Adjustable Clothes Line Hangs 'Em High

If you have trouble reaching a clothes line, or if freshly laundered clothes drag on the ground by the time you've loaded up your line, you'll like this height-adjustable model built by Hettrick, Ill., farmer George "Bing" Ribble out of odds and ends.

"It allows my wife, Melba, who's only 5-ft., 2-in. tall, to hang clothes at eye level, then crank up the post to as high as 2 ft. above eye level," Ribble says.

The adjustable post stands at the center of the Ribbles' 90-ft. long clothes line. It consists of a 2-in. dia. steel pipe cemented in the ground, inside which a 1 1/2-in. dia. center post telescopes.

Ribble attached a 6-in. boat winch to the outer post and a 3-in. dia. pulley to brackets at the top. A 12-ft. length of 5/16-in. dia. cable runs to the bottom of the telescoping inside post where it's secured with a cable clamp.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, George "Bing" Ribble, R.R. 2, Hettrick, Ill. 62649 (ph 618 778-5752).





Concrete Fence Has The Look Of Wood

"It has the look and texture of wood but won't rot and is much stronger," says Samuel King Masonry, Loysville, Penn., about his "Timbercrete" posts and rails made entirely of reinforced concrete. The 5-in. sq. posts have slots on each side to support the 6-in. wide, 3-in. thick rails.

"It's available in white and brown, but we can custom paint it to any color - we mix the color right in the concrete," says King. "It costs slightly more than PVC vinyl fences. Installation is similar to other fence products - you dig a hole, place the post in the hole, and anchor it with concrete.

"The posts are a little over 6 ft. long and 2 ft. goes in the ground so you end up with 4-ft. high posts. We also offer 10-ft. high solid fences that serve as noise and sight barriers along highways or in urban developments. The 6-in. wide rails are mounted on 10-ft. high, 5-in. sq. posts."

A 2-rail fence sells for \$6.54 per linear foot; 3-rail, \$7.85 (includes posts and rails).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Samuel L. King Masonry, R.D. 1, Box 173A, Loysville, Penn. 17047 (ph 717 536-3741).

Auto Desk Turns Car, Truck Into Office

If you work more out of your pickup or car than you do your house, you'll like this new mobile office desk.

The "Executive Auto Desk" secures in vehicles with a seat belt and safety strap and has all the writing surface, storage area, etc., you'll need to keep work organized.

Available in two sizes. Large, 24-in. wide by 30-in. long model is ideal for bench seats. Small, 21-in. wide by 23 1/2-in. long model is ideal for bucket seats.

Comes in maple or cherry finish. Sells for \$129 up to \$245.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Associated Contractors, 215 West 102nd



Street, Bloomington, Minn. 55420 (ph 612 888-4106).



Best Deals Ever On Work Clothes

If you wear out work clothes fast, these clothing suppliers sell good quality, reconditioned work clothes at bargain basement prices.

The Workin' Man, Nashville, Tenn., and Walt's Wholesale, Darlington, S.C., both come highly recommended by long-time FARM SHOW reader Bill Reeks of Cromwell, Ky., who raves about low prices.

The companies handle everything from reconditioned work pants and shirts to coveralls and jackets, shorts, caps and more. All come from companies that supply work clothes to industry.

The Workin' Man features various packages, beginning with four pairs of work pants and four shirts for \$21.95. Likewise, Walt's Wholesale has a six pants/six shirt package starting at \$29.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The Workin' Man, P.O. Box 140204, Nashville, Tenn. 37214 (ph/fax 615 883-1530) or Walt's Wholesale, P.O. Box 208, Darlington, S.C. 29532 (ph 803 393-8081, day; 8419, nieht).

"Push Pedal" Tricycle

Inventor Harold Fratzke of Cottonwood, Minn., has come up with a one-of-a-kind "push pedal" tricycle that kids couldn't stay away from at the recent Minnesota Inventors Congress in Redwood Falls.

Fratzke calls it the "Kiddy Kart". Instead of moving the pedals in a circular motion, you pump them together straight up and down in unison. The pedals are fixed onto one end of a steel rod. The other end of the rod is attached to a crankshaft-like mechanism that attaches to the rear axle. Pushing the pedals up and down forces the rear axle to rotate.

"The trike's large pneumatic rear tires and single smaller pneumatic front tire pro-



vide a soft ride," says Fratzke, who's looking for a manufacturer.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Harold Fratzke, 234 Shoreview Drive, Cottonwood, Minn. 56229 (ph 507 423-6341).

Microwaveable Plate Keeps Hot Food Hot

This new microwaveable hotplate makes it easy to keep hot food hot. Just put the "Heatwave" in a microwave for 2 minutes on high, then place it on a table or counter and set your dish of hot food on it. Stored heat in the plate keeps food hot for an hour or more

A molded plastic base surrounds the 6in. sq. ceramic tile. Available in two color combinations - a black base with a white speckled tile or a white base with a grey and white speckled tile.

Sells for \$19.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Niche Marketing, Inc., 622-D Guilford College Road, Greensboro, N.C. 27409 (ph 910 854-8055; fax 8810).

