

Editor's Notebook



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Expanding What We Do

If you like what we do here at FARM SHOW, you'll want to sign up for our new twice-a-month newsletter that features a video of the week, a never-before-published "made it myself" story, and a couple "most popular" stories from our archives. Best of all, it's free! Just sign up at www.farmshow.com.

You should also check out our YouTube channel (search "FarmShowMagazine") where we regularly post amazing videos from inventors. And you'll also like our Facebook page, where we have more than 50,000 regular followers. You can talk to other like-minded FARM SHOW readers at these sites and even submit new ideas or comments to our editors. It's a great way to keep in touch!



Big Fight: Deere Sues!

Deere & Co. is suing a company that it was perfectly happy to purchase just a couple years ago.

In 2015, Deere & Co. made a deal to buy Precision Planting, which was owned by Monsanto. Last year, the U.S. Justice Department vetoed the deal for competitive reasons and AGCO ended up buying the company. Now Deere is suing both Precision Planting and AGCO, allegedly for infringing on 12 of its ExactEmerge planting patents that are related to seed placement, seed spacing, and crop emergence when planting at higher speeds.

Stay tuned. When giants fight, things can get ugly.

What's Up?

There's one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition. That word is "up".

In the morning, we wake up. At a meeting, topics come up. Officers come up for reelection and it's up to the secretary to write up a report. We call up our friends, brighten up a room, polish up the silver, warm up the leftovers, and clean up the kitchen. We lock up the house and fix up the old car.

And how about people who stir up trouble, line up for tickets, work up an appetite and think up excuses. To be dressed up is special. A drain must be opened up because it is stopped up. We open up a store in the morning but we close it up at night.

When it looks like rain we say it's clouding up. When the sun comes out, it's clearing up. When it rains, the earth soaks it up. When it doesn't rain, things dry up.

If you are up to it, you might try building up a list of the ways up can be used. It will take up a lot of your time, but if you don't give up, you may wind up with a hundred or more ways.

Well, I'll wrap it up for now - my time is up.

Points To Ponder

- "To believe in something and not live it, is dishonest." *Mahatma Gandhi*
- "No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously." *Dave Barry*
- "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." *Aristotle*
- "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done." *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
- "My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people; those who work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there." *Indira Gandhi*
- "To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves." *Will Durant*
- "There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly." *R. Buckminster Fuller*
- "When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this - you haven't." *Thomas Edison*
- "There are always four sides to a story: your side, their side, the truth, and what really happened." *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*

Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Ole said, "Panty stitcher. I sew the elastic onto cotton panties."

The clerk classified that as unskilled labor and told Ole he would get \$300 a week in unemployment pay.

Sven was asked his job and he said, "Diesel fitter". The clerk looked it up and decided it was a skilled job, so she told Sven he would get \$600 a week.

When Ole heard that he was furious and rushed back to the unemployment office to find out why Sven was getting double his pay.

The clerk explained that panty stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor.

"Vhat skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew da elastic on and Sven pulls dem on and says, 'Yep, diesel fitter.'"

Lena watched Ole suck in his stomach as he stepped onto the scale one morning.

"Dat von't help you Ole," Lena commented.

"No, yur wrong. It helps a lot," Ole replied. "It's da only way I can see da numbers."

Ole and Lena were arguing and both were unwilling to admit they were wrong.

"I'll admit I'm wrong," Lena told Ole, "if you will admit dat I'm right." Ole agreed and, like a gentleman, insisted that Lena go first.

"I was wrong," Lena said.

Without pausing, Ole responded, "Yur right!"



My grandfather, Stanley Newhall, struck a pose in the 1930's for a feature story in *Successful Farming* magazine.

A Little About My Grandpa

My grandfather, Stanley Newhall, was born in 1889 on a dairy farm near Owatonna, Minn. He died on that same farm 89 years later. He was one of the first farmers in his area to get milking machines, thanks to the coming of rural electric power in the 1920's. He was also something of an inventor who was featured several times in various publications over the years.



This "made it myself" feed cart caught an editor's eye in the 1930's and earned my grandfather a spot in another magazine.

My 92-year-old father, Bill Newhall, has spent a lot of time organizing old family photos. He recently came across the photos above that appeared in national farm magazines. My grandfather had a lot of "made it myself" equipment around his place that often caught the eyes of farm magazine editors. I like to think we would have featured a few of them in FARM SHOW if the magazine had been around during his day.

Hang Onto Your Hats!

Old farm hats are selling for big bucks. At eBay.com, even hats as recent as the 1970's and 80's are bringing \$800 to \$900. The situation was brought to our attention by Herrick Kimball, who has an entertaining website called The Deliberate Agrarian. He writes about farm life.



This 1980's Deere hat sold recently for \$880.



This one sold for \$375.

Who would spend \$800 for an old hat that was probably given away by a dealership or came free with the purchase of a piece of equipment?

Apparently, they're considered hip and cool by urban youth. So dig out those old hats from the back of your closet and start selling!



This denim hat is for sale right now on eBay for \$999.

We Have A Winner!

On May 8th we drew the name of Joseph Davis as the winner of the restored 1948 Farmall H that we gave away in our annual Tractor Sweepstakes.

Davis is 81 years old and lives near Bridgeton, N.J. He still works full time at a local nursery and does a little farming on the side. In fact, it turns out he was already a Farmall guy and has two old Farmall F-20's on his place.

The Farmall H that Davis won was restored by Ed Landis in Abilene, Kan. Landis is a FARM SHOW reader who does tractor restoration as a hobby. The "H" that we shipped to New Jersey looked about as good as a 70-year-old tractor can look.

Watch this space and our website for notice about our tractor giveaway for 2018-19. The entry period will run from the beginning of October to the end of April, 2019. We have not yet decided which make and model to give away this year.

Liberty Quotes

"The natural liberty of man is to be free from any superior power on earth, and not to be under the will or legislative authority of man, but to have only the law of nature for his rule." *John Locke*

"The censor believes that he can hold back the mighty traffic of life with a tin whistle and a raised right hand. For after all, it is life with which he quarrels." *Heywood Broun*

"Where men cannot freely convey their thoughts to one another, no other liberty is secure." *William Hocking*

"Laws control the lesser man. Right conduct controls the greater one." *Chinese Proverb*

"It is not what a lawyer tells me I may do, but what humanity, reason, and justice tell me I ought to do." *Edmund Burke*

"A false conclusion once arrived at and widely accepted is not easily dislodged, and the less it is understood the more tenaciously it is held." *Georg Cantor*

"The function of the true state is to impose the minimum restrictions and safeguard the maximum liberties of the people, and it never regards the person as a thing." *Immanuel Kant*

"Human beings will generally exercise power when they can get it, and they will exercise it most undoubtedly in popular governments under the pretense of public safety." *Daniel Webster*

"Though the flame of liberty may sometimes cease to shine, the coal can never expire." *Thomas Paine*

"In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant." *Charles de Gaulle*

"The urge to save humanity is almost always only a false-flag for the urge to rule it." *H.L. Mencken*