

You Asked For It

What's the name of the firm that makes "tractor style" mailboxes? They were featured in FARM SHOW several years ago. (Ronald Ferris, Hinsdale, N.H.)

For more information about plastic tractor mailboxes, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Distel Mfg., Rt. 1, Box 245E, LeSueur, Minn. 56058 (ph 612 665-6776).

Could you please help me locate a company that makes soaker hoses for gardens. They look like regular garden hose but they're made out of a "leaky" rubber material that lets water leak evenly out the full length of the hose. (Ellwood G. Wingert, 1867 Rt. 75 East, Freeport, Ill. 61032)

At least two companies that we know of sell "leaky pipe" which can be buried in the ground or used on top. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Leaky Pipe Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 310, Columbus, Tex. 78934 (ph 409 732-5783); or, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Magic Pipeline, 224 Hutchings St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R2X 2Y2 Canada (ph 204 694-2955).

Who makes rolling disks which can replace the skids on my Deere row crop bean head? Also, who makes automatic gathering belt tighteners for the same head? (Ray McCormick, Vincennes, Ind.)

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Van-Wall Equipment, Inc., Rt. 2, Box 167, Perry, Iowa 50220 (ph 515 465-5681). Plastic skid shoes are also available. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, May Wes Mfg., Inc., P.O. Box 33, Gibbon, Minn. 55335 (ph 507 834-6695). At least two companies sell automatic chain tighteners for Deere bean heads. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, McKee Unlimited, Rt. 2, Box 40, Emerson, Iowa 51533 (ph 712 824-7817); or, FARM SHOW Followup, Jim Hay, Harcourt, Iowa 50544 (ph 515 354-5219 or 5332).

Who makes an overdrive for a Chevrolet Series 20 pickup that goes between the transmission and differential? We have a Chevrolet with a 455 cu. in. engine and sometimes we don't need all that power. An overdrive unit could save fuel. (Irvin Seuring, 6790 Crane's Grove Road, Baileyville, Ill. 61007)

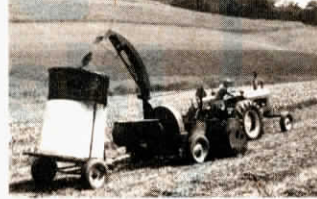
At least two companies make pickup torque splitters that convert your pickup to eight speeds by giving you an extra set of in-between gears when you need them. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Advance Adapters, Inc., 1645 Commerce Way, P.O. Box 247, Paso Robles, Calif. 93446 (ph 805 238-7000); or, FARM SHOW Followup, Power Torque Industries, Inc., 1001 Commercial Blvd. N., Arlington, Tex. 76017 (ph 817 467-6386).

Who makes ground-driven manure spreaders. Many small farm operations could use one. (William H. Randall, 119 MAW Road, Toledo, Wa. 98591).

A ground-driven spreader made by Millcreek Mfg. can be pulled by either a team or a 14 hp garden tractor. Unit fits through a 5-ft. door opening and hauls up to 40 cu. ft. of material. By removing the beater blade you can convert it to a dump cart. A pto-driven model is also available. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Millcreek Mfg. Co., 2617 Stumptown Road, Bird-in-Hand, Penn. 17505.

A year ago or so FARM SHOW ran a story about a 2-wheel cart pulled behind a corn chopper and designed to hold a big bag for silage. The bag system was designed at a Pennsylvania college. (Richard E. Wendel, Box 13, Urbana, Iowa)

You can make chopped silage one bag at a time with a do-it-yourself bagger cart that James Garthe, a Pennsylvania ag engineer, says can be built for less than \$100 (Vol. 11, No. 5). The cart is designed to be pulled by smaller tractors without hydraulics. It tows directly behind a forage chopper or flail mower to instantly bag hay, corn or small grains as it's chopped. Full bags are tied, then dumped



onto the ground by pulling a pin on a hinged cage. The cart consists simply of an old wagon axle and wheels, and the curved cage that supports the silage bag. Garthe made the bag cage out of 1/2-in. dia. PVC pipe slipped over heavy galvanized wire. The cage tilts forward 20° to facilitate filling and to hold the bag securely on the cart as it fills. Garthe says all parts, except the PVC and wire, can be found in salvage yards, or scavenged from old machines. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, James W. Garthe, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Penn. 16802 (ph 814 865-4700).

Help! Coons are in the corn and if rabbits eat our lettuce any closer to the ground, they'll have to dig up the roots. Rabbits are also eating the green beans and sweet potato plants, and the sparrows are ruining everything in the machine shed. A few issues ago you ran a story about a man who had developed remedies for these types of pest animal problems. Could you help me contact this person? (William R. Clayton, RD 1, Box 71, Ashland, Ill. 62612)

On the cover of Vol. 12, No. 1, FARM SHOW featured Harold Bailey's "home-brewed" solutions to pesky animal and insect problems. Bailey has worked with farmers all over the country to solve problems with bats, rats, mice, skunks, moles, birds, cockroaches, bees and other pesky critters. He perfects his traps and unusual pest poisons by experimenting with live animals and insects in his shop. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Harold Bailey, "The Friendly Trapper", 3014 Middletown Road, Columbiana, Ohio 44408 (ph 216 549-2010).

A couple of years ago you ran an article on a certain breed of dog that hunts woodchucks. What was the name of that breed? (Ed Oxley, P.O. Box 426, Lawton, Mich. 49065)

The Jack Russell Terrier is bred specifically to hunt and kill rats and groundhogs. They're a small dog, about 15 to 20 lbs., and stand about 11 to 13-in. at the shoulder, but they have teeth the size of a German Shepherd's. They're gentle around children. Unfortunately, they're intolerant of barn cats and chickens. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ken James, RD 3, Box 272A, Bedford, Pa. 15522 (ph 814 356-3106).

I saw a FARM SHOW article on how to convert a Deere Max-Emerge planter from end pull transport position to planting position, without removing or reassembling any parts. I'd like to know who made this conversion. (J.D. Mummert, 3013 Mayfair, Kokomo, Ind. 46902)

Indiana farmer Doyle Scott and his three sons, Ray, Robert and Terry, of Hoagland,

built their own hydraulic transport for an 8-row Deere Max-Emerge (Vol. 12, No. 1 - back issues available for \$2.00). One man can change from field position to transport in 5 min. or less. There's no need to unhook from the tractor or uncouple hydraulic lines to move in and out of field position. A telescoping gooseneck lengthens for transport to pull the planter in-line.

We have problems with birds. We've tried to scare them away but nothing seems to work. We've also got thousands of deer and they can strip a 10-acre soybean field in a matter of days. What can we do? (Joe Williams, Rt. 1, Box 90B, Fairfield, N.C. 27826)

Reed-Joseph International Co. offers a variety of "scare away" products, including an automatic L.P. gas cannon which produces thunderclap explosions fired at irregular intervals, screamer-sirens, bird bangers, bird banger rockets, 6 mm pistol launchers, blanks, and "evil eye" scare aways. Also available are 12 gauge shotgun shells that fire an explosive charge 250 ft. down range where it detonates with an extra loud bang, and an electronic bird dispersal system designed for mobile use. It features a pre-recorded bird alarm, distress calls and built-in electronic sound generator. Contact: Reed-Joseph International Co., Box 894, 232 Main St., Greenville, Miss. 38702 (ph 800 647-5554).

We've read reports in FARM SHOW about Great Pyrenees dogs. Where do we get more information on the breed, and a list of breeders by states? (D.E. Johnson, Boulder, Colo.)

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc., Judy A. Brown, Secretary, 3360 Jackson Drive, Jackson, Wis. 53037 (ph 414 677-2894).

In a recent issue of FARM SHOW I read an article about miniature Chinese pigs. I would appreciate any additional information you or your readers could give me. (Vonnice Yokley, Pinon Pines Est., Kingman, Ariz. 86401)

Kayla Mull, Los Angeles, Calif., is importing a miniature "pot bellied" breed from China and selling them as house pets (see Vol. 12, No. 3). The pigs adapt easily to a leash and can be taught to sit, roll over, climb stairs or go whizzing down a slide. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Kayla Mull, Creatures of Comfort, 2832 Hamner Ave., No. 208, Norco, Calif. 91760 (ph 714 735-8336).

We're interested in information on the Fish Carburetor. We have a 1974 Ford truck camper and we're hopeful this carburetor would give us much better mileage. (Bill Coward, RR 1, Woodham, Ontario, Canada NOK 2A0)

The Fish carburetor has six jets and just 17 parts, only four of which move, compared to hundreds of parts in some conventional carburetors. Because jet size is adjustable, manufacturer Jim Coffield says you can set the carburetor for up to a 30% increase in horsepower when needed or lean it down for high mileage under no-load conditions. It's available in eight sizes to fit any gas engine. Contact: Farm Show Followup, Jim Coffield, Brown Carburetor Co., Inc., Box 298, Grotton, S. Dak. 57445 (ph 605 397-2305).

I recall reading in FARM SHOW about a portable corral that fit a tractor's 3-pt. hitch. Could you put me in contact with this person or company? (Marilyn Carlson, Box 165, RR 2, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428)

"Gates On Wheels" consist of 15 corral gates 10 ft. long that mount together for 3-pt. transport. The gates are all carried by one main gate that has fittings for the 3-pt. and long carrying hooks at either end. All the other gates are carried on these hooks. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ken Hackert, Rt. 1,

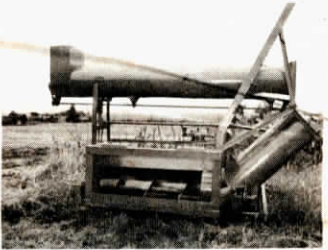
Sully, Iowa 50251 (ph 515 594-2752).

I'd like to know where I can find an extra long sickle mower for my CRP acres. (Charles Haugh, HCRI, Box 14, Friona, Texas 79035)

We know of at least two companies offering 24-ft. long "pull-behind" sickle mowers. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Strauss Mfg. Co., Rt. 2, McCune, Kan. 66753 (ph 316 632-4401) or Kyle Westeman, Westeman Machine, Syracuse, Kan. 67878 (ph 316 384-7508).

About two years ago FARM SHOW ran a story about an add-on device for combines that lets you pick ear corn with a cornhead equipped conventional combine. What's the name and address of the manufacturer? (Kent Yeager, Rt. 1, Knockport, Ind. 47142)

Ron Smith of Kracl Implement, the O'Neil, Neb., manufacturer of the new ear corn picking device (featured in Vol. 10, No. 6) says the company hopes to have production units on the market in 1989. Final prototypes are in the field this fall. The attachment, powered off the feederhouse drive chain, consists of a large 14-in. dia. horizontal auger inserted between the header and feeder house and a 14-in. dia. vertical elevating auger. As ears are snapped off the stalks by the header, the auger intercepts them and moves them to the vertical auger for loading into a wagon or truck trailing alongside the combine. With the attachment in place, the header is moved 2 ft.



forward from its original position. "You still retain complete control of the header in being able to raise and lower it. Neither it, nor the feederhouse, has to be altered in any way to accept the auger attachment. It simply bolts in place and takes less than an hour to install or remove," Smith points out. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Kracl Implement, West Hwy. 20, O'Neil, Neb. 68763 (ph 402 336-1800).

Some time ago you ran an article about a device for breaking the bead on tractor tires. I wrote the inventor about it and got a reply, but now I've lost the letter. Could you supply me with an address and phone number? (Sebrin Engen, Rt. 5, Box 91, Decorah, Iowa 52101).

At least two companies make portable tire bead breakers. The Bead Buster (see story on page 25 of this issue) is a handy new tool with a built-in ratchet and socket that lets you put up to 10 tons of pressure on the bead of any size and kind of tire - from wheelbarrow size to large tractors. You can use it in the field or the shop. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bead Buster, c/o John Kelliher, Gans Tool Co., 730 Eastern Ave., P.O. Box 22, Malden, Ma. 02148 (In U.S., ph. toll free 1-800 343-3276; in Canada, call 617 321-3910). Another bead breaker, invented by Joe Edwards, and son Donny, uses a "push arm" that fits up tight against the tire's bead and sidewall and is tightened in by a nut welded to its opposite end - just one break is enough to loosen the entire tire. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Joed Corp., Rt. 4, Box 194, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801 (ph 919 442-4384 or 2805).