Here's a homemade "bean pole" for string beans, cucumbers and any other climbing plant. It consists of two bicycle wheels welded to either end of a shaft and then strung with fishing line all around the outer circumference of the wheels. I've seen commercial bean poles advertised for $26.95. These cost only a few cents. (C. Nedeique, Toutes Aides, Manitoba ROL 2A Canada)

I was the first person to patent this type of multiple bale trailer back in 1977. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, you are busting me. No other trailer I know of has all of the features in our rig: it can be pulled with the bale fork or a gooseneck pickup truck, it's got additional space for a full trailer frame, extra bracing down the center of the trailer, wheel guards, flag stand to center bales, a rear bale guard, and 11L by 15-8-ply tires. These trailers range in price from $2,800 to $3,600, depending on size and options. A full bale fork is included with each trailer as part of the package. (David W. Spurgeon, R.T., 2550 Lytton, Ind., 46181) ph 317 878-4471) We'd like to tell FARM SHOW readers about our unique "Farmtronics" mail order catalog that features just about every electric or electronic component a farmer would ever need. Our current catalog features electric wire, fittings, switches, all type of gauges, ratchet counters, acme meters, shut-down switches, activating switches, battery chargers, a variety of electronic meters, fencers, calibrators and monitors for many different uses, flowmeters, moisture testers, grain probes, and many other items. We think it's the only mail order catalog available to send a free copy to anyone who writes or calls. (Rene Strelesky, Farmtronics, 605 Henderson Dr., Regina, Sask. S4N 6A8 Canada ph 306 721-6655 in Canada, call toll-free 800-667-1194)

I would like to bring to your attention a new video information package called "Elk Ranching for Profit" that I'm now making available. Having been in this business for more than 20 years, we are well aware of the profit potential in this growing field and would welcome inquiries from your readers. The video package answers questions such as what type of return on your time can you expect, where can you buy deer and elk, how do you raise deer and elk, what special problems are involved, and so on. The video information package sells for $55. (Robert S. Johnson, Hardrock Game Farms, P.O. Box 399, Port Isabel, Tex. 78578-0399)

I built a tractor splitter and center lift dolly 5 or 6 years ago and they've worked so well I can't see how we got along without them all these years. Both items have been used to split tractors from 27 hp. to 175 hp. A wheelbarrow wheels. It holds 7 young calves that are fed milk out of a trough bolted to the side. (Martin Wedman, P.O. Box 188B, Valseyview, Alb. TOH 3NO)

We built this king-sized forage wagon to cut down trips from the field to the barn when harvesting. The original wagon box was 8-ft. wide, 7-ft. high and 22-ft. long. The new wagon box is 10-ft. wide, 9-ft. high and 22-ft. long. Wheel track width is a legal 8-ft. and the wheelbase is outfitted with 6 wheels with a walking beam axle setup on the rear. The wagon frame was built with 5-in. I-beam and 2-in. square tubing spaced on 32-in. centers around the box. Sides and the roof were made from galvanized steel roofing. The floor is 2 by 6 tongue and groove planking. It holds about twice as much as the old one. We've used it for two seasons and it works great. To make the unloading head wider at the front of the wagon, Herbert took 2 heads and spliced them together. The unloader has three beaters and an auger at the bottom that discharges in the center. (Patrick Herbert, Rt. 2, Thennesville, Ont. NOP 2K0 Canada)

We've got two simple "locator" ideas for combining headers that help save both time and repairs. The first idea is a cutting height gauge on the New Holland combine with a fixed height box so you can see at a glace the height of the header off the ground. It works especially well for cutting short corn at faster than normal travel speeds. The gauge was made out of a 3/8-in. dia. rod attached at a pivot point to the combine feederhouse assembly. The rod slides up and down through a short length of 45° angle iron and attached to a second pivot point. It bolts to the corner of the cab just outside the window where the operator can clearly see it. Colored markers on the rod correspond to varying heights of the spring. A light shines on the gauge so it can be read clearly at night.

A second "locator" idea is a marker that mounts at the ends of the header to the tractor and runs from the header to the tractor truck driver from bumping into the end of the header when unloading or on-the-go. The marker is an old auto antenna with a spring base. A piece of rubber hose over the spring keeps the antenna from bouncing around too much on rough ground. Orange tape at the top of the marker makes it easy to see, (Walter Andrews, Byrnes Farms, Box 26, Richlea, Sask. Canada)

Thanks for your article in the last issue of FARM SHOW about my business rebuilding

My mobile pens for cattle and sheep are a great way to move animals around to new grazing areas without making a huge investment in fences. Makes a great "lawn mower". The sheep pen is about 15 by 25 ft. in size built from lightweight 1-in. square tubing that's covered with large-block woven wire. Two bracing beams run across the top of the unit for stability and it rides on four automotive wheel hubs welded to the frame. A sheet metal end at one end provides protection from the rain. The entire structure folds easily from place to place with a small tractor. We have coyotes all around the place and we haven't lost one sheep to coyotes in three years of use. We build mobile pens for cattle, too, including one that's 8 by 12 ft. in size mounted on a pair of power steering units on older Oliver, Ford and Minneapolis Moline tractors. I wanted to point out to your readers that using power steering "hydromotors", not the hydraulic pumps as stated in the article. If the GM Saginaw power steering hydromotor uses or there are no replacement parts or new units available from the manufacturer. Your only recourse is to buy a replacement made by other manufacturers for $1,250 or more. I totally rebuild existing hydromotors for $300, in-