

“Lawn Mower” Hedge Trimmers

Lloyd Beler of Moose Jaw, Sask., has made two different hedge trimmers. One trims the top of the hedge and the other trims the sides.

“It’s the lazy man’s way to trim a hedge. I can trim my entire 120-ft. long hedge in only about 5 minutes,” says Beler, who simply mounted push-type mowers on wheeled carts.

The top trimmer consists of a 22-in. wide Lawn Boy mower mounted on a steel frame that rides on a pair of 26-in. high bicycle wheels. The wheels hold the mower about 2 1/2 ft. off the ground. A 6-ft. long, 2-in. sq. wooden handle mounts on one side of the frame.

Beler pushes cart ahead of him as he walks alongside the hedge. The material that’s cut off flies into a bag behind the mower.

“I used metal tubing from an old swing set to build the frame, which weighs only about 15 lbs.,” says Beler. “The frame has to be at least twice as wide as the hedge row to be able to trim all the branches. Each bicycle wheel axle goes through a hole that I drilled into the bottom of a vertical steel leg at the front of the frame. The leg has three holes in it so I can adjust mower height. I can also adjust height about 6 in. just by moving the handle up or down.”

The side trimmer was made by placing an electric lawn mower on its side and bolting it to an adjustable steel frame that rides on three small wheels. Beler removed the mower’s handle and bolted it to the front of the frame. To trim a hedge, Beler pushes or pulls the mower along the side of the hedge and trims



Beler uses push-type mowers mounted on wheeled carts to trim his 120-ft. long hedge. One model trims top of hedge and the other trims the sides.

it straight up and down. By adjusting the position of a rod through the handle the mower can be used at two different heights. In one position (shown in photo) it mows level and at ground level. In the other position the handle is raised waist high to raise the back of the mower above the ground at a 45 degree angle, much like a wheelbarrow. “The 45 degree angle allows the mower to trim up to 40 in. high,” notes Beler.

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When pushed by a bumper or tires, gate folds flat to ground. Spring-loaded cables attached to corners raise gate back up after vehicle has passed.

Drive-Over Gate Closes Itself

No animal can get by this new drive-over gate that closes itself.

Invented by Alberta farmer Hans Knudtson, the gate consists of uprights made of lightweight 1 1/4-in. sq. aluminum. When pushed by a bumper or tires, the gate folds flat to the ground. Spring-loaded cables attached to the corners raise the gate back up after the vehicle has passed. A gas strut cushions the gate as it closes.

The just-introduced gate is already on the market, manufactured by Rachar Steel. The

company says the area around the gate must be kept clean and graded flat - preferably with clay or concrete - so the gate does not get bent as it’s driven over.

The gate is available in sizes from 12 to 14 ft. wide. Price ranges from \$1,175 (Canadian) for the 12-ft. model to \$1,375 (Canadian) for the 14-ft. model.

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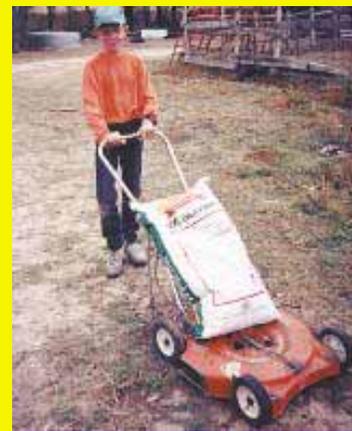
“My Dad and I always fight over who gets to read FARM SHOW first. It would really be exciting to see my idea in your magazine,” says Chet Logan, a 9-year-old inventor from Rush, Colo., whose Mom helped him contact FARM SHOW about his invention.

“I have to carry lots of buckets and bags of feed every morning and they’re heavy. So I got the idea of taking the motor off an old lawn mower that didn’t work. The wheels and handles are still good so I just put buckets or bags on top of the deck.

“It has made my chores a lot easier. My Mom uses it, too, and my little brother likes to ride on it.

“I hope you put this in your magazine. Maybe it will help other people.”

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Nine-year-old Chet Logan removed the motor from an old lawn mower so he could haul buckets or bags on top of the deck.

Side-Mount Rock Box For Deere 8000 Series Tractors

“Our new heavy duty side-mount rock box is designed for all Deere 8000 series tractors, including MFWD models. It mounts behind the right front tire and ahead of the fuel tank where it’s out of the way,” says Buddy Itzen, Elkhorn Equipment Co., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The rock box is painted Deere green and mounts with four bolts. It comes with a spring-loaded latched gate that makes it easy to unload. It measures 14 in. wide near the engine but angles out to 17 in. wide at the gate. It’s 27 in. deep and 18 in. high. The frame is made from 1/4-in. thick steel plate and has 12-gauge steel inserts on three sides. The grated floor allows dirt to fall through and is made from 3/4-in. dia. steel rods on 1 1/2-in. centers.

“As far as we know it’s the only side-mount rock box designed specifically for Deere 8000 series tractors,” says Itzen. “The box weighs 121 lbs. and can be used as a step to wash the windows. It can’t be mounted on the left side of the tractor because a factory-equipped toolbox and ladder are in the way. It’ll fit all 4-WD, 2-WD, or MFWD 8000 series models.”

Sells for \$295 plus S&H.



Rock box mounts behind the right front tire and ahead of the fuel tank where it’s out of the way. Comes with a spring-loaded latched gate that makes it easy to unload.

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“Satellite Dish” Umbrella Makes Great Conversation Piece

“After we got cable TV we didn’t need our satellite dish any more. We decided to turn it into a 10-ft. dia. umbrella in our back yard,” says Herman Ulrich, Lampman, Sask.

Ulrich removed the dish from its original mounting pipe and bolted a 2 1/2-ft. length of 1 1/2-in. dia. pipe to the top of the original pipe. Then he turned the dish upside down and bolted it on top.

“It provides a lot of shade and makes a great conversation piece. People get a good laugh out of it,” says Ulrich. “My daughter got the idea for it one day when we had company. I wasn’t using the dish any more and was going to get rid of it when she mentioned that it looked like an umbrella. I plan to attach a round table to the base of the dish.”

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Ulrich and his wife turned the 10-ft. dia. dish upside down to make a yard umbrella.