

throughout the entire machine. I've operated Deere combines since 1974 and have spent less than \$600 on repairs."

Arnold L. Wren, Alsea, Ore.: "My last two **New Holland** balers, a 273 and 278, have been nothing but trouble, repair and expense. We now own a **Hesston** baler and we're in our third season with no breakdowns and it's easier to run, making it almost a pleasure to make hay. Good dealer service, too."

Stanley Greathouse, Johnsonville, Ill.: "I have driven my Mark VI **Lincoln Continental** 57,000 miles and the performance, service and gas mileage have all been excellent."

R.A. Meyer, Jr., Yoakum, Tex.: Heading his "best buy" list is an 011 **Stihl** chain saw bought in 1984. "Very light-weight with excellent cutting action and fuel economy. Its only drawback is that it occasionally hard to start. Dealer has tried unsuccessfully to solve the problem."

Quay Johns, Mtn. Home, Idaho: "I went through 4 brand new machines before I got one that worked. The only reason I drove the 75 miles for each one was because of a superb dealer," says Quay, unhappy with his 1985 **AT&T** model 2700 phone answering machine. "The machine I have now works most of the time but it always cuts the caller off at 30 sec. no matter where the switch is set, and it doesn't always work when you call in for messages."

On the "best buy" side, Quay's pleased with his 1985 **Hesston** 4650 16 by 18-in. 2-string square baler. "It makes uniform straight bales with no curves or 'rainbows'. Makes 100-lb. bales that pick up easily with an automatic balewagon. You don't have to close it up to move down the road and it runs quiet and is easy to work on. Doesn't require the horsepower of our **New Holland** 286. Great dealer service, too."

Jerry Wiford, Bellefontaine, Ohio: "It shortens hay-drying time up to 24

"It shortens hay-drying time up to 24 hours so we can mow today and bale tomorrow."

hours so we can mow today and bale tomorrow. Very simple in design and requires little maintenance," says Jerry about his 1985 **Pequea** 710 hay tedder.

Kirk Banks, Westfield, Iowa: "This pickup is tightly crafted and built strong. Plenty of power and it's good on fuel, providing a smooth ride and handling. Not one problem in over 20,000 miles," says Kirk about his 1984 **Ford** F250 with 300 cu. in. 6-cyl. engine and 4-speed transmission.

"My best buy ever is a 1980 **Deere** 4440. Rated at 130 hp., this tractor

turns 165 on the dyno. It never quits. The cab is the envy of the industry. The smoothest, quietest, nicest tractor made. Never a problem in over 2,500 hrs."

On the minus side, Kirk had trouble with a **Snapper** 30-in. riding lawnmower. "Very poor design and workmanship and very little capacity. Everything, including motor and blade, is out of balance. The bagger functions poorly, plugging frequently."

Chester D. Marple, Byron, Mich.: "It's got a comfortable ride and the steering doesn't wander like rear-wheel drive, providing better traction in mud, ice and snow. Have taken several long trips without any problems and it's very economical. Dealer is always ready and able to take care of problems," says Chester about his "best buy" 1982 **Dodge** Omni.

Lewis Green, Dundee, N.Y.: He's pleased with Roundup from **Monsanto**. "At the 1-qt. rate it works well and is affordable."

Kimm Jacobson, Clarkfield, Minn.: "I borrow my uncle's 1983 **Yamaha** 200 E. It has more power than it needs and has good fuel consumption. Could use a reverse gear and a speedometer would be nice. I've driven the 4-wheeler from **Yamaha**. It appears to be state-of-art in ATV's."

Lynn Purfeerst, Isanti, Minn.: "No problems with it so far and gets good gas mileage," reports Lynn, pleased with his 1984 **Chevrolet** Scottsdale pickup with a 305 V-8 engine and overdrive.

George M. Rogers, Buncombe, Ill.: "I never owned a bicycle or motorcycle but I sure enjoy my 1984 **Honda** TRX 200 4-wheeler as I near the age of 70. I use it to check fields, and to haul debris and wood."

Robert Beard, Odon, Ind.: He's unhappy with his 1982 **GMC** K2500 4-WD with 6.2 L diesel engine. "I had to replace the front brakes at 14,000 miles, the edge of seat wore out before 10,000 miles, I replaced the front driveshaft at 60,000 miles, and replaced two cracked heads and head gaskets. Best thing I did was to take the truck to a local diesel mechanic who reset the diesel pump time in such a way that the engine gained 15% more power. The manufacturer should take care of the poor engineering of the 6.2 L diesel engine and do a lot more extensive testing instead of using the American public as guinea pigs."

Lee W. Hoeger Sumner, Iowa: "It gets over 20 mpg and uses no oil. The only maintenance needed has been for brake pads and tires. Still has the original battery," says Lee about his "best buy" F100 **Ford** 3-speed pickup with a 300 cu. in. 6 cyl. engine.

On the minus side, he lists his **AD-DC** Five Star **Century** welder. "The welder is alright but the ground clamp burned my hand the second time I used it. The company reps and dealers ignore you. Also, the welder is too expensive."

Reader Letters



Thank you for your article in the last issue of **FARM SHOW** about our **Zoom Swing**. Because we have had so many requests for a metal pipe model of the **Zoom Swing**, we have put together a set of plans with detailed drawings and photos. It explains in detail the construction of the brackets, swingboard and other points not as fully explained in the previous plans for a do-it-yourself wood model. **Zoom Swing** plans for a galvanized pipe model, as pictured in the **FARM SHOW** article, cost \$10, (U.S. or Canada dollars) which includes airmail postage. Send cash or money order only.

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Help! I'm wondering if anyone knows where I can find a new or used drive belt pulley to fit a **John Deere** tractor model 1010?

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In a recent issue a reader complained that every time he filled his wood stove with wood it filled his house with smoke. We have an add-on wood stove used in conjunction with our furnace and it, too, filled the house with smoke every time the door was opened. I noticed that the top of the stove was only about 3 in. above the door so I cut the top of the stove off and raised the top up about 12 in. It almost completely stopped the smoke problem and cut wood consumption drastically.

Bruce Avery
W. Topsham, Vermont

Thank you for **FARM SHOW**. It's great. Your report on our **Go-Be** spreader-seeder that mounts on the front of your tractor to spread dry fertilizer and seed small grain generated inquiries from all

corners of the U.S. and Canada. A farmer from Missouri wondered if the **Go-Be** would also seed soybeans. We'd never tried this so we took two of them to his farm for a demonstration. He was so impressed with the machine he bought them both and signed up to be one of our dealers.

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I would like to know where I can buy points for an old **Case** "LA" tractor. **Case** dealers say they can't be had and I've heard that manufacturers have quit making points for magnetos. Could anyone help?

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Enclosed is a picture of a jack we once were able to buy. It's the best and handiest jack we've ever had on the



farm. We are down to our last one and would be interested in buying more of them. If anyone knows where they can be purchased, we'd like to know.

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