

Reader Letters

In your last issue (Vol. 3, No. 4) of FARM SHOW, you printed my picture with my hand-made marble dropping machine, and you stated that I sold them for \$25 each. True, I do sell them for \$25 each to anyone who picks them up. However, in order to ship one of these machines, I have to make a strong case out of plywood for it so that it does not get damaged and mess up the balance-power on it, plus there are shipping and insurance charges. In all, another \$20 charge has to be added for this machine if it is to be shipped anywhere, making the total cost of one machine \$45. Only machines picked up at my place are \$25 each.

Would you please state this clarification in your next issue as I am getting a lot of orders on this machine from people who think I can ship them one for only \$25. If they want one shipped, they have to add \$20 to cover packaging, postage, insurance and handling.

Alex Smaza
Route 2
Webster, S. Dak. 57274

My father is Kenneth D. Otta and we sure enjoyed seeing the FARM SHOW report (last issue) about how he used colored shingles to spell out his name in large letters when reroofing his corn crib. If any readers tried to find Moweagua (population 1500) on the map and couldn't, it's probably because your story misspelled it. Thank you for a great magazine. The whole family enjoys it and fights for it when it hits the mailbox.

Mrs. Susan J. (Otta) Woodward
Moweagua, Ill.

I sure do enjoy FARM SHOW. I think it would be good if every machinery dealer and manufacturer would read "farmers nominate best and worst buys".

Bobby McCampbell
Knoxville, Tenn.

I have just written to the Canadian researchers who dispute Ray Stueckle's combine book. I thought you would like to know of our experience. We attended one of Mr. Stueckle's sessions, then went home and reworked the platform auger, cylinder and concave on our 1976 model John Deere 7700. The improvement was fantastic. In the same field with 3 other same model machines, we would consistently have a tank full of clean grain sooner than they would. No amount of adjusting could make the other machines perform like ours. In one day's harvest, we saved more than enough to pay for the modifications. Everyone around here who has done any of the modifications that Mr. Stueckle suggested is very pleased! I enjoy your paper very much.

D. R. Hellinger
Shelby, Mont.

Since FARM SHOW's story on our fuel cell for running cars, trucks and tractors on water (Vol. 3, No. 4), we have been inundated with calls and letters from your readers throughout the U.S. and Canada. Unfortunately, we have had all we can handle perfecting the cell and installing it in our test car, and have not been able to answer all requests.

We're moving full-speed ahead.

There still are some minor problems with the system, even though we've substantially improved the original cell.

Response to the Farm Show article shows what intense interest farmers across the country are taking in the energy situation. At this time, however, we don't have time to write to all those who have written us. We hope to have our conversion kit for sale in the near future.

Kenneth Green, John Lorenzen,
Jim Shiffer, Box 64, Carson, Iowa

I am writing to tell about my Osteo Weight-Krate. I have had the Weight-Krate for two years and have had no problems by following the company's recommendations and preconditioning hogs to the crate, as I would advise Richard Arnsman (Vol. 3, No. 3, 1979) to do. I find the Weight-Krate an excellent product and the Osteo Corporation very satisfactory to do business with.

Terry Rockwell
Three Rivers, Mich.

Editor's Note: In the "Best and Worst Buys" section last issue, LeRoy Cooper, Kanawha, Iowa, reported that he was unhappy with his Dual loader because it continually blows seals and cylinders.

Calvin Hansen, vice president of marketing, Dual Mfg., sent FARM SHOW a copy of a letter he wrote to Cooper, pointing out that the loader in question is a minimum of 10 years old, and could possibly be as old as 25 years.

"This loader was designed to work with an auxiliary pump with pressures not to exceed 1,100 psi. Customers that purchased this loader were properly advised that oils other than a 5 or 10 W detergent oil should be used. I am sure that if your cylinders are nicked or damaged and if you are using the wrong pressures, which I feel you are using because you are hooking direct into a tractor system, surely this together with the wrong type of oil could cause the problems that you have had.

"I am pleased to advise you that we have introduced a different type of cylinder 10 years ago that uses U-cups instead of Cross Expansion Packing. These new cylinders are designed to be compatible to present day hydraulic tractor systems.

"... Because I feel that this statement that you made is completely out of line because you are not using the loader as intended, I am referring a copy of this letter to the editor of FARM SHOW requesting that they make a retraction statement regarding this. It's getting to be a sad world when a publisher has to print something that is not related to the present day product."

LeRoy Cooper says that the above letter he received several weeks ago from Calvin Hansen of Dual Mfg. "informed me of some things I wasn't aware of — that the hydraulic cylinders are limited to 1,100 psi. I bought this loader used from a Dual dealer in the area. At that time, they were aware I was putting it on an Oliver 1750 which has 1,750 psi hydraulic pressure, and uses hydraulic oil and not a motor oil. Nobody said a thing about pressures. I had cylinder leakage and returned to the dealer to price new cylinders. Still nothing said. Knowing what Dual has finally told me, I can now understand the trouble. Sure would have been nice to have known before I spent money for four new cylinders, thinking this would end my trouble. The loader itself is great. It is heavy and well built. I am sorry to have just learned, thanks to FARM SHOW, that the cylinders won't hold under the pressure of my tractor."

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