

Reader Letters



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key blocks. Because the product needs no mortar you can use the product during winter. At the time the story was pub-



lished we didn't have adequate marketing outlets. We do now and are ready to market the product across North America. **(Scott Johnson, Amcon Block and Precast Inc., Box 546, St. Cloud, Minn. 56302 ph 320 529-6942)**

Here's a photo of a farm office that I made out of an old 20-ft. tandem axle camper trailer. It's a handy place to keep techni-



cal manuals, paperwork and field and shop records. Our family had used the camper for years at a lake resort up in the mountains. We weren't using it any more so I hauled it 50 miles to our farm and parked it next to our shop. I moved in a desk that I bought cheap at an auction several years ago and plumbed in sewer, phone, water and heat. It has air conditioning and is heated by a diesel furnace. Inside there's a refrigerator, microwave, and even a bedroom to sleep in. Because it's next to the shop I lined the floor with plastic clear matting to protect the carpet from greasy or muddy feet. I even took apart an old wooden porch and reassembled it on one side of the trailer. There's a freezer on the porch. **(Jim Briggs, Rt. 1, Box 309, Marsing, Idaho 83639 ph 208 896-4574)**

I own a New Idea 324 corn picker and have had problems with the snapping rollers shelling too much corn onto the ground. As far as I know New Idea has never updated their snapping rollers. Does anyone know of any more modern snapping rollers on the market that I could use? **(Charles Gores, 1659 220th St., Waverly, Iowa 50677 ph 319 352-3886)**

We demonstrated the Irish-built McHale 998 square bale wrapper for the first time in the U.S. at the recent Wisconsin Farm Progress Days near Lancaster, Wis. The machine is equipped with a loading conveyor on front which allows it to load one bale while wrapping another one. Bales are unloaded off the back of the machine and the next bale is then lifted onto the



table. If you want you can even use it to load and wrap bales placed two high.

Wrapping bales on-the-go like this makes it a high capacity machine – it can wrap 60 to 80 bales per hour. A control box in the tractor cab allows the operator to change bale size and number of film layers. Once the unit is set, it can be operated from start to finish with a single auto start button. Multiple bale sizes can be wrapped consistently and evenly due to a special roller angle measuring device. It has its own pto-driven hydraulic system so you don't need a real big tractor to pull it – a 100 hp tractor will do.

Sells for about \$60,000. **(Andy Robson, Lely Corp., Box 1060, Wilson, N.C. 27894 ph 252 291-7050; fax 6183).**

To mount a gate to a post I cut a strip off the cutting edge of an old grader blade



and placed it between the post and gate, with the convex side facing the post so that the blade can be clamped or chained to it. The gate hardware is then welded to the blade. The blade has bolt holes in it which can be used to secure the gate. A short piece of angle iron welded on toward the bottom of the blade keeps it from sinking into the ground. The blade can easily be moved to a new location along with the gate. **(Rayburn Tolen, 26501 Quarry Rd., Jamesport, Mo. 64648)**

Thanks for telling your readers about our external sieve adjuster designed to fit Case-IH, New Holland, and Deere combines. Unfortunately the phone number was wrong. The correct number is 800 667-5082; fax 204 324-1288. **(Loewen Mfg., Box 820, Altona, MB R0G 0B0 Canada)**

I use a hand-pulled golf cart to carry electric fence posts which we use to rotate cattle on pasture. I got the idea from my son Tom. I bought a used golf cart and mounted a plywood box, with the top end open, onto the cart. I used the braces



Back in the late 1960's I bought a Deere 5020 used at a farm sale and promptly repowered it with a V-8 71 Detroit diesel engine that came out of a semi tractor. The tractor was originally equipped with an in-line 6-cyl. 130 hp diesel engine which I thought was too small. This is a big, heavy tractor and I knew that it could handle the extra power. I had a machine shop in Council Bluffs, Iowa, do the actual work. They equipped it with big dual mufflers that were designed for a semi tractor. The mufflers are painted black

and really look nice against the tractor's green and yellow colors. Over the years I've used this tractor to pull a 45-ft. field cultivator, 25-ft. Kewanee disk, and 12-ft. dozer blade. The engine has a lot of torque at low rpm's and responds very fast. I paid \$2,000 for the tractor and \$3,500 for the engine.

The tractor now has about 1,900 hours and I'm considering selling it. **(Gerald L. Wheatley, Wheatley Mfg., Inc., Hwy. 92 West, Massena, Iowa 50853 ph 712 779-3418)**

that normally would hold the golf club bag to secure the box. A 1/4-in. gap at the bottom of the box lets water and debris run out. A zippered pouch half way up the box is used to hold tools and insulators. It holds 20 to 30 steel posts, saves time, and eliminates the need to carry an armful of steel posts to the field. **(Roy Leroux, Rt. 2, Inverary, Ontario, Canada K0H 1X0)**

I thought your readers might be interested in a job we did recently. We pulled the factory-installed dust reduction system out of a Deere CTS combine and installed our E-Z View dust eliminator.



Deere's CTS combine is supposed to be the Cadillac of combines but the farmer who owned it said the dust reducer wasn't getting the job done. We pulled Deere's unit out of the feederhouse and covered the hole with steel plate, then mounted the E-Z View on top of the feederhouse. We belt-drive our unit off the original drive for Deere's unit. Our customer is happy with it.



We're now making the E-Z View out of heavy-duty molded plastic, which makes it much more durable and reduces the weight. It's working so well we're in talks with Caterpillar to make a yellow unit to fit their Cat combines. **(Harold Kruckman, Kruckman-Shultz Products, 232 Laurel Ave., Hazel Run, Minn. 56247 ph toll-free 888 263-4649 or 320 383-2389)**

More On AerWay Tillage Tools

I'd like to thank FARM SHOW for featuring my modification kit for AerWay tillage tools and for printing information from both myself and the manufacturer on issues relating to its performance.

Since your original article (Vol. 23, No. 3), I've heard from farmers and dealers all over North America with AerWay equipment. So far we've hosted two half-day meetings here in Indiana explaining what I think are the problems with AerWay equipment as it's currently being built, and how to solve them.

We also noted with interest the response printed in the last issue from the president of Holland Equipment, the North American manufacturer of

AerWay equipment. Without going into specific detail about every issue he raised, I'd like to point out that the basic issue still remains: The AerWay model being sold to farmers does not work like the original machine out of New Zealand. I don't feel Holland Equipment has done a good enough job of communicating that to its agricultural customers. That's what I'm trying to do, and I've also developed a modification kit that fixes problems on existing machines. **(Jim Martindale, North American Agro, 8865 North C.R. 600W, Cipio, Ind. 47273 ph 812 392-3060 or 812 579-6711).**