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1 1/2 MILE WALL CONTAINS “BILLIONS OF ROCKS”

“Great Wall Of Saskatchewan”

Nine years ago FARM SHOW reported on retired Canadian wheat farmer Albert Johnson who was working eight hours a day, seven days a week, on his answer to the Great Wall of China. At the time, his “Great Wall Of Saskatchewan” was 1/2 mile long (Vol. 13, No. 5).

Built of rocks gathered, hauled and placed entirely by himself, the recently completed wall is now 1 1/2 miles long. Nicknamed “Stonewall” for his accomplishment, Johnson, 89, began the wall for the fun of it in 1962 at the age of 52.

He estimates it took “a few billion” rocks to complete the wall, which measures 9 ft. wide on bottom and 6 ft. wide on top.

Along the way, Johnson faced setbacks, such as a collapse which forced him to rebuild 500 ft. of the wall.

Johnson’s wall has been visited by thousands of tourists from all over North America, sometimes arriving in bus loads of 50 and 100 at a time. He’s also been the focus of dozens of TV, newspaper and magazine features.



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“Nothing this big has ever been built by one man before,” he says. “That’s why there’s so much attention given to it.”

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MOST WERE SOLD OVERSEAS

Rare Tractor Still Survives

“Readers interested in old tractors may get a kick out of this rare 1946 Corbett tractor. They were built in North Carolina but only two of them were ever sold in the U.S.,” says Russell P. Jones of Raleigh, N.C.

“They were built by the Corbett truck Co., in Henderson, N.C., during the war for the Government Lend Lease program for foreign countries, so nearly all of them went right onto ships for export. The tractors had 30 to 32 horsepower, equipped with either a LeRoy or a Hercules engine.

“I found this tractor in the woods of a man who owned stock in the Corbet Truck Co. I bought it, restored it, and used it on my farm. It’s very similar to a Farmall “M”.

“It was quite an attraction at the North Carolina State Fair and tractor pull. I later sold it to a collector, John Hedgepeth, of Henderson, N.C., so it’s right back where it started.

“I once talked to a man who worked on the tractors at Corbett and he’s the one who told me only two of them were ever sold in



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the U.S. About the only people who ever really saw them were the people who assembled them.

“The Corbett Truck Co. shut down soon after the tractor deal was concluded.”

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DIVES INTO WATER TO “RETRIEVE” HOOKED FISH

World’s Only Fish Retrieving Dog

When Michael and Caroline Ford went on a fishing trip last summer, they were astounded when their labrador retriever, Bertie, jumped into the water and hauled out a 9-lb. salmon that Caroline had just hooked.

The Fords live in Devon, England and were on a fishing trip to Scotland. They were fishing from the bank of a river when they discovered Bertie’s remarkable new talent.

Michael has now trained Bertie to sit patiently until a fish has been hooked and becomes tired. At that point Michael gives him the nod to dive in. “Because he’s a trained shooting dog as well, he has a gentle mouth and does not damage the fish or the line. I use him instead of a net,” says Michael, who is a farm consultant.

“He loves the water and shows no fear. He even dives under the surface to get the fish. Because he was originally trained to go in and fetch game, it all comes quite naturally to him,” says Michael.

The Fords say Bertie first got interested in fish when he was a puppy. They were walking him along a river when an enormous



Bertie shows no fear when retrieving hooked fish, even underneath the water.

salmon jumped up right in front of them. Ever since he’s been interested in them and will stand in the river up to his belly for hours waiting for Michael or Caroline to get a bite. (Photo and story reprinted from *Farmer’s Weekly*)

“Oklahoma Boot Tree”

When an old pine tree on his farm died, Leon McNutt wanted to turn it into a bird sanctuary.

So the Stuart, Okla., farmer trimmed back the dead branches on the 25-ft. tree to 2 to 3-ft. stubs. Then he spray painted a few pair of his worn-out cowboy boots in bright colors and hung them on the stubs for nests.

McNutt’s tree failed to interest birds, however, 15 years and 30 some pairs of boots later, his “Oklahoma Boot Tree”, as it’s called, has become a real tourist attraction.

“A tourist bus makes regular visits here and people from all over the country drive up and take photos,” says McNutt, 73. “One fellow took a picture, had it enlarged, and it’s now hanging in ‘Little Joe’s Boot Store’ in Oklahoma City.”

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McNutt’s “Boot Tree” is a well-known landmark near Stuart, Okla.

