

## Editor's Notebook



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G.W. Scott Sr. owns a collection of 45 John Deere tractors - and one 1950 Allis Chalmers WD that he won in FARM SHOW's sweepstakes.



### We Have A Winner!

This year's FARM SHOW Sweepstakes tractor winner was drawn from nearly 100,000 entries on May 6th. The winning entry came from G.W. Scott Sr., Caseyville, Ill.

G.W. is retired from farming but still has a large garden and a collection of 45 John Deere tractors to maintain. "I bought my first tractor back in 1968. It was a 1936 John Deere A. I've been collecting tractors ever since."

A Vietnam veteran and long time FARM SHOW reader, G.W. says, "We run some of the tractors in parades. We haven't done much of that in the last two years with all the cancellations but we plan to get back to it."

We had to ask what he was going to do with one orange tractor in a sea of green? "It makes a great story, and I'm proud to be the winner," says G.W.



Restoration cost about \$80,000 per elevator. Hundreds of tours are conducted each summer so people can see how the historic structures were constructed and how the machinery inside worked.

### Elevators Celebrate 100 Years

You can take a tour of the world's last remaining row of standard country grain elevators at the Inglis Grain Elevators National Historic Site in Manitoba. Four of the five restored elevators were built in 1922 so this year is Inglis' centenary celebration celebrating the "barley capital of the world".

"We were the end stop for one of the railroad lines, so people trucked their grain here," says Judy Bauereiss, chair of the Inglis site volunteer committee.

The elevators were used until 1995 when the railways and companies that owned them abandoned them. Local residents recognized the elevators' historical significance and started painting them and preserving them right away. Interest waned after a few years but was revived in 2010.

Costs for repairs, paint and labor added up to \$80,000 per elevator so it took a few years to finish all of them. For restoration of one of the elevators, welcome help came from a Canadian native, Stu Breckon, who was the son of a UGG grain agent who had moved to Texas. He offered his crew of eight men "older than dirt" with ties to UGG to buy the paint and restore the UGG elevator. Inglis residents provided room and board for a week while the work was done.

The historic site is always open to the public for self-guided tours on the outside. During the summer, paid student staff

offer guided tours for visitors.

"You can see all the equipment that was used, the grate that horses came in on, and the manlifts. You can go into a restored bin to see how they are constructed. The annex has a kiosk," Bauereiss says. "Typically, we conduct 800 tours a season (June-early September, 7 days a week.)"

Large groups should call ahead, she suggests. Tour cost is \$10/person for one to nine people or \$7.50/person for groups of 10 or more.

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### World's Largest Chicken?

Young FARM SHOW reader Jayden White has what he believes might be a record-breaking chicken.

Jayden won his Cornish Cross chick "Canton" in 2021 at the Canton, Texas County Fair. He brought Canton home and kept the chick indoors until he grew too large, at which point the bird was moved to the chicken coop. However,

mates and preferred to spend his time with the goats. He would lounge with them all day, only moving back to the chicken coop in the evening. As his heft and personality grew, Canton's family knew this chicken would never make it to the dinner table. Instead, they embraced him as their oversized mascot.

"Canton is loved by all who get to meet him," explains Jayden's mother, Anna White. "He's a farm favorite for everyone that visits."

To date, Canton weighs in at almost 26 lbs., which beats the weight set by Big Boy, a Plymouth Rock and "Giant" Cornish Cross featured in Vol. 37, No. 2.

The family expects Canton to live out the rest of his days in happy companionship with his goat friends and a steady diet of chicken pellets from the local feed plant.

While Jayden doesn't know for sure whether his fair prize is a true record-breaker, there's no denying he's brought an oversized amount of fun to his farm family.

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### Liberty Quotes

"History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid." *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

"The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously." *Hubert H. Humphrey*

"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature." *Benjamin Franklin*

"We should view our government the way we should a friendly, cuddly lion. Just because he's friendly and cuddly shouldn't blind us to the fact that he's still got teeth and claws." *Walter E. Williams*

"No matter what political reasons are given for war, the underlying reason is always economic." *A.J.P. Taylor*

"Wars are caused by undefended wealth." *General Douglas MacArthur*

"To silence criticism is to silence freedom." *Sidney Hook*

"To curtail free expression strikes twice at intellectual freedom, for whoever deprives another of the right to state unpopular views necessarily deprives others of the right to listen to those views." *C. Van Woodward*

"There comes a point when a man must refuse to answer to his leader if he is also to answer to his own conscience." *Hartley Shawcross*

"Free societies are societies in motion, and with motion comes tension, dissent, friction. Free people strike sparks, and those sparks are the best evidence of freedom's existence." *Salman Rushdie*

"Our major mistakes have not been the result of democracy, but of the erosion of democracy made possible by the mass media's manipulation of public opinion." *Robert Cirino*

### Firecracker Warning System

"You can't miss the sound of firecrackers going off," says Jerry Hutson. "So why not use that as an early fire detection system?"

When a friend lost her home from a fire that started in her breaker box, the Rockwood, Tenn., resident came up with the idea to place firecrackers on surfaces that might be the source of a fire.

"I place firecrackers in the switch box and around the wiring coming out of it. They can also be placed near wall outlets, over wood stoves, in live Christmas trees and around chimneys in the attic," Hutson says. "They would be good in a barn with a heat lamp."

They're safe, he says, because heat won't set the firecrackers off, but if there's a spark or flame, they'll light and go off with a bang to provide a loud warning before any smoke alarm sounds.

Fortunately, he's never had a fire to test his system in the several years he's placed firecrackers around potential fire areas in his home. To make sure they're fresh, he replaces them every 3 years or so and lets the grandkids set off the old ones.

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After a friend had a fire that started in her breaker box, Hutson taped firecrackers next to his circuit breakers.

### Points To Ponder

- "Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time we've got." *Art Buchwald*
- "He who is not everyday conquering some fear has not learned the secret of life." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- "Television is like the invention of indoor plumbing. It didn't change people's habits. It just kept them inside the house." *Alfred Hitchcock*
- "The purpose of life is a life of purpose." *Robert Byrne*
- "If we cannot live so as to be happy, let us at least live so as to deserve it." *Immanuel Hermann von Fichte*
- "Disobedience, in the eyes of anyone who has read history, is man's original virtue. It is through disobedience that progress has been made, through disobedience and through rebellion." *Oscar Wilde*
- "He does not believe, that does not live according to his belief." *Dr. Thomas Fuller*
- "The safest course is to do nothing against one's conscience. With this secret, we can enjoy life and have no fear from death." *Jan L.A. van de Snepscheut*
- "Remember this if you can. There is nothing more precious than time. You probably feel you have a measureless supply of it, but you have not. Wasted hours destroy your life just as surely at the beginning as at the end, only in the end it becomes more obvious." *Herman Wouk*
- "Live among men as if God beheld you; speak with God as if men were listening." *Lucius Annaeus Seneca*

The manager of a jewelry store nabbed Ole who was attempting to shoplift a necklace.

"Listen," said Ole. "Yew don't vant any trouble and needer do I. Vhat dew yew say if I yust buy da necklace and we forget dis ever happened?"

Because Ole had never caused trouble before, the manager agreed and wrote up a sales slip.

"Say," said Ole after looking at the price. "Dis is a bit more expensive den I wanted to spend. Got anything cheaper?"

Lena was at the customer service counter, returning a pair of jeans that were too tight.

"Was anything wrong with them?" asked the clerk.

"Ya," said Lena. "Dey hurt my feelings."

Ole reports that Lena spent 2 hrs. at the beauty salon the other day. "And," said Ole, "dat vas yust for da estimate!"

Lena said to Ole one night, "Vhen ve vere younger, Ole, you used to nibble on my ear." As Ole started to leave the room Lena asked, "Vhere are you going, Ole?"

Ole replied, "Into da bedroom to get my teeth."

Ole had a doctor's appointment for his sore leg. The doctor said, "your leg is swollen but I wouldn't worry about it."

Ole replied, "Vell, if yer leg vas swollen I wouldn't worry about it eeder."