

**Editor's Notebook**



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**Big New Book Celebrates 30 Years Of FARM SHOW**

We've had a lot of fun over the past few months putting together this giant new "Encyclopaedia Of Made It Myself Ideas". It's 432 pages of great reading!

Now at the printer and soon ready for mailing, the book is a collection of more than 1,200 home-built machines from the past five years of FARM SHOW, and also a celebration of FARM SHOW's 30th year of publishing. A special section features the 30 greatest ideas ever shown in FARM SHOW.

The book will be on sale throughout the next year - our 30th - and then it will be gone. So act now if you want a copy! The book has a heavy cover and is fully indexed to make it easy to find whatever you're looking for.

We're pleased to make this book available to subscribers at a special 30-Year Anniversary price of just \$9.95 per book (\$14.95 Canadian) plus \$2.95 S&H (just one shipping charge no matter how many books you order). It's a great deal so order up for friends, relatives, business associates and maybe even the local library or old folks home. And don't forget that Christmas is right around the corner.

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**A man came home late from work for the third night in a row.** Tired and in a bad mood, he found his 5-year-old son waiting for him.

"Daddy, can I ask you a question?"  
"Yeah, sure. What is it?" replied the man in a gruff tone.  
"How much money do you make an hour?"  
"That's none of your business! What would make you ask such a thing?" the man said angrily.

"I just wanted to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy.

"If you must know, I make \$20 an hour," said his father.

The little boy looked up at his father and said, "Daddy, can I borrow \$9 please?"

Now the father was furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is so you could borrow some to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you're being so selfish. I work long, hard hours every day and I don't have time for such childish games."

The little boy went quietly to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even madder about the little boy's questioning.

How dare he ask such questions only to get some money? After an hour or so, the man calmed down. He started to think he might have been a little hard on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$9 and the truth was, he didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the little boy's room and opened the door. "Are you asleep son?" he asked.

"No daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy.  
"I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier," said the man. "It's been a long day and I took my aggravations out on you. Here's that \$9 you asked for."

The little boy sat up, beaming. "Oh, thank you daddy!" he yelled.

Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out a bunch of crumpled up bills. The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again.

The little boy slowly counted out his money, then looked up at his dad.

"Why did you want more money if you already had some?" the father grumbled.

"Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. "Daddy, I have \$20 now. Can you play with me for an hour?"

**Pastor Challenges Church Members With Gift Of \$100 Each**

Steve Dyer, pastor of Newsong Church in Grove, Okla., put his 125-member congregation to the test one Sunday recently when he gave each of them an envelope with \$100 in it.

He told shocked church members that they could do whatever they wanted to with the money but that they should return the money and whatever profits they might have made with it seven weeks later.

He told them the only thing they couldn't use the money for was gambling. The total amount dispersed was \$12,700.

The experiment was based on the biblical parable of a landowner who leaves for a trip and gives each of his three servants a sum of money. When he returns, two of the three had increased the amount while the third hid the original money because he was afraid of losing any of it.

"At the end of seven weeks, we received the original \$12,700 back plus \$13,000 more. So we more than doubled the amount originally given away," Dyer says.

"We had one lady who took her \$100 and came back with \$1,400. She did a combination of three different things," he says.

"She's a manager of a hotel and so she went to Walmart and bought cookies, crackers and bottled water to put in the rooms with this note: 'This is a gift to you and if you'd like to leave a donation, you can. If not, just enjoy it.' She made a lot of money from that."  
Children, who received \$50 each, often pooled their money together with their parents to do projects. Dyer and his daughter, for example, used their money to purchase and resell a horse.  
Dyer says the church used the money earned by members to take a group of teens on a mission trip to Asia where they conducted an English camp for children.  
He says he may conduct a Great Trust Adventure again in a few years. He advises other pastors to pray it through before attempting the same project. "Make sure it's God's idea and not just a good idea. Then suck up your courage and go for it!"

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"We more than doubled the amount originally given away," says Pastor Steve Dyer.



Money earned by parishioners was used for a mission trip.

**Another Thermos "Explosion"**

After our report in the last issue about a Minnesota family's experience with an "exploding" Stanley steel thermos, we got a phone call from Rosemary Danford of Cottonwood, Alabama.

"We had the same experience and it was horrible," Rosemary told us. "My husband, Louie, is the local fire chief. He was ready to leave the house shortly after 4:00 a.m. when a cloud of black smoke started coming from the sun porch where I had put his Stanley thermos after filling it with coffee."

Black powder was pouring out of a hole in the side of the thermos where the handle had evidently popped off. The thermos is insulated with very fine carbon powder. Rosemary says the powder floated in the air and penetrated to every corner of her house.

"We couldn't get the house clean. The carpets, bedding, drapes and many other things in the house had to be replaced. The powder got into the grout in our tile and could not be scrubbed out. If you tried to vacuum it up, the stuff would just smear across the floor. It got into everything," says Rosemary.

The day it happened, she was in the house for three hours until she finally got out. "My son called to tell me to leave. I tried to clean up before leaving but I was covered and so was the bathtub and all my towels, so there was no way to get clean. It was a nightmare."

She and her husband moved out for 14 days while a specialty cleaning company came in to try to get the house back to normal. Although the Danfords were eventually able to move back in, they still find the black stuff everywhere and Rosemary has had respiratory problems since the incident.

Stanley says only a limited number of thermoses with defective handles were produced. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is looking into the problem. According to Stanley, defective models have the number "C02" or "D02" on the bottom.

**Liberty Quotes**

"One of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence." *Charles A. Beard*

"If you believe everything you read, you better not read."

*Japanese Proverb*

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state lives at the expense of everyone."

*Federic Bastiat*

"Things in law tend to be black and white. But we all know that some people are a little bit guilty, while other people are guilty as hell." *Donald R. Cressley*

"One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils in this world are to be cured by legislation."

*Thomas B. Reed*

"Government does not cause affluence. Citizens of totalitarian countries have plenty of government and nothing of anything else." *P.J. O'Rourke*

"When you go into a court you are putting your fate into the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty." *Norm Crosby*

"If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free." *P.J. O'Rourke*

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have."

*Thomas Jefferson*

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." *Aristotle*

**A young couple had been debating** the purchase of a new vehicle for weeks. He wanted a new pickup. She wanted a fast little sports car so she could zip through traffic around town.

He would probably have settled on any old beat up truck, but the only cars she would consider were way out of their price range.

"Look!" she said. "I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds or less. And my birthday is coming up. You should surprise me."

So for her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

Services are pending.