

**Editor's Notebook**



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FARM SHOW staffers spent thousands of hours updating our CD-Rom of past FARM SHOW articles. Its never been easier to find an idea you remember from a past issue!



**Great Gift Idea For Christmas**

If you've got a hard-to-buy-for farmer or rancher on your Christmas gift list this year, why not do your shopping right here?

Many readers who gave FARM SHOW for Christmas last year wrote to tell us they've never given a gift which generated so much response from appreciative recipients.

If you like, you can give the "First Gift" to yourself as a one-year extension of your own FARM SHOW subscription, entitling you to give reduced rate gift subscriptions to friends, relatives, business associates, students, or others.

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I always get a kick out of the variety of signs people come up with to mark their property. We were recently heading down Bixby Road near Fairmont, Minn., when we spotted this billboard-sized "monument" announcing Bulfer Farms. It consists of a Farmall F-20 mounted on a steel pedestal, pulling an old "shotgun seeder" once used to seed oats. A dog runs out front. The sign stands 20 ft. tall and is 30 ft. in length. It mounts on a 12-in. dia. steel gas pipe embedded in concrete. Bill Bulfer, who operates the century farm, told FARM SHOW people stop by to take pictures all the time.

She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades."

"No," she said.

"Maybe it's our behavior."

She told them, "No, it's not your behavior."

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students sat on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."

**My uncle Don went to the doctor with a bad cold.** After receiving treatment and a prescription, he was instructed to return in two weeks to see if he was better.

Uncle Don replied, "Well doc - if I am better I don't think I will need to pay you to tell me I am better, and if I'm not better, I don't think I want to come back to you anyway." *Lawrence Tucker, Butler, Ill.*

**Tooting Our Own Horn**

How often have you been working on a project, or talking to some buddies, and you remember something you read in FARM SHOW a while back? Wouldn't it be nice to be able to pull up what you remember in just a couple minutes?

In the past two years we've put thousands of hours of work into our Searchable Index of past issues of FARM SHOW to make it easier to find that machine or idea you remember from a previous issue.

It's a fantastic "idea machine" for anyone who likes FARM SHOW. We use it here in the office every day to look up past ideas. It has never been easier than it is now to find stories from 5, 10, 20 or even 33 years ago!

The full text of every story we've ever published (nearly 25,000 of them!) is now "key word searchable". Like previous versions of FARM SHOW on CD-Rom, you can also search in one or more of 280 different categories or by title or even town or state. But now, once you bring up a list of stories on a particular subject, you can quickly click right down through the actual stories to make sure you find the exact one you want.

In addition to the Searchable Index, all 33 years of FARM SHOW (from Vol. 1, No. 1 to Vol. 33, No. 4) are included in a PDF in their original format. You can page through all 33 years of FARM SHOW at your leisure, or go directly to a particular issue or story you're interested in.

This CD-Rom is a bargain at \$39.95 plus S&H. (Please note: A complete set of back issues - without an index - sells for \$350.) Makes a great Christmas gift for farmers or ranchers who just can't get enough of FARM SHOW!

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**I Need A Cash For Clunkers Deal!**

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish, and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus and it's getting hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are bumpy with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach maximum speed. My fuel now burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst thing of all: Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

**Liberty Quotes:**

"The First Amendment is often inconvenient. But that is beside the point. Inconvenience does not absolve the government of its obligation to tolerate speech." *U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy*

"The very aim and end of our institutions is just this: that we may think what we like and say what we think." *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.*

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." *Wendell Phillips*

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." *Abraham Lincoln*

"Freedom is like taking a bath - you have to keep doing it every day!" *Florynce Kennedy*

"That government is best which governs least." *Henry David Thoreau*

"Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want rain without thunder and lightning." *Frederick Baily (escaped slave)*

"If the people let government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny." *Thomas Jefferson*

"The object and practice of liberty lies in the limitation of government power." *General Douglas MacArthur*

"Liberty is always dangerous but it is the safest thing we have." *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

"I am certain that nothing has done so much to destroy the judicial safeguards of individual freedom as the striving after this mirage of social justice." *Fredrich August von Hayek*

**A True Story**

On the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, Ark., did something not to be forgotten. With the permission of her school superintendent, principal and building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

"Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?!"

**First-Of-Its-Kind Cornhead**

Photos of this new combine head came across my desk right before this issue went to press.

Keven Markt was frustrated because his steep terraces had limited him to an 8-row header. So he finally came up with a design for a 12-row flexing head that lets him use the full capacity of his Deere combine, even on the most uneven ground. Each wing of the head can raise or lower 18 in. automatically, as needed, thanks to the Headsight header control system Markt used. A limited number of the new headers will be available in 2010. Call Markt Harvesting at 816 390-7840.



**Ole and Sven had retired** and were sunning themselves on a Miami beach when they started a friendly conversation.

"I was able tew move here tew retire after my business burned tew da ground," Ole said. "Da insurance payment sure came in handy."

Sven replied, "I'm here living off an insurance claim from when my factory vas flooded out."

Ole puzzled over that one for a few seconds, and then asked, "How dew yew start a flood?!"

**Ole was bragging about his knowledge** of the state capitals of the United States. He announced, "Go ahead, ask me any ov da capitals. I know all ov dem."

"Okay," Sven responded. "Vhat is de capital ov Arizona?"

Ole replied proudly, "Oh, dat's easy. It's 'A.'"

**Ole was having problems selling his old car** because it had 340,000 miles on it. He discussed his problem with Sven.

Sven suggested, "Dere may be a chance tew sell dat car but it's not going tew be legal."

"Dat doesn't matter at all," replied Ole. "All dat matters is dat I am able tew sell dis car."

"Alright," replied Sven. "Here is da address ov a friend ov mine. He owns a car repair shop. If yew tell him I sent yew, he vill turn da counter back on your car tew 40,000 miles."

Ole visited the mechanic. A week or so later he ran into Sven who asked, "Did yew sell your car?"

"No!" replied Ole, indignantly. "Vhy should I? It only has 40,000 miles on it!"