

won't quit until I stop or slow way down. I've made all adjustments suggested by the factory but it hasn't helped," says Douglas, about his **Herman** 67-ft. Culti-Harrow.

On the plus side, he's happy with his 1981 **4880 Massey Ferguson** 4-wheel drive tractor. "The 3-speed on the go shifting of the Powershift transmission allows me to tackle the toughest hills without stopping. It has excellent traction and is very quiet."

Doyle D. Thomas, Corydon, Iowa: "It cuts and windrows hay in one pass at 6 to 8 mph. Trouble free and very few moving parts. We bale hay after curing and never have to rake, which saves quite a bit of time." Doyle reports about his MC 12-ft. rotary scythe.

He had trouble with his new ½-ton **Chevy** 4-wheel drive 305 V-8 pickup. "First, it had to have a new set of shocks in less than 1,000 miles so it would handle right. The pickup didn't have any power and ran so rough that it changed gears at the least little exertion. It had a faulty oil pump so I had to replace the rod bearings and put new rings on one cylinder that was pumping oil, adding one quart every 300 miles. It took four or five trips to the service department and 20,000 miles before I finally got the truck to run like it should. It listed new for \$10,700 — I should have a right to expect more for this price."

Carroll Cabelka, Yale, Iowa: "I used it on all my cornstalk ground last spring with excellent results. It's built rugged, rocks don't hurt it although it needs some scraper changes," says Carroll, pleased with his older model **Deere** TW 14-fv. plowing disk.

Loren Krause, Bemis, S. Dak.: On the "best buy" side, Loren nominates his **International** 1066 tractor bought used. "It has lots of power, and I find it will do a lot of work for the fuel it uses. It takes 5 gal. fuel per hour pulling a 2-row chopper and about 6 gal. per hour pulling an 18½ ft. digger at 5½ mph."

Paul W. Humphrey, Boonville, Mo.: "Your magazine doesn't have enough space to list all the problems we've had with this car. If **Chrysler** builds all their products like this one, it's little wonder they are nearly out of business," says Paul, about his "worst buy" 1980 **Chrysler** New Yorker.

On the plus side, he adds that, "We're pleased with our 8300 **Deere** grain/soybean drill. On the 900 acres of beans and wheat we planted last year, we had perfect stands. Depth control and metering capabilities are great."

Benton M. Trundle, Jr., Sevierville, Tenn.: His "best buy" is a 1981 **GMC** C6P heavy duty ¾ ton pickup. "This truck has performed very well for me. It rides as comfortably as a car and drives well on long trips. I purchased a lifting tailgate for it that also performs well. It sure saves a lot of lifting of drums and equipment."

"Another good buy is a liquid fertilizer applicator from **R.M. Distributors** of Vail, Iowa, for my 4-row corn planter. At under \$300, it adapts

to any planter and can apply as little as 2 gal. on up per acre. My **Deere** Backpack Blower was also a good buy."

Francis Schaefer, Garnavillo, Iowa: "One of my best buys is my Porta Scale which I first read about in **FARM SHOW** and which I bought from **WBF Industries**, Box 207, Elkader, Iowa. It's well-built and, at \$225, it's reasonably priced. By knowing when our hogs are at the proper weight, this scale pays for itself," says Francis.

Emil A. Miller, Stafford Springs, Conn.: "There should be a law against shipping them into the country," says Emil, upset with his **Jonsereds** chainsaw. "This saw's muffler is up front above the chain and bar, causing the motor to heat up. From

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the day I purchased it, it never ran right. The dealer didn't try to straighten out the problem but said the saw was no good and offered me \$150 for it when I'd paid \$319. A call to the distributor was of no help. My saw was taken to four repair shops and the result was always the same. It works good at the shop but when it is put to work, it will not run more than 15 min. without cutting out. I changed the location of the gas vent from over the chain sprocket to the left of the gas trigger. This helped in that I can now use the saw. However, with the muffler in front over the chain and bars, the saw heats up and cuts out. One can only use this saw at the North Pole."

Philip Muri, Central Butte, Sask.: He names his 1982 **Lada Niva** 1600 full-time 4 by 4 Russian import as "best buy". "It's comfortable, economical at 30 mpg, and will go almost anywhere with Positraction on the rear wheels. The metal is about twice the gauge of Japanese cars. It's sort of a back to the basics vehicle with nothing electronic. Comes with tire irons, metric tools, crank and manual choke."

His "worst buy" is his **Lady Kenmore** Corning top electric stove. "If anything overflows it runs between the two glasses on the oven door. The oven thermostat is unpredictable. If the oven is on, it interferes with radio and TV. The oven seal has been replaced twice. The meat probe worked for a very short time. Dealer will not make house calls."

Russell Carter, Evening Shade, Ark.: My "best buy" would have to be my 1440 **Massey Ferguson** hay baler. It bales a good tight bale and will bale about anything you would put in it. I have baled chunks and rocks with it and it starts a bale very easily."

Jack Bonnette, Marietta, Ohio: "We looked closely at several round balers and were most impressed with the quality and ruggedness of this baler," says Jack, about his **Vermeer**

504G baler. "When we first baled with the machine we found it was simple to handle and it operated as if we had used it before. Our hay is of excellent quality and our cows eat all of it."

"Another good buy was our **Deere** 1207 mower-conditioner. We used it last summer and have only had to sharpen the sickle so far. Runs extremely quiet and is easily transported from one farm to another."

On the negative side, Jack's disappointed with replacement parts for his **International** tractor. "We spent a large sum of money and down time to install a new torque amplifier system in our **International** and it lasted approximately 50 hrs. before going out because of bad bearings."

Carl Wade, Washington, Ind.: "This grain cart is a new model but the company obviously tested it well before putting it on the market," reports Carl, pleased with his "best buy" **Killbros** 600-bu. grain cart. "It's handled with ease by 24.5 - 32 tires. The unloading auger is tall enough to reach any truck any modern combine will dump into and the flow control gates unload any moisture grain at maximum speed. After running 1,000 acres through it last fall, we have not found one stress crack in the frame. We are very pleased and would not trade it for any cart on the market."

Duane Filbert, Brownell, Kan.: One of his "best buys ever" is his 1979 **Ford** Courier pickup. "It's the best put together pickup I've ever had. It has 66,000 miles now and only \$12.50 in repairs. Excellent gas mileage and has good power with a

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2.3 liter motor. We use it on the farm to feed cattle and chase after parts."

Mark Tomazin, Valley Grove, W. Va.: "This is a definite lemon," says Mark, unhappy with a 1979 **Jeep** Cherokee S. "It was towed to the dealer 30 days after purchase with a cracked flywheel. It's been downhill ever since. We spent \$800 to keep it running last year. A weld on the front fender broke yesterday and the front fender and door were dented, resulting in another \$200 plus bill. It's junk."

On the positive side, he's happy with his 1979 **GMC** ¾ ton pickup. "It's smooth riding and has a very comfortable interior. In 4 years, it's only needed routine maintenance."

John Ploehn, Antwerp, N.Y.: He's had problems with his **De Laval** automatic washer. "The unit has problem solenoids. They are not moisture proof and, as there is a lot of moisture in the immediate area, they short out every 4 or 5 months. They are not cheap to replace, either."

Phyllis Howell, Bradford, N.Y.: "We got more and more dissatisfied with the 1979 **Oldsmobile** Cutlass diesel automobile that we bought new," says Phyllis. "While it was still under warranty, it developed a prob-

lem with the injector so it wouldn't always start. The dealer took off that pump and put on a rebuilt old pump. Since then, the car has rarely started well. We're always wearing down batteries, trying to get mechanics to fix it, and so on. We've put a fortune into that pump alone — about \$1,200."

Bill Short, Hamilton, Mo.: "Our worst buy has been our new **Allis Chalmers** disc as it seems to require an eternal supply of bearings all over the disc. Our all-time best buy has been our **Farmall** "H" which is easily serviced. We added a 3-pt. hitch and two-way hydraulic controls. If **International** would continue to build tractors as they built them then, they wouldn't be in their financial troubles now."

LeRoy Fulk, Assumption, Ill.: "We've had good luck with two **John Deere** 7720 combines purchased in 1981. Plenty of capacity and the cabs are quiet. Other than daily maintenance and adjusting we have had very little down time. This is our second pair of **Deere** combines. We have a good **John Deere** dealer for parts and service. No comparison to the service and parts on previous makes of combines."

Doug Pevestorf, Coon Rapids, Iowa: "Our best buy is our **Bryan Furnace** from **Bryan Furnace Works**, Bryan, Texas that I read about in **FARM SHOW**," says Doug. "This 60,000 btu residential woodfired furnace goes outside the home and requires no modification to the house. A very well-engineered product. We can finally get our house warm without a lot of fuel. The only bad part is going outside to load it in 30° below zero weather."

Marv Andrijeski, McCook, Neb.: "Couldn't farm without one," says Marv, happy with his **Yamaha** 200 3-wheeler. "It's especially handy for checking irrigation. We're also pleased with our 4400 **Deere** combine and our 4430 **Deere** tractor. We bought them both used and haven't had any major trouble with either one."

Marcel Lambert, St. Claude, Manitoba: "It has 92,000 miles and all I've done, besides replacing the water pump and shocks, is general maintenance. It still runs like new and that's country driving at its best," says Marcel, pleased with his 1974 **Mercury** Montego MX.

Herbert Eichman, Rush Colo.: "My worst buy is a 7020 **Allis Chalmers** tractor with power shift transmission. It will hardly pull itself in reverse and it is hard to shift between ranges. It will not start in cold weather even when it is plugged in, unless I put it inside and cover the engine with a blanket. It uses much more fuel than my old XT 190. I have no complaint with the dealer. He has tried everything to fix it, even putting different pistons in it."

Sam Kleinsasser, Moose Jaw, Sask.: "If you don't spend 1 hour doing maintenance on it three times a day, it won't perform," says Sam, disappointed with his 36-ft. **Anderson** rod weeder. "We still have it and it

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