. Purchased 15 July 1990, A2AM, \$15, red wooden wheels, spacer on axles. Very good condition. This car fits on a Marx Auto Hauler. Saw one with two cars for \$185, 4 Aug 90, A2AFM, and one of the cars elsewhere, same sale, \$55. Mine, however, is different. Cabinet in Tom's room.

29-30. Wyandotte Green Dump Trucks (2). Purchased 15 July 1990 A2AM, \$50 each. Metal wheels. Haven't seen any like them before. Fellow said three of them fit on a hauler. Cabinet in Tom's room.

31. Wyandotte Red Truck with Scoop. Purchased at Chelsea, MI, Oct 91, for \$15. I replaced the wheels with Wyandotte metal wheels and put a makeshift (terrible) removable bed on it. Barn.

32. Wyandotte Small Red and Green Dump Truck with chrome grille, excellent condition. Not snub-nosed. Purchased for \$10, Treasure Mart, Feb 91, no wheels, I put on 3/4" black rubber wheels. 4 3/4" long. Cabinet in Tom's room.

33. Wyandotte Flat Bed Truck, grille missing, metal wheels, Adrian MI AS, \$40, 9 March 91.

34. Wyandotte Stake Truck, wooden wheels, Adrian, MI, 9 March 91, \$20.

35. Wyandotte Orange Re-Painted Earth Mover. Purchased for \$40 at Saline estate auction, Apr 91, rubber wheels slightly hollowed inside. Complete. No decals. May be old, but has plastic motor insert and rubber exhaust. Barn.

36. Wyandotte Red Airplane. \$100, A2AS, July 1991. Cabinet in Tom's room.

37. Wyandotte Red Convertible. \$100, A2S, July 1991. Cabinet in Tom's room.

38. Wyandotte Dump Truck. \$100, A2S, July 1991 (Wyandotte on wheels, but see underneath each of these two trucks for a different name). Cabinet in Tom's room.

39. Wyandotte Dump Truck, Red Cab, Green Bed. \$100, A2S, July 1991. Cabinet in Tom's room.

- 40. Wyandotte Red Truck with 1 3/4" Metal Wheels and Front Scoop**, missing rear apparatus, \$15, Indiana, July 1991
- *41. Wyandotte Red Semi Tractor (actually Marx)** with hole for trailer, 7/8" black rubber wheels, \$14.50, Indiana, July 1991.
- 42. Wyandotte Truck**, \$5, Grass Lake estate auction, July 1990
- 43. Wyandotte Trailer**, \$5, Grass Lake estate auction, July 90. Valley Farms? Cabinet in Tom's room.
- 44. Wyandotte Yellow Delivery Truck with Black and White Tin Grille**. Purchased Chelsea, MI, Oct 91, for \$15. Something missing in bed; otherwise excellent. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- 45. Wyandotte Black, Cream, Red Stake Truck, 1940, 16 inches long**. Purchased Treasure Mart, 3 Dec 92, \$65. Good shape, wooden black wheels, nothing missing. Needs to be cleaned and repainted. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- 46. Wyandotte Snub-Nosed Blue Small Dump Truck**. Excellent condition. Purchased at Rubena Blumenauer's farm sale, April 93, for \$15. Reddish wooden wheels. Shiny grille. One like it at A2AM priced at \$250(!). Cabinet, Tom's room.
- 47. Wyandotte Black and Yellow Dump Truck, 1940's**. Black rubber wheels. Tailgate black, rest of bed yellow with Dump in large red letters on tray over cab. Good condition. Purchased somewhere in Illinois in 1993 for about \$20. Front axle and wheels are substitutes (or else back wheels) -- front wheels are hollowed on inside. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- 48. Wyandotte Red Large Truck Bed** with yellow label on side. Wyandotte Construction Co. in black letters. Purchased at a flea market somewhere for maybe \$20. If I can find the cab it's worth about \$200.
- 49. Wyandotte Red and Black Stake Truck**. A2AM April 1997, repainted, lacking wheels, axles supplied, \$50.
- 50. Wyandotte Pressed Steel Green Manure Spreader**. Pressed steel with black rubber tires that run the spreader and have "WYANDOTTE TOYS. MADE IN USA" on them. Excellent condition, and a typical nice Wyandotte toy. I bought it for \$15 or less, but I don't know where. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- *51. Pressed Steel Green Gasoline Truck with Fender Skirts**. Purchased 8 April 1989 Ann Arbor Antique Sale for \$35 (asked \$48). Five and three-eighths inches long with black wooden wheels, three holes in top of gasoline tank. May be Wyandotte. Very Good condition: complete but paint worn. Really sporty and neat. I saw another one like this for about the same price, A2AM, Apr 97. Wanted it, didn't buy it . Cabinet in Tom's room.
- *52. Pressed Steel Blue Streamlined Sedan with White-Painted Inset Grille and Headlamps**. Purchased 8 April 1989, Ann Arbor Antiques Market, for \$40 (\$68 asked). Five and 5/8 inches long. Looks like a 1949 Hudson. Wheels are hard black rubber or plastic with treads. Excellent condition: complete, and paint chipped but not terribly. May be Wyandotte. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- *53. Pressed Steel Small Red Dump Truck (matches Wyandotte #14), Soft Rubber Wheels**. Nevada, August 1989, \$15. Cabinet, Tom's room.

- *54. Pressed Steel Small Blue Stake Truck.** Wyandotte-Like, Hard Rubber Wheels. Inset white grille and head lamps. Nebraska, August 1989, \$5. Cabinet, Tom's room.
- *55. Red and Black 1930's Small Pressed Steel Coupe with Rumble Seat that Opens.** Purchased April 1990 for \$80. Good shape except lacks tires on wooden wheels; is mate for Wyandotte #20. Saw one intact, with the wrong wheels, for \$125, 20 May 1990, Ann Arbor Antiques Market.
- *56. Green and Black Small 1930's Truck with Yellow Wooden Wheels.** Not snub-nosed. Purchased Nov 1988 in Tecumseh, Michigan, for \$39.40. Overall condition excellent; overall length 5 1/2". Three vent marks on sides of hood; radiator flat; wheels yellow, wooden, 1 1/16" in diameter. Fenders, bottom, truck bed black; cab green. Probable value \$39.40. Needs nothing except ageing. May be Wyandotte. Cabinet, Tom's room.
- *57. Pressed Steel Red and Black 1930's Coupe.** Purchased 8 April 1989, Ann Arbor Antiques Market, for \$25 (\$30 asked). Six inches long, with two windows each side and luggage rack on back. Black wooden wheels have yellow metal washers with eight points on them. Very good condition, except paint is pretty well damaged. No parts missing. May be Wyandotte. Looks like cars sold with Gerard Auto carrier by Sears in 1933-34. Cabinet, Tom's room.
- 58. Wyandotte Red (repainted) 1940s Truck Cab and Black Chassis (like #45).** No wheels. \$20. Chelsea, 4 Oct 97. Stove, TV room.
- 59. Wyandotte Small Green Convertible.** Resembles #28 except black wooden wheels (one missing), red spacers on axles, grille and windshield separate and missing; origin and price unknown. Cabinet, Tom's room.
- 60. Wyandotte Large Red and Brown Woodie Station Wagon.** Missing side doors. Black rubber tires with red woodern centers. On front of hood above grille it says WYANDOTTE TOYS. One wheel broken. Considerable rust. Barn.
- 61. Wyandotte Red Truck with Yellow Grille.** No bed. Otherwise like #21, Sunshine Dairy, above), except has black wooden wheels rather than yellow metal ones, and back is red like cab, not green. Also, this one has a central vertical flap at the back with two slots and a bell mounted on it, suggesting a fire engine assembly, or something else that rang a bell, was mounted on the rear. There are three of these trucks, the third with back green like #10 (in cabinet in hall near stairs). I don't know which of the above is the third of these.
- 62. Wyandotte Red Small Semi Tractor.** Four inches long, black rubber tires, 1 3/16" wheels. Double side window. Fender skirts on back wheels. No grille or headlamps (none built into it). Source and price unknown. Same as #63. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- 63. Wyandotte Red Small Semi Tractor.** Four inches long, black rubber tires, 1 3/16" wheels. Double side window. Fender skirts on back wheels. No grille or headlamps (none built into it). Source and price unknown. Same as #62. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- 64. Wyandotte Pale Blue Small Dump Truck.** White inset grille and headlights. Source and price unknown. Cabinet in Tom's room.
- 65. Wyandotte Red Small Snub-Nosed Semi-Tractor.** Length 4". Side window double. Source and price unknown. Black rubber wheels, 1 13/16", back fender skirts, no grille or headlamps (they're not missing, just not made on it). Fairly rusty. Cabinet in Tom's room.

- 66. Wyandotte Construction Co. Blue, Red, and Yellow Crane.** \$90 at A2AM, 17 August 1998, priced at \$115. Four black rubber tires, blue body with yellow floor, yellow crane arm, red dipstick bucket, red base. Very good or excellent.
- 67. Wyandotte Blue Cab, Red Stake Dumping Bed, Sand and Gravel, with Blue Tailgate.** Missing wooden front wheels, 1 1/2" diameter. Grille intact, very good overall. Tailgate slightly bent. May be Marx.
- 68. Wyandotte Red Truck with Green Bumper, Headlamps That Take Light Bulbs, Only Flat Bed Behind.** Intact, excellent condition, 3/8" hole in bed for trailer. \$40, Hershey, Pa, 98.
- 69. Wyandotte Gray Dump Bed and Red Frame with Black Rubber Wheels, 2 1/4" Diameter.** It had a plastic cab (remnants). Missing one front wheel (like implement wheel). \$20, Hershey, Pa. 1998.
- 70. Wyandotte(?) Cabover Tractor Body.** Rusty and terrible. May fit #69. \$1, Hershey, Pa. 1998.
- 71. Wyandotte Orange Dump Truck** with design-stamped wooden wheels like W#6. \$72, missing one wheel, otherwise in very good shape, missing nothing. 12 1/2 inches long. Where did I purchase it -- Illinois, June 99?
- 72. Wyandotte Trailer** with two wooden wheels having red jagged hub caps, rusty, Alber's Farm Auction, 23 June 99, \$2. May be a wagon missing front wheels.
- 73. Wyandotte Red and Black Repainted Semi Tractor** like #45, wheels wit red convex centers. A2TM, \$45.
- 74. Wyandotte Yellow Large Dump Bed** with green interior and yellow centered rubber wheels with wooden centers with "Wyandotte Toys" and "Made in USA" on them (red interior inside wheels). Chelsea, Sept 99. \$20.
- 75. Wyandotte Large Pressed Steel 1950's Red Dump Truck with Blue Bed, "Hydraulic."** \$33. Black rubber wheels saying "Wyandotte Toys," "Wyandotte Hydraulic Dump Truck" painted on top of dump bed, attached grille with headlights painted on, door handles, chrome pieces on back part of fender, door, window, wndshield wipers, front of hood, and cab top lights painted on. A2TM, 11 Aug 2000.
- 76. Wyandotte Blue Truck Tractor.** \$15. Lacking grille and headlamps (they go together). Rubber wheels saying "Wyandotte Toys" on the inside. Probably A2AM, 11 Aug 2000.

I saw a Wyandotte White Ambulance in good shape for \$85 -- 1930's. Saw another for \$175, rear door remade. Saw a car hauler with a painted grille, inset like some of my small trucks, for \$125. Saw the Cord Car for \$575, 30 June 1990 A2AFM. White Service Truck, good-excellent except missing grill at Saline estate sale for \$37.50, April 91. Stone is the guy from Wyandotte from whom I bought some Wyandotte toys.

PRIVATELY MADE CAST ALUMINUM THRESHING SET

1. Cast Aluminum Threshing Set consisting of steam engine, tank wagon, box wagon, bundle wagon (and teams), and threshing machine. All are cast aluminum and created by a man in

northern Ohio. I have the literature on it. I ought to buy another bundle wagon so I can set it up right. Purchased at Monroe Superfest, fall 1992, for \$160. Closet in Tom's room.

UNKNOWN CHINESE MANUFACTURERS

1. **Orange-Red Mercedes Sedan with rubber tires, friction drive.** Purchased in Chinese department store on Penang Island, Malaysia, January, 1989, for \$2.80; 11 inches long. No manufacturer indicated. Units like these are now being sold in the U. S. for lots more money than they cost in Malaysia. Secretary in study.
2. **Olive Green Three-Seat Jeep-Like Vehicle with rubber tires, friction drive.** Purchased in Chinese department store on Penang Island, Malaysia, January 1989, for \$2.80; 9 inches long. No manufacturer indicated. Secretary in study.
3. **Red Double-Decker Bus with rubber tires, friction drive.** Purchased in Chinese department store on Penang Island, Malaysia, January 1989, for \$2.80, 10 3/4 inches long. Made in China on left rear side, and MF 1 85 on right front side. "Double Decker Bus" printed on right side. Secretary in study.
4. **Red, Design-Painted Fire Truck with rubber tires, front wheel friction drive.** Purchased in Chinese department store on Penang Island, Malaysia, January 1989, for \$2.80. "STI" on left cab door, no manufacturer indicated. I saw a larger one, made in Japan (probably) for \$40, 8 April 1989. Study.
5. **Chinese Tin Gray and White "Lucky Sports Car, with opening hood and front engine action."** NIB. Purchased in Berkeley California toy store, December 1989, for \$7. With driver and plastic headlamps and front and rear windshields and hood ornament. Overall length 8 1/2". Study.
6. **Chinese Cast Iron Painted Minneapolis-Moline Narrow Front Tractor with Built-In Driver** with blue trousers, gray shirt, yellow cap. \$15. A2TM, 11 Aug 2000. Very heavy, all iron, red with black wheels, silver motor, grille, headlamps, belt pulley, and steering wheel. Distressed to look old. Gold tag underneath, "Made in China." Tractor says, "Auburn" on side of gas tank.

UNKNOWN MANUFACTURERS

(including Japanese, Philippine, Madagascan tin toys)

1. **Japanese Tin Bus.** Purchased March 1990 in Narita, Japan, for \$4; 8" long with door and steering on left. New. Study.
2. **Red Friction-Run Semi Tractor with Tool Box (2).** Purchased Ann Arbor Antique Show 1988 for \$4. Overall length 7 1/4"; width 3 1/2"; height, 3 1/4"; overall condition good to excellent; blue underneath and in back of front bumper; no plastic, probably made in Japan lightweight metal. I put dual wheels in back (rubber, 1 1/2" diameter; front wheels 1 5/16") and made it attachable to the Marx gasoline truck listed elsewhere. Probable value: \$5. This was made in Japan, and I saw one with a log hauler attached to it, 8 April 1989, for \$70.
3. **Small Red and Silver Two-Motored Airliner.** Purchased summer 1988, flea market in Pennsylvania, for \$2. Overall length 7 1/2"; width, 9 3/4". Overall condition poor: missing one propeller, other bent badly, two wheels missing (wooden, 1/2" in diameter); vertical part of tail loose (can be tightened easily); body silver, wings red. Probable value \$2. I saw one in better shape for \$15 or 20.
4. **1930's Copy of Tin Lizzie with Painted Slogans.** Purchased in bucket of junk at farm sale. Overall length 4 1/2", tires black rubber with yellow hubcaps with 12 black dots and two black circles and a center black dot (two hubcaps missing). Plastic driver broken, one headlight gone, bent and a little rusty. Made of lightweight tin. Friction toy. Probable value \$1.
5. **German Tin Painted Windup "Automatic Dock-Yard Crane" made in Western Germany.** Purchased in bucket of junk at farm sale. Intact except missing flat metal anchor-shaped hook at end of crane arm . Everything works. Paint not bad. Says "095" on side of cab. "Automatic Dock-Yard Crane" printed in capital letters on back end of base. Cleaned up and waxed. Looks good. At farm sale with hundreds of toys, 30 Sept 1989, I bid to \$50 on one of these, complete, and in excellent condition. The dealer who bought it told me it was worth "about \$395." However, I bought another one, 1992, Monroe Superfest, \$15. Study.
6. **Yellow and Red Tin Fire Chief Car, 3 1/8 inches long.** Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, February 1989, for \$5.
7. **Blue and White Tin Red Cross Car, 2 1/4 inches long.** Purchased at farm sale near Manchester, Michigan, February 1989, for \$5.
8. **Black Sand Cast Antique-Imitating Stake Truck, 4 3/4 inches long.** Purchased 1985, Henry Ford Museum, amount unknown. Not an antique.
9. **Cream-Colored Metal Dump Truck, Bed Only.** With hinges extending downward at rear end. Purchased at Egler's farm sale, 5 March 1989, for \$2 (including a junk diecast truck and a flared bed green wagon bought for the rubber wheels), and mounted on two wooden beams with a plastic cab on the front and with four Buddy L wheels, plastic and hollow inside. This dump bed is rusted in places and will need repainting to look real good. Its' 4 11/16 inches wide and just over 7 inches long. The hinges are 3 1/4 inches apart and near the back. There is a pair of downward projecting tabs with holes in them 3/8 inches apart and an inch in front of the bed hinges. And there is a peculiar-shaped tab near the front of the bed in the bottom, made to hook something on its front edge. This bed has a low, outward-projecting tailgate that isn't

very high, with the sides of the bed curving downward to match its height. The cab I bought with this was red plastic, Buddy L, the right size for this bed. It was broken and I discarded it. I am sure it didn't go with this bed. There are two raised fake hinges on the bottom edge of the tailgate (hollow underneath). The bed has the hole in the front left that is found on Tonka truck beds.

***10. Small Two-Wheeled Orange Tin Circus Trailer with Shafts for Animal, Wooden Floor and Wheels, Metal top.** Purchased, Nebraska, August 1989, \$1. One wheel missing; I replaced it and repaired the trailer. Bought a black lead workhorse to pull it, Feb 91, for \$10. TV room, book shelf.

11. Windmill Kit NIB. Purchased at Pony Express Station, Nebraska, August 1989, \$14.50. TV room, shelf behind stove.

12. Canadian Yellow Diecast 1939 Pickup Truck. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$2. Paint poor, otherwise fine.

13. Canadian Orange Diecast 1939 Pickup Truck. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$2. Missing left hind wheel, 7/8" black rubber. Paint poor, otherwise fine.

14. Red Diecast Cab and Yellow Pressed Steel Trailer Auto Hauler. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$2. Wheels are identical on cab and trailer and they seem to fit. Black rubber wheels. Made in U.S.A. printed under cab. Paint fairly good, otherwise fine. Wheels 11/16" diameter.

15. Japanese Silver AN P.I.E. Trailer. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$12.50. Length 7 1/4", wheels 1 1/4" diameter. Cab missing. Number on front corners: 4196. Red stripes and letter, black underneath. Cabinet in study.

16. Japanese Silver SSS P.I.E. Trailer. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for \$7.50. Length 5 3/4", wheels 3/4" diameter with plastic white centers. Cab missing. Cabinet in study.

17. Blue Tin Car Hauler Trailer. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for nothing. Cab missing. Wheels 5/8" diameter; overall length 5 1/2". Excellent condition.

18. Green Diecast Flat Bed Semi Trailer. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, for nothing. Excellent condition except one axle bent. Overall length 5 3/4"; wheels hard black rubber or plastic, 3/4" diameter. Underneath says made in U.S.A.

19. White and Red(topped) Tin Semi Cab. Purchased 30 Sept 1989, farm sale, for nothing. Overall length 3 3/4"; wheels, 7/8" diameter, soft rubber outside shiny metal.

20. Black 1930's Pressed Steel Dump Truck with Metal Wheels. Purchased Nov 1989, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, for \$30. Lacking dump bed, otherwise intact. 9 1/2" long; wheels 1 3/4" diameter, were shiny metal; 7 louvres along side of hood; grill cross-checked, with headlights, separate from cab; no front bumper; uprights for windshield separate from rest of cab. Not like anything in Sears Catalogue or any other book I have. Fairly rusty. Saw identical one in identical shape except slobbered badly with paint in Santa Rosa California antique store for \$95.

21. Hungarian Tin Motorcycle with Rider. New, purchased in box December 1989, in Berkeley, California, toy store for \$5. PENDU PPT (Hungary) "MOTORKEREKPAR" "LEMEZARU GYAR." Painted, with metal wheels saying "BALLOON CORDATIC" 6 1/4" long with two rubber wheels on push motor flywheel device. Secretary in study.

- *22. Diecast Convertible.** Purchased at Oak City, Michigan, fall 1989, for \$8. Black rubber wheels, 7" overall length. Paint mostly gone: evidently originally red, painted green over red. May imitate 1940's or 1950's Buick. Underneath says "Made in U.S.A.," under trunk lid says "2"; otherwise in good shape.
- 23. Hong Kong Metal Concrete Mixer Pencil Sharpener.** Purchased March 1990 for \$2 in Kuala Lumpur. Study.
- 24. Yonezawa Red 1987 Nissan Gloria Two-Door Sedan. No. 012.** Purchased NIB in Narita, Japan, March 1990. 4 3/4" long. Doors, hood, trunk open. ca. \$15. Study.
- *25. Gray Unpainted Die Cast 1930's Coupe with Black Hard Rubber Wheels.** Purchased April 1990, A2AM, for \$10. No manufacturer indicated. 4 1/4" long.
- 26. Black and White Tin Friction-Powered Chinese(?) Mercedes Sport Car.** Purchased for \$17, 21 Apr 91, Sale estate sale. Excellent. Study.
- 37. Fire Truck, Small, Diecast, \$10, A2S, July 1991,** missing wheels and axles, and bent in one place a little, but otherwise fine. No identifying letters or numbers. Imitates 1940 International to some extent.
- 28. Cast Iron Ladder Truck, \$5, Grass Lake Auction, July 1990**
- 29. Red and Silver Slush Car, 1940's (no wheels), July 90, Grass Lake estate auction.**
- 30. Red Station Wagon.** Purchased Chelsea, MI, Oct 91, \$5.
- 31. Plastic Blue, Black, Red, and Ivory Romanian Tractor with plow and disc,** purchased in Bucharest, June 1991, for about \$1. Piano in study.
- 32. Philippine Handmade (?) Yellow Jeep with Red Fringe.** A soldered tin toy purchased in Mason, MI, Oct 91, for \$5. Study.
- 33. German Dockyard Crane.** Like #7 for \$15 at Monroe Superfest, 19 Sept 92. Secretary in study.
- 34. Orange Diecast Tractor.** Lacks rubber treads (tracks) on wheels. Purchased in antique store in Maryland, 1993, for \$3. Not old, but probably foreign. 9104 L is stamped on inside of underside of frame. Drawer in study.
- 35. Cast Iron Racing Car** purchased for \$90 at Ypsilanti Toy Auction, 0 Nov 1994. Fine. By stove in TV room.
- 36. Pressed Steel Green Oliver Combine** purchased 20 Nov 1994, Ypsilanti Toy Auction, for \$80. It's marked D9830 BAR, and may be a Lincoln Specialties toy. See also #49. Drawer in study.
- 37. Madagascar Tin Motorcycle** made entirely from parts of insect spray cans, origin Madagascar, gift of Isabel Constable, December 1995. Saw in Sweden, Nov 96, two kinds of planes, a jeep-like vehicle made like this motorcycle, planes from Ivory Coast. Museum office.
- 38. Trailer, F . . . ? (Is this entered under Tru-Scale?)**

- 39. Unpainted Formerly Red Small Diecast Pickup Truck Lacking Wheels.** A2Am, April 1997, \$20.
- 40. Wooden Farm Wagon** purchased at Tecumseh Antique Mall 31 July 1997 for \$55. Missing high sides and front hub caps (red plastic). Otherwise intact and fine. Barn.
- 41. Lincoln Logs**, \$2, July 91, house auction, Grass Lake (\$35 at YTA 94)
- 42. Train parts**, \$1, July 91, house auction, Grass Lake.
- 43. Rubber farm animals** (1) \$20, July 91, house auction, Grass Lake. n toy wagon in study.
- 44. Red and Silver 1940's Slush Car** (no wheels), \$5, July 91, house auction, Grass Lake.
- 45. Helicopter.** I got (for nothing in a bucket at a farm sale that I bought for another reason) a wooden and plastic pull-type helicopter which needs the rotor repaired, which I have seen advertised twice in toy magazines, for high prices, the second in April 1992 *Antique Toy World*, for something like \$200-300. Barn.
- 46. Farmer Carrying Sack on Back: Happy Farm Series.** Says on back M 41/4. Purchased for ten cents at roadside garage flea market in Kentucky in 1988: value somewhere between \$20 and \$40. Secretary in study.
- 47. Man with Searchlight.** Broken. Secretary in study.
- 48. Green tin car made in Macao.** Secretary in study.
- 49. Green Oliver Combine** purchased for \$50 lacking a hitch, 24 Jan 98, A2FTS, Also lacks reel. This combine has half the Oliver decal green and half red. So does the baler I bought A2FTS 1998. Secretary in study.
- 50. Small Red Diecast Manure Spreader.** Two spreading reels run by rubber wheels that engage the left hind wheel. Vertical round hitch NNOL. Drawer in study.
- 51. Orange Cast Iron Fordson(?) (Allis?) Tractor.** Wide front end. Driver's head missing, no wheels, no paint. I put white Arcade rubber wheels on it. Total cost \$28. At A2FTS Feb 91. Its hitch does not work for the Arcade trailer #11, which I originally thought it was made for. I saw a similar tractor with rotten Arcade wheels and intact man for \$195, A2AMFM. This one resembles an Arcade (NNOL). Tractor 4 1/4" long without wheels, 5 1/4." Drawer in study with Arcade toys.
- 52+. Others In the barn.** I also have an antique tricycle, five or six child's pull wagons, extra wheels, two other tricycles, a Tennessee Wonder Horse and 50-100 other toys, wooden wagon wheels, and other parts worth maybe \$1000 all together. Total cost about \$200 because I got them mostly at farm sales years ago.
- 53. Red Dump Bed, Heavy Steel.** 6 1/2" long, 5" wide, 1 3/4" high. round holes in front, slots in back. Purchased for \$2 at old engine museum, near Intercourse, Pa. 1998. Paint original and okay. Drawer, walnut box, study.
- 54. Orange and Black Recent Sand Cast Huber Steamroller.** \$40, Herschey, Pa. 1998 (my mistake, but not too big a one). On floor for kids to play with.

55. Red Diecast (1/20?) International Tractor with Narrow Front End. Orange cab and dual wheels behind. \$15, June 99, Farm Toy Show, A2-Saline. Excellent.

56. Red Diecast Mower. Small, \$4, Illinois Antique Store, 21 June 99.

57. Cast Iron Red Hay Cart with big spoked wheels like old wagons. No tongue or shafts but there's a slot to receive them. Back of floor of cart is wired on because the rivet nipple is broken off. Wheels are yellow. \$30. A2 Farm Toy Show, 22 Jan 2000.

58. Diecast Oliver Thresher with Red Wheels. \$30. Excellent. A2AM, 17 June 2000. With Arcade toys in Utility Room.

MAKERS OF APPROPRIATE TOYS OF WHICH NONE PURCHASED YET

1. Kenton trucks

2. Smith-Miller Toys (saw Fruehof for \$75 or so and one like Wes's for \$165; barrel truck in good condition except one end of front bumper broken off, \$75, Monroe Superfest, Aug 92). I saw a Smitty P.I.E. Semi Hauler for \$315, 3 June 1989, Ann Arbor Antique Sale, very good condition except front bumper broken off on one side. Smitty Dump Truck for \$325, July 1991; a newer one for \$250, same time. Saw a Smith-Miller Mobile Truck with a wooden tank for \$795 (would take \$650), 21 Apr 91, A2AS.

A big challenge is to try always to buy toys at prices lower than I ever see the same toy in comparable shape for sale subsequently. I am more interested in buying inexpensive metal and rubber toys that need repair, restoring and customizing them, and waiting for them to become valuable, than in buying mint condition antique toys at high prices. I enjoy buying some toys that I can keep where visiting children can play with them, to enjoy having them played with, and to play with them myself. I have tried to restrict myself to all-steel toys with no plastic and with rubber, wood, or metal wheels (desirability approximately in that order), wheels not hollow on the inside surface (as are later rubber wheels). Diecast toys are okay but of secondary interest. Tin toys are next and cast iron toys last. In general, though, I'll buy anything that's cheap, and especially anything that can be restored or combined with parts I have or may find.

I have concentrated on: (1) 1930's and 1940's pressed steel trucks and cars, especially Wyandotte, and including some with electric lights; (2) 1950's and 1960's pressed steel trucks and cars, especially Wyandotte, Tonka, Buddy L, Structo, and Nylint; (3) 1930's - 1950's farm toys, especially tractors and farm equipment, especially Hubley and Ertl; (4) construction equipment before the use of plastic, especially Wyandotte, Nylint, and Structo.

It has profited me to buy cheap wornout or broken toys just for the wheels, and it will be useful if I can start making some wheels, especially to fit some of the older toys. I would also like to look into glass-beading, painting, and decal manufacture.

TOYS I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO PURCHASE

Note: I favor 1/16th scale, and toys appropriate to farm deliveries and farm work.

1. Pickup trucks, 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's made and model: any manufacturer.

2. Tonka trucks made between 1950 and 1970, and Buddy L trucks made between 1930 and 1970.
3. Mail truck (I saw a dandy Wyandotte or Marx, red and blue, for \$35 at Shipshewanne, Indiana; another for \$45 at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 3 June 1989).
4. Farm Delivery Gasoline truck (get cabs for the two I have)
5. Farm Milk Truck
6. Telephone truck (There was one in Saline for \$55; later it was in the Treasure Mart and on the day it dropped to \$65 someone else got it)
7. School bus (got one)
8. Bulldozer
9. Earth-mover
10. Livestock: rubber animals were priced at \$3 each at Ann Arbor Antique Sale, 3 June 1989 - I have 10 animals and one Indian with arms folded; got two plastic and two brass horses out west August 1989)
11. Car(s)
13. Plow (1/16th scale for this and the next 8 items)(got one 15 April 1990)
14. Disc
15. Harrow
16. Mower
17. Rake
18. Baler
19. Box wagon
20. Hay wagon
21. Corn (and bale) elevator
22. Corn picker
23. Two 2 3/4" Massey Harris tractor wheels with yellow plastic rims and spokes like a Farmall H for an old tractor I got in junk at a farm sale.
24. Wyandotte 1930's ambulance.
25. Structo pickup truck.
26. Corn chopper and other Arcade units I still don't have.

TOYS MADE BY RDA, PARTLY FROM JUNK BOUGHT AT FARM AUCTIONS

1. Steam engine
2. Modified farm tractor
3. Farm tractor with scoop
4. Road packer
5. Wooden wagon
6. Wooden automobile (sedan)
7. Wooden automobile (coupe)
8. Wooden farm truck with grain bed, flat bed, loading ramp
9. Wooden locomotive
10. Metal gravel bed for #28 truck under Unknown Manufacturers (still incomplete).
11. Old-time racing car or runabout from green John Deere (drill-seeder?) part obtained in box of junk from farm sale.
12. Ford-like tractor, from electrical box and old windshield wiper parts.
13. Metal farm wagon to be pulled by #12
14. Green and black flatbed steel semi-hauler with ramp, four yellow wooden wheels to fit Girard semi cabs.
15. Blue flat long trailer to fit Tonka pickup truck (Tonka #7).
16. Wooden dog to ride in Tonka pickup truck #7.
17. Gray semi-trailer with two rubber wheels to fit Wyandotte truck (#13 in catalogue).

18. Grain bed to fit Wyandotte truck (#13).
19. Flatbed (and lumber) to fit Wyandotte truck (#13).
20. Wrecker bed and arm to fit Wyandotte truck (#13).
21. Cab back to fit Wyandotte truck (#13).
22. Two-wheeled trailer (and lumber) to fit Wyandotte truck (#13).
23. Truck barn to take Wyandotte truck (#13) with parts #17-22 above, and Girard trucks with #14 trailer above.

I'd like to make the following:

1. Farmhouse
 2. Barn
 3. Machine shed
 4. Chickenhouse
 5. Hoghouses
 6. Garage
 7. Fence
 8. Road
 9. Mailbox
 10. Old-fashioned gasoline pump
 11. Tank wagon (get 4 of those international plow wheels and a running gear -- make the latter)
- (And a lot of truly artistic, simple, old-fashioned farm and highway and construction toys. . .)

WHEELS AND PARTS ON HAND

I purchased a box of wheels, 30 Sept 1989, for \$8. Included are 73 black rubber and plastic wheels, four black rubber tires, and six yellow and red plastic wheels. Below I list them, together with all other rubber and wooden toy wheels I had collected. I added \$50 worth of wheels (used \$33 worth on Arcade toys) and parts (steering wheels), Feb 91. \$8 for 15 wheels, July 91.

I purchased a bag of ca. 45 wooden, rubber, plastic wheels, 10 axles, 23 Feb 96, A2 Antique Show, \$10.

I purchased 8 junk items (truck and car parts by various mfgs) for \$25 at the Ford Road Flea Market Antique Store, 26 Feb. 91991

Structo black full rubber wheels: 2- 2 1/8" on 2" axle; 5 - 2 1/2" on 2-5 1/2" axles (these are slightly hollowed inside)

12 Bakelite wheels purchased Hershey, Pa. 1998, \$3 total. 2" diameter.

Slik Toy black full rubber tractor wheels: 4 - 3 1/8" on one 3 3/4" axle

Hubley 2 3/8" with implement treads (3)

Unmarked 2 1/2" with implement tread (one)

Unmarked 3 1/4" black rubber tractor wheel (one)

Unmarked 1 1/4" black rubber truck tires on a 3-inch axle (4)(3 others)

Unmarked 1 7/16" black rubber tire with implement tread (1)

Unmarked 1 3/16" black rubber tire with implement tread (one)

Unmarked smooth 7/8" black rubber tires on 1 3/4" axle (2)

Unmarked smooth 11/16" black rubber tires on 1 7/8" axle with centerpiece spacer (2)

Unmarked implement-treaded 2 1/8" black rubber tire (1)

One 2 3/8" tractor tire with yellow plastic center wheel.

Two 1 7/16" implement-treaded black rubber tires with tin centers (white outside, red balls inside) on 3 3/4" axle.

Four flat skinny unmarked untreaded 1 1/4" black rubber tires on plastic toy.

Two black rubber treaded 1" front tractor tires on 1 1/8" axle

Two 1 1/4" black rubber tires with tin centers on 2 1/4" axle

Two 1 3/16" with tin centers

Two 15/16" rubber tires with tin centers on 2 1/4" axle

Two 1" rubber tires with tin centers on 2" axle

Two 3/4" rubber tires with tin centers on 1 3/4" axle

Two 7/8" treaded rubber tires with tin centers on 2" axle.

Two smooth black rubber 3/4" tires on 2 1/4" axle

Four 3/4" black rubber tires.

Two 2 1/8" interiorly hollow black Buddy L tires on 4 3/8" axle

Caterpillar black rubber tread 24 1/4" by 1 3/8"

Black hollow plastic wheels: 2 2 13/16" on 6" axle; 2 - 2 1/2" on 5 1/2" axle; 2 - 2 7/8" on 6" axle; 2 - 1 7/8" on 3 3/4" axle (marked Eldon made in U.S.A.); 2 - 2" on two 3 3/4" axles; 2 - 1 1/2" on 3 5/8" axle; 2 - 1 7/16" on 3 1/4" axle; 2 - 2"(PT & NC); 1 - Andy Guard, 3 3/8"; 2 - 1 1/8" on 2 1/2" axle.

Two skinny smooth black wooden wheels 1 3/16" in diameter.

One 4 1/8" black rubber tire marked GoodYear Sure Grip 2100-24, with yellow steel wheel (probably for Doepke Model Toy or Le Tourneau Hauler)

Two Marx rubber wheels with hubs on axle from windup toy.

Seven 2 1/16" "AUB-RUBR BALLOON" black tires "Auburn, Indiana, Made in U.S.A."

Twelve smooth black rubber 1 1/8" wheels.

Four smooth black rubber wheels, 7/8" in diameter.

Four shiny metal old-fashioned wheels with eight spokes, 1 11/16" in diameter. Used two on Arcade two-gang plow, the other two on a goat cart.

I have 10-12 other wheels on more or less useless toys in the shop.

12, 3-inch black rubber wheels

12 three-inch black rubber wheels (\$10) Monroe Superfest, 1992.

Two red-centered 1 1/4" wheels (\$10). A2FTS 1998.

NEEDED TOYS AND PARTS

1. HUBLEY Kiddie Toy 506 Tractor for Semi-Trailer: diecast with 1 1/4" black rubber wheels.
2. Tonka Semi Trailer with the oldest style wheels.
3. Structo Semi Tractor (2): pressed steel with rubber wheels.
4. Tonka Semi Tractor not as old as above.
5. Cab for Buddy L Gasoline (Texaco?) Truck (it has black rubber wheels hollowed out inside).
6. Tonka Gravel Trucks (2) lacking beds.
7. Bed for a Riding Buddy L. Truck (mine is painted light blue)
8. Tonka Wheels and Hubcaps.
10. Buddy L Wheel (black rubber hollowed inside, 8:25-20 (silver-painted hub). Maybe in my shop.
11. Lumar 2 5/8" black solid rubber wheel (11.00 x 20). (There are two on Lumar #23 on p. 13).
12. Wyandotte 1930's Semi-Trailer, red with 7/8" black rubber wheels.
13. Wyandotte 1930's rear bed (apparatus) for vehicle with front end scoop and 1 3/4" metal wheels.
14. Buy any semi tractor that's fairly cheap.
15. Buy any truck missing its bed if it's cheap.
16. Stake bed for large 1940 Wyandotte truck.

OTHER TOY PARTS NEEDED TO COMPLETE TOYS LISTED ABOVE

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1. Crane Arm for Tonka 1959 Yellow Mobile Clamshell Crane on Truck
2. Boats for Buddy L Aqua Dock Co Marine Supplies Truck.
3. Ladders for Buddy L Red and Gold Ladder Truck.
4. Bed for Buddy L Kid Riding Truck.
5. Wheel for Buddy L Yellow Auto Hauler.
6. Cab for Buddy L Red Gasoline Semi Trailer.
7. Searchlight for Buddy L Olive Green Army Electric Searchlight Truck.
8. Grilles for Buddy L Trucks and Marx trucks.
9. Parts for Doepke Model Toy Barber Greene Green Overhead Gravel Loader.
10. Pulled Portion for Doepke 20013 Unit Model Toy Green Tractor.
11. Anything that fits on the back of a Marx or Wyandotte Truck of any size or color.
12. Tractor for small Hubley Cream Truck (508?).
13. Grille and Headlamps for Heinz Metalcraft Truck.
14. Three Trailers for Nylint Coastal Defense Units.
15. Structo Wheel, 1 9/16" in diameter.
16. Wyandotte Cab (Tractor) for Shady Glen Stock Ranch Semi Trailer (cab is multi-colored).
17. Tailgate and Trailer for Wyandotte Circus Truck.
18. Marx Smallish Tin Tractor with Farmer Driving.
19. Mounted Mower for Ertl Tricycle Tractor.
20. Siren and long hose for Tonka No. 5 pumper, about 1954.
21. See list on page with locations of RDA's toys.

WHEELS NEEDED

1. Four 5/8" black rubber
2. Two 2 1/2 - 2 3/4" black rubber tractor wheels
3. Five 1" black rubber car wheels

4. Two to four 7/16" or 1/2" smooth black rubber
5. Four rubber truck tires to fit over wooden rim 1" in diameter (1930's Wyandotte truck)
6. One 1 3/4" black rubber truck tire.
7. Four 1 3/8" wooden fairly flat wheels (yellow)
8. Four Wyandotte wheels approximately 2" diameter, for large dump truck with Tonka wheels on it.
9. Tires to fit over Farmall front wheel
10. Wooden wheel for tire on Wyandotte truck.

CARS OF FOLLOWING SIZES NEEDED FOR AUTO TRANSPORTS

Wheel Spacings as follows:

Wyandotte 1930's -1940's: 2 3/8" by 1 1/4" to 2 1/4" by 1 3/16"

Structo 1940's - 1950's: 3-4 1/4" by 1 1/2-2"

Hubley 1950's - 1960's: 2 3/8" by 1 1/4" to 2 1/4" by 1 3/16"

Tonka 1960's-1970's: 5 1/2" by 1 1/2-2 3/4"

Unknown Red and Yellow 1950's: 1" by 2 1/2"

For my cars I need hauler trucks 4 1/4" X 1 3/4"; 4 1/4" X 2 1/2" - 3"; 2 1/2" X 1 3/4" and I have trucks 1 1/2" X 2 1/2"-3 1/4" 2 3/4" X 1 1/4"; 3 1/2" X 2 -2 1/2"; 1 3/4" X 3 3/4".

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PARTS AND DECALS

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- Sharp. 6449 West 12th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214 (Tonka parts and decals).
- Toy Parts Peddler. Box 324, Hancock, Minnesota 56244-0324. Catalogue \$4.50. (320) 392-5375

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- Antique Toy World*. Dale Kelley, 3941 Belle Plaine, Chicago, Illinois 60618. \$20/year (gift from Marie and Ray Hullinger)
- The Toy Trucker and Contractor*. HC 2 Box 5, LaMoure, North Dakota 58458 (\$17.95/yr)

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- Book on Smitty Toys
- Ertl Catalogues
- Arcade Catalogue
- Thomas book on available reproduction parts (I know nothing else about it).

Are there books on Structo, Marx, Wyandotte Toys?

I need to subscribe to the *U. S. Toy Collector*, and to go to the toy show at Toledo in mid-June at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

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U. S. Toy Collector
Box 4244
Missoula, Montana 598806

Antique Toy World (taking)
Dale Kelley
P. O. Box 34509
Chicago, Illinois 60634

Toy Collector News
P. O. Box 451
River Forest, Illinois 60305 (\$12 for 6 issues)

Fred Thompson
Smith-Miller, Inc.
P. O. Box Canoga Park, California 91305

McElwee's Small Motor News
Neil McElwee
40 Fornof Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
(quarterly for \$12)

The Toy Farmer (stopped taking)
Sub Department
H. C.. R. 2, Box 5
La Moure, North Dakota 58458
(Toy Trucker, same address)

Dakotah Toys
Rte. 3, Box 179
Arlington, S D 57212
605-983-5987

Yester Daze Toys
Box 57
Otisville, MI 48463

Julian Thomas
P. O. Box 405
Fenton, Michigan 48430
313-629-8707
(custom reproduction, parts, tires;
write for catalogue)

POSTSCRIPT

As children, my younger brother, Noel, and I made many farm toys together. Those efforts surely fueled my interest in collecting toys, which literally began in 1986 when I bought a 1940's Tru-Scale John Deere combine and the trailer end of a Wyandotte Shady Glen Stock Ranch semi-trailer for a total of \$10 at a flea market out on the plain somewhere in eastern Colorado. A year later I spent \$4 for a rusty piece of a black and green 1930's Girard truck (#1) and saw the possibilities of rebuilding it and creating a line of attachments for it. That truck, with its various attachments (two-wheeled trailer, wrecker, grain bed, log bed, cab back as semi, semi-trailer) and the barn I made for it, remains my favorite toy. I still wish to make an express (long pickup) bed and a gravel dump bed for it. I have sanded it a good deal, but haven't decided whether or not to paint it.

Noel and I "farmed" an area under a huge silver maple tree in the front yard, creating fields between the roots. We would make a tractor by first carving a block of wood roughly to resemble the body, using saw, wood rasp, pocket knife, and sandpaper. Then we attached wheels and various other parts such as steering wheel, seat, drawbar, gearshift, muffler, air cleaner, and brake and clutch pedals. We would find or make these various parts from the great reserve of junk scattered and piled in our father's cluttered farm shop. We also made wagons, plows, harrows, discs, and mowers. One of our mowers had a sickle bar that not only raised and lowered but as well worked off an eccentric wheel with a pitman rod. It had one multi-notched strip of tin sliding back and forth between two others just like the real mowers. Our plows and discs and harrows really did till the soil, and our wagons had complicated running gears much like the real thing. Curiously, I have no memory of receiving any farm toys as gifts, or purchasing any, except for a red rubber narrow front Auburn tractor resembling a Farmall H, and ca. WW II, one or two tin crawler tractors with rubber tracks, probably Marx toys, that didn't seem to last long or make much of an impression. We had one or two wind-up trains for indoor play, and, of course, wagons, tricycles, sleds, and eventually bicycles. We liked our wooden wagons because we could take all the sides off and make them flat-bedded. Then we could kneel one knee on one side of the bed, the foot hanging off the rear, and propel the wagon with the other leg while steering it with one hand, the other bracing against the wagon bed. On the back axle we fixed a tin can with a small hole in the bottom. We would fill the can with water at the pump, then drive the wagon all around on imagined highways in the barnlot while the water slowly dripped out. If we failed to get back to the pump before the can was empty, we had to carry water to fill it where the wagon ran out. In a similar vein, it was forbidden to move any toy by picking it up: they had to be driven -- steered and maneuvered -- just as if they were full-sized.

I owned two bicycles, the first a fenderless, wonderful spare old thing purchased for me, I believe for \$7, at a farm sale by my Grandpa Noble, the second a discarded Goodrich model purchased by me with the first \$20 I ever saved from a high school friend, Rich Tempel. We rode our bicycles down the most dangerous hills we could find, including the steep, winding cowpaths made on the sides of the great deep gully in the East Pasture. Indeed, we made the cowpaths more dangerous by taking an old flat-bedded toy wagon lacking the front wheel assembly out on the hill and placing it on a path with the back wheels downhill, creating a jump more than a foot high that literally propelled us into the air. On such a jump I ruined my first bike by smashing the front wheel when it came down off the jump.

I have always suspected that the simple but abundant and diverse items available to us in the 1930's to make toys and create games, and the paucity of ready-made toys and games pushed on us by others, served us well in the development of our imaginations. Perhaps the farm kids of those times, typically living near woods and rivers, with ponies and dogs, and with access to shops full of potentially useful items available to them, had enormous advantages over kids living in town; even over those who have available to them the abundant technology, and the structured and programmed competitive games of today. I doubt that any child can experience a joy greater than mine when I awakened on any summer morning, covered my nakedness with a pair of bib overalls, and dropped down off the South Porch to find my pony, with my good dog Jack falling in behind me. Each time, I would be off to find the best way to spend another unpredictable and unbelievably satisfying day.

Noel and I created far more toys than were ever purchased for us or by us. Curiously, not a single one remains, and neither he nor I remembers what happened to any of them. That is why it is probably not accidental that my favorite toy is the most decrepit and incomplete one I ever purchased (Girard #1), and the one I have altered, developed, and personalized the most by creating different attachments and parts.

The Joys of Old Toys

Notes and Ideas for Lectures

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One of my old professors once told me you should never start anything with a negative, but I have to start with the confession that I am not an expert on old toys. Another of my old professors, introduced as an expert on something or other, commented that an expert is “any old spurt away from home.” Maybe, in this sense, I might be an expert on something, but I am not sure what.

To move to the positive, I am a retired professor of biology who spent his academic life studying crickets and other singing insects, and writing about people and their preoccupations. In retirement I have changed my preoccupations rather drastically, and I like to think of myself as an “intellectual vagabond,” in the sense of Robert Louis Stevenson’s poem, “The Vagabond,” which has this stanza:

Let the blow fall soon or late,
 Let what will be o’er me;
 Give the face of earth around
 And the road before me.

For me, “the road” is the intellectual road, by which I mean whatever appeals, whatever challenges, whatever constitutes the most enjoyment and elicits the strongest purpose. The joys of old toys is for me one of those things that I like to think makes me an intellectual vagabond, partly because I collect and work with toys in an undisciplined way. I collect and play with old toys, and some homemade toys, simply because I have loved toys all my life, and because I can see them – some of them – as art, and I want to know what that means. I have a special interests in questions such as “What is art?” and “What does art mean to people?” because I have been a student of human behavior – both formally and informally – all my adult life. If I like old toys, and old toys can be construed as art, then that becomes part of “the road before me,” as an intellectual vagabond.

I don’t buy expensive toys, I don’t spend a lot of effort with toys as a financial investment, and I don’t restrict myself to one or a few kinds of toys. Most of my toys would elicit indifference, or even scorn, from serious collectors. Nowadays I hardly ever buy a complete toy, rather buying parts and accumulating them in the

hopes of putting pieces together some day, hoping to come up later with a complete and beautiful toy. I do this partly because it's fun, always keeping me looking at every antique shop or flea market, for wonderful toy parts, or partial toys, and partly because, nowadays, some old toys, such as trucks and cars, actually cost more than their brand-new full-sized counterparts. My entire collection hasn't cost that much. I find that in the last 16 years I have collected about 650 toys, at a cost of about \$15.00 per toy.

The first toys I purchased as an adult I found in a flea market out on the desert in eastern Colorado. They were a 1940's John Deere combine by an Iowa company called Ertl, still in business, and an orange and blue semi-trailer for a livestock hauler with a wonderful decal that said SHADY GLEN STOCK RANCH on the side and had a picture of a long-horned steer on it. The trailer was made by a company that operated long ago in Wyandotte, Michigan, and called Wyandotte Toys. I paid \$7.00 for both toys.

Those two toys had an effect on me. It was the first time, as an adult, that I ever even thought about buying a toy. Less than a year later, at an antique show and flea market here in Ann Arbor, I saw a completely rusty mimic of a Model A Ford made by another long-defunct company in Pennsylvania called Girard. This fragment of a toy was only the cab, lacking all its wheels and both axles, and even lacking the yoke for the front wheels. I paid \$4.00 for it, and I couldn't put it down. It remains my favorite of all the toys I have ever owned.

Modifying toys, or repairing them in any way short of "restoration" brings great disappointment, and even scorn, from "real" collectors. I understand that, so I love to buy parts and pieces and totally rusty or wornout toys so that I can revive them according to my wishes without receiving too much contempt for my efforts. I put such toys on the floor for all the children and grandchildren that visit Lorrie and me to play with. Kids tend to take the rust off toys, and to polish them, and I have found that today's kids love old toys as much as I do.

Part of my interest is in trying to understand anything and everything about humans – why they do what they do and like what they like. This preoccupation connected to poetry and music and art – perhaps the most difficult things in the universe to understand really deeply. One of my efforts in writing about humans is to try and understand the relationship between what we call meaning and what we scientists find out that we call facts. This is why I see old toys as art.

Discuss the different ways I see different old toys (see p. 8 of catalogue).

Another start:

Every collection of anything reflects the collector's special interests. I'll be talking about my collection, hence my life and my motivations, as well as I understand them.

I discovered how I felt about old toys by looking at them (which can be done better if you own them) and remembering.

Go to Noel's and my activities as kids making and using farm toys (see catalogue). Make my arguments about the development of imagination then and now.

My "classes" of toys – relate a sample of them to art and to kid stories. For both, both kids and adults must like them. Good art tells us something new – something no one ever knew before, and something somehow useful or important to us. So does science. So how do they differ?

Some people collect toys strictly as financial investments. They miss some of the kind of fun that means the most to me, even though they obviously have their special kind of fun too. Everyone likes a bargain. It's like winning at the race track (read my comment on p. 1 of the catalogue).

Relate my collection and its catalogue to my museum work. Relate some things to horse training and writing poetry, and to kid stories (look up my list of requirements for children's stories).

Once you get started collecting you keep adjusting your searches and your other activities with toys to cause your collection to consist of the kinds of toys you like, and the ones that keep coming up as the most fun to seek and find and admire. If you don't find something you like (and can afford), you quit. But people often become virtually obsessed, when their personal history becomes involved.

Tell the story about the check made out to a Wyandotte, Michigan, toy seller. My reply to the bank that asked for clarification because I forgot to write the amount was "Please pay the man. I have already enjoyed the toy for six weeks!"

What's the future?

Illustrate each case or story with appropriate toys.

To be personally significant, a toy has to fit into one's own personal version of the (significant) universe. Explain this by discussing toys and attitudes of my childhood: toys Noel and I made, wagons and fuel tanks. . .

Various people scrutinize and criticize your collecting: wife, who needs some space of her own, and occasionally some money and your time and attention.

Hardly anyone heartily approves. Brother-in-law's horror at my bid on his wife's friend's toys.

We see art in most things; even the poorest people appreciate and use art.

Why are old toys art to some people, not to others? Why are some things art to nearly everyone, despite the fact that interpreting them is personal? Why are some art to nearly no one, even if well-made? Why is collecting such a fad nowadays? Things are plentiful and varied, people have time and money, take advantage of opportunities to expand their universes.

Grownups always have more fun 'cause they've got better toys.

Describe mouth sounds used to imitate trucks and tractors across the decades: Model A Ford: tongue on roof of mouth, slowly; six-cylinder engines (lips vibrating together); V-8 engines (vocalized revving sounds, acceleration and gear-shifting).

What's the future of toy-collecting?

Toys to take to the lecture:

1. All of my hand-made toys?
2. My old Girard truck and all of its attachments
3. Some good (beautiful) Wyandotte toys
4. Triang crane and truck
5. Brenner crane
6. Farmer with sack (story)
7. German shipyard crane (story)
8. Distler BMWs
9. Kinds of wheels (wooden rubber, metal, combinations, marked or not, fancy or not)
10. Metals: pressed steel, tin (painted), diecast alloys, aluminum, cast iron (old and new – sandcast), (take one of each type)
11. Identifying marks
12. Unique or exceedingly rare toys
13. Flaws discovered after purchase
14. Reproduction (Hubley roller)
15. Chinese and other copies
16. Ugly
17. Non-Functional or easily broken (poor design)
18. Wrong
19. Some Arcades
20. Remade Tonka Dump Truck (Chinese – anniversary edition)
21. Just plain ugly
22. A part in good condition (example of buying parts)

23. Madagascan motorcycle
24. Incomplete Tonka crane
25. Michigan Nylint?
26. Example of Ford backhoe?
27. A Durago as copy of real thing (nt toy)
28. Chinese iron tractor
29. Tonka crane with man
30. Nylint earth hauler on hauler.

The Joys of Old Toys

Old toys as art

Art as new truths

Art expands one's personal universe

(My interest in art and human nature)

Compare arts and sciences

To be personally significant, art has to fit into one's personal version of the (significant) universe. Explain this by beginning with what toys meant to me as a child(?) What I liked, what I lacked, what I wanted, how I formed my versions of truth, fun, and desires (How truth? What kind of truth?)(thus, why are old toys are to some people, not to others? Why are some things art to nearly everyone if art is something with personal meanings? Why are some things art to nearly no one? Why is collecting such a fad now? How old is the fad – collecting toys? Things are plentiful and varied, people have money and time, and the means and desire to expand their universes. What has that to do with patronizing the arts?

We see art in most things. But even the poorest people appreciate and use art.

Various people invariably scrutinize and criticize your collecting – wife, who needs space and money and your time and attention. Hardly anyone heartily approves.

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Describe sounds of motors made by mouth by kids:

1. Model A Ford (vibrate tongue in roof of mouth) – 4-cylinder)
2. Six-cylinder engines (lips vibrating together)
3. V-8 engines (vocalized imitation of acceleration and gear-shifting)

Toys to take

1. German shipyard crane
2. Tonka crane with driver
3. Nylint on truck
4. Michigan Nylint crane
5. Tonka incomplete?
6. British Triang (2)
7. Wyandotte crane
8. Missouri crane
9. Girard truck an semis
10. My "Ford" homemade
11. Arcades
12. Remade Tonka dump truck
13. A Durago
14. Something awkward or inept

15. Something poorly designed (Marx truck)
16. A part (incomplete) in good shape
17. A homemade race car
18. An oddball roller
19. A Distler car
20. Madagascar insecticide can motorcycle
21. Farmer with sack (story)
22. Flaw discovered after purchase
23. Reproduction (Huber Roller)
24. Ugly and all of the other classes
25. Unique or exceedingly rare (“only one I’ve seen”)
26. Identifying marks
27. Kinds of wheels (wooden, metal, rubber, aluminum, marked or not, fancy or not, combinations)
28. Pressed steel, tin, rubber, cast iron, aluminum, pot metal diecast alloy, wooden
29. Some bargains
30. Some home made
31. Some good Wyandottes
32. 2 British toys