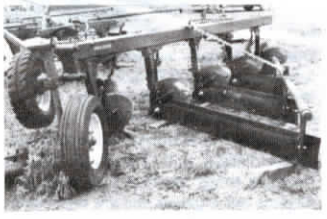
Please warn your readers of the dangerous potential of using bolt-on mower sections on rotary mowers. ***(David C. Jones, 708 Fairing Ave., Sac City, Iowa 50583)***

I make these removeable arm rest and drink holders to fit any pickup or car with a bench-type seat. It consists of a curved, strap metal hook that hangs over the back of the seat. It supports the arm rest, which is covered in denim material. The drink holder hangs from the end of the arm rest. You can just lift the unit off and set it aside if it's in the way. Sells for $10 (plus $5 shipping). ***(Bob Prewitt, P.O. Box 772, Phelan, Calif. 92371 ph 619 868-5893)***

I'm proud of my McCormick-Deering W-40 tractor which was made in 1931. I'm the second owner and it has always been housed. It's in mint condition and has lots of power. The engine has never been overhauled. I've been told it's a rare tractor because it's powered by a 6-cyl. International engine with a 3 3/4-in. bore and a 4 1/2 in. stroke. Engine speed is 1,750 rpm's. It's in very good running condition. Always starts with just a quarter turn of the crank. ***(W.M. Arnold, 28420 Egypt Pike, New Holland, Ohio 43145)***



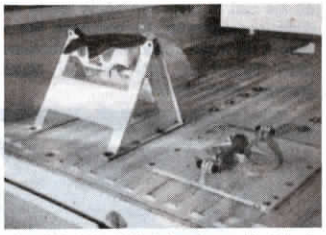
We'd like to let your readers know that our terracing blade attachments for moldboard plows, which was first featured in FARM SHOW's Vol. 16, No. 4, are now being handled by Wilson Mfg., Inc. (P.O. Box 285, Cherokee, Okla. 73728 ph 800 259-1281 or 405 596-3381). We came up with the idea because contractors were charging 12 to 15 cents a linear foot to rebuild terraces and we thought there was a need for a less expensive alternative. A set of three blades sells for $1,200. A 1/2-mile long terrace can be rebuilt in 2 1/2 to 3 hrs. even if the old terrace is worn almost flat. I have used this rig on over 10 miles of my own terraces and have done custom work for others. Brackets are made to fit most plows and can be left in place when using the plow for regular plowing. Requires a 125 to 160 hp. tractor, depending on the size of plow. Dual wheels are a big help since they help firm up the terrace as you build it. ***(Floyd Schuckman, Rt. 1, Box 26, Ransom, Kan. 67572 ph 913 731-2571)***

I enjoy your magazine very much and thought I'd tell you about a seeder I made for my 125 Honda 3-wheeler. I used a hand-cranked seeder, a .windshield wiper motor, and I

made the frame out of some electric fence-post. I ran a length of rubber gas line between the motor and the seeder crank to operate it. The seeder is real easy to set on and off. You just slip it down through the handle at the rear of the machine and screw it down to the drawbar. Then you fasten a wire clip to the positive post of the battery and you're ready to go. I've used it for four years with no problems. Lets you seed when it's too wet to use anything else. ***(James McGowan, 161 Isaac Road, Russell Springs, Kent. 42642)***

Here's a hitch I made to move auger boots. It's just an adaption of an old Farmall quick hitch. I made it out of 1 1/2-in. pipe, some steel shaft, and a loop of 3/8-in. rod. You can hook up to it with a tractor quick hitch. Just a slight move of the front wheels of the tractor moves the auger spout several inches. ***(Fred Fillman, Paton, Iowa)***

I'm sending along a photo of two interchangeable hitches that mount in my pickup bed. The gooseneck ball hitch and fifth

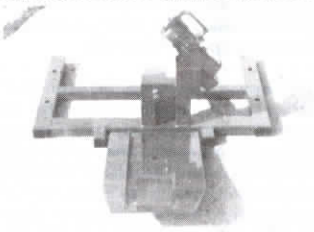


wheel hitch both bolt in place with 8 bolts through the bed floor. They can be changed in 10 min. or less with an air wrench. The gooseneck ball is solid welded through the 1/2-in. thick steel plate and is cut off flush on the bottom. The hitches bolt to a sub-platform bolted to the truck frame. It's necessary to remove the pickup bed to install the sub-platform. As the photo shows, my gooseneck hitch is fitted with a safety device that can be used on trailers having a round stem. ***(Edgar Helwig, H.C. 78, Box 51, Garden City, Texas 79739 ph 915 397-2323)***

Thanks for running the article on my home-built 52-in. walk-behind mower in the last issue of FARM SHOW. I'm enclosing a better picture and more information.

I bought the 4-speed transmission from Princess Auto Parts (which is like a NAPA Auto Parts in the U.S.). The transmission was originally built for riding mowers. I built the 52-in. wide mower deck from scratch with a piece of 1/4-in. plate in the center to support the bearings and the rest is 1/8-in. steel. The gas tank, which mounts on the handles, holds about 1 gal. of gas for the 12-hp. B&S engine. ***(Glen Woodside, Rt. 3, Thorndale, Ontario N0M 2P0 Canada ph 519 284-3509)***

I'd like to hear from U.S. distributors interested in my new locking system for ATV's. It consists of a frame made from steel tubing that bolts onto a concrete pad. At this time it only works on ATV's equipped with a draw-



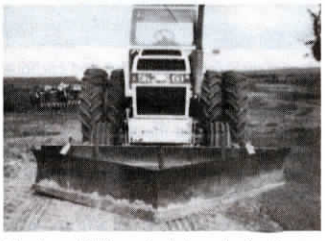
bar fitted with a ball hitch, although we're working on a new model that will work on any ATV. You back the ATV onto it so that the rear tires cover the bolts, making removal of the bolts impossible. Then a locking panel flips up to fasten over the ball hitch. No key is needed to lock the ATV in place but a key is needed to unlock it.

As far as I know this is the only product of its kind in the world. We sell them for about $250 here in England. ***(H.J. Berry, Hoober Farm, Horton-in-Craven, Skipton, N. Yorks. BD233JT England ph 0200 445 296)***

I read in your Vol. 17, No. 3 issue that Massey Ferguson has unveiled a new sloped hood tractor in North America. I can well remember that from 1914 to early 1920, IHC Deering had an 8-16 tractor with a sloped hood. The radiator and round gas tank were mounted just in front of the operator and steering wheel.

I'm retired from farming but I enjoy reading FARM SHOW and hope to keep reading it for a long time to come. ***(F. Blair Ingram, Thornville, Ohio)***

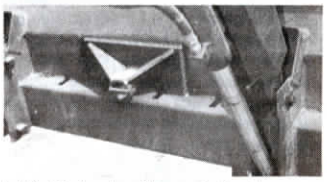
We use a leaf blower when binning corn at harvest. For instance, we use a converted double crib for storing shelled corn and we also use a dryer bin next to it. Unloading all that corn in the driveway and using connecting augers to get corn to the dryer bin leaves a lot of dust and red eye in our driveway. The gas engine-powered leaf blower makes cleanup easy. We also use it to clean out combine cabs, truck cabs, or wherever a cleaning job is needed. ***(Bob Kastner, P.O. Box 287, San Jose, Ill. 62682)***



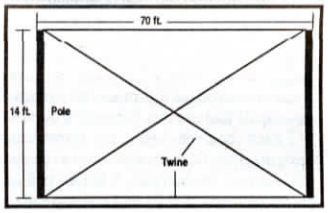
I had an old discarded steam boiler from a school that sat in our backyard for years. I decided to try to make a quick-attach V-plow for snow to mount on the dozer blade on front of my tractor. It worked even better than I thought it would. We're 1 1/2 miles from the county road and it works great for opening the road. A second pass clears the road off completely. For our yard and for cattle yards, the 11-ft. straight-across Otter dozer blade works better.

When it's not mounted, three stands hold the plow upright on the ground. I drive up to it with the dozer blade down. I raise up the dozer blade so two irons welded to the dozer come up through holes in the framework behind the V-blade. Two pins lock the V-plow in place. Then I just push the stands up so they're out of the way. The front of the plow has an adjustable skid plate. After I first used it, I welded used grader blades on the bottom. When I'm plowing snow, the dozer blade is 3 to 4 in. above ground. That way you can adjust the ends of the plow up or down enough to do a good job. I've used this for 6 years. ***(Dewayne Vacura, 403 N. Wolf, Oberlin, Kan. 67749)***

I built my own bale spike. I can carry it in one hand and install it in less than a minute on the front-end loader of my WD45. Lets me handle 1,000-lb. bales. It installs on the back plates of the loader and is held in place with a hitch pin. A reinforced steel plate goes



behind the loader with a socket for the spear, which simply slips into it. It serves the purpose real well except that it takes about an hour to bolt the three sides back on the loader bucket. I need to make quick-change attachments for the loader. ***(Arlo Schulze, Rt. 3, Box 87A, Burlington, Iowa 52601)***



When we decided to move a 14 by 70-ft. mobile home onto our place for our daughter, we wanted to make sure we could get it by the fences and trees that would be in the way. So we made a "model" with the dimensions of the home and walked it over the course ahead of time to see which corners we'd have to widen, which fences would have to come out, and so on. The idea worked great and we were able to have the path prepared so we could prevent problems on moving day. This idea would work when moving any large object or big truck through a farmyard so you would know ahead of time if you could get through. We made the "model" out of poles and twine, using diagonal twines to keep the proper width as we went around corners. That kept it from changing shape. ***(Heather Smith Thomas, Box 215, Salmon, Idaho 83467 ph 208 756-2841)***

Your readers may be interested in how we solved a bad skunk problem on our farm. They were destroying chicken, duck, goose and guinea nests, killing baby chicks and even eating hens. We were able to shoot them but getting up at night to hunt skunks with a flashlight is very unpleasant. We knew there had to be a better way.

We borrowed a Hav-A-Hart live trap from the Forest Service but all it did was catch two chickens - never a skunk. We decided to

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