

admit that it did not work."

John M. Richardson, Orofino, Idaho: "This is a fast, easy-to-run welder that makes strong, good-looking welds in all positions, even in the hands of a not-so-skilled operator," says John about the Millermatic 200 wire-feed welder. "Since we bought it, we've even started to make our own stock watering troughs, building them cheaper and far stronger than the ones we can buy."

Ronald Gramenz, Hazleton, Iowa: Ronald is well pleased with the M & W Gear (Gibson City, Ill.) Tenderfoot Shifter, an attachment for certain hard-shifting International tractors. "It does what it's supposed to do. When the clutch is pushed completely down, the gears stop grinding. But, with every new driver, you have to explain that when you are moving down the road you can only depress the clutch halfway down."

Jim Peterson, Gordon, Neb.: "We're custom fence contractors and last summer we were fencing the Ft. Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge near Valentine. The fence had to be constructed in such a manner as to hold buffalo, elk, deer, longhorn cattle and other assorted animals, and to last several decades. Before the refuge manager would authorize use of Splice-It wire splicers (Splice-It Wire Fence Tool Co., Rt. 3, Mineral Point, Wis.) we had to give them the acid test, applying about 5 tons of pressure to the wire. Common type wire ties came loose but not one of the Splice-It splices budged a fraction of an inch. Not only is the appearance neat, but we figure the time saved in splicing is considerable — as much as 40%. This is a considerable savings for us," says Jim.

Norman Eidse, Crooked Creek, Alberta: "Our 1971 Chevelle Malibu is still in good shape, and has had no major repairs. Also, my wife and daughters are very satisfied with their Bernina sewing machines. They say they've out-performed all other makes they've had. Dealer service is exceptionally good."

Larry Ross, Woodslee, Ontario: "I've had Love floating cutterbars before but this 20-ft. bar on my Gleaner combine has given me quite a bit of trouble," reports Larry. "The pitman bar and bell crank has broken twice and the sections with countersunk rivets keep coming loose. The guards are the only thing on the entire knife that will stand up to hours of work. The divider noses on the end of the knife are cheaply made, though, and should not be supported on a guard. The divider keeps breaking away at the guard it's attached to causing the divider to swing sideways and either break a section, or break the knife."

Larry's well pleased with his new 4640 John Deere. This tractor has surpassed my expectations. The hydraulics and engine torque are excellent and fuel economy very good. Under the hardest working conditions, the tractor burns 6 gal. of fuel per hour and as low as 4½ gal., handling a 27-ft. cultivator."

C. M. Holmquist, Okabena, Minn.: "Last year I read in FARM SHOW'S 'Best, Worst Buys' about a fellow who used Basagran in beans and got all his cockleburrs without hurting the crop. I knew it was expensive but decided if it would do that good, I'd go all out to get the cockleburrs. I spent \$1,700 for the Basagran, besides the cost of spraying and found it did not hurt the beans — nor the cockleburrs. It didn't

do any good at all. I may try some next year, but I won't spend much until I see what it does," says Holmquist.

"Roundup does work well wherever it can be used, and the 'squirt' sprayers work well. Takes more time, but a squirt wand with Roundup really gets cockleburrs, or whatever else you shoot it at."

Philip Chasse, N. Battleford, Saskatchewan: "Our most upsetting purchase has been a Louisville 700 Ford 3-ton grain truck," says Phillip. "A piece of metal was left in the water pump at the factory, and at 9,000 miles this piece of metal broke the impeller. Our cost to repair it was \$150. At 11,000 miles, three pistons lost compression, yet it wasn't using oil. Repair cost? \$1,200, with no warranty on either breakdown. The motor has had no power since day one. Dealer checked the ignition and fuel pump but no results."

Francis E. Griffin, Champion, Alberta: "I'm pleased with my Oldsmobile diesel. I've driven it about 50,000 miles and it has performed great."

William Tridle, Orient, Iowa: He's happy with his International Harvester 475 14-ft. wheeled disc. "Does an excellent job of penetration and is easy pulling. Have had no problems whatsoever."

"Our Lorenz 85 hp. grinder mixer is also a good buy. It pulls a lot easier than our old mixer and has few moving parts to wear out."

"Our Harlan disc kit for applying anhydrous ammonia with a disc has also worked like a charm."

On the minus side, William says his "Walsh slim line spray tank cracked the first week of use. A neighbor had one that did the same."

Richard Mauch, Chokio, Minn.: "I

had a pigweed infestation in a couple acres of beans, so I sprayed the field with Basagran. The weeds bent over, then continued to grow," says Richard, disappointed with the herbicide.

He's happy with his new 9-in. Rockwell table saw. "I love to putter around the shop during winter months and have always wanted a table saw. The price was reasonable and I've found it does everything the higher-priced saws do. Cuts are accurate and easy to make."

David Josephson, Minneota, Minn.: "We've used it to protect seed, drive rodents from hog-houses, and keep raccoons out of sweet corn. It's returned our investment several times," says David about sound control Rodent Gard, an ultra-sonic pest control device.

David registered a safety complaint on his Genex gravity box. "The trailer and box are acceptable but the mechanism for raising the slide-gate is built too light and repeatedly slips or falls apart. We've had several hand injuries with this slide."

H. Charles Correll, Spearville, Kan.: His Berkley tailwater 4 by 3-in. pto model pump comes in as his "best buy". "Primes easily and has a low gpm pumping rate. It's variable from 350 gpm. to about 550 gpm."

On the negative side, he's upset with Gates V-belts he bought for his tractor air conditioner. "I put a new belt on and it didn't last two weeks before it flew apart. I bought another one, thinking the first was just flawed, but that didn't last any longer. So, I tried another brand and had better luck."

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