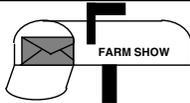


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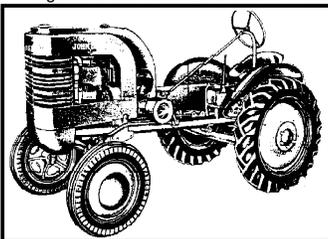
We can't begin to tell you what a tremendous response we've received - and continue to receive - as a result of your story about our new "Grease Buster" tool in the last issue of FARM SHOW. Your editorial write-up far surpassed any of the advertising we've bought in other publications. We've heard from people from all over the U.S. and Canada. Thank you. **(Paul & Jane Michener, T-J Tools, 5565 Lytle Rd., P.O. Box 120, Waynesville, Ohio 45068 ph 513 897-5142)**

Thank you for publishing a photo of our post pounder in your Vol. 20, No. 1 issue. My intention in sending the story to FARM SHOW was to help people save money by building a unit themselves. I received 30 letters from across North America asking to purchase plans. I sent the plans off to the people who'd asked to purchase them, but only one of them bothered to reimburse me for them. I'm writing this letter to remind readers that people who take the time to draw up detailed plans should be compensated. And whenever you write for more information, send along a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you don't, you'll ruin it for other people in the future who will write but will be turned down.

We enjoy your paper but I will be more cautious in the future. **(Doug Tessier, Box 2657, Stony Plain, Alberta T7Z 1Y2 Canada)**

I manufacture parts for antique Deere L, LA and LI tractors built between 1937 and 1946. The parts I make include: grill assembly, base assembly, shield assembly, propeller shaft guard, and also a propeller shaft guard for the unstyled L. These parts look very much like the originals.

I got into this business because I had



difficulty finding original parts when I was restoring my own Deere L, so I decided to make my own. I've now been in this business for the past 13 years and it's going very well. **(Ronald E. Brungart, Rt 2, Box 172A, Mill Hall, Penn. 17751 ph 717 748-7611)**

The article in your last issue entitled "Wolf-Dogs Make Great Farm Pets" upset me very much. Perhaps to Mr. Hooker, who breeds these mixes, they make great pets because he is qualified to train them. But for the average person, owning a wolf hybrid may mean a tragedy in the making. When these animals are small people think everything they do is cute and training is postponed "till he grows up". This is a mistake because these animals reach their adult size in about 9 months and if undesirable habits are not corrected early, you will have lots of trouble.

When you mix a domestic dog's genes with those of a wild animal, the outcome is unpredictable. According to Janice Hood, a spokesperson for the International Wolf Center at Ely, Minn., the Wolf Center receives frequent calls from people who own wolf-dogs, the main complaint being that they are impossible to train. She says there are many attacks by wolf-dogs on record, mostly involving children. I'm a dog lover and a wolf lover, but the evidence clearly establishes that dogs should remain dogs and wolves

should remain wolves. Why mix the two? But if you already have a wolf-dog, make sure it gets the proper obedience training, love it, and hope for the best. **(Karen Gadke, Ph.D., 8132 Hunter Rd., Capron, Ill. 61012 ph 815 569-2642)**

We've got a thriving business rebuilding worn Patz silo unloaders. Farmers save a lot of money over the cost of buying new. We'll take a worn-out, damaged, or out-dated Patz unloader in on trade for a totally rebuilt model. Gearboxes, electric joint, motor, and all other parts are rebuilt or replaced, and we fit it with the latest safety guards and shields. All our rebuilt machines are equipped with the larger "Big Wheels" drive wheel kit.

We deliver and install the rebuilt unloader and pick up your trade-in. Price after trade-in is usually about half the price of a new one. **(Art Timmel, 3626 Brown Street, Collins, N.Y. 14034 ph 716 532-2919)**

I have several footpaths around my farm that are difficult to get around on in winter after a heavy snowfall. They're not worth plowing or blowing so I came up with a simple way to pack the trails that may help others. It



makes a fairly wide trail so you can walk comfortably without continually stepping off into deep snow. It consists of three car wheels held together using four lengths of 1/2-in. threaded rod that runs through the lug nut holes, held in place by 1/2-in. nuts. The handle is made from 1 1/4-in. pipe that attaches with a U-bolts to a pipe that runs through the center of the wheel hubs.

This snow packer is easy to pull by hand and can be made wider if necessary by adding more wheels. **(Angus M. Wilson, P.O. Box 29, Cumberland, Ontario Canada K4C 1E5)**

Our rolling hay feeders are probably not really that new but the idea is something that has really improved our operation. I'd never go back to feeding hay to cattle on the ground.



Each of our home-built hay feeders holds four big round bales for a total carrying capacity of 5,000 to 8,000 lbs. We store in two barns located 10 miles apart. With these portable feeders, we can feed out of either barn. The great thing is, bales never touch the ground.

In the cotton producing areas of Texas, growers have switched to using cotton modules that slip on and off the back of trucks so that means there are a lot of unused cotton-hauling trailers available for about \$350 to \$400 apiece. That's what we used for a chassis. Then we built outward sloping sides out of 2 3/8-in. steel pipe and 3/4-in. sucker rod. The sides of each feeder are just 2 ft. high and 4 1/2-ft. wide at the bottom, 7 ft. wide at the top, and 24 ft. long. To carry the



Thanks for letting us share information about our "sheep that have litters" with your readers. FARM SHOW sure gets around. As you can see in this picture of our two boys, Dallas and Denver, at the post office, we've been overwhelmed with response to your article on our Romanov sheep breed. More than 1,000 letters so far.

Meanwhile, back on the farm we've been overwhelmed with more "litters" of lambs. I'm also sending along a photo of my husband David with a newborn set of quintuplets and a proud mother.

Thanks again to FARM SHOW for helping us make sales in 42 states across the country. **(Nicki Blackstone, 49800 TR 58,**



Lewisville, Ohio 43754 ph & fax 614 567-3463)

load, you have to fit the trailer with good 6 or 8-ply tires and it takes a 4-WD pickup to pull them in the field. But it's very easy to change feeding location, and there's almost no waste using these feeders. **(E.F. "Kit" Carson, 100 West Lone Oak Rd., Valley View, Tex 76722)**

I was interested in Combine Weed Seed Collector featured on the cover of your last issue. About 20 year ago, the Foster Mfg. Co. of Madras, Ore., sold an attachment that did the same thing. It came with a 2-wheeled trailer rig that pulled behind and dumped automatically in little piles in the field. You could collect chaff only, straw only, or both chaff and straw. I sold and serviced the machines. Farmers in our area used the straw and chaff for livestock feed.

The company eventually quit making the equipment because of the cost of adapting the attachment to fit new combine models. But if I had cattle today, I would definitely want to own one. **(Edwin H. Bredemeier, Rt. 1, Box 13, Steinauer, Neb. 68441)**



Farm Fans dryers are the simplest, most effective dryers ever built. The only moving part is a pto-driven fan.

That's why we bought two older dryers, mounted them side by side, and rigged up a single engine to drive both fans. We use a Detroit diesel 6V71, mounting large squirrel cage fans on both ends to blow into each dryer. The engine is enclosed inside a cage made out of screen to keep out chaff and bees wings. The engine runs at about 1,900 rpm's when driving the fans.

We rigged up a cross auger to carry corn to one side to a single discharge auger,

which is rigged to shut down the dryer if it plugs up as a fire precaution.

Keeping the Farm Fans dryers at the proper level is important. It must be adjusted so corn can shift toward the discharge. Mounting the two dryers together made leveling an even bigger job, so we rigged up 8 porta power hydraulic jacks to level them.

The hopper above the two dryers holds 1,400 bu. of corn. They can run 600 to 700 bu. per hour through the dryers, taking out 10 pts. of moisture. If taking out just 5 pts., it'll handle 1,000 bu. per hour. **(Marshall Litchfield, 15340 N. 700 Road, Macomb, Ill. 61455; ph 309 254-3481).**