

instrument panel with it's warning lights and clock."

Jake Rempel, Elm Creek, Man.: "My best buy was an International 1460 combine which I bought new in 1981. It's easy to service and work on. The dealer also gives very good service."

David Nesja, New Auburn, Wis. David's "best buy" is his S.D. Lee 250 amp AC-DC welder made by Century Mfg. "It's economical to operate and is a quality-built machine. It works great for welding out of position. It runs low hydrogen, high tensile strength, and hard-facing rods like melting butter. It was also competitively priced."

Ross Desjardine, Parkhill, Ont.: "I'm happy with my Deere 650 diesel, 4-WD utility tractor. I use it to cut grass, blow snow, load manure and work and plant my garden. It's a versatile, handy machine that's a plus for any size farming operation."

Dan Gascho, Milverton, Ont.: Dan lists his 1984 Dodge Caravan as both his best and worst buy. "I've logged about 20,000 miles and overall it has served our purpose well. It's roomy and comfortable riding. However, it has plagued us with numerous small problems, such as rear lift gate props which needed to be replaced at our cost, timing belt slipped out of place, arm rests fell off, and the seat belts refused to work properly. Plus, we still haven't been able to get close to the manufacturer's estimated gas mileage."

Mike Ellingson, Carnduff, Sask.: "I liked the Stuecklized combine concave manufactured by Sun-Tec so much that I became a dealer. The concave is line bored, made from C1045 steel, and built heavier than any concave we have ever seen. We bought one to try in our N7 Allis Chalmers combine. This concave has five more bars than original equipment."

"The extreme heat this year made for exceptionally hard threshing and just about everyone was having trouble with whitecaps and cracking. We ran in the same field as another N7 equipped with a standard concave. The standard one was set from 0 to 1/4 in., while the Sun-Tec could be set from 1/4 to 1/2 in. in the same conditions. If grain moisture was 14 to 16%, we could open the concave to 3/4 in. and set the cylinder at 1150 rpms — and there were no whitecaps or cracked grain. When the grain got too dry, cylinder had to be slowed to prevent cracking, and the concave raised to knock all the grain out."

James W. Read, Jr., Rockmart, Ga.: "We've used sickle-type mowers for years. They clog up and speed is highly limited. With our new Kuhn BMD 55 multi-disc mower, there's no clogging and speed is limited only by ground conditions. It does a super job cutting wet or dry, day or night."

Bill Keirn, South Whitley, Ind.: "Although our used 7080 Allis Chalmers tractor runs flawlessly, its hard to operate and it leaks hydraulic oil in several places. The hydraulic system has to be the poorest I've ever used. It requires constant repair."

Reader Letters

First, thanks to FARM SHOW for helping me locate some weld-on plow points.

I have another problem. I'm trying to locate parts for my old IMC potato digger with pto. The links are 23 in. end to end, and the ends of the links are open. If any FARM SHOW readers can help, I'd appreciate hearing from them.

John Gerlica
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I'm writing in reference to Kenneth Alleman who, in a recent issue of FARM SHOW, complained about weak bumpers on new pickups.

I too experienced the same problem. I ordered a new 1984 Ford F-250 diesel XLT and, on the second trip out, pulling a 16 ft. empty trailer, the bumper fell apart. This was sold to me as a heavy duty bumper.

In looking around for a heavy duty



replacement, I found one made locally by Bison Mfg., 2005 4th Ave. S.W., Jamestown, N. Dak. 58401 (ph 701 252-8975).

The Bison bumper is made of 5/16 in. plate with 5/8 in. drawbar. It has a receiver built in over the drawbar for a pintle hitch. I now pull anything without worry of losing what I'm towing.

Jack G. White
Jamestown, N. Dak.

I "hate" your FARM SHOW magazine! When I come in late, want to watch the news on TV and go to bed, I pick up your magazine (just arrived). And I read the whole thing before I can get to sleep — even about pigs wearing sun glasses and cowboy "tennis" for \$135. Wow!

Along with the regular features "Best and Worst Buys" and "Made It Myself," I wish you had a section on "What Readers Want And Need". I would tell John Kinzenbaw at Kinze Mfg., Williamsburg, Iowa, to make a 5-row corn planter for us little guys who have 10-row neighbors with 5-row combines for hire.

Keep up the good work. I love it!
Jerome Meier
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I was recently introduced to your magazine by a good friend and neighbor. I was immediately impressed with the way you provide practical approaches to the everyday challenges faced by agricultural producers. Ingenuity and judicious spending are essential components of any successful farming enterprise. I found FARM SHOW both informative and stimulating.

Ivan Hale
Wakefield, Que.

In a recent issue of FARM SHOW (Vol. 8, No. 4) you ran a story about a farmer who put studs in tractor tires for better traction. Could you please tell me where I can buy tire studs? Our local tire dealers don't carry them.

Dan Stevens
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Editor's Note: Both B.F. Goodrich and Goodyear Tire Co. obtain tire studs from Meyers Tire Supply, 1293 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio 44301 (ph 216 253-5592). The company will direct you to the retail outlet nearest you that handles studs. Because some states have outlawed the use of studs in automobiles, they are not widely available in all areas.

Correction

Our report in the last issue of FARM SHOW (Vol. 8, No. 6) on the new net wrap for round bales introduced by KMN Modern Farm Equipment contained several inaccuracies which have been called to our attention as follows:

We're offering nylon netting and plastic wrap as an option on our KR-100 and KR-125 small baler. You get three tying options — netting, plastic wrap, or conventional twine tying.

The new net wrap costs approximately \$1.00 per bale, and plastic wrap about \$1.90 per bale. The optional net and plastic wrap attachment is available only on the KR-100 and KR-125 balers and has a list price of \$1,625, factory or field installed. Twine tying is standard. Also available on the KR-151 and KR-181 larger balers is an optional plastic wrap attachment. We anticipate having the netting and plastic wrap attachment available on the KR-151 and KR-181 for 1986.

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I recently joined the ranks of farm computer users and find the computer to be a valuable addition to our farming operation. However, I have been unable to locate any publication that deals exclusively with computers on the farm. Therefore, I am forming a farm computer users group especially for farmers with their own computers. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining such a group to exchange information and ideas.

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Editor's Note: Successful Farming magazine is launching a new publication tailor-made for farm computer owners. The charter issue of Farm Computer News is just off the press. Published six times a year, it will cover not only farm computers but also automated equipment, robotics, electronics and other re-

lated areas. Subscription price is \$20 per year. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Farm Computer User, Locust at 17th, Des Moines, Iowa 50336.

Doane-Western, Inc., publishes a newsletter for farm computer users that sells for \$48 per year and touches on all aspects of computer use, including programming, software and hardware. Doanes has also just published a directory of computing information. According to Dan Henley, manager of editorial operations, it's the first-ever comprehensive listing of agriculturally-related software and electronic equipment. "It contains just about everything a farmer needs to know to find good agricultural computer information," says Henley, noting that it also contains information on new programs developed by university researchers around the country. The book, entitled "Doane's 1985 Agricultural Computer Directory," sells for \$10. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dan Henley, Doane-Western, Inc., 11701 Borman Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63146 (ph 314 569-2700).

I enjoyed your story about early Deere tractors. In 1931 or 32, our neighbor bought a 2-speed Model D. I was 5 or 6 years old and so impressed, I decided I would own one some day. Years went by. I came home from the Navy and started farming. One day a neighbor told me of a Model D that had been parked for years and I was able to buy it from the retired farmer. I modified the tractor to rubber tires and widened the tread to 64-in. I also machined 7/8-in. from the block, 250 thousandths from the head end, and 375 thousandths from the base end. The cam was modified by taking 3/64-in. from the back of the lobes. For weight, I put cement in each back wheel and filled the tires with fluid. I pulled a heavy duty 666 Deere 4-16-in. plow. A neighbor had a 560 diesel. I plowed with him one day. He only gained 160 rods on me the full day and our fuel was depleted about the same time. The D held 24 gal. of fuel and, with its water feed, burned about 15 gal. of water per tank. The old "D" was quite a tractor in its day!

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