

one leak. I repaired one tire a year ago and have never had a leak since. I have trouble keeping kits on hand, though, as neighbors keep buying the extra ones I keep in my pickup. You don't have to remove the tire to patch leaks with the kit."

Jack Gladysz, Fort St. John, British Columbia: Jack says he's been disappointed with his **Moridge** 400 grain dryer and his **Wilbeck** twin offset disc. "Our Moridge dryer never worked well. Always seemed to block off and catch fire so we never could leave it unattended. Our Wilbeck twin offset disc was plagued with bearing failure, broken spools and blades. It was designed much too light for its weight."

On the plus side, Jack likes his **Versatile** tractors. "After purchasing our first Versatile tractor two years ago we were so pleased with its handling and serviceability that we traded our other tractor on a new 895 Versatile last spring. So far, there are 3,000 hours on our 900, and 250 hours on our 895, and neither tractor has had any major problems. Both were excellent buys."

J.R. Lewin, Reward, Sask.: He reports that his "best buy" 1980 **Osmobile** gets 26 to 27 mpg. on regular gas. He adds that "my worst buy ever was a 1965 **Mercury** ½ ton pickup, purchased in 1965. "We eventually came to the conclusion that it had been made late Friday afternoon, and from the week's leftover parts since no replacement parts in the service manual would fit it."

Billy Bynum, Cowan, Tenn.: "Does an excellent job of cleaning and separating grain and we like the dust-free cab. Also, it's extremely easy to operate," says Billy, pleased with his **New Holland TR75** combine.

On the negative side, he notes that, "we bought a 1979 Chrysler La Baron which performs well but came equipped with bad **General** tires. Because of the cheap General tires, it vibrates excessively."

Russell Conrad, Ligonier, Ind.: "We're pleased with our new 7000 Max-Emerge **Deere** 6-row planter. It gave us a perfect stand and depth remained constant in light sand and heavy clay ground. It really made planting a joy."

George Herman, Olney, Ill.: George likes his **International** Harvester 1460 axial flow combine. "Its 1,000 bu. per hour capacity and the ultra-quiet cab are the first things I noticed. Good engineering has reduced the amount of maintenance and adjustments needed. The gentle threshing puts more grain in the bin and no 'soybean meal' comes through the screens of my grain cleaner. I am a dealer for this machine now, though I wasn't when I first bought it."

"My only complaint about farm machinery is that I would like to be able to buy a simple economical hay tedder that would lift and fluff the hay while it is still in the mower swath. Maybe your readers could help?"

Arno Krumwiede, Onarga, Ill.: "I'm most impressed with the fuel economy," says Arno about his new **Hesston** 680 tractor. "I drove 40 miles

and planted 58 acres of beans with it and used just 11.1 gal. of fuel. Also, getting off and on is so much easier than other tractors. Performance is excellent."

Larry D. Myers, Marshall, Ind.: "I've been well pleased with my 1460 **International** combine," says Larry about his "best buy". "I've run it three years. Does a good job in all crops, including cloverseed. I've had some trouble with the transmission slipping out of gear. Dealer and company service has been excellent."

John Sigler, New Riegel, Ohio: "Does a good job in tilling a seedbed but is badly engineered," says John, disappointed with his **Glencoe** 129 Soil Finisher. "Doesn't have enough transport clearance, causing the shovels to hit when wheels drop into low places. In cloddy conditions, clods bind between scrapers and disc gangs and cause them to slide."

He's happy, though, with his **Hiniker** quick hitch. "It makes hitching to 3 pt. equipment a lot faster and easier."

Ted C. Roger, Eaton, Sask.: "This auger must have been designed by a farmer with a sore back," says Ted, pleased with his "best buy" **Farm King** 10-in. by 50-ft. pto-powered grain auger. "You hook it on the tractor — it has a built-on implement lift — connect the pto, and leave it until harvest is over. Swing out the hopper — it has its own winch — raise the auger hydraulically, and you are in business. You can move it to another granary and never leave the tractor seat."

Victor R. Elson, Ash Grove, Mo.: Victor is pleased with his **Gehl** 1850 round baler. "I have baled two seasons with it and have had very little trouble. What little I did have, the company took care of promptly. It makes very nice bales, uniform and tight. Good service, too."

John A. Wurpts, Ogden, Iowa: "It hasn't made it through one season yet," says John, disappointed with his **Sukup** 4-way automatic bin unloading system for corn bins. "The floor auger breaks, tearing up the gear box. The company doesn't seem to know what to do with it. We get charged for the repairs and improvements they experiment with. Totally disgusting and expensive."

John's Kinze 16-row folding toolbar planter with Kinze row units heads his list of "best buys". "It's simple and less expensive. Accommodates extra units for 15 in. row beans. We like the machine but the dealer was inexperienced and did a poor set-up job."

"Another 'best buy' is our **Datsun** diesel pickup. It gets great mileage at around 30 mpg for short runs. No trouble so far."

Francis L. Wessel, Goff, Kan.: "I like my **John Deere** 2940 tractor with front-wheel drive for its maneuverability. It will go anywhere I drive it — through manure, mud, and it's almost unbelievable how it will go through snow. It also seems to be mechanically sound."

"I'm also pleased with my **Dairy-Tronic** automatic feeding system for my dairy cows. Does a good job."

Reader Letters

There appears to be some misunderstanding of my vacuum cleaner which was featured in the last issue of **FARM SHOW** (Vol. 6, No. 3). We have received many inquiries from readers who thought, after reading the story, that it was a grain cleaner. It is not a grain cleaner but a heavy-duty vacuum cleaner. We use it to clean grain and other debris out of truck boxes, and for general clean-up around our seed plant.

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In your last issue (Vol. 6, No. 3) there was an article about an air foil chaffer for combines from Ray Stueckle and B and D Equipment of Craig, Sask.

It may interest you to know that back in the 1940's, a similar type of chaffer was manufactured by Bremner Mfg. Co. in Eastern Sask. I have one which I bought for a Minneapolis 8 ft. pull type, and another for a Deere 65 which was later enlarged for a Deere 96 and subsequently used in four different combines. I used it for wheat and barley almost every year from 1947 until two years ago.

It is almost impossible to blow good wheat over the shoe as there are metal fins or louvers on the chaffer which form dead air pockets behind each rib or crossways fin so the grain falls onto the sieve near the front. All that is necessary when using the Bremner was lots of wind, usually wide open, and an occasional check for straw in the sieve. There was no need to reset the chaffer for each field or variation in crop.

I enjoy **FARM SHOW**, especially the "Best and Worst Buys" report in each issue and the "Made It Myself" farm inventions.

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We are writing in reference to a complaint featured in your "Best & Worst Buy" column. A Mr. William Wells from Rushville, Ill., commented on the Last Perch sparrow trap in your last issue.

Mr. Wells sent a complaint to us on April 9 which we responded to the same day. We have not received any reply from him. We have many customers who are quite satisfied with their trap and feel differently than Mr. Wells. Therefore, we would like to attend the following suggestions/comments to those who are Last Perch owners or prospective owners.

We would like to remind customers that the Last Perch is a nesting trap, requiring no bait, chemicals or resetting. The sparrow is seeking a nesting site when lured into the trap. Therefore, placement is important to its success. One needs to work with the trap initially to find a good location. This is the case with any type of trap. A successful location in one setting may not be a successful location in another setting. There are many variables that come into play, such as the severity of the sparrow infestation, abundance of

food, roosting or nesting, etc. There are directions and hints on placement with each trap shipped. We feel it is important to read and follow these hints.

We are aware of unsatisfactory traps and the above may be the reason. We are willing to discuss any problems a customer may have. We have sold over 5400 traps to date with less than 40 complaints received. This figures up to be less than 1%.

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I was very interested in an article in the last issue of **FARM SHOW** on the Schweiss bifold door for farm buildings. There is nothing "new" about bifold doors for farm buildings. Aerolift Inc., Eden Prairie (Minneapolis), Minnesota has manufactured bifold overhead doors since 1963. Initially designed for use on airplane hangars, the Aerolift door has had wide distribution in the farm market as well. Aerolift doors are found throughout Mid-America (Texas to Canada), but are concentrated in the five state region of Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Aerolift relies on the recommendation of its satisfied customers, contractors and building salesmen as its main sales tool.

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In **FARM SHOW'S** Vol. 6, No. 1, issue you ran an article entitled "Small Extinguisher Fights Big Fires" concerning Sargom fire extinguishers. I would like to alert your readers to the fact that there is considerable concern among fire and safety specialists about the safety of these extinguishers. In fact, there has been concern in a number of states.

Tests by the Louisiana Fire Marshall's office found that Sargom extinguishers were unable to extinguish the most basic test fires which are used to rate fire extinguishers. Because of this, Sargom was banned in Louisiana.

The problem with the Sargom extinguishers is that they have not been tested by independent laboratories, such as Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), and Factory Mutual (FM). Even in Britain, where the extinguishers are manufactured, they have not been approved or listed by the recognized experts.

Without some independent evaluation, there is no way to determine the exact contents of the units or to determine their level of performance. We would recommend that your readers not purchase or use a fire extinguisher if it has not been tested and listed by UL or FM testing laboratories.

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