

Reader Letters



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I've come up with a way to halter break my purebred cattle. When I enter a stall to work with a bull or heifer calf, I use a 4-ft. sq. section of plywood, equipped with a handle at



the top, to serve as a kick plate. I keep the plate between me and the calf so that if the calf kicks it hits the plywood, not me. The calves soon learn that kicking doesn't get the handler out of the stall. **(Edith Fontaine, Box 1666, St. Paul, Alberta, Canada ph 403 645-6595)**

If you're a truck gardener or small farmer you'll be interested in our new cup-type potato planter. It uses easy-to-find drive parts and bearings that are readily available across the



U.S. The 1 and 2-row planters are fully mounted and can be used on tractors with Cat. I or II hitches. Their light weight allows use of a smaller, more maneuverable tractor. The 2-row model adjusts to row spacings from 26 to 36 in. The low height of the 200-lb. capacity seed hopper makes it easy to load from the ground on a pickup bed.

The planter can handle either whole or cut seed. Two cup inserts are available to allow the operator to adjust for three basic seed sizes. A complete set of built-in drive sprockets provide seed spacings from 8 to 15 in. All wheels drive the planter for less slippage and more accurate seed spacing.

Normally, a 1-row planter is set up to plant in the middle of the tractor width, which is a disadvantage with the wider spaced rear tires on larger tractors. The planting unit of our 1-row planter can be mounted off-center to provide the same row spacing as a 2-row planter without the expense or weight of the second planting unit. The 2-row planter will plant about 2 acres per hour, depending on seed spacing and planting speed. For smaller tractors, a pull-type model is planned.

The planters are backed by a 2-year replacement parts warranty and a toll-free technical support line. Prices start at \$1,995 for the 1-row planter. **(Larry Anderson, AFIVEPLUS, Inc., Rt. 2, Box 297, Torrington, Wyo. 82240 ph 888 522-1554 or 307 534-1818; fax 1812)**

Two years ago you published a story about

our lawn ornament that pops up when visitors come to call (Vol. 20, No. 4). We've finally got them on the market. The pop-up animals automatically stick their heads up when a visitor approaches your door and trig-



gers a hidden motion sensor. The animal has a flower pot on its head and delivers a welcome greeting. It can even take a recorded message if you're not at home.

Four animals are available, each with a different arrangement inside the flower pot: a rabbit with an African violet, a squirrel with a bouquet of daisies, a chipmunk with a rosebush, and a raccoon with an assortment of greens. **(Alton Industries, 1582 Parkway Loop, Suite B, Tustin, Calif. 92780 ph 714 259-8988)**

FARM SHOW readers might be interested to know that we've just taken over manufacturing and marketing of the "high boy" sprayer kit that turns your pickup into a high-rise



sprayer (Vol. 22, No. 3).

Invented by Spencer Dickson, Killarney, Manitoba, the frame gives your pickup 45 in. of ground clearance and is powered directly off the rear wheels of the pickup. It's 11 ft. wide and fits 22, 30 or 36 in. rows and any 1/2, 3/4 or 1-ton pickup can be used to power the rig.

It's a low-cost alternative to high priced self-propelled high-boy sprayers since most farmers already have a pickup.

Sells for \$13,200 (U.S.). **(Roger Langseth, F/S Manufacturing, 1102 Center St., West Fargo, N. Dak. 58078; ph 800 333-2314 or 701 281-1729)**

My wife Judi and I sell and install tombstones on a part-time basis. In doing so, I found I



needed something that would haul 1/2 to 3/4 cu. yds. of dirt, yet be small and maneuverable enough that cemeteries would allow it off their roadways to drive between and around gravestones.

So two years ago, I came up with this "dirt hauler" that's built around a Deere 140 lawn tractor with hydrostatic drive. I got it from a neighbor and repowered the machine, which had a blown engine, with a D950 20 hp diesel engine out of a F200 Kubota mower. This required stretching the center of the frame 14 in. with channel iron. I replaced the worn out front axle on the Deere with a salvaged golf cart front axle and installed a salvaged Cucadet steering box. I fitted a 4 by 5-ft., twin



I made a set of double bale forks for the front and back of my Deere 4020 2-WD tractor. They allow me to haul up to four round bales at a time. The front forks mount in place of the bucket on my Farmhand loader bucket. The forks are made to pierce the bale rather than go under it, which results in greater stability and easier unloading. I use the forks in the field to place bales in double rows and later load them onto a truck.

post dump box on back. I made the bottom out of a sheet of aluminum and sides out of aluminum running boards off wrecked pickups. It raises and lowers with a 12-volt hydraulic pump and two cylinders off an old snow plow.

Cost only about \$700 to build and has been trouble-free since I built it. **(Ed Poppe, R.R. 3, Box 204, Jerseyville, Ill. 62052; ph 618 498-5976)**

I made a simple flatbed garden trailer for use behind my Farmall Cub or Deere lawn tractor. I made it from a single 4 by 8-ft. piece of plywood. The low sides are made from 2 by 4's fastened to the perimeter of the plywood.



Four wheelbarrow wheels mount on a framework fashioned out of 2 by 4's.

This low trailer is great for handling garden produce and other chores around the yard. Best of all, it was easy to build with no welding or other complicated iron work. **(Everett Gustafson, Rt. 2, Box 349, Brockway, Penn. 15824)**

My kids enjoy this "4-wheeler train" that I made out of food barrels mounted on wheels. The kids sit in holes cut in the top. There's a bench seat inside and the barrels are even fitted with fenders. The three barrels hitch



together behind our Honda 4-wheeler. Shown in the photo, sitting from front to back, are Brent, Kevin, Melanie, and Jamie Cronin. **(Frank Cronin, St. Columban, Ontario, Canada)**



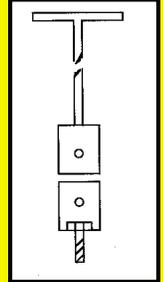
I made this John Deere mailbox from scrap materials. The rear wheels came off a horse-



To make the main frames of the forks I used the steel beams and angle iron off an old Graham-Hoeme chisel plow. The four 47-in. long teeth on each set of forks are off a Deere moldboard plow. The weight of the bales requires a lot of support up front, so I replaced the original front axle on the tractor with the front axle off a semi truck. **(Severin Larson, 10919 - 24th St. N.E., McVille, N. Dak. 58254 ph 701 322-4788)**

drawn cultivator and the front wheels off another cultivator. The seat and steering wheels came off a Craftsman lawn mower. I got the brake pedals off a Snapper lawn mower. The mailbox makes up the body of the tractor. **(Clifford Newton, 775 Co. Rd. 500, Lexington, Ala. 35648)**

Here's an inexpensive way to make a saddle lock that will frustrate all but the most determined of thieves. It consists of two pieces of



5/8-in. rebar - 4 ft. long and 1 ft. long. The 1-ft. piece is welded across the top of the 4-ft. piece to make a "T". Then take two pieces of 1/4 by 1-in. bar stock 3 in. long. Weld one to the head of a 1/2-in. machine bolt 3 in. long. Weld the other piece of bar stock to the bottom of the re-bar. Then drill a hole in each piece so they can be joined together by a padlock with a hardened steel hasp. Drill the bolt into the floor and anchor with some kind of bonding compound, if you've got a concrete floor. If you've got a dirt floor, dig a hole and fill it with concrete to anchor the bolt. **(Bill Mushake, Butterbee Ranch, 8230 NW County Rd 0150, Rice, Tex. 75155 ph 903 326-5621)**

Thanks for featuring my combine-mounted weed seed destroyer on your latest new "Best of FARM SHOW Video - Volume IV". I am currently installing a unit on a Gleaner L-2 combine near Inman, Kan., to destroy velvetleaf seeds in milo. Reports from that area indicate that the chemicals they have been using are no longer effective. I'm sure we'll be able to clean up the problem for them. **(Johnny Reyenga, Rt. 6, Box 140, Prescott, Ark. 71857 ph 501 887-3678)**

Regarding your story in the last issue about killing gophers and other underground rodents with anhydrous ammonia, I've found nothing is as effective as using CO2 gas. The procedure is simple. When a rodent exit hole is discovered, attach a hose to the discharge nozzle of a CO2 gas cylinder. Release the gas slowly to keep frost buildup to a minimum at the valve. Inject enough CO2 into the burrow to displace the oxygen in there. The rodents will run out of oxygen and die. It works good because they don't become alarmed by the injection of the gas. One bonus is that