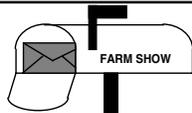


# Reader Letters



We made a pre-heater for our hot water heater to take advantage of heat off our wood stove. I mounted a 25-gal. tank right next to our wood stove. Then I simply ran the cold water line into one end of the tank and out the other end to the water heater. Whenever the wood stove's in use, it warms the water. It was easy to set up and will pay off over the long run. (Melvin Johnson, Coldwater, Mich.)

I'm sending along a photo of a rotary snow plow that I built during the winter of 1946-47 using odds and ends from a scrap pile. It



used an automotive rear end, pulleys from an Allis Chalmers all-crop harvester, and hydraulic rams from an International cultivator. Belts off the drive pulley power the rear end, which direct-drives the snow thrower mounted on one side of the big angled blade that mounted on front of my Farmall H. It was a great snow mover that I used on my place until 1975. There's still nothing really like it on the market today. (Arthur Rasmussen, 1700-6 Woodlawn Rd., St. Augustine, Fla. 32095 904 824-0507)

I have a collection of FARM SHOW Magazine's going back to 1984. If anyone is interested in this collection, it's theirs for the asking. The first person who writes me can have them for the shipping charge. (Roger W. Meihak, 10150 223rd St. N., Forest Lake, Minn. 55025)

We were pleased to be featured as a "best buy" in your last issue (Vol. 20, No. 6). Unfortunately, the company address and phone number listed were incorrect.

We first introduced the Sanders Seed-Vayor in FARM SHOW some years ago, and I've been an avid reader for years. (Ken Sanders, President, Sanders Seed-Vayor Co., 100 West Roosevelt Rd., Bldg. A3, Suite 101, Wheaton, Ill. 60187 ph 630-355-0335)

I collect and restore Oliver tractors. The fleetline series is my favorite. I also have

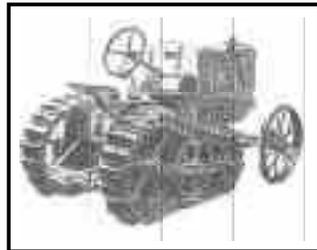


Oliver crawlers, a Cat loader, an Oliver garden tractor, and assorted other Oliver farm machinery. I'm always looking for Oliver tractors to repair and restore. I just recently bought a 550 diesel that I'd like to trade for a Super 55. A Super 99 would also be a

good addition to my line-up. (Norman Foelmi, Rt. 2, Box 71, Sparta, Wis. 54656 ph 608 269-3028)

You recently ran an article describing how a farmer added power steering to his Ford tractor. When I read it I had just undergone surgery on both of my elbows, making it nearly impossible for me to drive my tractor. After reading the article, I made the modification myself and it worked great. Now I can steer with ease and get my work done just like before. (Carl Bower, Kenton, Ohio)

I live in a small town in Sweden and wondered if any of your readers could help me. I have a U.S.-built tractor called a Bates Steel Mule that was built in Joliet, Illinois, in



the 1920's. I am looking for some history about the tractor and the factory where it was built. Perhaps someone knows where a person could buy spare parts. I would also be willing to offer this tractor for sale to a serious buyer. (Roger Holmberg, Bergsveden III, 82150 Bollnas, Sweden)

The article in the November-December issue ("Roundup Failure Scares Farmers Down Under") appears to confirm a premature report of ryegrass resistance to Roundup in Australia. The article also commented that certain weeds are resistant to Roundup, such as morningglories. That is not true. Morningglory is a "tough" weed to control with any herbicide, but labeled rates of Roundup will indeed control it.

The Australian report of ryegrass "resistance" is not the first allegation regarding Roundup, and previous reports have not turned out to be weed resistance. As with all other reports, Monsanto will scientifically evaluate the ryegrass seed, along with independent academicians and Charles Sturt University, and then announce results. It is important to note that in 20 plus years of Roundup use, there has never been a validated report of a weed developing resistance to glyphosate. (Lisa M.K. Drake, Director, Public Affairs, Monsanto Company, 800 N. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo. 63167)



I am a retired grain, hay, beef, and egg farmer. Now I only raise a few vegetables. I'm sending along a photo of the three tractors I kept to retire with - a 1960 Cub Cadet, a Ford 9N, and a 1955 International 300 Utility. As old as they are, they still haven't gone out of style. Parts are available and I've updated them all to 12-volt electrical. (Robert Hunt, 6640 Clark Rd., Erie, Penn. 16510)



To break up the ground packed behind my tractor tires when pulling my Case-IH 183 cultivator, I mounted two Lilliston cultivator rippers on front of the frame. I first welded a plate on the back of each shank bracket,



and then used big U-clamps to hold them to the bar. The vertical adjustment screws are still in place on the bracket. (John Rathjen, Rt. 1, Ft. Calhoun, Neb. 68023)

I really enjoy your magazine and the many useful ideas it contains. The hand-held hydraulic drill (powered by hoses off a tractor) that was submitted by a reader recently is a good idea but I don't see a safety shut-off on the hydraulics. I was once entangled by a hydraulic grain bin sweep that wasn't equipped with a safety poppet valve shut-off. Needless to say, it does have one now. Anything powered by hydraulics can be extremely dangerous and these type of safety precautions are a must. (Hugh Stephenson, Box 263, Baldur, Manitoba R0K 0B0 Canada)

It has come to our attention that FARM SHOW recently featured an article on "miniature" cattle breeds. We'd like to let readers know that they can contact the American Dexter Cattle Association directly to get a complete packet of information, a copy of our bi-monthly publication, and an up-to-date list of members in the U.S. and Canada. Interest in the Dexter breed of mini cattle is growing rapidly and we'd like to help your readers get started in this exciting new segment of the cattle industry. (Rosemary Fleharty, American Dexter Cattle Assoc., Rt. 1, Box 378, Concordia, Mo. 64020 ph 816 463-7704)

Thanks for publishing the story in Vol. 20, No. 6 on how we converted our 4-WD pickup into a self-propelled sprayer. I'd like to give some of the credit to my father Kenny and brother John who did much of the work. Also, some corrections. The story stated that the pickup has 10.00 by 25 semi truck tires but they're actually 10.00 by 20's. We installed the pickup cab's original rubber mounts under the sprayer, not under the combine cab.

And we paid \$1,200 for the cab, not \$1,500." (Robert Lascelles, Box 73, Ipava, Ill. 61441, ph 309 753-8720).

I used square steel tubing to build my own 10-ft. long ATV spray boom. It covers three 38-in. rows at a time. The 3-section boom is



supported by an angle iron frame that bolts onto the ATV rack. A pair of chains keep the boom ends from sagging. The boom folds up neatly for transport. The 14-gal. tank is equipped with a 12-volt pump.

Last spring I used the sprayer to apply Roundup in wet fields. I also used it in small corn to spot spray Banvel onto thistle patches. One problem is that there's no way to regulate sprayer pressure - I have to speed up or slow down to vary the application rate. I spent about \$300 to build it which is more than I planned on. I spent about \$70 for the nozzles and hoses alone. I probably didn't save more than \$100 compared to a commercial sprayer of comparable size. I also made my own ATV tow bar. The tongue is built from two sections of steel tub-

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After reading the many great ideas in each issue of FARM SHOW, I'd like to pass along an idea of my own. The photo shows my 33 hp. Deere 1050 tractor equipped with a snowblower on front and a blade on back. The blower is driven by a 21 gpm Prince pto-mounted pump drawing oil from a reservoir tank carried on top of the rear blade.

The blower is powered by a hydraulic motor. The arrangement works great because I can use the blade to pull snow away from building walls and doors, and then blow it away with the blower. The oil tank provides extra weight on the blade. (Alan MacLean, 2532 Hwy 2E, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V1 Canada)