

You Asked For It

FARM SHOW recently featured a story about a barn dismantling expert who makes his living taking down old barns and salvaging the reusable lumber. What's his address? (Don L. Davis, Tri-County Vocational School, Rt. 1, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764)

In the 7 years that Ken Andre has spent dismantling old barns, corn cribs and silos, he's come up with many techniques to safely and quickly get the job done with the maximum amount of reusable lumber left over. He takes the buildings apart board by board using only a small selection of hand tools and a chain saw. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ken Andre, 503 E. Homer, Michigan City, Ind. 46360 (ph 219 879-2199 - leave message).

Where can I buy a stove that'll burn shelled corn? (Raymond Robinson, Rt. 1, Nevada, Iowa 50201)

Shelled corn costs 60% less LP gas or wood when burned in stoves designed to burn it efficiently. In Vol. 11, No. 6 FARM SHOW featured a roundup of four corn-burning stoves. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Nordste Stove Division, 4201 N. 26th, Omaha, Neb. 68111 (ph toll-free 800 451-2575); FARM SHOW Followup, C.B. Energy Inc., Winfield Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641 (ph 319 385-7117); FARM SHOW Followup, Kruse Mfg., Hwy 71 East, Lake View, Iowa 51450 (ph 712 657-2628); FARM SHOW Followup, Nu Energy Marketing, Inc., Rt. 4, Box 253, China Grove, N.C. 28023 (ph 704 857-6166); FARM SHOW Followup, Dove Energy Systems, P.O. Box 399, Fletcher, N. Carolina 28732 (ph 704 684-4444).

What's the name and address of the company that makes the "muffler eliminator" for IH tractors. It replaces worn-out mufflers on IH 1086, 1486 and 1586 tractors. (W.F. Larkin, Wellston, Okla.)

Thomure Mfg. makes the Muffler Eliminator for IH tractors. The company also makes chrome-plated or stainless steel exhaust stacks to fit other makes and models as well as trucks. Stainless steel stacks carry a lifetime guarantee against rust and burn-out. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Thomure Mfg., Rt. 1, East Prairie, Mo. 63845 (ph 800 527-9954).

We're looking for an inexpensive way to efficiently move grain out of flat storage. Several years ago FARM SHOW featured a story about an Iowa farmer who converted an old silo blower into a king-size grain vacuum. Can you tell me more about how the home-built vacuum worked? (Larry Doane, Thornton, Iowa 50479)

Roger Datisman, Sherrill, Iowa, made the high-capacity vacuum out of an old Allis Chalmers silo blower, with a barrel mounted on the back of it - where the silage intake opening was located - to act as a suction chamber. He converted a 200 bu. grain wagon into a giant vacuum chamber by installing a layer of perforated flooring across the top of the wagon and building a 1-ft. high plywood extension above the flooring. He then sealed the wagon shut with a sheet of plywood across the top. A barrel mounted on the back of the silage blower - where the silage intake opening was located - acts as a suction chamber. An 8-in. metal duct runs from the barrel up to a hole in the wagon's plywood top. A length of flexible tubing fitted with a large metal "nozzle" attaches to a hole in the side of the wagon below the perforated flooring. When the blower starts sucking grain into the wagon, the perforated flooring keeps



grain in the wagon. Capacity is about 250 bu. per hour. Datisman tripled the speed of the 540 rpm blower by installing a large drive pulley. He says that by using a higher capacity blower and sealing up the wagon so it's airtight, capacity could be increased to 500 bu. per hour.

We're looking for a way to control pest sparrows. Several years ago FARM SHOW featured a product that can be applied to their roosting spots. Do you have the name and address? (Wilbur Stephens, Stanton, N. Dak. 58571)

"Hot Foot" bird glue comes in cartridges like caulking and is applied to bird roosts. Birds are scared away when it sticks to their feet and they avoid the area. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hub States Corp., 419 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46204 (ph 317 638-5487). Another popular bird-chasing product is the Rid-A-Bird system. It consists of slender metal perches fitted with cotton wicks soaked with a bird-killing chemical. When sparrows or starlings land on the perch, the chemical is absorbed into their bodies through their feet. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rid-A-Bird, Box 22, Muscatine, Iowa 52761 (ph 319 263-7970).

A year or so ago we read about a machine that grinds up rocks in the field and mixes them in with the soil, eliminating the need to pick rocks. Can you tell me what issue the story was in? (Len Paulovich, Box 598, Manning, Alberta, Canada)

The pto-powered, on-the-go rock crusher is built in Spain. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tiburon, S.C., C/Esquedas, 12, Zaragoza, Spain 50014. A German company also builds an in-field rock crusher. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Joseph Willibald Mashinen Fabrick, D-7771, Frickingen, Althelm, West Germany.

I have a 6000 Deere Hi-Cycle sprayer and I'm interested in locating a charcoal filter for the cab's air conditioner. We spray insecticides and poisons all the time and would like to get all the protection we can. (Lloyd Meyer, Rt. 1, Box 392, Richmond, Tex. 77469)

Merit-Aire (Vol. 10, No. 4) makes an activated charcoal filter that filters out odors from herbicides and pesticides. The easily installed filter slips in over the top of existing dust filters on most cabs. Charcoal can be "recharged" each season with a refill of activated charcoal. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Merit-Aire Ltd., Box 337, Raymore, Miss. SOA 3J0 (ph 306 746-4484).

Does anyone make a good hydraulic-powered fence post driver? (Joseph Romain, Jr., 125 Koehler Dr., Sharpsville, Pa. 16150)

"Post Setter" made by Hay Van Mfg. uses tractor hydraulics to install and remove steel "T" type fenceposts. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hay Van Mfg., 10520 Plano Road, Suite 206, Dallas, Tex. 75238 (ph 214 341-9833).

I recently ordered a "Reg-Rite" valve from Sun Ray Products. The valve, which smoothes out the hesitation, jerking or cutting out of the engine at

moderate to low rpm's on late model autos, was featured in FARM SHOW several years ago (Vol. 8, No. 2). My letter was returned. Is the company out of business? (Richard N. Jahnke, Rt. 1, Box 21-B, Pepin, Wis. 54759)

Sun Ray Products is still in business but they've moved. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Sun Ray Products, 801 Ranchers Road, Fridley, Minn. 55432 (ph 612 780-0774).

We're looking for a belly-mounted hay rake that would allow us to rake and bale hay in one pass? (Jim Davis, 503 Jones Bluff Road, Lowndesboro, Ala. 36752)

In Vol. 11, No. 4 FARM SHOW featured a commercially produced front-mounted wheel rake that lets you bale and rake at the same time. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, George Buck, Rt. 1, Box 12, Purdon, Tex. 76679 (ph 214 673-2382).

Several years ago a FARM SHOW story described the first world championship tractor "slow race" for 2-cylinder John Deere tractors. I'd like to get in touch with the organizer for more information. (Leo Kuiper, Archer, Iowa 51231)

Rich Hultberg organized the first-ever "slow race". Only 2-cyl. Deere tractors are allowed to race. Tractors must be stock, including original manufactured ignition systems and wheel sizes. The last tractor to cross the finish line without stopping or stalling wins. The clutch must be fully engaged at the starting flag and the operator isn't allowed to touch the clutch until crossing the finish line. Only throttle or choke adjustments are allowed. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rich Hultberg, Garrison, N. Dak. 58540 (ph 701 337-5441).

What's the address of the company that makes the rotary chisel plow which "works twice as fast as a conventional tillage rig using 50% less fuel"? The article said the rotary plow is 9 ft. wide, fitted with rotary that work to a depth of 3 ft. (Samuel Askins, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 310, Cleveland, Va. 24225)

The hydraulic-powered rotary chisel (Vol. 11, No. 3) is built in Italy. The company is looking



for a U.S. manufacturer. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Agrotec, Via G. Galilei 4, 35042 Este, Italy (ph 0429 4016).

In the "Best & Worst Buys" section of the last issue of FARM SHOW (Vol. 12, No. 1) Dennis Smith from Pennsylvania listed a pull-type rake as "best buy". He said it costs about half the price of a new conventional rake and does a better job. Unfortunately, the report did not identify the make and model of the rake. (Les Anderson, Pinedale, Wyo.)

Dennis Smith's "best buy" rake is a pull-type Kuhn 300 Gyro Rake. For more information about the rake, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Kuhn Farm Machinery, Inc., P.O. Box 224, Vernon, N.Y. 13476 (ph 315 829-2620).

Last year FARM SHOW featured an article about Deutz look-alike tractors. How can I contact the company? (Dave Barnett, Rt. 62, Beloit, Ohio 44609)

The article appeared in Vol. 11, No. 2. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Memo Tractors, 1950 E. Continental Blvd., South Lake, Tex. 76092 (ph 817 481-6577).

Please give me the contact address of the breakaway mailbox that breaks away when struck with no permanent damage. (Jane Horn, Rt. 1, Box 121, Butler, Ill. 62015)

Lift-A-Lite's breakaway mailbox appeared in Vol. 9, No. 1. Your mailbox mounts in a 30-in. tall PVC pipe that's anchored to the ground with a special pop-out coupling. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lift-A-Lite, Inc., Rt. 6, Box 227, Minot, N. Dak. 58701 (ph 701 839-5643).

The trays at the bottom of the fertilizer boxes on our International 100 Series grain drill have worn out. According to our local Case/IH dealer, the company no longer makes these parts. That's a problem because these are high-wear parts due to corrosion from fertilizer. Do you, or any of your readers, know any other source for these parts? If we could just find one part in good shape we'd take it to a machine shop and have them made. (Kenneth Drake, Rt. 2, Cheyenne, N. Dak. 58374 ph 701 996-2292)

What's the name of the company selling imported Yugoslavian tractors that are really old Massey Ferguson 35 Series tractors made in an abandoned Massey manufacturing plant? I've got four MF 35 tractors. One of them is 28 years old and still runs great. I've got a 1965 model with 18,600 hrs. and the gearbox has never been touched. These tractors are solid workhorses but repair costs have skyrocketed. Your original FARM SHOW article stated that the company importing the Yugoslav-built tractors sold parts at a big discount. (E.M. Oelke, Box 313, Moorhead, Minn. 56560)

IMT tractors, imported from Yugoslavia, are nearly identical to the older Massey tractors (see FARM SHOW Vol. 10, No. 6). Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Robison & Woods Tractor Co., Inc., Rt. 2, Box 36, Guntown, Mississippi 38849 (ph 601 869-1028).

Do you know of a company that makes fiberglass well rods? We have a continual problem of rods rusting out. (Less Ackland, Albert Lea, Minn.)

Dempster Industries makes fiberglass well rod in 7/16, 5/8 and 3/4 in. sizes, 18 or 21 ft. in length. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dempster Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 848, Beatrice, Neb. 68310 (ph 402 223-4026).

I'm looking for an add-on fuel tank for my Deere 2240 tractor and I believe FARM SHOW featured one several years ago. Can you help? (Harold Puckett, Rt. 2, Box 272, Abingdon, Va. 24210)

Benco Mfg. Co. makes custom-fitted add-on tanks that mount on the front of tractors. The tanks are formed to follow the contour of the tractor. A tank for a 2240 holds about 40 gal. of fuel and sells for \$520. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Benco Mfg. Co., Box 265, Abilene, Kan. 67410 (ph 913 263-2284).

Does FARM SHOW know of any company that makes an add-on hydraulic kit for older tractors? (H.R. Johnson, Vermillion, S. Dak.)

Contact: Baum Iron Co., 338 W. Harney, Omaha, Neb. (ph 402 345-4122). They make a pto-driven hydraulic pump and controls. Retail costs start at about \$500 for a pump and controls. The firm sells wholesale only but will gladly give you the name of their nearest dealer.

I'm looking for the address and phone number or name of the factory parts distribution center which manufactured the model 5100 F.N. Pneumatic Grain Vac. My 1983 model needs replacement parts. The last known address and phone number was in Carseland, Alberta, but the company appears to have moved. Any information on the company would be greatly appreciated. (John McKusker, Rt. 3, Marengo, Iowa 52301)