“TURNS AROUND IN ITS TRACKS”

First-Of-Its-Kind Self-Propelled Baler

By Mark Newhall, Editor

“It's more maneuverable, visibility is great, and it frees up a tractor for other work,” says Clarence Stonebrink, Enterprise, Ore., who combined a Vermeer round baler and a Hesston swather to produce a slick new first-of-its-kind self-propelled big round baler.

Stonebrink, along with his sons Don and Glen, bales 300 to 400 acres of hay each year. “Our new baler gets the job done faster and easier than ever before. It turns around in its tracks so you don't have to drive around in circles or make big turns to pick up lost hay, as with a pull-behind baler. If you slip off the windrow you can instantly make adjustment so almost no hay is lost.”

The match-up of the 12-year-old Hesston 620 swather and the new Vermeer 504 baler was a natural because the swather is equipped with both hydrostatic and mechanical drives needed for ground drive and operation of the baler.

Stonebrink stripped the header, and all other unnecessary metal and

Baler mounts alongside converted swather drive unit 4-in. on sq. beam. Wheels on both swather and baler are driven hydrostatically.

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